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**STEVE SPURRIER TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARD PRESENTED BY THE
NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS ASSOCIATION**

Southampton, Pa. (NCFAA) – College Football Hall of Famer and 1966 Heisman Trophy winner Steve Spurrier will receive the **Contributions to College Football Award** on ESPN during *The Home Depot College Football Awards* on Thursday, Dec. 8 from 7-9 p.m. ET.

The 26th annual show will be hosted by Chris Fowler and aired from the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta for a second consecutive year.

“I am extremely honored to receive the NCFAA Contributions Award for 2016,” Spurrier, 71, said. “This recognition to join so many of the truly outstanding college coaches on this list is an award I will cherish forever. Thanks to the NCFAA for presenting this to me.”

Spurrier’s 1996 Florida team, which was led by Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Danny Wuerffel, won the national championship. Wuerffel will present the NCFAA Contributions to College Football Award to him.

“I’m thrilled to know Coach Spurrier is receiving the NCFAA Contributions to College Football Award this year,” Wuerffel said. “He certainly changed the course of my life, and I can’t think of anyone more deserving of this award than the ‘Head Ball Coach.’”

The National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) has presented the award on the show since 2002 to recognize an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the sport. The winner of the award annually “has been closely associated with college football as a player, coach, administrator, media personality or other person attendant to the game.”

“Steve Spurrier has left an indelible impression on college football in his career that has spanned the better part of six decades as a player and coach,” said the Maxwell Football Club’s Mark Wolpert, president of the NCFAA. “His leadership and his ability to innovate are reflected in his success building programs at Duke, Florida and South Carolina. Coach Spurrier has touched so many during his career and he has certainly earned his place as one of the all-time greats in the game.”

Previous winners of this NCFAA award are Darrell Royal (2002); Keith Jackson (2003); Vince Dooley (2004); Tom Osborne (2005); Chuck Neinas (2006); Frank Broyles (2007); Bobby Bowden (2008); LaVell Edwards (2009); Lee Corso (2010); Roy Kramer (2011); Ara Parseghian (2012); John Gagliardi (2013); Grant Teaff (2014), and Barry Switzer (2015).

A member of the College Football Hall of Fame as a Florida quarterback from 1964-66, Spurrier is on the 2017 ballot as a nominee for his head coaching career at Duke, Florida and South Carolina, where he won a combined 71.8 percent of his games during 26 seasons.

Spurrier, the winningest coach at both Florida and South Carolina, coached 118 first-team all-conference players and won nine conference coach of the year awards during his 26 college seasons. His teams won seven conference titles and made 21 bowl appearances (11-10) before his retirement from coaching last fall.

The 2017 College Football Hall of Fame class will be revealed on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, from the College Football Playoff National Championship in Tampa. Spurrier, who made his first appearance on the ballot, could become only the fourth person in history to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame as a player and a coach. The others are Amos Alonzo Stagg, Bowden Wyatt and Bobby Dodd.

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