

WATCH LIST ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2010 FRED MITCHELL AWARD



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August 4, 2010 - The Watch List for the Fred Mitchell Award includes 40 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), Division II, III and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) collegiate place-kickers that were nominated by their colleges for excellence on the football field and in the community.

The Award's Selection Committee Chairman Chris Kearney said, "These place-kickers are terrific on the football field and off the field representing their schools, their football teams, their conferences, their communities, their families and themselves. We look forward to following their accomplishments during the next few months." The Watch List includes place-kickers from more than 600 eligible colleges. Fred Mitchell said, "It is a pleasure to include these fine young men on the Watch List for this Award. We are delighted to recognize them based on outstanding performance in the community and expectations going into the 2010 college football season."

The breakdown of the 40 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 15 FCS, 8 Division II, 12 Division III and 5 NAIA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 24 different states led by Pennsylvania (8 place-kickers), no other state has more than 3 place-kickers on the Watch List
- Year – 21 Seniors, 14 Juniors, 5 Sophomores
- Fred Mitchell Award Finalists in 2009 that are on the 2010 Watch List - 12

In alphabetical order, the 2010 Fred Mitchell Award Watch List is provided below.

MATT ALKSNINIS

Curry College (Massachusetts) – Division III

Senior from Mansfield, MA....2010 D3 Senior Classic Preseason All-American....led team in scoring in 2009 (74 points) and 2008 (55 points)....set New England Football Conference record by converting all 35 PAT's in 2009....established school record for making 9 consecutive FG's in 2009....led all Conference place-kickers with 6.7 points per game....2009 First Team All-Conference in the Boyd Division....Curry College Special Teams Player of the Year in 2009 and 2008....Special Olympics volunteer....Big Brother to child with autism....campus move-in day volunteer....organized Pan Mass Challenge to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer....Mansfield community clean-up volunteer

C.J. BAHR

Slippery Rock University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

Senior from Boalsburg, PA....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....led team in scoring in 2009 with 54 points from 27 of 28 PAT's (one PAT blocked on October 17) and 9 of 14 FG's including career-long 48-yard FG against Mercyhurst on October 3....2009 First Team All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference-Western Division selection ... kicked what proved to be game-winning PAT in 17-16 win over Mercyhurst....made a 47-yard FG in season opener against Bowie State ... missed a potential career-best 49-yard attempt on October 10 against Indiana (PA)....averaged 56 yards in 46 kickoffs in 2009 ... ranks 2nd school history with 112 PATs (116 attempts), 3rd in career FG's with 25 (40 attempts) and 7th in career scoring with 187 points ... set school record with 50 PATs (53 attempts) as a freshman in 2007 ... 35 of 35 PAT's in 2008 ... had school-record string of 65 consecutive PAT's snapped by block on October 17 at Gannon ... the PAT string extended back to Week 10 of 2007 season and included 8 for 8 showing in 2007 season finale at Edinboro....has been Rock's starting kicker in all 33 games since the start of the 2007 season....son of former Penn State and NFL kicker Chris Bahr and nephew of former PSU/NFL kicker Matt Bahr....tutors underprivileged youth at the I Care House in New

Castle...assists with YMCA youth soccer and football clinics in State College area ... served as volunteer at State Cup youth soccer competition ... developing marketing plan for State College Spikes minor-league baseball team ... served as intern with Spikes ... attended Sport Entertainment and Venues Tomorrow conference in South Carolina ... attended Sport Sales Workshop at Quicken Loans Arena and Progressive Field in Cleveland

MATT BEVINS

Liberty University (Virginia) – FCS

Junior from Newport News, VA...2009 Consensus First Team All-American according to AP, Sports Network and the Walter Camp Foundation...Big South First Team All-Conference...VaSID First Team All-State...named to the CSN Fabulous 50 All-America team...two-time Big South Special Teams Player of the Week...107 points in 2009 set Big South and school records from 22 FG's and 41 of 42 PAT's...ranked 3rd in FCS in scoring with 9.73 points per game...has a streak of 33 straight PAT's going into the 2010 season, which is the 4th longest in school history...made 7 FG's of at least 40 yards in 2009 and ended the season as the highest-scoring place-kicker in FCS...scored at least 10 points in four separate conference games...tied a school record with 16 points against VMI...made a 50-yard FG against Charleston Southern which is the 4th longest FG in school history...2009 ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team...Campus Serve volunteer...Grid-Iron Ministry program...participates in youth football camps in Newport News and Lynchburg

STEPHEN BLOSE

Youngstown State University (Ohio) - FCS

Senior from Erie, PA...scored 54 points in 2009 from 9 of 16 FG's and 27 of 27 PAT's...scored 12 points against Illinois State including career-high 3 FG's...made 48-yard FG's against Pitt and South Dakota State...had four successful onside kicks in past two seasons...46 kickoffs for 62 yard average in 2009...played nine games as a freshman primarily as kickoff specialist...First Team Academic All-Missouri Valley Football Conference...Youngstown State SAAC Member...Dean's Dozen Advisory Council volunteer for the school's College of Education...Ohio Council of Teachers and Mathematics Member...International Honor Society in Education...National Leadership Honor Society Member

BLAKE BOSTIC

Western Carolina University (North Carolina) – FCS

Senior from Bostic, NC...led team in scoring for second straight season in 2009 with 39 points from 8 of 10 FG's and 15 of 17 PAT's...tied for 8th in school history with 18 career FG's...2010 Preseason All-Southern Conference selection by several publications...only two missed FG's in 2009 were from 46 and 42 yards...made a career-long 44 yard FG against Samford in 2008...averaged 63 yards on 36 kickoffs in 2009...active with Community Table, a local soup kitchen...local church and Habitat for Humanity volunteer...helped build a batting cage for a local high school softball team...Sylva Boy Scouts volunteer...Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up volunteer...Special Olympics volunteer...helped with the Sylva Recreation Department football camp

CRAIG BURGESS

Indiana University of Pennsylvania – Division II

Senior from Medina, OH...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist...led team in scoring in 2009 with 59 points from 32 of 32 PAT's and 9 of 11 FG's...made 5 of 6 FG's from 40+ yards, including a long of 43 yards and a game-winning 41-yarder with five seconds left to give IUP a 34-32 victory over Kutztown...named first team 2009 Daktronics All-Super Region I placekicker...holds school record for career FG's made with 31 in 41 attempts and set another school mark earlier this season when he had a streak of 11 consecutive made FG's...tied school record with four FG's versus Gannon in 2008...has made 108 of 109 extra points over the past three seasons and has a school-record streak of 91 in a row heading into his senior season in 2010...ranks 3rd in school history in points by place-kickers with 201 and is 10th in scoring overall...spent eight weeks in summer 2010 at the Charlotte Sports Center youth camps to help develop athletic skills for children aged 4-13...bone marrow donation registration fair at IUP...campus and community clean-up projects...Hearts for the Hungry (providing food for starving children in Haiti)...tutored elementary students...coached kickers at Ohio State football camps and summer 2010 camps in Chicago

TYLER CANNON

Eastern New Mexico University – Division II

Junior from Los Lunas, NM...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist...39 of 43 PAT's and 11 of 14 FG's in 2009...72 total points ranked 7th among all players and 4th among place-kickers in the Lone Star Conference in 2009...10 of 12 on FG's up to 39 yards last season...scored 21 points against Southeastern Oklahoma on September 12 where Cannon tied a Division II record with six FG's...59 yard average on 43 kickoffs in 2009...youth football camp volunteer for past two years

GARRETT CLAWSON

Robert Morris University (Pennsylvania) – FCS

Senior from Duncansville, PA...104 career points ranks 10th in school history...first player in Northeast Conference history to receive three consecutive Special Teams Player of the Week honors...led the Colonials and Conference kickers in scoring in 2009 with 64 points from 14 of 18 FG's and 22 of 25 PAT's...2009 All-Northeast Conference First Team...set school record for most FG's in a season (14)...tied record for most FG's in a game (3) on three occasions in 2009 including in a 9-7 win over Sacred Heart and made game-winning FG as time expired to beat Albany 13-10...scored career-high 13 points in 37-10 win over Wagner by going 3 of 3 FG's and 4 of 4 PAT's...averaged 56 yards on 43 kickoffs...kicking camp volunteer at his high school alma mater

GORDON CRAIG

Dickinson College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

Senior from Grove City, PA...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist...second on the Red Devils in 2009 scoring with 64 points (a school record for a place-kicker) from 37 of 39 PAT's and 9 of 10 FG's...2009 All-Centennial Conference First Team...set school records for most PAT's in a season (37) and career (94)...tied school record for most FG's in a game (4 against Johns Hopkins)...ranks 1st among Dickinson place-kickers in single-season points (64) and 2nd in career points (166)...made a 41-yard FG

with 7 seconds remaining to beat Muhlenberg 17-16 on October 31...named Centennial Conference Special Teams Player of the Week on November 2 thanks to the game-winning FG, two punts inside the 20 yard line and for making a touchdown-saving tackle during Muhlenberg's punt return...two-time Conference Special Teams Player of the Week following game-winning FG's against Franklin & Marshall (September 19) and Muhlenberg (October 31)...Boiling Springs Bengals youth football camp volunteer...Step Into Africa Program mission trip volunteer to assist disaster recovery efforts and to work with underprivileged children

KIENAN CULLEN

Murray State University (Kentucky) - FCS

Junior from Louisville, KY...2010 All-Ohio Valley Conference Preseason Team as place-kicker and punter...2009 All-OVC First Team as punter and Second Team as place-kicker...scored 64 points in 2009 from 14 of 17 FG's and 22 of 22 PAT's...made career-long 48-yard FG against Southeast Missouri...registered touchbacks on 7 of 45 kickoffs...scored 69 points in 2008 from 14 of 20 FG's and 27 of 29 PAT's...DARE program volunteer...Murray-Calloway County Reading Program volunteer...multiple volunteer roles in Louisville including with the YMCA, Summer Youth Soccer and coaching place-kickers at the Murray State Youth Football Camp...works with high school place-kickers in the Louisville area

JACKSON DAMRON

California-Lutheran University – Division III

Junior from Ventura, CA...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Watch List...2nd on the Kingsmen in scoring in 2009 with 68 points on 44 of 45 PAT's and 8 of 14 FG's...top-ranked place-kicker in the Conference in FG's made and scoring in 2009...ranked 5th in the SCIAC in scoring among all players...scored 12 points in October 10 win over Pomona-Pitzer, 48-14...scored 6 points in November 14 win over Redlands, 30-21...averaged 61 yards on 63 kickoffs...two-year volunteer in high school baseball and basketball camps...multiple year volunteer in Santa Barbara youth sports camps

ERIC DOBRATZ

Shepherd University (West Virginia) – Division II

Junior from Woodbridge, VA...2nd on the team in 2009 scoring with 63 points from 9 of 14 FG's and 36 of 40 PAT's...made a career-long 45-yard FG in nationally-televised season finale against Glenville State...ranks 6th on the school's all-time scoring list among kickers with 99 points...volunteers at events to raise funds and awareness for Autism...volunteered in his hometown to clean-up the community after an Independence Day celebration

KYLE DOUGHERTY

Southern Illinois University – FCS

Senior from Merritt Island, FL...led Conference kickers in 2009 scoring with 110 points from 19 of 25 FG's and 53 of 55 PAT's...named 2010 Third Team All-American and a Top Ten Specialist by The Sports Network...2010 Honorable Mention All-American according to Consensus Draft Services...2010 Preseason Second Team All-Conference selection by Phil Steele...2009 All-Conference Second Team...set Salukis record for FG's in a season (19) of which 10 were from at least 40 yards in 12 attempts...enters 2010 season with 49 FG's, just two FG's shy of school's career record...303 career points...visits local elementary schools to read to students as part of the Just Read program

JACOB GAHART

Ripon College (Wisconsin) – Division III

Sophomore from Elkhorn, WI...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist...set school record in 2009 for most FG's in a season with nine...33 of 36 PAT's (one blocked, two missed one of which was his first-ever kick in college)...9 of 13 FG's including 7 of 7 for FG's under 40 yards in 2009...tied school record with 47-yard FG and made a 42-yard FG in the same game which is the 6th longest in school history...two-time Midwest Conference Special Teams Performer of the Week (October 19 and November 2)...converted on more than one FG in three games during the 2009 season...career development department volunteer at Ripon College...assisted with research to establish an improved test for freshmen during Summer orientation

C.J. GRADOVILLE

Morningside College (Iowa) - NAIA

Senior from Council Bluffs, IA...ranked 2nd in team scoring in 2009 with 87 points on 8 of 11 FG's and 63 of 68 PAT's...2009 All-Great Plains Athletic Conference Second Team selection...school's all-time leader with 32 career FG's and 194 career PAT's...set season record for most FG's with 12 in both 2007 and 2008...owns school record for the most PAT's in a season with 76...was 12 of 12 in FG's and 76 of 77 in PAT's in 2008...consecutive streaks of 18 FG's and 98 PAT's...entering 2010 season six points shy of Morningside career scoring record of 299 points set by Jerry Johnson in 1914-17...led the NAIA in 2008 scoring by a place-kicker with 112 points and an average of 9.3 points per game...2008 College Fanz Sports Network First Team All-American and First Team All-Conference selection...multiple conference Special Teams Player of the Week and one-time winner of the NAIA Special Teams National Player of the Week...scored 16 points in a 2008 win over Dana College to set the conference single-game scoring record by a place-kicker...volunteer camper companion at Camp Quality Heartland, a camp in Omaha for children with cancer and their siblings...Humane Society volunteer...participated in World Mission trip to the Dominican Republic...youth kicking clinics at high schools and with the Billy Cundiff Kicking Camp in Des Moines

BILLY HALLGREN

University of Northern Iowa – FCS

Senior from Coal Valley, IL...led team in 2009 scoring with 82 points from 13 of 17 FG's and 43 of 43 PAT's...All-MVFC Honorable Mention...8 of 8 PAT's, made 4 tackles and forced 2 fumbles in win over South Dakota...scored 12 points in win over St. Francis...enters the 2010 season with 139 PAT's, ranked 2nd in school history and just 12 PAT's from tying the record...49 career FG's ranks 4th all-time at UNI...286 career points ranks 4th in school history and just 45 points shy of the record...Special Olympics volunteer...helped with UNI's Wheelchair Camp...volunteered for youth high school football camps near his hometown...volunteer

at Waterloo Leisure Services golf camp....helped with the USA youth wrestling tournament on campus....provided administrative duties for Senator in Iowa

JOSH LEWIS

McNeese State University (Louisiana) – FCS

Sophomore from Denham Springs, LA....ranked 2nd on the team in 2009 scoring with 61 points from 6 of 9 FG's and 43 of 48 PAT's....ranked 9th in the Southland Conference in scoring....2nd highest PAT percentage (90%) and 3rd highest FG accuracy (67%) in the Conference....made game-winning FG in final seconds to beat #2 ranked Appalachian State....made game-winning FG in final minute to beat Texas State....helps young place-kickers with their technique....volunteers to help the underprivileged in his hometown....Fellowship of Christian Athletes volunteer....volunteer assistant coach for his sister's soccer team

TOM LYNCH

Saint Xavier University (Illinois) - NAIA

Junior from Frankfort, IL....2009 College Fanz Sports Network All-American Honorable Mention....2009 Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) All-Mideast League First Team....led team in scoring in 2009 with 110 points from 11 of 17 FG's and 77 of 82 PAT's....ranked 3rd in Cougars history in career points for a place-kicker after just one season....set record for the most PAT's in a season with 77....ranked 13th in NAIA with 11 FG's....made both FG's in 2009 of 40+ yards including one in a 52-10 win over 6th ranked Lambuth University in the quarterfinals of the NAIA Championship Series....helped Saint Xavier break MSFA single-season records for scoring (643 points) and PAT's made....named MSFA Mideast League Special Teams Player of the Week three times out of 12 weeks....participated in the school's annual Service Day where students do community service projects....summer day camp volunteer at South Bridge Church....place-kicker tutor to kicker at his high school alma mater

TYLER MOSKO

Methodist University (North Carolina) – Division III

Junior from Pembroke Pines, FL....led team with 50 points in 2009....23 PAT's in 2009 ranked 4th in school history...career-long 42 yard FG was among 9 FG's in 2009...5 of 8 in FG's of 30+ yards....USA South First Team All-Conference....converted two game-winning FG's including a career-long 42 yard FG for an overtime win over Shenandoah....works with Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and Special Olympics....volunteers in a reading and mentoring program at a local elementary school....school tutor....volunteers at youth soccer camps and homeless shelter....Miami-area Adopt-a-Highway program volunteer

MATT MYERS

Northern Arizona University - FCS

Junior from Corona, CA....Honorable Mention Preseason All-American selection by Consensus Draft Services....scored 87 points in 2009 from 17 of 24 FG's and 36 of 36 PAT's....2009 All-Big Sky Second Team Kicker....Conference Special Teams Player of the Week....had streak of 8 straight FG's in 2009 season....made FG at the end of regulation to force overtime against Montana....6 of 8 FG's of 40+ yards including season-long 51 yard FG against Eastern Washington....participated in Red Ribbon Week volunteer events....community drug-free campaign speaker at local elementary schools

PETER NILSON

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (New York) – Division III

Senior from Appleton, WI....led team in 2009 scoring with 37 points from 6 of 10 FG's and 19 of 20 PAT's....ranked 9th in Liberty League in scoring and 3rd among place-kickers....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Watch List....All-Liberty League Second Team in 2009....3rd in school history with 88 career PAT's and 5th in career FG's with 14.... raised funds and awareness for Leukemia Society....Alive Ministries community projects including yard maintenance....volunteered for three years in the TOPSoccer program including playing soccer with children that have physical and mental limitations

TYLER PADGETT

Central Methodist University (Missouri) – NAIA

Senior from Jefferson City, MO....led team in 2009 scoring with 50 points in 2009 from 7 of 10 FG's and 29 of 30 PAT's....school's all-time leader with 63 career PAT's....2009 All-Heart of America Athletic Conference Honorable Mention...2009-10 Dr. James Luetjen Scholar-Athlete Award...2009 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete...Walking School Bus volunteer "driver"...Special Olympics Flag Football Clinic...visited Children's Rehabilitation Hospital in Mexico City...helped with various cleanup projects at Ronald McDonald House...volunteers for various campus and community service projects

JOHN PAGLIA

Charleston Southern University (South Carolina) - FCS

Senior from Ocala, FL ... led the team in scoring in 2009 with 76 points on 16 of 22 FG's and 28 of 30 PAT's ... set school records for FG's made in a season (16), career FG percentage (72.2%) and broke his own record for the longest FG in school history (51 yards) against Stony Brook ... ranks 2nd in Bucs history in career points (124) and career FG's (26)...Big South Second Team All-Conference in 2009 and 2008....twice named Big South Special Teams Player of the Week...made three FG's against Stony Brook (including from 43 and 51 yards) and made three FG's the following week against Coastal Carolina... hit four PATs in three different games, going a perfect 4-for-4 against North Greenville and VMI ... hit seven field goals in a row, spanning four games in the middle of the season ... hit his only attempt over 50 yards and was 5-8 from 40-49 yards, going a perfect 7-7 under 40 yards ... averaged 62 yards per kickoff with seven touchbacks on 55 kicks ... had two touchbacks and a 67.2 yard average on six kickoffs against Stony Brook ... works with underprivileged kids at the Closing the Gap in Healthcare fitness seminar ... helps place-kickers in the Ocala area with kicking, weight training and flexibility ... worked with place-kickers at the University of Florida camp ... meets and mentors underprivileged kids in the Charleston area....Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Charleston Southern ... helps coach a little league softball team sponsored by his father

THOMAS PARROTT

Northern State University (South Dakota) – Division II

Senior from Tampa, FL....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Watch List....2009 First Team NSIC North Division Punter....2009 Second Team NSIC North Division Place-Kicker....2008 Second Team NSIC North Division Place-Kicker...2nd on the Wolves in 2009 scoring with 41 points from 20 of 21 PAT's and 7 of 11 FG's....made 5 of last 7 FG's in October including 10 points in the October 10 game against the University of Mary....averaged 59 yards in 42 kickoffs....Fellowship of Christian Athletes....volunteer Chemistry tutor to Northern State students....participated in the United Way and Northern State University Day of Champions event to assist with various community service projects in the Aberdeen area

DAVIS RODRIGUEZ

Lafayette College (Pennsylvania) – FCS

Senior from St. Petersburg, FL....started 2009 campaign as Preseason All-American....scored 57 points in 2009 from 8 of 13 FG's and 33 of 35 PAT's...two-time Patriot League Special Teams Player of the Week....has hit game-winning FG's against Penn in two of the past three seasons....volunteers at Muscular Dystrophy Association camps for one week each summer....Saint Vincent Depaul soup kitchen volunteer each Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day to feed the homeless....volunteers at an orphanage each summer in Costa Rica....participates in Lauren's First and Goal Football Camp which raises funds for pediatric brain tumor research and for impacted families

ANDREW ROGOWSKI

Ithaca College (New York) – Division III

Junior from East Amherst, NY... 2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....Empire 8 First Team All-Star in 2009 as place-kicker (Second Team Empire 8 as punter) ... led Bombers in 2009 scoring with 67 points (3rd highest single-season total by Ithaca kicker) from 31 of 33 PAT's and 12 of 15 FG's....set school's single season record with 12 FG's and is the most accurate FG kicker in school history (81% career percentage)....Division III Special Teams Player of the Week after September 19 win over Widener when he was 5 of 5 on PAT's and 2 of 2 on FG's including a career-long 39 yard FG that was topped by a 43 yard FG on the last play of the first half after two "icing" timeouts by Widener....named Empire 8 Special Teams Player of the Week three times (more than any other player), following wins over Widener, #14 Alfred and Cortland....named team's Outstanding Specialist four times (after Widener, Utica, St. John Fisher and Alfred games)....career totals of 132 points (4th in school history), 17 FG's (3rd) and 81 PAT's (4th)....kicked career-high three FG's in Cortland win....volunteers time to visit residents of the Bath Veterans Hospital....participated in the football team's Give Back Day where local youth football teams visit the players to learn techniques, strategy and sportsmanship....volunteered for fundraiser for the Greater Ithaca Activity Center

GARETH ROWLANDS

Tusculum College (Tennessee) – Division II

Senior from Bellech, Wales....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....2010 Preseason All-South Atlantic Conference First Team and nominated for multiple other preseason All-America teams....led team in 2009 scoring with 66 points from 30 of 31 PAT's and 12 of 16 FG's....8 of 9 FG's from 40+ yards including a 52-yard FG (missed a 55-yard FG attempt)....2009 Daktronics All-Region Second Team....2009 All-South Atlantic Conference First Team....2009 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV College Division Football (First Team)....scored 34 points in October from 13 PAT's and 7 FG's....made game-winning 44-yard FG against Newberry where Rowlands scored 10 points....named South Atlantic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after 34-31 win at Newberry....66 points in 2009 led Conference place-kickers....set Pioneers records during October for career PAT's (82) and points by a place-kicker (154)....averaged 59 yards on 49 kickoffs in 2009....Adopt-a-Highway Program roadside clean-up....meets with local elementary school students weekly to help mentor the students in the Lunch Buddies Program....Bible School volunteer....Upward Bound Leader....Tusculum College Sports Information Office volunteer

TAYLOR RUSSOLINO

Millsaps College (Mississippi) – Division III

Senior from Metarie, LA.... 2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Watch List....2009 Second Team All-SCAC selection....led the Majors in 2009 scoring with 76 points (2nd in SCAC) from 43 of 44 PAT's and 11 FG's (2nd in SCAC) in 17 attempts....11 FG's in 2009 ranked 2nd in a single season at Millsaps....made 9 of 10 FG's up to 40 yards last season....holds school records for career PAT's made (123), PAT's attempted (132) and career FG's made (25)....averaged 59 yards in 63 kickoffs in 2009....volunteers weekly for the Mississippi School for the Blind and Deaf....assists the New Summit Middle School students that have special needs....Stewpot Community Services volunteer helping to serve 120 meals daily to needy in the Community Kitchen and delivering 50 meals daily to shut-ins in the Jackson, MS area

ANDREW SAMSON

University of Pennsylvania – FCS

Senior from West Bloomfield, MI....led team and Ivy League place-kickers in scoring in 2009 and 2008...scored 58 points in 2009....has never missed a PAT in college career (74 of 74)....led Ivy League in FG percentage in 2008 and ranked 2nd in 2009....2009 ECAC Kicker of the Year....two-time First Team All-Ivy League....holds Ivy League record for the most FG's in a season in conference play....holds Penn record for the most FG's in a season (16) and consecutive PAT's made (74)....entering 2010 season ranked 7th in career scoring at Penn and 2nd in career FG's....top 10 in Ivy League history in career FG's attempted, FG's made and scoring by a kicker....three-time Ivy League Special Teams Player of the Week....has scored in every Penn game since 2007....three-year participant in the Bone Marrow "Be the Match" program....Freshman Move-In volunteer

FOLEY SCHMIDT

Dartmouth College (New Hampshire) - FCS

Junior from Inner Grove Heights, MN....led the Big Green in scoring each of his first two seasons....scored 37 points in 2009 from 6 of 9 FG's and 19 of 20 PAT's....2 of 2 in FG's over 40 yards including the game-winner in double-overtime against Cornell after sending the game into overtime with a 26-yard FG with 2:17 left in regulation....Ivy League Special Teams Player of the Week after the win over Cornell....All-Ivy League Honorable Mention as place-kicker in 2009....scored 39 points in 2008 from 9 of 13 FG's and

12 of 13 PAT's as a freshman....converted two FG's and two PAT's in first collegiate game to earn Ivy League Rookie of the Week honors....career-long FG was a 42-yarder against Holy Cross....volunteer leader for Project RightChoice which is a student-run organization that has raised \$150,000 for the Fisher House Foundation....is a diabetic and has been very active since the age of eight in raising funds and awareness via the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and their annual Walk for the Cure

NICK SCHNEIDER

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Indiana) – Division III

Junior from Naperville, IL....led team in 2009 scoring with 73 points from 43 of 48 PAT's and 10 of 13 FG's including a season long of 42 yards....2009 Special Teams Player of the Year for the team....set single-season school record with 43 PAT's....set Rose-Hulman record for the most points by a place-kicker with 13 points in a win over Andersen University in 2009, and tied school record with 3 FG's in this game....ranks 2nd in school history with 79 PAT's after just two years as a starter....72.2% career FG accuracy is the highest mark in school history and 13 career FG's is the 6th highest all-time....American Cancer Society Relay for Life volunteer....participates in Bikes for Tykes project which makes bikes as holiday presents for those in need in the Terre Haute community

WESLEY SKIFFINGTON

Stony Brook University (New York) - FCS

Sophomore from Brandon, FL....2010 preseason Third Team All-American according to Phil Steele's College Football Review....led the team in 2009 scoring with 71 points from 15 of 17 FG's and 26 of 30 PAT's....Big South Special Teams Player of the Week after games against Colgate and Presbyterian....made a career-high 43-yard FG at UMass....named one of the College Sporting News National All-Stars scoring school-record 16 points against Presbyterian from 4 FG's and 4 of 4 PAT's....Friends of Jaclyn Program volunteer....Sunrise Fund volunteer at Stony Brook University Medical Center

ANDY SMITH

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology – NAIA

Junior from Pierre, SD....ranked 2nd in scoring in 2009 with 65 points on 11 of 15 FG's and 32 of 32 PAT's....2009 All-Dakota Athletic Conference First Team....NAIA Place Kicker of the Week Award....2009 AFCA All-American (first in school's history)...2009 Dakota Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete...holds school records for the longest FG (52 yards), most FG's in a season (11), most points scored by a place-kicker in a game (16), most points scored by a place-kicker in a season (65), highest FG success rate (73%) and most PAT's in a season (32)....entering 2010 season just 4 FG's shy of school's career record in just his second year playing football at any level....ranked 13th in 2009 in the NAIA and 1st in the Conference with 11 FG's....three-time recipient of the Conference Player of the Week....volunteer at Football Combine hosted by school...after school program volunteer for elementary students to help with reading and homework assignments....volunteers for YMCA youth activities

DAVID VAN VORIS

Adams State College (Colorado) – Division II

Sophomore from Elizabeth, CO....2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....led the Grizzlies in 2009 scoring with 71 points from 20 of 20 PAT's and 17 of 21 FG's....Second Team All-Conference last season....chosen by the National Football Foundation Colorado Chapter as the 2009 Special Teams Player of the Year and First Team All-Colorado....received the Conference's Special Teams Player of the Week honor following the Grizzlies games on October 10 and 31 games....led Division II place-kickers with 1.89 FG's per game in 2009....set school records for points (71) and FG's (17) in a season....scored 53 points in October including 15 points in October 3 Homecoming win over Western New Mexico followed by 13 points (with career-high 4 FG's and 1 PAT) in October 10 win over Fort Lewis....averaged 66 yards on 41 kickoffs in 2009 and tied for 3rd in the NCAA with 17 touchbacks....Student-Athlete Work Day volunteer....Work-A-Thon participant....rakes leaves for senior citizens

JOHN WHELAN

Albright College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

Senior from Bridgeton, NJ....ranked 3rd on the team in 2009 scoring with 64 points on 9 of 12 FG's and 37 of 40 PAT's....45 yard FG in 2009 home opener against Western Connecticut State was his career-best and 2nd longest in school history....2009 First Team All-MAC honoree and Second Team honoree in 2008 and 2007....2009 ECAC South All-Star....played a key role in Albright's first-ever 11 win season and its first appearance in the postseason tournament since 1996....made the team's only FG in the NCAA Quarterfinal loss to Mount Union and went 8 of 9 in PAT's in the playoffs....ranks 4th in school history among place-kickers in points (162), FG's made (24) and PAT's made (90)....went 5 of 5 in PAT's in back-to-back games....works with the Berks County Enduring Freedom to provide goods to US troops overseas....helps clean and improve the Brandywine Camp Summit Meeting Camp Ground....coaches at the Albright College place-kicker camp

BRADEN WIEKING

University of Sioux Falls (South Dakota) – NAIA

Sophomore from Sioux Falls, SD....set several NAIA records in 2009 as a Freshman including most points in a season (139), consecutive PAT's made (100) and PAT's attempted (101)....13 of 17 FG's in 2009 including a long of 42 yards to win the NAIA Championship Game by 3 points when Wieking scored 11 points....named Offensive MVP in the National Championship game....14 points scored in win over Concordia (Nebraska) included 11 of 11 PAT's....two-time Great Plains Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week in 2009....All-Conference Honorable Mention....2009 College Fanz Sport Network Second Team All-American....Sioux Falls Fellowship of Christian Athletes volunteer....Habitat for Humanity volunteer....Vacation Bible Study volunteer

ADAM WILLETS

Campbell University (North Carolina) - FCS

Junior from Gibsonville, NC....2010 Phil Steele Preseason All-Pioneer Football League First Team selection...Campbell's all-time career leader in points with 71...set school record with a 44-yard FG against Morehead State....2009 All-Pioneer Football League

Second Team Place-Kicker ...2nd in the league with 9 FG's in 2009 and was 9 of 12 FG's and 18 of 22 PAT's...7 FG's from 30-49 yards led the league in 2009...12th in the league in scoring with 4.09 points/game...two-time Pioneer Football League Special Teams Player of the Week...scored 11 points against Morehead State and 10 points against Butler...averaged 56 yards on 32 kickoffs in 2009... Relay for Life Volunteer in 2008, 2009 and 2010...organized youth kickball tournament for local middle school students...Stop Hunger Now volunteer ...Operation Christmas Child volunteer... promoted Campbell's 2010 Bring a Kid to a Baseball Game community service project by visiting three elementary schools

DAN WINSEY

Concordia University (Wisconsin) – Division III

Senior from Tampa, FL...2209 D3football.com Second Team All-American and 2010 Preseason First Team All-American ...set school record with 13 FG's in 2009 and led the Northern Athletics Conference in PAT percentage at 23 of 23...scored 122 points in past two seasons from 25 of 31 FG's and 47 of 49 PAT's...First Team All-Conference as a Freshman, Sophomore and Junior...Special Olympics volunteer...Cedarburg American Legion Post...school readiness reading program volunteer

RYAN ZIPF

Allegheny College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

Junior from Cranberry Township, PA...2009 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist...led the Gators in 2009 scoring with 60 points from 24 of 26 PATs and 12 of 14 FGs including a 40-yard FG against Wabash on October 3...made six straight FG's before going 3 of 4 in the last game of the 2009 season...game-winning 39-yard FG on October 31 in 24-21 win over Wooster...four game winning streak for the Gators included 5 of 5 PAT's in wins over Carnegie Mellon and Denison and 3 of 3 PATs in wins over Kenyon and Wooster...2009 All-North Coast Athletic Conference Team Honorable Mention...volunteers at the Active Aging senior center in Meadville

GREG ZUERLEIN

University of Nebraska at Omaha (Nebraska) – Division II

Senior from Lincoln, NE...scored 91 points in 2009 from 17 of 23 FG's and 40 of 44 PAT's...set school record for most FG's in a season (17) and most career PAT's (131)...tied school record by making 4 FG's against West Texas A&M in the Kanza Bowl including a career-long 52-yarder...All-MIAA First Team place-kicker and Special Teams Player of the Week...named to Don Hansen's Football Gazette NCAA Division II All-Super Region Four Team as Third Team offense member...led Division II in 2009 touchbacks (30) which was also 3rd in college football at all levels...enters 2010 season just 9 FG's short of school's all-time FG's record of 45 set by Troy Severson from 1999-2002...made at least one FG in each of UNO's final eight games and made at least one PAT in each game in 2009...monthly volunteer at Matt Talbott Kitchen & Outreach serving the homeless in Lincoln...volunteered to spend time with residents at Quality Living in Omaha

About the Fred Mitchell Award

The annual Fred Mitchell Outstanding Place-Kicker Award (also known as the Fred Mitchell Award, www.fredmitchellaward.com) is provided to the nation's top collegiate place-kicker among more than 600 FCS, Division II, III and NAIA football teams. The Award is named for Fred Mitchell, the record-setting place-kicker, Wittenberg University Athletic Hall of Famer, author, philanthropist and *Chicago Tribune* sports columnist. The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be chosen based on excellence on the football field and in the community. The Award's Watch List is released in August, top performers are recognized monthly during the college football season, and the winner (who is not required to be on the Watch List) is announced in mid-December. The school of the Award winner receives scholarship funds and the Fred Mitchell Award trophy will be presented in February at the National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter Awards Ceremony at Halas Hall.

A blue-ribbon Selection Committee (listed at www.fredmitchellaward.com) evaluates place-kickers that are nominated by their schools. There are nine members of the Pro and/or College Football Hall of Fame on the Selection Committee including Tom Beck, George Blanda, Kevin Butler, Lou Holtz, Paul Hornung, Marv Levy, Steve McMichael, Don Pierson and Gale Sayers. Several former football players that are active in their communities are also on the Selection Committee including Carl Allegretti, Sean Gothier, Dan Jiggetts, Jeff Michalczyk, Mark Murphy, Rob Perry, Jeff Schebler, Bob Thomas, Todd Wilkins, Gary Zauner and Rob Zvonar. There are nine former college or NFL place-kickers on the Selection Committee, including Schebler, the 2009 Fred Mitchell Award recipient and the highest-scoring place-kicker in NCAA history at any level.