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**Award Winners, All Americans, All-Conference  
and Team MVP's to Shine in Maui for  
55<sup>th</sup> Annual Hula Bowl Maui All-Star Classic**

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Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii—In 21 days the 2001 Rivals.com Hula Bowl Maui Senior All-Star Football Classic will kick-off when 90 of the best athletes in the country, led by Head Coaches Bobby Bowden and Frank Beamer lead their teams at War Memorial Stadium.

While some of the 2000 players are recovering from “nicks and hits” they took in the bowl games, and others are still contemplating their post-season status, the Bowl is very pleased to announce 60 great award winners, All-Americans, All-Conference nominees and team MVP's and captains in the tradition of past games. 30 more players are on-schedule to sign by January 6, 2001.

The following highlights some of the major players who have signed:

☆ **DREW BREES (QB)-PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

Maxwell award winner for the best all-around players in the country; first team All-American by Gannett News Service, Big-10 offensive player of the Year and Big 10 career leader in 5 passing categories

☆ **R.J. BOWERS (FB)-GROVE CITY COLLEGE**

Leading rusher in all divisions with 7,353 career yards; broke seven other NCAA all-division records; Athletic Conference MVP for 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row

☆ **TAIT AFUALO (OT)-TEXAS A&M COMMERCE**

All-West Region First-Team; First Team All-Lone Star Conference

☆ **DONOVAN ARP (DT)-LOUISVILLE**

Team Captain; All-Conference USA honors

☆ **DERRICK BLAYLOCK (RB)-STEPHEN F. AUSTIN**

First team All-Southland; rushed for 1382 yards

☆ **JARVIS BORUM (OT)-NORTH CAROLINA STATE**

Team Captain/graded “80%” in each of the Wolfpacks game

☆ **JEFF CHASE (OT)-TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE**

Name All-Lone Star Conference first team; small school “sleeper” in 2001 draft

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- ☆ **CORRELL BUCKHALTAR (LB)-NEBRASKA**  
Led Cornhuskers with 7.1 yards per carry; finished 8<sup>th</sup> on all-time rushing list
- ☆ **EUGENE CLINTON (LB)-MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
Big play maker for Jackie Sherrill
- ☆ **MICHAEL COOK (OT)-BOSTON COLLEGE**  
Second Team All-Big East Conference pick
- ☆ **RICK CROWELL (LB)-COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year
- ☆ **ANTHONY DENMAN (LB)-NOTRE DAME**  
Second Team Associated Press/Sporting News All-American; voted by Notre Dame teammates as MVP
- ☆ **CHARLES DUNN (RB)-PORTLAND STATE**  
Finished second in the nation in rushing with 162.9 yards per game after R.J. Bowers; first team All-Big Sky Conference and Big Sky Player of the Year
- ☆ **ANDRE DYSON (DB)-UTAH**  
Football News and College Football News first team all-league
- ☆ **BILL FERRARIO (OG)-WISCONSIN**  
All Big-10 pick by media and coaches
- ☆ **SHAWN FORTE (FS)-MARYLAND**  
Named teams MVP
- ☆ **CHARLES FULLER (DT)-TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**  
Earned first-team All-WAC by 4 newspapers and Head Coaches
- ☆ **REGGIE GERMANY (WR)-OHIO STATE**  
Top 2 wide receiver in Big-10; ranked in top 5 for WR for 2001 NFL Draft; reminds scouts of Hula Bowl alumni Marvin Harrison
- ☆ **TOBY GOLLIDAY (DT)-MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
Came to MSU as #1 defensive player in the State of Mississippi; totaled 57 tackles during senior year

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☆ **KENNETH GRANT (CB)-KENTUCKY**

Before injury played in 7 games totaling 7 tackles; returned healthy in post-season

☆ **SHANE GRIGGS (QB)-IDAHO STATE**

Rated at top 5 QB in 2001 NFL draft; Led Big Sky in passing; invited to NFL Combine; similar to Hula Bowl alumni Charlie Batch

☆ **DAN HADENFELDT (P)-NEBRASKA**

First team All-Big 12 Second Team Associated Press; Played in Hula Bowl last year (received extra year of eligibility); only 2<sup>nd</sup> player in history to play in consecutive all-star games (Joe Salevva was first player ever, Hula Bowl 2 yrs. ago)

☆ **REGGIE HAYWARD (DE)-IOWA STATE**

Team leader in tackles for loss (career high 17 tackles vs. Texas A&M)

☆ **J.T. HERFURTH (OT)-ALBANY**

All-Northeast Conference first team; Albany's top offensive lineman award

☆ **RUSS HOCHSTEIN (OG)-NEBRASKA**

Huskers most experienced lineman making 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive start in bowl game; ranked in top 3 of offensive guards for NFL Draft

☆ **RASHAD HOLMAN (CB)-LOUISVILLE**

Set University of Louisville single season record with 20 pass break-ups; 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-league selection

☆ **DEREK HOMER (RB)-KENTUCKY**

Played in 44 regular season games for offensive minded team; finished career with 2,840 all-purpose yards

☆ **ARNOLD JACKSON (WR)-LOUISVILLE**

Broke NCAA Division I-A all-time receptions mark and collegiate career-first team all conference USA selection

☆ **ORTEGE JENKINS (QB)-ARIZONA**

Ranked as top 10 prospect as QB in 2001 NFL Draft; versatile player similar to Hula Bowl Alumni Kordell Stewart

☆ **KEVIN KASPER (WR)-IOWA**

Led team in receiving with 82 catches for 1,010 yards and 7 TD's; led Big 10 in receptions per game

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- ☆ **JUSTIN KURPKIKIS (DE)-PENN STATE**  
2<sup>nd</sup> on team with 76 tackles (55 solo); led team and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Big 10 with 18 TFL;  
Selected first-team all-Big 10; won award as Penn States MVP; co-captain
- ☆ **SHERWIN LACEWELL (C)-EAST CAROLINA**  
First team all-conference USA; Football News 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American squad
- ☆ **MATT LEHR (G)-VIRGINIA TECH**  
Second team All-Big East Conference; 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American honors on the  
Walter Camp team; named to "ESPN the Magazine's" post-season All-American  
team
- ☆ **CHRIS LEPORE (FS)-NAVY**  
Led Navy with 90 tackles, four interceptions and a fumble
- ☆ **JOE MAESE (DS)-NEW MEXICO**  
Best deep snapper in the country; 2000 Beefmaster Award as the strongest lobo  
pound for pound
- ☆ **MARLON MCCREE (LB)-KENTUCKY**  
Led team in tackles, tackles for loss and QB sacks
- ☆ **JASON MCKINLEY (QB)-HOUSTON**  
Received Houston's Andre Ware Award for co-outstanding player; threw for over  
300 yards 5 times in 2000; starter in Blue-Gray game and led drive for winning  
TD; full name is Jason "Namath" McKinley after Joe Namath
- ☆ **TONY MILES (WR/KR)-NW MISSISSIPPI STATE**  
Named AFCA All-American as WR and MIAA MVP offensive player; earned  
first team All-MIAA honors as WR/KR
- ☆ **STEVE NEAL (WR)-W. MICHIGAN**  
Career leader in receptions, receiving yardage and TD receptions
- ☆ **JACQUALLY NUNNALLY (WR)-FL. A&M**  
Shattered Division I record for career receptions vaulting past Jerry Rice; finished  
in top 5 nationally in Division I-AA with 96 catches for 1,088 yards and 9 TD's;  
2<sup>nd</sup> team Division I-AA All-American honors first team; All-Mid Eastern Athletic  
Conference

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☆ **DAN O'LEARY (TE)-NOTRE DAME**

Big-10 2001 draft prospect at 6-3-260lbs; season high 3 receptions vs. Stanford; starter in Fiesta Bowl

☆ **JOSH PARRY (LB)-SAN JOSE STATE**

Second team All-WAC selection and Spartan co-captain

☆ **SAUL PATU (DE)-OREGON**

Second team PAC-10 after establishing career highs for tackles, sacks and tackles for loss

☆ **CASEY RABACH (C/OG)-WISCONSIN**

Team captain for 2000 season; All-Big 10 by media and coaches

☆ **CHARLES ROBERTS (RB)-SACRAMENTO STATE**

All-time leading rusher in NCAA I-AA with 8,533; ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> behind RJ Bowers; named 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-America by Associated Press; shared Big Sky offensive MVP honors with Hula Bowl teammate Charles Dunn of Portland State

☆ **KEVIN ROLLINS (IL)-TOLEDO**

2<sup>nd</sup> team All-MAC; Butkus award nominee as nations best linebacker

☆ **MARCELL SHIPP (RB)-U MASS.**

Set all-time Atlantic 10 career records for rushing yards; first team All-Atlantic 10 Conference for 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year, while earning All-New England honors for second year in a row

☆ **STEVE SMITH (WR) UTAH**

Named Football News and College Football News All-Conference teams; led Mountain West Conference in all-purpose yards

☆ **MARKUS STEELE (LB)-PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Football News and PAC-10 honorable mention; Sporting News top 3 (LB) pick in draft

☆ **TONY STEWART (TE) PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**

2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Big 10 semifinalist for John Mackay award; led team with 38 receptions

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☆ **DAN STULZ (PR)-OHIO STATE**

First team All Big-10 pick by coaches and media; saved best for last as he closed within 8 points of becoming leading scorer in OSU football history

☆ **VINNY SUTHERLAND (WR) PURDUE**

First team All Big 10; tops on team with 65 receptions, 926 rec. yds., 11 TD's; finalist for Bilentekoff award

☆ **JT THATCHER (CB/KR/PR) OKLAHOMA**

2000 Mosi Tatupu Award winner for Special Teams player of the year; first team All-American; First team All-Big 12

☆ **PAUL TOVIESSI (DE) MARSHALL**

First team All MAC honors for 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year

☆ **BRUCE WIGGINS (OL) ARIZONA**

All PAC –10 selection; rated best center in the west

☆ **LYLE WEAVER (IL) ARMY**

2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Conference USA selection, amassed 299 career tackles to rack sixth highest all-time

☆ **STEVEN WORTHER (DL) TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

First team All-WAC; bench pressed 530 pounds

More players will be announced after the National Championship game.

The Rivals.com Hula Bowl Maui Senior All-Star Football Classic will kick-off on January 20, 2001 at 3:00pm, primetime (8:00pm) Eastern Time on ESPN. Chris Fowler, Kirk Herbstreit, Bill Curry will be on-hand.

Limited seats are available on the sidelines, with endzone special sections available while supplies lasts. Call (808) 871-4141 to charge by phone or visit the Hula Bowl Maui Store in the Maui Mall.

The teams will arrive on Sunday-January 14<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon at Kahului Airport for a week of NFL style practices, activities and camaraderie with players, fans and scouts.

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