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2025 John Mackey Award Winner Announced

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The John Mackey Award, presented annually to the most outstanding collegiate tight end in the nation, is proud to announce the winner of the 2025 award. The announcement was made during the broadcast of the Home Depot College Football Awards on ESPN.

The 2025 John Mackey Award winner is:



#9 Eli Stowers of the Vanderbilt Commodores – He had a tremendous season bringing in **62 receptions for 769 yards and 4 touchdowns**. Congratulations to the Denton, Texas native, he has earned the right to be mentioned with some of the greats!

“Eli Stowers has exemplified the athleticism, leadership, and integrity that define the John Mackey Award,” said Jerry Mackey, Chairman of the John Mackey Award. “We are proud to honor his outstanding contributions to college football and the tight end position this season.”

The John Mackey Award Selection Committee, comprised of former players, coaches, and media members, evaluates candidates based on their on-field performance, sportsmanship, and overall contribution to their teams.

About the John Mackey Award

Established in 2000, the John Mackey Award is named in honor of NFL Hall of Famer John Mackey, who is widely regarded as one of the greatest tight ends in football history. The award recognizes the most outstanding collegiate tight end who best exemplifies the play, sportsmanship, and character of John Mackey.

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