



CHAPTER'S 10TH YEAR HIGHLIGHTED BY INDIVIDUAL HONORS, CHARITY

*Chesterton's Andrew Ralph named
Midwest Scholar-Athlete of the Year*

June graduate **Andrew Ralph** of Chesterton High School, now a football player and student at Washington University in St. Louis, has been named the National Football Foundation's Midwest Scholar-Athlete of the Year, after being nominated for the award by the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana.

Ralph will be honored at the NFF Awards Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City on Dec. 9 and will be a guest in the audience later that evening at the same location when former Purdue defensive standout **Dave Butz** is inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame at the NFF Awards Dinner. (For story of Butz's selection, see the Spring 2014 NFF Newsletter.)

Ralph and Butz are two examples of the Tiller Chapter achieving one of its goals – helping individuals gain recognition for their accomplishments in Northwest Indiana.

Helping to raise awareness and funds for charities is another high priority for the chapter. This fall, the NFF was involved in three such events in the Lafayette area, thanks largely to the cooperation of Purdue's Trademarks Licensing Office and a student organization known as Purdue Gold Standard.

Those events – "Hammer Down Cancer: Tiller Time" on Oct. 10, "Community Makers: Duty Calls" on Nov. 4 and "Lunch & Learn: Military Appreciation" on Nov. 7 – helped to provide recognition, exposure and contributions for some good causes, including our own leadership scholarship fund. Special thanks for their involvement in these events go to former Purdue Head Football Coach Joe Tiller, major league pitchers Josh Lindblom and Clayton Richard and World War II veteran Randy Noel.

In June, Ralph was honored as the chapter's Scholar-Athlete of the Year during the NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends X," hosted by the Tiller Chapter at the Purdue



PURDUE GOLD STANDARD members were significant in helping the NFF Tiller Chapter stage events in 2014. Posing above at the "Hammer Down Cancer: Tiller Time" event in October are: standing from left to right, President Surin Patel, Treasurer Blake Johnson, Secretary Travis Baugh, Social Chair Nina Hamaker and Advisor Jim Vruggink and kneeling left to right Coach Joe Tiller and Vice President Austin Hoefling.

Memorial Union before a crowd of 390 football enthusiasts.

Ralph was chosen from a group of nine high school football standouts nominated by nine different chapters in the Midwest. Earlier in the year, he was singled out by Tiller Chapter judges from an original group of 22 scholar-athletes nominated by their coaches from throughout Northwest Indiana.

The other Tiller Chapter finalists were Ryan Ball of North White, Nicholas Bokun of Hobart, Everett Gorup of West Lafayette, Garrett Johnson of Delphi, Fletcher Miller of Kokomo, Erick Vas of Northwestern and Avery Walker of Rensselaer.

Judging was based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character.

Ralph, a two-year captain for the Chesterton football team, was named Class 6A all-state safety and academic all-state by the Indiana Football Coaches Association. He was also a starter in basketball and baseball, but is now playing football at Washington University, where he is studying medicine with plans of eventually becoming an orthopedic surgeon. Andrew ranked fourth in his senior class of 485, posting a grade point average of 4.77 and scoring a 34 on the ACT test.

Ralph was given a large trophy and awarded a modest scholarship by our chapter.

Also receiving a large Scholar-Athlete of the Year trophy was major league pitcher Clayton Richard, formerly of McCutcheon High School and the University of Michigan. Richard was named Honorary Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2003, which was one year prior to the start of the NFF chapter serving Northwest Indiana. The chapter's advisory board chose to recognize Richard for his accomplishments in high school by giving him the trophy he almost-certainly would have won had the chapter been in existence.

Richard, a four-year starting quarterback and star pitcher for the Mavericks, was named Mr. Football and Mr. Baseball for the State of Indiana that year while posting a perfect 4.0 GPA to earn valedictorian honors in his senior year. After two years of football and baseball at Michigan, Richard signed a pro baseball contract in 2005 and has pitched in the majors for parts of six seasons. He played in the Arizona Diamondback organization late this summer after rehabbing from surgery a year ago while playing for the San Diego Padres.

Several other awards were presented at the 10th Annual NFF Honors Dinner. They were:

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AWARDS FOR JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a graduating high school senior football player who exemplifies excellence as a student, an athlete and a citizen. Scholarship money from the National Football Foundation is provided to the winner as long as he is not receiving full athletic aid to attend the college of his choice. He is not required to continue his career as a football player.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in early winter from high school coaches and/or administrators in the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the Scholar-Athlete Committee, which recommends at least one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner. Other nominees will also be recognized at the Honors Dinner.

2003 Honorary S-A Clayton Richard of Lafayette McCutcheon High School

2005 Honoree: William Bowman of Lafayette Jefferson High School

2006 Honoree: Brett Courtney of West Lafayette Harrison High School

2007 Honoree: James Wodicka of West Lafayette High School

2008 Honoree: Griffin Richeson of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

2009 Honoree: Matt Lancaster * of West Lafayette High School

2010 Honoree: Daniel Wodicka * of West Lafayette High School

2011 Honoree: Alex Hegg of Seeger Memorial High School

2012 Honoree: Dayton Snyder of West Lafayette High School

2013 Honoree: Ryan Spesard # of Carroll High School

2014 Honoree: *Andrew Ralph of Chesterton High School

*** Also won Midwest S-A of Year Award; # Also won State S-A of Year Award**

"PURDUE IS PROUD OF YOU" AWARD

This award is intended to provide recognition to a person from Purdue who is closely involved with the game of football and who has provided positive exposure for Purdue through his or her efforts, in a role other than being a player or coach. The recipient will have maintained a lifetime of interest in the football while exhibiting exceptional qualities in his or her profession or activity.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2011 Honoree: Drew Brees, Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year

2012 Honoree: Otis Armstrong, College Football Hall of Fame Selectee

2013 Honoree: MerrieBeth Cox, Miss Indiana and Purdue's Golden Girl

ARNETTE TILLER "SERVICE TO FOOTBALL" AWARD

This award, which is sponsored and funded by the IFCA, is intended to provide recognition to a woman closely related to the game of football who has given tirelessly and effectively for the betterment of the game and its participants. The recipient will have exhibited exceptional service and dedication to a football program covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and IFCA members and considered by the IFCA Awards Committee in conjunction with Mrs. Tiller and the NFF chapter, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. The presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner in the appropriate IFCA Region. It is recommended that this award be rotated between Region 1 (odd numbered years) and Region 4 (even numbered years).

2012 Honoree: Arnette Tiller, wife of Coach Joe Tiller, Purdue University

2013 Honoree: Jamie Marsh, wife of Coach Leroy Marsh, Munster High School

COURAGE AWARD

This award is given to provide recognition to an individual in our region who has exemplified great courage by surviving extreme personal hardship or difficulty OR who has assisted someone else in doing the same. The award-winner must be a high school, college or professional athlete, coach or administrator.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in early winter from members of this chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the awards committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at either Scholar-Athlete Banquet or the annual Honors Dinner.

2012 Honoree: Danny Anthrop of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

2013 Honorees: Cooper Fulmer of Winamac//Patrick Mackey of Lafayette Central Catholic High School

2014 Honoree: Jack Folkers of West Lafayette High School

BERNIE FLOWERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR FOOTBALL

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to an individual whose efforts and activities support the goals of the National Football Foundation on the local level. The award identifies an individual who works tirelessly out of love for football and a desire to help children play the game. The award winner can be a league organizer, administrator, fundraiser, coach, doctor, athletic trainer, official or anyone who excels in representing and supporting the foundation's fundamental creed.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Kay Hunt of West Lafayette Little Gridiron Football League

2006 Honoree: John Robinson of Lafayette 56ers Youth Football League

2007 Honoree: Dr. Bob Hagen of Lafayette Orthopaedic and Sportsmedicine Clinic

2008 Honoree: Brad Smith of Attica and Indiana Football Coaches Association

2009 Honoree: Tom Kubat of Lafayette Journal & Courier Sports Department

2010 Honoree: Joe McConnell of Learfield Sports and Purdue Radio Network

2011 Honorees: Lane Custer and Jon Speaker of West Side Flag Football

2012 Honorees: Clay and Chris Oppy of Dream Season

2013 Honoree: Mark Ebelhar of West Lafayette Little Gridiron

2014 Honoree: Linda Rohrman of Lafayette

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This annual award is given to provide recognition to an individual who has consistently excelled in three areas paramount to the National Football Foundation - academics, athletics and service - while maintaining an exemplary record of citizenship in his school and/or local community. The award-winner can be a high school, college or professional athlete.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted in early winter from members of this chapter. Nominations are evaluated by the awards committee, which recommends at no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at either Scholar-Athlete Banquet or the annual Honors Dinner.

2011 Honoree: Kyle Adams of Purdue University

2012 Honoree: Kurt Lichtenberg of Purdue University

2014 Honoree: Rob Henry of Purdue University

LEGENDS AWARD

This award is intended to provide recognition to a person closely related to the game of football who has given tirelessly and effectively throughout his or her career for the betterment of the game and its participants, without being a player or coach. The recipient will have maintained a lifetime of interest in the football while exhibiting exceptional leadership qualities in his or her profession and bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2012 Honoree: Denny Miller, former head athletic trainer of Purdue University

2014 Honoree: Joe Rudolph, former executive director of Purdue Alumni Association

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2015 AWARDS

(Submit by March 31, 2015, to Jim Vrugink via phone at 765-427-3303, email at jvrugink@purdue.edu or mail at 3672 Farnsworth Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906)

Name of nominee _____

For which award? _____

Phone/address of nominee _____

Reasons for nomination _____

Your name _____

Phone or email _____

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DREW BREES MENTAL TOUGHNESS AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a college or professional athlete who exemplified exceptional mental attitude or toughness while competing within the counties covered by this NFF chapter. Exceptional mental attitude includes displays of high academic achievement, superior leadership, dogged determination, tenacity, moral character, bravery, humility and concern for others, in addition to remarkable athletic accomplishments. The award is named in honor of its first recipient, who also assists in the selection process.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and Drew Brees and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Drew Brees of the San Diego Chargers

2006 Honoree: Rob Ninkovich of the Purdue Boilermakers

2007 Honoree: Roosevelt Colvin of the New England Patriots

2008 Honoree: Nick Hardwick of the San Diego Chargers

2009 Honoree: Akin Ayodele of the Miami Dolphins

2011 Honoree: Ryan Kerrigan of the Washington Redskins

2012 Honoree: Robbie Hummel of the Purdue Boilermakers

2013 Honoree: Ryan Grigson of the Indianapolis Colts

2014 Honoree: Cliff Avril of Seattle Seahawks

“HE PLAYED FOOTBALL” AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a former football player in the geographic region of Northwest Indiana who went on to become highly successful in life-after-football. Emphasis is placed on individuals who were not necessarily stars of their teams but who built their later successes on their skills instead of their “football name.”

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2014 Honoree: Francie Gutman, former Purdue quarterback and Director of Cleveland Eye Clinic

DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

This annual award is intended to provide recognition to a citizen who has maintained a lifetime of interest in the game of football and who has exhibited enviable leadership qualities and patriotism while making a significant contribution to the betterment of amateur football or sports in general in the United States while bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2005 Honoree: Gene Keady, emeritus basketball coach of Purdue University

2006 Honoree: Bob DeMoss, former football coach/administrator at Purdue University

2007 Honoree: Henry Rosenthal, former play-by-play announcer/owner of WASK Radio

2008 Honoree: Bernie Flowers, former Purdue All-American, salesman extraordinaire

2009 Honoree: Joe Tiller, emeritus football coach of Purdue University

2011 Honoree: Leroy Keyes, former Purdue All-American/administrator

2013 Honorees: Noble Kizer and Noble Kizer, Jr., former football coach and athletic director at Purdue University and his son, Lafayette businessman

GOLD MEDALLION AWARD

This award is given on rare occasion and in special circumstances to recognize the career of a highly-successful person in this region. It recognizes an outstanding American and/or loyal Hoosier who has achieved significant career success while demonstrating integrity and honesty and bringing recognition to the local area covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee, which recommends no more than one recipient per year. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and presentation made at the annual Honors Dinner.

2007 Honoree: Dr. Martin Jischke, President of Purdue University

2010 Honorees: Drew Brees, Len Dawson, Bob Griese - Purdue's Super Bowl Champion QB's

2011 Honorees: Neil Armstrong, Eugene Cernan, Jerry Ross - Purdue Astronauts

2013 Honoree: David Boudia, Olympic Gold and Bronze Medalist in diving



BREES AWARD WINNER FOR 2014 is Cliff Avril (center), flanked above by Purdue Football Coach Darrell Hazell (left) and John Purdue Club Associate Director Chris Clopton (right)

Chapter Director's 2014 Report:

CHAPTER FOCUSES ON STABILITY, ATHLETES & COACHES, CHARITIES IN OUR REGION

As we conclude our 10th year of existence as a chapter of the National Football Foundation, the attention of our Board of Advisors is on the future.

The first is to continue developing our long-range plan for chapter stability, both in terms of financial support and leadership. Secondly, it is important to the board to continue honoring and recognizing scholar-athletes, former athletes and coaches. And, thirdly, the chapter will continue to support charitable causes (including our own leadership scholarship programs) in this region, especially within Tippecanoe County, where most of the fund-raising takes place.

While our chapter's financial status remains healthy (see paragraph below), we saw a mild uptick in donations, contributions and advertising sales in 2014 but a continuing decline in tickets sales for our events. As a result, our scholarship commitment for this year again was reduced. The board wants to place an emphasis this next year (and for several years to come) on fund-raising with the goal of establishing an endowment to help assure long-term stability.

Regarding administration of the chapter, Kelly Kitchel has been approved as the president-elect and will succeed Bart Burrell, the president for our first 10 years, near the end of next summer. Also, Jeff Love has decided to step down from his role as vice president and treasurer effective this fall, but will remain on the board as an at-large member while Janet Schweikher moves up from assistant treasurer to treasurer. Meanwhile, Alan Karpick assumes the title of chapter director and I become executive director as we start 2015. The intent is that Karpick and I will share duties for a few years until I retire.

We have a terrific board and many effective committee members, so there are probably other chapter members ready to step forward. Please contact me (via email: jvuggink@purdue.edu or phone: 765-427-3303), if you would like to help.

Our 10th annual NFF Honors Dinner “Celebrating Our Legends” on June 25 was a success, but it drew one of our smallest crowds (390), down from our previous years. Also last spring, May 9 to be exact, we had 56 golfers participating in the Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing, sponsored jointly by the NFF and Purdue's Trademark Licensing Office at the Birk Boilermaker Golf Complex.

In the fall, the chapter helped to stage three events in West Lafayette - “Hammer Down Cancer: Tiller Time” on Oct. 10 at the Krannert School of Marketing, “Community Makers: Duty Calls” on Nov. 4 at Bruno's Pizza and Big O's Sports Room and “Lunch & Learn: Military Apprecia-

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PAST PURDUE GAMES NOW AVAILABLE ON DVD

Boilermaker game films and videos dating back as far as 1931 are now available for public sale! Can you think of anyone who might like to have a few of these as a totally unique holiday gift?

Purdue's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has entered into an agreement with SPARX Enterprises to market Boilermaker games to fans who are interested in preserving a little piece of Purdue sports history.

"We are very pleased that we now have a reliable means of delivering copies of some of our most valuable sports artifacts – game films or videos – to our fans and former players," says Tom Schott, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Communications. "We have a large collection of materials in our archives that are in the process of being digitized, preserved and protected for the future. Selling copies of games will help to defray the expense of this project and will certainly help us achieve some goals. A percentage of each sale comes back to Purdue."

Fans may explore the inventory of games available by going online at www.footballvideos.com and may place orders directly there or via phone at 717-732-5643 or email at wdr@footballvideos.com.

"SPARX Enterprises and I are very excited to welcome Purdue aboard as one of our many clients," says Bill Roman, founder and owner of the company that now services nearly 100 schools. "I have been collecting, organizing, preserving, and marketing college football's history for 25 years now. I am sure Purdue and all of its fans and alumni will be very pleased with our inventory of games."

Roman has more than 50,000 college football and basketball games listed at footballvideos.com and is hopeful of soon welcoming several other Big Ten schools as clients. His goal is to eventually have 600 schools on board with the service.

Pricing varies, but in general the costs are something like this:

- * Games played before 1960 cost \$120/game
- * Games played 1961 to 1999 cost \$110/game
- * Games played 2000 & after cost \$80/game
- * See this link for volume discount

<http://www.footballvideos.com/content/volume-discount-0>

The agreement with SPARX is in place for five years as Purdue attempts to organize, preserve and update its athletics archives, which are currently housed in the basement of Lambert Fieldhouse. The scope of the film/video project will include Boilermaker football, men's basketball, women's basketball and other Intercollegiate Athletics footage as located through Purdue and other sources.



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tion" on Nov. 7 at Westminster Village.

Total chapter income this year, through the end of November, is \$47,114, an increase of about \$6,000 over last year's total but about \$40,000 less than our high-water mark of four years ago. After paying all expenses, our total distribution to charity and scholarship recipients for this year will be more than \$20,000, raising our 10-year total to more than \$230,000.

Through our first 10 years as a chapter, we have honored 246 individuals for their accomplishments, including 195 scholar-athletes who have been awarded a total of \$173,607 in scholarships for their first year of college.

Special thanks this year goes to Purdue student Travis Baugh, a two-year NFF intern, a member of the Purdue Gold Standard and now a member of our board, for his exceptional work redesigning our chapter's web site. Check out the new "look" and updated information at www.nfftillerchapter.org.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of ALL our members.

SUBMITTED BY: Jim Vrugink, Chapter Director

Upcoming Events

DEC. 7, 2014: 94th Annual Purdue-Kiwanis Football Senior Appreciation banquet, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette

MAY 8, 2015: Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Golf Outing, West Lafayette

EARLY JUNE 2015: NFF Honors Dinner, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette

SEPT. 12, 2015: Purdue Football Home Opener vs. Indiana State, Ross-Ade Stadium, West Lafayette

NFF ADVISORY BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2014-15

PRESIDENT – Bart Burrell

PRESIDENT ELECT – Kelly Kitchel

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

DEVELOPMENT CHAIR – Kelly Kitchel

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DREAM SEASON CHAIR – Chris Oppy

EVENTS CHAIR – Nate Barrett and Sara Yelich

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR – Alan Karpick and Travis Baugh

AT-LARGE – Joe Bennett, Orlando Itin, Bob Hagen, Jeff Love, Brad Smith, Jon Speaker and David R. Williams

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Drew Brees, Aaron Cooke, Lane Custer, Sandra Dukes, Dwayne Greer, Andy Hosier, David Huckleberry, Rob Hughes, Leroy Keyes, Brooke Kitchel, Noble Kizer, Tom Kubat, John Langenkamp, Young Lee, Jim MacDonald, Leroy Marsh, Dave Murtaugh, Jim Priest, Cindy Robertson, Rick Roseman, Tim Roth, John Sautter, Adam Scott, Jim and Barb Siegfried, Phil Steele, Calvin Williams, David Wilson and George Wodicka

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Jim Vrugink

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NFF'S JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

Congratulates and Salutes:



ANDREW RALPH

Midwest Region Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Chesterton High School,
Chesterton, Ind.

Andrew Ralph (right) with Miss Purdue Emily Mishler while holding trophy after being named for chapter's Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2014.



DAVE BUTZ

College Football Hall of Fame Inductee

Purdue University,
West Lafayette, Ind.

Dave Butz (left) with Purdue Athletics Director Morgan Burke during Hall of Fame presentation at Purdue-Iowa football game.

Accomplishments:

- Class 6A All-State honors as safety
- Academic All-State team with 4.77 GPA on 4.0 scale, ranked 4th in graduating class of 485
- Scored 34 on ACT test
- 2-yr. captain (football & baseball), 3-yr. starter (basketball)
- Tutored special-needs students & volunteered with rebuilding Duneland
- Accepted into Washington University in St. Louis where he plays football and studies medicine with plans of becoming an orthopedic surgeon

Accomplishments:

- First-team Consensus All-America defensive tackle
- Won 1972 Zipp Award as college football's best defender
- Chosen as member of Purdue's All-Time Team for first 100 yrs.
- Named to Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame
- Was first-round draft choice of St. Louis Cardinals in 1973
- Played 16 yrs. in NFL, mostly with Washington Redskins, and 3 Super Bowls; known as NFL's Ironman missing only 4 games while playing 216
- Named NFL Defensive Player of Year in 1983

CHAPTER'S 10TH YEAR HIGHLIGHTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- The Patrick Mackey Courage Award to Jack Folkers, football player at West Lafayette H.S.;
- The Legends Award to Joe Rudolph, long-time executive director of the Purdue Alumni Association;
- The Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football to Linda Rohrman, the chapter's top scholarship donor and well-known Lafayette philanthropist;
- The Citizenship Award to Robert Henry, former Purdue football player who was heavily involved with community service while a student;
- The inaugural "He Played Football" Award to Froncie Gutman, former Purdue football player who went on to become an internationally-recognized ophthalmologist and director of the Cleveland Eye Clinic; and
- The Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award to Cliff Avril, former Purdue defensive end

who helped the Seattle Seahawks win the Super Bowl last winter.

Highlighting the event was the IFCA's induction of three football icons into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. So honored were Tim Roth, the long-time high school football coach at Winamac; Leroy Keyes, known as the Greatest Football Player in the first 100 years of Purdue football; and Mike Alstott, who came along and broke most of Keyes' records and went on to win a Super Bowl ring with the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Also, the dinner paid tribute to the IFCA Region 1 and Region 4 high school all-stars, who were under consideration for positions to play for the North Squad in the annual North-South All-Star Game in July.

The NFF's tax-deductible membership dues are \$40 per year or \$99 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation. The NFF has 120 chapters and more than 12,000 members, nationally, and awards more than \$1 million in scholarships each year. For more information, contact Jim Vrugink at 3672 Farnsworth Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906; (email: jvrugink@purdue.edu; phone: 765-427-3303).



INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES - (Left to Right) Tim Roth, Leroy Keyes, and Mike Alstott