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**BRENT MUSBURGER TO ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS
TO COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARD PRESENTED BY THE
NATIONAL COLLEGE FOOTBALL AWARDS ASSOCIATION**

Bednarik Award
Biletnikoff Award
Bronko Nagurski Trophy
Broyles Award
Butkus Award
Davey O'Brien Award
Disney Sports Spirit Award
Doak Walker Award
Eddie Robinson Award
Gene Stallings Award
George Munger Award
Heisman Trophy
John Mackey Award
Lou Groza Award
Maxwell Award
Outland Trophy
Paul Hornung Award
Paycom Jim Thorpe Award
Ray Guy Award
Rimington Trophy
Uplifting Athletes
Walter Camp Award
William V. Campbell Trophy
Wuerffel Trophy
Contributions to College
Football Award

Southampton, Pa. (NCFAA) – Legendary sportscaster Brent Musburger will receive the Contributions to College Football Award on ESPN during *The Home Depot College Football Awards presented by Gildan* on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 7-9 p.m. ET.

The 27th annual show will be hosted by Lee Corso, Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard, Tom Rinaldi and Maria Taylor and aired from the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta for a third consecutive year.

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.”

“Brent has been a presence in the broadcast booth for half a century and his calls have impacted generations of fans,” said the Maxwell Football Club’s Mark Wolpert, president of the NCFAA. “From his work on *The NFL Today* through his years of calling college football games on ABC and ESPN, his resume is unmatched. He is a polished storyteller and has guided us through some of the most memorable moments in sports with his unique style and flair. He has certainly earned his place on the short list of legendary broadcasters in America.”

Musburger, 78, had been associated with ABC/ESPN since 1990 and later the SEC Network. In addition to hosting and/or calling play-by-play for college football (including seven BCS National Championships), Musburger has worked NBA, PGA, and NASCAR and IndyCar races as well as the 2006 FIFA World Cup. With ESPN Radio, Musburger often handled play-by-play for NBA games and the NBA Finals. He was the original host of its daily “ESPN SportsBeat” segments.

“Brent’s presence and delivery have come to symbolize big-time sports for multiple generations of fans,” ESPN president John Skipper said in a statement at the end of last January when Musburger stepped down from ESPN. “When he opens with his signature ‘You are looking live,’ you sit up straight in your chair because you know something important is about to happen.

“Brent’s catalog of big events is unmatched, and he has skillfully guided us through some of the most dramatic and memorable moments in sports with his authentic and distinctive style. He is one of the best storytellers to ever grace a sports booth.”

Prior to joining ABC/ESPN, Musburger spent 15 years with CBS. He called play-by-play on NFL games and was a part of the groundbreaking studio show, *The NFL Today*. He also worked the NCAA Final Four, NBA, the Masters, the Belmont Stakes, U.S. Open tennis and the College World Series for the network. He did Major League Baseball play-by-play for CBS Radio.

Musburger attended Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and is a member of the National Sports Media Association Hall of Fame. His other honors include the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Outstanding Contributor to Amateur Football Award (2011) and the Vin Scully Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports Broadcasting (2016). He currently lives in Las Vegas and is the co-founder of Vegas Stats & Information Network (VSiN).

Previous recipients 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), Barry Switzer (2015) and Steve Spurrier (2016).

The National College Football Awards Association (NCFAA) encompasses the most prestigious awards in college football. Founded in 1997, the NCFAA and its 24 awards now boast over 800 recipients, dating to 1935. Visit ncfaa.org to learn more about our story.