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THE TED HENDRICKS AWARD “18 YEARS YOUNG”



CHASE YOUNG

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CHICAGO, IL – Ted Hendricks and the Ted Hendricks Foundation are pleased to announce that the 18th annual recipient of the Ted Hendricks Award is Chase Young of Ohio State University. The junior from Hyattsville, Maryland is the first Buckeyes player – and fourth from the Big Ten Conference – to be honored with Ted’s trophy. He joins Michigan’s LaMarr Woodley (2006), Illinois’ Whitney Mercilus (2011) and Penn State’s Carl Nassib (2015).

Young is the winner of the 2019 Bronko Nagurski Award (top defensive player in college football) and a 2019 Heisman Trophy finalist. He is also the first defensive player in a decade to win the Big Ten’s Silver Football (best overall player). His 16½ sack total this season leads all divisions of college football. But this statistic is only a small part of the picture.

Descriptions of Chase Young’s abilities this season have included words and phrases like: Imposing, Intense, Massive, Consistent, Super athlete, Game-changer, Off the charts, Like a sprinter coming out of the blocks, Changing the paradigm of the position, Most talented prospect in college football - as well as his nickname “The Predator”. The Ted Hendricks Award Selection Committee clearly agreed. Young received the largest share of the final votes in the Award’s history (more than 90%).

In describing Young’s selection, Ted had the following to say:

“Chase’s on-field talents as a pass rusher, his explosive first step and potential to disrupt plays were demonstrated throughout the season. Those coupled with size, athleticism, fluidity in space and game statistics make Chase Young a well deserving winner of the 18th Annual Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year award.”

It was another terrific season for the defensive end position and Ted’s Finalists were proof of this fact. Each received impressive support in the preliminary voting. It was a pleasure to get to know them all a bit better this season!

2019 HENDRICKS AWARD FINALISTS

Bradlee Anae – Utah Yetur Gross-Matos – Penn State
James Lynch – Baylor Curtis Weaver – Boise State Chase Young – Ohio State

The 2019 Hendricks Award presentation dinner will take place in the spring of 2020 (time and place to be announced).

As always, the Ted Hendricks Foundation would like to express our gratitude to our Selection Committee members. We hope to have you all aboard for the 2020 season!

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