



# TOP 10 FINALISTS NAMED FOR 2017 JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD

BALTIMORE, USA, November 1, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 2017 Johnny Unitas [Golden Arm Award](#) announced today that the original field of 47 of the country's top college quarterbacks has been narrowed down to the Top 10.

Top 10 Golden Arm Award Finalists:

- J.T. Barrett, Ohio State
- Riley Ferguson, Memphis
- Ryan Finley, NC State
- Nick Fitzgerald, Mississippi St.
- Quinton Flowers, South Florida
- Kenny Hill, TCU
- Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma
- Trace McSorley, Penn St.
- Mason Rudolph, Oklahoma State
- Logan Woodside, Toledo

Named after the man many refer to as the greatest quarterback ever to play the game of football, the prestigious Golden Arm Award is presented annually by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc.

Candidates for the Golden Arm Award – which has been presented at the end of each college football season since 1987 – must be college seniors or fourth-year juniors on schedule to graduate with their class. In addition to the accomplishments on the field, candidates are judged on their character, citizenship, scholastic achievement, and leadership qualities.

The 2017 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award will be presented at a ceremony on Friday, December 8th, in Baltimore, MD. For the 2017 Golden Arm Award ceremony, The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. will be returning to the beautifully renovated Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor & The Grand for the presentation.

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), Andrew Luck (Stanford, 2011), Marcus Mariota (Oregon, 2014) Connor Cook (Michigan State, 2015) Last year's winner Deshaun Watson, Clemson

Proceeds from the Golden Arm Award help to support the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation. 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.

Unitas was inducted into Pro Football's Hall of Fame in 1979. The Hall of Fame, in commemorations of the NFL's 25th, 50th, and 75th anniversaries selected Unitas as the top quarterback of all-time. In turn-of-the-century listings, he was named to Sports Illustrated's list of top 10 athletes, Time Magazine's list of 10 most influential athletes, and ESPN's series on the 50 greatest athletes of the century. And recently, Sports Illustrated acknowledged the 1958 Championship game between the N.Y. Giants and the Baltimore Colts as the "Greatest Game Ever Played" and of all time, lead by Johnny Unitas.

"Despite my Dad's outstanding on-field accomplishments, he never forgot his humble beginnings and that won him a permanent place in the hearts of everyone who ever knew him," says John C. Unitas, Jr., President of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. "Giving life to his commitment to 'give back,' the [Golden Arm Foundation](#) was established to promote football on all levels by providing financial aid to deserving young athletes."

Sponsors of the Golden Arm Award include: MedStar Sports Medicine, The Babe Ruth Museum, Baltimore Sun Media Group, Century Engineering, Comcast, Dunbar Armored, Dunbar Security Solutions and Dunbar Protective Services, The Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor & The Grand, Haddock Investments, Harvey Agency, HMS Insurance Associates, Inc., Maryland Department of Commerce, Monument Sotheby's International Realty, PSAV, Panini, TRAY, The Scott Garceau Show, SILKS, Under Armor, Wilson Sporting Goods, and ZBest Executive & Global Transportation Services.

To learn more about the Golden Arm Award, please visit: Golden Arm Foundation or Golden Arm Award. Additionally, please follow the conversation throughout the season on Twitter: [@GoldenArmAward](#) or use the hashtag, #GoldenArmAward.

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