

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



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October 27, 2014 – The Fred Mitchell Award recognizes 29 place-kickers for their excellence on the football field and in the community during the month of October.

“October was a record-setting month for college football place-kickers across the country and many games were decided by late field goals. It is a pleasure to recognize kickers that were nominated by their schools for terrific performance during October and for their impressive volunteer efforts off the football field,” said Fred Mitchell. The Award’s Selection Committee Chairman Chris Kearney added, “These place-kickers are succeeding on the gridiron and their civic and volunteer activities are having a 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 football field and in the community. Details are provided at www.fredmitchellaward.com.

The breakdown of the 29 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 12 FCS, 8 Division II, 5 Division III, 3 NAIA and 1 NJCAA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 18 different states
- Year – 12 Seniors, 7 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, 5 Freshmen

In alphabetical order, the Fred Mitchell Award honorees for October 2014 are listed below.

NICK AUSSIEKER

Illinois State University – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	8	100%	0-0	3-3	4-4	1-1	0-0	41	24	26	48

Senior from Wildwood, MO....2nd on the team in scoring with 48 points from 8 of 8 FG’s and 24 of 26 PAT’s...converted last second 20-yard FG in 20-18 win over then-20th ranked Indiana State on October 11.... scored 7 points including last second 34-yard FG in 37-34 win over Western Illinois on October 18...scored 9 points in 45-10 win over then-9th ranked South Dakota State on October 4....needs 19 points to set the school’s all-time scoring record....averaging 59 yards on 41 kickoffs....volunteers with the football team at Special Olympics....volunteered with coaches and teammates by digging trenches for the Humane Society of Central Illinois

MICHAEL BARON

Bentley University (Massachusetts) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	12	67%	1-1	4-5	3-5	0-1	0-0	32	27	27	51

Junior from Medfield, MA....leads the team in scoring with 51 points from 8 of 12 FG’s and 27 of 27 PAT’s...tied for 1st in the Northeast-10 in FG’s made, 2nd in kicking points, 3rd in PAT’s made and 5th in overall scoring....averaging 55 yards on kickoffs....115 career points on 17 of 25 FG’s and 64 of 65 PAT’s....Deutches Altenheim nursing home volunteer

MILES BERGNER

University of South Dakota - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
12	12	100%	0-0	4-4	5-5	3-3	0-0	47	13	14	49

Sophomore from Longmont, CO....leads the team in scoring with 49 points from 12 of 12 FG's and 13 of 14 PAT's...made 2 FG's in 5 games this season ... averaging 51 yards on 35 kickoffs... has volunteered his last two summers to coach high school football in his hometown ...performed community service throughout training camp with his teammates ...joined teammates to hang two miles of orange construction fence for a hot rod show

JONAH BOWMAN

Colgate University (New York) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
11	12	92%	0-0	2-2	7-8	2-2	0-0	43	19	19	52

Senior from Wyomissing, PA....leads the Raiders in scoring with 52 points from 11 of 12 FG's and 19 of 19 PAT's... scored 7 points including game-winning 23-yard FG with 3 seconds left in the game in 31-30 win over Princeton on October 11....has pulled within 2 FG's of school season record of 13....set school record with 9 consecutive FG's made in a season until missing at Yale on October 18 and has made his last 2 FG's....averaging 58 yards on 37 kickoffs....member of local chapter of Uplifting Athletes which helps raise money toward a cure for Ependymoma, a rare type of brain cancer ... team hosted Colin Hayward, 7, and his family for the second year in a row in October's game against Holy Cross ... helped team raise more than \$20,000 over the last two years ... participates in the team's annual Lift for Life each spring that also raises money for Ependymoma

MITCH BREDBERG

Ferris State University (Michigan) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
4	5	80%	0-0	3-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	32	45	50	59

Freshman from Ada, MI....2nd on the team in scoring with 59 points from 4 of 5 FG's, 45 of 50 PAT's and one 2-point conversion... scored 9 points in 34-19 win over then-#6 Ohio Dominican on October 18 including two key second half FG's in top-10 showdown....made key late first half FG to stretch lead in 37-3 road victory at then-#13 unbeaten Michigan Tech on October 25....earned USA Football Special Teams Player of the Week recognition...freshman move-in volunteer...reads to local elementary school students

ANDREW BREES

University of Minnesota Duluth – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	14	71%	1-1	7-7	1-3	1-3	0-0	49	15	16	47

Junior from West Allis, WI....2nd on the Bulldogs in scoring with 47 points from 10 of 14 FG's, 15 of 16 PAT's and one 2-point conversion.... scored 13 points in 43-30 win over Northern State on October 18....averaging 59 yards on 34 kickoffs...volunteered at Courage Center Duluth the past two winters, working with people with disabilities ... volunteers at annual Duluth Lions Club Pancake Day, the ALS Blizzard Tour and various UMD sports clinics

JOHN CARPENTER

College of William and Mary (Virginia) - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
12	15	80%	0-0	5-5	5-6	2-2	0-2	49	16	16	52

Senior from Cumberland, MD....leads the team in scoring with 52 points from 12 of 15 FG's, 16 of 16 PAT's....scored 7 points in 35-31 loss against Villanova on October 18.... ranks 8th in school history with 30 career FG's....averaging 64 yards on 36 kickoffs....Health Outreach Peer Education volunteer....Apple Team volunteer

JOEY CEJUDO

Youngstown State University (Ohio) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
13	14	93%	0-0	8-8	4-5	1-1	0-0	42	26	27	65

Senior from Chino Hills, CA...leading the team scoring with 65 points on 13 of 14 FG's and 26 of 27 PAT's.... scored 8 points in 26-14 win over Southern Illinois on October 18 including career-long 42-yard FG....averaging 62 yards on 49 kickoffs....helping to raise money for an area high school kicker who was injured in an ATV accident....volunteers at local elementary schools

BRAD CORNISH

Sacramento State University (California) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	13	77%	0-0	0-1	4-4	6-7	0-1	48	38	40	68

Junior from Santee, CA...leads the team scoring with 68 points on 10 of 13 FG's and 38 of 40 PAT's.... scored 7 points in 43-38 win over Northern Colorado on October 11....averaging 64 yards on 42 kickoffs....delivers food and gifts to those in need in his hometown during the holidays...volunteers with teammates to prepare and deliver sack lunches to local people that are homeless

JOSH DEPP

Georgetown College (Kentucky) – NAIA

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
3	4	75%	0-0	3-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	28	31	31	40

Sophomore from Springboro, OH....2nd on the team in scoring with 40 points from 3 of 4 FG's and 31 of 31 PAT's....scored 9 points in 27-10 win over Faulkner on October 4....averaging 53 yards on 39 kickoffs

PAUL GRAHAM

Wayne State University (Michigan) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	10	100%	0-0	4-4	3-3	3-3	0-0	47	30	30	60

Freshman from Commerce Township, MI....2nd on the team in scoring with 60 points from 10 of 10 FG's and 30 of 30 PAT's....scored 12 points in 33-30 loss against Northern Michigan on October 18 including season-long 47-yard FG....packaged food at Gleaners Food Bank which is the largest not-for-profit organization providing food for hungry neighbors in Detroit and surrounding cities ... served as a coach in the NFL Play 60 Youth Camp that was held at Wayne State ... tutored fellow student-athletes in English during study table....participated in multiple Warrior Wednesdays where student-athletes distribute breakfast to fellow students and instructors as they arrive on campus

ALEX HALLWACHS

Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	13	62%	0-0	3-4	3-3	1-4	1-2	51	21	23	45

Junior from Chagrin Falls, OH....leads the team in scoring with 45 points from 8 of 13 FG's and 21 of 23 PAT's....51-yard FG against Centre on September 27 is career high and 2nd longest in school history....tied school record going 8 of 8 in PAT's in 59-19 win against Hendrix on October 11....Koaches 4 Kids volunteer...volunteered for 8 weeks to help young children in the inner city develop leadership, self-motivation and teamwork skills through soccer

KRESIMIR IVKOVIC

John Carroll University (Ohio) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
6	10	60%	2-2	0-2	3-3	1-2	0-1	43	46	49	64

Senior from Euclid, OH ... 2nd on the 7th ranked Blue Streaks in scoring with 64 points from 6 of 10 FG's and 46 of 49 PAT's ... tied school's all-time record with 35th FG against Capital on October 25....set the single-game JCU record with 11 PAT's made in 80-0 win against Marietta on October 18...became school's all-time leader in PAT's against the Pioneers and now has 154 career PAT's made....OAC Special Teams Player of the Week for performance against Marietta which included 11 PAT's and 1 FG....averaging 62 yards on 63 kickoffs....point person behind Kick-It campaign to raise awareness and funds for childhood cancer on JCU's campus ... Kick-It is a program designed to raise money for pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancer research ... volunteers for Cultivating the Community, an initiative where the football team interacts with surrounding communities to drive positive growth ... helped clean, paint and perform yard work at Saint Thomas Aquinas Elementary through Volunteers for Cultivating the Community ... tutors elementary students in reading and mathematics once a week through Champs Roxboro, a grant-funded enriched program designed to serve the needs of at-risk youth in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District ... coaches youth soccer team as part of Croatian Community of Cleveland ... volunteered to help teach kicking and punting at the John Carroll University and Penn Hills High School camps ... Worked Pre Cana at St. Basil

REED JAMES

Southwest Mississippi Community College - NJCAA

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
6	10	60%	0-0	2-2	2-4	2-4	0-0	43	26	26	44

Freshman from Madison, MS ... leads the team scoring with 44 points from 6 of 10 FG's and 26 of 26 PAT's ...scored 10 points in 52-10 win over Coahoma Community College on October 9....averaging 60 yards on 19 kickoffs...volunteer mentor to two elementary school students in Bridges of Madison County Big Brother Big Sister program....Madison Chamber of Commerce Junior Ambassador assisting area businesses and volunteering during city events...church youth group volunteer including participation in local missions

ADAM KELLER

North Dakota State University – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
17	20	85%	2-3	6-6	3-4	5-5	1-2	50	29	29	80

Senior from Lewisberry, PA....leads the #1 ranked Bison in scoring with 80 points from 17 of 20 FG's and 29 of 29 PAT's.... scored 17 points in 47-7 win over South Dakota on October 25....set school record with 5 FG's made against Montana...volunteer coach for Tri-City seventh grade soccer team...Rosewood Nursing Home volunteer...middle school tutor to special needs students...Special Olympics volunteer...Blue Key Honor Society Member

SHANE KELLY

Mount St. Joseph University (Ohio) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
6	8	75%	2-2	1-1	1-2	2-3	0-0	48	37	40	55

Junior from Cincinnati, OH...leads the team in scoring with 55 points from 6 of 8 FG's and 37 of 40 PAT's....scored 9 points in 53-28 win over Hanover on October 11 including season-high 48-yard FG...averaging 55 yards on 58 kickoffs,... licensed at home provider for children and adults with special needs....adaptive ski instructor at Perfect North Slopes during the winter... recently completed his fourth annual campout for 25 Forest Hills School District high school and incoming high school special needs students, including recruiting and coordinating 12 student peers to create a one-on-one outdoors and overnight camping experience....serves on a non-profit Board for a charter school created for kids with special needs

THOMAS KINNEY

Southern Illinois University – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
9	16	56%	1-1	3-3	3-4	1-4	1-4	50	32	32	59

Senior from McHenry, IL....2nd on the Salukis in scoring with 59 points from 9 of 16 FG's and 32 of 32 PAT's..... scored 11 points in 41-10 win over South Dakota on October 4.... averaging 62 yards on 52 kickoffs....volunteered with the football team in the annual Souper Bowl of Caring fundraisers in 2013 and 2014 to combat hunger and assist Good Samaritan Ministries and the Murphysboro Food Pantry....Special Olympics volunteer with the football team

AVERY LLEWELLYN

Colorado School of Mines – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
14	20	70%	0-0	2-2	6-9	5-7	1-2	51	38	40	80

Junior from Durango, CO....leads the team in scoring with 80 points from 14 of 20 FG's and 38 of 40 PAT's.... scored 14 points in 44-37 win over Western New Mexico on October 11....averaging 64 yards on 56 kickoffs....Project Merry Christmas volunteer in Durango where he worked with Durango Fire Department to deliver gifts to local families

ABDUL MAHDI

Saint Xavier University (Illinois) - NAIA

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	11	73%	0-0	5-6	1-2	2-3	0-0	45	32	36	56

Freshman from Chicago, IL....leads the Cougars in scoring with 56 points from 8 of 11 FG's and 32 of 36 PAT's.... scored 17 points in 53-26 win over St. Francis (Indiana) on October 11.... scored 6 points in 48-46 win over then-#11 William Penn on October 25....averaging 55 yards on 52 kickoffs....volunteered to help paint his high school alma mater in Chicago, Bogan High School....recently spent a day volunteering to clean-up Marquette Park, the largest park on the Southwest side of Chicago at 323 acres

MICHAEL MARANDO

Fordham University (New York) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
12	16	75%	2-2	3-4	5-7	2-3	0-0	46	42	42	78

Senior from Brooklyn, NY....2nd on the team in scoring with 78 points from 12 of 16 FG's and 42 of 42 PAT's....scored 12 points in 48-27 win over Lehigh on October 25....averaging 59 yards on 64 kickoffs....worked with Habitat for Humanity Westchester in Breezy Point, N.Y. (close to his home in Brooklyn) as part of Sandy Saturday's, helping the neighborhood recover from Hurricane Sandy (cleaned up debris, helped rebuild houses and more)... participated with P. O. T. S. (Part of the Solution) program serving lunch to homeless people and those who could not afford every meal of the day while also assisting in the P.O.T.S. pantry... participated with the Reach Out and Read program which seeks to provide parents/guardians and children with the knowledge, support, and materials necessary to make books a part of their lives (read stories aloud to children in the waiting area)

RYAN MCCRUM

Southeast Missouri State University – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
13	16	81%	0-0	3-3	3-3	3-5	4-5	55	29	29	68

Sophomore from St. Charles, MO....leads the team in scoring with 68 points from 13 of 16 FG's and 29 of 29 PAT's....scored 8 points in 28-21 win over nationally-ranked Tennessee State on October 4 including career-long 55-yard FG....made 50+ yard FG's in first three games in October...made 51-yard FG to force a 2nd OT at Murray State on October 11....averaging 62 yards in 48 kickoffs....actively involved in local Pink Up Cape Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives

CODY NUZZO

California University of Pennsylvania – Division II

<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>1-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PATM</u>	<u>PATA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
13	16	81%	0-0	10-10	2-2	0-3	1-1	50	34	34	73

Senior from Bradford, PA....leads the team in scoring with 73 points from 13 of 16 FG's and 34 of 34 PAT's....scored 10 points in 43-32 win over Clarion on October 25....set school record with a 50-yard FG as time expired to force OT in 24-21 loss at nationally-ranked Bloomsburg on September 13.... 280 career points is 1st in school history for kickers....holds all-time school records with 171 PAT's made, 41 FG's made and 61 FG's attempted....averaging 60 yards on 54 kickoffs....FCA Campus President for three years....mentored area church youth group on a weekly basis...offered summer lessons to high school kickers in the Pittsburgh area...Hammer Kicking Academy instructor for three years in Buffalo

TOM OBARSKI

Concordia University St. Paul (Minnesota) – Division II

<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>1-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PATM</u>	<u>PATA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
15	17	88%	0-0	4-4	4-6	6-6	1-1	56	16	16	61

Senior from Burnsville, MN....leads the team in scoring with 61 points from 15 of 17 FG's and 16 of 16 PAT's....scored 13 points in 37-34 OT win over Upper Iowa on October 25....tied Upper Iowa at 34-34 in fourth quarter with 56-yard FG then made game-winning 42-yard FG in OT....56-yard FG is the longest in Division II this season....41 career FG's made and 15 FG's in a season are school records....had a streak making 14 straight FG's....has scored 230 points in career....tied school record by making 3 FG's in 4 career games of which 3 games have been in 2014....leads the NSIC in FG's per game with 1.88 (ranks 3rd in Division II) and FG % with 88% (ranks 10th in Division II) and is the only NSIC kicker that has made all PAT's....averaging 62 yards on 36 kickoffs....River Valley Church youth teacher....on-campus ministries and Bible study leader....drug education mentor to middle school children....high school camp volunteer....Feed My Starving Children volunteer...church student leader....volunteers for small group activities at church....served on overseas missions trip....helped raise over \$6,000 for tsunami relief fund in Japan...supported and raised funds for Project Rescue

HOUSTON RAY

Henderson State University (Arkansas) – Division II

<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>1-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PATM</u>	<u>PATA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
13	18	72%	1-1	2-2	6-11	4-4	0-0	43	39	40	78

Freshman from Owensboro, KY....2nd on the team in scoring with 78 points from 13 of 18 FG's and 39 of 40 PAT's....leads the conference in scoring....two-time GAC Special Teams Player of the Week....set school and conference records by scoring 19 points against Northwestern Oklahoma...set school record with 4 FG's in that game....averaging 57 yards on 54 kickoffs....Reddie to Serve volunteer each semester to assist people in the local community....football team blood drive volunteer....reads to children at local elementary schools...helps clean-up local playgrounds

ALDRICK ROSAS

Southern Oregon University – NAIA

<u>FGM</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>FG%</u>	<u>1-19</u>	<u>20-29</u>	<u>30-39</u>	<u>40-49</u>	<u>50+</u>	<u>LONG</u>	<u>PATM</u>	<u>PATA</u>	<u>PTS</u>
7	9	78%	0-0	5-6	0-0	2-3	0-0	41	47	47	68

Sophomore from Orland, CA....2nd on the team in scoring with 68 points from 7 of 9 FG's and 47 of 47 PAT's....scored 12 points in 66-16 win over College of Idaho on October 25....averaging 64 yards on 62 kickoffs....volunteered with the football team at the Jackson County Fuel Commission wood-cut

MICHAEL SCHMADEKE
University of Northern Iowa - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
20	22	91%	0-0	5-5	11-11	4-5	0-1	49	26	26	86

Junior from Waterloo, IA...leads the Panthers in scoring with 86 points from 20 of 22 FG's and 26 of 26 PAT's...scored 8 points including career-long 49-yard FG in 27-13 win over Western Illinois on October 25...scored 9 points in 27-16 win over South Dakota on October 11...scored career-high 20 points including 5 FG's in 50-7 win over Tennessee Tech on September 27.... averaging 63 yards on 51 kickoffs...UNI Dance Marathon volunteer to raise money and awareness for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals...avid Special Olympics volunteer throughout college....Country View Care Center volunteer

KEVIN SHELDON
Central College (Iowa) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
4	8	50%	0-0	0-0	2-4	2-4	0-0	42	30	31	42

Senior from West Des Moines, IA...2nd on the team in scoring with 42 points from 4 of 8 FG's and 30 of 31 PAT's.... scored 11 points in 41-14 win over Loras on October 18....named to D3football.com Team of the Week and Iowa Conference Special Teams Player of the Week following October 18 game....scored 9 points in 45-21 win over Coe on October 25....averaging 60 yards on 43 kickoffs...Vacation Bible School volunteer at church near his hometown...volunteered at The Landing organization that helps troubled teens...Color Run fundraiser volunteer to raise funds for Many Hands for Haiti to help improve the lives of people in Haiti...Midwest Kicking Camp volunteer to help coach high school kickers

MASON STUDER
Christopher Newport University (Virginia) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
7	10	70%	1-1	2-2	2-3	2-3	0-1	43	32	34	53

Senior from Norfolk, VA...2nd on the team in scoring with 53 points from 7 of 10 FG's and 32 of 34 PAT's.... scored 8 points in 38-7 win over Averett on October 18....scored 9 points in 45-31 win over Greensboro on October 25....averaging 58 yards on 46 kickoffs...volunteered in the fall with Fear 2 Freedom, which is an initiative that partners with universities and a local hospital to provide essential after-care for victims of sexual assault...youth football volunteer in the summer including instructing kickers

WILLIAM WILL
University of Dayton (Ohio) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
12	14	86%	1-1	3-4	5-5	3-3	0-1	49	22	24	64

Sophomore from Mokena, IL...2nd on the team in scoring with 64 points from 12 of 14 FG's, 22 of 24 PAT's and one TD.... scored a scoop-and-score fumble recovery 26-yard TD on a kickoff at Marist on October 11 which became an ESPN and social media sensation...2nd in the Pioneer Football League and 12th in FCS in scoring....scored on three consecutive plays – the PAT that made it 21-14, the kickoff fumble recovery TD and the ensuing PAT...49-yard FG in the season opener is the longest by a Dayton kicker in 30 years...volunteers with the football team at Rebuilding Together where the team skips a spring practice weekend to rebuild/renovate community buildings and homes of people who cannot complete the work themselves...Christmas on Campus volunteer

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. Former football players and others that are active in their communities are also on the Selection Committee including Carl Allegretti, Sergio Castillo, Sean Gothier, Teddy Greenstein, Michael Husted, Dan Jiggetts, Rick Kolaczewski, Connie Kowal, Greg Loberg, Tom Lynch, Carol Monroe, Jeff Michalczyk, Mark Murphy, Patrick Murray, Rob Perry, Michael Ritchey, Jeff Schebler, Caroline Schrenker, Jay Sebben, Bob Thomas, Wolfe Tone, Todd Wilkins, Gary Zauner and Rob Zvonar. There are 12 former college or NFL place-kickers on the Selection Committee, including Schebler (the inaugural Fred Mitchell Award recipient in 2009 and the highest-scoring place-kicker in NCAA history at any level), Lynch (two-time recipient of the Award and the kicker on the 2011 NAIA National Champion Saint Xavier University Cougars), Tampa Bay Buccaneers kicker Murray (whose 25 FG's in 2012 were just one shy of the all-time FCS record set by Nevada's Tony Zendejas) and Castillo (the first Division II kicker to win the Award and who made 62 of 79 career field goals and 251 of 255 extra points).