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## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

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### **TWO-TIME SUPER BOWL CHAMPION AND PENN STATE ALL-AMERICAN STEFEN WISNIEWSKI SELECTED AS GUEST SPEAKER FOR 26<sup>TH</sup> AWARDS DINNER**

**(STATE COLLEGE, PA)** – The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame (NFF), Central Pennsylvania Chapter, has selected Two-Time Super Bowl Champion and former Penn State All-American offensive lineman **Stefen Wisniewski** as guest speaker for its 26th scholar-athlete awards dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday, March 12 at The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center.

The NFF holds players in high esteem who can achieve success on the field, in the classroom, and as members of the community thus making Wisniewski an excellent choice to serve as this year's guest speaker. Wisniewski became the first Penn State Football student-athlete to be named an ESPN Academic All-American three times, having been a first team selection in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Wisniewski achieved at a high level on the playing field as well. In 2010 he was a First Team All-American selection as a center by the American Football Coaches Association and added First Team All-Big Ten honors that year as well. He was a First Team All-Big Ten selection in 2009 as a guard and was named to the second team in 2008 at the same position.

In 2011 Wisniewski was a 2nd round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders in the NFL draft. During his 10-year career, Wisniewski played for five teams and became a two-time Super Bowl champion with the 2017 Philadelphia Eagles and the 2019 Kansas City Chiefs.

"I was fortunate to be on the Penn State Coaching staff during Stefen Wisniewski's years as a Nittany Lion player. He was an outstanding offensive lineman and leader at Penn State from 2007 to 2010, leading Penn State to a 38-14 record and the 2008 Big Ten Championship" said chapter Vice President and former Penn State Linebackers Coach **Ron Vanderlinden**. "His intelligent leadership was invaluable to our team. He was also an outstanding student which carried over to football and his ability to control the line of scrimmage." We couldn't be more excited to have Stefen as our keynote speaker for our March 12th scholar-athlete awards dinner."

Since 1998, the Central Pennsylvania Chapter has awarded a total of \$277,000 in scholarship money while honoring 1,142 scholar-athletes from high schools and colleges located in its coverage area.

The event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased by calling 717-250-5806. The cost is \$30 per ticket.

The NFF, Central Pennsylvania Chapter is one of 121 chapters nationwide involving over 12,000 members. The wide reach of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter encompasses 25 counties and 96 high schools.

Founded in 1947 with early leadership from General Douglas MacArthur, legendary Army coach Earl "Red" Blaik and immortal journalist Grantland Rice, The NFF & College Hall of Fame is a non-profit education organization that runs programs designed to use the power of amateur football in developing scholarship, citizenship, and athletic achievement in young people.

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