

Aztec Football 2017 Preseason Honors

as of Aug. 16

► Team Honors

► National Ranking

(40th) - Amway Coaches Poll
41st - *Phil Steele Magazine*

► Projected MW Championship Outcome

Runner-Up - *Athlon Sports*
Runner-Up - *Street & Smith's*

► Projected MW West Division Finish

1st - *Mountain West Media*
1st - *Athlon Sports*
1st - *Lindy's Sports*
1st - *Phil Steele Magazine*
1st - *Street & Smith's*

► Projected Bowl

Royal Las Vegas Bowl vs. Colorado - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Miami (OH) - Bill Bender, *Sporting News*
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl vs. Miami (OH) - *Street & Smith's*

► Games to Watch

Sept. 16, Stanford at San Diego State - *Lindy's Sports*
Sept. 16, Stanford at San Diego State - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*
Oct. 14, Boise State at San Diego State - *Lindy's Sports*
Oct. 14, Boise State at San Diego State - Mitch Light, *Athlon Sports*
Oct. 28, San Diego State at Hawai'i - *Lindy's Sports*

► Top Units

Special Teams (1st in the Mountain West; 9th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Linebackers (1st in the Mountain West; 29th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Running Backs (1st in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Defensive Backs (1st in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Coaching Staff (1st in the Mountain West) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Defensive Line (1st in the Mountain West) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Defensive Line (2nd in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Running Backs (3rd in the Mountain West; 34th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Linebackers (3rd in the Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

► Other Superlatives

"No. 7 Non-Power 5 Team" - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"No. 8 Projected Total Defense" - *Bleacher Report*
"No. 24 Projected Total Offense" - *Bleacher Report*
"No. 32 Running Back Tandem (Penny & Washington)" - *Athlon Sports*

► Individual Honors

Collin Andrews | Fr. | Chula Vista, Calif. | Wide Receiver
"SDSU's Top Newcomer" - *Lindy's Sports*

Parker Baldwin | Jr. | Siloam Springs, Ark. | Aztec (Safety)

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*
All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*
"No. 20 Safety in FBS" - *College Football News*
"Best Athlete in the Mountain West" - *Street & Smith's*

John Baron II | Jr. | Temecula, Calif. | Placekicker

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Watch List
All-Mountain West first team - MW Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"Seventh-Rated Kicker in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"Eighth-Rated Kicker in FBS" - *Lindy's Sports*

Nick Bawden | Sr. | Los Gatos, Calif. | Fullback

"13th-Rated Fullback in 2018 NFL Draft" - *CBS Sports*
"14th-Rated Fullback in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Christian Chapman | Jr. | Carlsbad, Calif. | Quarterback

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Candidate (Accomplishments on and off the field)

Noble Hall | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Defensive End

All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports*
All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"SDSU's Key Player To A Successful Season" - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

Mikah Holder | Sr. | Oceanside, Calif. | Wide Receiver

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

Kameron Kelly | Sr. | Murphy, Texas | Cornerback

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*
"No. 19 Cornerback in FBS" - *College Football News*

Ronley Lakalaka | Jr. | Kalihi, Hawaii | Linebacker

Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Watch List
All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*
All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West second team - *Lindy's Sports*
"SDSU's Best Defensive Player" - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

Rocky Long | Head Coach

"No. 2 Head Coach in the Mountain West" - *Athlon Sports*

Rashaad Penny | Sr. | Norwalk, Calif. | Running Back/Kick Returner

Maxwell Award Watch List (Collegiate Player of the Year)

Walter Camp Player of the Year Watch List (Nation's Most Outstanding Player)

Hornung Award Watch List (Most Versatile Player)

CFPA National Performer of the Year Watch List (Player of the Year)

All-America second team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-America second team (KR) - *CBS Sports*

All-America third team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*

Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Year - MW Media

All-Mountain West first team (RB/KR) - MW Media

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Street & Smith's*

All-Mountain West first team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West first team (All-Purpose) - *Lindy's Sports*

"Fourth-Rated All-Purpose Player in FBS" - *Lindy's Sports*

"Ninth-Rated Return Specialist in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"16th-Rated Running Back in 2018 NFL Draft" - *CBS Sports*

"MW's Heisman Hopeful" - *Street & Smith's*

"MW's Top NFL Prospect" - *Street & Smith's*

"Sixth-Rated NFL Talent in the MW" - *Lindy's Sports*

"Top 10 MW Player to Watch" - Matt Murschel, *Orlando Sentinel*

"SDSU's Best Offensive Player" - Pete Fiutak, *Campus Insiders*

Sergio Phillips | Sr. | DeSoto, Texas | Defensive Tackle

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

Antonio Rosales | Sr. | Tucson, Ariz. | Offensive Guard

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

"Best Run Blocker in the Mountain West" - *Lindy's Sports*

Ron Smith | So. | Oakland, Calif. | Cornerback

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*

Quest Truxton | Sr. | Newport Harbor, Calif. | Wide Receiver/Punt Returner

All-Mountain West first team (PR) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team (PR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Juwan Washington | So. | Kennedale, Texas | Running Back

Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List (Ties to Texas, Performance, Integrity, Tenacity)

All-Mountain West fourth team (RB) - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West fourth team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

David Wells | Sr. | Clovis, Calif. | Tight End

John Mackey Award Watch List (Most Outstanding Collegiate Tight End)

Wuerffel Trophy Watch List (Community Service)

All-Mountain West first team - MW Media

All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Lindy's Sports*

All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*

"No. 18 Tight End in FBS" - *College Football News*

"10th-Rated Tight End in 2018 NFL Draft" - *CBS Sports*

"30th-Rated Tight End in 2018 NFL Draft" - *Phil Steele Magazine*