

The Fred Mitchell Award recognizes 13 place-kickers for their excellence on the football field during the 2017 season and for continued community service during the year. Without exception, we are proud to celebrate the kickers listed herein. Fred Mitchell shared, “Our 2017 award finalists once again represent some of the finest college kickers in America, as well as some of the most conscientious and community-minded individuals.”

The recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award will be announced Dec. 11, 2017, based on performance on the football field and in the community.

The breakdown of the 13 place-kickers is as follows:

- Collegiate Division – 6 FCS, 6 Division II, and 1 Division III
- State – the place-kickers play at schools located in 8 different states (CA (2), IN, LA (2), MA (2), MI (2), MN, PA, and TX (2))
- Year – 4 Seniors, 6 Juniors, and 3 Sophomores

Fred Mitchell Award Watch List honorees for 2017 are:

DREW BEVELHIMER

Butler (Indiana) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
16	21	76%	0-0	3-4	8-10	5-6	0-1	46	30	32	78

Sophomore from Indianapolis, Ind. ... Took on the place-kicking duties at Butler the first game of his freshman season...made five of his seven attempts at more than 40 yards this season...in his career, he is 28-for-35 in field goals and has scored 144 points in his two seasons ... off the field, he was part of two large projects this season. He coordinated the “signing” of Robert Shaffer through Team Impact, an organization that connects children who have serious and chronic illnesses to college teams...Robert is 8 years old and has a rare kidney disease that has no cure .. Robert attends Butler games and practices and has his own locker at Butler’s facility...he has been on the sidelines throughout the season...also was part of a mission trip to the Czech Republic over the summer where members of the Butler Football team taught football and life skills to young children in the region.

WILL BRAZILL

California (Pennsylvania) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
20	24	83%	2-2	8-8	7-9	3-5	0-0	47	47	47	107

Senior from Kansas City, Mo. Led team in scoring with 107 points on 20-of-24 field goals and 47-of-47 PAT attempts ... Selected PSAC West Special Teams Athlete of the Week three times this season ... Scored at least 10 points in five games ... Tallied at least seven points in 10 of 12 contests ... Ranked fifth in NCAA Division II with 1.67 field goals per game ... Ranked 19th overall in the country, and third among kickers, with 107 points ... Finished 11th in the nation with an .833 field-goal percentage ... Converted three field goals against Seton Hill, Slippery Rock and Edinboro this year ... Made game-winning, 25-yard field goal with 49 seconds left in 36-34 season-opening win against Ohio Dominican ... Set career long with 47-yard field goal in 44-41 victory versus Seton Hill ... Two of four missed kicks (FG or PAT) on

the year were over 40 yards ... Averaged 59.7 yards on 64 kickoffs with 16 touchbacks (none out of bounds) ... Finished fourth in school history with 282 career points ... Became only second kicker in school history with 20 fields goals in a season, most in conference history since 2010 ... Ranks second in school history with 37 career field goals while playing three seasons ... Selected to All-PSAC West First-Team as both a junior and senior ... Named CoSIDA Academic All-District for a consecutive season with Academic All-America Teams announced Dec. 12 (was a Second-Team honoree last season) ... Assisted football program with various community engagement programs, including bone marrow drive, improving youth baseball field and area Lenten fish fry ... Helped organize fishing festival for local youth ... volunteered at local Special Needs Family Fun Days ... Interned with Buffalo Niagara River Keeper; helped improve water quality and habitat and shore resiliency.

LORRAN FONSECA

Nicholls State University (Louisiana) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
18	22	81.8%	1-1	3-4	7-8	6-7	1-2	50	31	32	85

Junior from Hercules, Calif. ... named Second Team All-Southland... at the completion of the regular season, leads FCS with 18 made field goals and is 10th in percentage (.818)... ranks 16th nationally in scoring... was a two-time Southland Conference Special Teams Player of the Week... earned STATS National Special Teams Player of the Week after setting the program's single-game field goal record after going 5-for-5 in a 29-20 win over Abilene Christian... set the team's single-season record in made field goals, breaking the mark of 16 set in 1990 by Jose Bran... ranks 6th in the FCS with 32 touchbacks... averaged 63.7 yards on 63 kickoffs... kicked game-winner as time expired in opener against top 25 McNeese... participates in the team's Red Out Friday, visiting elementary schools.

WYATT FORD

Ferris State University (Michigan) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	13	77%	0-0	7-7	2-2	1-4	0-0	42	45	45	75

Senior from Montague, Mich. ... Helped lead Bulldogs to a fourth-straight NCAA Playoff appearance this season ... All-GLIAC Honoree this year ... Ranks as team's leading scorer with 75 points to date this year ... Has been perfect this season in point-after (45-45) attempts ... Among school's all-time career kicking leaders ... Earned GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors this season ... Accounted for eight points while making two field goals in 28-27 comeback win over rival Grand Valley State (10/21/17) while converting game-winning extra point with 15 seconds left in game ... Also made two-of-two field goals and had seven total points in 13-3 home win over Tiffin (10/7/17) ... Made five field goals and all 13 of his extra points in the month of October this season ... Team ranked among top 10 nationally in every D2 poll and fourth in Super Region Three rankings ... Scored 11 points or more in two games this season ... Among league and national leaders this year ... Active in various team community service projects ... Part of program's reading to children effort ... Joined football team in helping freshmen students move into residence halls ... Has helped team welcome kids with needs to the squad through Team Impact program.

PAUL GRAHAM

Wayne State University (Michigan) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
11	13	85%	0-0	8-8	1-2	2-3	0-0	45	27	29	60

Senior from Commerce Twp., Mich. ... Returned to the lineup after missing all of 2016 due to an injury and led the Warriors in scoring with 60 points ... Named to the 2017 All-GLIAC Honorable Mention Team ... Twice earned GLIAC Special Teams Player of the Week honors in 2017 - after scoring 14 points in the win over Northern Michigan (4-of-4 on field goals, and 2-of-2 on PATs); and after scoring 10 points in the overtime win at Davenport (2-of-3 on field goals, and 4-of-4 on PATs) ... made at least one field goal in each of the last five games ... (as of 11/15/2017): Was second among NCAA Division II student-athletes with an 88.6 field goal percentage [6th among kickers in all four NCAA divisions] ... ranked 17th among all active

Division II players with 31 career made field goals, 21st with 0.97 made field goals per game, 32nd with 35 field goal attempts, 33rd with 94 made PATs, 39th with 1.09 field goal attempts per game, and 41st with 98 PAT attempts ... third leading scorer among kickers in school history in only three seasons played ... Founded a 501(c)3 non-profit called Sport Detroit with a mission to provide athletic equipment to underfunded schools within the Detroit Public School system in order to rejuvenate and promote the spirit of competition, the value of athletics, and the importance of camaraderie, teamwork, and leadership ... Sport Detroit donated 15 pairs of new women's Nike basketball shoes to the Detroit Police Athletic League (PAL) on 5/19/2017 ... Sport Detroit donated a surplus of athletic training inventory (three 5-Gallon Gatorade Jugs) to The Academy of the Americas in Detroit on 1/17/2017 .. Assisted the football team by hosting a child born with disabilities (Terrien) through Team Impact on 10/12/2017 ... Participated in Hashtag Lunchbag on 11/03/2017. We prepared and packaged lunch bags which we then distributed to homeless people in Detroit ... Participated in 5 Warrior Wednesdays where we passed out snacks and drinks to students on campus.

NATHAN HIERLIHY

University of Redlands (California) – Division III

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
15	21	71%	0-0	7-9	2-3	3-4	3-5	55	33	34	78

Junior from Redondo Beach, Calif. ...Broke the school record with a 55-yard field goal earlier this year... Ranked first on the team with 78 points... Twice named the SCIAC Football Athlete of the Week in 2017... Converted three field goals from 50+ yards... Was once again critical in the team's Smudge Pot win over Cal Lutheran, accounting for 15 of 21 points on five field goals ... Amassed 4,361 yards on 71 kickoffs for an average of 61.4 and 37 touchbacks... Only competed in four games due to injury last season ... Ranked fifth on the team in scoring ... Split the uprights on a 48-yard field goal in the Bulldogs' 34-30 win over Cal Lutheran in the final game of the regular season for the SCIAC title ... Coach Mike Maynard labels him as a professional quality (NFL) kicker ... During May Term break, he joined his teammates at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times® by providing physical labor to help maintain and improve the facility ... He and the Bulldogs combined for 756 total hours for \$20,389 worth of work ... The team looks forward to serving this organization again in 2018 ... Hierlihy also organized and participated in a reading and mentor program with children in low-income communities ... Later this December, he looks forward to serving as a Salvation Army bell-ringer and volunteer for Meals on Wheels for the fourth-consecutive holiday season ... In addition, he participates in several Christian organizations on campus, including Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Intervarsity, and Young Life ... Hierlihy also became involved with U of R's Outdoor Programs and Intramurals ... Currently works for Redlands Facilities Management ... Nathan Hierlihy earned three All-SCIAC awards this season ... He was named to the First Team as a kicker and earned Second-Team accolades as a punter and as a member of Special Teams.

DEVON MEDEIROS

Sacramento State (California) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
14	17	83%	3-3	4-5	5-6	1-2	1-1	52	52	53	94

Junior from Hilmar, Calif...Tied Sacramento State single-season record with 14 made field goals during the season...made his last five attempts of the year...led the Hornets in scoring with 94 points which places his sixth in school single-season history...his field goal percentage was the third best in a season all-time at Sacramento State while his PAT percentage ranked fourth...made a 52-yard field goal at Idaho in his first attempt of the season...that field goal is tied for the second-longest all-time by a Hornet...made at least one field goal in nine of the team's 11 games...kicked off 75 times where he had 43 touchbacks and averaged 64.2 yards per kick...volunteers with the team's community service projects which include helping feed the homeless and working at the annual breast cancer awareness race.

KRISTOV MARTINEZ

Texas A&M University-Commerce – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
13	16	81.25%	1-1	6-6	4-5	2-3	0-0	44	49	50	88

Junior from Edinburg, Texas ... First team all-Lone Star Conference, Academic All-Lone Star Conference (3.82 GPA, majoring in management). He was the leading scorer amongst kickers in the LSC with 88 points on 49 PATs, and 13 field goals. He was twice named the LSC Special Teams Player of the Week as he also set the school's career records for scoring (289 points) and PATs (160) in only his junior season. He made 4-4 field goals in the regular season finale at Tarleton. Scored 10 or more points in five games, including 15 points in the Tarleton game. Has been involved with Baptist Student Ministry on campus since arriving on campus and was part of the praise band for two years. Works as a mathematics tutor for the University ... Part of the Latino American Mentorship Program, designed to help Hispanic male students succeed on campus.

JAKE McINTYRE

Harvard (Mass.) - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
10	12	83.3%	0-0	6-7	4-4	0-1	0-0	39	23	25	53

Sophomore from Orlando, Fla., Hit a 38-yard field goal and an extra point at Rhode Island ... Perfect 6-for-6 on extra points and hit a 28-yard field goal in win over Brown ... Hit two field goals, including a career-long of 39 yards, to support five made extra points, at Georgetown ... Converted two extra points at Cornell ... Drilled a 37-yard field goal and made five extra points in win over Lafayette ... Hit a 21-yard field goal and two extra points against Princeton ... Hit a pair of fields goals against Penn ... Passionate about peer tutoring, believing that peer tutoring is an invaluable way to enhance students' learning experiences, because a fellow student is in a unique position to provide insights and implement teaching methods that come from a similar perspective to the tutee ... Tutored fellow students at Harvard as well as high school students during breaks while home in Orlando ... spent winter break on a humanitarian aid trip to Cuba, where I provided local fishermen with fishing line, hooks, bobbers, and

weights, provided school supplies to local students, and provided first aid material to a convent, which also functions as a clinic ... has also coached elementary school soccer teams (5th, 4th, and 2nd grade).

GUNNAR RABORN

McNeese State University (Louisiana) - FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
12	13	92.3%	0-0	5-5	5-6	1-1	1-1	52	27	28	63

Junior from Lafayette, Lou. ... Leads the entire FCS in field goal percentage with a 92.3 success rate after hitting 12 of 13 on the season... that percentage ranks as the third-best percentage in the history of the FCS... kicked a long of 52 yards against Lamar in the season finale tying it as the third-longest FG in school history... his only miss was a blocked kick the week before... made 27 of 28 PATs... was 5-for-5 from 20-29 yards, 5-for-6 from 30-39 yards, 1-for-1 from 40-49 yards, and 1-for-1 from 50-59 yards.

ELIJAH "STORM" RUIZ

Stephen F. Austin (Texas) – FCS

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
14	18	77.8%	0-0	6-8	5-7	3-3	0-0	43	24	24	66

Sophomore from League City, Texas: Storm Ruiz was nearly automatic this season the majority of the time, he made 14 of his 18 field goal attempts and went a perfect 3-for-3 from 40 yards or further ... Kicking a season-long 43-yarder against the wind in a victory at Lamar, Ruiz went a season-high 3-for-3 against 11th-ranked Sam Houston State and nailed a 42-yarder ... He ranks 13th in the nation in field goals made per game (1.27) and 18th in field goal percentage (77.8%) ... Ruiz finished third in the Southland Conference in field goal percentage, fifth in field goals per game and ranked in the top 10 in scoring at six points per game ... A perfect 24-for-24 on extra point attempts, two of Ruiz' four misses on the season came in challenging situations, one was on a bad snap and hold and the other against stiff wind ... Helped with the Big Event project this past April, an annual campus-wide community service project where members of the football program clean up the local community by doing work on houses for in-need families ... Participates in SFA football's "Read to Succeed" reading program, where he reads to elementary-age school children on Fridays before home football games.

JONAS SCHENDERLEIN

Concordia University, St. Paul (Minn.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
18	25	72.0%	0-0	5-6	5-5	3-6	5-8	58	21	21	75

Junior from Jena, Germany ... named NSIC Special Teams Player of the Week and HERO Sports D2 Defense/Special Teams HERO of the Week, scoring a career-high 13 points on 3-3 FG including a pair from 51 yards and 4-4 PAT with 4-of-8 kickoff touchbacks ... leads the nation in kickoff touchback rate (30-of-51) ... ranks seventh in DII and second in the NSIC with 1.64 field goals made per game ... ranks 45th in NCAA DII and sixth in the NSIC with a 72.0 field goal percentage ... his 18 FGM in 2017 tie 2014 Mitchell Award Winner Tom Obarski for the school record ... had a streak of 16 straight field goals inside of 50 yards dating back to

2015 during his freshman season snapped in week eight against Sioux Falls ... has connected on 59 consecutive PAT attempts dating back to October of 2015 as a freshman ... tied CSP's single game field goals made record (3) three times in the last four weeks ... made the second and third longest field goals in DII this season, a 58 yarder against Sioux Falls (10/21) and a 55 yarder at Augustana (11/4) ... his 58 yard field goal is just one yard shy of the CSP record behind Obarski (59, 2012 vs Augustana) ... broke Obarski's record of five career 50-plus yard field goals made, making six in his three years at CSP including five from 50-plus this year (5-for-8) ... was a 2016 All-NSIC South Division First Team kicker ... a career 29-of-43 field goal kicker and 71-of-72 on PAT with 158 points ... his 29 career FGM ranks second in CSP history, trailing Obarski by 15 ... Feed My Starving Children volunteer ... Community Clean Up volunteer ... assisted with campus move-in for general student population ... volunteers to take down the dome following spring football season ... assists with lining up chairs for commencement ceremony ... helped build the Church Garden ... took shifts at concession stands on campus for high school tournament games.

COLE TRACY

Assumption College (Mass.) – Division II

FGM	FGA	FG%	<20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LONG	PATM	PATA	PTS
21	23	91.30%	0-0	8-8	7-7	4-5	2-3	53	56	56	119

Senior from Camarillo, Calif. ... Five-time NE10 Special Teams Player of the Week... Named D2football.com Special Teams Player of the Week after 68-0 win over Stonehill... Currently is tied for first in the nation among non-FBS kickers with 21 field goals, and second among all kickers in the nation... Currently ranked second in the nation in field goal percentage, making 21 of 23 for a .913 percentage, with both misses of 45 yards or longer... Ranked 6th in the nation among all players in Division II and first among kickers with 119 points... Is 56-for-56 on extra point attempts... Helped Assumption rank as high at 8th in the nation this year and the team is currently 15th with a 9-1 record... He has made 28 consecutive field goals that were less than 40 yards, dating back to the 2016 season... Made a school-record 53-yard attempt earlier this year against Stonehill, finishing the game with 20 points overall... He went 4-for-4 on field goals and made eight extra points against Stonehill (10/28), becoming the first kicker in NCAA Division II history with multiple 20-point games in their career... Currently tied for 5th in NCAA Division II history with 62 career field goals... Ranks second among active DII kickers in scoring with 344 career points... His 21 field goals this season are tied for 14th in a single season in NCAA Division II history... Tracy is the only player in NCAA Division II history with two games of six made field goals. The six made field goals are also the NCAA record for a single Division II contest... Was a CCA First Team All-American in 2015 and Second-Team D2Football.com All-American in 2015... Vice President of Assumption's Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)... Help SAAC organize canned food drive, which delivered a van full of food to the city food bank... Has made multiple visits to the UMASS Memorial Children's hospital to visit with patients.