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SIXTH ANNUAL BOBBY BOWDEN AWARD PRESENTED BY FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES ANNOUNCES THREE FINALISTS

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is pleased to announce the three finalists for the sixth annual Bobby Bowden Award. The three finalists are Marcus Freeman, Ryan McDonald and Stephen McGee. Marcus Freeman is a four-year letterman at Ohio State. He has a 3.35 GPA and is currently working on a graduate degree in education. Ryan McDonald, from the University of Illinois, is a 2008 Draddy Finalist with a 3.81 GPA and is working on a graduate degree in aerospace engineering. Stephen McGee, from Texas A&M, made the 2008 First Team Academic All Big 12 Team and graduated in 3.5 years in Business Marketing with a 3.2 GPA.

The award recognizes the Division 1A football player who epitomizes the student-athlete who conducts himself as a faith model in the community, in the classroom and on the field. Nominees must have a 3.0 GPA or better. They must also have the backing of their Athletic Director and Head Football coach. The award is named after Florida State University head football coach Bobby Bowden. The award will be presented to the winner in January.

Past winners are:

2003	Jason Wright	Northwestern University
2004	Billy Bajema	Oklahoma State University
2005	D. J. Shockley	University of Georgia
2006	Carl Pendleton	University of Oklahoma
2007	Jacob Tamme	University of Kentucky

A complete alphabetical list of the 2008 national nominees for the award follows:

Name	University
David Berken	Rice University
Everette Brown	Florida State University
Dan Cline	Western Kentucky University
Seb Clements	Oklahoma State University
Marcus Freeman	Ohio State University
Brandon Hicks	University of Florida
Adam Goodman	University of Southern California

Lyle Hitt	Louisiana State University
David Johnson	University of Tulsa
Conor Lee	University of Pittsburgh
Tim Mashay	University of Kentucky
Ryan McDonald	University of Illinois
Stephen McGee	Texas A & M
Troy Nolan	Arizona State University
Chris Ogbonnaya	University of Texas
Seth Olsen	University of Iowa
Mike Parenton	Tulane University
Patrick Pickney	East Carolina University
Shareff Rashad	University of Central Florida
Jason Smith	Colorado State University

About FCA

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the heart and soul in sports, is touching millions of lives... one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest Christian sports ministry in the world and focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering, and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.