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## NFL AND FEDEX UNVEIL 2021 FEDEX AIR & GROUND® NFL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES FOR FAN VOTING

### *FedEx Supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities with more than \$100,000 in Donations throughout the 2021 Season*

The National Football League and FedEx Corp. (NYSE: FDX) announced today quarterbacks **Tom Brady** (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), **Justin Herbert** (Los Angeles Chargers) and **Matthew Stafford** (Los Angeles Rams) are the finalists for the 2021 FedEx Air NFL Player of the Year honors, while running backs **Nick Chubb** (Cleveland Browns), **Joe Mixon** (Cincinnati Bengals) and **Jonathan Taylor** (Indianapolis Colts) are the finalists for the 2021 FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Year.

In the weeks leading up to Super Bowl LVI, fans have the chance to cast their vote for the one quarterback and one running back they feel had the season's best Air & Ground performances. Today through February 10 at 12:00 a.m. ET, fans can cast their vote for each category at [nfl.com/fedex](https://nfl.com/fedex), via a Twitter poll on the [@NFL](https://twitter.com/NFL) official handle, or the NFL Mobile App.

For 19 years, FedEx has recognized the NFL quarterbacks and running backs voted by fans each week to be delivering the best performances for their fans and teammates each season. You can help celebrate these standout performances by voting for the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Year.

During the 2021-22 NFL regular season, FedEx worked with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund ([TMCF](https://tmcf.org)), the largest organization exclusively representing the Black College community, to identify Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) across the country to receive donations to support needs-based scholarships through the 2022-23 school year. Each week of the regular season, a \$2,000 donation was made in the name of the winning quarterback and running back (for a total of \$4,000).

To celebrate the FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Year, FedEx will donate \$20,000 each to the HBCU choice of the winning quarterback and running back. Similar to the regular season donations, the \$40,000 donation will help support needs-based scholarships. For the year, more than \$100,000 will be granted among select HBCUs to support student scholarships.

FedEx will announce the 2021 FedEx Air & Ground NFL Players of the Year winners at NFL Honors presented by Invisalign, a two-hour primetime awards special to air nationally on Thursday, February 10 from 9-11 p.m. (ET and PT) on ABC and simulcast on ESPN+ and NFL Network from YouTube Theater at the SoFi Entertainment District in Los Angeles.

For more information, visit [nfl.com/fedex](https://nfl.com/fedex) or follow the conversation on Twitter at [@NFL](https://twitter.com/NFL). Learn how FedEx is creating opportunities with HBCUs throughout the U.S. at [fedexcares.com](https://fedexcares.com).

### **A closer look at the FedEx Air NFL Player of the Year finalists:**

- **Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady** led the league in passing yards (5,316), completions (485) and touchdown passes (43). Brady's 485 completions set a new league record and his career-high 5,316 passing yards were the third-most in a single season all-time. He had a league-high six games with at least four touchdown passes and has a league-record 39 career games with at least four touchdown passes. Brady joined Drew Brees as the only players in NFL history to record 5,000 passing yards in multiple seasons and joined Aaron Rodgers as the only quarterbacks with three career seasons with 40-or-more touchdown passes.
- **Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert** ranked second in the NFL with a career-high 5,014 passing yards and ranked third with 38 touchdown passes. He recorded nine games with at least 300 passing yards, tied with Brady for the most in the league this season, and became the third player in NFL history to throw for at least 5,000 yards within one of his first two seasons, joining Patrick Mahomes and Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino. Herbert has the most passing yards (9,350), touchdown passes (69) and 300-yard games (17) by a quarterback in his first two seasons in NFL history.
- **Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford** ranked second in the NFL and tied his career-high with 41 touchdown passes and ranked third with 4,886 passing yards. Stafford had nine games with at least three touchdowns passes, most in the league this season, while his seven games of at least 300 passing yards this year ranked third behind only Brady (nine games) and Herbert (nine).

### **A closer look at the FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Year finalists:**

- **Cleveland Browns running back Nick Chubb** finished the season ranked second in the league with 1,259 rushing yards and had eight rushing touchdowns in 14 games played. He recorded five games with at least 100 rushing yards, tied for the second-most such games this year. Chubb, who has at least 1,000 rushing yards in each of the past three seasons, became the sixth player all-time to record at least 950 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns in each of his first four seasons.
- **Cincinnati Bengals running back Joe Mixon** produced a career season in 2021, finishing the year ranked third in the league with a career-high 1,205 rushing yards and fourth in the NFL with a career-best 13 rushing touchdowns. Mixon recorded a scrimmage touchdown in nine consecutive games from Weeks 4-13, the second-longest streak in the NFL, and he became the first running back since 2006 to record two-or-more scrimmage touchdowns in four consecutive games (Weeks 8-12).
- **Indianapolis Colts running back Jonathan Taylor** led the league with 1,811 rushing yards and 18 rushing touchdowns during the 2021 season. The second year back recorded 10 games with at least 100 rushing yards and three games with at least 150 rushing yards, both the most in the league. From Week 4 to Week 15, Taylor recorded 11 consecutive games with a rushing touchdown, tied for the second-longest such streak in NFL history behind Pro Football Hall of Famers John Riggins (12 in 1983) and LaDainian Tomlinson (12 games in 2004). He became the youngest player in NFL history with at least 2,000 scrimmage yards (2,171) and 20 scrimmage touchdowns (20) in a single season.

### **About FedEx Corp.**

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### **About Thurgood Marshall College Fund**

Established in 1987, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf) is the nation's largest organization exclusively representing the Black College Community. TMCf member-schools include the publicly-supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Predominantly Black Institutions, enrolling nearly 80% of all students attending black colleges and universities. Through scholarships, capacity building and research initiatives, innovative programs, and strategic partnerships, TMCf is a vital resource in the K-12 and higher education space. The organization is also the source of top employers seeking top talent for competitive internships and good jobs.

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