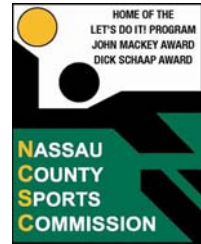




JOHN MACKEY AWARD BEST COLLEGIATE TIGHT END



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2006 JOHN MACKEY AWARD SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Manhasset, N.Y. (November 17, 2006) – The Nassau County Sports Commission (NCSC) has announced eight semi-finalists for the 2006 John Mackey Award. Listed alphabetically, they are Travis Beckum (SO, Wisconsin), Martellus Bennett (SO, Texas A&M), John Carlson (JR, Notre Dame), Chase Coffman (SO, Missouri), Jonny Harline (SR, BYU), Zach Miller (JR, Arizona State), Joe Newton (SR, Oregon State) and Matt Spaeth (SR, Minnesota).

The eight semi-finalists were determined by confidential balloting of the John Mackey Selection Committee. The 2006 recipient of “The Mackey” will be announced on December 7, 2006 at the Home Depot College Football Awards Show live on ESPN and presented at the Nassau County Sports Commission Annual Awards Dinner on April 30, 2007.

The John Mackey Award is given to the collegiate tight end who best exemplifies the play, sportsmanship, academics, and community values of NFL Hall of Fame Tight End John Mackey. The Nassau County Sports Commission is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that promotes sports and healthy lifestyle for Nassau County residents and is responsible for the administration of the John Mackey Award and the John Mackey Award Selection Committee.

For additional information, please visit www.johnmackeyaward.org or www.nassausports.org.

2006 John Mackey Awards Semi-Finalists

(Listed alphabetically)

<u>Player</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>
Travis Beckum	SO	University of Wisconsin
Martellus Bennett	SO	Texas A&M
John Carlson	JR	University of Notre Dame
Chase Coffman	SO	University of Missouri
Jonny Harline	SR	BYU
Zach Miller	JR	Arizona State University
Joe Newton	SR	Oregon State University
Matt Spaeth	SR	University of Minnesota

Past John Mackey Award Recipients

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>School</u>
2005	Mercedes Lewis	UCLA
2004	Heath Miller	University of Virginia
2003	Kellen Winslow II	University of Miami
2002	Dallas Clark	University of Iowa
2001	Daniel Graham	University of Colorado
2000	Tim Stratton	Purdue University