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NFL STANDOUTS, JASON & DEVIN McCOURTY INDUCTED INTO THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY HALL OF DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, twin brothers and NFL defensive backs Jason and Devin McCourty were both inducted into The Rutgers University Hall of Distinguished Alumni, the highest honor the University can bestow upon an alumnus/a. Created in 1987, the Hall of Distinguished Alumni recognizes alumni who, through their superlative achievements in professional and civic life, have brought honor to themselves and to the university. There are currently over 470,000 alumni of Rutgers University and only 223 have received this prestigious honor.

On Saturday, June 18th, 2016 the McCourty Twins will host their 4th Annual Tackle Sickle Cell 5K Run/Walk at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey. In 2013, the McCourty Twins partnered with New Jersey based non-profit, Embrace Kids Foundation to launch the Tackle Sickle Cell Campaign. Over the last three years, they've hosted multiple blood drives and fundraising events in their home state of New Jersey as well as the two cities where the twins play for their respective NFL teams, Boston and Nashville. The McCourty Twins Tackle Sickle Cell Campaign aims to educate the public, increase blood donors, and raise money & awareness for the fight against sickle cell disease. For more information on the Tackle Sickle Cell Campaign please visit TackleSickleCell.org.

Jason & Devin have had a number of memorable achievements on the field, but recently it's their work off the field and in the community that is gaining them recognition. The twins were both nominated for the 2015 Byron "Whizzer" White Award, the highest honor the NFL Players Association can bestow on a player. The award recognizes players who go above and beyond to perform community service in their team cities and hometowns.

In addition, they've also received some individual accolades. This year Devin, a safety for the New England Patriots, was nominated for the NFL's Walter Payton Man of the Year Award for the second consecutive year and in December of 2015 he received The Champion Award from Boston Children's Hospital for his dedication to supporting kids and tackling sickle cell disease. Meanwhile Jason, a cornerback for the Tennessee Titans was a finalist for the 2015 Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award and was nominated for the NFL's 2014 Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

About Embrace Kids Foundation:

Embrace Kids Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit located in New Brunswick, New Jersey, just minutes from Rutgers University. Embrace Kids Foundation offers programs and support services for over 200 sickle cell families.

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