Five Finalist have been selected for the 2016 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award

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BALTIMORE, MD (11/1/16) --- The 2016 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award candidates have been reduced to the Top 5 of the country's top college quarterbacks.

Remaining candidates for the prestigious annual award – named after the man many refer to as the greatest quarterback ever to play the game of football - are:

• Luke Falk, Washington State
• Patrick Mahomes II, Texas Tech
• Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma
• Mitch Trubisky, North Carolina
• Deshaun Watson, Clemson

The Golden Arm Award is presented at the end of each season since 1987 to the nation's top college quarterback, based

PLAYER	GAMES	COMP	ATT	%	YD	TD	INT	RUSH	SCORE (record)
Falk, WSU	8	86	394	73%	2926	24	5	-62	W 35-31 Oregon St. (6-2)
Mahomes II, Texas Tech	8	270	399	68%	3519	38	7	276	W 27-24 TCU (4-4)
Mayfield, OU	8	168	237	71%	2584	30	5	139	W 56-3 Kansas (6-2)
Trubisky, NC	8	203	285	71%	2378	22	2	101	OFF (6-2)
Watson, Clemson	8	191	301	64%	2328	23	10	331	W 37-34 Florida St. (8-0)

on his accomplishments both on and off the field. Candidates must be a college senior or fourth-year junior on schedule to graduate with their class. These strong leaders have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and worked hard for themselves and their teams during the season and beyond.

"If Johnny Unitas was still with us he would have been proud of the Selection committees' belief, trust and great job in identifying these college Quarterbacks' that best represent what he stood for," said Mel Kiper, ESPN Analysis.

In 2016, The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award will be presented at a ceremony on Friday, December 9, in Baltimore, MD. For the 2016 Golden Arm Award ceremony, The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. is happy to be returning to The Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor & The Grand

Proceeds from the event help support the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation provides financial assistance to underprivileged and deserving young scholar-athletes throughout Maryland and Kentucky.

The namesake of the Golden Arm Award has a storied history. Johnny Unitas was an 18-year veteran of the NFL, who played his collegiate career at the University of Louisville before joining the Baltimore Colts in 1958. His career passing figures include 2,830 pass completions for 40,239 yards, 290 touchdowns and throwing a touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games.

Past standout winners of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award® include: Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997); Carson Palmer (USC, 2002); Eli Manning (Ole Miss, 2003); Brady Quinn (Notre Dame, 2006); Matt Ryan (Boston College, 2007); Colt McCoy (Texas, 2009); and Andrew Luck (Stanford, 2011), Marcus Mariota (Oregon, 2014) Last year's winner Connor Cook, Michigan State.

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