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Honor given to nation's top assistant coach  
Football

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - The [Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation](#) Wednesday announced the nominees for the 2018 Broyles Award, which honors college football's top assistant coaches. Georgia Southern first-year defensive coordinator [Scot Sloan](#) made the cut for his work with the Eagles' defense this season.

The 53 nominees in this year's class were selected from approximately 1,500 assistant coaches representing 130 Division One programs across the country. The Broyles Award selection process includes the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), a college football hall-of-fame selection committee and current college head coaches.

Georgia Southern leads the nation in turnover margin at +20 and has forced 24 total turnovers under Sloan. The group rankings among the Sun Belt's best in several statistical categories, as well.

Below is the list of nominees for this year's Broyles Award:

Alabama - Michael Locksley, Offensive Coordinator  
Alabama Birmingham - David Reeves, Defensive Coordinator  
Appalachian State - Bryan Brown, Defensive Coordinator/Cornerbacks  
Arizona State - Danny Gonzales, Defensive Coordinator

Arkansas State - Norval McKenzie, Special Teams Coordinator/Running Backs  
 Army - Jay Bateman, Defensive Coordinator  
 Auburn - Larry Porter, Special Teams Coordinator  
 Boise State - Zak Hill, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Brigham Young - Ed Lamb, Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers  
 Buffalo - Brian Borland, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties  
 California - Tim DeRuyter, Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers  
 Central Florida - Glen Elarbee, Offensive Line  
 Cincinnati - Marcus Freeman, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers  
 Clemson - Jeff Scott, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers  
 Coastal Carolina - Jamey Chadwell, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Duke - Matt Guerrieri, Co-Defensive Coordinator  
 Eastern Michigan - Neal Neathery, Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator  
 Fresno State - Bert Watts, Defensive Coordinator  
 Georgia - Sam Pittman, Offensive Line

**Georgia Southern - Scot Sloan, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties**

Houston - Kendal Briles, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Indiana - Mike Hart, Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs  
 Iowa - Phil Parker, Defensive Coordinator/Secondary  
 Iowa State - Tyson Veidt, Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers  
 Kentucky - Matt House, Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers  
 Louisiana State - Dave Aranda, Defensive Coordinator  
 Memphis - Ryan Silverfield, Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator  
 Miami - Manny Diaz, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers  
 Michigan - Don Brown, Defensive Coordinator  
 Michigan State - Mike Tressel, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers  
 Mississippi State - Bob Shoop, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties  
 Missouri - Brick Haley, Defensive Line  
 Nebraska - Mario Verduzco, Quarterbacks  
 North Carolina State - Eliah Drinkwitz, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 North Texas - Graham Harrell, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Northwestern - Mike Hankwitz, Defensive Coordinator  
 Notre Dame - Chip Long, Offensive Coordinator  
 Ohio State - Ryan Day, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Oklahoma - Bill Bedenbaugh, Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line  
 Southern Methodist - Kevin Kane, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers  
 South Carolina - Eric Wolford, Offensive Line  
 Syracuse - Justin Lustig, Special Teams Coordinator/Wide Receivers  
 Temple - Chris Wiesehan, Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator  
 Texas Tech - Adam Scheier, Special Teams Coordinator  
 Toledo - Robby Discher, Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends  
 Troy - Bam Hardmon, Inside Linebackers  
 USC - Johnny Nansen, Assistant Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator  
 Utah - Morgan Scalley, Defensive Coordinator/Safeties  
 Utah State - David Yost, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Wake Forest - Kevin Higgins, Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers  
 Washington State - Tracy Claeys, Defensive Coordinator  
 West Virginia - Jake Spavital, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks  
 Wisconsin - Joe Rudolph, Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line

A 19-member selection committee of distinguished former head coaches, along with a committee representing the FWAA will select 15 semi-finalists and five finalists from the list of nominees and an overall winner. Those finalists will be invited to travel to Little Rock, Arkansas, where the 2018 Broyles Award winner will be announced on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Marriott Hotel.

The winner of the 2018 Broyles Award was Tony Elliott, co-offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Clemson. Winners from the past five seasons are not eligible to be nominated for the Broyles Award.

This year marks the third time the Frank & Barbara Broyles Foundation has presented the award. Proceeds from the 2018 Broyles Award support the mission of the Broyles Foundation; to provide education, support, and resources to Alzheimer's caregivers. The Broyles Foundation can be followed on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).  
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