



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE PLANNED FOR CHAPTER'S 8TH HONORS DINNER

O'Shea, Ransom, Tiller Selected for Indiana Football Hall of Fame; Anthrop, Hummel, Lichtenberg, Oppys, Miller Get Chapter Awards

After flirting with Super Bowl Champion Quarterbacks and the Cradle of Astronauts the previous two years, the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana will salute some of Indiana's finest when it holds its Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends VIII" on June 21 at the Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette.

Three highly accomplished individuals (football coaches Frank O'Shea from the high school ranks and Joe Tiller from the collegiate ranks along with Big Ten football official Tom Ransom) will be inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame as a highlight to the evening.

Among the six chapter awards also acknowledged that night, Purdue basketball star Robbie Hummel is the first-ever non-football player to receive the Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award, long-time Purdue athletic trainer Denny Miller will be the first recipient of the Legends Award, and Lafayette Central Catholic High School star Danny Anthrop will be the first person to receive the chapter's Courage Award for helping save the life of his uncle last fall.

Region 4's high school all-stars along with the chapter's 22 nominees for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award will be introduced and the winner will be announced. (For more information about the scholar-athlete program and the list of players being recognized, see the back page of this newsletter.)

Besides the 22 scholar-athletes, 26 additional prep stars have been invited to the dinner to be introduced as Region 4 All-Stars. They include: Jeff Adams and Anthrop (Lafayette Central Catholic), Paco Carillo

(Lafayette Jefferson), Damon Coe ((Pioneer), Brenner Cruce (North Judson), Jordan Culp (West Central), Baxter DeBruyn (West Lafayette), Spencer Dobson (West Central), Ty Fishbach (Benton Central), Adam Folta (West Lafayette), Trevor Hoover (Caston), Vince Hunsicker (McCutcheon), Zach LaDonne (Logansport), David Lehman (Tri-County), Andrew Mitchell (Fountain Central), Austin Munn (Central Catholic), Brian Price (McCutcheon), Brody Quick (Clinton Central), Zac Schoen (Rochester), Brandon Schultheiss (Twin Lakes), Dayton Snyder (West Lafayette), Jarrett Smart (Attica), Josh Smith (Tri-County), Jackson Timmons (McCutcheon), Brandon VanHorn (Pioneer), Luke Welch and R.J. Whaley ((South Newton), and Christian Winkle (Twin Lakes) along with manager Marianne Oliver (Twin Lakes). Several of these will be selected to represent Region 4 in the North-South All-Star Game in Indianapolis in July.

Also in the awards program, Chris and Clay Oppy of Lafayette will receive the Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football for their efforts with Dream Season, which was featured in the last newsletter, Kurt Lichtenberg of the Boilermaker football team will be honored as recipient of the Citizenship Award for his mission work locally as well as in Haiti and South Africa and Arnette Tiller, Joe's wife, will receive a special appreciation award from the Indiana Football Coaches Association.

Music for this year's Honors Dinner will be provided by one of Tiller's former players at Purdue, Craig Terrill, a seven-year veteran defensive tackle with the Seattle Seahawks following his four years (1999-2003) with the Boilermakers. He now sings professional with the Craig Terrill Band and wants to help honor his head coach with a mini-concert between the evening's Silent Auction Reception and the Honors Dinner. His genre is "Americana" and "Rock."

Tiller, the founder of this chapter and now a resident of Buffalo, Wyo., is being inducted as the all-time victory leader in the history of Purdue football. O'Shea is



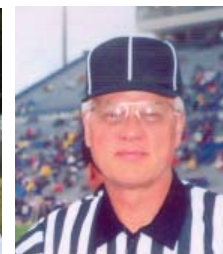
Joe Tiller



Denny Miller



Frank O'Shea



Tom Ransom

a long-time and highly-successful high school coach who is currently serving as an assistant to his son Kevin O'Shea, the head coach of the three-time defending state champion Knights of Lafayette Central Catholic. Ransom, who is chairman of the board of Kramer Lumber Company in Frankfort, has been a football official since 1965, including 30 years with the Big Ten Conference (21 years on the field, seven in the replay booth and two years as an observer).

Drew Brees, one of Coach Tiller's first recruits who led Purdue to the Rose Bowl in 2001 and the current quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, will help to honor his coach via video, but will be unable to attend this year's dinner. Drew has been a guest speaker and presenter at each of the first seven dinners.

The Honors Dinner promises to draw another large crowd. Sales and seating priorities are being offered first to chapter members, sponsors and families of the honorees with a priority deadline of June 1.

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MUD RUN, GOLF OUTING BOOST SCHOLARSHIPS

In an attempt to find new fund-raising sources for scholarship money, the Tiller Chapter has partnered with Junior Achievement of Greater Lafayette and the Lafayette Family YMCA to plan the inaugural Tippy Mud Run on Sunday, April 29, at Ross Hills Park, near Purdue's campus in Tippecanoe County.

This non-traditional 5K race, beginning at 9 a.m. with the first wave of runners, will be filled with natural obstacles already located in the park (hills, valleys, streams, waterfalls, even the Wabash River) as well as man-made challenges meant to get participants dirty, including a pool of mud near the end.

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CRAIG TERRILL – Former Boilermaker to sing in honor of Coach Tiller

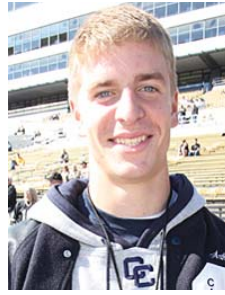




Arnette Tiller



Kurt Lichtenberg



Danny Anthrop



Ryan Kerrigan

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Registration is \$50 for adults, \$45 for students and \$40 per person for teams of five or more. Individuals should register online at www.GetYourMudOn.com while teams should register with the event director via email at Kelly.Kitchel@ja.org. Proceeds will support Junior Achievement, Lafayette Family YMCA and the NFF and 12th Boiler Scholarship funds.

The chapter also will join forces with Purdue's Trademark Licensing Office for the third straight year to host a golf event, renamed this year as the Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Golf Outing in recognition of the former Boilermaker great who is now a starting defensive lineman with the Washington Redskins. That event is scheduled for the Thursday, June 21, at the Ackerman Hills Course of the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex in West Lafayette. (See registration form on this page)

Many of the participants will be vendors, retailers and licensees of the University, but there will be plenty of spaces available for NFF chapter members and the general public to take part. Cost is \$165 per player, covering box lunch, golf cart, 18 holes of golf on the Ackerman Hills course and a reception and dinner at the NFF Honors Dinner that evening (details below) at Purdue. For those who already have tickets for the dinner or who cannot attend the dinner, cost for the day of golf is \$150.

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judges and announced May 6 as finalists for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. The winner will be announced at the NFF Honors Dinner in West Lafayette on June 21.

The list of Region I All-Stars includes two players (McRae of Crown Point and Zurek of Andean) who are also nominated for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. The other all-stars are: Paul Andrie (Valparaiso), Regan Atkins (Gary West Side), Kourtney Berry (Merrillville), Nick Brajak (Munster), Thomas Brown (Calumet), Paul Carey (Merrillville), Alfred Dickie (Hammond Morton), Austin Epple (LaPorte), Josh Galgan (Bishop Noll), Jake Grossnickle (Valparaiso), Drew Holba (Chesterton), Stephen Hutchison (Crown Point), Will Isabell (Merrillville), Taylor James (LaPorte), Giorgio Karallas (Michigan City), Nick Kijurna (Lowell), Tyler Kral (Crown Point), Joey Little (Portage), Sean Matheny (Chesterton), Chris McCormack (Hammond Morton), Faron Osborne (Hammond Morton), Mike Peavy (Hammond), Kyle Schmidt (Chesterton), Drew Schooler (Valparaiso), Cornelius Strickland (Bowman), Ike Spearman (Lake Central), Mark Strbjak (Munster), and Tyler Wright (Lowell). Also included as All-Stars are managers Emily LaMere (Crown Point), Grace LeRoy (LaPorte) and Mike Kaleas (Andean).

Those chosen to represent Region I at the North-South All-Star Game in Indianapolis in July will be introduced as such during the May 6 banquet.

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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. Tickets are available

for \$200 each to the VIP Reception, which will allow access to the honorees and posed pictures prior to the dinner. Proceeds from the VIP Reception will go to support the Indiana Football Hall of Fame and the NFF Scholarship Program. (See order form on next page)



Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Golf Outing

Presented by: Purdue Trademark Licensing & NFF's Joe Tiller Chapter

Boilermaker Golf Complex • West Lafayette, IN • June 21, 2012

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Registration Form

Deadline: June 14, 2012

When: Thursday, June 21, 2012

10:30am Shotgun Start

Where: Ackerman Hills located on Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex is an 18-hole, par-71, championship course that sits quietly alongside Purdue's main campus. Designed by Indiana Golf Hall-of-Fame Member Bill Diddle in the early 1920's, Ackerman Hills is a traditional parkland-style golf course that works its way through mature trees and rolling hills. Formerly known as the Purdue South Course, the Ackerman course has played host to an NCAA Championship and numerous other prestigious tournaments.

Entry Fee: \$150/ per player (Includes box lunch, golf cart, and one 18-hole green fee)
\$165/ per player (Includes golf package above and dinner)
\$55 / non-player (dinner only)

Dinner Information

Purdue Memorial Union
Reception 5:00pm
Dinner 6:45pm

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Personal Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Company or Team Name _____
Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____
Fax _____ Email Address _____

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Golf Information

Do you need rental clubs? Yes ___ No ___

Handicap or 18-hole score: _____

List all players' names and shirt sizes in your foursome.

1. _____ Shirt Size: _____
2. _____ Shirt Size: _____
3. _____ Shirt Size: _____
4. _____ Shirt Size: _____

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MAIL TO: NFF
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WEST LAFAYETTE, IN 47906

NFF ORDER FORM

“Honors Dinner” on DVD - 2010/2011

DVD copies of the program of the 2010 and 2011 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 two years. The programs of both dinners will be long remembered and difficult to top. 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.

“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. Already autographed by Purdue Head Football Coach Danny Hope makes it suitable for framing.

“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 Boilermaker 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.

“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, Roosevelt Colvin, Drew Brees, Matt Light, Brock Spack, Jim Chaney and others.

“NFF Lapel Pin” - New Logo

This new 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. = \$ _____
 “Ross-Ade Panorama” photo: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____
 “Mackey Arena Panorama” photo: _____ X \$50 ea. = \$ _____
 “Tiller Roast & Toast” DVD: _____ X \$20 ea. = \$ _____
 NFF Lapel Pin (with new logo): _____ X \$15 ea. = \$ _____
 One-year NFF membership _____ X \$40 ea. = \$ _____
 Three-year NFF membership _____ X \$99 ea. = \$ _____

Prices include shipping and handling TOTAL = \$ _____

Scholar Athlete Banquet

Sunday, May 6, at Avalon Manor in Merrillville with Silent Auction and Reception at 4 p.m. CDT, Dinner and Program at 5 p.m.

Non-NFF members: _____ X \$40 ea. = \$ _____
 NFF members*: _____ X \$35 ea. = \$ _____
 Banquet tickets for coaches who are NFF members: _____ X \$0 ea. = \$COMP
 Students and families of honorees#: _____ X \$30 ea. = \$ _____
 Tables of 10*: _____ X \$350 ea. = \$ _____
 (or \$325 each for members or \$300 each for students)
 TOTAL: = \$ _____

*NFF members get price break & priority seating; #Student rate applies thru college age.
 NOTE: Seating assignments and name badges distributed at Avalon Manor beginning at 4 p.m. CDT May 6; tickets will NOT be mailed.

Honors Dinner

“Celebrating Our Legends VIII”

Thursday, June 21, at Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette with Silent Auction and Reception at 5 p.m. EDT, VIP Reception at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:45 p.m., and Awards Program at 8 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. = \$ _____
 (or \$320 each for members or \$280 each for students)
 VIP Reception _____ X \$200 ea. + \$ _____
 Raffle Tickets +: _____ X \$5 ea. = \$ _____
 Autograph football: _____ X \$50 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 1;
 #Student rate applies thru college age.
 Tickets will NOT be mailed.

+ Featuring valuable autographed items

Indicate here if you are interested in participating in “Tippy Mud Run” event on April 29 _____ or the Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Fund golf outing on June 21 _____

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 Executive Director, 320 Dehart St., West Lafayette, IN 47906-2730.)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 29, 2012** – Tippy Mud Run, Ross Hills, Tippecanoe County
- May 6, 2012** – Scholar-Athlete Banquet, Avalon Manor, Merrillville
- Jun. 21, 2012** – Ryan Kerrigan 12th Boiler Golf Outing, West Lafayette
- Jun. 21, 2012** – NFF Honors Dinner, Purdue Memorial Union, West Lafayette
- Sept. 1, 2012** – Purdue Football Season Opener vs. Eastern Kentucky

HUMMEL, JOHNSON, PINKETT AND PREP STARS FEATURED AT MAY 6 BANQUET

Tickets on sale for NFF sponsored event

Three great athletes -- all with direct ties to Northwest Indiana -- from three different eras representing the Big Three universities will have featured roles at a special banquet in Merrillville on May 6 honoring scholar-athletes.

Purdue's Robbie Hummel, Indiana's John Johnson and Notre Dame's Allen Pinkett will attempt to impart wisdom and offer inspiration to 53 high school football standouts as they gather for a banquet "Celebrating Our Stars" at the Avalon Manor in Merrillville. They will be recognized by the National Football Foundation's Northwest Indiana Chapter. Public tickets are still on sale.

Hummel, a Valparaiso High School product of 2007 who just completed a brilliant college basketball career at Purdue by being named the winner of the Lowe's Senior Class Award during the NCAA Final Four in New Orleans, will be honored on May 6 as this year's Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award Winner, becoming the first non-football player to win the chapter award. Hummel battled his way through

two ACL surgeries, countless hours of rehab and 20 months away from his sport to bounce back strong this past season. He led the Boilermakers to a 22-13 record and was named first-team All-Big Ten for the third time and honorable mention All-America for the second time. He averaged 16.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game his final year.

Johnson, who starred as an all-state and All-Big Ten lineman at Hobart High School and Indiana University, respectively, in the 1950's and early 60's, played for the Chicago Bears' legendary coach George Hallas from 1963 through '69, including the World Championship year of '63. He will be the keynote speaker at the banquet, which will carry a theme of "Sports As A Way of Life."

Pinkett, who was a two-time All-America tailback at Notre Dame in 1984 and '85, didn't grow up in Northwest Indiana (he's actually from Sterling, Va.), but he lives in the Valparaiso area now and works as a national account manager for a reconstruction company while also serving in the fall as radio commentator for Notre Dame football nation-wide broadcasts. He will handle the microphone duties as the banquet's emcee.

Also on hand as a presenter for one of the awards will be NFF board member Leroy Keyes, Purdue's two-time All-America running back, Heisman Trophy runner-up of 1967 and '68 and College Football Hall of Famer. Keyes, who played in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagles and Kansas City Chiefs before finishing his career as a coach and administrator at Purdue, will present the Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football to Clay and Chris Oppy of Lafayette for their work with Dream Season, a program they created to provide experiential opportunities in football for people with special needs.

Hummel, Johnson, Pinkett and Keyes will be available to sign autographs and meet the public during a silent auction reception prior to the banquet.

The May 6 Sunday evening event will honor 53 high school seniors, 22 who were nominated by their high school coaches and principals as top scholar-athletes and 31 other seniors who were nominated by their coaches as Region I All-Stars.

Tickets are available through the NFF's Northwest Indiana Chapter for \$40 each to the general public,



John Johnson

Allen Pinkett

\$35 each to NFF members and their families and \$30 each to the families of the honorees. Contact John Friend (phone: 219-923-8397), David Schutkovske (219-762-7724, ext. 2101) or Bob Ferguson (219-464-9134) for more information, or return the order form on the third page of this newsletter.

The NFF scholar-athletes come from 22 different schools in the 18-county area (Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Miami, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Starke, Tippecanoe, Warren and White) that stretches from Lafayette and Kokomo to Michigan City and Gary. All 22 students are headed to college next fall. Academically, seven of them are ranked in the top five percent of their graduating classes and two are No. 1 in their class. One will be chosen later this spring as the Scholar-Athlete of the Year for Northwest Indiana. The award is based 40 percent on academics, 40 percent on athletics and 20 percent on citizenship, leadership and character.

The NFF scholarship recipients are: Trent Bauters (Tippecanoe Valley), Cameron Colby (Kokomo), Jordan Culp (West Central), Ramon Diaz (River Forest), Brian Dick (Maconaquah), Ty Fischbach (Benton Central), A.J. Gaeta (McCutcheon), Reggie Henderson (Lafayette Jefferson), Roderick Jones II (Gary West Side), Vaughn Lubarski (Calumet New Tech), Austin Magley (Lowell), Tanner Martin (Northwestern), Silas Maxwell (Frontier), Logan McRae (Crown Point), Eil Moore (Fountain Central), Dylan Morang (Lake Central), Alex Reinsma (Munster), Travis Smith (Lafayette Central Catholic), Dayton Snyder (West Lafayette), Gregory Thome II (Valparaiso), Brandon Wines (Clinton Prairie) and Mason Zurek (Andean)

Six of these young men will be singled out by



ROBBIE HUMMEL – First non-football winner of Brees Mental Toughness Award

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