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Providing leadership in education and diversity, in 2019 the Mid-American Conference moves into its 74th year of service to our students.



Since its inception in 1946, the Mid-American Conference has progressively grown and developed into one of the most aggressive Division I conference's in the country. One of only 10 football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) conferences, the MAC named Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher as its eighth commissioner in March of 2009.

The league hosts championships in 23 sports, including neutral site events at some of the finest facilities in the nation – football (Ford Field, Detroit), men's and women's basketball (Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, Cleveland), softball (Firestone Stadium, Akron) and baseball (Sprenger Stadium, Avon, Ohio). The MAC secured a two-year contract extension with Ford Field to host the MAC Football Championship Game through the 2021 football season, anchored a six-year contract extension for the MAC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse through the 2023 season, and stabilized a five-year contract extension through the 2020 season for the MAC Baseball Tournament at Sprenger Stadium in Avon, Ohio.

Steinbrecher has been aggressive in pursuing NCAA Championship events. The MAC served as the host for the 2015 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Midwest Regional in Cleveland and the 2018 NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, which set NCAA Wrestling three-day Championship total attendance and single-session attendance records. The MAC will also be hosting the 2020 NCAA Wrestling Tournament First and Second Rounds, and the 2024 Women's Final Four also at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse. The MAC has previously hosted both the 2012, 2014 and the 2019 NCAA Women's Bowling Championships under Steinbrecher's direction.

Several key MAC initiatives include the development of the first of its kind Conference-wide Mental Health Program, which includes a bi-annual Mental Health Summit to focus on student well-being, along with grassroots efforts with a Mental Health Awareness Week on each member campus. A comprehensive Diversity & Inclusion Program was created to accelerate the growth of minority candidates for collegiate job opportunities in coaching and administration, and the development of the MAC Academic Consortium to integrate across membership the next generation of leaders in higher education, providing leadership development opportunities among faculty and administration.

In the summer of 2014, the MAC and ESPN announced a historic 13-year rights extension deal through the 2026-27 season for expanded national television and digital distribution. This is the largest and most extensive agreement in the history of the Conference and brings long-term security for the MAC through the 2026-27 academic year.

ESPN has exclusive television and digital distribution rights for all MAC sporting events, and guarantees coverage of every football game, men's and women's basketball games and select Olympic sporting events. The MAC and ESPN have established on-campus production capabilities that provide a significant increase in the national coverage of baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, wrestling and Olympic sports on ESPN platforms. This has opened up nearly 92 million households from ESPN platforms for exposure to MAC sports for the first time in Conference history. Through this ESPN partnership, the MAC and CBS Sports Network announced another four-year sub-licensing agreement to expand its national coverage of football and basketball through the 2022-23 season.

For the second time in Mid-American Conference history a member institution played in one of the prestigious New Year's Six Bowl Games, as 2016 MAC Champion Western Michigan faced Wisconsin in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic on Jan. 2, 2017 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

During 2018, the MAC witnessed six members accept bowl invitations. The MAC single-season record for bowl invitations is seven which occurred in both the 2012 and 2016 bowl seasons. This also marks the 11th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018) in a single-season. In the previous eight bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 13-33 in 46 bowl games – 2018 (1-5); 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1).



In December of 2013, former Northern Illinois quarterback Jordan Lynch finished third overall in the Heisman Trophy voting, the highest ever finish by a MAC student. Lynch was invited to the Heisman Trophy Award ceremony in New York City and became only the third MAC student-athlete to receive an invitation to the ceremony – Marshall QB Chad Pennington (1999) and Marshall WR Randy Moss (1997).

During the 2017 NFL Draft, Western Michigan wide receiver Corey Davis was the fifth overall selection by the Tennessee Titans. Davis' selection was the highest ever for the Broncos program and tied the second-highest ever draft selection by a student from the MAC. It also marked the third MAC football student selected in the top five of the NFL draft over the last six seasons. In the 2014 NFL Draft, Buffalo Bulls linebacker Khalil Mack was the fifth overall selection by the Oakland Raiders. Mack's selection was the highest-ever for the Buffalo program and the second highest ever selection for a MAC student. In the 2013 NFL Draft, Central Michigan offensive tackle Eric Fisher was selected as the first overall selection by the Kansas City Chiefs, making Fisher the first-ever football player from the MAC selected first overall in the NFL Draft.

In 2012, the MAC witnessed a record-setting seven teams receive bowl invitations, including the first ever BCS Bowl invitation with Northern Illinois playing in the Discover Orange Bowl on Jan. 1, 2013. The MAC also had four football programs ranked in the top 25 of national polls – Northern Illinois, Kent State, Toledo and Ohio—as the BCS Standings had two MAC programs in the Top 25 at the end of the regular season with No. 15 Northern Illinois

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and No. 25 Kent State. The MAC also set a Conference record for the most wins against FBS opponents with 16 victories.

In the fall of 2013, the MAC announced the creation of newly created bowl games in Boca Raton, Fla., Nassau, Bahamas, and Montgomery, Ala. for a six-year period (2014-2019). The creation of the Boca Raton and Bahamas Bowls were the centerpiece of a joint agreement between several FBS conferences and will be supported by several FBS conferences on a six-year rotating basis.

The Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl is owned and operated by ESPN and is played at FAU Stadium, an open-air stadium which seats nearly 30,000 fans on the campus of Florida Atlantic University. The Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl is played at Thomas A. Robinson Stadium. The Camellia Bowl, based in Montgomery, Ala., is owned and operated by ESPN and is played at the Cramton Bowl, a 25,000-seat stadium.

The MAC will increase its primary bowl agreements to a Conference-best six guaranteed bowl games coming in the next bowl cycle in 2020. The MAC will have bowl agreements with the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, Arizona Bowl and Quick Lane Bowl, and will be in a rotation with other conferences to appear in the Camellia Bowl, Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl, Frisco Bowl and the newly created Myrtle Beach Bowl. These bowl agreements provide the MAC the opportunity to build on relationships with multiple bowl partners, expand national television exposure and broaden geographical opportunities to perform against peer FBS conferences.



In 2017, the MAC witnessed former Akron Zips defensive lineman Jason Taylor inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the 2017 Hall of Fame Class. Taylor, who spent 13 of his 15 seasons in the NFL with the Miami Dolphins, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on August 5, 2017 in Canton, Ohio. Taylor is the first Zips player elected to the Hall of Fame and was a third-round pick out of Akron in the 1997 NFL draft. Taylor ended his career in 2011 as the Miami Dolphins' all-time leader in sacks and forced fumbles. A six-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time AP All-Pro first-team choice, Taylor was named the 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year and was selected as the Walter Payton Man of the Year in 2007.

Joining the list of MAC alum heading to Canton, former Marshall wide receiver Randy Moss increased this number to three, as Moss was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a member of the 2018 Hall of Fame Class. Moss, who was named MAC Offensive Player of the Year in 1997, posted 78 catches for 1,709 yards and 28 touchdowns with Marshall in 1996 and added 96 receptions for 1,820 yards and 26 touchdowns in 1997. Moss was selected in the first round, 21st overall, of the 1998 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings. Moss spent 14 seasons in the NFL with Minnesota, Oakland, New England, Tennessee and San Francisco and amassed 982 career receptions for 15,292 yards and 156 touchdowns and was selected to five Pro Bowls. Moss becomes the third former MAC football standout to be selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Moss joins Jason Taylor of Akron and former Kent State linebacker Jack Lambert of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Moss was a member of the Marshall Thundering Herd, who competed in the MAC before departing after the 2004 season.

MAC football alums continue to make strides in the NFL as former Miami quarterback Ben Roethlisberger led the NFL in passing yards with 5,129 yards for Pittsburgh in 2018. In addition, former Central Michigan wide receiver Antonio Brown led the NFL in receiving touchdowns with 15 for Pittsburgh last season. Five former MAC players were named to the 2019 NFL Pro Bowl in Orlando – Antonio Brown (CMU), WR Pittsburgh; Eric Fisher (CMU), OT Kansas City; Khalil Mack (BUF), DE Chicago; Brett Kern (TOL), P Tennessee and Brandon Brooks (MIA), OG Philadelphia.

Kent State's Julian Edelman was named Super Bowl MVP as part of New England's 13-3 win over the Los Angeles Rams in Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta. Edelman, a nine-year NFL veteran, won his third Super Bowl as a member of the Patriots, and became the first former MAC student-athlete to be named NFL Super Bowl MVP, and only the seventh wide receiver in NFL history to be named Super Bowl MVP. Also, Sean McVay, the youngest head coach in the NFL (33 years old during 2018 NFL season), led the Los Angeles Rams to the NFC Title and Super Bowl appearance against the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LIII at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

Northern Illinois scored the final 20 points in the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game to turn a 29-10 deficit into a 30-29 win over Buffalo for the Huskies fourth MAC football title in the last eight seasons. NIU's junior defensive end Sutton Smith was named the MAC Defensive Player of the Year and Smith earned First Team All-American honors by The Associated Press, Sports Illustrated, ESPN and College Football News.com and Second Team All-American recognition by Walter Camp Foundation, the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Two MAC students were named 2018 Scholar All-Americans as selected by the College of Sports Information Directors of American (CoSIDA). Representing the MAC was NIU senior offensive tackle Max Scharping named First Team Academic All-American by CoSIDA and was also named a finalist for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy. Toledo senior wide receiver Cody Thompson was named Second-Team Academic All-American by CoSIDA. Also, the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame named 35 MAC students as members of the 2019 Hampshire Honor Society, which recognizes college football players that maintained a 3.20 GPA or better throughout their college career.

The MAC had nine draft selections in the 2019 NFL Draft, along with 36 former MAC football student athletes who either signed NFL rookie free agent contracts or received invites to rookie mini-camps with various NFL clubs. The MAC modern era record for number of selections in an NFL Draft is 11 draft selections, which happened two years ago (2017 NFL Draft) and in the 2005 NFL Draft.

The selections in the 2019 NFL Draft – DB Sean Bunting (Central Michigan) by Tampa Bay (2nd Round, 39th overall); OT Max Scharping (Northern Illinois) by Houston (2nd Round, 55th overall); WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo) by Pittsburgh (3rd Round, 66th overall); DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan) by Oakland (4th Round, 106th overall); DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois) by Pittsburgh (6th Round, 175th overall); DB Ka'dar Hollman (Toledo) by Green Bay (6th Round, 185th overall); DB Xavier Crawford (Central Michigan) by Houston (6th Round, 195th overall); LB Ulysees Gilbert (Akron) by Pittsburgh (6th Round, 207th overall) and WR Scott Miller (Bowling Green) by Tampa Bay (6th Round, 208th overall).

In men's basketball, for second consecutive year and the fourth time in the last five years, Buffalo was crowned MAC Champions. Buffalo set a MAC



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record as a sixth seed in the NCAA Tournament and became the first MAC program to win NCAA Tournament games in consecutive seasons since Kent State in 2001 and 2002. Buffalo defeated Arizona State, 91-74, as senior guard CJ Massinburg was named honorable mention All-American by the Associated Press. Buffalo set the MAC record and was ranked in the AP Top 25 Poll for 18 consecutive weeks in the regular season. The MAC finished the season ranked ninth in the NCAA's Conference NET rankings. Toledo (NIT), Kent State (CIT) and Central Michigan (CBI) all joined Buffalo in post-season play.

In men's soccer, Akron captured their seventh consecutive and 15th overall MAC championship and represented the MAC in its 33rd NCAA Tournament berth, 12th consecutive appearance. Akron made their second consecutive College Cup appearance and played for the national title for the fourth time in program history before falling to Maryland, 1-0. The MAC took two teams into the second round (Akron and West Virginia) of the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive season. Akron defeated Rider, Syracuse, Wake Forest, Stanford and Michigan State before facing Maryland in the title match. West Virginia defeated LIU-Brooklyn, before falling to Georgetown, 1-0.



The MAC saw five athletes drafted in the 2019 MLS Super Draft (Ben Lundt, Akron 37th Overall; Abdi Mohamed, Akron 43rd Overall; Ebenezer Ackon, Bowling Green 53rd Overall; Kevin Rodriguez, Northern Illinois 75th Overall; Joey Piatczyc, West Virginia 84th Overall). West Virginia's Joey Piatczyc broke the school assist record this season. Western Michigan's Anthony Bowie was named to the Academic All-American First Team. Akron's David Egbo and Joey Piatczyc were named to the United Soccer Coaches All-American Third Team. Akron's Carlo Ritaccio was named Top Drawer Soccer Freshman of the Year.

In wrestling, Missouri won its seventh consecutive MAC Tournament Championship and finished the regular season 16-1 and ranked No. 5 in the country entering the NCAA Championships. Missouri finished sixth overall in National Team scores. The MAC had six All-Americans at the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championships, with Missouri's Jaydin Eierman (141 lbs.) and Daniel Lewis (174 lbs.) with third-place finishes. The MAC's 31 wrestlers competing at the 2019 NCAA Wrestling Championship was the fifth-most of any Division-I Conference.

The MAC announced in March of 2019 a historic membership expansion as the MAC has added seven new affiliate members – Bloomsburg, Clarion, Edinboro, Lock Haven, Rider, George Mason and Cleveland State – to begin competing in the MAC with the 2019-20 wrestling season. The addition of seven new affiliate members increases MAC wrestling membership to 15 total members, making the MAC the second largest NCAA Division I Wrestling conference.

Miami claimed its first men's cross country championship since 1998. In swimming and diving, Miami captured their first MAC championship since 2006. Missouri State seniors Artur Osvath and Blair Bish competed at the NCAA Championships. Bish earned All-American honors for his efforts in the 100-breaststroke.

In indoor track and field, Akron claimed the men's title for the fifth time in the last six seasons. Seven student-athletes represented the MAC at the NCAA Indoor Championships, with each receiving All-American status.

In men's tennis, Western Michigan won its program's 13 MAC Men's Tennis Tournament Championship. Western Michigan head coach Dave Morin won his 11th MAC Men's Tennis Head Coach of the year award since his tenure in Kalamazoo.

In men's golf, Kent State and Eastern Michigan shared the team championship in the rain-shortened 36-hole MAC Championships. Kent State earned the

leagues automatic bid to the NCAA Championships due to tiebreakers. Kent State won the cumulative total of non-counting scores by three, 154-151. It was Eastern Michigan's third all-time MAC men's golf championship, while it was the 26th for Kent State. Toledo Senior Duncan McNeill will travel to the Bluegrass State on May 13-15 to compete in the NCAA Louisville Regional at the University of Louisville Golf Club in Simpsonville, Ky. McNeill earned his spot in the regional event by winning MAC Championship medalist honors (71-68 = 139). The Kent State men's golf team earned the 11th seed in the NCAA Pullman Regional at the Palouse Ridge Golf Club in Pullman, Wash.

Legendary Kent State golf coach Herb Page announced his retirement after serving the Golden Flashes for 41 years. Page led Kent State to 23 MAC Championships and was also a part of 20 conference titles in 20 seasons from the Kent State women's program. Page is the proud owner of 43 MAC Championship rings.

Akron's outdoor track and field program claimed its eight consecutive MAC championship title. This marked the fourth time Akron was claimed both the men's and women's outdoor track and field championships. A total of 19 student-athletes quali-



fied for the NCAA Championships.

In baseball, top seeded Central Michigan claimed the 2019 MAC Tournament Championship, its first since the 1995 season. The Chippewas won 19 consecutive games, including a 6-5 win over the Miami Hurricanes in the NCAA Regional opener, before falling to Mississippi State and Miami (Fla.). Kent State's Justin Kirby and Miami's Sam Bachman were named Freshman All-American. Ball State's Drey Jameson was named 2019 Collegiate Baseball All-American Second Team, while Ohio's Rudy Rott was named All-American Third Team.

A total of nine MAC students were taken during the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft led by Drew Jameson, RHP, Ball State – Arizona Diamondbacks

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(1st Round – 34th overall); John Matthews, RHP, Kent State – Texas Rangers (8th Round, 235th overall); Conner Wollersheim, LHP, Kent State – New York Mets (8th Round, 238th overall); Rudy Rott, 1B, Ohio – Philadelphia Phillies (9th Round, 270th overall); Zach Kohn, RHP, Central Michigan – New York Yankees (21st Round, 645th overall); John Baker, RHP, Ball State – Miami Marlins (29th Round, 861st overall); Zach Owings, 1B, Eastern Michigan – Miami Marlins (33rd Round, 981st overall); Spencer Mraz, RHP, Miami – Texas Rangers (33rd Round, 985th overall) and Pavin Parks, Kent State (36th Round, 1072nd overall).



Women's athletics continued to shine for the MAC this past year. In women's basketball, for the second consecutive year, the MAC sent two women's teams to the NCAA Tournament, Buffalo receiving the AQ and Central Michigan received an at-large bid. Buffalo won the MAC Basketball Championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in back-to-back seasons for the first time in school history. Buffalo's Cierra Dillard and Central Michigan's Reyna Frost earned honorable mention All-American honors by the Associated Press. CMU's Reyna Frost was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American Third Team member. Buffalo's Cierra Dillard was selected in the second round (20th overall) of the WNBA Draft by the Minnesota Lynx becoming the fourth MAC student-athlete drafted. Central Michigan's Presley Hudson won the College Slam Three-Point Challenge, draining 77 of 100 triples, the most in event history. Miami, Ohio, Kent State and Toledo were selected to play in the WNIT, and Akron was selected for the WBI Tournament. Ohio notched 30 wins on the season with their run to the WNIT Quarterfinals.

In volleyball, Eastern Michigan won their first ever MAC Volleyball Tournament Championship title to earn the programs first NCAA appearance. Akron's Kayla Gwozdz and Ball State's Kate Avila were named CoSIDA Academic All-District. Eastern Michigan's Alyssa LaFace and Bowling Green's Kallie Seimet received AVCA All-Region honors. For the second straight season, Bowling Green's Seimet finished the season ranked No. 1 in the country in Digs Per Set. She also finished ranked No. 1 in Total Digs. Eastern Michigan's new HC Darcy Dorton was named one of the AVCA's Thirty Under 30.

In women's soccer, Bowling Green won their second ever regular season title in the programs 22-year history and marked the program's first since 2005. Twelve MAC student-athletes were named to the United Soccer Coaches All-Midwest Region Team: Vital Kats, Kent State; Erica Hubert, Bowling Green; Kathleen Duwve, Bowling Green; Morgan Abbitt, Bowling Green; Maureen Kennedy, Bowling Green; Alyssa Burke, Western Michigan; Sabrina McNeill, Eastern Michigan; Chelsea Washington, Bowling Green; Hannah Scafaria, Toledo; Paige Culver, Kent State; Gurjeena Jandu, Buffalo; Paula Guerrero, Ball State; Carissima Cutrona, Buffalo. Bowling Green's Elisa Baeron and Eastern Michigan's Kristin Nason were named to CoSIDA Academic All-America Third Team.

In field hockey, Miami earned second straight regular season and MAC Tournament Championship. Seven student-athletes were named to NFCA All-Region Teams: (Paula Portugal, Miami; Mariona Heras, Miami; Leo Berlie, Miami; Leonie Verstraete, Longwood; Veerle Van Heertum, App State; Emma Eggleston, Ohio; Clara Rodriguez Seto, Kent State). Miami's Paula Portugal was named a NFCA First Team All-American and the West Region Player of the Year. Portugal was also named as a finalist for the Honda Award by the Collegiate Women Sports Awards.

In women's cross country, Eastern Michigan women claimed fourth consecutive cross country title. Three student-athletes qualified for the NCAA Championship; Eastern Michigan's Sydney Meyers & Natalie Cizmas and Toledo's Athena Welsh.

Northern Illinois won their first ever MAC championship in gymnastics posting an overall score of 195.975. Central Michigan earned a team spot in the NCAA Championships for the 11th consecutive year, falling to Illinois in the first round. The MAC also had 17 individuals qualify for NCAA Regional meets. Akron won its sixth-straight MAC swimming and diving title. The Zips tallied 867 points during the meet, which broke their record last year of the highest total ever at a MAC Championship with an eight-team field. Eight individuals were selected to compete at NCAA Championships. Akron freshman Sarah Watson captured Honorable Mention All-American Honors. Eastern Michigan senior Delaney Duncan placed as a runner-up in the in the 100-breaststroke at NCAA Championship on her way to earning All-American Honors.

In women's indoor track and field, Central Michigan captured its first championship since 2004. While in women's outdoor track and field, Akron won its third consecutive title as 19 MAC student-athletes qualified for the NCAA Championships. In women's golf, Kent State won its 21st straight conference championship. Kent State's Pimnipa Panthong and Michaela Finn competed at the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur. Kent State's Karoline Stormo qualified for the US Women's Open. Miami won the MAC women's tennis tournament championships, its sixth title in program history.

In softball, Toledo won its first ever MAC championship. Northern Illinois' Alex Frenz and Kent State's Andrea Scali tossed perfect games this season. Kent State's Redshirt-Freshman Andrea Scali tossed two no-hitters as a freshman (first time since 2012, Lauren McClary, Ohio). Scali was named NFCA and USA Softball National Pitcher of the Week. Northern Illinois freshman Katie Keller was named a candidate for the Schut Sports/NFCA DI Freshman of the Year Award. Legendary Central Michigan softball coach Margo Jonker announced her retirement and finished her career with a record of 1,268-808-7, the ninth-most wins in NCAA Division I history. She led the Chippewas to the NCAA Tournament 13 times, 10 MAC Tournament championships, 10 MAC regular-season titles – also a record -- and one berth each in the NCAA Women's College World Series and the AIAW College World Series.

History of the MAC

Based in Cleveland since July 1999 following a 15-year stay in Toledo, Ohio, the MAC has established historic measurements in both football and men's and women's basketball since moving to Northeast Ohio. The MAC was founded as a five-school league on February 24, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio with Ohio, Butler, Cincinnati, Wayne State and Western Reserve admitted as charter members. The Mid-American Conference membership currently consists of 12 universities across five states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, New York and Ohio).

In 1946 men's basketball was the first competitive sport in the MAC, which now sponsors a total 23 sports. Women's sports were brought into the conference's structure in 1980. For men, there are 11 championships sponsored in football, basketball, baseball, cross country, soccer, swimming and diving, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, golf and tennis. For women, 12 championships are sponsored in basketball, softball, volleyball, cross country, field hockey, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, gymnastics, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field and tennis.



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Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher

Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher enters his 11th year with the Mid-American Conference (MAC) after being named the league's eighth commissioner on March 16, 2009. Steinbrecher is entering his 26th year as a Division I Commissioner and is the only Commissioner to have served at all three NCAA Division I Subdivisions (FBS, FCS, DI).

Steinbrecher has expanded bowl opportunities for the Conference, increased television revenue and exposure with a historic national television and digital

distribution rights deal with ESPN, led branding efforts for the MAC – CFB 150th anniversary celebration this 2019 football season, secured a \$1 million grant for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District over a five-year period to focus on teacher recruitment, mentoring and retention, renegotiated a marketing rights agreement with IMG College, spearheaded a \$50,000 donation to the Bahamas Red Cross for relief efforts from Hurricane Matthew, which was matched by The Atlantis Resort, and guided a messaging program to define the MACtion brand.

Steinbrecher orchestrated the development of the first of its kind Conference-wide Mental Health Program, which includes a bi-annual Mental Health Summit to focus on student well-being, specifically with interactive discussion topics in mental health ranging from identifying problems, discussing solutions and highlighting best practices, along with grassroots efforts with a Mental Health Awareness Week on each member campus.

He also established a Conference-wide comprehensive Diversity & Inclusion Program to accelerate the growth of minority candidates for collegiate job opportunities in coaching and administration. His leadership on the issue of inclusion and diversity includes the development of an internship and mentoring program, bi-annual summit, resource website and annual recognition platform.

Steinbrecher also created the MAC Academic Consortium, which integrates across the Conference membership the next generation of leaders in higher education, providing leadership development opportunities among faculty and administration.

Steinbrecher played an integral role in the development of the College Football Playoff and serves on the Administrative Executive Committee and the Site Selection Committee. Steinbrecher led the MAC bid to host the 2015 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional and the 2018 NCAA Wrestling Championships, which the MAC set total attendance and single-session wrestling attendance records. The MAC will also host the 2020 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament First and Second Rounds at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse and the 2024 Women's Final Four.



He also developed and implemented a new Coaches Orientation program. He previously served on the NCAA Football Oversight Committee, and on the NCAA Football Competition

Committee and the NCAA Transfer Working Group. Steinbrecher was elected vice chair of NCAA Division I Council and was appointed to the USA Football's Development Model Council.

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In addition, the MAC and its member institutions, with assistance from ESPN, have established on-campus production capabilities that provide a significant increase in the national coverage of baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, wrestling and Olympic sports on ESPN+ and ESPN3. In June of 2015, the MAC announced a four-year sub-licensing agreement with CBS Sports Network to expand its national exposure in football and basketball and in July of 2019 announced a four-year extension with CBS Sports Network.

During his tenure, the MAC has witnessed historic achievements in the overall growth of MAC football. Over the last eight seasons every MAC football program has appeared in a bowl game and during the last six seasons the MAC has twice set the Conference single-season bowl record with seven programs receiving a bowl invitation in both the 2012 and 2015 seasons.



In 2016, the MAC received its first invitation to the Good-year Cotton Bowl Classic at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas as Western Michigan earned its first-ever New Year's Six Bowl invitation.

In 2018, Steinbrecher had six different MAC programs receive bowl invitations – Northern Illinois (Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl), Buffalo (Dollar General Bowl), Ohio (DXL Frisco Bowl), Toledo (Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Eastern Michigan (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) represented the MAC in bowl games during the 2018 bowl season.

Also, the MAC became the first BCS non-AQ conference in the BCS era to have two teams vying for a BCS berth in the same year. In 2012, both Northern Illinois and Kent State entered the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with 11-1 records and ranked within the BCS Top 25.

In January of 2013, Steinbrecher witnessed Northern Illinois participate in the first ever BCS bowl berth by a MAC member with an invitation to the Discover Orange Bowl and during the 2012 bowl season, the MAC set a Conference record with seven teams to receive a bowl invitation.

Steinbrecher orchestrated the creation of three new bowl games in 2014 – the Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) and the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.), and recently participated in the creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl that will begin in 2020.

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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER, Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher

Steinbrecher has built the MAC primary bowl agreements to a conference-best six guaranteed bowl games coming in the next bowl cycle in 2020. The MAC will have bowl agreements with the



Famous Idaho Potato Bowl; Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl, Arizona Bowl and Quick Lane Bowl, and will be in a rotation with other conferences to appear in the Camellia Bowl, Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl, Frisco Bowl, Mobile Bowl and the newly created Myrtle Beach Bowl. These bowl agreements provide the MAC the opportunity to build on relationships with multiple bowl partners, expand national television exposure and broaden geographical opportunities to perform against peer FBS conferences.

Steinbrecher directed a strategic planning process for the MAC, increased national exposure for the Conference, as well as new opportunities for the Conference in the areas of a new regional television network deal, marketing and sponsorships and securing long-term partnerships for MAC neutral site championship events.

Steinbrecher launched the first-ever MAC Digital Network in 2011 and re-launched the MAC Digital Network with a new partnership with SIDEARM. The Digital Network provided the Conference with a new website, enhanced live streaming and programming, mobile platforms via the iPhone, iPad and Android.

In 2011, Steinbrecher also negotiated a new marketing agreement with ISP for the Conference marketing and sponsorship rights through 2019. ISP merged with IMG and this long-term deal solidified the conference marketing partnership with IMG College brand.

Steinbrecher negotiated another contract extension with Ford Field in December of 2018 to keep the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game in Detroit through the 2021 football season. He secured a six-year contract extension with Cleveland's Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse to host the MAC Men's and Women's Basketball Conference Tournament through 2023. The contract extension guarantees the continuation of the Conference tournament at the same neutral site since 2000. In addition, Steinbrecher also signed a five-year contract extension for the MAC Baseball Tournament to be played at Spangler Stadium in Avon, Ohio through the 2020 season.

He joined the MAC after serving six years as commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC). Prior to the OVC, Steinbrecher served for nine years as the commissioner of the Mid-Continent Conference (the Summit League). He is the only person to serve as commissioner in all three NCAA Division I Subdivisions (FBS, FCS, DI).

In six years with the OVC, Steinbrecher significantly increased the league's exposure through additional television coverage at the regional and national level. In 2005, he negotiated a five-year contract with ESPN that secured increased exposure for the league. That included being the first conference to sign a deal to have games appear on ESPN; the OVC had the first sporting event telecast on that network (the 2005 OVC Men's Basketball Tournament Semifinals).

Steinbrecher secured an invitation for the OVC to participate in ESPN's BracketBusters event. He also implemented conference merchandising and corporate partnership programs. In 006, he helped spearhead a venture into streaming video with the launch of OVC-

Sports.TV. The multimedia platform provided live and on-demand coverage of OVC football and men's and women's basketball games as well as select other sports, coaches' shows, press conferences and special events. In its first two years of existence, OVCSports.TV streamed over 800 events and recorded 5,000 paid subscribers.

Under his leadership, the OVC strengthened its commitment to sportsmanship by implementing a series of good sports initiatives, including affidavits signed by coaches and administrators, student-athlete ethical conduct orientation and an institutional and team sportsmanship awards. He also initiated a Conference Basketball Issues Committee and oversaw increased promotional efforts for the OVC Basketball Tournament, which resulted in an increase in ticket revenue and spearheaded the efforts in securing the 2014 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Final Four for Nashville.

Prior to being named Mid-Continent Conference Commissioner in Nov. 1994, Dr. Steinbrecher had previously served the league as Director of Communications, Director of Marketing and Communications and Assistant Commissioner. He joined the Mid-Con staff in 1989 after previously serving in the athletics departments at Houston Baptist University, Indiana University and Davidson College.

Steinbrecher has served on numerous NCAA committees, including the Division I Basketball Issues Committee, serving as a member of subcommittees for both men's and women's basketball, and in 1999 he became the first non-Division I-A commissioner elected as president of the Collegiate Commissioner's Association (CCA). In June 2007, he was appointed to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group by the late NCAA President Myles Brand. He has served on the NCAA Division I Legislative Council, the NCAA Championship Cabinet, the NCAA Committee on Athletics Certification and the NCAA Men's Basketball Issues Committee.

Steinbrecher is currently Chair of the College Football Officiating Board of Managers, the NCAA Transfer Working Group and recently was elected for a two-year term as Vice Chair of the NCAA Division I Council. Steinbrecher has also served as Division I-AAA vice president of the CCA and as a member of the National Invitation Tournament's District IV Advisory Board.

Steinbrecher is a 1983 graduate of Valparaiso University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education and journalism. In 2006, he was bestowed an Alumni Achievement Award from his alma mater and in 2014 was inducted into the Valparaiso University Athletics Hall of Fame. Steinbrecher graduated with a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1984, and he was awarded the doctorate of physical education in sports administration from Indiana University in 1989.



An all-conference and academic all-conference selection in football and a conference champion in tennis, Steinbrecher was named Valparaiso's and the Heartland Collegiate Conference's Student-Athlete of the Year in 1983. In 2006, he was inducted into the Watauga County (N.C.) Sports Hall of Fame.

Steinbrecher and his wife Anne have three children, daughter Grace and twin sons Matt and Will. Steinbrecher follows Rick Chryst, who served as MAC Commissioner (1999-2009). David Reese served as the first commissioner from 1946-64, followed by Bob James (1964-71), Fred Jacoby (1971-82), Jim Lessig (1982-90), Karl Benson (1990-94), Jerry Ippoliti (1994-99).



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MEDIA INFORMATION

2019 MAC Football Coaches Weekly Teleconference

The Mid-American Conference football coaches will be available each Monday beginning Aug. 26 and run through Nov. 25 for a weekly teleconference. There will be an additional football championship teleconference Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. All times listed below are Eastern.

Format: We will go immediately to questions from the media and will forego any introductory statement from each coach. Should your schedule not permit you to dial in, questions for a coach may be e-mailed to Ken Mather (kmather@mac-sports.com) and we will make every effort to ask the question. Please e-mail your question no later than 8 a.m. (ET) each Monday. Each e-mailed question must include your name and affiliation.

For call in number for the media please contact the MAC media relations staff.

2019 MAC Football Coaches Teleconference Schedule:

Full Teleconferences with all 12 Head Coaches: First Teleconference: Monday, August 26

Last Full Teleconference: Monday, Nov. 25

Championship Teleconference: Monday, Dec. 2 with the two schools in the MAC Championship game (head coach and two students from each team), from 10:00 – 10:30a.m. (ET).

MAC Football Head Coaches Weekly Media Call:

9:30-9:38	Tom Arth, Akron
9:38-9:46	Jason Candle, Toledo
9:46-9:54	Thomas Hammock, Northern Illinois
9:54-10:02	Chris Creighton, Eastern Michigan
10:02-10:10	Jim McElwain, Central Michigan
10:18-10:26	Frank Solich, Ohio
10:26-10:34	Chuck Martin, Miami
10:34-10:42	Sean Lewis, Kent State
10:42-10:50	Lance Leipold, Buffalo
10:50-10:58	Scot Loeffler, Bowling Green
10:58-11:06	Mike Neu, Ball State
11:06-11:14	Tim Lester, Western Michigan



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Flagship Radio Stations

East Division

School	Station
Akron	WARF 1350 AM
BGSU	WFRO 99.1 FM
Buffalo	WECK 1230 AM
Kent State	WHLO 640 AM
Miami	WMOH 1450 AM
Ohio	WXTQ 105.5 FM

West Division

School	Station
Ball State	WLBC 104.1 FM
CMU	WCFX 95.3 FM
EMU	WEMU 89.1 FM
NIU	WLKB 1360 AM (DeKalb)
	WSCR 670 AM (Chicago)
Toledo	WSPD 1370 AM
WMU	WKZO 96.5 FM

Press Box Numbers

EAST DIVISION	
Akron	(330) 972-2913
Bowling Green	(419) 372-2069
Buffalo	(716) 645-6837
Kent State	(330) 672-2036
Miami	(513) 529-7261
Ohio	(740) 593-0050
WEST DIVISION	
Ball State	(765) 285-5381 or 5382
Central Michigan	(989) 774-3579 or 3594
Eastern Michigan	(734) 481-0014 or 0072
Northern Illinois	(815) 753-0609 or 0630
Toledo	(419) 530-3732
Western Michigan	(269) 387-3065

MAC Player of the Week

Each week, the MAC office will choose a player of the week on offense, defense and special teams from each division. The player of the week will be announced at approximately 1:00p.m. (ET) each Monday and will be posted on the league web site.

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Following the conclusion of the regular season, voting is conducted on the all-conference team by league coaches, as well as several individual awards by the MAC News Media Association. The MNMA votes on the Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Special Teams Player of the Year and Coach of the Year. The coaches vote on the Vern Smith Leadership Award, honoring the league's top football student-athlete. An Academic All-MAC team is honored in voting by the league's faculty athletic representatives.

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2019 COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/2019 NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS

Aug. 29 – Thursday
 Albany at Central Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
 Morgan State at Bowling Green, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
 Robert Morris at Buffalo, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Kent State at Arizona St., 10:00 pm ET (Pac-12 Networks)

Aug. 31 – Saturday
 Akron at Illinois, Noon ET (Big Ten Network)
 Indiana at Ball State, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
 (at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.)
 Toledo at Kentucky, Noon ET (SEC Network)
 Rhode Island at Ohio, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Eastern Michigan at Coastal Carolina, 3:30 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Illinois State at NIU, 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT (ESPN+)
 Monmouth at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
 Miami at Iowa, 7:30 pm ET (FS1)

Sep. 7 – Saturday
 Ohio at Pitt, 11:00 am ET (ACC Network)
 Bowling Green at Kansas State, Noon ET (FOX Sports Net)
 Kennesaw at Kent State, Noon ET (ESPN3)
 NIU at Utah, 1:00 pm ET/Noon CT (Pac-12 Networks)
 UAB at Akron, Noon ET (CBS Sports Network)
 Fordham at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
 Tennessee Tech at Miami, 2:30 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Central Michigan at Wisconsin, 3:30 pm ET
 (Big Ten Network)
 Eastern Michigan at Kentucky, 7:30 pm ET
 (ESPN+ or SEC Network Alternate)
 Buffalo at Penn State, 7:30 pm ET (FOX)
 Western Michigan at Michigan State, 7:30 pm ET
 (Big Ten Network)

Sep. 14 – Saturday
 Eastern Michigan at Illinois, Noon ET (Big Ten Network)
 Miami at Cincinnati, Noon ET (ESPNU)
 Florida Atlantic at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 *Akron at Central Michigan, 3:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Louisiana Tech at Bowling Green, 5:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Buffalo at Liberty, 6:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Ohio at Marshall, 6:30 pm ET (Facebook)
 Georgia State at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN+)
 Kent State at Auburn, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN2 or ESPNU)
 Murray State at Toledo, 7:00 pm ET (ESPN3)
 NIU at Nebraska, 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (FS1)

Sep. 21 – Saturday
 Central Conn. State at Eastern Michigan, 3:00 pm ET
 *Bowling Green at Kent State, 3:30 pm ET
 Ball State at North Carolina State
 Central Michigan at Miami (Fla.)
 Louisiana-Lafayette at Ohio
 Miami at Ohio State
 Temple at Buffalo
 Toledo at Colorado State, TBA (ESPN Networks)
 Troy at Akron
 Western Michigan at Syracuse

Sep. 28 – Saturday
 Akron at UMass
 BYU at Toledo
 *Buffalo at Miami
 *Central Michigan at Western Michigan
 NIU at Vanderbilt

Oct. 5 – Saturday
 Bowling Green at Notre Dame, 3:30 pm ET (NBC)
 *Ohio at Buffalo, 3:30 pm ET (12-day selection)
 *Western Michigan at Toledo, 3:30 pm ET
 *Ball State at NIU
 *Eastern Michigan at Central Michigan
 Kent State at Wisconsin, TBA (ESPN/ESPN2/ESPNU)

Oct. 12 – Saturday
 *Ball State at Eastern Michigan, 2:00 pm ET
 New Mexico State at Central Michigan, 3:00 pm ET
 *Kent State at Akron, 3:30 pm ET
 *NIU at Ohio, 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT
 *Miami at Western Michigan
 *Toledo at Bowling Green

Oct. 19 – Saturday
 *Toledo at Ball State, 2:00 pm ET
 *NIU at Miami, 2:30 pm ET/1:30 pm CT
 *Buffalo at Akron
 *Central Michigan at Bowling Green
 *Kent State at Ohio
 *Western Michigan at Eastern Michigan

Oct. 26 – Saturday
 *Bowling Green at Western Michigan, Noon ET
 *Akron at NIU, 3:30 pm ET/2:30 pm CT
 *Central Michigan at Buffalo
 *Eastern Michigan at Toledo
 *Miami at Kent State
 *Ohio at Ball State

Nov. 2 – Saturday
 *Akron at Bowling Green
 *Buffalo at Eastern Michigan
 *NIU at Central Michigan

Nov. 5 – Tuesday
 *Ball State at Western Michigan, 7:00 pm or 8:00 pm ET
 (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)
 *Kent State at Toledo, 7:00 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET
 (ESPN2/CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 6 – Wednesday
 *Miami at Ohio, 7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2)

Nov. 12 – Tuesday
 *Eastern Michigan at Akron, 7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET
 (ESPN2/ESPNU)
 *Western Michigan at Ohio, 7:30 pm ET or 8:00 pm ET
 (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 13 – Wednesday
 *Bowling Green at Miami, 8:00 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)
 *NIU at Toledo, 8:00 pm ET/7:00 pm CT (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 14 – Thursday
 *Buffalo at Kent State, 7:00 pm ET (CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 16 – Saturday
 *Central Michigan at Ball State (CBS Sports Network)

Nov. 19 – Tuesday
 *Eastern Michigan at NIU, 7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT
 (ESPN2/ESPNU)
 *Ohio at Bowling Green, 7:30 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 20 – Wednesday
 *Akron at Miami, 7:30 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)
 *Toledo at Buffalo, 7:30 pm ET (ESPN2/ESPNU)

Nov. 23 – Saturday
 *Ball State at Kent State

Nov. 26 – Tuesday
 *Ohio at Akron, 7:00 pm ET (ESPNU/ESPN+)
 *Western Michigan at NIU, 7:00 pm ET/6:00 pm CT
 (ESPNU/ESPN+)

Nov. 29 – Friday
 *Bowling Green at Buffalo
 *Kent State at Eastern Michigan
 *Miami at Ball State
 *Toledo at Central Michigan

Dec. 7 – Saturday
 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game
 East Division Champion vs. West Division Champion
 Marathon MAC Championship Game, Noon ET (ESPN or ESPN2)
 Ford Field in Detroit, Mich.

Dec. 20 – Friday
 Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas),
 2:00 pm ET (ESPN)
 *Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas), 7:30 pm ET (ESPN2)

Dec. 21 – Saturday
 Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.),
 11:00 am ET (ESPN)
 Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.), 5:45 pm ET (ESPN)

Dec. 26 – Thursday
 *Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.), 8:00 pm ET (ESPN)

Jan. 3 – Friday
 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.), 3:30 pm ET
 (ESPN)

Jan. 6 – Monday
 Mobile Alabama Bowl (Mobile, Ala.), 7:30 pm or 8:00 pm
 ET (ESPN)

2019 Non-Conference Opponents

- ACC (4)
 Miami (Central Michigan)
 North Carolina State (Ball State)
 Pitt (Ohio)
 Syracuse (Western Michigan)
- American Athletic (2)
 Cincinnati (Miami)
 Temple (Buffalo)
- Big Ten (10)
 Illinois (2) (Akron, Eastern Michigan)
 Indiana (Ball State)
 Iowa (Miami)
 Michigan State (Western Michigan)
 Nebraska (NIU)
 Ohio State (Miami)
 Penn State (Buffalo)
 Wisconsin (2) (Central Michigan, Kent State)
- Big 12 (1)
 Kansas State (Bowling Green)
- Conference USA (4)
 Florida Atlantic (Ball State)
 La. Tech (Bowling Green)
 Marshall (Ohio)
 UAB (Akron)
- Mountain West (1)
 Colorado State (Toledo)
- Pac 12 (2)
 Arizona State (Kent State)
 Utah (NIU)
- SEC (4)
 Auburn (Kent State)
 Kentucky (2) (Eastern Michigan, Toledo)
 Vanderbilt (NIU)
- Sun Belt (4)
 Coastal Carolina (Eastern Michigan)
 Georgia State (Western Michigan)
 Louisiana-Lafayette (Ohio)
 Troy (Akron)
- Independent (5)
 BYU (Toledo)
 Notre Dame (Bowling Green)
 UMass (Akron)
 Liberty (Buffalo)
 New Mexico State (Central Michigan)
- FCS Opponents (I-AA)
 Big South (2)
 Kennesaw State (Kent State)
 Monmouth (Western Michigan)
- Colonial Athletic (2)
 Albany (Central Michigan)
 Rhode Island (Ohio)
- MEAC (1)
 Morgan State (Bowling Green)
- Missouri Valley (1)
 Illinois State (NIU)
- Northeast (1)
 Central Connecticut St. (Eastern Michigan)
 Robert Morris (Buffalo)
- Ohio Valley (2)
 Murray State (Toledo)
 Tennessee Tech (Miami)
- Patriot (1)
 Fordham (Ball State)



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MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE COLLEGE FOOTBALL 150TH CELEBRATION



The Mid-American Conference will join our FBS brethren in celebrating 150 years of college football this 2019 season and the MAC has created a specific celebration plan to utilize the 150th anniversary date of November 6, 2019 as the MAC will be the only Conference playing a live game on this date. Our MAC specific 150th Anniversary celebration will run in addition to the national 150th platform for all FBS programs.

A 10-person 'MAC-150 Celebration' committee, led by Central Michigan Director of Athletics, Michael Alford, was created in the Spring of 2018 and our collaborative plan for the 2019 season focuses on inclusion of all 12 MAC football programs, engagement of our fan base, opportunity for engagement with our partners with the primary goal of telling our lengthy and celebrated MAC football story.

- Wednesday, November 6th the MAC will be the only FBS conference playing a live college football game on the 150th anniversary. The MAC is working with ESPN to utilize our ESPN2 window and game production to have former MAC football coaches and students participate in the broadcast either in person, or remotely, to highlight our legendary college football history and the continued impact of our coaches and students on the game of football today.
- The MAC will participate in the National College Football 150 uniform patch program for the entire 2019 season. The patches will be one color (silver metallic), 3.5 x 1.7 inches and will be placed on the right, front chest of the jersey above the MAC logo.
- This past spring and continuing throughout this summer, MAC membership used spring practice and will use the upcoming summer training camp dates to tailor their own specific campus plan to engage local, regional and national fan base with a customized institutional plan. MAC programs will engage fans with individual institutional polls to gather greatest moments, games, teams, coaches, student-athletes in program history via social media accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, along with website content and engage corporate partners.
- MAC Football Media Day is our official start of the 2019 season. During the 2019 MAC Football Media Day events we will feature our MAC branded 150th video and unveil our plan to highlight each MAC football program each week during the 2019 season.
- Each week during the 2019 season the MAC will highlight one MAC football program (12 programs during the 14-week regular season schedule) where we will highlight each institution and the relevant data gathered during the spring/summer to highlight teams, games, moments, coaches, student-athletes via MAC social media accounts and video content.

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| • Week 1 (Aug. 26th) | Ball State University |
| • Week 2 (Sept. 2nd) | University of Akron |
| • Week 3 (Sept. 9th) | Bowling Green State University |
| • Week 4 (Sept. 16th) | Eastern Michigan University |
| • Week 5 (Sept. 23rd) | University of Toledo |
| • Week 6 (Sept. 30th) | University at Buffalo |
| • Week 7 (Oct. 7th) | Western Michigan University |
| • Week 8 (Oct. 14th) | Ohio University |
| • Week 9 (Oct. 21st) | Kent State University |
| • Week 10 (Oct. 28th) | Central Michigan University |
| • Week 11 (Nov. 4th) | CFB150th Anniversary – Nov. 6, 2019 |
| • Week 12 (Nov. 11th) | Northern Illinois University |
| • Week 13 (Nov. 18th) | Miami University |

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MAC FOOTBALL NOTES

MAC PART OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF ERA

The 2019 college football season enters the sixth year of the current four-team playoff era with the College Football Playoff. The two College Football Playoff Semifinals will be played in bowl games this year (Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl; PlayStation Fiesta Bowl) on Dec. 28 and the College Football Playoff National Championship will be played in New Orleans (Mercedes-Benz Superdome) on Jan. 13.

The two Semifinals and four other New Year's Six games AllState Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1), Rose Bowl presented by Northwestern Mutual (Jan. 1), Capital One Orange Bowl (Dec. 30) and the Good-year Cotton Bowl Classic (Dec. 28) highlight the annual bowl season calendar. The Semifinal games will rotate among these six different bowls. All MAC programs will join every FBS team in college football with equal access to the playoff based upon its performance. No team will qualify automatically.

The College Football Playoff Selection Committee will choose four teams for the playoffs based on body of work, strength of schedule, head-to-head results, comparison of results against common opponents, championships won and other factors. The highest ranked program by the Selection Committee from either the MAC, American Athletic, Conference USA, Mountain West or Sun Belt Conferences will play annually in one of the New Year's Six games.

MAC BOWL NOTES

- Northern Illinois won the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game with a thrilling 30-29 win over Buffalo on Nov. 30. The win was NIU's first championship since 2014 and the fifth championship in program history (2018, 2014, 2012, 2011, 1983). The Huskies have been a model of consistency in winning as NIU has won the MAC West Division seven times in the last nine years and the Huskies have been bowl eligible in 10 of the last 11 years.
- Six MAC programs received bowl invitations in the 2018 bowl season -- Northern Illinois (8-6), Buffalo (10-4), Ohio (9-4), Toledo (7-6), Western Michigan (7-6) and Eastern Michigan (7-6). The MAC record for bowl invitations in a single-season is seven in both the 2012 and 2015 bowl seasons. Miami (6-6) was one of four FBS teams to not receive a bowl invitation.
- Northern Illinois (Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl), Buffalo (Dollar General Bowl), Ohio (DXL Frisco Bowl), Toledo (Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl), Western Michigan (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl) and Eastern Michigan (Raycom Media Camellia Bowl) represented the MAC during the 2018 bowl season.
- This marked the 11th time in MAC history to have five or more programs receive a bowl invitation (2004, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018) in a single-season.
- In the previous eight bowl seasons, the MAC has a record of 13-33 in 46 bowl games – 2018 (1-5); 2017 (1-4); 2016 (0-6); 2015 (3-4); 2014 (2-3); 2013 (0-5); 2012 (2-5); 2011 (4-1) as all 12 MAC programs have appeared in a bowl game during this span (2011-18).
- Buffalo (10-4, 7-1 MAC) won the MAC East Division for the first time since 2008. Buffalo's 10 wins were the most since moving to FBS and joining the MAC in 1999. Buffalo was also bowl eligible for the second consecutive year. The Bulls made their third overall bowl appearance in program history.
- Over the last three seasons, the MAC had six different programs participate in the Marathon MAC Football Championship Game. In 2016 Western Michigan defeated Ohio, 29-23, while 2017 witnessed Toledo with a 45-28 win over Akron and last year NIU defeated Buffalo, 30-29.

MAC 2018 BOWL RESULTS

- Raycom Media Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.) Georgia Southern 23, Eastern Michigan 21
- Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.) UAB 37, NIU 13
- DXL Frisco Bowl (Frisco, Texas) Ohio 27, San Diego State 0
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas) FIU 35, Toledo 32
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.) BYU 49, Western Michigan 18
- Dollar General Bowl (Mobile, Ala.) Troy 42, Buffalo 32

MAC PROGRAMS IN BOWL GAMES

In the last eight bowl seasons, every MAC football program has received a bowl invitation. Leading the way are Northern Illinois, Ohio and Toledo with bowl invitations in seven of the last eight bowl seasons.

2011-18 MAC Programs and Years Invited to Bowl Games

Northern Illinois (7): 2011; 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015; 2017; 2018
Ohio (7): 2011; 2012; 2013; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Toledo (7): 2011; 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017; 2018
Central Michigan (5): 2012; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2017
Western Michigan (5): 2011; 2014; 2015; 2016; 2018
Bowling Green (4): 2012; 2013; 2014; 2015
Akron (2): 2015; 2017
Ball State (2): 2012; 2013
Buffalo (2): 2013; 2018
Eastern Michigan (2): 2016; 2018
Kent State (1): 2012
Miami (1): 2016
former member Temple (1): 2011

Year; MAC Programs Invited to Bowl Games

2011: Northern Illinois; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Temple
2012: Northern Illinois; Kent State; Ohio; Bowling Green; Ball State; Central Michigan; Toledo
2013: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Ball State; Ohio; Buffalo
2014: Northern Illinois; Bowling Green; Toledo; Central Michigan; Western Michigan
2015: Bowling Green; Northern Illinois; Toledo; Western Michigan; Central Michigan; Ohio; Akron
2016: Western Michigan, Ohio, Toledo, Eastern Michigan, Central Michigan, Miami
2017: Toledo, Akron, Ohio, Central Michigan; Northern Illinois
2018: Northern Illinois; Buffalo; Ohio; Toledo; Western Michigan; Eastern Michigan

2018 MAC ALL-AMERICANS

Since the conclusion of the 2018 regular season, the MAC was represented with several post-season All-American honors.

The Associated Press:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

USA Today:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

Sports Illustrated:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

ESPN:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

College Football News:

- First-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

Walter Camp Football Foundation:

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith

Football Writers Association of America (FWAA):

- Second-Team All-American: Northern Illinois DE Sutton Smith



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MAC FOOTBALL NOTES

OHIO'S SOLICH THIRD ON MAC CAREER WINS LIST

Ohio head coach Frank Solich and his Bobcats finished 2018 with an 9-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the East Division, including a 27-0 shutout victory over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl on Dec. 19, 2018 for the first MAC shutout in a bowl game in league history. Solich continues to rise up the MAC career head coaching win list with 106 wins, which ranks third most in MAC history. Solich needs five wins to become the all-time winningest coach in MAC history.

Solich has been the model for consistency in coaching in the MAC. Solich arrived in Athens, Ohio in 2005 and is entering his 15th season running the Bobcats program. Solich and the Ohio Bobcats have garnered a bowl appearance in nine of the last 10 seasons and 10 of his 14 seasons at Ohio. Solich has a 106-75 career coaching record at Ohio.

Most MAC Head Coaching Wins, Career

1. 110, Herb Deromedi, Central Michigan, 1978-93
2. 108, Bill Hess, Ohio, 1958-77
3. 106, Frank Solich, Ohio, 2005-present
4. 79, Bob Pruett, Marshall, 1997-03
5. 77, Doyt Perry, Bowling Green, 1955-64

MAC WITH FOUR NEW HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES FOR 2019

The MAC will welcome four new football coach to the mix for the 2019 season as Akron, Bowling Green, Central Michigan and Northern Illinois all had changes in leadership.

Tom Arth-Akron: Arth was named the 28th head coach at Akron and just the sixth head coach for the Zips since moving up to Division I in 1987. Arth takes the reins at Akron after two seasons at Tennessee-Chattanooga. In four seasons at John Carroll University, Arth owned a 40-8 overall record while guiding the Blue Streaks to three postseason appearances. His building of the John Carroll program was highlighted by road wins over two No. 1 ranked opponents Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Arth was the 2016 Ohio Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and guided the Blue Streaks to the NCAA Division III Playoffs for the third time in his four-year tenure. In the four seasons under Arth's leadership, John Carroll was among the nation's elite, finishing inside the top 25 every season including top-five finishes in 2016 (No. 3) and 2014 (No. 5). John Carroll won the league's automatic bid for the first time in school history in 2016, breaking Mount Union's run of 24 consecutive OAC titles. John Carroll finished the season ranked No. 3 in the nation, tying a school record with a 12-2 overall tally and a 9-0 mark in league action.

A native of Cleveland, Arth earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from John Carroll in 2003. He was a two-time All-American quarterback and set 18 school records. As a senior in 2002, he guided JCU to a 12-2 mark and a berth in to the NCAA Division III national semifinals for the first time in school history.

Arth spent three seasons (2003-05) as a backup quarterback to Peyton Manning with the Indianapolis Colts. He also played in NFL Europe and was on Green Bay's preseason roster in 2006.

Thomas Hammock-NIU: Hammock, a former Huskie player and assistant coach is the 23rd head coach in NIU program history. Hammock returns to NIU after spending the last five seasons as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens and is the first African-American head coach in NIU football history.

Hammock began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wisconsin, followed by two seasons as an assistant at NIU under Huskie Hall of Famer Joe Novak (2005-06). Hammock then served stints as an assistant coach at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Baltimore Ravens organization for the 2014 season. In five seasons as the running backs coach he helped Baltimore's rushing attack finish in the top 11 in the NFL three times, including last season when the Ravens had the second-best rushing offense in the NFL (152.6 ypg). The Ravens made the playoffs twice in Hammock's time in Baltimore.

As a player, Hammock gained 2,432 rushing yards in his NIU career (1999-2002), which still ranks 13th all-time in Huskie history. He was a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American (2000, '01) and a two-time First Team All-MAC honoree (2000, '01).

Scot Loeffler-Bowling Green: Loeffler was named the 20th head coach of the Bowling Green football program. Loeffler comes to Bowling Green after serving as Deputy Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator at Boston College. His coaching career, which spans back to his time as a student assistant at Michigan during the 1996 season, includes stops at Michigan, Central Michigan, Florida, Temple, Auburn, Virginia Tech and Boston College. He also spent a year coaching quarterbacks for the Detroit Lions.

Loeffler has coached seven quarterbacks who went on to play in the NFL – Tom Brady, Tim Tebow, Brian Griese, Chad Henne, Drew Henson, John Navarre and Logan Thomas. In 2018, Boston College scored 40+ points in four of its first five games, including an average of 52.7 points in consecutive wins over UMass, Holy Cross and Wake Forest. Loeffler's teams have played in 15 bowl games in the past 16 seasons he has been a college coach.

Loeffler was Central Michigan's quarterbacks coach from 2000-01. He was a graduate assistant and student assistant at Michigan, working with Brady and Griese. He was part of the Wolverines' undefeated national championship season in 1997. A native of Barberton, Ohio, Loeffler played quarterback at Michigan from 1993-96.

Jim McElwain-Central Michigan: McElwain was named the 29th head coach at Central Michigan and brings nearly 30 years of college coaching experience to Mt. Pleasant. McElwain was named the 2015 SEC Coach of the Year as he led Florida to 19 wins and back-to-back SEC East titles during his first two seasons, and he became the first head coach in the SEC to reach the SEC Championship Game in his first two seasons as head coach. McElwain led Colorado State to a 10-2 record in 2014 and was named the 2014 Mountain West Coach of the Year.

McElwain, a native of Montana, played quarterback in the early 1980s at Eastern Washington. He got his coaching start at that school as a graduate assistant and later as an assistant working with the quarterbacks and wide receivers.

McElwain also worked as an assistant at Montana State, Louisville, Michigan State, Fresno State and at Alabama. He also served as the quarterbacks coach for the Oakland Raiders of the NFL in 2006. He was the offensive coordinator/quarterback coach at Alabama in 2009 when Michigan native Mark Ingram won the Heisman Trophy and the Crimson Tide captured two national championships.

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MAC FOOTBALL NOTES

ROURKE CONTINUES TO LEAD OHIO BOBCATS OFFENSE

Ohio quarterback Nathan Rourke had another impressive season under center in leading the Ohio Bobcats to a 9-4 overall record, including a second-place finish in the MAC East Division. Rourke led the Bobcats to the first-ever MAC shutout in a bowl game with a commanding 27-0 win over San Diego State in the DXL Frisco Bowl to finish the 2018 season on a high note. Last year, Rourke continued his dual threat role within the Bobcat offense with 860 yards rushing and led the MAC with 15 rushing touchdowns on the ground, while passing for 2,434 yards and 23 touchdowns on 164-274 passing (59.9%) for 187.2 yards passing per game.

Rourke continued to spark the Ohio offensive engine as last year Ohio's offense led the MAC in rushing offense with 258.3 yards per game, total offense with 466.8 yards per game and pass efficiency with a 154.2 rating, and also ranked second in the MAC in scoring with 40.1 points per game. Rourke's 38 total touchdowns last season, 23 passing and 15 rushing, was tied for 16th best in a single-season in MAC history and he already has 36 career rushing touchdowns, which ranks tied for 22nd best in MAC history. Rourke is also accurate in the passing game as his 18-20 passing (90.0%) performance in a 27-26 win over Kent State is tied for 10th best single-game pass completion percentage in league history. As a team in 2018, Ohio's 40 rushing touchdowns tied for fourth best in MAC history, the 3,358 net yards rushing ranked seventh best in league history and the 69 total touchdowns is tied for seventh best in MAC history.

YOUNG MAC RUNNING BACKS IMPACTING OFFENSES

A steady influx of young running backs had a dramatic impact during the 2018 season and should only continue its trend during the 2019 campaign. Last season as freshman running backs, Buffalo's Jaret Patterson and Toledo's Bryant Koback led their teams in rushing, while NIU sophomore running back Tre Harbison and Bowling Green sophomore Andrew Clair also led their teams in rushing. All four are returning this 2019 campaign and will be joined by Western Michigan's LeVante Bellamy in aiming for the league's rushing title in 2019.

Patterson, a native of Glendale, Md., was named All-MAC Second Team and was named MAC Freshman of the Year as he led Buffalo and ranked fourth in the MAC with 1,013 yards rushing (5.5 avg.) and ranked second in the MAC with 14 rushing touchdowns last season. Buffalo's rushing offense ranked fourth in the MAC with an average of 189.1 yards rushing per game. The Bulls set a program FBS record with a 10-4 overall record and an invitation to the 2018 Dollar General Bowl.

Koback, a native of Holland, Ohio, led the Rockets and ranked fifth in the MAC with 917 yards rushing and tied for second with 14 rushing touchdowns. Koback averaged 70.5 yards rushing per game as he helped Toledo to a 7-6 overall record and an invitation to the Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl.

Harbison, a native of Shelby, N.C., was named All-MAC Second Team last season as he paced the Huskie rushing attack with 1,034 yards rushing, which ranked third in the MAC, and added five rushing touchdowns. Harbison carried the load down the stretch as NIU claimed the Marathon MAC Football Championship and earned an invitation to the Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl.

Clair, a native of St. Louis, Mo., was named All-MAC Third Team

last season as he led Bowling Green with 702 yards rushing (5.2 avg.) and five rushing touchdowns. Clair averaged 63.8 yards rushing per game.

Bellamy, a native of Indianapolis, Ind., was named All-MAC First Team as he led the Broncos and ranked second in the MAC with 1,228 yards (6.0 avg.) and six touchdowns as he averaged 94.5 yards rushing per game last season. Bellamy and the Broncos rushing attack ranked third in the MAC with an average of 199.5 yards rushing per game as Western Michigan received an invite to the 2018 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

OHIO'S ZERVOS ONE OF MAC'S MOST ACCURATE KICKERS

Ohio senior Louie Zervos has been a key figure in the success of the Ohio Bobcats during the last three seasons. Zervos has converted 57-70 career field goal attempts for an 81.4% percentage with ranks fifth best in MAC history. Last season, Zervos converted 13-17 field goals and was perfect on all 68 PATs as he ranked second in the MAC in scoring with 107 total points.

Zervos, a native of Tarpon Springs, Fla., has 335 career points, which ranks 13th best in MAC scoring history and his 57 career field goals is tied for 11th best in league history. Zervos already holds the MAC record with 29 field goals made set during his freshman season in 2016 when he connected on 29-of-35 field goal attempts for 122 total points. Zervos is aiming to top Toledo kicker Jameson Vest, who last year as a senior netted 109 points for a career total of 446 career points, which ranks second all-time in scoring in MAC history and ranks first among MAC kickers in career scoring.

MAC VS BIG TEN OPPONENTS

With Buffalo's 42-13 win at Rutgers on Sept. 22, 2018, Akron's 39-34 win at Northwestern on Sept. 15, 2018 and Eastern Michigan's 20-19 win at Purdue on Sept. 8, 2018, the MAC extended its streak of a regular season win vs. Big Ten opponents in each of the last 13 consecutive seasons (2006-2018), the longest streak in MAC history.

During this 13-year stretch, MAC teams have defeated 12 different Big Ten teams — Illinois (3); Indiana (5); Iowa (3); Maryland (1); Michigan (1); Michigan State (1); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Northwestern (3); Penn State (1), Purdue (6) and Rutgers (2) for a total of 29 wins during this span of time.

2006: Ohio beat Illinois
2007: Bowling Green beat Minnesota; Western Michigan beat Iowa
2008: Western Michigan beat Illinois; Central Michigan beat Indiana; Toledo beat Michigan; Ball State beat Indiana
2009: NIU beat Purdue; Central Michigan beat Michigan State
2010: Toledo beat Purdue; NIU beat Minnesota
2011: Ball State beat Indiana
2012: Ohio beat Penn State; Ball State beat Indiana; Central Michigan beat Iowa
2013: NIU beat Purdue; NIU beat Iowa
2014: Bowling Green beat Indiana; NIU beat Northwestern; Central Michigan beat Purdue
2015: Bowling Green beat Maryland and Purdue
2016: Western Michigan beat Northwestern and Illinois
2017: NIU beat Nebraska and Eastern Michigan beat Rutgers
2018: Eastern Michigan beat Purdue; Akron beat Northwestern; Buffalo beat Rutgers



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MAC FOOTBALL NOTES

2019 MAC BOWL PARTNERS

- College Football Playoff Host Bowl (Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic)
- Mobile Alabama Bowl (Mobile, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl (Boca Raton, Fla.; vs. American Athletic Conference or Conference USA)
- Camellia Bowl (Montgomery, Ala.; vs. Sun Belt)
- Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl (Nassau, Bahamas; vs. Conference USA)
- Famous Idaho Potato Bowl (Boise, Ida.; vs. Mountain West)
- Secondary to Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit, Mich.)
- Secondary to ESPN owned and operated bowl games

MAC TO FACE BIG TEN IN QUICK LANE BOWL IN 2020

In June, the Mid-American Conference, the Big Ten Conference and the Detroit Lions announced a six-year agreement (2020-2025) as primary partners of the Quick Lane Bowl played annually at Ford Field. Beginning in 2020, the MAC will return as a primary bowl partner of the annual bowl game played in Detroit. Since the start of the Quick Lane Bowl in 2014, MAC programs have been featured in two of the first five Quick Lane Bowls – Central Michigan in 2015 and Northern Illinois in 2017.

The MAC has a long association with Detroit and Ford Field as the MAC has held its Marathon MAC Football Championship Game as a neutral site championship event at Ford Field since 2004. Also, the MAC played the first-ever college football game at Ford Field as Toledo faced Boston College in the 2002 Motor City Bowl. Previously the MAC was a primary bowl partner with the Detroit-based Motor City Bowl (1997-2008) and the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (2009-2013).

With the addition of the Quick Lane Bowl, the MAC has expanded its bowl opportunities during the next six-year cycle and will have a minimum six guaranteed bowl opportunities.

MYRTLE BEACH BOWL TO BEGIN IN 2020 BOWL SEASON

The MAC announced last November the creation of a newly created bowl game in Myrtle Beach, S.C. for a six-year period (2020-2025), which will be owned and operated by ESPN. The Myrtle Beach Bowl will be televised nationally on ESPN networks and will be played at Brooks Stadium, an open-air stadium opened in 2003 which seats nearly 21,000 fans on the campus of Coastal Carolina University.

The creation of the Myrtle Beach Bowl is an agreement with ESPN Events and the MAC, Conference USA and the Sun Belt Conference, with each Conference participating in the bowl game four times during the six-year span. With the addition of the Myrtle Beach Bowl, the MAC has expanded its bowl opportunities during the next six-year cycle beginning in 2020.

MAC NON-CONFERENCE WINS

Last season the MAC finished the regular season with eight FBS non-conference wins over Purdue, Northwestern and Rutgers from the Big Ten Conference; Temple (American Athletic Conference); Nevada (Mountain West); Georgia State (Sun Belt Conference) and independent BYU and UMass.

In 2017, the MAC concluded its non-conference regular season schedule with 14 FBS wins, which tied for second most for the MAC since 2000. The most non-conference regular season wins by the MAC in a single year is 16 FBS wins in 2012, while the 14 FBS wins during the 2017 season matched the total from 2008.

WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE FBS OPPONENTS

Regular Season Wins vs. non-conference FBS opponents:

Year: Wins; FBS Opponents Defeated:

2018: 8; Purdue, Northwestern, Rutgers, Temple, Nevada, BYU, UMass, Georgia State
2017: 11; Nebraska, Rutgers, Kansas (2); Charlotte, UAB; Nevada; Tulsa; Idaho; Florida Atlantic; UMass
2016: 14; Northwestern, Arkansas State, Georgia State, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Illinois, Fresno State, UNLV, Marshall, Charlotte, Army, Florida Atlantic, Georgia Southern, Wyoming.
2015: 12; Arkansas; Maryland; Iowa State; Purdue; FAU; Marshall; Wyoming; UNLV; Idaho; Arkansas State; Louisiana; FIU
2014: 8; Purdue; Northwestern; Indiana; Idaho (2); UNLV, Pitt; Army
2013: 10; Iowa; Purdue; Virginia; UConn; Tulsa; Marshall; Army; North Texas; Idaho; Navy
2012: 16; Penn State; Wyoming; Idaho; New Mexico St.; Army (4); UConn; Marshall; Indiana; Iowa; South Florida; Kansas; Cincinnati; Rutgers
2011: 10; Indiana; Army (4); UConn; Idaho; New Mexico State; Marshall; Maryland
2010: 7; Minnesota; Purdue; Marshall; Colorado State; UConn; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette
2009: 9; Michigan State; Purdue; Colorado; Florida International; Troy; UTEP; North Texas; Army; Navy
2008: 14; Navy; Indiana (2); Western Kentucky; Michigan; Idaho; Illinois; Syracuse; Army (3); Pittsburgh; Wyoming; UTEP
2007: 10; Navy; Army (2); Idaho; Iowa State (2); Iowa; Minnesota; Syracuse; La-Lafayette
2006: 11; Temple (5); Kansas; Virginia; North Carolina State; North Texas; FIU; Illinois
2005: 9; Army; Louisiana-Lafayette; Temple (4); Pittsburgh; Middle Tennessee State; Cincinnati
2004: 3; Temple (2); Kentucky
2003: 9; Kansas State; Northwestern; Colorado State; Cincinnati; Purdue; Maryland; Alabama; Iowa State; Pittsburgh
2002: 10; Rutgers; Troy; North Carolina; Cincinnati; UConn; Missouri; Kansas; Wyoming; Wake Forest; UNLV
2001: 11; UConn (2); Army; Cincinnati; Missouri; Temple (2); Minnesota; Northwestern; South Florida; Navy
2000: 9; Central Florida (2); Vanderbilt; Minnesota; UConn (2); Navy; Penn State; Iowa

MAC HEAD COACHES IN HIGH DEMAND

Football programs continue to take notice of MAC head coaches. There are 11 former head coaches from the MAC in a current FBS head coaching position—and three of the last five National Champions are former MAC head football coaches – 2015 and 2017 Alabaman's Nick Saban (Toledo) and 2014 Ohio State's Urban Meyer (Bowling Green). For the 2019 season, 23 of the 131 FBS coaches (17.6%) will be either current or former MAC head coaches.

ACC – Steve Addazio-Boston College (Temple), Dave Doeren-NC State (Northern Illinois), Dave Clawson-Wake Forest (Bowling Green), Dino Babers-Syracuse (Bowling Green).

Big Ten – Urban Meyer-Ohio State (Bowling Green), P.J. Fleck-Minnesota (Western Michigan).

Big 12 – Matt Campbell-Iowa State (Toledo).

Ind. – Brian Kelly-Notre Dame (Central Michigan), Mark Whipple (UMass).

SEC-Nick Saban-Alabama (Toledo).

Sun Belt – Doug Martin-New Mexico State (Kent State).

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MAC FOOTBALL NOTES

MAC 2019 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2019 football schedule will feature 14 nationally televised games during the last month of the regular season on ESPN2, ESPNU, ESPN+, ESPN3 and CBS Sports Network as the Conference race unfolds in both the East and West divisions.

The regular season will conclude with the 23rd Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Noon ET (ESPN or ESPN2) from Ford Field in Detroit. This will mark the 16th Marathon MAC Football Championship game at Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions, Super Bowl XL, and the 2009 NCAA Men's Final Four.

For the 12th year in a row, league schools will face a formidable non-conference slate of opponents from the following Football Bowl Subdivision conferences – ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-12, SEC, Notre Dame and BYU. In addition, the Conference will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference, Conference USA, Mountain West Conference, Sun Belt Conference and Independents Liberty, New Mexico State and UMass.

MAC programs will face eight non-conference foes that finished in the final AP Top 25 poll: Ohio State (3), Notre Dame (5), Kentucky (12) twice, Syracuse (15), Penn State (17), Cincinnati (24) and Iowa (25).

A total of 10 non-conference games will feature a Big Ten opponent (Illinois (2); Indiana; Iowa; Michigan State; Nebraska; Ohio State; Penn State; Wisconsin (2)). The MAC will face foes from the ACC (4—Miami (Fla.), North Carolina State, Pitt, Syracuse), SEC (4—Auburn, Kentucky (2), Vanderbilt), Pac-12 (2—Arizona State, Utah), Big 12 (1—Kansas State); and Independent Notre Dame, BYU, Liberty, New Mexico State and UMass.

The MAC will also face opponents from the American Athletic Conference (2—Cincinnati, Temple), Mountain West (1—Colorado State), Conference USA (4—Florida Atlantic, La. Tech, Marshall, UAB) and Sun Belt Conference (4—Coastal Carolina, Georgia State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Troy). This season the MAC will host 10 games against FBS non-conference opponents.

MAC WELL REPRESENTED IN PRESEASON 2019 WATCH LISTS

Chuck Bednarik Award (defensive player of the year): DT Doug Costin (Miami); LB Antonio Jones-Davis (Northern Illinois); DB Kevin McGill (Eastern Michigan)

Biletnikoff Award (best wide receiver): D'Wayne Eskridge (Western Michigan); Riley Miller (Ball State)

Butkus Award (best linebacker): Announced July 22

Walter Camp Award (player of the year): Announced July 26

Maxwell Award (outstanding college football player): RB LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan); RB Jaret Patterson (Buffalo); QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

Paul Hornung Award (most versatile player): Announced July 25
John Mackey Award (outstanding tight end): Andrew Homer (Miami); Thomas Odukoya (Eastern Michigan); Giovanni Ricci (Western Michigan)

Lou Groza Award (outstanding kicker): Announced July 24

Bronko Nagurski Award (defensive player of the year): Announced July 23

Manning Award (best quarterback): Announced in August, 2019
Davey O'Brien Award (nation's top quarterback): QB Nathan Rourke (Ohio)

Outland Award (top interior lineman): Announced July 23

Rimington Award (most outstanding center): July 19

Ray Guy Award (top punter): Announced July 24

Jim Thorpe Award (best defensive back): Announced July 22
Doak Walker Award (best running back): LeVante Bellamy (Western Michigan); Andrew Clair (Bowling Green); Bryant Koback (Toledo); Tre Harbison (Northern Illinois); Jaret Patterson (Buffalo); Breck Turner (Eastern Michigan)
Wuerffel Trophy (best community service): Announced July 26

MAC EAST VS. MAC WEST

In 2018, the East and West Divisions faced each other in 18 crossover regular season games and tied 9-9 in those games. Over the previous 11 years (2008-2018), the MAC West has had the upper hand in crossover regular season games against the MAC East, winning the head-to-head regular season series in nine of the last 11 years. The West holds a 129-69 (65.2%) regular season record in crossover games over the East during that span.

The West Division also has a 7-4 lead in the last 11 Marathon MAC Football Championship Games. From the West Division, Toledo (2017), Western Michigan (2016), Northern Illinois (2011, 2012, 2014, 2018) and Central Michigan (2009) have won the Conference Championship seven times, while the East Division has won four crowns with Bowling Green (2015, 2013), Miami (2010) and Buffalo (2008).

Year; Regular Season East vs. West; MAC Champion

2018: Tied 9-9; NIU (West) def. Buffalo (East), 30-29.

2017: West 11-7; Toledo (West) def. Akron (East), 45-28.

2016: West 12-6; Western Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 29-23

2015: West 11-7; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 34-14.

2014: West 15-3; NIU (West) def. Bowling Green (East), 51-17.

2013: West 12-6; Bowling Green (East) def. NIU (West), 47-27.

2012: West 12-6; NIU (West) def. Kent State (East) 44-37 in 2 OT.

2011: West 14-4; NIU (West) def. Ohio (East), 23-20.

2010: West 12-6; Miami (East) def. NIU (West), 26-21.

2009: East 11-7; Central Michigan (West) def. Ohio (East), 20-10.

2008: West 14-4; Buffalo (East) def. Ball State (West), 42-24.

MAC WITH NINE STUDENTS SELECTED IN THE 2019 NFL DRAFT

The MAC had nine draft selections in the 2019 NFL Draft. The nine MAC players selected were the most since the 2017 NFL Draft when 11 MAC players were selected. The MAC modern record for number of selections in an NFL Draft is 11 draft selections from both the 2017 and 2005 NFL Draft.

In recent years the MAC has had students selected among the top five overall in the NFL Draft. In the last seven years (2013-19), the MAC has had three players selected in the top five in the NFL Drafts -- 2017 Western Michigan WR Corey Davis fifth overall by Tennessee; 2014 Buffalo LB Khalil Mack fifth overall by Oakland; 2013, Central Michigan OT Eric Fisher became the first MAC football player to be selected as the No. 1 selection in the NFL Draft by Kansas City.

MAC Students Selected In 2019 NFL Draft (9):

- Rd, Overall, Player, School, NFL Team
- 2nd-39-DB Sean Bunting (Central Michigan) by Tampa Bay
- 2nd-55-OT Max Scharping (Northern Illinois) by Houston
- 3rd-66-WR Diontae Johnson (Toledo) by Pittsburgh
- 4th-106-DE Maxx Crosby (Eastern Michigan) by Oakland
- 6th-175-DE Sutton Smith (Northern Illinois) by Pittsburgh
- 6th-185-DB Ka'dar Hollman (Toledo) by Green Bay
- 6th-195-DB Xavier Crawford (Central Michigan) by Houston
- 6th-207-LB Ulysees Gilbert (Akron) by Pittsburgh
- 6th-208-WR Scott Miller (Bowling Green) by Tampa Bay



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2018 Season

EAST DIVISION	MAC OVERALL					OVERALL RECORD				
	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	OPP.	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	OPP.
*Buffalo	7	1	.875	284	197	10	4	.714	484	363
Ohio	6	2	.750	337	167	9	4	.692	521	320
Miami	6	2	.750	276	193	6	6	.500	337	306
Akron	2	6	.250	131	231	4	8	.333	227	326
Bowling Green	2	6	.250	195	279	3	9	.250	292	480
Kent State	1	7	.125	182	294	2	10	.167	287	440
WEST DIVISION	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	OPP.	W	L	PCT.	PTS.	OPP.
#^Northern Illinois	6	2	.750	200	158	8	6	.571	282	317
Toledo	5	3	.625	313	217	7	6	.538	525	397
Western Michigan	5	3	.625	251	281	7	6	.538	416	449
Eastern Michigan	5	3	.625	217	168	7	6	.538	351	287
Ball State	3	5	.375	202	293	4	8	.333	290	389
Central Michigan	0	8	.000	116	226	1	11	.083	180	328

*East Champion; ^West Champion

Winner of MAC Championship game

2019 Team Breakdown/Starters & Lettermen Returning

West Division	Starters (O/D/Sp)	Lettermen	Crossover Opp.	Non-Conference
Ball State	20 (8/9/3)	55	at Kent State; Ohio; Miami	Indiana; Fordham; Florida Atlantic; at North Carolina State
Central Michigan	13 (8/4/1)	38	at Buffalo; Akron; at Bowling Green	Albany; at Wisconsin; at Miami (Fla.); New Mexico State
Eastern Michigan	13 (6/4/3)	45	Buffalo; at Akron; Kent State	at Coastal Carolina; at Kentucky; at Illinois; Central Connecticut St.
Northern Illinois	16 (7/7/2)	52	at Ohio; Akron; at Miami	Illinois State; Utah; at Nebraska; at Vanderbilt
Toledo	14 (7/5/2)	50	at Bowling Green; at Buffalo; Kent State	at Kentucky; Murray State; at Colorado State; BYU
Western Michigan	17 (6/9/2)	34	Miami; Bowling Green; at Ohio	Monmouth; at Michigan State; Georgia State; at Syracuse
East Division	Starters (O/D/Sp)	Lettermen	Crossover Opp.	Non-Conference
Akron	10 (7/3/3)	57	at Central Michigan; at NIU; Eastern Mich.	at Illinois; UAB; Troy; at UMass
Bowling Green	16 (7/5/4)	36	Toledo; at Western Mich.; Central Mich.	Morgan St.; at Kansas St.; Louisiana Tech; at Notre Dame
Buffalo	14 (6/6/2)	47	at Eastern Michigan; Central Michigan; Toledo	Robert Morris; at Penn State; at Liberty; Temple
Kent State	14 (8/6/3)	45	Ball State; at Toledo; at Eastern Michigan	at Arizona State; Kennesaw State; at Auburn; at Wisconsin
Miami	12 (5/4/3)	41	at Western Michigan; NIU; at Ball State	at Iowa; Tennessee Tech; at Cincinnati; at Ohio State
Ohio	14 (4/7/3)	43	NIU; at Ball State; Western Michigan	Rhode Island; at Pitt; at Marshall; Louisiana-Lafayette

2019 Bowl Schedule	Date	Site	Matchup
Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl	Dec. 20	Nassau, Bahamas	MAC vs. C-USA
*Frisco Bowl	Dec. 20	Frisco, Texas	MAC vs. AAC
Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl	Dec. 21	Boca Raton, Fla.	MAC vs. AAC/C-USA
Camellia Bowl	Dec. 21	Montgomery, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt
*Quick Lane Bowl	Dec. 26	Detroit, Mich.	MAC vs. Big Ten/ACC
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Jan. 3	Boise, Ida.	MAC vs. MWC
Mobile Alabama Bowl	Jan. 6	Mobile, Ala.	MAC vs. Sun Belt

* Backup Bowl Agreement



Ford Field (right) will host the 2019 Marathon MAC Football Championship game on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Noon ET on ESPN or ESPN2.

2018 Postseason Honors -- Specialty Award Winners



Coach of the Year
Lance Leipold
Buffalo



Vern Smith
Award Winner
Sutton Smith
Northern Illinois



Defensive Player
of the Year
Sutton Smith
Northern Illinois



Offensive Player
of the Year
Tyree Jackson
Buffalo



Freshman
of the Year
Jaret Patterson
Buffalo



Special Teams Player
of the Year
Diontae Johnson
Toledo

OFFENSE

Position

Quarterback

Offensive Lineman

Offensive Lineman

Offensive Lineman

Offensive Lineman

Offensive Lineman

Tight End

Wide Receiver

Wide Receiver

Wide Receiver

Wide Receiver

Running Back

Running Back

Placekicker

Kickoff Return Specialist

Punt Return Specialist

First Team

Tyree Jackson, Buffalo

Max Scharping, Northern Illinois &@

Luke Juriga, Western Michigan +

Joe Lowery, Ohio +

James O'Hagan, Buffalo %^

Joe Anderson, Ohio +

Tyler Mabry, Buffalo

Anthony Johnson, Buffalo &

Diontae Johnson, Toledo &

Cody Thompson, Toledo @

Papi White, Ohio +

LeVante Bellamy, Western Michigan

A.J. Ouellette, Ohio +

Matt Trickett, Kent State

Maurice Thomas, Miami ^

Diontae Johnson, Toledo &

Second Team

Nathan Rourke, Ohio +

John Keenoy, Western Michigan &#

Bryce Harris, Toledo

Luke Shively, Northern Illinois

Durrell Wood, Ohio

Evin Ksiezarczyk, Buffalo

Reggie Gilliam, Toledo

K.J. Osborn, Buffalo

Scott Miller, Bowling Green %@

Jayden Reed, Western Michigan

Riley Miller, Ball State

Tre Harbison, Northern Illinois

Jaret Patterson, Buffalo

Ryan Tice, Central Michigan

Diontae Johnson, Toledo +

Jayden Reed, Western Michigan

Third Team

Gus Ragland, Miami

Jimmy Leatiota, Eastern Michigan +

Danny Godlevske, Miami

Steve Nielsen, Eastern Michigan

Jack Kramer, Bowling Green

Jordan Rigg, Miami %

Giovanni Ricci, Western Michigan

Blake Banham, Eastern Michigan

Justin Hall, Ball State +

Jon'Vea Johnson, Toledo #

Jack Sorenson, Miami

Andrew Clair, Bowling Green %

Jamauri Bogan, Western Michigan !

Jameson Vest, Toledo &

Malik Dunner, Ball State %

K.J. Osborn, Buffalo

DEFENSE

Position

Down Lineman

Down Lineman

Down Lineman

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First Team

Sutton Smith, Northern Illinois &

Maxx Crosby, Eastern Michigan &

Michael Danna, Central Michigan

Chuck Harris, Buffalo %

Brad Koenig, Miami

Antonio Jones-Davis, Northern Illinois

Khalil Hodge, Buffalo &#

Malik Fountain, Central Michigan +@

Alvin Davis, Akron +

Sean Bunting, Central Michigan

Javon Hagan, Ohio +#

Xavier Crawford, Central Michigan

Michael Farkas, Ohio ^

Second Team

Josh Corcoran, Northern Illinois %

Jamal Davis, Akron %

Kalil Morris, Kent State

Doug Costin, Miami

Evan Croutch, Ohio

Ulysees Gilbert III, Akron &@

Kyle Pugh, Northern Illinois

Kyle Rachwal, Eastern Michigan

Cameron Lewis, Buffalo

Kevin McGill, Eastern Michigan

Mykelti Williams, Northern Illinois

Kyron Brown, Akron

Jake Julien, Eastern Michigan

Third Team

Tuzar Skipper, Toledo

Jack Heflin, Northern Illinois

Jeremiah Harris, Eastern Michigan +^

Nate Brisson-Fast, Central Michigan

John Lako, Akron

Christian Albright, Ball State

Brian Bell, Akron

Jacob White, Ball State

Marcus Milton, Bowling Green

Vince Calhoun, Eastern Michigan %

Brody Hoying, Eastern Michigan &

Josh Teachey, Toledo

Kyle Kramer, Miami

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+ 2017 Second-Team All-MAC

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= 2015 First-Team All-MAC

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THE MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE

2018 ACADEMIC ALL-MAC TEAM

The Mid-American Conference announced its 2018 Football Academic All-MAC team as a total of 154 student-athletes were honored. Western Michigan topped the 2018 Academic All-MAC squad with 20 selections, while Ball State was second with 19 honorees. The Academic All-MAC honor is for students who have excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student must have at least a 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests.

2018 Academic All-MAC Football Team (154)

Akron (9):
Jamal Baggett, Senior, 3.700 GPA, Sport Science & Coaching (Oak Park, Ill.)
*+Nathan Bischof, Senior, 3.329 GPA, Health Professions (Akron, Ohio)
*+Kyle Foster, Senior, 3.421 GPA, Health Professions (Parkersburg, W.V.)
*+John Lako, Junior, 3.366 GPA, Human Resources Management (Monroe, Mich.)
Cameron Lyons, R-Freshman, 3.344 GPA, Sport Management (Morgantown, W.V.)
Dylan Meeks, Soph., 3.949 GPA, Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy (Orlando, Fla.)
Alex Ramart, R-Freshman, 3.541 GPA, Exercise Science (Richmond, Texas)
Bryan Reinke, Senior, 3.201 GPA, Health Professions (Akron, Ohio)
Mykel Traylor-Bennett, Senior, 3.350 GPA, Graduate Studies (Columbus, Ohio)

Ball State (19):
*Chris Beech, Sophomore, 3.695 GPA, Business Administration (Miamisburg, Ohio)
Curtis Blackwell, Sophomore, 3.766 GPA, Business Administration (Uniondale, Ind.)
Brock Burns, R-Freshman, 3.66 GPA Communication Studies (Fishers, Ind.)
Bryce Cosby, Sophomore, 3.333 GPA, Pre-Telecommunications (Louisville, Ky.)
Jimmy Daw, R-Freshman, 3.435 GPA, Business Administration (Medina, Ohio)
Joseph Greenwood, Sophomore, 3.272 GPA, Sport Administration (Delaware, Ohio)
Trevor Hohlt, R-Freshman, 3.466 GPA, Entrepreneurial Management (Greenwood, Ind.)
Will Jones, R-Freshman, 3.366 GPA, Business Administration (Anderson, Ind.)
*Riley Miller, Junior, 3.587 GPA, Exercise Science (Yorktown, Ind.)
*+Riley Neal, Junior, 3.511 GPA, Business Administration (Yorktown, Ind.)
*+Danny Pinter, Junior, 3.676 GPA, Business Administration (South Bend, Ind.)
Drew Plitt, Sophomore, 3.671 GPA, Accounting (Loveland, Ohio)
*Andrew Poenitsch, Junior, 3.75 GPA, Industry and Technology (Waukesha, Wis.)
*+Zac Ricketts, Junior, 3.568 GPA, Industry and Technology (Bremen, Ind.)
*+Kyle Schrank, Junior, 3.781 GPA, Business Administration (Fishers, Ind.)
*+Fred Schroeder, Senior, 3.384 GPA, Biology (Yuma, Ariz.)
*+Marc Walton, Senior, 3.290 GPA, Marketing (Mentor, Ohio)
Jordan Williams, R-Freshman, 3.90 GPA, Finance (Champaign, Ill.)
*Grant Williamson, Junior, 3.282 GPA, Accounting (Rolling Prairie, Ind.)

Bowling Green (9):
*Caleb Bright, Sophomore, 3.439 GPA, Criminal Justice (Urbandale, Iowa)
James Carolan, Sophomore, 3.388 GPA, Sport Management (Anthem, Ariz.)
Colin DeBord, R-Freshman, 3.294 GPA, Biology (Centerville, Ohio)
Derek Downs, R-Freshman, 3.828 GPA, Sport Management (Westerville, Ohio)
Zach Dziengelweski, R-Freshman, 3.818 GPA, Health Science (Swanton, Ohio)
John Kurtz, Senior, 3.272 GPA, Master's in Business Administration (Louisville, Ky.)
*Grant Loy, Sophomore, 3.301 GPA, Sport Management (New Washington, Ohio)
Matt Naranjo, Sophomore, 3.361 GPA, Aviation Studies (Skokie, Ill.)
*Gabe Skrobot, Sophomore, 4.00 GPA, Biology (Zanesville, Ohio)

Buffalo (7):
Evan Finegan, R-Freshman, 3.49 GPA, Business Administration (Sterling Heights, Mich.)
Nick Gallo, Junior, 3.37 GPA, Public Health (Schenectady, N.Y.)
*Tyree Jackson, Junior, 3.33 GPA, Social Science Interdisciplinary (Norton Shores, Mich.)
*Zach Lefebvre, Sophomore, 3.37 GPA, Social Science Interdisciplinary (Victor, N.Y.)
Adam Mitcheson, Senior, 3.25 GPA, Educational Studies (Pittsburgh, Pa.)
*K.J. Osborn, Junior, 3.35 GPA, Sociology (Ypsilanti, Mich.)
*Matt Otwinowski, Junior, 3.87 GPA, Accounting (LaPorte, Ind.)

Central Michigan (10):
Brandon Childress, Junior, 3.23 GPA, Communication (Baldwin, Mich.)
Nick Follmer, R-Freshman, 3.26 GPA, Undecided (O'Fallon, Mo.)
*+Luke Idoni, Senior, 3.76 GPA, Biology/Biomedical Sciences (Fenton, Mich.)
*Kaden Keon, Junior, 3.53 GPA, Engineering Technology (St. Louis, Mo.)
*Oakley Lavalli, Sophomore, 3.34 GPA, Entrepreneurship (Boca Raton, Fla.)
*Derek Smith, Sophomore, 3.26 GPA, Criminal Justice (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Devon Spalding, Senior, 3.40 GPA, Criminal Justice (Canton, Mich.)
*+Mitch Stanitzek, Senior, 3.74 GPA, Grad.-Business Administration (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Robi Stuart, Sophomore, 3.75 GPA, Undecided (Saginaw, Mich.)
*Clay Walderzak, Senior, 3.23 GPA, Construction Management (Standish, Mich.)

Eastern Michigan (12):
*+Blake Banham, Senior, 3.64 GPA, Criminology and Criminal Justice (St. Paul, Minn.)
*Jacob Donnellon, Junior, 3.45 GPA, Exercise Science (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
*+Jeremiah Harris, Senior, 3.44 GPA, Sports Performance (Lambertville, Mich.)
Jeremy Hickey, Senior, 3.20 GPA, Social Studies and History (Bloomfield Hills, Mich.)
*+Clay Holford, Junior, 3.58 GPA, Supply Chain Management (Carrollton, Texas)
*+Brody Hoying, Senior, 3.69 GPA, Supply Chain Management (Coldwater, Ohio)
Tyler LaBarbera, Senior, 3.36 GPA, Exercise Science (Elk Grove Village, Ill.)
Freddie McGee, Sophomore, 3.34 GPA, Sport Management (Canton, Mich.)
*Steven Nielsen, Junior, 3.67 GPA, Sport Management (Dragoer, Denmark)
*+Breck Turner, Junior, 3.37 GPA, Sport Management (Norwalk, Ohio)
Ville Valasti, Senior, 3.47 GPA, Psychology (Helsinki, Finland)
Miike Van Hoven, Sophomore, 3.95 GPA, Exercise Science (Paw Paw, Mich.)

Kent State (12):
*+Matt Bahr, Senior, 3.89 GPA/3.96 Grad. GPA, Criminal Justice (Kenton, Ohio)
*John Henry Bronczek, Junior, 3.65 GPA, Business Management (Massillon, Ohio)
Dustin Crum, Sophomore, 3.58 GPA, Aeronautical Systems Engineering (Grafton, Ohio)
*Trey Harrell, Junior, 3.20 GPA, General Business (Metairie, La.)
*+Mike Marinelli, Junior, 3.29 GPA, Accounting (Allison Park, Pa.)
Colt McFadden, R-Freshman, 3.55 GPA, General Business (Poland, Ohio)
A.J. Musolino, R-Freshman, 3.59 GPA, Marketing (Struthers, Ohio)
*Joey Palumbo, Junior, 3.23 GPA, Sport Administration (Hudson, Ohio)
*Kavious Price, Junior, 3.25 GPA, Interpersonal Communication (Bradenton, Fla.)
Keith Sherald, Jr., Sophomore, 3.40 GPA, Digital Sciences (Waldorf, Md.)
Isaac Vance, R-Freshman, 3.44 GPA, Sport Administration (Las Cruces, N.M.)
*+Chase Van Hoef, Junior, 3.43 GPA, Marketing (Grand Haven, Mich.)

Miami (12):
Mike Brown, Sophomore, 3.42 GPA, Sports Leadership and Mgmt (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
*+Evan Crabtree, Junior, 3.81 GPA, Sports Leadership and Management (Dublin, Ohio)
Tommy Doyle, Sophomore, 3.34 GPA, Marketing (Edina, Minn.)
Isaac Hampton, R-Freshman, 3.21 GPA, Sports Leadership and Mgmt (Charlotte, N.C.)
Zach Kahn, Sophomore, 3.61 GPA, Marketing and Accounting (Strongsville, Ohio)
Nick Marosi, Junior, 3.21 GPA, Marketing (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
Ryan McWood, Sophomore, 3.45 GPA, Kinesiology (Grosse Pointe, Mich.)
Adam Mehelic, R-Freshman, 3.33 GPA, Strategic Communications (Hudson, Ohio)
*+Ryan Mullen, Senior, 3.43 GPA, Kinesiology (Lake Villa, Ill.)
*+Mitch Palmer, Senior, 3.37 GPA, Biology (St. Louis, Mo.)
Jalen Walker, R-Freshman, 3.26 GPA, Sports Leadership and Mgmt (Carmel, Ind.)
Sterling Weatherford, R-Freshman, 3.72 GPA, Mechanical Engineering (Cicero, Ind.)

Northern Illinois (10):
Calvin Dassow, R-Freshman, 4.00 GPA, Chemistry (Menominee Falls, Wis.)
*+Trayshon Foster, Junior, 3.301 GPA, Communications/Organizational (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)
Andrew Gregory, Sophomore, 3.422 GPA, Accountancy (Normal, Ill.)
*Ty Harmston, Senior, 3.628 GPA, Human Anatomical Sciences (Stockton, Ill.)
Jaden Huff, Senior, 3.778 GPA, MBA (Bolingbrook, Ill.)
Corey Lersch, Sophomore, 3.968 GPA, Nursing (McHenry, Ill.)
Benn Olson, Sophomore, 3.829 GPA, Engineering Management (Burnsville, Minn.)
*+Max Scharping, Senior, 3.875 GPA, Exercise Physiology (Green Bay, Wis.)
*+Luke Shively, Senior, 3.302 GPA, Public Health Administration (Tipton, Ind.)
*+Jordan Steckler, Junior, 3.416 GPA, Leadership and Management (Two Rivers, Wis.)

Ohio (15):
*+Kent Berger, Senior, 3.715 GPA, Finance (Mentor, Ohio)
*+Austin Clack, Junior, 3.365 GPA, Finance (Tipp City, Ohio)
*Dylan Conner, Sophomore, 3.974 GPA, Bios Pre-Professional (Fort Wayne, Ind.)
*Austin Conrad, Sophomore, 3.488 GPA, Marketing (LaGrange, Ohio)
*Jared Dorsa, Sophomore, 3.291 GPA, Exercise Physiology (Kings Mills, Ohio)
Tariq Drake, R-Freshman, 3.276 GPA, Communication Studies (Leavittsburg, Ohio)
Brett Kirell, Sophomore, 3.819 GPA, Marketing (Ashland, Neb.)
Joe Lowery, Senior, 3.256 GPA, Health Services Administration (Tallmadge, Ohio)
*+Quinton Maxwell, Junior, 3.493 GPA, Management and Leadership (Rayville, Mo.)
*Andrew Meyer, Senior, 3.593 GPA, Finance (Canal Winchester, Ohio)
Jake Neatherton, R-Freshman, 3.381 GPA, Exercise Physiology (Miamisburg, Ohio)
A.J. Ouellette, Senior, 3.400 GPA, Coaching Education (Covington, Ohio)
Andrew Payne, Senior, 3.30 GPA, Coaching Education (Danville, Ohio)
*Eric Popp, Junior, 3.370 GPA, Engineering Technology & Management (Loveland, Ohio)
Nathan Rourke, Junior, 3.556 GPA, Physical Activity & Coaching (Oakville, Ontario)

Toledo (19):
Tycen Anderson, Sophomore, 3.437 GPA, Business (Toledo, Ohio)
Yazeed Atariva, Senior, 3.243 GPA, Marketing (Sterling, Va.)
*Cameron Bell, Junior, 3.368 GPA, History (Sagamore Hills, Ohio)
Mitchell Berg, R-Freshman, 3.252 GPA, Business (Maumee, Ohio)
*Nate Childress, Junior, 3.315 GPA, Marketing (Rossford, Ohio)
Devonte Dunn, R-Freshman, 3.251 GPA, Business (Plainfield, Ill.)
Jordan Fisher, Junior, 3.291 GPA, Communication (Leesburg, Va.)
Bailey Flint, Sophomore, 3.769 GPA, Media Communication (Melbourne, Australia)
Zachary Ford, R-Freshman, 3.201 GPA, Business (Cleveland, Ohio)
*Reggie Gilliam, Junior, 3.483 GPA, Interdisciplinary Studies (Columbus, Ohio)
Mitchell Guadagni, Junior, 3.318 GPA, Marketing (Hudson, Ohio)
*Bryce Harris, Junior, 3.44 GPA, Psychology (Akron, Ohio)
DeAmonte King, R-Freshman, 3.290 GPA, Business (Akron, Ohio)
Nick Kovacs, R-Freshman, 3.843 GPA, Marketing (Springboro, Ohio)
Drew Rosi, Sophomore, 3.573 GPA, Business (Powell, Ohio)
*Shakif Seymour, Sophomore, 3.466 GPA, Business (Cleveland, Ohio)
*+Tyler Taafe, Senior, 3.425 GPA, Finance (Hubbard, Ohio)
*+Cody Thompson, Senior, 3.66 GPA; 3.74 Grad GPA, Marketing (Huron, Ohio)
Victor Williams, Sophomore, 3.284 GPA, Business (Warren, Ohio)

Western Michigan (20):
Tyron Arnett, Sophomore, 3.28 GPA, Biomedical Studies (Belle Glade, Fla.)
Jamauri Bogan, Graduate, 3.25 GPA, MBA (Union, N.J.)
Brett Borske, Sophomore, 3.54 GPA, Finance (Naperville, Ill.)
*Mike Caliendo, Sophomore, 3.83 GPA, Biomedical Sciences (Brookfield, Wis.)
*Stefan Claiborne, Junior, 3.48 GPA, Business (Clinton Township, Mich.)
Dylan Deatherage, R-Freshman, 3.64 GPA, Nursing (Kankakee, Ill.)
Wesley French, Junior, 3.43 GPA, Interdisciplinary Health Services (Benton Harbor, Mich.)
Jaylen Hall, Sophomore, 3.40 GPA, Sports Management (Macomb, Mich.)
Ralph Holley, Sophomore, 3.28 GPA, University Curriculum (West Bloomfield, Mich.)
*+Luke Juriga, Junior, 3.61 GPA, Manufacturing Engineering Technology (Aurora, Ill.)
*Spencer Kanz, Sophomore, 3.72 GPA, Finance (Luxemburg, Wis.)
*+John Keenoy, Graduate, 3.72 GPA, MBA (Kentwood, Mich.)
*+Odell Miller, Senior, 3.57 GPA, Exercise Science (Kalamazoo, Mich.)
Tanner Motz, R-Freshman, 3.84 GPA, Environmental Studies (St. John's, Mich.)
*+Zach Novoselsky, Graduate, 3.67 GPA, Management (Lincolnshire, Ill.)
*+Giovanni Ricci, Junior, 3.33 GPA, Finance (Loveland, Ohio)
Luke Sanders, Sophomore, 3.95 GPA, Business (Fishers, Ind.)
Harrison Taylor, R-Freshman, 3.77 GPA, Business (St. Charles, Ill.)
Justin Tranquill, Junior, 3.62 GPA, Sales & Business Marketing (Huntertown, Ind.)
*Jon Wassink, Junior, 3.95 GPA, Accountancy (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

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