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East-West Shrine Bowl Announces Top 1,000 Candidates for 2024 College Football All-Star Game

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TAMPA, Florida (July 17, 2023) — The <u>East-West Shrine Bowl</u>, the nation's oldest college football all-star game, has released its annual **Shrine Bowl 1,000** today of top eligible collegiate stars for the upcoming 2024 game.

Click Here to see the Shrine Bowl 1,000.

The 99th annual East-West Shrine Bowl will take place Thursday, February 1, 2024, in Frisco, Texas, at Ford Center at The Star, the worldwide headquarters and training facility for the Dallas Cowboys. The game will be televised nationally on NFL Network.

Eric Galko, Director of Football Operations and Player Personnel for the Shrine Bowl, is available for interviews. Please contact Jonathan Deutsch (<u>jonathan@tonyfaypr.com</u>) to arrange.

Each year, hundreds of the top collegiate stars are either taken in the NFL Draft or sign as free agents, and the East-West Shrine Bowl provides these NFL hopefuls with an excellent opportunity to showcase their skills while supporting the life-changing mission of Shriners Children's.

"The Shrine Bowl 1,000 serves as the first look at who may be at the 2024 East-West Shrine Bowl," said Eric Galko, Director of Football Operations and Player Personnel for the Shrine Bowl. "Our staff combed through all four levels of college football, evaluating thousands of Shrine Bowl-eligible players, to find the top players in the country. We're excited to recognize these players for their accomplishments so far, and make sure that fans, media and NFL clubs know that these players are among the best in the nation."

Auburn leads all schools with 23 players in this year's Shrine Bowl 1,000. Oregon and Washington both have 19 players on the list. Florida State, Michigan, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas Tech each have 18 players that earned a spot.

The SEC leads all conferences with 181 players on the list. The Big 12 follows with 169 players, next is the Big 10 with 139 players, the Pac-12 with 131, and the ACC with 117. This year's Shrine Bowl 1,000 consists of 66 players from an FCS school, 10 Division II players, and six Division III players. In total, 37 conferences are represented along with 15 schools that are independent.

With 125 total, there are more wide receivers on the list than any other position. The Shrine Bowl 1,000 includes 106 cornerbacks, 98 linebackers, 94 offensive tackles, and 90 safeties.

Tickets for the 2024 East-West Shrine Bowl start at only \$20, and are available now. To purchase tickets, click here.

ABOUT EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL

The East-West Shrine Bowl is the longest running college all-star football game in the nation. Since 1925, the game has benefited Shriners Children's and its mission to provide innovative pediatric specialty care to improve and transform the lives of children. The East-West Shrine Bowl is known for being the starting point of many noteworthy NFL careers, including nearly 100 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. For more information, please visit shrinebowl.com.

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The Lone Star State is well-represented in this year's Shrine Bowl 1,000 with 78 Texasborn players on the list. A majority of those players, 54 total, come from North Texas. Eight players represent Dallas, seven are from Fort Worth, and five are from Mansfield. Hometowns for the North Texas players are:

Hometown (# of players)

Aledo (1)

Allen (1)

Arlington (3)

Burleson (2)

Cedar Hill (2)

Celina (1)

Dallas (8)

Denton (1)

DeSoto (4)

Duncanville (1)

Flower Mound (3)

Forney (1)

Fort Worth (7)

Frisco (4)

Grand Prairie (1)

Grapevine (1)

Little Elm (1)

Mansfield (5)

Mesquite (1)

Midlothian (1) Plano (2) The Colony (1) Waxahachie (2)

There are 16 Texas universities represented on this year's list. Texas Tech leads all schools in the state with 18 players in the Shrine Bowl 1,000. Those universities are:

<u>University (# of players)</u>

Abilene Christian (1) Baylor (10) Houston (13)

Houston Christian (1)

North Texas (2)

Rice (4)

Sam Houston State (1)

SMU (11)

Stephen F. Austin (1)

TCU (17)

Texas (11)

Texas A&M (12)

Texas State (2)

Texas Tech (18)

UTEP (6)

UTSA (8)

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