



HONORS DINNER CONTINUES TRADITION WITH JUNE 10 EVENT

**JOE TILLER, KYLE ORTON, OTIS ARMSTRONG
AMONG RETURNEES BUT SCHOLAR-ATHLETES
AND HALL OF FAMERS HIGHLIGHT THE PROGRAM**

Honoring athletes and identifying champions are the main focal points of the National Football Foundation's Joe Tiller Chapter of Northwest Indiana again this.

As the chapter concludes the judging process for the Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award and finalizes the other chapter awards, most of the details are now in place for the NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends XI" on Wednesday, June 10, at the Purdue Memorial Union Ballrooms in West Lafayette.

Tickets are on sale through the chapter using the ticket application on page 3 of this newsletter or via the chapter's website at www.nfftillerchapter.org or via www.eventbrite.com. For priority seating, members should try to get their orders in by May 27, although sales will continue through the first week of June. Attendees are reminded to use the Wood Street Garage and the Marsteller Street Garage for free parking that evening while the Grant Street Garage is now paid parking.



KYLE ORTON - Retired NFL standout

Along with celebrating the announcement of the Scholar-Athlete of the Year and the return of Purdue emeritus head coach Joe Tiller and former quarterback great Kyle Orton, the awards ceremony at this year's Honors Dinner will be highlighted by the induction of three gentlemen into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. They are former Purdue All-America running back Otis Armstrong and two long-time high school coaching veterans from the area, Tom Kelly of Clinton Central and Rochester and Mark Miller of Rochester.

THIS YEAR'S HONOREES

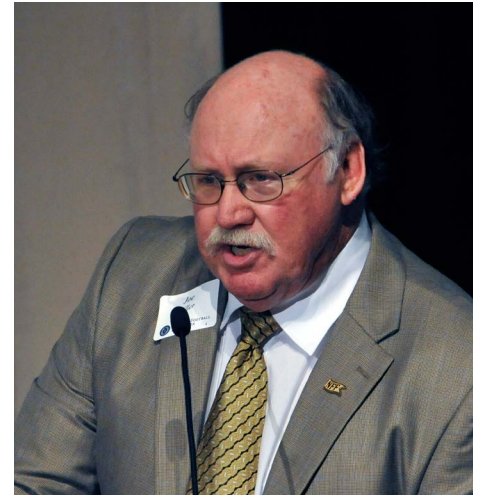
This year's dinner will also feature the presentation of the following awards:

- Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award - **Kyle Orton**
- Bernie Flowers Award for Outstanding Contribution to Amateur Football - **David M. Williams**
- "He Played Football" Award - **Carl Buergler**
- Legends Award - **John Friend**
- Arnette Tiller "Service to Football" Award - **Sarah Lim**
- Tiller Chapter Appreciation Award - **TBA**

For the 11th straight year, the top scholar-athletes of Northern Indiana, who were nominated by their schools for the NFF's award, will be featured during this marquee event.

Those 19 scholar-athletes are all high school seniors who are headed to college next fall. Academically, it is an outstanding group. Thirteen of the 19 have 4.0 grade point averages or better, eight are ranked among the top five in their senior classes, and two are on course to be valedictorians at their schools.

Eight of those young men will be singled out by judges as finalists for the



PURDUE EMERITUS HEAD COACH JOE TILLER returns for Honors Dinner

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: Rylan Arihood (Rensselaer), Leo Jacob Brown (Logansport), Joshua Brune (Bellmont), James Champ (Lewis Cass), Matthew Childs (Munster), Joe Corcoran (Lafayette Central Catholic), Russell Davies (Fort Wayne Snider), Noah Freestone (Clinton Prairie), Patrick Hegg (Seeger), Cody Howell (Tri-Central), Ryan Kim (West Lafayette), JP Kunze (Valparaiso), Derrick Randall (Oak Hill), Santiago Thompson (Andrean), Alan Trinh (Lafayette Jefferson), Mike Vankoski (Fort Wayne Bishop Luers), Jake Vent (Northwestern), Tanner Watkins (Harrison) and Justyn Wilson (Carroll)

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

DODGEBALL & GOLF RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Fundraising for the chapter's scholarship commitments started with a student-oriented Color Dodgeball Tournament April 18 at Purdue's Horticulture Park, and continued May 8 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 more than \$5,000, with some of the proceeds going to the Purdue Center for Cancer Research and College Mentors for Kids 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.



DODGEBALL: A colorful way to raise funds by a student organization .. Thanks Again Purdue Gold Standard!
GOLF OUTING: Purdue great Leroy Keyes poses with Miss Purdue Ashley Zeiner; Trademarks Licensing Director David Wilson hops into his cart with Gerry Rogers of Freckles; and Gimlet Leadership Honorary members Marc Conner and Dylan Cousins enjoyed the 85-degree playing conditions in a foursome along with Josh Kislausi of Follett's and TV-18 sports director Rob Hughes plus a foursome from Purdue Federal Credit Union of Sam Burns, Don Teder, Tim VanderPlaats and Gary Schroeder.



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Join in "Celebrating Our Legends XI" at NFF Honors Dinner

June 10
Purdue Memorial Union

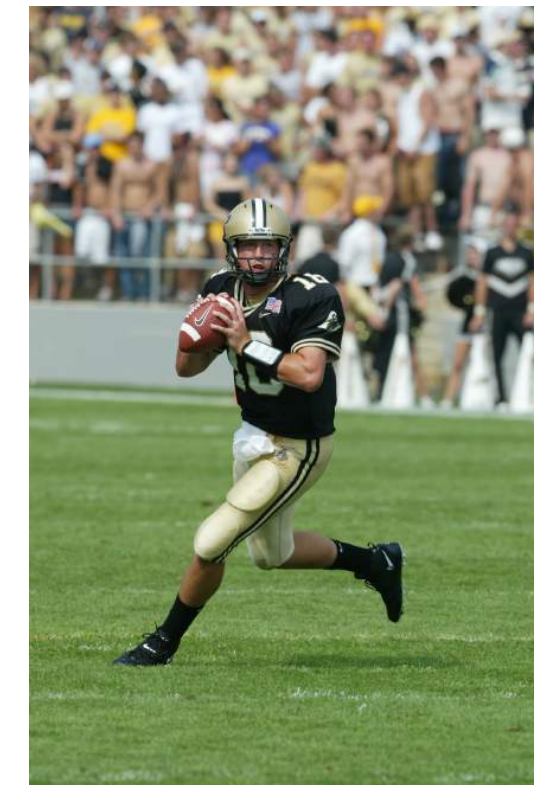
An outstanding program of "Celebrating Our Legends" features former Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton receiving the Drew Brees Mental Toughness Award and Otis Armstrong being inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame. Joe and Arnette Tiller will return from Wyoming and the high school Scholar-Athlete of the Year will be announced. Join the Northwest Indiana football community for this spring's highlight event hosted by the Joe Tiller Chapter of the NFF.



Armstrong



Tiller



Orton

NFF ORDER FORM

NFF Honors Dinner "Celebrating Our Legends XI"

Wednesday, June 10, at Purdue Memorial Union in West Lafayette with Silent Auction and Reception at 5 p.m. EDT, Dinner at 6:45 p.m., Awards Program at 7:45 p.m., and VIP "After-Glow" Reception at 9:15 p.m.

Non-NFF members: _____ x \$60 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 "After-Glow" Reception: _____ x \$100 ea. = \$ _____

VIP "After-Glow" Reception (members *) _____ x \$50 ea. = \$ _____

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

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

*NFF members get price break & priority seating, if ordered by May 27;
 #Student rate applies thru college age. Tickets will NOT be mailed.

Indicate here if you are interested in helping to sponsor a scholarship _____

Name: _____ Company Name: _____ Email Address: _____

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

Contact Jim Vruggink 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, 3672 Farnsworth Dr., West Lafayette, IN 47906-8750.)



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HONORS DINNER TO FEATURE AWARDS AND INDUCTIONS

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Miss Purdue Ashley Zeiner, who will be competing the following week for the title of Miss Indiana.

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

All previous award winners are being invited back to take part in the 11th Annual Honors Dinner. VIP "After-Glow" Reception will follow the dinner.

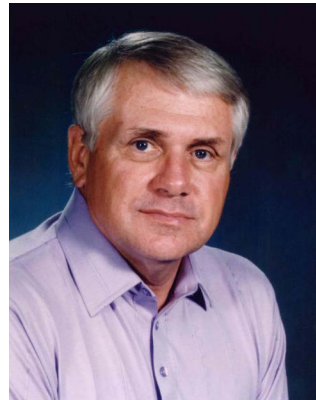
HALL OF FAME

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

Armstrong, a record-setting back for Purdue in the early 1970's, now lives in Centennial, Colo., near Denver where he played professionally for the Broncos. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

Kelly, a 1971 Purdue graduate, started his coaching career at Clinton Central High School and concluded it when he died of cancer in 2010 after 35 years as an assistant coach at Rochester H.S., where he helped the Zebras to a state championship in 1987.

Miller, a Manchester College grad, won 221 games, a state championship, a semi-state, two regionals, five sectionals and 10 conference titles in 34 years as head coach



INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES – Otis Armstrong, Tom Kelly and Mark Miller

at Rochester H.S., where he was also athletics director for 25 years before moving to Florida.

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 \$60 for public, \$45 for members and \$35 for students. VIP "After-Glow" Reception tickets are \$100 each for general public and \$50 for NFF members.

Since receiving its charter in the fall of 2004, as a non-profit organization, this chapter has awarded nearly \$175,000 in grants, scholarships and honorariums to students plus another \$55,000 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 10 years, this chapter has recognized 195 scholar athletes and awarded them between \$200 and \$5,000 each. (For information about sponsorship/partnership/advertising packages, contact Jim Vrugink 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 \$1.3 million in scholarships each year. For more information, contact Vrugink at 3672 Farnsworth Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906; (email: jvrugink@purdue.edu; phone: 765-427-3303).



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