

**College of Wooster's Patrick Mohorcic Named the 2017 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® Captain
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Fighting Scots offensive lineman receives off-the-field honor through college football fan vote for his dedication to community service

NORTHBROOK, Ill., Dec. 4, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- College football fans have voted College of Wooster offensive lineman Patrick Mohorcic as the 2017 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team® captain for his exceptional community service accomplishments and dedication to giving back to those in need. To commemorate his achievement, Mohorcic will be recognized by Allstate Insurance Company and the AFCA during the live broadcast of The Home Depot College Football Awards airing on ESPN on Dec. 7, 2017.

For 26 years, the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team has shined a light on the inspiring stories of selflessness demonstrated by college football players across the country whose good works extend far beyond the field of play. There were 22 student-athletes named to the 2017 team in September, but only one was named team captain through fan voting on [ESPN.com/Allstate](https://www.espn.com/allstate).

A senior and three-year starter on the Wooster offensive line, Mohorcic earned a place on this year's Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® for his selfless commitment to a student organization called Men Working For Change. Though the group was established several years prior to Mohorcic's freshman year, it had been disbanded by the time he arrived on campus. Mohorcic played a significant role in revitalizing the group, which raises advocacy and awareness about ways to prevent sexual assault through seminars and other planned events on campus.

Additionally, Mohorcic is a co-founder of ScotsCare, an organization that is working to develop a positive connection between Wooster athletic programs and students at a school in Ohio for children affected by developmental disabilities. Mohorcic has said that his goal is to offer those students unique experiences such as attending sporting events to give them an opportunity to interact with student-athletes and feel like they are a part of the Wooster family. Mohorcic also helped create a community event called Rock the Block in South Euclid, OH that promotes economic prosperity and community collaboration throughout the city.

"Patrick is a fantastic ambassador for the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® and all of these student-athletes who go the extra mile to positively impact the lives of others," said Thomas Clarkson, president of the west territory for Allstate Insurance Company. "Allstate is proud to play a role in honoring Patrick for his achievements off the field, and for being a leader and a role model in the College of Wooster community. We are thrilled to recognize a young man that embodies the characteristics of what this award represents."

Joining a long list of service-oriented athletes, Mohorcic is the College of Wooster's first player to be named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® and only the second Division III Good Works Team captain in the history of the program.

Mohorcic and his fellow Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® members have been invited to New Orleans, where they'll celebrate their shared passion for service during a special volunteer project prior to the 2018 Allstate® Sugar Bowl®. The players will also be honored on the field at halftime during the game on January 1, 2018.

To compose the 2017 Good Works Team®, a final roster of 22 award recipients – 11 players from the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and 11 players from the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, Divisions II, III and the NAIA – was selected from this year's 146 nominees. Northwestern University's Pat Fitzgerald was chosen to represent this year's team as its honorary head coach for his standout commitment to both serving his community and instilling the drive to give back in his players.

Fans are encouraged to visit [ESPN.com/Allstate](https://www.espn.com/allstate) to learn more about this year's team members and their extensive community service efforts.

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About the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team®

The Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® was established in 1992 by the College Football Association, recognizing the extra efforts made by college football players and student support staff off the field. AFCA became the governing body of the award in 1997 and continues to honor college football players who go the extra mile for those in need. Allstate worked to present the award starting with the 2008 season.

The SEC leads all conferences with 71 selections to the Good Works Team since it began in 1992. The SEC is followed by the Atlantic Coast Conference with 37 selections and the Big 12 Conference with 30 selections. Georgia is in first place with 18 honorees to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team®. The Bulldogs are followed by Kentucky and Nebraska with 14 honorees. Super Bowl XLII, XLVI and XLI champion quarterbacks Eli and Peyton Manning were members of the 2002 and 1997 Good Works Teams®, respectively.

About AFCA

The AFCA was founded in 1922 and currently has more than 11,000 members around the world ranging from the high school level to the professional ranks. According to its constitution, the AFCA was formed, in part, to "maintain the highest possible standards in football and in the coaching profession" and to "provide a forum for the discussion and study of all matters pertaining to football."

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