

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



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October 1, 2013 – The Fred Mitchell Award recognizes 26 place-kickers for their excellence on the football field and in the community during the month of September. “The first month of the 2013 college football season had quite a few college football games decided by late scores by place-kickers, long snappers, holders and blockers on special teams. We are pleased 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, “The place-kickers we recognize are having tremendous success on the gridiron so far this season. 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 26 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 10 FCS, 7 Division II, 4 Division III, 4 NAIA and 1 NJCAA
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 17 different states
- Year – 18 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 2 Sophomores, 1 Freshmen

In alphabetical order, the Fred Mitchell Award honorees for September 2013 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
3	4	75%	0-0	1-2	2-2	0-0	0-0	35	12	12	21

Junior from Wildwood, MO....2nd on the team in scoring with 21 points from 3 of 4 FG’s and 12 of 12 PAT’s...2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....scored 7 points in 31-17 win over 3-0 Abilene Christian on September 21....averaging 59 yards on 17 kickoffs....volunteers with the football team at Special Olympics....volunteered with coaches and teammates by digging trenches for the Humane Society of Central Illinois

BEAU BAKER

Cumberland University (Tennessee) – NAIA

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
6	6	100%	0-0	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	35	10	10	28

Senior from Mt. Juliet, TN....2nd on the team in scoring with 28 points on 6 of 6 FGs and 10 of 10 PATs....scored 15 points in 41-31 win against Belhaven on September 21...Worship Without Walls volunteer where he cleaned, organized and painted rooms at the Mt. Juliet Senior Citizens Center....Relay for Life fundraiser team co-captain....Sherry’s Run cancer research event volunteer

SAM BROCKSHUS

Minnesota State University – 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>
3	6	50%	0-0	0-1	2-3	1-1	0-1	45	22	22	31

Senior from Spencer, IA....leads the Mavericks in scoring with 31 points from 3 of 6 FG's and 22 of 22 PAT's....scored 10 points in 34-21 win over U-Mary on September 7....2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist in top 10.... career leading scorer with 288 career points....owns school record for most career FG's (41), PAT's (165) and single-season PAT's (58).... averaging 59 yards on 29 kickoffs....member of MSU's and NSIC's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee....raised funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation....volunteers at youth and varsity football camps in his hometown....Fellowship of Christian Athletes....Kids Against Hunger volunteer....People and Christ Together food drive volunteer

JAROD BROWN

Old Dominion University (Virginia) - FCS

<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>
6	6	100%	0-0	2-2	3-3	0-0	1-1	52	31	32	49

Senior from Yorktown, VA....leads the team in scoring with 49 points from 6 of 6 FG's and 31 of 32 PAT's....set school record by making a 52-yard FG in 59-58 win over The Citadel on September 21....converted two onside kicks and scored 9 points against The Citadel...had streak of 94 straight PAT's snapped on September 21....set FCS record with 73 straight PAT's made in a season....averaging 64 yards on 40 kickoffs....Special Olympics volunteer in event that is held each season....Bone Marrow Drive volunteer

JEREMIAH CARTER

Trinity International University (Illinois) – 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>
5	5	100%	0-0	4-4	0-0	1-1	0-0	44	17	20	32

Freshman from Irving, CA....2nd on the team in scoring with 32 points from 5 of 5 FG's and 17 of 20 PAT's....scored 12 points in 48-0 win over Trinity Bible College on August 31 including 44-yard FG....averaging 57 yards on 29 kickoffs....Special Olympics volunteer....volunteers at Challenger Classic baseball for special needs children....church Children's Ministry volunteer for past six years....Vacation Bible School volunteer for past five years....Feed the Homeless volunteer....Walk to Cure Duchenne's Disease participant....Junior Olympics and Irvine Junior Games volunteer

SERGIO CASTILLO

West Texas A&M University – 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>
10	10	100%	0-0	6-6	2-2	2-2	0-0	42	25	25	55

Senior from La Joya, TX....leads the Buffs in scoring with 55 points from 10 of 10 FG's and 25 of 25 PAT's.... scored 14 points including game-winning FG with 49 seconds remaining in game in 34-31 win over then-#18 Chadron State on September 12 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX....tied school record with 4 FG's in the game against Chadron State....scored 14 points in 62-28 win over Texas A&M-Commerce on September 21 and earned Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors....scored 15 points in 69-7 win over Texas A&M-Kingsville on September 28....broke the school record for career scoring on September 28 with 343 points....broke the Conference scoring record of 339 that was set in 2008....owns school records for most FG's in a season (20), career FG's (48) and consecutive PAT's made (64)....199 of 202 career PAT's...weekly volunteer in Students in Free Enterprise to assist troubled youth with math, life lessons, college planning and job interviews...Step Up to Success volunteer speaker in Amarillo to counsel high school and middle school students....Toys for Juarez volunteer to collect toys in Amarillo and distribute them to children in Juarez, Mexico...Fellowship of Christian Athletes...Huddle Leader and member of the football team's Bible study

JOEY CEJUDO

Youngstown State University (Ohio) – FCS

<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>
3	3	100%	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	40	26	26	35

Junior from Chino Hills, CA ...2nd on the team in scoring with 35 points from 3 of 3 FG's and 26 of 26 PAT's....made game-winning kick with 1:50 remaining in the game to beat Southern Illinois 28-27....made season-long 40-yard FG and all 8 PAT's against Duquesne....made 34-yard FG and all 5 PAT's at Michigan State....made 37-yard FG and all 8 PAT's in win over Morehead State

SAM COTE

Wheaton College (Illinois) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
4	4	100%	0-0	2-2	0-0	2-2	0-0	46	20	20	32

Junior from Wheaton, IL ...2nd on the team in scoring with 32 points from 4 of 4 FG's and 20 of 20 PAT's...scored 12 points in 48-27 win over Benedictine on September 7...averaging 57 yards on 23 kickoffs....made two mission trips through the Wheaton Football Ministry Partnership....served in ministry with FCA as an intern for the past three summers including leading a Summer Bible Study and leading a Speed Training Camp for six weeks....led the FCA mission trips for the past three years....campus representative for Compassion International....Chicago Hope Academy volunteer....leading ministry with Lead 222 by working with their student ministries conference in Germany

ZACH CZAP

Lycoming College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
3	3	100%	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	44	12	13	21

Senior from Philipsburg, PA ...3rd on the Warriors in scoring with 21 points from 3 of 3 FG's and 12 of 13 PAT's... scored 10 points in 16-14 win over then-#24 Widener on September 28...named Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after win over Widener....averaging 53 yards on 11 kickoffs....participated in Favors Forward Spring Cleaning...helped with flood cleanup along the Loyalsock Creek with the football team ... participated in the Student Senate of Lycoming College's haunted house.

CURT DUNCAN

Carson-Newman (Tennessee) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
5	9	56%	0-0	2-2	3-5	0-1	0-1	38	16	18	31

Senior from Morristown, TN...2nd on the team in scoring with 31 points from 5 of 9 FG's and 16 of 18 PAT's...scored 9 points including game-winning 38-yard FG in 27-24 win over Colorado Mines on September 14...Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after game against Colorado Mines...2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist in top 10...54-yard FG against Tusculum in 2012 was the longest in school history.... volunteer coach and referee for youth basketball and soccer....intern at Manley Baptist Church Student Ministry....serves at local missions projects each summer such as Appalachian Outreach and Food on Foot....volunteers at Luke 14 weekend for people with disabilities....Fellowship of Christian Athletes...Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

DANNY FISHER

Bloomsburg University (Pennsylvania) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
5	6	83%	0-0	2-2	2-2	1-1	0-1	47	22	22	37

Senior from Liverpool, PA....2nd on the Huskies in scoring with 37 points from 5 of 6 FG's and 22 of 22 PAT's.... set the PSAC record with 51 career FG's during 31-12 win over Kutztown on September 21 breaking a record that was set in 1992....set PSAC record for most career kicking points by scoring 11 points in 47-35 win at Edinboro on September 14 and currently has 306 career points....scored 11 points in season-opening 41-13 win over Stonehill....organized Kick for a Cure campaign to support the Angelman Syndrome Foundation to raise awareness and funds to cure a genetic disease that a close family friend has....surpassed \$2,500 fundraising goal for the season in just the first month of the season with nearly \$4,000 raised in Kick for a Cure....helped renew a local town park as part of the Big Event community service program... Habitat for Humanity volunteer...Ronald McDonald House volunteer

JOHN GAY

Harding University (Arkansas) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
1	2	50%	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	34	20	22	23

Junior from Jonesboro, AR....2nd on the team in scoring with 23 points from 1 of 2 FG's and 20 of 22 PAT's....scored 9 points in 69-0 win over Northwestern Oklahoma on September 14...averaged 52 yards on 10 kickoffs....Walk for the Cure cancer walk volunteer including selling food to raise funds....wrote thank you notes to Harding donors in the annual Say Thanks Day and Highlighter Run....washed windows and cars for the elderly with the football team

ADAM KELLER

North Dakota State University – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
1	2	50%	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	41	18	20	21

Junior from Lewisberry, PA....3rd on the #1 ranked Bison in scoring with 19 points from 1 of 2 FG's and 18 of 20 PAT's....scored 6 points in 24-21 win over FBS Kansas State on August 30....scored 5 points in 51-0 win over Delaware State on September 21 game attended by ESPN Game Day....2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist.... volunteer coach for Tri-City seventh grade soccer team...Rosewood Nursing Home volunteer...middle school tutor to special needs students....Special Olympics volunteer....volunteered at Athletic Department's Halloween party

ERIC KINDLER

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
6	6	100%	0-0	1-1	4-4	0-0	1-1	50	17	17	35

Senior from Germantown, WI...leads the Warhawks in scoring with 35 points from 6 of 6 FG's and 17 of 17 PAT's....scored 17 points in 65-0 win over Waldorf College on September 28....averaging 59 yards on 8 kickoffs....volunteers at fish fry fundraisers for the United States Fistball Association

DYLAN LYNCH

Jacksonville University (Florida) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
8	11	73%	0-0	2-2	3-3	3-3	0-3	47	27	27	51

Senior from Jacksonville, FL...leads the team in scoring with 51 points from 8 of 11 FG's and 27 of 27 PAT's...leads the Pioneer Football League and ranks 18th in the nation in scoring.... ranks 2nd in the nation with 27 PATs ... has not missed a kick inside 50 yards this season ... has made 30 straight PATs dating back to 2012 ... set school record with 15 points in a 69-19 win over Morehead on September 14 ... matched his 15 point performance a week later against Warner on September 21... owns JU record for career FG's (22) ... named the Sports Network National Special Teams Player of the Week on September 23 ... named the PFL Special Teams Player of the Week twice this season on September 22 and September 29 ... spent five weeks this summer working a camp in Ocala, FL run by the Young Life Christian Association for middle school high school and special needs children ... volunteered at a Lifeguards Without Borders Water Safety Camp run by the American Red Cross and the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville at a Jacksonville Beach event that taught ocean safety and how to surf for at risk children from the Community Connections Summer Camp ... participated in youth football clinics held at JU

JOHN MACOMBER

College of the Holy Cross (Massachusetts) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
3	4	75%	0-0	2-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	37	15	16	24

Senior from Vienna, VA....tied for 1st on the team in scoring with 24 points from 3 of 4 FG's and 15 of 16 PAT's....scored 7 points in 31-28 win over Dartmouth on September 28....scored 10 points in 52-21 win over Central Connecticut on September 14averaging 62 yards on 22 kickoffs....Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts volunteer....Holy Cross Cares Day participant....Best Buddies Program volunteer

ZEB MILLER

University of North Dakota - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
3	5	60%	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-2	0-1	40	17	18	26

Senior from Ankeny, IA...leads the team in scoring with 26 points from 3 of 5 FG's and 17 of 18 PAT's....scored 15 points in 69-10 win over Valparaiso on August 29....averaging 65 yards on 25 kickoffs.... Greater Grand Forks Youth Football League volunteer for each of the past four years....SAAC/Mortar Board Food Drive volunteer....volunteered at the Celebrating Cultures event at a local high school....participated in the football team's annual Holiday Magic for Markus event....assisted at Feed My Starving Children event to help underprivileged in Grand Forks

ANDREW MUZLJAKOVICH

Olivet Nazarene University (Illinois) – 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>
3	4	100%	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-3	0-1	49	6	6	15

Senior from Vicksburg, MI....leads the Tigers in scoring with 15 points from 3 of 4 FG's and 6 of 6 PAT's ...2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....connected on a career-long 49-yard FG against St. Francis of Illinois on September 7 where he scored 8 points ... averaging 64 yards on 14 kickoffs....Orphan Outreach volunteer including mission trip to Guatemala to help the children at orphanages celebrate Christmas....collected food door-to-door for a local food pantry....helped remodel a local home and improve the landscaping for the school's Habitat for Humanity

MIKE PHILLIPS

McPherson College (Kansas) – 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	8	88%	0-0	4-5	3-3	0-0	0-0	39	16	17	37

Senior from Spring Branch, TX....leads the team in scoring with 37 points from 7 of 8 FG's and 16 of 17 PAT's.... scored 5 points in 23-17 win over Kansas Wesleyan on September 28....scored 14 points in 51-31 win over Bethel (Kansas) on September 21....named NAIA Special Teams Player of the Week after win over Bethel....averaging 59 yards on 28 kickoffs

ZACH PULKINEN

Bemidji State University (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>
3	4	75%	0-0	0-0	2-2	1-2	0-0	40	8	9	17

Senior from Minot, ND....2nd on the team in scoring with 17 points from 3 of 4 FG's and 8 of 9 PAT's.... scored 10 points in 34-27 win over Winona State on September 5....made career-long 40-yard FG against Winona State....averaging 62 yards on 18 kickoffs....Bemidji Elks Lodge volunteer

RYAN SAMUELS

Louisburg College (North Carolina) – NJCAA

<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>
5	8	62%	0-0	2-2	3-5	0-1	0-0	32	14	17	29

Sophomore from Fredricksburg, VA....has scored 29 points from 5 of 8 FG's and 14 of 17 PAT's....scored 4 points in 24-17 win over Dean College on September 28.... volunteer reader at Louisburg Middle School....Upwards Football Event participant

TYLER SIEVERTSEN

University of Northern Iowa – FCS

<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%	1-1	5-5	1-2	0-1	0-0	31	17	17	38

Senior from Cedar Rapids, IA....2nd on the top 5 ranked Panthers in scoring with 38 points from 7 of 9 FG's and 17 of 17 PAT's....2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....scored 11 points in 41-6 win over then-#9 McNeese State on September 28....scored 14 points in 26-7 win over Northern Colorado on September 21....scored 4 points in 28-20 win over FBS Iowa State on August 31....averaging 61 yards on 28 kickoffs....Just Read program volunteer to connect UNI student-athletes with elementary school students....Special Olympics volunteer....Kickers in the Midwest mentor...high school football camp volunteer....Salvation Army bell ringer

DANIEL SOBOLEWSKI

Albright College (Pennsylvania) – Division III

<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>
5	9	56%	0-0	1-2	2-3	1-2	1-2	51	12	13	27

Sophomore from Linden, NJ....2nd on the team in scoring with 27 points from 5 of 9 FG's and 12 of 13 PAT's....set school record with 51-yard FG against Stevenson on September 14....scored 12 points in 30-14 win over Kean University on September 7....named a BSN National Player of the Week, USA College Football National Special Teams Player of the Week and D3football.com Team of the Week after win over Kean....named Middle Atlantic Conference Special Teams Player of the Week after each of the team's first two games of 2013....averaging 60 yards on 23 kickoffs...Reading Boys and Girls Club volunteer....Albright youth football camp volunteer

STEFAN TERLECKYJ

Wayne State University (Michigan) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
2	3	67%	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-0	37	15	15	21

Senior from Warren, MI....2nd on the team in scoring with 21 points from 2 of 3 FG's and 15 of 15 PAT's....2012 Fred Mitchell Award Finalist....owns school record for the most kicking points (259) which is also 3rd in school history behind two running backs...became school's career leader in FG's made with 37-yard FG at Lake Erie on September 21....scored 8 points in 38-27 win over Malone on September 28....owns school records for most career FG's (35), career FG % (68.6%), career PAT's (154), PAT's in a season (70), kicking points in a season (106) and consecutive PAT's made (has made last 61 PAT's)....shares school record for longest FG (51 yards)....has made 9 of last 11 FG's dating to 2012....averaging 60 yards on 13 kickoffs...helped sell merchandise for breast cancer awareness at a WSU women's basketball games ... collected small toiletry items to make basic needs bags for the Covenant House Michigan as part of the Wayne Cares program ... participated in United Way's Martin Luther King Day of Service by assisting the Motor City Blight Busters with a renovation project in metropolitan Detroit....math tutor....Motor City Makeover neighborhood clean-up

GRIFFIN THOMAS

Jacksonville State University (Alabama) - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
12	16	75%	0-0	5-6	3-3	3-5	1-2	51	16	16	52

Senior from Snellville, GA....leads the team in scoring with 52 points from 12 of 16 FG's and 16 of 16 PAT's...leads FCS and the Ohio Valley Conference in FG's made this season (12)....scored school kicking record 16 points in 24-21 double OT win over North Alabama on September 14 including school record 5 FG's in a game including career-high 51-yard FG becoming 3rd player in school history to make a 50+ yard FG....set three school records during September....CFPA National Kicker of the Week and Ohio Valley Conference Co-Special Teams Player of the Week after win over North Alabama....scored 6 points in 24-22 win over Alabama State on August 31....scored 8 points in 32-26 win over Georgia State on September 21....made 25-yard FG as time expired to send game into OT against Murray State on September 28....averaging 62 yards on 31 kickoffs...Fellowship of Christian Athletes....Habitudes student leadership training volunteer....school tutor

BOBBY WENZIG

Alabama State University – FCS

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	2-4	0-0	42	21	21	42

Senior from San Diego, CA....2nd on the team in scoring with 42 points from 7 of 10 FG's and 21 of 21 PAT's...7 of & PAT's in two games this season....scored 10 points in 52-21 win over Grambling State on September 21....Walter Payton Achievement Award....Army Strong Achievement Award...Hornets Elementary School reading program volunteer....active in supporting Multiple Dystrophy research via former NFL punter Darren Bennett whose son has MD....campus beatification projects volunteer

ABOUT THE FRED MITCHELL AWARD

The annual Fred Mitchell Outstanding Place-Kicker Award (also known as the Fred Mitchell Award) 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 is chosen based on excellence on the football field and in the community. The Award's Watch List is released in late July, 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 each 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. 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, Sean Gothier, Teddy Greenstein, Michael Husted, Dan Jiggetts, Rick Kolaczewski, Connie Kowal, Greg Loberg, Tom Lynch, Patrick Murray, Carol Monroe, Jeff Michalczyk, Mark Murphy, Rob Perry, Michael Ritchey, Jeff Schebler, Caroline Schrenker, Jay Sebben, Bob Thomas, Wolfe Tone, Todd Wilkins, Gary Zauner and Rob Zvonar. There are 11 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), Tom Lynch (two-time recipient of the Award and the kicker on the 2011 NAIA National Champion Saint Xavier University Cougars) and Patrick Murray (2012 Fred Mitchell Award recipient and record-setting kicker from Fordham University where his 25 field goals was just one shy of the FCS record).