

Manti Te'o, Johnny Manziel and Montee Ball among Award Recipients at The Home Depot College Football Awards at Disney

Disney Spirit Award presented to Texas long snapper Nate Boyer; Te'o tops list with Player of the Year and Bednarik honors

Linebacker Manti Te'o of Notre Dame, Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M and Montee Ball of Wisconsin each claimed top awards during the 22nd annual *The Home Depot College Football Awards* hosted by Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard, Tom Rinaldi and Samantha Steele on ESPN Thursday night live from the Atlantic Dance Hall Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Te'o, a senior from Laie, Hawaii, won the Maxwell Award for the college player of the year and the Chuck Bednarik Award for college defensive player of the year. The winner of the Maxwell Award has gone on to win the Heisman 33 times. Manziel, a freshman from Kerrville, Texas, earned the Davey O'Brien Award for the nation's outstanding quarterback and Ball, a senior from Wentzville, Mo., won the Doak Walker Award for the nation's outstanding running back.

Other notable awards included the presentation of Notre Dame's Brian Kelly with The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award; legendary Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian was [honored](#) with the NCFAA Contribution to College Football Award; Texas long snapper Nate Boyer received the Disney Spirit Award; and Nebraska senior running back Rex Burkhead from Nebraska was named the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Captain- a community service award determined by college football fan voters for the work players conduct off the field.

THE HOME DEPOT COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDSWINNERS - (winner in bold)

| Award / Presented By | Finalists and Winner |
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| Chuck Bednarik Award College Defensive Player of the Year <i>ESPN Analyst David Pollack</i> | Manti Te'o (Notre Dame) Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina) Jarvis Jones (Georgia) |
| Biletnikoff Award Nation's Outstanding Receiver <i>Steve Largent</i> | Marqise Lee (USC) Stedman Bailey (West Virginia) Terrance Williams (Baylor) |

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| <p>Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award</p> <p>Nation's Outstanding Placekicker</p> <p><i>Morten Anderson</i></p> | <p>Cairo Santos (Tulane) Dustin Hopkins (FSU) Caleb Sturgis (Florida)</p> |
| <p>Ray Guy Award</p> <p>Nation's Outstanding Punter</p> <p><i>Ray Guy*</i></p> | <p>Ryan Allen (La Tech)* Kyle Christy (Florida)Scott Kovanda (Ball State)</p> |
| <p>Maxwell Award</p> <p>College Player of the Year</p> <p><i>Charlie Ward</i></p> | <p>Manti Te'o (Notre Dame) Collin Klein (Kansas State)Johnny Manziel (Texas A&M)</p> |
| <p>Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award</p> <p>Nation's Best Quarterback</p> <p><i>ESPN Analyst Todd Blackledge</i></p> | <p>Johnny Manziel (Texas A&M)Collin Klein (Kansas State)Braxton Miller (Ohio State)</p> |
| <p>Outland Trophy</p> <p>Nation's Outstanding Interior Lineman</p> <p><i>Will Shields*</i></p> | <p>Luke Joeckel (Texas A&M) Jonathan Cooper (UNC)Barrett Jones (Alabama)*</p> |
| <p>Jim Thorpe Award</p> <p>Nation's Outstanding Defensive Back</p> <p><i>Barry Switzer* & Gov. Bill Anoatubby</i></p> | <p>Johnthan Banks (Mississippi State) Dee Milliner (Alabama) Phillip Thomas (Fresno State)</p> |
| <p>Doak Walker Award</p> <p>Nation's Outstanding Running Back</p> <p><i>Calvin Hill</i></p> | <p>Montee Ball (Wisconsin) Kenjon Barner (Oregon)Johnathan Franklin (UCLA)</p> |
| <p>Walter Camp All-America Player of the Year</p> | <p>Manti Te'o, Notre Dame</p> |

*College Football Hall of Fame Inductee

The following players were also announced for the Walter Camp All-America Team:

| | Player | Team |
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| Player of the Year Presented by <i>Anthony Munoz, 2004 Walter Camp Man of the Year</i> | Manti Te'o | Notre Dame |
| Offensive Team | | |
| Quarterback | Johnny Manziel | Texas A&M |
| Wide Receiver | Marquise Lee | USC |
| Wide Receiver | Terrance Williams | Baylor |
| Tight End | Zach Ertz | Stanford |
| Offensive Lineman | Jonathan Cooper | North Carolina |
| Offensive Lineman | Luke Joeckel | Texas A&M |
| Offensive Lineman | Taylor Lewan | Michigan |
| Offensive Lineman | Chance Warmack | Alabama |
| Center | Barrett Jones | Alabama |
| Running Back | Montee Ball | Wisconsin |
| Running Back | Kenjon Berner | Oregon |
| Running Back | Ka'Deem Carey | Arizona |
| Defensive Team | | |
| Defensive Lineman | Jadeveon Clowney | South Carolina |
| Defensive Lineman | Star Lotulelei | Utah |
| Defensive Lineman | Damonte Moore | Texas A&M |
| Defensive Lineman | Bjoern Werner | Florida State |

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| Linebacker | Jarvis Jones | Georgia |
| Linebacker | C.J. Mosley | Alabama |
| Linebacker | Manti Te'o | Notre Dame |
| Defensive Back | Johnathan Banks | Mississippi State |
| Defensive Back | Dee Milliner | Alabama |
| Defensive Back | Jordan Poyer | Oregon State |
| Defensive Back | Phillip Thomas | Fresno State |
| Special Team | | |
| Placekicker | Dustin Hopkins | Florida State |
| Punter | Ryan Allen | Louisiana Tech |
| Punt Returner | Dri Archer | Kent State |

Two additional awards were announced during The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show hosted by Steele, Rinaldi and Dari Nowkhah on ESPNU:

- **Rimington Trophy** (nation's outstanding center): Barrett Jones, Alabama

Jones is the first player from Alabama to win the Rimington and only the second Rimington winner to play for the National Championship in the same season (Brett Romberg of Miami (FL) was the 2002 winner). Jones is also the first player to have a Rimington Trophy and Outland Trophy since Minnesota's Greg Eslinger won both in 2005.

- **John Mackey Award** (nation's outstanding tight end): Tyler Eifert, Notre Dame

Eifert is not only the first player from Notre Dame to win the Mackey award, but also the first player to win and play for the National Championship in the same season. Thirty-three of his 44 catches this season have resulted in a touchdown or first down and he leads the Irish with 12 receptions of at least 20 yards.

Several other awards were recognized during this year's show:

- **Bronko Nagurski Trophy** (nation's outstanding defensive player): Manti Te'o, Notre Dame
- **Frank Broyles Award** (top assistant coach): Bob Diaco, Notre Dame Defensive Coordinator
- **Rotary Lombardi Award** (nation's outstanding lineman): Manti Te'o, Notre Dame
- **William V. Campbell Trophy** (academic success): Barrett Jones, Alabama