



A HUGE

THANK-YOU

TO CHAPTER MEMBERS FOR \$57,215 IN SCHOLARSHIP/ ENDOWMENT DONATIONS IN LAST TWO MONTHS OF 2022

Largely due to a \$50,000 gift from a Joe Tiller Chapter member who wishes to remain anonymous and \$7,215 in donations from 10 additional members and friends, the Tiller Chapter had its greatest two-month period ever in fund-raising for scholarships and the Tiller Endowment.

In early November (2022), the chapter put out a plea to members for donations to help meet its scholarship commitment to 25 scholar-athletes in their first year of college. To that point in the year, with expenses up and donations/sponsorships/advertising down, the chapter appeared to be headed toward one of its lowest scholarship distribution pools in its 18-year history.

Typically, the chapter waits until December to make its scholarship awards after paying all the annual bills and deciding how much money is left in the

bank for scholarships for that year.

The \$57,215 that came to the chapter in November and December allowed the Tiller Chapter to award \$10,000 in scholarships while transferring \$53,400 into the Tiller Endowment at the Community Foundation of Lafayette where it will be added to previous donations and used for scholarships in the future.

Those numbers bring the chapter totals to \$270,000 in scholarships to 334 college students in 18 years while the endowment transfer is now up to \$155,178, six years into the "2025 DRIVE" that has a goal of raising \$500,000 to assure the future of the chapter.

In addition to the scholarship and endowment commitments in 2022, the Tiller Chapter also donated \$6,300 to the Purdue Institute for Cancer

Research as the net results from two separate golf outings honoring Tyler Trent. On Apr. 23, at Purdue's Boilermaker Golf Complex, the Tyler Trent Golf Scramble netted \$1,700 in profits and, on Sept. 9, at West Lafayette's Coyote Crossing Golf Club, the Tyler Trent Golf Outing netted \$4,600.

The financial success of the golf outings was a result of 120 golfers paying their registration fees and 38 sponsors providing products, food and hole sponsorships.

The successes of the NFF Honors Brunch (June 12 at the Purdue Memorial Union) and Honors Reception (Sept. 9 at Bruno's Swiss Inn), attracting 353 and 53 attendees respectively, allowed the two events to generate net profits of approximately \$12,700, including advertising sales and sponsorships. That

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H.S. COACHES, CHAPTER MEMBERS INVITED TO "MEET AND GREET"

MEET RYAN WALTERS & STAFF – FEBRUARY 26
NFF HONORS BRUNCH "CELEBRATING OUR LEGENDS XIX" – JUNE 25
POSSIBLE AUCTION/SALE – SUMMER OR EARLY FALL
NFF HONORS RECEPTION – AUG. 31 OR SEPT. 1
TYLER TRENT GOLF OUTING – SEPT. 1

High school coaches from Northwest Indiana are invited to join members of the Joe Tiller Chapter of the National Football Foundation in welcoming new Purdue University football coach Ryan Walters and his staff to the area.

A special "Welcome" event is set for Sunday, Feb. 26, at 4 pm at Bruno's Swiss Inn on the Levee in West Lafayette. All high schools will be invited to have one coach for free but may pay a modest fee (\$10 each) for additional coaches, friends and family members to attend. Same for the chapter members ... each member may attend at no charge and may bring a guest for \$10 each. The chapter is looking for sponsors for this event, which will be similar to the event held at Bruno's to welcome Jeff Brohm and his staff in 2017. Please RSVP by Feb. 24.

The chapter's next Honors Brunch will be at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms on Sunday, June 25. It will be the 19th "Celebrating Our Legends" event and will recognize deserving community members and will honor area high school scholar-athletes as they prepare to move on to college. As in recent years, some of the awards may be moved to another event, the NFF Honors Reception, which was held the last two years in conjunction with the Tyler Trent Golf Outing. Both the reception and the golf outing are scheduled for the Sept. 1 weekend at Coyote Crossing Golf Club in West Lafayette.

The chapter's advisory council is considering some other events and activities that will be finalized and announced later in the year.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Also, there are two key deadlines coming up for the NFF awards process. Nominations are due Feb. 13 (extended by two weeks due to delivery issues in postal service) from the high schools in the 17-county area of Northwest Indiana for the judging of the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Also, Mar. 31 is the deadline for

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PURDUE FOOTBALL COACH RYAN WALTERS (right) with University Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics Mike Bobinski (photo by Chad Krockover).

INCREASED DONATIONS MEAN GREATER IMPACT

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number is down considerably compared to most years in the past.

Three other events were even less successful. NFF Night at Loeb for a Lafayette Aviators game in July, the NFL Game featuring Kansas City at Indianapolis in September and Big Ten Championship Game in December featuring Purdue and Michigan netted a total of \$753 for the NFF as a profit from ticket sales.

Also, in 2022, online auctions and memorabilia sales netted nearly \$4,000 profit thanks to the efforts of chapter board member Young Lee.

In all, the chapter's events and sales netted \$24,657 last year.

Meanwhile, contributions, donations, sponsorships, advertising and trade-outs for all events combined totaled \$141,225 in 2022, including \$53,400 for the endowment and \$20,660 in trade-outs and services.

The chapter is always looking for assistance in generating more funds through sales, sponsorships, advertising and donations, so if you know of anyone who might be interested in supporting these efforts, please have them contact Executive Director Jim Vruggink via email at jvruiggink@purdue.edu or phone at 765-427-3303.



Former West Lafayette Red Devil GEORGE KARLAFTIS (upper right) is surrounded clockwise by his former WL coaches Josh Roseman, Rick Roseman, Aaron Wood, Jon Speaker, Kevin Scanlon, Dan Adams and head coach Shane Fry outside the lockerroom at Lucas Oil Stadium following the Kansas City Chiefs loss to the Indianapolis Colts last September. Karlaftis is a former Purdue All-American now in his first year with the Chiefs. The Tiller Chapter sponsored a trip to Indy for the game as a fund-raiser for the scholarship fund. (photo by Marion Vruggink)

BOARD TO CONTINUE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

While refining several of the points, the Tiller Chapter's Board of Directors voted at the Fall Advisory Council Meeting in early November to continue with the sustainability plan that was originally created in 2015, then with the blessing of Joe Tiller. Some changes are under way ... and here are the important goals:

- Develop long-term plan for chapter's leadership succession. -- After Bart Burrell served as president from 2004 through 2015 and Kelly Kitchel from 2015 through 2021, Dr. Bob Hagen became the chapter's third president in November of 2021 and served for barely four months before passing away unexpectedly last March; Alan Karpick became the fourth president in April. Jeff Love served as treasurer from 2004 through 2015 when Janet Schweikher took over for six years leading to Paul Branham taking on that responsibility as of fall of 2021. The executive director position is still held by Jim Vruggink (2004 - present) but he will retire from that position at the end of 2024, when Tom Schott will take over. The deputy executive director was created in 2018 for Travis Baugh, who remains in that position. The position of secretary was added in 2021 for Elisheba Van Winkle, who remains

in that position. The entire listing of the members on the Advisory Council, with designation of the 27 members serving as the Board of Directors (who carry voting privileges), are listed on the second page of this newsletter.

- Develop a creative emphasis on chapter's website utilizing Travis Baugh's and Young Lee's availability, ideas and know-how ... using website to generate sales of memorabilia and to provide exposure for sponsors/advertisers ... and continue to develop plans to enhance the chapter's social media.
- Develop plan to expand membership numbers (which have slipped considerably to less than half of our high-water mark. The chapter dropped from being No. 2, down to No. 8, before bouncing back to No. 4 as of this January) ... should include emphasis on use of social media, targeting younger football fans, and developing a chapter membership arrangement that could be exclusively used by the chapter or added to national dues.
- Continue to work on the "2025 DRIVE" to build on the chapter's endowment fund, emphasizing/celebrating "large gifts" as the chapter creeps toward its goal of raising \$500,000 by 2025.

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NFF ADVISORY BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2023

PRESIDENT – Alan Karpick

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MASTER – Travis Baugh

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PRESIDENT – Alan Karpick

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KYLE ORTON (above) addresses the golfers prior to the start of the Tyler Trent Golf Outing at Coyote Crossing Golf Club on Sept. 9.

GOLF OR DANCE? – The Arni’s Restaurants foursome (left to right – Scott Busch, Brad Cohen, Troy Greene and Brad Marley) appears confused at the Tyler Trent Outing ... was it golf or dance? They eventually figured it out and finished second in the scramble, one stroke behind the winning team from Russell Company. (photos by Krockover)



BUSY YEAR AHEAD FOR TILLER CHAPTER

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nominations for the other chapter awards. (See the awards description and nomination form on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter for more details).

High school coaches, athletic directors, academic counselors and principals provide the nominations of the high school scholar-athletes while anyone associated with the Tiller Chapter, whether members or not, may nominate candidates for the chapter’s community awards.

Along with the NFF awards, the annual Honors Brunch will also include awards and recognition for athletes selected by the Lafayette Journal & Courier sports staff based on nominations by coaches and athletic directors within the J&C coverage area.

MEMORABILIA AUCTIONS AND SALES

Memorabilia auctions and sales became a staple of the chapter’s fund-raising activities during COVID and those activities will continue into 2023, thanks to the efforts of board member Young Lee, who planned and organized online sale through eBay and PayPal connecting through the chapter website. Young ran several sales in 2020, 2021 and 2022, utilizing Purdue and Tiller memorabilia collected from several sources.

After netting more than \$12,500 (after expenses) that helped to fund the 2020 scholarship payments for students and a sizable transfer of funds to the Tiller Endowment, the memorabilia sales netted another \$12,750 (after expenses) in 2021 and \$4,250 in 2022. The proceeds are split between various charities, including the Tiller Endowment and the chapter’s scholarship fund. A live auction/sale is also being considered, perhaps in conjunction with the Honors Reception mentioned above in the summer or early fall.

TYLER TRENT GOLF OUTING

The Tiller Chapter’s annual support of a golf outing as a fund-raiser has taken on a different look since 2020.

After several years as the Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing as a combined effort between the NFF’s Tiller Chapter and Purdue’s Trademarks Licensing Office, a new partnership became necessary. In the spring of 2020, the chapter agreed to join forces with the Tyler Trent Family, the Elks Club of West Lafayette and Purdue’s Institute for Cancer Research to begin making plans for an event at the West Lafayette Golf Country Club in September of that year, but as COVID spiked in mid-summer, that event was postponed. Then, the following winter, the Elks Club voted to dissolve itself leaving the Tiller Chapter and the PCCR to co-host the event.

Coyote Crossing Golf Club near West Lafayette “stepped up” and negotiated a good price and became the site of the Tyler Trent Golf Outing on Sept. 3, 2021. With 18 sponsors, 64 golfers, great weather and the cooperation of former Purdue quarterback great Jim Everett, the outing experienced terrific success, raising \$6,000 for cancer research in honor of the legacy of Purdue “super-fan” Tyler Trent who passed away on the first day of 2019 after a news-making battle with osteosarcoma cancer.

The chapter’s commitment to the Trent Family included two golf events in 2022, the Tyler Trent Golf Scramble coordinated as a class project by NFF student intern Triston Myers on Apr. 23 at the Boilermaker Golf Complex and the Tyler Trent Golf Outing on Sept. 9 at Coyote Crossing Golf Club. Together those events attracted 120 golfers and 38 sponsors and netted \$6,300 for Purdue’s Institute for

Cancer Research.

The 2023 Tyler Trent Golf Outing is in the early planning stages, but will return to Coyote Crossing on Sept. 1, which is the Friday prior to Purdue’s home football game vs. Fresno State. More details will be provided as they become available.

NFF HONORS BRUNCH & RECEPTION

Likewise, the 2023 NFF Honors Brunch and Honors Reception are in early planning stages but will follow much the same pattern and look as the 2022 versions. While the Honors Brunch of last June was well documented in the Summer Issue of this chapter’s newsletter, the Honors Reception of last September was not covered.

That event was held at Bruno’s Swiss Inn in West Lafayette as it served as a someday follow-up event for the Tyler Trent Golf Outing and featured former Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton’s induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame and Purdue student Eric Magallanes’ acceptance of the Tyler Trent Courage & Resilience Award.

Orton, who now lives in Iowa, graduated from Purdue in 2005 after compiling some of the most impressive passing statistics in Boilermaker history, including 9,337 yards passing and 63 touchdown passes in four seasons. Orton went on to spend 10 years (2005-2014) in the NFL with five different teams – Chicago Bears, Denver Broncos, Kansas City Chiefs, Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills.

Magallanes, now a junior at Purdue and a graduate of McCutcheon High School, was selected by Purdue’s President’s Office as the fourth recipient of the Trent Courage and Resilience Award. While the President’s Office does the selecting, the Tiller Chapter provides the trophy and recognition.

Tyler Trent’s courage had inspired the world during his battle with cancer while at Purdue. Like Trent, Magallanes approaches life on campus with a focus on community and connection. And like Trent, Magallanes kept smiling even when his journey took the most unexpected turns. He is a first-generation college student and initially enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette. He earned his associate degree in dental assisting while interning at Allure Dental.



ERIC MAGALLANES (right) receives the Tyler Trent Courage and Resilience Award from Travis Baugh, a fellow McCutcheon H.S. graduate who now serves as deputy executive director of the Tiller Chapter (photo by Marion Vrugink).

AWARDS FOR JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

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 the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch..

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

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

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

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

2017 Honoree: Morgan Burke, Purdue's Director of Athletics, 23 years

2022 Honoree: Dr. Robert Hagen, Orthopedic Surgeon and Community Leader

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 meeting certain criteria and 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, Reception or Brunch..

2003 Honoree: %Clayton Richard of McCutcheon H.S.

2005 Honoree: William Bowman of Lafayette Jefferson H.S.

2006 Honoree: Brett Courtney of West Lafayette Harrison H.S.

2007 Honoree: James Wodicka of West Lafayette H.S.

2008 Honoree: Griffin Richeson of Lafayette Central Catholic H.S.

2009 Honoree: *Matt Lancaster of West Lafayette H.S.

2010 Honoree: *Daniel Wodicka of West Lafayette H.S.

2011 Honoree: Alex Hegg of Seeger Memorial H.S.

2012 Honoree: Dayton Snyder of West Lafayette H.S.

2013 Honoree: #Ryan Spesard of Carroll H.S.

2014 Honoree: *Andrew Ralph of Chesterton H.S.

2015 Honoree: Joshua Brune of Belmont H.S.

2015 Honoree: Cody Colbert of Tri-Central H.S.

2017 Honoree: Jack DeGroot of Winamac H.S.

2018 Honoree: #August Schott of West Lafayette H.S.

2019 Honoree: #Jack Kiser of Pioneer H.S.

2020 Honoree: #Ayden Ayres of Carroll H.S.

2021 Honoree: Owen Smith of Clinton Central H.S.

2022 Honoree: #Brady Preston of Lafayette Jefferson H.S.

% Chosen Retroactively in 2014; * Midwest Region S-A of Year; # State of Indiana S-A of Year

LEROY KEYES LEGENDS AWARD

This award is sponsored by the Purdue For Life Office 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 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, Reception or Brunch.

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

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

2015 Honoree: John Friend, former coach & athletics director in NW Indiana

2016 Honoree: Tom Spurgeon, former student manager, supporter, Trustee of Purdue

2017 Honoree: Roy Johnson, former "Voice of the Band" at Purdue, 43 years

2018 Honoree: Jeff Washburn, former Lafayette sportswriter, 40 years

2019 Honoree: Larry Clisby, play-by-play announcer for Purdue and local high school sports for nearly five decades

2021 Honoree: Leroy Keyes, Purdue's "Greatest Player" for First 100 Years

2022 Honoree: Tim Newton, Purdue play-by-play announcer and event emcee

PURDUE FOR LIFE IMPACT AWARD

This award, originally named "Purdue is Proud of You" Award, has been repurposed to provide recognition to a person or persons from Purdue who has made a major impact in the community and/or sports scene and who has provided positive exposure for Purdue through his or her efforts. Each recipient will have maintained a lifetime of interest in the football while exhibiting exceptional qualities in his or her profession or activity even beyond that game.

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, Reception or Brunch.

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

2019 Honoree: Rondale Moore, first Consensus All-American as a Freshman

2020 Honoree: George Karlaftis, Purdue's All-American Defensive End

2022 Honorees: Alan Karpick, Boilers Inc., and Tom Schott, Purdue Communications

BERNIE FLOWERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AMATEUR SPORTS

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 sports and a desire to help young people 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. The award is sponsored by Genre Hotels.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and considered by the Awards Committee. This recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch..

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 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

2015 Honoree: David M. Williams of Lafayette Area Little Gridiron

2016 Honorees: Larry Leverenz, Eric Nauman and Tom Talavage of Purdue Neurotrauma Group

2017 Honoree: Darren Hicks of Lafayette Central Catholic Little Gridiron

2018 Honorees: Brad Cohen of Arni's and Orlando Itin of Bruno's

2019 Honoree: Tracy Brown of Harrison Youth Football

2020 Honoree: Rod Kochon of West Lafayette Little League

2021 Honoree: Young Lee of Merrill Lynch and Tiller Chapter of NW Indiana

2022 Honoree: Nate Barrett of Chariot Autos, Tiller Chapter of NW Indiana

TODD CLARK AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GAME OFFICIAL

This is an annual award to provide recognition to an individual game official in our region as identified by the Western Indiana Officials Association. The award recognizes an individual who works tirelessly out of love for sports and the demands for fairness. The award winner can be an official of any sport who shares the values and goals of the National Football Foundation.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from WIOA members coordinated by NFF board member Max Bales, who also officiates.

The WIOA's award recommendation must be ratified by the Board of Directors and the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch..

2018 Honoree: Dr. Todd Clark of West Lafayette, Ind.

2019 Honoree: Todd Ransom of Frankfort, Ind.

2020 Honoree: Darren Haas of Crawfordsville, Ind.

2021 Honoree: Mark Maxwell of Crawfordsville, Ind.

2022 Honoree: Trent Johnson of West Lafayette, Ind.

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 or programs covered by this NFF chapter.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year from NFF chapter members and IFCA members and considered by the 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, Reception or Brunch in the appropriate IFCA Region. It is recommended that this award be rotated between Region 1 and Region 4 (whenever possible).

2012 Honoree: Arnette Tiller, wife of Coach Joe Tiller, Purdue U.
2013 Honoree: Jamie Marsh, wife of Coach Leroy Marsh, Munster H.S.
2015 Honoree: Sarah Lim, 7-year student manager, W. Lafayette HS & Purdue
2018 Honoree: Jan O'Shea, wife of coach Frank O'Shea, mother of Kevin O'Shea

2021 Honoree: Marion Vrugink, 42 yrs. of athletic training service to athletes
2022 Honoree: Sandra Dukes, attorney, volunteer sports photographer

PATRICK MACKEY 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, administrator or avid supporter. The award is sponsored by Franciscan Health Sports Medicine.

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 annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch.

2012 Honoree: Danny Anthrop of Lafayette Central Catholic H.S.
2013 Honorees: Cooper Fulmer of Winamac/Patrick Mackey of Lafayette Central Catholic H.S.
2014 Honoree: Jack Folkers of West Lafayette H.S.
2016 Honoree: Josh Turanchick of Oak Hill H.S.
2017 Honoree: Riley Lowder of Delphi H.S.
2018 Honoree: Tyler Trent of Purdue University
2019 Honorees: Cody Payne/Drew DeBoer of Lafayette Jefferson H.S.
2020 Honoree: Isaiah Harris of Bowman Leadership Academy
2021 Honoree: Patrick Kiefer of Winamac H.S.
2022 Honoree: Wade Peters of Carroll H.S.

TYLER TRENT COURAGE & RESILIENCE AWARD

This award is a tribute to Tyler Trent, a former Purdue student who valiantly battled cancer while fervently supporting “his” Boilermakers until the very end. He died Jan. 1, 2019, at age 19. The recipient receives a scholarship at Purdue, funded through a combination of gifts. It is awarded to undergraduate students at Purdue’s West Lafayette campus who have encountered serious physical or similarly daunting adversity in their pursuit of higher education.

Selection process: Nominations/applications are accepted by the President’s Office throughout the year from Purdue students. The decision is made by the president and announced in the spring with possible recognition provided at the annual NFF Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch.

2019 Honoree: Sean English of Northville, Mich.
2020 Honoree: Kamryn Dehn of Frankfort, Ind.
2021 Honoree: Kyle Albertson of Fowler, Ind.
2022 Honoree: Eric Magallanes of Lafayette, Ind.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

This award, which is sponsored by the Lafayette Journal & Courier, provides 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 recipient can be a high school, college or professional athlete.

Selection process: Nominations are accepted throughout the year 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 the annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch.

2011 Honoree: Kyle Adams of Purdue University
2012 Honoree: Kurt Lichtenberg of Purdue University
2014 Honoree: Rob Henry of Purdue University
2018 Honoree: David Blough of Purdue University
2019 Honoree: Aaron Lai of Purdue University

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 and

who competed at some point in Northwest Indiana. 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 the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch.

2005 Honoree: Drew Brees of the San Diego Chargers
2006 Honoree: Rob Ninkovich of the Purdue Boilermakers
2007 Honoree: Rosevelt 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 the Seattle Seahawks
2015 Honoree: Kyle Orton of the Buffalo Bills
2016 Honoree: Danny Anthrop of the Indianapolis Colts
2017 Honorees: Rosevelt Barnes, Caleb Swanigan of the Purdue Boilermakers
2018 Honoree: Elijah Sindelar of the Purdue Boilermakers
2019 Honoree: David Blough of the Purdue Boilermakers
2020 Honoree: Raheem Mostert of the San Francisco 49ers
2022 Honoree: Aidan O'Connell of the Purdue Boilermakers

“HE PLAYED FOOTBALL” AWARD

This 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 names.”

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.

2014 Honoree: Froncie Gutman, former Purdue player and director of Cleveland Eye Clinic
2015 Honoree: Carl Buegler, Purdue walk-on, now COO of Jimmy Johns
2016 Honoree: Doug DeVos, Purdue walk-on, former CEO of Amway Corp.
2017 Honoree: Mike Berghoff, former Purdue walk-on, now President of Lenon Steel and Chairman of Purdue’s Board of Trustees

DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN AWARD

This 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 the presentation should be made at the annual Honors Dinner, Reception or Brunch.

2005 Honoree: Gene Keady, emeritus basketball coach of Purdue University
2006 Honoree: Bob DeMoss, former football coach/administrator at Purdue
2007 Honoree: Henry Rosenthal, former announcer/owner of WASK Radio

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NOMINATION FORM FOR 2023 AWARDS

(Submit by March 31, 2023, to Jim Vrugink via phone at 765-427-3303, email at jvrugink@purdue.edu or mail at 3672 Farnsworth Drive, 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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INDIANA HALL OF FAMERS (left to right) Vince Burpo (Delphi H.S. coach and administrator) and Mark Herrmann (Carmel H.S. and Purdue) help with the induction into the Indiana Football HOF of Purdue alumnus and NFL standout Kyle Orton (right). At least three more inductions are planned for 2023. Details to come.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS TO CONTINUE IN 2023

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The internship was so fulfilling that he went on to work as a dental assistant, meeting new people and increasing his understanding of his profession.

Enrollment at Purdue came next, where Magallanes chose to major in biomedical health sciences in the College of Health and Human Sciences in preparation for dental school. Between his classes, his role as a dental assistant and his job at Cook Biotech, busy days built toward a promising future.

In a terrible, ironic twist of fate, Magallanes noticed an unexpected sore in his mouth and asked a dentist — one of his very own mentors — to run tests. The results were life-changing. At the age of 22, he was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma, an aggressive form of oral cancer.

The severity of Magallanes' condition led to a rapid series of treatments and surgeries. Days after his initial diagnosis, Magallanes underwent his first procedure. At first, he stayed in communication with his professors and tackled coursework when he could. However, his condition was only getting worse. Magallanes was forced to step away from Purdue for chemotherapy, radiation and multiple surgeries. Having to tell his professors that he would not be returning to class was his breaking point.

Procedures removed part of Magallanes' tongue and 32 lymph nodes. He was unable to speak or eat for about eight months, communicating via writing on a whiteboard and getting nutrients through a feeding tube in his abdomen.

Trent's book, "The Upset," became a pillar of strength for Magallanes. As he read about Trent's tremendous fight and optimistic outlook, he noted impactful passages and inspirational quotes. "Everything Tyler wrote about, I could relate to," says Magallanes. "We've had so many things in common, from types of radiation and chemotherapy to all that we've felt throughout these journeys." Magallanes and Trent both sought to live life to the fullest and stay connected with others, even in the face of critical adversity.

Magallanes is now back on campus after doctors declared him to be in remission. He is working toward his dream of becoming a dentist, volunteering with LTHC Homeless Services.

BOARD TO CONTINUE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

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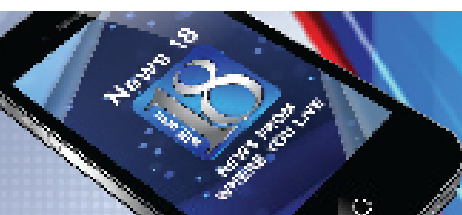
- Consider additional events and projects to generate more funds for the Tiller Endowment.
- Continue cooperation with the Trent Family and Purdue's Institute for Cancer Research in hosting the Tyler Trent Golf Outing along with exploring opportunities with the Indiana Football Hall of Fame and the three other Indiana NFF chapters.
- Continue to involve Lafayette Journal & Courier's High School Student-Athlete Awards with the chapter's Honors Brunch/Dinner event for the high schools and continue a totally separate event to honor college and community awards in conjunction with Tyler Trent Golf Outing or another event.

In addition to the chapter's continued support of the sustainability plan and approval of the makeup of the chapter's 2023 Advisory Council, the Board of Directors also approved some minor changes to the Chapter Bylaws.

AWARDS FOR JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

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- 2008 Honoree: **Bernie Flowers**, former Purdue All-American and salesman
- 2009 Honoree: **Joe Tiller**, emeritus football coach of Purdue
- 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
- 2020 Honoree: **Drew Brees**, former Boilermaker/New Orleans Saints QB



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NFF: HONORING THE LEGACY OF JOE TILLER

For the past 18 years, football fans of Purdue University and Northwest Indiana have been channeling some of their enthusiasm and support for amateur football through the National Football Foundation's chapter based in West Lafayette.

Since receiving its charter in 2004, the Northwest Indiana Chapter (which was renamed the Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana in 2007) has enlisted more than 875 members, becoming the largest chapter in the state and, at one point, the second largest in the nation.

The chapter typically plans several annual events in the area – highlighted by its marquee event, the Honors Dinner/Brunch “Celebrating Our Legends” each spring. Drew Brees, one of Tiller's first recruits who led Purdue to the Rose Bowl in 2001 and was an All-Pro quarterback with the New Orleans Saints, has been a guest speaker and presenter at several of the 18 dinners. At that event, the chapter recognizes individuals from the region for various awards and accomplishments, including the announcement of the chapter's Scholar Athlete of the Year Award. As a non-profit organization, this chapter has awarded more than \$350,000 in grants, scholarships, honorariums and donations since receiving its charter.

This chapter offers recognition for scholar athletes after graduation from 70 high schools in 17 Northwest Indiana counties (ranging from Tippecanoe to Lake counties). Selection of the Scholar Athlete of the Year is based 40% on academic achievement, 40% football performance and attitude, and 20% leadership and citizenship. In addition to seeking donations and sponsorships to support the scholarship program, the chapter also receives money (\$500 for every 50 dues-paying members in the local chapter) from the national office in Irving, Tex. In its first 18 years, this chapter has recognized 325 football scholar-athletes,

awarding scholarships to many of them for their second semester of college.

Each dues-paying member receives a ballot in the selection process for the College Football Hall of Fame, a feature that helped elect former Purdue All-Americans Mike Phipps, Mark Herrmann, Otis Armstrong, Dave Butz and Rod Woodson to the Hall in 2006, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016, respectively. “A goal for this chapter is to help provide support for former players and coaches who deserve induction into the College Hall of Fame,” says Chapter President Alan Karpick.

Also, this chapter has been very successful in getting Armstrong, Butz and Woodson along with Joe Tiller, Mike Alstott, Leroy Keyes, Pete Quinn, Jim Young, Bernie Flowers, Len Dawson, Dale Samuels, Dustin Keller, Jim Everett, Alex Yunivich, Kyle Orton and several area high school coaches inducted into the Indiana FB Hall of Fame since 2012.

The local chapter has been involved in support of various youth programs and charities in the area and provides financial assistance for the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, the John Purdue Club's 12th Boiler Scholarship Program, the Tyler Trent Foundation and the Purdue Institute for Cancer Research.

The tax-deductible membership dues are \$60 per year or \$150 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation. The NFF has 120 chapters in 47 states and more than 10,000 members nationally. It awards more than \$1.3 million in scholarships per year while also administering the College Football Hall of Fame. For more information, contact Jim Vruggink (phone: 765-427-3303; email: jvruggink@purdue.edu; or mail: 3672 Farnsworth Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906). Also, see our website at: www.nfftillerchapter.org



RYAN WALTERS addresses the Boilermakers on his first day as their new head coach.



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