



THE
EARL CAMPBELL
TYLER ROSE AWARD

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Tyler Announces The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Semifinalists

TYLER, Texas – This year many talented athletes with ties to the state of Texas have emerged as candidates for The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award. Sixteen Semifinalists have been selected by The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Selection Committee.

This year's candidates include nine quarterbacks, including our 2015 winner, three running backs, and four wide receivers. Seven different conferences are represented.

The 2016 Semifinalists are:

J. T. Barrett, QB, Ohio State, Jr. - Wichita Falls, TX (Rider HS) – Big Ten
Jerod Evans, QB, Virginia Tech, Jr. – Dallas, TX (Mansfield HS) – Atlantic Coast Conference
D’onta Foreman, RB, Texas, Jr. – Texas City, TX (Texas City HS) – Big 12
Ryan Higgins, QB, Louisiana Tech, Sr. – Hutto, TX (Hutto HS) – Conference USA
Skyler Howard, QB, West Virginia, Sr. – Ft. Worth, TX (Brewer HS) – Big 12
Jalen Hurts, QB, Alabama, Fr. – Channelview, TX (Channelview HS) – SEC
Aaron Jones, RB, UTEP, Jr. – El Paso, TX (Burgess HS) – Conference USA
Zay Jones, WR, East Carolina, Sr. – Austin, TX (Stephen F. Austin HS) – American Athletic Conference
Christian Kirk, WR, Texas A&M, Soph. – Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro HS) – SEC
Patrick Mahomes, II, QB, Texas Tech, Jr. – Whitehouse, TX (Whitehouse HS) – Big 12
Baker Mayfield, QB, Oklahoma, Jr. – Austin, TX (Lake Travis HS) – Big 12
Greg Ward, Jr., QB, Houston, Sr. – Tyler, TX (John Tyler HS) – American Athletic Conference
James Washington, WR, Oklahoma State, Sr. – Stamford, TX (Stamford HS) – Big 12
Davis Webb, QB, California, Sr. – Prosper, TX (Prosper HS) – Pac-12

Dede Westbrook, WR, Oklahoma, Sr. – Cameron, TX (Cameron Yoe HS) – Big 12
Rawleigh Williams, III, RB, Arkansas, Soph. – Dallas, TX (Bishop Lynch HS) - SEC

Finalists will be selected from this group and announced on December 7, 2016.

The winner will be announced at the award banquet in Tyler, Texas on January 11, 2017.

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THE EARL CAMPBELL TYLER ROSE AWARD

The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award, announced in 2012 by the Tyler Chamber and SPORTyler, recognizes the top offensive player in Division 1 football who also exhibits the enduring characteristics that define Earl Campbell: integrity, performance, teamwork, sportsmanship, drive, community, and tenacity; specifically tenacity to persist and determination to overcome adversity and injury in pursuit of reaching goals.

In addition, the nominee must meet one or more of the following criteria: born in Texas and/or graduated from a Texas High School and/or played at a Texas-based junior college or four year D1 Texas college.

For more information about The Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award go to www.earlcampbellaward.com or contact Cindy Smoak, SPORTyler, Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce: csmoak@tylertexas.com or 903-592-1661, extension 237.

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