



NFL SUPERSTARS JOIN THE CIT SELECTION COMMITTEE

San Diego Chargers Antonio Gates and Vincent Jackson will help select teams for the CIT

BOSTON (MA) -- NFL superstars Antonio Gates and Vincent Jackson, of the San Diego Chargers, have joined the selection committee for the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament (CIT).

"I am looking forward to working with CollegeInsider.com," said Gates. "Rewarding teams that have had outstanding seasons is something that I applaud. It will be great to work with Vincent [Jackson] and everyone on the selection committee to assemble to field for the 2011 CIT."

Gates, a six-time Pro Bowler, is one of the most highly decorated tight ends in NFL history. Named to the NFL's All-Decade Team (2000-09), Gates starred in basketball at Kent State (2001-03) where he was an honorable mention AP All-America as senior and led the Golden Flashes to the Elite 8 of the NCAA Tournament and a school-best No. 12 finish in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll. In 2003 the San Diego Chargers signed Gates as free agent. In 2010 he was named to the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-Decade Basketball Team.

Jackson, who still holds numerous football records at the University of Northern Colorado, led the basketball team in scoring (13.6) in his junior season. He also averaged 5.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists per contest and was fourth on the team with 24 steals in 2003-04. As a sophomore, he averaged 10.6 points per game for the Bears. Jackson, who was drafted in the second round (61st overall) by the San Diego Chargers in 2006, didn't play basketball in his final season at UNC to focus on a professional football career. Jackson was named to his first Pro Bowl in 2010.

"I have always loved the game of basketball and I followed it even closer since I played at Northern Colorado," said Jackson. "In 2010 UNC had its' best season in school history and that culminated with an appearance in the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament. I am looking forward to being a part of the process to select teams to participate in the CIT."

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