



CHAPTER CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR; JUNE 25 HONORS DINNER TO FOCUS ON COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ten years of celebrating our legends ... ten years of providing scholarships for students ... ten years of fund-raising for charities.

That's what the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana is commemorating in 2014 as it prepares for its biggest event of the year, the NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends X" on Wednesday, June 25, at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms in West Lafayette.

HONORS DINNER

Highlighting the awards ceremony at this year's marquee event will be the induction of three gentlemen into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. They are former Purdue Heisman Trophy runner-up Leroy Keyes, former Super Bowl champion and Boilermaker star Mike Alstott and long-time high school coaching great Tim Roth of Winamac.

This year's dinner will also feature the presentation of the following awards:

- Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award to former Purdue defensive end Cliff Avril of the Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks;
- Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football to Lafayette resident Linda Rohrman;
- The Legends Award to Joe Rudolph, the long-time executive director of the Purdue Alumni Association;
- The Citizenship Award to former Purdue quarterback Rob Henry,
- The Courage Award to West Lafayette high



AWARD WINNERS: Cliff Avril, Rob Henry, Linda Rohrman and Joe Rudolph

school player Jack Folkers.

- The "He Played Football" Award to a former football player from this region who has gone on to have exceptional success in a career away from football.

There will also be a special presentation involving major league pitcher Clayton Richard, who is a McCutcheon High School grad and former football and baseball star for the Mavericks. He went on to the University of Michigan before starting his pro baseball career with the Chicago White Sox and most recently the San Diego Padres. Clayton resides in Lafayette, where he is very active in community service, and is home this spring rehabilitating from off-season surgery.

For the 10th straight year, the top scholar-athletes of Northwest Indiana, who were nominated by their schools for the NFF's scholarships, will be featured during the annual Honors Dinner at the Union.

Those 22 scholar-athletes are all high school seniors who are headed to college next fall. Academically, it is an outstanding group. Twelve of the 22 have 4.0 grade point averages or better, six are ranked among the top five in their senior classes, and three are on course to be valedictorians at their schools.

Eight of those young men have been singled out by judges as finalists for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award and the winner will be announced that evening making him a candidate for the Indiana Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. The "competition" is based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character.

The scholar-athletes' names and high schools are: Ryan Ball (North White), Nicholas Bokun

Continued on pg. 4

BUTZ ELECTED TO COLLEGE FB HALL OF FAME

Former Purdue All-America defensive tackle Dave Butz has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

The Football Bowl Subdivision Class of 2014 was announced today in Irving, Texas, and includes 14 players and two coaches. The class was chosen from a national ballot of 75 All-America players and six elite coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 87 players and 26 coaches from the divisional ranks.

Butz, who played for head coach Bob DeMoss from 1970 to 1972, is the 15th Boilermaker (10 players and five coaches) to be chosen for college football's ultimate shrine. Butz is the fourth Purdue player to be elected in the last nine years, following quarterback Mike Phipps in 2006, quarterback Mark Herrmann in 2010 and halfback Otis Armstrong in 2012.

Butz and Armstrong were teammates at Purdue.

"This is indeed a great honor," Butz said. "There are a lot of great ball players in the College Football Hall of Fame, and I am very pleased to be a part of it. I had an outstanding group of teammates at Purdue, and I'm very happy to represent them and the university."

Over the course of his collegiate career, the 6-foot-7, 280-pound Butz became widely regarded as the best defensive lineman in the country. He was a consensus All-American as a senior, the recipient of the Zipp Award as college football's outstanding player and a finalist for the Lombardi Award (presented to the best lineman or linebacker). His career

Continue on pg. 2



CLAYTON RICHARD - Major League pitcher who played football at McCutcheon



GOLF OUTING: Ryan Kerrigan with his grandfather Vince and brother Kyle helping to raise money for scholarships. Thanks, Ryan!



DODGEBALL: A colorful way to raise funds by a student organization .. Thanks Purdue Gold Standard!

DODGEBALL & GOLF RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Fundraising for the chapter's scholarship commitments started with a student-oriented Color Dodgeball Tournament April 12 at Purdue's Horticulture Park, and continued May 9 with the Ryan Kerrigan/12th Boiler Golf Outing at Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex.

The dodgeball event was staged by a student organization, Purdue Gold Standard, which has also helped to provide personnel for other NFF-related events.

Sponsoring the golf scramble was the Tiller Chapter of the NFF and Purdue's Trademarks Licensing Office. It featured former Purdue All-American Ryan Kerrigan, now a defensive standout with the NFL's Washington Redskins.

Many of the participants in the golf outing were vendors, retailers and licensees of Purdue University, along with several NFF chapter members. Once all the bills are paid, it is expected that these two events (dodgeball and golf) will have cleared nearly \$5,000, with some of the proceeds going to the Purdue Center for Cancer Research and Dream Season while most

of the funds will go for scholarships – the 12th Boiler Fund in the John Purdue Club, helping to endow a Purdue football scholarship, and the NFF Scholarship Fund for high school seniors.

The fundraising continues with the NFF Honors Dinner as the chapter stages a raffle

and silent auction during that event and also engages in selling sponsorships and program advertising. And, of course, contributions to the 501 c-3 foundation are also encouraged and appreciated.

NFF Advisory Board & Committee Members for 2013-14

- President -

Bart Burrell

- Board of Directors -

Treasurer - Jeff Love; Tiller District Membership Chair - Kelly Kitchel; Lake Michigan District Membership Chair - John Friend; Collegiate Program Chair - Tom Schott; Scholar-Athlete Program Chair - Randy Truitt; Youth Football Program Chair - David M. Williams; Dream Season Chair - Chris Oppy; Events Chair - Nate Barrett; Communications - Alan Karpick; At-Large - Joe Bennett, Orlando Itin, Bob Hagen, David McGaughey, Brad Smith, Jon Speaker, David R. Williams

- Additional Committee Members -

Drew Brees, Jordon Bruner, Aaron Cook, Lane Custer, Sandra Dukes, Joe Gord, Dwayne Greer, Mark Hoffman, Andy Hosier, David Huckleberry, Rob Hughes, Leroy Keyes, Brooke Kitchel, Noble Kizer, Tom Kubat, Jim MacDonald, Glenn Marini, Leroy Marsh, Craig Meinhart, Denny Miller, Kyle Newman, Jim Priest, Levi Riggs, Cindy Robertson, Tim Roth, John Sautter, Adam Scott, Janet Schweiker, Jim and Barb Siegfried, Phil Steele, Calvin Williams, David Wilson, George Wodicka

- Interns -

Mike Asem, Travis Baugh, Alex Hegg, Clay Oppy, Ryan Spesard and members of Purdue Gold Standard

- Chapter Director -

Jim Vrugink

- Newsletter Designer -

Jonathan Gandolf

- Sales Managers -

Dana Smith and Travis Baugh

- Webmasters -

Jon Goldsberry and Clay Oppy

Contact Us -

Phone at 765-427-3303, Email at jvruggink@purdue.edu, or Postal at NFF, 3672 Farnsworth Dr., W. Lafayette, IN 47906

BUTZ - FIRST ROUND DRAFT PICK BECAME 16-YEAR PRO

Continued from pg. 1

statistics included 108 tackles, 21 tackles for loss and eight pass breakups. Butz was named Defensive Most Valuable Player of the Senior Bowl and also played in the East-West Shrine Game. In 1987, Butz was chosen to Purdue's All-Time Team spanning its first 100 years of football, and he was inducted into the Purdue Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004. He is enshrined in the Senior Bowl Hall of Fame, as well.

Selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the first round (No. 5 overall) of the 1973 NFL Draft, Butz enjoyed a 16-year professional career with the Cardinals (1973-74) and Washington Redskins (1975-88). He was named to the 1973 NFL All-Rookie team. Subsequently, Washington gave St. Louis two No. 1 draft picks and a No. 2 pick, in what is considered to be the largest compensation package in league history, in order to sign him.

Butz earned the reputation as the NFL's ironman, missing merely four games over the course of his career that included 216 contests. Butz was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year and was selected to the Pro Bowl after recording a career-high 11 sacks in 1983.

Butz played in three Super Bowls with Washington: XVII, XVIII, and XXII.

"We are excited for Dave and look forward to his upcoming induction into the College Football Hall of Fame," said Bart Burrell, president of the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana. "We also are thrilled to know that all the hard work of starting and sustaining our NFF chapter is accomplishing what we had hoped it would do, getting more former players into the Hall of Fame. Dave is our fourth inductee in a period of just nine years after Purdue had gone 16 years between inductees. So, I say thanks to all those NFF members who are helping us catch



Hall of Fame inductee Dave Butz

up in recognizing our greatest players. This is a great accomplishment for Dave Butz and all Boilermakers."

The Class of 2014 will be inducted at the 57th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on Dec. 9 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.

The inductees also will be honored at the National Hall of Fame Salute at the Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Jan. 1, 2015. Their accomplishments will be immortalized forever in the new \$66.5 million College Football Hall of Fame, currently under construction in Atlanta and scheduled to open in August of 2014.

NFF ORDER FORM

“Honors Dinner” on DVD - 2010/2011/2012/2013*

DVD copies of the program of the last four NFF Honors Dinner events, feature the presentations, comments and “celebrity” appearances of some of Purdue’s most famous athletes and personalities who were part of June events the last four years. You’ll especially enjoy the interviews of honorees Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Drew Brees, Mark Herrmann, Joe McConnell and Daniel Wodicka on the 2010 DVD; and Neil Armstrong, Eugene Cernan, Jerry Ross, Leroy Keyes, Ryan Kerrigan, Joe Tiller and Brees on the 2011 DVD, plus Otis Armstrong, Frank O’Shea, Tom Ransom and Tiller on the 2012 DVD and David Boudia, Ryan Grigson, Noble Kizer and Merriebeth Cox on the 2013 DVD.

“Joe Tiller Roast & Toast” - DVD

DVD copy of all the comments, jokes and sentiments expressed during the January 2009 event attended by former and current players, coaches, and supporters in honor of Joe Tiller. Roasters and toasters include Joe Paterno, Barry Alvarez, Gene Keady, Danny Hope, Bill Doba, Rosevelt Colvin, Drew Brees, Matt Light, Brock Spack, Jim Chaney and others.

“Ross-Ade Stadium Panorama” - Autographed Photo

A panoramic night view of Ross-Ade Stadium captured from the top of the east stands during kickoff of the 2009 Purdue-Notre Dame game facing the press box and a beautiful sunset, make this 13” X 40” picture a keepsake.

“Mackey Arena Panorama” - Autographed Photo

A panoramic view of Keady Court captured from the west camera deck of Mackey Arena during the 2010 Purdue-Indiana game creates a 13” X 40” piece of Boiler-maker history. Already autographed by Purdue Head Basketball Coach Matt Painter, this picture is a “must-have” for fans commemorating Purdue’s 22nd Big Ten basketball championship.

“NFF Lapel Pin” - New Logo

This item, featuring the NFF’s new logo, will look sharp on your coat lapel, jacket or shirt and will support our scholarship fund.

To support the chapter by purchasing any of these items, please complete this form and return it to the address below. For tax purposes, the NFF local chapter’s ID# is 20-2151811 and the National Football Foundation’s ID# is 221-50-8812.

All proceeds go to scholarships.

“Honors Dinner 2010” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Honors Dinner 2011” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Honors Dinner 2012” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Honors Dinner 2013” DVD* _____ X \$25 ea. = \$ _____

“Tiller Roast & Toast” DVD: _____ X \$20 ea. = \$ _____

“Ross-Ade Panorama” photo: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____

“Mackey Arena Panorama” photo: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____

NFF Lapel Pin (with new logo): _____ X \$15 ea. = \$ _____

One-year NFF membership _____ X \$40 ea. = \$ _____

Three-year NFF membership _____ X \$99 ea. = \$ _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund _____ = \$ _____

Prices include shipping and handling **TOTAL = \$ _____**

NFF MEMBERS: The Board of Directors appreciates your past and current support and asks you to continue to renew your memberships (\$40 per year or \$99 for three years) when they become due. Unfortunately, many members have allowed their memberships to lapse recently. As you know, only dues-paying members receive ballots in the selection process each March for the College Football Hall of Fame. Also, part of your dues comes back to the chapter to award scholarships to deserving high school scholar-athletes from this area for use in their first year of college. If you are unsure of your status, please contact Jim Vrugink (via email: jvruggink@purdue.edu; phone: 765-427-3303 or postal: 3672 Farnsworth Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906) to check your renewal date. Also, please provide him with changes in address, email or phone. Thanks.

NFF Honors Dinner

“Celebrating Our Legends X”

Wednesday, June 25, at Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette with Silent Auction and Reception at 5:30 p.m. EDT, Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Awards Program at 7:45 p.m., and VIP Dessert Reception at 9:15 p.m.

Non-NFF members:	_____ x	\$55 ea. = \$ _____
NFF members*/non-member student:	_____ x	\$45 ea. = \$ _____
NFF member students*#:	_____ x	\$35 ea. = \$ _____
Tables of eight*#:	_____ x	\$400 ea. = \$ _____
<i>(or \$320 each for members or \$280 each for students)</i>		
VIP Dessert Reception:	_____ x	\$200 ea. = \$ _____
VIP Dessert Reception (members *)	_____ x	\$100 ea. = \$ _____
One-year NFF membership:	_____ x	\$40 ea. = \$ _____
Three-year NFF membership:	_____ x	\$99 ea. = \$ _____
		TOTAL = \$ _____

*NFF members get price break & priority seating, if ordered by June 11;
#Student rate applies thru college age
Tickets will NOT be mailed.

Indicate here if you are interested in helping to sponsor a scholarship.
Yes, I’m interested _____.

GRAND TOTAL FROM BOTH LISTS

(Pay with one Check) \$ _____

Name: _____ Company Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Jim Vrugink by email (jvruggink@purdue.edu) or phone (765-427-3303) with questions. (Please make check or money order payable to **National Football Foundation** and send to: NFF Chapter Director, 3672 Farnsworth Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906)



NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION & COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME, INC.
JOE TILLER CHAPTER OF NORTHWEST INDIANA
3672 FARNSWORTH DRIVE
WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906

Visit chapter web site at www.nfftillerchapter.org

HONORS DINNER TO FEATURE AWARDS AND INDUCTIONS

Alstott, Keyes, Roth to enter Indiana Football Hall of Fame

Continued from pg. 1

(Hobart), Jacob Brown (Fountain Central), Kolbie Cox (Lewis Cass), Quentin Douglass (Caston), Ben Fields (Harrison), Rob Fox (Delta), Everett Gorup (West Lafayette), Nigel Hensley (Central Catholic), Nicklaus Ingoglia (Munster), Jake Jatis (Crown Point), Michael Krutz (Valparaiso), Garrett Johnson (Delphi), Fletcher Miller (Kokomo), Matthew O'Brien (Andrean), Andrew Ralph (Chesterton), Levi Schultz (Winamac), Tyler Soulligne (Benton Central), Mitchell Sterner (Lafayette Jefferson), Khalil Upshaw (Gary West Side), Erick Vas (Northwestern) and Avery Walker (Rensselaer).

In addition, the Honors Dinner crowd will pay tribute to the high school players and managers chosen from Regions 1 and 4 to compete on the North Squad in the annual North-South All-Star Game this summer in Indianapolis.

Purdue Head Football Coach Darrell Hazell will be part of the program as will Miss Purdue Emily Mishler, who will be competing in June for the title of Miss Indiana.

Also, Karli Edging, a Purdue student and rising vocal star from nearby Delphi, will perform for the second straight NFF Honors Dinner.

All previous award winners are being invited back to take part in the 10th Annual Honors Dinner and the VIP Dessert Reception immediately after.

But, the highlight of the night, in conjunction with the Indiana Football Coaches Association, will be the three Hall of Fame Inductions.

Alstott, a punishing fullback who became Purdue's all-time leading rusher (still standing) and scorer (since broken) in 1995, now lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he coaches his son Griffin's high school football team.



INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES – Mike Alstott, Leroy Keyes and Tim Roth

Keyes, who was chosen by Boilermaker fans as the greatest player in the first 100 years of Purdue football as a two-time Consensus All-American at running back and defensive back (1967 and '68), is now retired and living in West Lafayette.

Roth, an Indiana State University grad, is the all-time football wins leader (215) at Winamac in 33 years and was last year's head coach in the North-South All-Stars Football Game. He is a past president of the IFCA and lives in Winamac.

TICKETS/SPONSORSHIPS

Table prices are the same as last year for a table of eight (\$400 for general public, \$320 for NFF chapter members and honorees' families, and \$280 for students). Single tickets are \$55 for public, \$45 for members and \$35 for students. VIP Dessert Reception tickets are \$200 each for general public and \$100 for NFF members. Ticket orders may be placed at any time (see page 3 or via credit card on Eventbrite.com.), but chapter members receive priority seating if ordered by June 11.

Since receiving its charter in the fall of 2004, as a non-profit organization, this chapter has awarded nearly \$162,000 in grants, scholarships

and honorariums to students plus another \$48,000 to other charities in the region.

In addition to seeking donations and sponsorships to support the scholarship program, the chapter also receives money (\$500 for every 50 dues-paying members in the local chapter) from the national office in Irving, Tex. In its first nine years, this chapter has recognized 173 scholar athletes and awarded them between \$200 and \$5,000 each. (For information about sponsorship/partnership/advertising packages, contact Jim Vruggink via email or phone shown below.)

The NFF's tax-deductible membership dues are \$40 per year or \$99 for three years, payable to the National Football Foundation. The NFF has 120 chapters and more than 12,000 members, nationally, and awards more than \$1 million in scholarships each year. For more information, contact Vruggink at 3672 Farnsworth Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906; (email: jvruggink@purdue.edu; phone: 765-427-3303).



News, Weather, and Sports
When you want it

