

Aztec Football 2018 Preseason Honors

as of Aug. 14

► Team Honors

► National Ranking

20th - Paul Myerberg, *USA Today*
41st - Iliana Limón Romero, *Orlando Sentinel*
44th - *Athlon Sports*

► Projected MW Championship Finish

Runner-Up - *Athlon Sports*
Runner-Up - *Street & Smith's*

► Projected MW West Division Finish

1st - *Athlon Sports*
1st - *Street & Smith's*
2nd - Mountain West Media
2nd - *Phil Steele Magazine*

► Projected Bowl

Royal Las Vegas Bowl vs. California, *Athlon Sports*
Hawai'i Bowl vs. Brigham Young, *Phil Steele Magazine*
Hawai'i Bowl vs. Brigham Young, *Street & Smith's*

► Games to Watch

Aug. 31 - San Diego State at Stanford, *Athlon Sports*
Oct. 6 - San Diego State at Boise State, *Athlon Sports*
Nov. 17 - San Diego State at Fresno State, *Athlon Sports*

► Top Units

Linebackers (1st in Mountain West; 22nd overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Offensive Line (1st in Mountain West; 24th overall) - *Athlon Sports*
Offensive Line (1st in Mountain West; 34th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Running Backs (3rd in Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Defensive Line (3rd in Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Defensive Line (3rd in Mountain West) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Linebackers (3rd in Mountain West) - *Athlon Sports*
Defensive Backs (3rd in Mountain West) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
Special Teams (4th in Mountain West; 29th overall) - *Phil Steele Magazine*

► Individual Honors

Parker Baldwin | Sr. | Siloam Springs, Ark. | Aztec (Safety)

All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

John Baron II | Sr. | Temecula, Calif. | Kicker

Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Watch List
All-Mountain West third team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

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

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

Christian Chapman | Sr. | Carlsbad, Calif. | Quarterback

Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award (Nation's Top Quarterback)

Noble Hall | Sr. | Las Vegas, Nev. | Defensive End

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Keith Ismael | So. | Oakland, Calif. | Offensive Guard/Center

All-Mountain West first team - Mountain West Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*

Ronley Lakalaka | Sr. | Kalihi, Hawaii | Linebacker

Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List (Polynesian ancestry)
All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Rocky Long | Head Coach

"No. 1 head coach in the Mountain West" - *Athlon Sports*
"No. 1 head coach in the Mountain West" - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"MW's best head coach" - *Street & Smith's*
"30th-best head coach in FBS" - *Athlon Sports*
"MW's best interview" - *Street & Smith's*

Tyler Roemer | So. | Fernley, Nev. | Offensive Tackle

All-Mountain West first team - Mountain West Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*

Ron Smith | Jr. | Oakland, Calif. | Cornerback

All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West fourth team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Kyahva Tezino | Jr. | Los Angeles, Calif. | Linebacker

All-Mountain West fourth team - *Athlon Sports*

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

All-Mountain West first team - Mountain West Media
All-Mountain West first team - *Street & Smith's*
All-Mountain West second team - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West second team - *Phil Steele Magazine*

Kahale Warring | Jr. | Sonora, Calif. | Tight End

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

Juwan Washington | Jr. | Kennedale, Texas | Running Back/Kick Returner

Maxwell Award Watch List (College Player of the Year)
Paul Hornung Award Watch List (Most Versatile Player)
All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West first team (RB) - *Street & Smith's*
All-Mountain West second team (RB) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
All-Mountain West second team (KR) - *Athlon Sports*
All-Mountain West fourth team (KR) - *Phil Steele Magazine*
"MW's Heisman hopeful" - *Street & Smith's*
"29th-rated running back in FBS" - *Athlon Sports*
"No. 3 breakout running back" - *Athlon Sports*
"MW's most elusive running back" - *Street & Smith's*