

FRED MITCHELL AWARD RECOGNIZES PLACE-KICKERS FOR EXCELLENCE ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD AND IN THE COMMUNITY IN OCTOBER



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November 2, 2011 – The Fred Mitchell Award recognizes 36 place-kickers for their excellence on the football field and in the community during the month of October. “October was a terrific month for game-winning field goals, record-setting performances and community service by place-kickers. It is a pleasure to recognize place-kickers that were nominated by their schools for extraordinary performance during the month,” said Fred Mitchell. The Award’s Selection Committee Chairman Chris Kearney added, “These place-kickers had tremendous success on the gridiron in October, a pivotal month for college football teams. In addition, their civic and volunteer activities are having a profound and positive impact in their communities. We are delighted to honor this group.”

The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be announced in mid-December based on performance on the field and in the community. Details are provided at www.fredmitchellaward.com.

The breakdown of the 36 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 9 FCS, 10 Division II, 12 Division III, 2 NAIA and 3 NJCAA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 25 different states with 5 place-kickers at schools in Pennsylvania
- Year – 17 Seniors, 10 Juniors, 8 Sophomores, 1 Freshman
- Included on the Preseason Watch List for the 2011 Fred Mitchell Award - 17

In alphabetical order, the Fred Mitchell Award honorees for October 2011 are listed below.

TIM ALBRIGHT

University of St. Thomas (Minnesota) – Division III

Junior from Urbandale, IA....3rd on the 3rd ranked Tommies in scoring with 53 points from 5 of 8 FG’s and 38 of 38 PAT’s....scored 10 points in 23-13 win over then-10th ranked Bethel University on October 22 and earned Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors....made a career-high 48-yard FG against Bethel which was the school’s longest FG in 21 seasons....has made 61 straight PAT’s....leads the MIAC in PAT’s, PAT % and kick scoring...key part of team that won the first consecutive Conference championships since 1948 and 1949....averaging 61 on 52 kickoffs....participated in the school’s tutor-mentor program....helped local elementary school students weekly for 10 weeks with math, reading and science

TYLER ALMEIDA

University of Mount Union (Ohio) – Division III

Junior from Elyria, OH....leads the #2 ranked Purple Raiders in scoring with 67 points from 7 of 9 FG’s and 46 of 48 PAT’s....scored 34 points in October from 3 of 3 FG’s and 25 of 26 PAT’s....made career-long 37-yard FG against Marietta on October 8....scored 11 points in 62-0 win over Marietta on October 8 ...scored 8 points in 56-7 win over Heidelberg on October 15....Raider Buddy Program volunteer to visit local elementary schools to mentor and tutor students

STEVEN BALLARD

College of the Siskiyous (California) – NJCAA

Sophomore from Mt. Shasta, CA....2nd on the team in scoring with 45 points from 3 of 3 FG’s and 36 of 41 PAT’s....set school record with 10 PAT’s in 70-7 win over Shasta on October 29....scored 11 points in 65-6 win over Mendocino on October 22....made game-winning 30-yard FG to beat highly-ranked Santa Rosa 37-34....averaging 44 yards on 26 kickoffs....Mt. Shasta youth football camp volunteer

GREGG BERKSHIRE

Ashland University (Ohio) – Division II

Senior from Ashland, OH....leads the team in scoring with 74 points from 15 of 24 FG's and 29 of 30 PAT's....owns school kicking records for career PAT's, FG's and points....2nd in the Conference in kick scoring, FG's per game and PAT's....GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week six times in his career including after making the game-winning FG as time expired to beat Wayne State 20-17 on October 15....d2football.com National Special Teams Player of the Week two times in his career including after October 15 win over Wayne State....GLIAC career leader in FG's....was kicker on summer 2011 United States team that won the Gold Medal at the International Federation of American Football Senior World Championship.... filmed a television spot for Ashland County United Way to promote the United Drive program to collect canned goods from local residents...volunteered for United Drive collection campaign...spoke to Ashland Middle School students about the importance of goal setting and he also read them books....guest speaker at several Sunday School classes at local church....involved in community drive to upgrade Ashland City Schools where he distributed literature, posted signs in the community and sent letters to support the initiative...joined teammates at campus bookstore to read stories to area children

ZACH BROWN

Portland State University (Oregon) – FCS

Junior from Keizer, OR....2nd on the Vikings in scoring with 64 points from 14 of 15 FG's, 20 of 22 PAT's and one 2-point conversion rush....leads the Big Sky Conference in FG % and only FG miss was from 53 yards...ranks 3rd in FCS and leads Conference in FG's made per game....holds school record for most career FG's with 50 and with more than one season yet to play....set school record with 16 consecutive FG's made dating to last season before missing the 53-yard FG...has made 5 of the school's 9 all-time FG's over 50 yards including 53-yard FG against Montana on October 15...tied career record with 44 consecutive PAT's made....scored 10 points in 38-36 loss against then-#3 Montana State on October 8....scored 13 points in 43-26 win over defending National Champions Eastern Washington on October 29....averaging 63 yards on 47 kickoffs....volunteer at McLaren Juvenile Detention Center....participated in Male Involvement Night at River Road Head Start which is a child development program for low-income and special needs children...participated in the Walk to D'Feet ALS in memory of longtime school booster Elinore Nudelman

CHASE CARPENTER

Northwest Mississippi Community College – NJCAA

Freshman from Slayden, MS....2nd on the team in scoring with 57 points from 4 of 7 FG's and 45 of 49 PAT's....scored 33 points in October from 3 of 3 FG's and 24 of 25 PAT's...on pace to finish in the top 5 in PAT's made and attempted in single-season school history...scored 8 points in 45-7 win over Itawamba on October 27....averaging 54 yards on 58 kickoffs....exceeded 50 hours in community service....Vacation Bible School volunteer

JASON CUNNINGHAM

Montana State University (Montana) – FCS

Senior from Amarillo, TX....leads the Bobcats and the Big Sky Conference in scoring with 80 points from 14 of 19 FG's and 38 of 40 PAT's ...owns record for most career points in school history with 311 points...61 career FG's is most in school history and 6th in Conference history....made all 5 FG attempts in win at Eastern Washington including two 55-yard FG's...scored 12 points in 54-13 win over Idaho State on October 29....6 of 9 FG's from beyond 50 yards in career....volunteers in the Bozeman public school system

ZACH CZAP

Lycoming College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

Sophomore from Philipsburg, PA ... leads the team in scoring with 58 points from 10 of 12 FG's and 28 of 31 PAT's....leads the Middle Atlantic Conference in kicking scoring (7.2 points per game) and 3rd overall ... leads the league with 10 FG's ... made all 6 FG attempts in October including a career-long 45-yarder at Stevenson ... earned two MAC Special Teams Player of the Week awards during October after hitting 3 FG's in win over King's and 2 FG's at Stevenson ... made 29-yard FG in the snow against Lebanon Valley as time expired in first half to give Warriors a 10-0 lead in a 10-7 win ...helped a local church with a basketball open gym last spring ... participated in the Student Senate of Lycoming College's haunted house ... active in youth work at his hometown YMCA

LONG DING

Norwich University (Vermont) – Division III

Senior from Qing Dao, China...2nd on the team in scoring with 59 points from 9 of 12 FG's and 32 of 33 PAT's...scored 41 points in October from 7 of 8 FG's and 20 of 21 PAT's...scored 10 points in 40-21 win over Husson on October 8...averaging 47 yards on 52 kickoffs...nominated for the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award for excellence on the football field, in the classroom and in the community...volunteer Academic Mentor on campus

DAVE EDEN

University of Northern Colorado - FCS

Sophomore from Westminster, CO...2nd on the team in scoring with 42 points from 8 of 11 FG's and 18 of 19 PAT's...scored 21 points in October...made career-long 42-yard FG at Idaho State on September 17 which is the 4th longest kick since the school was added to the FCS in 2006...scored 9 points against Eastern Washington on October 15...volunteers for Bagging with the Bears program where student-athletes help the community by bagging and carting groceries to vehicles

JAMES ESCO

Jacksonville State University (Alabama) – FCS

Junior from Leesburg, GA...leads the team in scoring with 42 points from 5 of 5 FG's and 27 of 28 PAT's...scored 8 points in 38-30 win over Murray State on October 1...former walk-on place-kicker at Florida State University...Gadsden Museum of Cultural Arts volunteer...Fellowship of Christian Athletes...volunteers to speak to juvenile diabetes patients as a diabetic himself

RYAN ESTEP

Norfolk State University (Virginia) – FCS

Senior from Chesapeake, VA...leads the team in scoring with 67 points from 15 of 15 FG's and 22 of 22 PAT's...two-time MEAC Special Teams Player of the Week...scored 5 points in 17-14 win over then-22nd ranked South Carolina State on October 1...Great Bridge High School football camp volunteer

DANIEL FISHER

Bloomsburg University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

Sophomore from Harrisburg, PA...leads the Huskies in scoring with 83 points from 15 of 18 FG's and 38 of 40 PAT's...scored 47 points in October from 8 of 10 FG's and 23 of 23 PAT's...scored 14 points in 32-20 win over East Stroudsburg on October 1...averaging 56 yards on 59 kickoffs...Habitat for Humanity volunteer...helped renew local town park in The Big Event community service program...Ronald McDonald House volunteer

JACOB GAHART

Ripon College (Wisconsin) – Division III

Junior from Elkhorn, WI...leads the Red Hawks in scoring with 63 points from 12 of 13 FG's, 25 of 27 PAT's and one 2-point conversion...scored 38 points in October from 8 of 8 FG's, 12 of 13 PAT's and one 2-point conversion...four-time Midwest Conference Special Teams Performer of the Week this season including two times in October...28 career FG's ranks 2nd in school history...made his second 45-yard FG of the season against St. Norbert on October 29 which is his 2nd longest and 6th longest in school history...scored 7 points in 31-27 win against Beloit College on October 15...averaging 54 yards on 50 kickoffs...has one reception for 9 yards this season...career development department volunteer at Ripon College...mentor to students at Ripon Middle School...assisted with research to establish an improved test for freshmen during Summer orientation

JORDAN GAY

Centre College (Kentucky) – Division III

Junior from Danville, KY...leads the team in scoring with 64 points from 9 of 11 FG's, 31 of 31 PAT's and one TD...scored 31 points in October from 3 of 5 FG's, 16 of 16 PAT's and one TD...two-time SCAC Special Teams Player of the Week...scored 18 points in 38-21 win over Hanover...named to D3football Team of the Week...made a 51-yard FG in 45-0 win over Austin on September 26...scored 6 points in 24-22 win over Millsaps on October 29 to stay undefeated at 7-0...averaging 62 yards on 45 kickoffs...participated in city park clean-up...served as tutor for local high school students...campus tour guide

HERB GLASS

University at Albany - FCS

Senior from Miller Place, NY....leads the team in scoring with 57 points from 7 of 13 FG's and 36 of 36 PAT's....scored 28 points in October from 4 of 9 FG's and 16 of 16 PAT's....became the school's highest-scoring place-kicker on September 3....ranks 3rd in the school's career scoring overall with 221 points....set school record for career FG's against Columbia on September 24 and currently has 33....122 career PAT's ranks 1st in school history...Northeast Conference Special Teams Player of the Week...one of five school kickers to make two FG's over 40 yards....tied the 3rd longest FG in school history (48 yards) and made a 41-yard FG on the first possession in overtime....averaging 58 yards on 51 kickoffs....participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on October 16....raised funds and walked in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk

TAYLOR GROFF

East Stroudsburg University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

Sophomore from Manheim, PA....leads the team in scoring with 39 points from 9 of 11 FG's and 12 of 14 PAT's despite missing the first 3 games of the season due to injury....tied career-long with 48-yard FG against West Chester then kicked 52-yard FG on October 8 against Kutztown....set school record as a freshman last season by making 16 of 21 FG's including making all 12 FG's from under 40 yards...averaging 62 yards on 30 kickoffs....volunteer for children's programs at local church....participates in school's Breakfast with the Warriors during preseason camp...volunteers at Kohl's Kicking Camps and Special Teams Solutions Camps

CHRISTOPHER HAZELTON

Southern Connecticut State University – Division II

Senior from Bristol, CT...2nd on the Owls in scoring with 63 points from 8 of 11 FG's and 39 of 43 PAT's....scored 35 points in October from 5 of 7 FG's and 20 of 21 PAT's....set school record in October with most career PAT's (131) breaking previous record of 115....tied career-high by scoring 13 points including career-long 44-yard FG in 61-0 win over Pace on September 23....scored 7 points in 31-29 win over Bentley on October 15....scored 6 points in 48-47 win over American International on October 22 including the game-winning PAT with 3 seconds left in the game....participated in the school's annual Big Event community service project...campus community Orientation Ambassador

NOAH HEIMER

Lock Haven University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

Senior from Lock Haven, PA....leads the Bald Eagles in scoring with 29 points from 7 of 13 FG's and 8 of 10 PAT'sscored all of the team's 6 points at Clarion on October 8....volunteer at Robbie Gould's "Good as Gould" kicking camp...Lock Haven summer football camp volunteer

AARON JAMIESON

University of Central Missouri – Division II

Junior from Cassville, MO....2nd on the Mules in scoring with 61 points from 7 of 12 FG's and 40 of 40 PAT's.... named MIAA Special Teams Player of the Week....scored 8 points against Northwest Missouri State on October 8.... 1st place in school history with 145 made PAT's....ranks 5th in school history with 28 made FG's....229 career points ranks 2nd among UCM kickers and 4th for all players....Literacy Team volunteer where student-athletes read to local elementary school students....Veteran's Home volunteer in Warrensburg....Fellowship of Christian Athletes...leads worship services...collaborated with his father at his high school alma mater to start The Character Project where students participate in regular community service

MIKE JARRETT

Eastern Washington University – FCS

Senior from Puyallup, WA....2nd on the team in scoring with 68 points from 14 of 16 FG's and 26 of 27 PAT's....needs one FG to set the school's single-season record....needs 13 points to tie the school's career kick scoring record of 231 points and currently ranks 5th in career scoring among all players....made FG's of 41 and 28 yards in come-from-behind 42-35 OT win over Sacramento State on October 22 to earn Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors....scored 12 points in 48-27 win over Northern Colorado on October 15....scored 12 points in 36-28 win over Northern Arizona on October 8....set school records for PAT's attempted and made on October 15....131 of 138 career PAT's....ranks 5th in career FG's made (29) and 5th in career FG's attempted (45)....assisted the Cheney Parks and Recreation in the ECHO Before and After School Program....volunteered at Salnave Elementary School by spending 30-40 hours helping students with their school work and organizing school activities and games

FRANK KEENAN

Fairmont State University (West Virginia) – Division II

Senior from Byfleet, England....Team Captain....2nd on the Fighting Falcons in scoring with 62 points from 10 of 19 FG's and 32 of 33 PAT's....leads Conference in FG's made (10) which is also the 5th highest in school history....made a career-long 47-yard FG against Seton Hall on October 22....7 of 10 on FG's inside 40 yards....WVIAC Special Teams Player of the Week....averaging 57 yards on 51 kickoffs....played rugby at a university in England before attending Fairmont State....President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee....organized a Faculty Appreciation Tailgate prior to a football game including recruiting faculty and student-athletes to attend....raises funds for Make-A-Wish....reads at local elementary schools....coordinated the Community Read & Feed program where fans brought food and books to a FSU football game to the student-athletes who distributed these items to libraries, food shelters and schools...was instrumental in involving the school's student-athletes in the "Paint the Town Maroon" initiative where the teams put up school-themed scarecrows on local light posts...organized events for Pancreatic Cancer Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month

ERIC KINDLER

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater – Division III

Sophomore from Germantown, WI....leads the #1 ranked Warhawks in scoring with 72 points from 12 of 15 FG's and 36 of 37 PAT's....scored 37 points in October from 5 of 6 FG's and 22 of 22 PAT's....made FG's of 47 and 44 yards in 34-14 win over UW-Platteville on October 1....made FG's from 47 yards and game-winning FG from 17 yards with 1:18 left in 20-17 win over UW-Oshkosh on October 22....averaging 62 yards on 32 kickoffs in October....volunteered for loft takedown and loft delivery for incoming students....taught a beginner-level fistball class in June and July....worked at events to raise money for the United States Fistball Association....usher for local church during the summer....chosen to be starting setter/defenseman for the USA Fistball World Championship in Austria

TOM LYNCH

Saint Xavier University (Illinois) - NAIA

Senior from Frankfort, IL....leads all place-kickers at all levels in scoring this season (NCAA, NAIA, NCJAA)....leads the #1 ranked Cougars with 97 points from 14 of 17 FG's and 55 of 56 PAT's....scored 64 points during October from 10 of 13 FG's and 34 of 35 PAT's....set NAIA single-game record with 21 points in 75-33 win over Taylor University on October 22....scored 18 points in 42-31 win over St. Francis on October 1....set school record for career points on October 22 with 322 points surpassing previous record of 317 points....named NAIA National Special Teams Player of the Week on both October 3 and October 24....honored by Beyond Sports Network as a NAIA National Special Teams Player of the Week for the weeks of October 3 and October 24....set NAIA record for career PAT's (214) on October 29 with 6 PAT's in 63-3 win over Concordia (Michigan)....averaging 58 yards on 59 kickoffs....participated in the school's annual Service Day where students do community service projects....volunteers at Misericordia in Chicago which is a community of care that maximizes potential for persons with mild to profound developmental disabilities....Vice President of school's Criminal Justice Club....South Bridge Community Church summer day camp volunteer and provides complimentary maintenance and lawn care....place-kicker tutor to kicker at his high school alma mater

KYLE MAJOR

Colorado State University-Pueblo – Division II

Senior from Littleton, CO....leads the 4th ranked ThunderWolves in scoring with 86 points from 18 of 24 FG's and 32 of 33 PAT's....only missed FG in September was from 61 yards and misses in October were from 40+ yards including three from 50+....leads Division II in made FG's....broke previous school record in October for most FG's in a season when he made his 16th FG....four-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week this season including twice in October....school's all-time leader in FG's and points....speaks to local elementary and middle schools about sportsmanship and motivation....visits the St. Mary-Corwin Hospital during the football season to lift the spirits of sick children

JIMMIE MATTSON

St. John's University (Minnesota) – Division III

Junior from Eau Claire, WI....leads the Johnnies in scoring with 6 of 6 FG's and 24 or 28 PAT's....scored 26 points in October from 5 of 5 FG's and 11 of 12 PAT's....13 of 13 in FG's during his SJU career....tied school record with a 52-yard FG at Gustavus Adolphus on October 22....made a 45-yard FG against Bethel on October 8....named MIAC Special Teams Player of the Week on October 31....averaging 60 yards on 41 kickoffs....volunteered with the Eau Claire Area Youth Football camp each of the past three summers....has volunteered with the Eau Claire Salvation Army each of the last three seasons....read and helped at Eau Claire Elementary School as a classroom volunteer during breaks and summers each of the past three years

ADRIAN MORA

Georgia Southern University - FCS

Senior from Dalton, GA....leads the Eagles in scoring with 75 points from 11 of 11 FG's and 42 of 42 PAT's.... scored 44 points in October from 7 of 7 FG's and 23 of 23 PAT's....holds school and FCS records for most consecutive PAT's (137)....led the team in scoring each of the past three seasons56 of 66 career FG's.... broke school record in October for the most career FG's....has not missed a PAT in his career....scored 12 points in 50-20 win over Furman on October 15....volunteers at the local Boys and Girls Club as mentor, tutor and participant in after-school athletics....reads to local elementary school students as part of the Real Men Read program of the Bulloch Board of Education....Relay for Life volunteer...participates in school's Little Eagles Camp

JAMES NEAL

Lindenwood University (Missouri) – Division II

Sophomore from Mansfield, TX....leads the Lions in scoring with 71 points from 9 of 10 FG's and 44 of 46 PAT's....scored 42 points in October from 5 of 6 FG's and 27 of 28 PAT's....kicked game-winning 21-yard FG as time expired and scored 10 points to beat FBS Northern Colorado 22-20 for the biggest regular season win in school history....made career-long 44-yard FG and scored season-high 11 points against Graceland on September 10 and scored 11 points again on October 8 in 41-35 win over Texas A&M-Kingsville....surpassed 100 career points in September in his 13th game and finished October with 156 career points...averaging 56 yards on 14 kickoffs...counselor at Camp Crucis

ANDREW NIELSEN

Doane College (Nebraska) – NAIA

Senior from North Platte, NE....leads the 17th ranked Tigers with 55 points from 10 of 14 FG's and 25 of 28 PAT's....scored 25 points in October from 5 of 7 FG's and 10 of 13 PAT's....named GPAC Special Teams Player of the Week two times including after scoring 9 points in 33-28 win over then-19th ranked Dakota Wesleyan on October 22....scored 7 points in 43-39 win over then-14th ranked Midland on October 1....averaging 64 yards on 48 kickoffs....participated in the football team's volunteer project to help relocate the local TrueValue Hardware store to a new location in October

MATT RAWSON

Amherst College (Massachusetts) – Division III

Senior from Bethesda, MD....2nd on the undefeated Lord Jeffs with 47 points from 9 of 11 FG's and 20 of 21 PAT's....scored 39 points in October from 7 of 9 FG's and 18 of 19 PAT's....scored 12 points in 48-28 win over Middlebury on October 8 making him the school's all-time leader in career FG's....kicked career-long 45-yard FG in 24-10 win over Wesleyan on October 22....made first 18 PAT attempts in October before missing at a rain-soaked Tufts field....leads NESCAC in FG's (9) and PAT's (21)....4 of 5 on FG's of 37+ yards....currently tied for school records for single-season FG's (9) and career points (148)....participated in Relay for Life....Habitat for Humanity volunteer....intern at Mississippi Teacher Corps which aims to improve the education opportunities for school children with critical needs

SCOTT ROCHE

Wheaton College (Illinois) – Division III

Senior from Evergreen, CO...leads the team in scoring with 66 points from 13 of 16 FG's and 27 of 34 PAT's....scored 37 points in October....scored 13 points in 49-21 win over Elmhurst College on October 8....averaging 61 yards on 59 kickoffs....works with area youths as a leader in the Young Life program at a nearby high school for three nights each week....volunteered for Feed My Starving Children by packaging approximately 1,000 meals for those in need....actively participates in the football program's ministry project each year during Spring Break, most recently in Senegal to help missionaries with work projects and building churches, playgrounds, lodging and other necessities....in his 4th year as a leader of a small group of football players as a part of ministry

ALEX ROMANIAS

Edinboro University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

Senior from Pittsburgh, PA....leads the Fighting Scots in scoring with 59 points from 9 of 10 FG's and 32 of 34 PAT's....scored 20 points in October from 2 of 3 FG's and 14 of 16 PAT's....ranks 3rd in school history with 143 career PAT's and 4th in school history with 29 career FG's...ranks 8th in career scoring with 230 pointsmade all 3 FG attempts against West Liberty including a 40-yard FG at the end of the first half which matched his career long....scored 6 points in 30-20 win against Mercyhurst on October 15.... Read to Compete Program volunteer where football team reads to local elementary school students

CODY SANDLIN

University of Tennessee at Martin – FCS

Junior from Goodlettsville, TN....leads the team in scoring with 32 points from 11 of 13 FG's and 39 of 41 PAT's....scored 40 points in October from 6 of 8 FG's and 22 of 24 PAT's....two FG's have been from 40-49 yards....scored 13 points in 61-23 win over Austin Peay on October 8....scored 6 points in 24-23 win over Eastern Illinois on October 22....OVC Specialist of the Week nominee for his performance against Murray State where he scored 12 points....averaging 56 yards on 48 kickoffs....participates in all team community service projects since freshman year including cleaning up Union City Park after an ice storm...Santa's Village event and food drive volunteer for two years for the Martin Parks and Recreation

TOMMY WILCZYNSKI

Rowan University (New Jersey) – Division III

Senior from Pine Hill, NJ....2nd on the team in scoring with 38 points from 5 of 7 FG's and 23 of 25 PAT's....scored 30 points in October from 5 of 7 FG's and 15 of 18 PAT's including season best 41-yard FG....averaging 55 yards on 40 kickoffs... participated in the Campus Clean and Green in October....participated in the team's annual Get in the Game Save a Life bone marrow registry...involved in the team's adoption of a family via the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation

KYLE WILLIAMS

Hinds Community College (Mississippi) – NJCAA

Sophomore from Pearl, MS....leads the 10th ranked Eagles in scoring with 64 points from 9 of 15 FG's and 37 of 41 PAT's... scored 29 points in October from 4 of 6 FG's and 17 of 17 PAT's....scored 10 points in win over Jones County Junior College on October 6 by making both FG's and all four PAT's....scored 10 points in 59-32 win over Pearl River Community College on October 22 by making his FG and all seven PAT's....made career-long 44-yard FG against Pearl River....Habitat for Humanity volunteer....Muscular Dystrophy Association of Mississippi volunteer

SEAN WILLIAMS

Wittenberg University (Ohio) – Division III

Junior from Plainfield, IN....leads the 22nd ranked Tigers with 66 points from 11 of 11 FG's and 33 of 34 PAT's....has made 18 straight FG's over the course of two seasons to break the school record of 12....made 50 consecutive PAT's over the past two seasons to break the school record of 48....78 of 80 PAT's for his career and holds school record for the highest PAT % among kickers with at least 40 attempts....will tie the school record for most FG's in a season that he set in 2010 when he makes his next FG....currently ranks 7th in school history with 66 points this season....made career-long 41-yard FG in 27-23 win over Carnegie on October 22....147 career kicking points is 5th in school history and just 19 points behind Fred Mitchell....averaging 53 yards in 53 kickoffs....youth football camp volunteer in hometown....volunteered at Habitat for Humanity Re-Store in Springfield....Springfield Regional Medical Center intern/volunteer

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 750 FCS, Division II, III, NAIA and NJCAA 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 on February 20, 2012 at the National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter Awards Ceremony at Halas Hall (see www.nffchicagoawards.eventbrite.com for details about the Awards Ceremony).

A blue-ribbon Selection Committee (listed at www.fredmitchellaward.com) evaluates place-kickers that are nominated by their schools. Members of the Pro and/or College Football Hall of Fame on the Selection Committee include Tom Beck, Kevin Butler, 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 Sean Gothier, Dan Jiggetts, Jeff Michalczyk, Mark Murphy, Rob Perry, Jeff Schebler, Bob Thomas, Todd Wilkins, Gary Zauner and Rob Zvonar. There are eight former college or NFL place-kickers on the Selection Committee, including Jeff Schebler, the inaugural Fred Mitchell Award recipient in 2009 and the highest-scoring place-kicker in NCAA history at any level.