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Ashton Antwine of Northeastern State University, Jamieson Craske of Stetson University and Jaquan Hemphill of Hardin-Simmons University Named 2019 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award Nominees

ROCHESTER, Minn.—The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), in association with The Associated Press (AP) and the Fiesta Bowl Organization, have selected three college football student-athletes— **Ashton Antwine** of Northeastern State University, **Jamieson Craske** of Stetson University and **Jaquan Hemphill** of Hardin-Simmons—as nominees for the **2019 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award**.

Ten times during the 2019 college football season, three inspiring student-athletes from all levels of college football, who have overcome injury, illness or other challenges, will be recognized as **Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Nominees** by a panel of writers, editors and sports information directors from CoSIDA, AP and *Touchdown Illustrated*. CoSIDA members can nominate student-athletes at Comeback-Player.com.

Previous nominees are: **Kaleb Barker** (Troy), **Aaron Crawford** (UNC), **Jonathan Haden** (UAB), **Josh Paschal** (Kentucky), **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (USC), **CJ Sanders** (SMU), **Amadeo West** (Army), **Octavion Wilson** (Salisbury), **Antoine Winfield Jr.** (Minnesota).

At the end of the season, three of the nominees will be chosen as **Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award** winners and will be recognized at a special ceremony during the College Football Playoff Semifinal at the PlayStation Fiesta Bowl at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. Additionally, \$30,000 will be donated in the names of the nine student-athletes selected as finalists to their school's general scholarship fund, with \$15,000 being awarded in the names of the three winners and \$15,000 on behalf of the six named honorable mention.

For more details, follow on social media at @ComebackPlayrFB and #MayoClinicCPOY, or visit www.Comeback-Player.com. Here's a look at this week's nominees:

Ashton Antwine, a defensive back for Northeastern State University has suffered two significant injuries the past two seasons – a broken right wrist that forced the Edmond, Okla. native

to miss the entire season and then last season, a broken left ankle in the second week of last season that required surgery. Through the first four games, he's recorded 20 tackles including 3 for a loss as well as an interception for the River Hawks, who play in the Division II Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

Jamieson Craske a linebacker for Stetson University tore his ACL in the fifth game last year after returning his first career interception 24-yards before being hit late out-of-bounds in the Hatters upset win versus Pioneer League rival Drake. The Largo, Fla. native and 2-time team captain was back for this year's opener and appropriately recorded his second career interception in a win over Louisiana College. Through the Hatters first four games he's recorded 9 tackles, 2 interceptions, 2.5 tackles for a loss and 1.5 sacks.

Jaquan Hemphill, a running back for Hardin-Simmons University suffered a season-ending shoulder injury on the first drive of the fourth game last season when he was averaging over 11 yards per carry and leading D3 in rushing. The 5'-11" 185-lb senior from Coleman, Texas has led the Cowboys to a 4-0 start, leading the team and the American Southwest Conference with 595 yards rushing including games of 148, 158 and 198 yards. He also broke the school's career rushing TD record last week with 38 and is currently leading Division III in rushing.

"We understand how challenging it can be for student-athletes to return from injury or illness," says Dr. Michael Stuart, co-director for Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine. "We are honored to be part of this award that recognizes qualities like motivation, determination and perseverance."

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