

## **COLLEGE FOOTBALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS (CFPA) ANNOUNCES 2012 NATIONAL FRESHMAN PERFORMER OF THE YEAR WATCH LISTS**

**OCTOBER 24, 2012 -- CHARLOTTE, North Carolina** – College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) announced the 2012 National Freshman Performer of the Year Watch Lists today. The watch lists are a rough guide, highlighting freshmen whose performances merit recognition. Freshmen are not preemptively eliminated from consideration, and all players are eligible for weekly, annual, and career awards at their respective positions.

Previous FBS recipients include Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller (2011), South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore (2010), and Oregon running back LaMichael James (2009). FCS recipients include Old Dominion quarterback Taylor Heinicke (2011) and Montana State quarterback DeNarius McGhee (2010).

### **2012 National Freshman Performer of the Year Watch List:**

Amari Cooper, Alabama	Wide Receiver
T.J. Yeldon, Alabama	Running Back
Jamaal Williams, BYU	Running Back
Cory James, Colorado State	Linebacker
Davante Adams, Fresno State	Wide Receiver
Todd Gurley, Georgia	Running Back
Keith Marshall, Georgia	Running Back
Will Gregory, Hawaii	Running Back
Landon Foster, Kentucky	Punter
Kenneth Dixon, Louisiana Tech	Running Back
Jeremy Hill, LSU	Running Back
Kevin Grooms, Marshall	Running Back
Stefon Diggs, Maryland	Wide Receiver
Duke Johnson, Miami	Running Back
Marcus Mariota, Oregon	Quarterback
Storm Woods, Oregon State	Running Back
Austin Lopez, San Jose State	Placekicker
Trevone Boykin, TCU	Quarterback
Devonte Fields, TCU	Defensive Lineman
Jaden Oberkrom, TCU	Placekicker
Johnathan Gray, Texas	Running Back
Johnny Manziel, Texas A&M	Quarterback
Alonzo Russell, Toledo	Wide Receiver
Austin Brown, UAB	Quarterback
Brett Hundley, UCLA	Quarterback
Leonard Williams, USC	Defensive Lineman
Jordan Nielsen, Utah State	Defensive Lineman
Jaime Wilson, Western Michigan	Wide Receiver

**2012 FCS National Freshman Performer of the Year Watch List:**

Sean Price, Appalachian State	Wide Receiver
Jacob Huesman, Chattanooga	Quarterback
Mark Thomas, The Citadel	Defensive Lineman
Jeff Williams, Delaware	Linebacker
Vernon Adams, Eastern Washington	Quarterback
Reese Hannon, Furman	Quarterback
Ben McLane, Georgia State	Quarterback
Kalif Raymond, Holy Cross	Wide Receiver
Connor Underwood, Indiana State	Linebacker
Kade Bell, Jacksonville	Quarterback
Josh Woodrum, Liberty	Quarterback
Ryan Heaston, Missouri State	Running Back
Chris Lider, Montana	Placekicker
Trent McKinney, Montana	Quarterback
Elandon Roberts, Morgan State	Linebacker
Brendon Riddick, Norfolk State	Running Back
Jameer Jackson, North Dakota	Wide Receiver
Sawyer Kollmorgen, Northern Iowa	Quarterback
Keiran McDonagh, Portland State	Quarterback
Johntá Hebert, Prairie View A&M	Running Back
Bryson Brindle, Presbyterian	Defensive Lineman
T.J. Lally, South Dakota State	Linebacker
Scott Lathrop, Southeast Missouri State	Quarterback
James Cowser, Southern Utah	Defensive Lineman
D.J. Ward, Stephen F. Austin	Wide Receiver
Telvin Hooks, Tennessee State	Running Back
Ladarius Vanlier, Tennessee Tech	Running Back
John Robertson, Villanova	Quarterback
Spearman Robinson, Western Carolina	Wide Receiver
Andre Stubbs, Youngstown State	Wide Receiver

**About College Football Performance Awards (CFPA):**

The goal of College Football Performance Awards is to provide the most scientifically rigorous conferments in college football. Recipients are selected exclusively based upon objective scientific rankings of the extent to which individual players increase the overall effectiveness of their teams.

As prominent scholars from a wide variety of disciplines note, CFPA eliminates the politics and biases that vitiate balloting-based awards. Furthermore, CFPA has received praise from both Republican and Democratic White House officials for promoting objectivity and fairness in college football. Visit the Official Website of College Football Performance Awards:

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