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EMPIRE 8 ANNOUNCES FOOTBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Offensive Player of the Year: Andrew Benkwitt, Utica College

Defensive Player of the Year: Mike Raplee, Alfred University

Special Teams Player of the Year: Kyle Hamby, Salisbury University

Rookie of the Year: Maleke Fuentes, Alfred University

Coach of the Year: Sherman Wood, Salisbury University

First Team Offense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Andrew Benkwitt	QB	Sr.	Utica College
Chuck Beckwith	RB	Sr.	Alfred University
Cody Miller	RB	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Joseph Ingrao	WR	Sr.	Ithaca College
Jeremy Meier	WR	Sr.	Utica College
Matt Dunn	TE	Sr.	Utica College
Maleke Fuentes	All-Purpose	Fr.	Alfred University
Ryan Diflavio	OL	Jr.	Alfred University
Darius Arrington	OL	Jr.	Frostburg State University
Brian Mansfield	OL	Sr.	Salisbury University
Dan Maloney	OL	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Tom Dyer	OL	St.	Utica College

First Team Defense

Mike Raplee	DL	Sr.	Alfred University
Chris Steeves	DL	Sr.	Alfred University
Jim DeRosa	DL	Sr.	Hartwick College
Mason Judd	DL	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Pasquale Vacchio	LB	Sr.	Buffalo State
Steven Gamble	LB	So.	Salisbury University
Matt McMurdo	LB	Sr.	Salisbury University
Jon Jackson	DB	Sr.	Alfred University
Reggie Pressley	DB	Sr.	Alfred University
Andre Carter	DB	Jr.	Salisbury University
Troy Sant	DB	St.	St. John Fisher

First Team Special Teams

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Garrett Nicholson	PK	So.	Ithaca College
Kyle Hamby	P	So.	Salisbury University
Sam Carney	KR/PR	So.	Ithaca College

Second Team Offense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Dan Griffin	QB	Sr.	Salisbury University
Clay Ardoin	RB	Sr.	Ithaca College
Joe Benedetti	RB	Sr.	Salisbury University
Anthony Young	WR	Sr.	Frostburg State University
Tanner Williams	WR	Fr.	Hartwick College
Adam Schutz	TE	Sr.	Alfred University
Jesse Baldassare	All Purpose	Jr.	Utica College
Mike Feirabend	OL	Jr.	Buffalo State
Anthony Ponesse	OL	Sr.	Hartwick College
Pat Stephenson	OL	Jr.	Ithaca College
Mark Bohanan	OL	Jr.	Salisbury University
James Thomas	OL	Jr.	St. John Fisher
Zach Hunnewell	OL	So.	Utica College

Second Team Defense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Tawone Williams	DL	So.	Buffalo State
Tommy Hawks	DL	So.	Salisbury University
Nick Ochoa	DL	So.	Salisbury University
Michael Herberger	DL	Sr.	Utica College
J.R. Britton	LB	So.	Alfred University
Byran Schweitzer	LB	Jr.	Hartwick College
Dana Christofferson	LB	Jr.	Utica College
Joe Leavell	LB	Gr.	St. John Fisher
Chris Hall	DB	Jr.	Buffalo State
Adam Burdick	DB	Gr.	St. John Fisher
Paul Moore	DB	Sr.	Salisbury University
Greg Stanton	DB	Jr.	Salisbury University

Second Team Special Teams

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Nate Benoit	PK	So.	Buffalo State
AJ Vallone	P	Sr.	Ithaca College
Caesarae Lewis	KR/PR	Jr.	Buffalo State

Honorable Mention Offense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Casey Kacz	QB	Jr.	Buffalo State
Ryan Carney	WR	Fr.	Buffalo State
Juma Richards	WR	Sr.	Salisbury University
Jared Prugar	TE	Jr.	Ithaca College
Tanner Williams	All Purpose	Fr.	Hartwick College
Zach Harrington	OL	Jr.	Alfred University
Harold Spetla	OL	Sr.	Alfred University
Josh Jesonowski	OL	Sr.	Buffalo State
Jeremy Harrissmith	OL	Sr.	Salisbury University
Miguel Amezcuita	OL	Sr.	St. John Fisher

Honorable Mention Defense

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Rodney Hill	LB	Sr.	Salisbury University
Travis Tones	LB	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Nick LoBrutto	LB	So.	St. John Fisher
Sean Littlejohn	DL	Sr.	Buffalo State
Aaron Gruber	DL	Sr.	Frostburg State University
Joe Ricotta	DL	So.	Ithaca College
Mike Benderski	DL	Sr.	St. John Fisher
Brandon Hodgins	DB	Sr.	Buffalo State
Brendon Blanchette	DB	Sr.	Frostburg State University

Honorable Mention Special Teams

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Thomas Woodburn	PK	Fr.	Utica College
Dakota Peel	P	So.	Utica College
Isaiah Taylor	KR/PR	So.	Salisbury University

Sportsman of the Year

Name	Position	Yr.	School
Harold Spetla	OL	Sr.	Alfred University
Branson Hodgins	DB	Sr.	Buffalo State
Cory Shank	TE	Sr.	Frostburg State University
Anthony Ponesse	OL	Sr.	Hartwick College
Matt Hartz	OL	Sr.	Ithaca College
Dan Griffin	QB	Sr.	Salisbury University
Joe Leavell	LB	Gr.	St. John Fisher College
Genaro Scampone	LB	Sr.	Utica College