

# ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

## Coaches Player of the Year

The Coaches Player of the Year has been presented annually since 1989 to the top offensive and defensive players in the league. The players are chosen by a vote of the conference coaches.

- 1989 Offense- George Searcy, RB, East Tennessee State  
Defense- Junior Jackson, LB, Chattanooga
- 1990 Offense- Frankie DeBusk, QB, Furman  
Defense- Troy Boeck, DL, Chattanooga  
Defense- Kevin Kendrick, LB, Furman
- 1991 Offense- Michael Payton, QB, Marshall  
Defense- Allen Edwards, DL, Furman
- 1992 Offense- Michael Payton, QB, Marshall  
Defense- Avery Hall, DL, Appalachian State
- 1993 Offense- Chris Parker, RB, Marshall  
Defense- Alex Mash, DL, Georgia Southern
- 1994 Offense- Todd Donnan, QB, Marshall  
Defense- Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1995 Offense- Thomas Haskins, RB, VMI  
Defense- Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1996 Offense- Thomas Haskins, RB, VMI  
Defense- Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1997 Offense- B.J. Adigun, WR, East Tennessee State  
Defense- Mario Hankerson, LB, East Tennessee State
- 1998 Offense- Adrian Peterson, RB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Eric Johnson, FS, Western Carolina
- 1999 Offense- Greg Hill, QB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- John Keith, DB, Furman
- 2000 Offense- Louis Ivory, TB, Furman  
Defense- Will Bouton, LB, Furman
- 2001 Offense- Adrian Peterson, RB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Freddy Pesqueira, DT, Georgia Southern
- 2002 Offense- Chaz Williams, QB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Josh Jeffries, DE, Appalachian State
- 2003 Offense- Jermaine Austin, FB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- K.T. Stovall, DT, Appalachian State
- 2004 Offense- DaVon Fowlkes, WR, Appalachian State  
Defense- William Freeman, LB, Furman
- 2005 Offense- Richie Williams, QB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Chad Nkang, LB, Elon  
Defense- Katon Bethay, NT, Wofford
- 2006 Offense- Kevin Richardson, RB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Marques Murrell, DL, Appalachian State
- 2007 Offense- Jayson Foster, QB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Corey Lynch, DB, Appalachian State
- 2008 Offense- Armanti Edwards, QB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Jacque Roman, LB, Appalachian State

## Media Player of the Year

The Media Player of the Year award is named after Roy M. "Legs" Hawley, who served as director of athletics at West Virginia from 1938 until his death in 1954. Hawley was instrumental in West Virginia's admittance to the Southern Conference in 1950. He was inducted posthumously in to the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame in 1974.

- 1948 Charlie Justice, RB, North Carolina
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- 1950 Steve Wadiak, RB, South Carolina
- 1951 Bob Ward, G, Maryland
- 1952 Jack Scarbath, QB, Maryland
- 1953 Steve Korcheck, C, George Washington
- 1954 Freddy Wyant, QB, West Virginia
- 1955 Bruce Bosley, T, West Virginia
- 1956 Walt Brodie, E, William & Mary
- 1957 Bobby Jordan, RB, VMI
- 1958 Carroll Dale, E, Virginia Tech
- 1959 Paul Maguire, E, The Citadel
- 1960 Howard Dyer, QB, VMI
- 1961 Earl Stoudt, RB, Richmond
- 1962 Bob Soleau, G, William & Mary
- 1963 Bob Schweickert, QB, Virginia Tech
- 1964 Bob Schweickert, QB, Virginia Tech
- 1965 George Pearce, E, William & Mary
- 1966 Garrett Ford, RB, West Virginia  
Jimmy Poole, QB, Davidson
- 1967 Butch Colson, RB, East Carolina
- 1968 Buster O'Brien, QB, Richmond
- 1969 Gordon Slade, QB, Davidson
- 1970 Phil Mosser, RB, William & Mary
- 1971 Brian Baima, E, The Citadel
- 1972 Carlester Crumpler, RB, East Carolina
- 1973 Carl Summerell, QB, East Carolina
- 1974 Andrew Johnson, RB, The Citadel
- 1975 Brian Ruff, LB, The Citadel
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- 1977 Darrell Lipford, RB, Western Carolina

- 1978 Gerald Harp, WR, Western Carolina  
David Henderson, QB, Furman
- 1979 Rick Beasley, WR, Appalachian State
- 1980 Stump Mitchell, RB, The Citadel
- 1981 Stanford Jennings, RB, Furman
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- 1984 Jeff Gilbert, QB, Western Carolina
- 1985 Bobby Lamb, QB, Furman
- 1986 Offense- John Settle, RB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Scott Thompson, T, The Citadel
- 1987 Offense- Tony Petersen, QB, Marshall  
Defense- Anthony Downs, DL, Appalachian State
- 1988 Offense- Gene Brown, QB, The Citadel  
Defense- Jeff Blankenship, LB, Furman
- 1989 Offense- George Searcy, RB, East Tennessee State  
Defense- Kelly Fletcher, E, Furman
- 1990 Offense- Frankie DeBusk, QB, Furman  
Defense- Kevin Kendrick, LB, Furman
- 1991 Offense- Michael Payton, QB, Marshall  
Defense- Rico Mack, LB, Appalachian State
- 1992 Offense- Michael Payton, QB, Marshall  
Defense- Avery Hall, DL, Appalachian State
- 1993 Offense- Chris Parker, RB, Marshall  
Defense- William King, LB, Marshall
- 1994 Offense- Todd Donnan, QB, Marshall  
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Defense- Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1997 Offense- B.J. Adigun, WR, East Tennessee State  
Defense- Bryan Dailer, DE, Furman
- 1998 Offense- Adrian Peterson, FB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Eric Johnson, FS, Western Carolina
- 1999 Offense- Greg Hill, QB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- John Keith, DB, Furman
- 2000 Offense- Louis Ivory, TB, Furman  
Defense- Will Bouton, LB, Furman
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Defense- Will Bouton, LB, Furman
- 2002 Offense- Chaz Williams, QB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Josh Jeffries, DE, Appalachian State
- 2003 Offense- Jermaine Austin, FB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Matt Nelson, DB, Wofford
- 2004 Offense- DaVon Fowlkes, WR, Appalachian State  
Defense- William Freeman, LB, Furman
- 2005 Offense- Richie Williams, QB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Chad Nkang, LB, Elon
- 2006 Offense- Kevin Richardson, RB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Chad Nkang, LB, Elon
- 2007 Offense- Jayson Foster, QB, Georgia Southern  
Defense- Corey Lynch, DB, Appalachian State
- 2008 Offense - Armanti Edwards, QB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Chris Covington, LB, Georgia Southern

## Coaches Coach of the Year

The Coaches Coach of the Year is selected in a vote of the league's coaches and has been presented to the top coach annually since 1989.

- 1989 Jimmy Satterfield, Furman
- 1990 Buddy Nix, Chattanooga
- 1991 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 1992 Steve Hodgins, Western Carolina
- 1993 Tim Stowers, Georgia Southern
- 1994 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 1995 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 1996 Mike Cavan, East Tennessee State
- 1997 Paul Johnson, Georgia Southern
- 1998 Paul Johnson, Georgia Southern
- 1999 Bobby Johnson, Furman
- 2000 Mike Ayers, Wofford
- 2001 Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
- 2002 Cal McCombs, VMI
- 2003 Mike Ayers, Wofford
- 2004 Mike Sewak, Georgia Southern
- 2005 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 2006 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 2007 Mike Ayers, Wofford and Pete Lembo, Elon
- 2008 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State

## Media Coach of the Year

The Media Coach of the Year award is named in honor of Wallace Wade, the first commissioner of the Southern Conference. Wade served as commissioner from 1951 until 1960. He spent 16 years as the head football coach at Duke, where his team posted a 110-36-7 record. Wade is a member of the National Football Hall of Fame.

- 1948 Frank Howard, Clemson
- 1949 Wallace Wade, Duke
- 1950 George Barclay, Washington & Lee
- 1951 Jim Tatum, Maryland
- 1952 Bill Murray, Duke
- 1953 Art Lewis, West Virginia
- 1954 Art Lewis, West Virginia
- 1955 Eugene Sherman, George Washington
- 1956 Frank Moseley, Virginia Tech
- 1957 John McKenna, VMI
- 1958 Ed Merrick, Richmond
- 1959 John McKenna, VMI
- 1960 Bill Elias, George Washington
- 1961 Eddie Teague, The Citadel
- 1962 John McKenna, VMI
- 1963 Jerry Claiborne, Virginia Tech
- 1964 Marv Levy, William & Mary
- 1965 Marv Levy, William & Mary
- 1966 Jim Camp, George Washington
- 1967 Frank Jones, Richmond
- 1968 Frank Jones, Richmond
- 1969 Homer Smith, Davidson
- 1970 Bob King, Furman
- 1971 Frank Jones, Richmond
- 1972 Sonny Randle, East Carolina
- 1973 Sonny Randle, East Carolina
- 1974 Bob Thalman, VMI
- 1975 Jim Tait, Richmond
- 1976 Jim Root, William & Mary
- 1977 Joe Morrison, Chattanooga
- 1978 Dick Sheridan, Furman
- 1979 Joe Morrison, Chattanooga
- 1980 Dick Sheridan, Furman
- 1981 Bob Thalman, VMI
- 1982 Dick Sheridan, Furman
- 1983 Bob Waters, Western Carolina
- 1984 Tom Moore, The Citadel
- 1985 Sparky Woods, Appalachian State
- 1986 Sparky Woods, Appalachian State
- 1987 Sparky Woods, Appalachian State
- 1988 Charlie Taaffe, The Citadel
- 1989 Jimmy Satterfield, Furman
- 1990 Charlie Taaffe, The Citadel



Samford QB Dustin Taliaferro earned consensus Freshman of the Year honors in 2008 after guiding the Bulldogs to a 4-4 mark in their first SoCon season.

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- 1994 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
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- 1996 Mike Cavan, East Tennessee State
- 1997 Paul Johnson, Georgia Southern
- 1998 Paul Johnson, Georgia Southern
- 1999 Bobby Johnson, Furman
- 2000 Mike Ayers, Wofford
- 2001 Bill Bleil, Western Carolina
- 2002 Mike Ayers, Wofford
- 2003 Mike Ayers, Wofford
- 2004 Bobby Lamb, Furman
- 2005 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 2006 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
- 2007 Pete Lembo, Elon
- 2008 Jerry Moore, Appalachian State

## Coaches Freshman of the Year

- 1989 James Roberts, RB, Chattanooga
- 1990 Derrick Hollins, RB, East Tennessee
- 1991 Offense- Chip Hooks, RB, Appalachian State  
Defense- Roger Johnson, DB, Marshall
- 1992 Marlon Anderson, WR, VMI
- 1993 Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1994 Kenny Robinson, QB, Georgia Southern
- 1995 Chad Pennington, QB, Marshall
- 1996 Brandon Walker, RB, East Tennessee State
- 1997 Todd Wells, QB, East Tennessee State
- 1998 Adrian Peterson, FB, Georgia Southern
- 1999 Jesse McCoy, RB, Wofford
- 2000 Lamont Seward, WR, Western Carolina
- 2001 Titus Green, RS, VMI
- 2002 Jermaine Austin, RB, Georgia Southern
- 2003 Kevious Johnson, RB, Wofford
- 2004 Jayson Foster, QB, Georgia Southern
- 2005 Dedrick Bynam, DB, Georgia Southern
- 2006 Armanti Edwards, QB, Appalachian State
- 2007 Scott Riddle, QB, Elon
- 2008 Dustin Taliaferro, QB, Samford

## Media Freshman of the Year

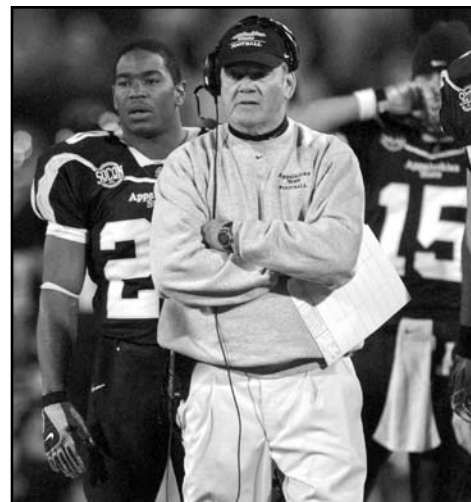
- 1979 Ron Lear, RB, Marshall
- 1980 Barry Childers, K, Marshall
- 1981 Stanford Jennings, RB, Furman
- 1982 Victor Frazier, WR, The Citadel  
and Stanford Glenn, RB, The Citadel
- 1983 John Settle, RB, Appalachian State
- 1984 Kirk Roach, K, Western Carolina
- 1985 Tim Sanders, RB, Appalachian State

- 1986 Ron Darby, RB, Marshall
- 1987 Stan Nix, QB, Chattanooga
- 1988 Dewey Klein, K, Marshall
- 1989 James Roberts, RB, Chattanooga
- 1990 Derrick Hollins, RB, East Tennessee State
- 1991 Chip Hooks, RB, Appalachian State
- 1992 Alandus Sims, DB, Marshall
- 1993 Dexter Coakley, LB, Appalachian State
- 1994 Kenny Robinson, QB, Georgia Southern
- 1995 Chad Pennington, QB, Marshall
- 1996 Randy Moss, WR/KR, Marshall
- 1997 Todd Wells, QB, East Tennessee State
- 1998 Adrian Peterson, FB, Georgia Southern
- 1999 Jesse McCoy, RB, Wofford
- 2000 Lamont Seward, WR, Western Carolina
- 2001 Brian Bratton, RS, Furman
- 2002 Jermaine Austin, FB, Georgia Southern
- 2003 Kevious Johnson, RB, Wofford
- 2004 Andrew Thacker, FS, Furman
- 2005 Dedrick Bynam, DB, Georgia Southern
- 2006 Armanti Edwards, QB Appalachian State
- 2007 Scott Riddle, QB, Elon
- 2008 Dustin Taliaferro, QB, Samford

## Jacobs Blocking Award

*The Jacobs Blocking Award was originated in 1928 by Dr. William P. Jacobs II, who helped organize Presbyterian College's first varsity football team in 1913. From 1928 to 1932, the Jacobs Award was presented to a player from the state of South Carolina. Dr. Jacobs had a duplicate award made and began presenting it to a Southern Conference player in 1933. Additional awards were subsequently made for the Southeastern (1935) and Atlantic Coast (1953) Conferences.*

- 1933 George Smith, B, Virginia Tech
- 1934 George Smith, B, Virginia Tech
- 1935 Herman Snyder, B, North Carolina
- 1936 John Gormley, B, Maryland
- 1937 George Watson, B, North Carolina
- 1938 Andy Trzeciak, B, VMI
- 1939 James Ringgold, B, Wake Forest
- 1940 Billy Walker, G, VMI
- 1941 Tommy Prothro, B, Duke
- 1942 Mike Cooke, B, North Carolina
- 1943 Elmer Barbour, B, Wake Forest
- 1944 Tom Davis, B, Duke
- 1945 Nick Ognovich, B, Wake Forest
- 1946 Nick Ognovich, B, Wake Forest
- 1947 Nick Ognovich, B, Wake Forest
- 1948 Robert Bowlby, B, North Carolina State
- 1949 Robert Bowlby, B, North Carolina State
- 1950 Dick Hendley, B, Clemson



*The league's coaches named Jerry Moore as Coach of the Year for the sixth time in 20 seasons.*

- 1951 Jack Kistler, B, Duke
- 1952 Louis Tepe, C, Duke
- 1953 Tommy Allman, B, West Virginia
- 1954 Gene Lamone, G, West Virginia
- 1955 Bruce Bosley, T, West Virginia
- 1956 John Hall, C, Virginia Tech
- 1957 Chuck Howley, G, West Virginia
- 1958 Carroll Dale, E, Virginia Tech
- 1959 John Boggs, B, Richmond
- 1960 Lou Shuba, G, VMI
- 1961 Don Christman, C, Richmond
- 1962 Bob Soleau, G, William & Mary
- 1963 Bob Soleau, G, William & Mary
- 1964 Sonny Utz, B, Virginia Tech
- 1965 Norman Swindell, B, East Carolina
- 1966 Brad Cashman, G, George Washington
- 1967 Kevin Moran, T, East Carolina
- 1968 Wayne Fowler, T, Richmond
- 1969 Wayne Fowler, T, Richmond
- 1970 Bob Herb, C, William & Mary
- 1971 Jackson Neal, G, William & Mary
- 1972 Barty Smith, B, Richmond
- 1973 Barty Smith, B, Richmond
- 1974 Andy Dearman, G, VMI
- 1975 Rodney Elam, T, Richmond
- 1976 Gill Beck, C, Appalachian State
- 1977 Gill Beck, C, Appalachian State
- 1978 Brette Simmons, TE, Furman
- 1979 John Shuman, T, VMI
- 1980 Charlie Anderson, T, Furman
- 1981 Charlie Anderson, T, Furman
- 1982 Mike Coleman, G, Furman
- 1983 Mike Nease, T, Chattanooga
- 1984 Dinky Williams, B, Furman
- 1985 Gene Reeder, C, Furman
- 1986 Mike Callaway, T, Appalachian State
- 1987 James Hardman, G, Appalachian State
- 1988 Kennet Goldsmith, B, Furman
- 1989 Derrick Graham, T, Appalachian State
- 1990 Steve Duggan, C, Furman
- 1991 Lorenzo Carpenter, C, VMI
- 1992 Phil Ratliff, G, Marshall
- 1993 Chris Deaton, T, Marshall
- 1994 Franklin Stephens, C, Georgia Southern
- 1995 William Pannell, T, Marshall
- 1996 Aaron Ferguson, G, Marshall
- 1997 Mark Williams, G, Georgia Southern
- 1998 Mark Williams, G, Georgia Southern
- 1999 Ben Hall, G, Furman
- 2000 Josh Moore, T, Furman
- 2001 Donnie Littlejohn, T, Furman
- 2002 Charles Clarke, C, Georgia Southern
- 2003 Eric Deutsch, G, Wofford
- 2004 Ben Bainbridge, T, Furman
- 2005 Matt Isenhour, T, Appalachian State
- 2006 Kerry Brown, G, Appalachian State
- 2007 Kerry Brown, G, Appalachian State
- 2008 Joel Bell, T, Furman



*Furman's Joel Bell (74) earned the Jacob's Blocking Award in 2008, becoming the 13th Paladin to win the award.*