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## Clemson's Dabo Swinney Named Walter Camp Coach of the Year

**NEW HAVEN, CT – Dabo Swinney**, head coach of the top-ranked Clemson Tigers, has been named the Walter Camp 2015 Coach of the Year. The Walter Camp Coach of the Year is selected by the nation's 129 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors.

Swinney is the first Clemson coach to receive the honor. Under Swinney's direction, Clemson recorded a perfect 13-0 record and the No. 1 national ranking in the College Football Playoff poll. With Swinney at the helm, the Tigers recorded wins against three Top 10 teams (Notre Dame, Florida State and North Carolina) in 2015, and posted nine straight games with at least 500 yards of total offense.

The Tigers, behind quarterback and Walter Camp Player of the Year finalist Deshaun Watson (279 passing yards, 131 rushing), captured the Atlantic Coast Conference championship with a 45-37 victory over North Carolina on December 5.

Clemson will face No. 4 Oklahoma in a College Football Playoff Semifinal in Miami, Fla. on Dec. 31 at 4 p.m.

A native of Pelham, AL, Swinney attended the University of Alabama where he was a walk-on wide receiver who went on to earn a scholarship. He played on the Crimson Tide's 1992 National Championship squad.

He served as an assistant coach at Alabama from 1993 to 2000 and was hired at Clemson in 2003 as recruiting coordinator and wide receivers coach. He was named interim head coach in 2008, and led the Tigers to a 4-2 record and a Gator Bowl berth. He was then named permanent head coach on December 1, 2008. In that time, Swinney has recorded an impressive 74-26 career coaching record (.740), including double-digit victories in each of the last four seasons.

Coach Swinney, along with members of the 2015 Walter Camp All-America team, will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet, presented by First Niagara Bank, on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. In addition, the Foundation will recognize three individuals – Special Olympics CEO **Tim Shriver** (Distinguished American), former Florida State and Oakland Raider standout wide receiver **Fred Biletnikoff** (Man of the Year) and former Grambling State All-American and NFL quarterback **Doug Williams** (Alumnus of the Year) – with major awards.

*Walter Camp, "The Father of American football," first selected an All-America team in 1889. Camp – a former Yale University athlete and football coach – is also credited with developing play from scrimmage, set plays, the numerical assessment of goals and tries and the restriction of*

*play to eleven men per side. The Walter Camp Football Foundation – a New Haven-based all-volunteer group – was founded in 1967 to perpetuate the ideals of Camp and to continue the tradition of selecting annually an All-America team.*

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### **Walter Camp Coaches of the Year**

2015 – Dabo Swinney, Clemson  
2014 – Gary Patterson, TCU  
2013 – David Cutcliffe, Duke  
2012 – Brian Kelly, Notre Dame  
2011 – Les Miles, LSU  
2010 – Chip Kelly, Oregon  
2009 – Gary Patterson, TCU  
2008 – Nick Saban, Alabama  
2007 – Mark Mangino, Kansas  
2006 – Greg Schiano, Rutgers  
2005 – Joe Paterno, Penn State  
2004 – Tommy Tuberville, Auburn  
2003 – Bob Stoops, Oklahoma  
2002 – Kirk Ferentz, Iowa  
2001 – Ralph Friedgen, Maryland  
2000 – Bob Stoops, Oklahoma  
1999 – Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech  
1998 – Bill Synder, Kansas State  
1997 – Lloyd Carr, Michigan  
1996 – Bruce Snyder, Arizona State  
1995 – Gary Barnett, Northwestern  
1994 – Joe Paterno, Penn State  
1993 – Terry Bowden, Auburn  
1992 – Gene Stallings, Alabama  
1991 – Bobby Bowden, Florida State  
1990 – Bobby Ross, Georgia Tech  
1989 – Bill McCartney, Colorado  
1988 – Don Nehlen, West Virginia  
1987 – Dick MacPherson, Syracuse  
1986 – Jimmy Johnson, Miami  
1985 – Fisher DeBerry, Air Force  
1984 – Joe Morrison, South Carolina  
1983 – Mike White, Illinois  
1982 – Jerry Stovall, Louisiana State  
1981 – Jackie Sherrill, Pittsburgh  
1980 – Vince Dooley, Georgia  
1979 – John Mackovic, Wake Forest  
1978 – Warren Powers, Missouri  
1977 – Lou Holtz, Arkansas  
1976 – Frank R. Burns, Rutgers

1975 – Frank Kush, Arizona State  
1974 – Barry Switzer, Oklahoma  
1973 – Johnny Majors, Pittsburgh  
1972 – Joe Paterno, Penn State  
1971 – Bob Devaney, Nebraska  
1970 – Bob Blackman, Dartmouth  
1969 – Bo Schembechler, Michigan  
1968 – Woody Hayes, Ohio State  
1967 – John Pont, Indiana

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