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2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List Issued

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) in association with The Associated Press (AP) and the Fiesta Bowl Organization, today released its initial watch list of college football student-athletes under consideration for the **2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award**. The Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award Watch List includes 53 players from 44 schools.

Since 2018, a panel of writers, editors and sports information directors from CoSIDA, AP and *Touchdown Illustrated* have recognized 30 college football student-athletes each season from all divisions of college football for overcoming injury or illness, by sharing their remarkable comeback stories throughout the season. At the conclusion of the season, three college football student-athletes were honored as **Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award** winners during an on-field presentation at the PlayStation® Fiesta Bowl.

There have been many changes to college football, this season, so rather than recognize college football student-athletes from all divisions of play each week during the season, several watch lists of Division 1 football student-athletes playing in the fall are being issued throughout the season. The three overall winners will be announced timed with the 2020-21 PlayStation® Fiesta Bowl, held on January 2, 2021.

The initial watch list includes the following breakdown per conference: American

Athletic Conference (3), Atlantic Coast Conference (7), Big 12 (4), Big Ten (6), Conference USA (4), Independent (2), Mid-American (4), Mountain West (3), Pac-12 (5), Southeastern Conference (9), Sun Belt (6).

CONF.	PLAYER	SCHOOL
AAC	Charles McLelland, RB Jr.	Cincinnati
AAC	Sean Dykes, TE, Sr.	Memphis
AAC	McKenzie Milton, QB, Sr.	Central Florida
ACC	Jarrid Williams, OL, Sr.	Miami
ACC	Jarrett Gardner, WR, So.	Duke
ACC	Jashuan Corbin, RB, Jr.	Florida State
ACC	Kenny Cooper, C, Sr.	Georgia Tech
ACC	Tre Tipton, WR, Sr.	Pittsburgh
ACC	Rashad Weaver, DE, Sr.	Pittsburgh
ACC	Darius Bratton, CB, Jr.	Virginia
BIG 12	Tre Norwood, DB, Jr.	Oklahoma
BIG 12	Jack Anderson, OL, Sr.	Texas Tech.
BIG 12	Justin Hughes, LB, Sr.	Kansas State
BIG 12	Tylan Wallace, WR, Sr.	Oklahoma State
BIG Ten	Mike Epstein, RB, Sr.	Illinois
BIG Ten	Marquez Beason, CB, So.	Illinois
BIG Ten	Coy Cronk, OL, Sr.	Iowa
BIG Ten	Jake Funk, RB, Sr.	Maryland
BIG Ten	Jeshaun Jones, WR, Sr.	Maryland
BIG Ten	Rondale Moore, WR, So.	Purdue
C-USA	Brontae Harris, CB, Sr.	UAB
C-USA	DeVaughn Cooper WR, Sr.	UTEP
C-USA	Eric Kenzidor, DL, Sr.	Louisiana Tech
C-USA	Jakairi Moses, RB, Jr.	Western Kentucky
Independent	Daelin Hayes, DE, Sr.	Notre Dame
Independent	Bennett Skowronek, WR, Sr.	Notre Dame
Mtn. West	Ezekiel Noa, LB, Jr.	Boise State
Mtn. West	Jordan Mims, RB, Jr.	Fresno State
Mtn. West	Brandt Hughes, QB, Jr.	New Mexico
MAC	Andrew Clair, RB, Jr.	Bowling Green
MAC	Evan Finegan, P, Jr.	Buffalo
MAC	Kyle Pugh, LB, Sr.	Northern Illinois
MAC	Bryce Harris, C, Sr.	Toledo
Pac-12	Jack Broussard, RB, So.	Colorado
Pac-12	Chris Miller, CB, Jr.	Colorado
Pac-12	Cade Cote, OL, Sr.	Arizona State
Pac-12	Jake Bentley, QB, Sr.	Utah
Pac-12	Andrzej Hughes-Murray, LB, Sr.	Oregon State

SEC	Dylan Moses, LB, Jr.	Alabama
SEC	Trey Sanders, RB, So.	Alabama
SEC	Feleipe Franks, QB, Sr.	Arkansas
SEC	Noah Gatlin, OL, So.	Arkansas
SEC	Ali Stove, WR, Sr.	Auburn
SEC	JT Daniels, QB, So.	Georgia
SEC	Terry Wilson, QB, Sr.	Kentucky
SEC	Kenneth Horsey, OL, So.	Kentucky
SEC	Collin Hill, QB, Sr.	South Carolina
Sun Belt	Camerun Peoples, RB, So.	Appalachian State
Sun Belt	Ryan Graham, RB, Jr.	Arkansas State
Sun Belt	Logan Wright, RB, Jr.	Georgia Southern
Sun Belt	Brian Miller, OT, Jr.	Georgia Southern
Sun Belt	Ken Marks, OL, Sr.	Louisiana
Sun Belt	BJ Smith, RB, Sr.	Troy

“Our goal is to help fans better appreciate the roads these student-athletes have traveled. says Doug Vance, executive director of CoSIDA. “We hope these stories of achievement can inspire other people to meet the challenges in their own lives.”

Previous winners of the **Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award** have been: 2018 - **Antwan Dixon** (Kent State University), **Seth Simmer** (Dartmouth College); **Antonio Wimbush** (Carson-Newman University); 2019 – **Jake Luton** (Oregon State University); **Drew Wilson** (Georgia Southern University) and **Octavion Wilson** (Salisbury University). For a complete list of past honorees, visit www.Comeback-Player.com.

About Mayo Clinic: [Mayo Clinic](http://www.MayoClinic.org) is a nonprofit organization committed to innovation in clinical practice, education and research, and providing compassion, expertise and answers to everyone who needs healing. [Visit the Mayo Clinic News Network](http://www.MayoClinicNewsNetwork.com) for additional Mayo Clinic news and [Mayo Clinic Facts](http://www.MayoClinicFacts.com) for more information about Mayo.

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