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## 2016 OUTLAND TROPHY WATCH LIST UNVEILED

**DALLAS (FWAA)** — The **Football Writers Association of America** announced its **2016 Outland Trophy Watch List** on Friday, with 70 standout interior linemen from all 10 FBS conferences represented.

The SEC (12) led all conferences, followed by the Big Ten (11), ACC (10), Pac-12 (10), Big 12 (6), American Athletic (4), Conference USA (4), Independents (4), Mountain West (4), Mid-American (3) and Sun Belt (2).

The list includes 22 offensive tackles, 20 offensive guards, 17 defensive tackles and 11 centers. It can be trimmed or enlarged during the regular season as players emerge or drop out of play.

The Outland Trophy winner is chosen from three finalists who are a part of the annual FWAA All-America Team. The FWAA All-America Committee, after voting input from the entire membership, selects a 26-man first team and eventually the three Outland finalists. Committee members, then by individual ballot, select the winner. Only interior linemen on offense or defense are eligible for the award; ends are not eligible.

The list will be trimmed to six or seven semifinalists on Thurs., Nov. 17. Five days later, three Outland Trophy finalists will be named by the FWAA. The winner of the 71st Outland Trophy — named after the late John Outland, an All-America lineman at Penn at the turn of the 20th century — will be announced on live on ESPN on *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on Thurs., Dec. 8. For the second straight year, the show will air from the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.

The Outland Trophy presentation banquet, sponsored by the Greater Omaha Sports Committee, will be held on Jan. 11, 2017, in Omaha, Neb. This year, Oklahoma's Greg Roberts, the 1978 Outland Trophy winner, will be honored and presented an Outland Trophy, which was not given in the era in which he won the award. In addition, former Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer, will receive the Tom Osborne Legacy Award at the same banquet.

The Outland Trophy is a member of the National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) which encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. The 22 awards boast over 722 years of tradition-selection excellence. Visit [www.ncfaa.org](http://www.ncfaa.org) to learn more about our story.

The members of the NCFAA are unveiling their preseason watch lists over a 12-day period this month. Seventeen of the association's 22 awards select a preseason watch list and the NCFAA has spearheaded a coordinated effort to promote each award's preseason candidates. Following is the complete 2016 preseason watch list calendar:

Tues., July 5: Bednarik Award / Maxwell Award

Wed., July 6: Mackey Award / Rimington Trophy

Thurs., July 7: Lou Groza Award / Ray Guy Award

**Fri., July 8: Bronko Nagurski Trophy / Outland Trophy**

Mon., July 11: Jim Thorpe Award

Tues., July 12: Butkus Award / Rotary Lombardi Award

Wed., July 13: Biletnikoff Award / Wuerffel Trophy

Thurs., July 14: Davey O'Brien Award / Doak Walker Award

Fri., July 15: Walter Camp Award / Paul Hornung Award

The **Football Writers Association of America**, founded in 1941, consists of 1,400 men and women who cover college football. The membership includes journalists, broadcasters and publicists, as well as key executives in all the areas that involve the game. The FWAA works to govern areas that include game-day operations, major awards and its annual All-America team. For more information about the FWAA and its award programs, contact Steve Richardson at [tiger@fwa.com](mailto:tiger@fwa.com).



# 2016 OUTLAND TROPHY PRESEASON WATCH LIST

The **Outland Trophy** is presented to the nation's most outstanding interior lineman by the **Football Writers Association of America**

## **CENTERS (11)**

Brian Allen, Michigan State  
J.T. Boyd, East Carolina  
Mason Cole, Michigan  
Kyle Fuller, Baylor  
Jay Guillermo, Clemson  
Nick Linder, Miami  
Tyler Orlosky, West Virginia  
Ethan Pocic, LSU  
Cameron Tom, Southern Miss  
Jon Toth, Kentucky  
Dan Voltz, Wisconsin

## **OFFENSIVE GUARDS (20)**

Chris Borrayo, California  
Parker Collins, Appalachian State  
Tyrone Crowder, Clemson  
Pat Elflein, Ohio State  
Dan Feeney, Indiana  
Daniel Isidora, Miami  
Martez Ivey, Florida  
Dorian Johnson, Pittsburgh  
Alex Kozan, Auburn  
Ului Lapuaho, BYU  
Damien Mama, USC  
Billy Price, Ohio State  
Greg Pyke, Georgia  
Chase Roullier, Wyoming  
Nico Siragusa, San Diego State  
Braden Smith, Auburn  
Chris Taylor, Tulane  
Wyatt Teller, Virginia Tech  
Dylan Wiesman, Tennessee  
Fred Zerblis, Colorado State

## **OFFENSIVE TACKLES (22)**

Zach Banner, USC  
Adam Bisnowaty, Pittsburgh  
Orlando Brown, Oklahoma

Austin Corbett, Nevada  
Tyrell Crosby, Oregon  
Dion Dawkins, Temple  
J.J. Dielman, Utah  
Antonio Garcia, Troy  
Avery Gennesy, Texas A&M  
Jon Heck, North Carolina  
Roderick Johnson, Florida State  
Forrest Lamp, Western Kentucky  
Erik Magnuson, Michigan  
Conor McDermott, UCLA  
Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame  
Taylor Moton, Western Michigan  
Storm Norton, Toledo  
Cam Robinson, Alabama  
Dan Skipper, Arkansas  
Clint Van Horn, Marshall  
Chad Wheeler, USC  
Connor Williams, Texas

## **DEFENSIVE TACKLES (17)**

Montravius Adams, Auburn  
Will Geary, Kansas State  
Davon Godchaux, LSU  
Darius Hamilton, Rutgers  
Treyvon Hester, Toledo  
Jaleel Johnson, Iowa  
Jarron Jones, Notre Dame  
Lowell Lotulelei, Utah  
Malik McDowell, Michigan State  
Larry Ogunjobi, Charlotte  
Jake Replogle, Purdue  
Tashon Smallwood, Arizona State  
Tanzel Smart, Tulane  
Vincent Taylor, Oklahoma State  
Travis Tuiloma, BYU  
Eddie Vanderdoes, UCLA  
Carlos Watkins, Clemson

**By conference (70):** SEC (12) Big Ten (11), ACC (10), Pac-12 (10), Big 12 (6), American Athletic (4), Conference USA (4), Independents (4), Mountain West (4), Mid-American (3), Sun Belt (2).