



# COLLEGE BASEBALL

**SHORTSTOP OF THE YEAR**

*The Brooks Wallace Award*

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**BROOKS WALLACE AWARD ANNOUNCES 2024 WATCH LIST**

LUBBOCK, Texas – For one of the few times in the history of the Brooks Wallace Award, the field for the 2024 watch list is wide open with no player standing tall above the others.

The top 100 shortstops in the country were announced Wednesday, led by several players putting up tremendous offensive numbers. But because the award is about more than just offense, there are several players putting up solid defensive numbers as well.

“Many of these young men are fielding their position with no errors or very few this far along into the season, which is incredible,” said Larry Wallace, co-chair of the Brooks Wallace Award. “With our selections ramping up, this is one of the main skills we look for in shortstop of the year award.”

The award honors the nation's top shortstop and will be presented by the College Baseball Foundation later this year. It is named for former Texas Tech shortstop Brooks Wallace, who played for the Red Raiders from 1977 to 1980. Wallace died of leukemia at the age of 27.

The award honors outstanding defensive play as much as it does production at the plate. One player displaying both of those features is Creighton senior Nolan Clifford. Ranked No. 3 in batting average and No. 1 in fielding on the watch list, Clifford is hitting .367 with four home runs and 30 RBIs, and in the field has compiled a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with no errors in 109 chances.

Hot on his heels, however, is Rutgers junior Josh Kuroda-Grauer. Kuroda-Grauer ranks No. 1 batting average and No. 18 in fielding. He has compiled a .440 batting average with four home runs and 39 RBIs, and he has just four errors in 162 chances.

There are plenty of players on the list who are also expected to be high draft picks this summer and beyond. Arkansas shortstop Wehiwa Aloy has led the front-running Razorbacks for most of the season, hitting .275 with nine home runs and 37 RBIs while committing just four errors in 103 chances. Texas sophomore Jalin Flores is hitting .344 with 14 home runs and 36 RBIs with just five errors in 164 chances. Kansas State junior Kaelen Culpepper is hitting .319 with seven home runs, 33 RBIs and just five errors in 148 chances.

“The Brooks Wallace Award is wide open this season with 27 conferences represented in our initial top 100 watch list,” said Tom Quigley, Brooks Wallace Award co-chair. “We have quite a few solid hitters and some heavy hitters as well.”

For more information on the Wallace Award or the Night of Champions event, visit [collegebaseballhall.org](https://collegebaseballhall.org).

## 2024 BROOKS WALLACE AWARD WATCH LIST

Name	School	Conference
Wehiwa Aloy	Arkansas	SEC
Dillon Baker	Miami (Ohio)	Mid-American
Romeo Ballesteros	New Mexico State	Conference USA
Finley Bates	San Diego State	Mountain West
Colton Becker	Morehead State	Ohio Valley
Will Bermudez	UC Irvine	Big West
Aiden Brewer	UNC-Greensboro	Southern
Nolan Brown	Stephen F. Austin	WAC
Ali Camarillo	Texas A&M	SEC
Benny Casillas	Loyola Marymount	West Coast
C.J. Castillo	Texas Southern	SWAC
Kaelen Culpepper	Kansas State	Big 12
Nolan Clifford	Creighton	Big East
Tremayne Cobb, Jr.	Troy	Sun Belt
Collier Cranford	Kansas	Big 12
Kyle Debarge	Louisiana	Sun Belt
Coby Dejesus	Houston	Big 12
Eduardo Diaz	Navy	Patriot
Devin Dixon	New Mexico	Mountain West
Kanin Dodge	Lamar University	Southland
Jordan Donaghue	Hawaii	Big West
Gavin Donohue	Sacred Heart	Northeast
Carter Dorigi	Butler	Big East
Mason Dunaway	James Madison	Sun Belt
Chris Einemann	Bryant	American East
Brody Fahr	Presbyterian College	Big South
Andrew Fernandez	Tennessee Martin	Ohio Valley
Jalin Flores	Texas	Big 12
Lane Forsythe	Oklahoma State	Big 12
Bradley Frye	Mercer	Southern
<b>Camden Gasser</b>	<b>Purdue</b>	<b>Big Ten</b>
Jon Jon Gazdar	Austin Peay	Atlantic Sun
Gunner Gouldsmith	Sacramento State	WAC
Clay Grady	Virginia Tech	ACC
Elijah Hainline	Oregon State	Pac-12
Michael Hallquist	Ball State	Mid-American
Troy Hamilton	South Carolina Upstate	Big South
Luke Heefner	Dallas Baptist	Conference USA
Cal Hejza	Illinois	Big Ten
Jacob Hinderleider	Clemson	ACC
Garrett Howe	Samford	Southern
Core Jackson	Utah	Pac-12
Kyle Jackson	Kent State	Mid-American
Quentin Jenkins	Alabama State	SWAC
Caleb Johnson	Jacksonville State	Conference USA
Henry Kaczmar	Ohio State	Big Ten
Matt Kinge	UTSA	AAC
Gavin Kilen	Louisville	ACC
Hayden Knotts	Northwestern State	Southland
Brodie Kresser	West Virginia	Big 12
Josh Kuroda-Grauer	Rutgers	Big Ten
Maddox Latta	Cal State Fullerton	Big West
Trey Law	Youngstown State	Horizon
Luke Lawrence	Illinois State	Missouri Valley
Matt Leahy	Rider	Metro Atlantic
Trevor Leon	Western Illinois	Ohio Valley
Brando Lereoux	Florida Atlantic	AAC

Brett Leshner	Delaware	Coastal
Lucas Loos	Eastern Illinois	Ohio Valley
Maximus Martin	Georgia State	Sun Belt
Tanner Marsh	Liberty	Conference USA
David Marshall, Jr.	St. Bonaventure	Atlantic 10
Jack Marshall	Stonehill	Northeast
Sam McNulty	Boston College	ACC
David Mershon	Mississippi State	SEC
Matt Miceli	Stony Brook	Coastal
Maddox Molony	Oregon	Pac-12
P.J. Moutzouridis	California	Pac-12
Paul Myro	UNLV	Mountain West
J.R. Nelson	Ohio	Mid-American
Ben Newton	Fresno State	Mountain West
Luke Nomura	Fairfield	Metro Atlantic
Griff O'Ferrall	Virginia	ACC
Josh Paino	California Baptist	WAC
Garrett Palladino	Alcorn State	SWAC
Grant Randall	Incarnate Word	Southland
Sawyer Reeves	The Citadel	Southern
Jack Renwick	Wofford	Southern
T.J. Rogers	San Francisco	West Coast
Trevor Roper	Houston Christian	Southland
Tyler Ross	Bowling Green	Mid-American
Jake Schaffner	North Dakota State	Summit
Colby Shelton	Florida	SEC
Anthony Silva	TCU	Big 12
Grant Smith	Kentucky	SEC
Mike Stellrecht	Binghamton	American East
Adam Stuart	High Point	Big South
Noah Sudyka	UC San Diego	Big West
Ty Swaim	VMI	Southern
Chase Swain	Manhattan	Metro Atlantic
Paul Tammaro	Connecticut	Big East
Robert Tate	Jackson State	SWAC
Trent Turner	Western Carolina	Southern
Cooper Weiss	Auburn	SEC
Jeron Williams	Toledo	Mid-American
Malcolm Williams	Santa Clara	West Coast
Jonathan Vastine	Vanderbilt	SEC
Luke Wood	College of Charleston	Coastal
Zane Zielinski	Illinois-Chicago	Missouri Valley