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PASADENA/SAN GABRIEL CHAPTER CELEBRATES 46TH ANNUAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE BANQUET AT PASADENA CONVENTION CENTER



Seventy-two high school scholar-athletes claimed honors and a total of \$18,000 in scholarships. The chapter has increased the number of scholar-athletes significantly in the past several years.



Matthew Van Citters of Polytechnic High School in Pasadena receives the David M. Davis Scholarship from Dave Davis, who provided the funds and serves on the national NFF board.



2016 West Region Chapter Leadership Award winner Tony Ortega provides the closing remarks to the sold-out crowd. Ortega has been a valuable leader for the chapter since the passing of chapter founder Jim Brownfield in 2010.



Warren Brownfield presented the Jim Brownfield Scholarship to Kamden Brown from Charter Oak High School. Brown is now playing football at Montana State.



John (JJ) Jackson, a sports broadcaster at FOX Sports 2, once again served as the banquet emcee. Jackson was a scholar-athlete from Bishop Amat High School and then an outstanding wide receiver and a 1989 NFF National Scholar-Athlete at Southern California.

TOUCHDOWN CLUB OF HOUSTON CHAPTER MAINTAINS BUSY SCHEDULE



The TD Club of Houston recognized 30 high school scholar-athletes at their annual scholar-athlete luncheon. On hand to congratulate the scholars were, L-R: Don Trull, 2013 Hall of Famer and TD Club President; Dr. Elwin Lee, University of Houston VP; Dr. Renu Khator, University of Houston Chancellor & President; Dr. Robert Sloane, Houston Baptist President; Gary Kerr, Memorial Hermann Hospital CEO.



The TD Club celebrated their 50th Annual Touchdowner of the Year Dinner, honoring NFF Chairman Archie Manning.



At the 2016 Comerica Bank Sportsmanship Luncheon, presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, nine high schools took home trophies for their display of sportsmanship throughout the season. Pictured are the first place winners, L-R: Morton Ranch for Class 6A, coach Dave Meadows and Keivan Boudreaux; Rosenberg Terry for Class 5A, coach Terry Teykl and Enrique Davila; and Woodlands Christian for Class 4A, coach Mike Crocker and Kyle Clark.



Several sports celebrities attended the 50th anniversary golf tournament, including NFF Vice Chairman and College Football Hall of Famer Murry Bowden (Dartmouth) and College Hall of Famers Lawrence Elkins (Baylor), Jerry LeVias (SMU), Ray Childress (Texas A&M), Don Trull (Baylor), Charles Alexander (LSU), Coach Jerry Moore, Mike Barber (Marshall) and Dave Elmendorf (Texas A&M).



Prairie View A&M standout and Pro Football Hall of Famer Ken Houston (left) and College Hall of Famer Jerry LeVias (SMU) enjoyed the shared camaraderie.

NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER HONORS ELITE ELEVEN AT NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB



The NYC Chapter recognized 11 standout performers from the New York City area for their accomplishments on the field and in the classroom and community. Each honoree received a \$1,000 scholarship.



New York Jets star wide receiver Brandon Marshall received the Ernie Accorsi Humanitarian Award for his work with Project 375, a nonprofit dedicated to eradicating the stigma surrounding mental illness.



The sold-out event included special guests, L-R: Chris Ash, Rutgers Head Football Coach; John Mosley, New York Yankees Senior Manager for College Football Development; Marco Battaglia, Rutgers Director of Athletics Development.



College Hall of Famer Don McPherson (Syracuse), who has been instrumental in the chapter's resurgence, served as the event's emcee.



2015 East Region Chapter Leadership Award Winner and New York City Chapter Chairman Marc Hudak (left) joins James Metzger, president & CEO of The Whitmore Group, who served as the corporate sponsor for the event.

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ANNUAL PIGSKIN PREVIEW DRAWS HUGE CROWD.



The Annual Pigskin Preview featured the local five head coaches talking about the upcoming season. Pictured L-R: NFF Director of Membership Ron Dilatush; North Carolina State coach Dave Doeren; East Carolina coach Scottie Montgomery; Chapter founder and former North Carolina head coach Bill Dooley; North Carolina coach Larry Fedora; Duke coach David Cutcliffe; North Carolina Central coach Jerry Mack. The brainchild of coach Dooley, the event has provided a meaningful role for the chapter in promoting college football in North Carolina. Sadly, coach Dooley passed away on August 9th, just three weeks after this event. He was 82 years old.



Coach Bill Dooley greets North Carolina State head coach Dave Doeren and Duke coach David Cutcliffe prior to the luncheon. Coach Dooley is still tied for second on North Carolina's wins list and also coached at Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. He was beloved by his former players who packed the Basilica Shrine of St. Mary in Wilmington, N.C., for his memorial service.

TOLEDO/WISTERT CHAPTER WELCOMES COACH JIM HARBAUGH TO 54TH ANNUAL SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS DINNER

CROWD OF MORE THAN 1,000 SEE 20 STANDOUTS CLAIM \$20,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS.



In one of the greatest traditions in the NFF Chapter Network, all of the high school scholar-athletes gather before the banquet in their team jerseys and board a bus to the local Mercy Children's Hospital. They visit patients; give out gifts; and brighten the day of some very special people. Pictured, Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh and some scholar-athletes visit a patient to offer their encouragement.



Coach Jim Harbaugh pauses for a photo with the high school scholar-athletes. Each year, the athletes leave with a new appreciation for their good fortune, and the hospital looks forward to the annual visit.