

**JAMES BECHTEL AWARD (FOOTBALL)**

James Bechtel was the Quarterback of Coach Rute's 1952 Easton High School team, which had a 7-2-1 record. On Thanksgiving Day, before 18,000 fans, with the score tied 7-7 with 18 seconds to go, James Bechtel threw a touchdown to win the game. Bechtel also lettered in Baseball, Basketball, and Football at Easton.

Academics played an important part in the life of James Bechtel. He graduated from Easton in 1953 and was accepted at Lafayette College and Rutgers University. James instead joined the Air Force and became a jet fighter pilot. He met his death while he was on an air refueling mission and his plane exploded in mid air.

Award is given out annually by the football staff.

1959 Thomas Bender  
1960 Carl Kehler  
1961 Albert Purdy  
1962 George McGaughey  
1963 John Janos  
1964 Ronald Sandt  
1965 John Jones  
1966 Gary Rute  
1967 David Reifsnyder  
1968 Barry Snyder  
1969 Robert Loprete  
1970 Frank Brailo  
1971 Robert Schooley  
1972 Bryan Kelly  
1973 Bruce Williams  
1974 Steven Jordan  
1975 Joseph Cosenza  
1976 William Stoneback  
1977 Stephen D. Finelli  
1978 Michael Katz  
1979 Lee Sutton  
1980 Larry Nuttall  
1981 John Deak  
1982 David Altemose  
1983 Reginald Wilson  
1984 Tim Prendergast  
1985 David Hess  
1986 Brian Crouthamel  
1987 Jeffrey Vincent  
1988 Brian Hunt

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1989 Steven Mammano  
1990 Jarod Picone  
1991 Harold Miller  
1992 Gary Russell  
1993 Matthew Allshouse  
1994 Christopher Shannon  
1995 Douglas Snyder  
1996 Philip Black  
1997 Richard Starke  
1998 David Burgio  
1999 Jared Breidinger  
2000 Jay Black  
2001 Joseph Fernandez  
2002 Chris Graziano  
2003 Luke Carlson  
2004 Jarrod Myers  
2004 Zach Pizarro  
2005 Jonathan Boyer  
2006 Joshua Sigman  
2006 Ryan Hartzell  
2007 Jarrod Holley  
2008 Kyle Harbridge  
2009 Jashaad Gaddy  
2010 Tyler Thomas  
2011 Ian Hayden  
2012 Tyler Greene  
2013 John Spadoni  
2014 Shane Simpson  
2015 Ryan Green  
2016 Michael Pugliese  
2017 Ayyub Dail

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