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CHANE, GHANT & MOORE CLAIM PLAYER OF THE YEAR HONORS TO TOP 2026 ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL TEAM

CLEVELAND, OH – Ohio Wesleyan junior return specialist **Jordan Ghant (Suwanee, GA/Peachtree Ridge)**, along with WashU seniors, quarterback **Levi Moore (Nashville, TN/Ensworth)** and linebacker **Joy Chane (Johns Creek, GA/Mount Pisgah Christian)**, have been named the Players of the Year to highlight the 2026 All-North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) football selections.

Moore and Chane earn the Mike Gregory Award (Offensive Player of the Year) and Hank Critchfield Award (Defensive Player of the Year), respectively, in WashU's inaugural season competing in the NCAC. The offensive award honors **Mike Gregory**, a multi-sport standout at Denison in the 1920s, while the defensive award recognizes **Hank Critchfield**, a 1927 graduate of The College of Wooster. Ghant becomes the first Ohio Wesleyan player to earn NCAC Special Teams Player of the Year honors, an award introduced in 2016.

Moore earns WashU its first Mike Gregory Award after leading one of the most explosive offenses in the conference. The senior signal caller completed 110-of-167 pass attempts (.659) for 1,801 yards and 17 touchdowns, while throwing just four interceptions through 10 regular-season games. On the ground, Moore added 460 rushing yards on 70 carries, averaging 6.6 yards per attempt, and led the NCAC with 17 rushing touchdowns. His 2,261 yards of total offense ranked among the conference's best, while his 34 combined passing and rushing touchdowns led the league. Moore recorded three rushing touchdowns in two separate contests, against Denison on Oct. 31 and Ohio Wesleyan on Nov. 7, and threw for a season-high 275 yards against the Big Red. The senior's production helped power a WashU offense that led the NCAC in both scoring and total offense.

Chane collects the inaugural Hank Critchfield Award for WashU after making an impact throughout the Bears' defensive unit. The senior finished the regular season with 38 total tackles (18 solo, 20 assisted), including five tackles for loss totaling 21 yards and 1.5 sacks for 13 yards. He also recorded two interceptions, five pass breakups and two quarterback hurries. Chane's ability to make plays against both the run and pass helped anchor a WashU defense that allowed a conference-low 13.1 points per game and just 274.4 yards of total offense per contest through 10 games. The Bears also limited opposing offenses to just 71.9 rushing yards per game, the second-lowest average in the NCAC.

Ghant, Ohio Wesleyan's first Special Teams Player of the Year, delivered a standout season as the Battling Bishops' primary kickoff returner. The junior returned 21 kickoffs for an NCAC-high 611 yards, averaging 29.1 yards per return, and recorded a league-best two kickoff-return touchdowns, including a conference-long 97-yard return. Ghant's impact extended beyond special teams, as he also hauled in 15 receptions for 251 yards and three touchdowns while adding a 47-yard rushing touchdown. The versatile playmaker finished the regular season with 909 all-purpose yards, averaging 90.9 per game, along with six total touchdowns and 36 points for the Battling Bishops.

Additionally, DePauw first-year wide receiver **Luke Dockery (Evansville, IN/Memorial)** was named the NCAC's Newcomer of the Year as the top player in the league in his first year of collegiate competition. He is the Tigers' fifth recipient of the honor and the first since **Jaylon Smith** in 2021. The rookie wide receiver quickly established himself as one of the Tigers' top offensive weapons, finishing the regular season with 42 receptions for 668 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 15.9 yards per catch and 66.8 receiving yards per game, ranking among the conference's top receiving threats. Dockery turned in his best performance against Denison on Oct. 17, hauling in a season-high 143 receiving yards and two touchdowns. His production helped DePauw finish the regular season with a 9-1 overall record and an 8-1 mark in conference play.

WashU claimed 2026 NCAC Coaching Staff of the Year honors. The Bears are led by Head Coach **Aaron Keen**, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach **Jeff Fisher**, Offensive Line Coach **Brian Allen**, Recruiting Coordinator/Running Backs Coach **Scott Mueller**, Special Teams/Defensive Backs Coach **David Tolbert**, Defensive Backs Coach **Kerman Mason**, Defensive Line Coach **Tim Funk**, Wide Receivers Coach **Jeff Walker** and Outside Linebackers Coach **Randon Recker**. WashU completed a perfect 10-0 regular season, including a 9-0 record in conference play, to capture the NCAC championship. Offensively, the Bears led the conference in scoring (48.1 points per game), total offense (480.3 yards per game), rushing offense (252.4 yards per game) and offensive efficiency (192.6). WashU also topped the league with 63 offensive touchdowns. Defensively, the Bears allowed a conference-low 13.1 points per game while ranking third in total defense, surrendering just 274.4 yards per contest, and ranking second in rushing defense, allowing just 71.9 yards per game.

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2026 ALL-NCAC FOOTBALL

CLEVELAND, OH -- The following performers have earned All-North Coast Athletic Conference honors for the 2026 season through balloting by the NCAC football coaches.

FIRST TEAM • OFFENSE		School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
QB	Levi Moore	WashU	Sr.	5-11	185	Nashville, TN/Ensworth
RB	Cole Dickerson	Wabash	Jr.	5-11	213	Lancaster, OH/Lancaster
WR	Luke Adams <	Wabash	Jr.	6-0	190	Sullivan, IN/Sullivan
WR	Makael Carter	WashU	Sr.	6-0	180	Alpharetta, GA/Mount Pisgah Christian
WR	Luke Dockery	DePauw	Fy.	6-2	180	Evansville, IN/Memorial
WR	Shane Lindstrom *<	John Carroll	Sr.	5-8	170	Canfield, OH/South Range
TE	Palmer Samuels !	DePauw	Sr.	6-3	230	Muncie, IN/Delta
C	Luke Gadomski	WashU	Sr.	6-3	265	Glen Ellyn, IL/Glenbard West
OL	Dominic Begora	WashU	Sr.	6-3	269	Elmhurst, IL/York Community
OL	Brady Cavan	WashU	Sr.	6-0	246	Glen Ellyn, IL/Glenbard West
OL	Jason Doyle	WashU	So.	6-3	268	Danville, CA/San Ramon Valley
OL	Christopher Grant III	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-5	300	Atlanta, GA/Tri-Cities

FIRST TEAM • DEFENSE						
LB	Joy Chane	WashU	Sr.	5-11	225	Johns Creek, GA/Mount Pisgah Christian
LB	Rory Ralston	Denison	Jr.	6-0	220	Columbus, OH/Bishop Hartley
LB	Ivory Travers	John Carroll	Sr.	6-0	220	Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair
DL	Chris Green *	DePauw	Jr.	5-11	245	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
DL	Michael Kerr *	Kenyon	Sr.	6-1	257	Cleveland, OH/St. Edward
DL	Ethan Venable	WashU	Jr.	6-0	249	St. Louis, MO/Oakville Senior
DB	Gino Blasini <	John Carroll	Jr.	6-2	210	Kirtland, OH/Kirtland
DB	Jacob Hufnagel *	John Carroll	Sr.	6-1	180	Pittsburgh, PA/Upper St. Clair
DB	Brett Kersemeier	WashU	Sr.	5-10	178	Arlington Heights, IL/John Hersey
DB	Harry Pratt	DePauw	Jr.	6-1	200	Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia/Toowoomba Grammar School
DB	Dominic Simpson @^	Kenyon	Sr.	5-11	187	Livonia, MI/Livonia-Franklin

FIRST TEAM • SPECIALISTS						
P	Drew Dossman	Wittenberg	Jr.	6-3	205	Amanda, OH/Amanda-Clearcreek
PK	Matias Adrogue	WashU	Jr.	6-2	199	Houston, TX/St. John's School
RS	Jordan Ghant	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	5-8	185	Suwanee, GA/Peachtree Ridge
ST	AJ Jobe	DePauw	Fy.	5-8	190	Brownsburg, IN/Brownsburg

Mike Gregory Award (Offensive Player of the Year): Levi Moore, WashU
Hank Critchfield Award (Defensive Player of the Year): Joy Chane, WashU
Special Teams Player of the Year: Jordan Ghant, Ohio Wesleyan
Newcomer of the Year: Luke Dockery, DePauw
Coaching Staff of the Year: WashU

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^ 3rd team 2023

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SECOND TEAM • OFFENSE		School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School
QB	Jack Kazmierczak	DePauw	Sr.	6-0	205	Carmel, IN/Carmel
RB	Brayden Lewis	WashU	So.	5-8	172	Atlanta, GA/Marist School
WR	Drew Bomar	WashU	Sr.	5-10	179	Atlanta, GA/Holy Innocents Episcopal School
WR	Dorian Facen Jr.	John Carroll	Sr.	6-2	205	Buffalo, NY/Williamsville East
WR	Carter Foran	DePauw	So.	5-9	163	Monticello, IL/Monticello
WR	Grayson Kerscher !	Denison	Sr.	6-0	180	Naples, FL/Community School of Naples
TE	Kenny Thompson Jr.	Ohio Wesleyan	Sr.	6-0	195	Lewis Center, OH/Olentangy Orange
C	Zach Kerr !&	DePauw	Sr.	6-2	299	West Lafayette, IN/Lafayette Central Catholic
OL	Andrew Cresciullo	WashU	Sr.	6-2	274	Garden City, NY/Garden City
OL	Troy Mrukowski *	John Carroll	Sr.	6-2	255	Powell, OH/Olentangy Liberty
OL	Nick Ruiz <	DePauw	Jr.	6-3	300	Batavia, IL/Batavia
OL	Bennett Smith !&	DePauw	Sr.	6-1	270	Park Ridge, IL/Maine South

SECOND TEAM • DEFENSE						
LB	Carson Foxen	Wabash	Jr.	5-9	212	Avon, IN/Avon
LB	Toreeq Jimoh-Oyesigi	DePauw	Jr.	6-1	225	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
LB	Henry Murr	WashU	Sr.	6-3	237	Louisville, KY/St. Xavier
LB	Robert Pasinato	DePauw	Sr.	5-11	185	Lake Forest, IL/Lake Forest
DL	Max Draheim	WashU	Sr.	6-1	261	Maple Grove, MN/Maple Grove
DL	Camden Singer	Wabash	Jr.	6-1	220	Farmersburg, IN/Sullivan
DL	Pete West	WashU	Jr.	6-3	238	Fayetteville, GA/Starr's Mill
DB	Gage Gulley *	Wabash	Jr.	5-11	200	Noblesville, IN/Noblesville
DB	Cole Harris	Denison	Jr.	6-1	200	Cincinnati, OH/St. Xavier
DB	JJ Lowery	DePauw	Fy.	5-7	145	Newburgh, IN/Reitz Memorial
DB	Nick Pellicciotta <$	Denison	Sr.	5-9	195	Malvern, PA/Great Valley

SECOND TEAM • SPECIALISTS						
P	Matias Adrogue	WashU	Jr.	6-2	199	Houston, TX/St. John's School
PK	Colin Schuler *	John Carroll	Sr.	6-3	190	Westerville, OH/New Albany
RS	Shane Lindstrom *<	John Carroll	Sr.	5-8	170	Canfield, OH/South Range
ST	Cam Crago	Wooster	Jr.	6-5	220	Mansfield, OH/Lexington

THIRD TEAM • OFFENSE						
QB	Tyler Green *$	John Carroll	Jr.	6-2	210	Concord, NC/Cannon
RB	Carson Johnson <$	DePauw	Sr.	5-10	175	Indianapolis, IN/Cathedral
WR	Max Heis	Kenyon	Fy.	6-3	185	Cincinnati, OH/Turpin
TE	Luke Reed	Denison	So.	6-2	220	New Canaan, CT/New Canaan
C	Lucas Copenhaver	Wabash	Jr.	6-1	295	Sullivan, IN/Sullivan
C	Judah Moenoa	Oberlin	Jr.	6-1	280	Las Vegas, NV/Santa Margarita Catholic
OL	Jax Bower *	Wabash	Sr.	6-2	292	Jasper, IN/Jasper
OL	Ben Dehmer <	John Carroll	Sr.	6-4	285	Columbus, OH/New Albany
OL	Cale Doyle	John Carroll	Sr.	6-3	305	Chagrin Falls, OH/Kenston
OL	Grant Myers !	John Carroll	Gr.	6-3	270	Youngstown, OH/Howland

THIRD TEAM • DEFENSE						
LB	Nehemiah Dau	DePauw	Jr.	6-0	228	Indianapolis, IN/Ben Davis
LB	Dakota Johnson	Wabash	Jr.	6-2	233	Georgetown, IN/New Albany
LB	Spencer Snipe	WashU	Sr.	5-10	228	Smyrna, GA/Woodward Academy
DL	Dominic Blekot	John Carroll	Jr.	6-2	245	Rochester, NY/Webster Thomas
DL	CJ Crawford	Wittenberg	So.	6-0	280	Beavercreek, OH/Beavercreek
DL	Samuel Poriah	Wabash	So.	6-2	246	Westfield, IN/Westfield
DB	Dylan Crasi *	John Carroll	Jr.	5-11	170	Aurora, OH/Aurora
DB	Joey Fico	DePauw	Jr.	5-10	170	Chicago, IL/Saint Patrick
DB	Trey Knox	WashU	Fy.	5-8	173	Chandler, AZ/Basha
DB	Zach Reese	DePauw	Sr.	6-0	180	Franklin, IN/Franklin
DB	Collin Wehner	Ohio Wesleyan	Jr.	6-1	190	Bellbrook, OH/Kettering Alter

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P	Tyler Church *	Wabash	Jr.	6-2	207	Avon, IN/Mooresville
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RS	Makael Carter	WashU	Sr.	6-0	180	Alpharetta, GA/Mount Pisgah Christian
ST	Avery Lazard	WashU	So.	6-4	202	Houston, TX/Furr

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