



Aztec Football 2020 Preseason Honors

as of July 23

► Team Honors

► Projected MW West Division Finish

1st - MW Media
2nd - Athlon Sports

► Projected Bowl

Los Angeles Bowl vs. Stanford, *The Sporting News*
Los Angeles Bowl vs. Arizona State, *College Football News*
Los Angeles Bowl vs. Arizona State, *247sports*

► Games to Watch

Sept. 26 - San Diego State at Nevada, *College Football News*

► Top Units

Defensive Line (1st in Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Defensive Backs (1st in Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Offensive Line (3rd in Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*

► Individual Honors

Matt Araiza | So. | San Diego, Calif. | Kicker

Lou Groza Award Watch List (Top College Placekicker)
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
"SDSU's 3rd-best offensive player" - *College Football News*

Carson Baker | So. | San Diego, Calif. | Quarterback

"Key San Diego State player to a successful season" - *College Football News*

Keshawn Banks | Jr. | Rio Rancho, N.M. | Defensive End

All-Mountain West first team - MW Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West first team - *College Football News*
"16th-rated player in the MW" - *College Football News*
"One of SDSU's five-best returning players" - ESPN
"SDSU's 4th-best defensive player" - *College Football News*

Chance Bell | Jr. | Burbank, Calif. | Running Back

"SDSU's 5th-best offensive player" - *College Football News*

Daniel Bellinger | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Tight End

Mackey Award Watch List (Outstanding Collegiate Tight End)
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Turner Bernard | Jr. | Glendale, Ariz. | Long Snapper

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

Jordan Byrd | Jr. | Albuquerque, N.M. | Running Back/Kick Ret./Punt Ret.

Hornung Award Watch List (Most Versatile Player)
All-Mountain West third team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West third team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

William Dunkle | So. | Chula Vista, Calif. | Offensive Guard

All-Mountain West first team - *College Football News*
All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"SDSU's best offensive player" - *College Football News*
"One of SDSU's five-best returning players" - ESPN

Darren Hall | Jr. | Pasadena, Calif. | Cornerback

Jim Thorpe Award Watch List (Best Defensive Back)
All-Mountain West first team - MW Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West first team - *College Football News*
"SDSU's 5th-best defensive player" - *College Football News*
"One of SDSU's five-best returning players" - ESPN

Dwayne Johnson Jr. | Sr. | Murrieta, Calif. | Aztec (Safety)

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"3rd-rated returning player in the MW" - *Pro Football Focus*
"13th-rated player in the MW" - *College Football News*
"SDSU's 3rd-best defensive player" - *College Football News*

Tanner Kuljian | Sr. | Temecula, Calif. | Punter

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

Jesse Matthews | So. | San Diego, Calif. | Wide Receiver

"7th-rated returning player in the MW" - *Pro Football Focus*
"SDSU's 4th-best offensive player" - *College Football News*

Caden McDonald | Jr. | Haslet, Texas | Linebacker

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

Kobe Smith | Jr. | Compton, Calif. | Wide Receiver

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*
"SDSU's 2nd-best offensive player" - *College Football News*

Cameron Thomas | So. | Carlsbad, Calif. | Defensive Tackle

Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List (Defensive Player of the Year)
Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List (College Defensive Player of the Year)
All-Mountain West first team - MW Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West first team - *College Football News*
"2nd-rated player in the MW" - *College Football News*
"SDSU's best defensive player" - *College Football News*
"One of SDSU's five-best returning players" - ESPN

Zachary Thomas | Sr. | Carlsbad, Calif. | Offensive Tackle

All-Mountain West third team - *Athlon Sports*

Tariq Thompson | Sr. | San Diego, Calif. | Field Warrior (Safety)

Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List (College Defensive Player of the Year)
Jim Thorpe Award Watch List (Best Defensive Back)
All-Mountain West first team - MW Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West first team - *College Football News*
"6th-rated player in the MW" - *College Football News*
"One of SDSU's five-best returning players" - ESPN
"SDSU's 2nd-best defensive player" - *College Football News*