

Luck, Griffin III and Richardson among Award Recipients at The Home Depot College Football Awards

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (Dec. 8, 2011) — Quarterbacks Andrew Luck of Stanford and Robert Griffin III of Baylor, along with Alabama running back Trent Richardson each claimed top awards during the 21st annual *The Home Depot College Football Awards* hosted by Chris Fowler, Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard and Erin Andrews on ESPN Thursday night live from the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Heisman finalists Luck, a senior from Houston, Texas, won the Maxwell Award for the college player of the year; Griffin III, a junior from Copperas Cove, Texas, earned the Davey O'Brien Award for the nation's most outstanding quarterback; and Richardson, a junior from Pensacola, Fla., won the Doak Walker Award for the nation's most outstanding running back. LSU's cornerback, Tyrann Mathieu, a sophomore from New Orleans, LA, also a Heisman finalist, won the Chuck Bednarik Award for the college defensive player of the year.

Other notable awards included the presentation of LSU coach Les Miles with the previously [announced](#) The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award and Northwestern State University senior linebacker Yaser Elqutub as 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 AWARDS WINNERS – (listed alphabetically)

Award / Presented By

Chuck Bednarik Award College Defensive Player of the Year

ESPN Analyst Matt Millen

Biletnikoff Award Nation's Most Outstanding Receiver

*Fred Biletnikoff**

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Nation's Most Outstanding Placekicker

Judd Groza (son of Lou Groza)

Ray Guy Award Nation's Most Outstanding Punter

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Maxwell Award College Player of the Year

Herschel Walker (1982 winner)*

Finalists and Winner

Dont'a Hightower, Alabama
Tyrann Mathieu. LSU – WINNER
Devon Still, Penn State

Justin Blackmon, Oklahoma State (2010 award winner) – WINNER
Ryan Broyles, Oklahoma

Robert Woods, USC

Randy Bullock, Texas A&M - WINNER Dustin Hopkins, Florida State
Caleb Sturgis, Florida

Ryan Allen, Louisiana Tech – WINNER Steven Clark, Auburn
Jackson Rice, Oregon

Andrew Luck, Stanford – WINNER Kellen Moore, Boise State

Trent Richardson, Alabama

Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award
Nation's Best Quarterback

*Jim McMahon** (1981 winner)

Robert Griffin III, Baylor – WINNER Case Keenum, Houston
Andrew Luck, Stanford

Outland Trophy Nation's Most Outstanding Interior Lineman

*ESPN Analyst Mark May** (1980 winner)

David DeCastro, Stanford **Barrett Jones, Alabama – WINNER**
Devon Still, Penn State

Jim Thorpe Award Nation's Most Outstanding Defensive Back

Governor Bill Anoatubby

David Amerson, NC State **Mark Barron, Alabama**
Morris Claiborne, LSU – WINNER

Doak Walker Award Nation's Most Outstanding Running Back

Calvin Hill

Montee Ball, Wisconsin **LaMichael James, Oregon (2010 award winner)**

Trent Richardson, Alabama – WINNER

The Walter Camp All-America Team Player of the Year

Andrew Luck, Stanford

*College Football Hall of Fame Inductee

The following players were also announced for the Walter Camp All-America Team, including the Walter Camp All-America Team Player of the Year, Andrew Luck:

Player of the Year	Player	Team
Presented by <i>Lincoln Kennedy</i> (1992 All-America Team)	Andrew Luck	Stanford
Offensive Team		
Quarterback	Andrew Luck	Stanford
Wide Receiver	Justin Blackmon	Oklahoma State
Wide Receiver	Ryan Broyles	Oklahoma
Tight End	Tyler Eifert	Notre Dame
Offensive Lineman	David DeCastro	Stanford
Offensive Lineman	Barrett Jones	Alabama
Offensive Lineman	Matt Kalil	USC
Offensive Lineman	Jonathan Martin	Stanford
Center	David Molk	Michigan
Running Back	LaMichael James	Oregon
Running Back	Trent Richardson	Alabama
Defensive Team		
Defensive Lineman	Melvin Ingram	South Carolina
Defensive Lineman	Whitney Mercilus	Illinois
Defensive Lineman	Devon Still	Penn State
Defensive Lineman	Jerel Worth	Michigan State
Linebacker	Dont'a Hightower	Alabama
Linebacker	Jarvis Jones	Georgia
Linebacker	Luke Kuechly	Boston College
Defensive Back	David Amerson	N.C. State
Defensive Back	Mark Barron	Alabama
Defensive Back	Morris Claiborne	LSU
Defensive Back	Tyrann Mathieu	LSU
Special Team		
Placekicker	Randy Bullock	Texas A&M
Punter	Shawn Powell	Florida State

Punt Returner

Tyler Lockett Kansas State

Several other awards were recognized during this year's show, several of which were announced during *The Home Depot College Football Awards Red Carpet Show* hosted by Erin Andrews, Tom Rinaldi and Dari Nowkhah on ESPNU:

- **Rimington Trophy** (nation's most outstanding center) David Molk, Michigan
- **John Mackey Award** (nation's most outstanding tight end): Dwayne Allen, Clemson
- **Rotary Lombardi Award**(nation's most outstanding lineman): [Luke Kuechly](#), [Boston College](#)
- **Frank Broyles Award** (top assistant coach): John Chavis, LSU defensive coordinator
- **William V. Campbell Trophy** (academic success) Andrew Rodriguez, Army

Additionally, ESPNU's debut season of the *Palmer & Pollack* show hosted a red carpet special prior to the awards show and recognized the following end of season college football moments and players:

- Catch of the Year: Michigan State's Hail Mary against Wisconsin on October 22
- MANimal of the Year: Tyrann Mathieu, LSU
- #TeamPalmer (All-Offensive Team): Andrew Luck, Stanford; Trent Richardson, Alabama; Montee Ball, Wisconsin; Kenall Wright, Baylor; Matt Kalil, USC
- #TeamPollack (All-Defensive Team): Tyrann Mathieu, LSU; Luke Kuechly, Boston College; Jarvis Jones, Georgia; Lavonte David, Nebraska; Melvin Ingram, South Carolina

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