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ROTARY LOMBARDI AWARD

Past Winners

Jim Stillwagon
Walt Patulski
Rich Glover
John Hicks
Randy White
Lee Roy Selmon
Wilson Whitley
Ross Browner
Bruce Clark
Brad Budde
Hugh Green
Kenneth Sims
Dave Rimington
Dean Steinkuhler
Tony Degrate
Tony Casillas
Cornelius Bennett
Chris Spielman
Tracy Rucker
Percy Snow
Chris Zorich
Steve Emtman
Marvin Jones
Aaron Taylor
Warren Sapp
Orlando Pace (2)
Grant Wistrom
Dat Nguyen
Corey Moore
Jamal Reynolds
Julius Peppers
Terrell Suggs
Tommie Harris
David Pollack
A. J. Hawk
LaMarr Woodley
Glenn Dorsey
Brian Orakpo
Ndamukong Suh
Nick Fairley
Luke Kuechly
Manti Te'o
Aaron Donald
Scooby Wright III
Carl Nassib
Jonathan Allen

Houston, Texas – The Rotary Club of Houston, General Chair, A. David Schwarz, III and the Planning Committee for the 48th Annual Rotary Lombardi Award announce a December 8, 2021 date, a revision of the selection process, and a steadfast commitment to raise funds for the American Cancer Society: thereby preserving the award's integrity.

After a brief hiatus, the Rotary Lombardi Award will be re-established as one of the premier awards in college football. The Rotary Lombardi Award will continue to be given annually to an Outstanding College Lineman. To be considered for the Rotary Lombardi Award, players must be a NCAA FBS College Football team member and meet the following qualifications:

- Be a down Lineman, end to end, either on offense or defense, setting up no further than ten (10) yards to the left or right of the ball at the time of the snap.
- Be a Linebacker on defense, setting up no further than five (5) yards deep from the line of scrimmage.
- Must **not** come out of the offensive backfield and set up on the line of scrimmage as a Blocker or a Receiver or listed in the program as an Offensive Back or Receiver.
- Be eligible to participate in the current season.
- Best exemplify the courage, desire, and respect for authority that defined Vincent Lombardi's exceptional brand of DISCIPLINE.

With the spring release of a preliminary watch list, the three-tier voting process will include a blank ballot to establish the Top 12, leading to Four Nominees and ultimately the winner who will be announced in Houston, Texas at the Hilton Americas-Houston on Dec 8th. Voters are comprised of past winners and nominees, college football coaches and more than 300 members of the sports media. The physical award remains a striking block of pink granite representing the imposing Lineman stance.

"I am a proud winner of the Rotary Lombardi Award and honored to be part of such a distinguished fraternity of college Linemen who all came through Houston as finalists. I am excited to know that the award's focus is returning to its original mission of honoring the top Lineman or Linebacker in college football, while raising funds for the fight against cancer, and I can't wait to welcome the next group of finalists to our brotherhood," Aaron Taylor, 1993 Rotary Lombardi Award Winner and 2021 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee.

Just weeks after Coach Vince Lombardi's death in 1970 from colon cancer, the Rotary Club of Houston was authorized by Vince Lombardi's widow, Marie, to establish the Rotary Lombardi Award. As stipulated by Mrs. Lombardi, net proceeds from the Award activities are contributed to Cancer Research and specifically the American Cancer Society's programs.

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