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Chicago, IL - Ted Hendricks and the Ted Hendricks Foundation have issued the initial Watch List for the 2021 edition of the Ted Hendricks Award, which honors the top defensive end in college football. As in past years, this list will remain open and subject to change throughout the season. The final version of the Watch List will be issued prior to our first ballot in late November. We plan on announcing our 2021 recipient on December 8th.

Watch List - 2021 edition of the Ted Hendricks Award (Updated September 8):

PRAISE AMAEWHULE – UTEP
BIG KAT BRYANT – CENTRAL FLORIDA
ZACHARY CARTER – FLORIDA
KHARI COLEMAN – TCU
BRENTON COX - FLORIDA
ARNOLD EBIKETIE – PENN STATE
KINGSBURY ENAGBARE – S. CAROLINA
VILIAMI FEHOKO – SAN JOSE STATE
ALI GAYE - LSU
DERICK HALL - AUBURN
CADE HALL – SAN JOSE STATE
ZACH HARRISON – OHIO STATE
AIDAN HUTCHINSON - MICHIGAN
SHANE IRWIN – BOISE STATE
DRAKE JACKSON – USC
TRAJAN JEFFCOAT – MISSOURI
TYLER JOHNSON – ARIZONA STATE

KWAMI JONES – FRESNO STATE
GEORGE KARLAFTIS - PURDUE
DEMARVIN LEAL – TEXAS A&M
BOYE MAFE - MINNESOTA
OCHAUN MATHIS – TCU
WILL McDONALD IV – IOWA STATE
MYLES MURPHY - CLEMSON
SCOTT PATCHAN – COLORADO STATE
LaBRYAN RAY - ALABAMA
MYJAI SANDERS - CINCINNATI
TYREKE SMITH – OHIO STATE
DEMETRIUS TAYLOR – APPALACHIAN ST.
KAYVON THIBODEAUX – OREGON
XAVIER THOMAS - CLEMSON
ISAIAH THOMAS - OKLAHOMA
ZION TUPUOLA-FETUI - WASHINGTON
ZACH VANVALKENBURG – IOWA

The Ted Hendricks Award is named in honor of college football’s first three-time first-team All-American. On-field performance, exceptional winning attitude, leadership abilities, contributions to school and community and academic preparedness are some of the criteria used to determine the Award’s recipient each year. Members of the national media, head coaches, professional scouts and former winners are included on the Award’s selection committee. Candidates may represent any class (Freshman through Senior) as well as any four-year NCAA accredited school. The candidate’s primary position must be Defensive End.

Previous recipients of the Hendricks Award:

2002 - Terrell Suggs (Arizona State)
2004 - David Pollack (Georgia)
2006 - LaMarr Woodley (Michigan)
2008 - Brian Orakpo (Texas)
2010 - Da’Quan Bowers (Clemson)
2012 - Jadeveon Clowney (South Carolina)
2014 - Nate Orchard (Utah)
2016 - Jonathan Allen (Alabama)
2018 – Clelin Ferrell (Clemson)
2020 – No Award

2003 - David Pollack (Georgia)
2005 - Elvis Dumervil (Louisville)
2007 - Chris Long (Virginia)
2009 - Jerry Hughes (TCU)
2011 - Whitney Mercilus (Illinois)
2013 - Jackson Jeffcoat (Texas)
2015 - Carl Nassib (Penn State)
2017 - Bradley Chubb (N.C. State)
2019 – Chase Young (Ohio State)



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