

NFF Chapter Newsletter



& COLLEGE HALL OF FAME, INC.



The Virginia Commonwealth Chapter will host its 5th Annual East Coast Bowl Game on November 26, 2005. The event showcases top regional players from NCAA Division II and III, attracting thousands of fans from nine different states and scouts from several NFL teams.

ATTENTION CHAPTER PRESIDENTS!

Don't forget to forward this newsletter to your membership so everyone is involved!

RECENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Wyoming Chapter President Mike Schutte reports that his team recently added 30 new members to their rolls. The bump in membership came during a "Chili Feed" tailgate prior to the Wyoming home football game with TCU, where the members of the Equality State corralled interested prospects with free grub. The Wyoming Chapter ranks second in the nation with 470 members behind Arkansas' 700 members.

The Colorado Chapter puts out a weekly newsletter with up-to-date standings, results and schedules for the 10 collegiate competitors in the state. They also select a NFFCC Player of the Week and NFFCC Individual Top Performers, which is sponsored by the Pioneer Press.

Jeffrey Johnston, President of the San Bernardino County Chapter, recently launched a new Web site, which can be found at www.nffsbc.com.

Past President of the Tacoma/Pierce County NFF Chapter Paul "Big Wally" Wallrof was inducted into the University of Puget Sound Hall of Fame. Wallrof, 73, coached the Loggers from 1973-77.

(Continued on page 2)



News and Notes

Rochester Chapter President Helps Coach Local College to a Successful Season

Blaise Faggiano, Rochester Chapter President, is very busy this fall. Not only is he heading up one of the NFF's newest chapters, but as defensive coordinator of the St. John Fisher football team, he helped the Cardinals establish a national ranking in Division III. Currently ranked 13th in the latest American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Coaches' Poll, St. John Fisher has only lost one game to Empire 8 Conference rival and no. 19-ranked Ithaca College.



Faggiano's young Chapter is just as successful as his football team. He and his membership hosted numerous events this past spring and summer for the benefit of local players and coaches. Activities included an annual scholar-athlete dinner, which honors 12 young men for their accomplishments on and off the playing field, an NFL-NFF Coaching Academy and a "junior combine" that showcases rising high school seniors to college football coaches.

Scholarship Memorial Fund Established in Honor of Former Chapter President



Charles W. Hawkins III, former Middle Tennessee Chapter President

The family of Charles W. Hawkins donated \$17,500 to fund 32 local high school scholar-athletes from the Middle Tennessee/Nashville Chapter. Each recipient will receive a \$500 partial scholarship.

Hawkins, who passed away in 2004 from cancer, served the chapter as its leader for four years. He was recently awarded the Fred Russell Distinguished American Award for his continued involvement in the Tennessee community. His family received the award on his behalf.



Tips for a Successful Membership Drive

- Engage your entire board in the planning and implementation.
- Clearly communicate the chapter's mission in your sales pitch.
- Develop adequate support material.
- Make it easy for potential members to join.
- Aggressively follow-up with people who expressed an interest.

Tips courtesy of Jim Greco, St. Louis/Tom Lombardo Chapter

The National Football Foundation
22 Maple Ave
Morristown, NJ 07960
Phone: 800-486-1865
Fax: 973-829-1737
Email: news@footballfoundation.com

Key NFF Contacts

Steven J. Hatchell
President

Matthew Sign
Chief Operating Officer

Sue Chung
Director of Finance

Phil Marwill
Director of Communications

Jim Presbrey
National Director, Play It Smart

Chris Caputo
Communications Assistant

Regional Coordinators

Art Demmas, South
800-662-5806

Ron Dilatush, East
215-968-7764

Bob Keropian, West
800-453-4163

Joe Owens, Midwest
800-772-5807

Howie Vandersea, Northeast
866-327-8734

GET INVOLVED!

We want to hear about
your chapter!

Please feel free to send photos,
announcements and descrip-
tions of your upcoming events to
news@footballfoundation.com
for inclusion in the upcoming
publications.

**Building Leaders
Through Football**

The 2005 Chapter Leader Honorees



Carl Barzilauskas
Midwest Leader



Walt Hunt
West Leader

Each year, The National Football Foundation recognizes a chapter leader from each region of the country. These individuals are chosen for their selfless dedication to the NFF and its mission of strengthening America's young people through the great game of football.

"Our chapter network is our most vital asset," said **NFF President Steven J. Hatchell**. "It's a top priority for us to ensure that our chapters have the tools they need to grow. Highlighting the efforts of these extraordinary individuals will hopefully inspire others to follow in their footsteps."

The honorees will be honored December 6, 2005, at the NFF Annual Awards Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City.



Emo DiNitto
East Leader



Tony Sardisco
South Leader

More News and Notes

(Continued from page 1)

The **Northwest Indiana Chapter** held its inaugural "Celebrating Our Legends" Honors Dinner. The chapter recently produced a handsome poster of the event, featuring Drew Brees, former Purdue University star and current San Diego Chargers quarterback, who took home the chapter's Mental Toughness Award, and Will Bowman, Lafayette Jefferson High School quarterback, who claimed the chapter's Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year Award. The Chapter and the Indianapolis Colts also presented a \$2,500 check from the NFL Youth Football Fund to the Rossville Little Gridiron. The youth league will use the money for equipment, facilities and insurance.

The **Houston Touchdown Chapter** played a role in promoting the new journalism wing of Texas Sports Hall of Fame. The October 18 event

showcased the inaugural members, including Sports Illustrated writer & NFF Historian **Dan Jenkins**, Houston Chronicle columnist Mickey Herskowitz, Texas Football magazine founder Dave Campbell, Dallas columnist Blackie Sherrod, CBS broadcaster Verne Lundquist, Texas Tech broadcaster Jack Dale, late voice of the Southwest Conference Kern Tips, and the late Baylor broadcaster Frank Fallon.

The **Bill Denny Chapter** (Central New Jersey) held its Annual Homecoming Social on Saturday, October 22 following the South River v. Perth Amboy high school football game. Non-members were charged \$40 for the event, which included their one-year membership. It gave prospective members a chance to get more familiar with the chapter and The NFF.

Tickets are selling quickly for the **48th Annual Awards Dinner and Luncheon** on Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. For ticket information, please contact:

Joan Stusnick
Awards Dinner Coordinator
973-829-1933, ext. 15
jstusnick@footballfoundation.com

Matt Sweeney
Director of Special Projects
973-829-1933, ext. 16
msweeney@footballfoundation.com

Please purchase your tickets as soon as possible!

The **St. Louis/Tom Lombardo Chapter** hosted its annual luncheon on Wednesday, October 19. Featured guests included former St. Louis Rams offensive line coach Jim Hanifan and former pro players Irv Goode, Herschel Turner, Bob Rowe, Willard Harreld, Doug Marsh, Steve Jones, Jim Otis and Mark Arneson. The luncheon was a sell-out.