

# The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Unveils 2023 Watch List

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, USA, August 22, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc., along with presenting sponsor [A. O. Smith Corporation](#) announce the 2023 list of [Golden Arm Award](#) candidates. All 10 FBS conferences as well as a football independent are represented on the list, rounding out this season's list at 48 of the nation's leading quarterbacks.

The preseason Watch List, semifinalists, finalists, and award recipient are selected by the distinguished Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Selection Committee, a group of prominent college football journalists, commentators, announcers, and former players. The award annually recognizes the top senior or upperclassman quarterback set to graduate with their class. This year's watch list was selected based on career player performance and expectations heading into the 2023 college football season.

2023 Golden Arm Award Watch List Presented by A. O. Smith:

Brennan Armstrong, NC State  
Carter Bradley, South Alabama  
Hudson Card, Purdue  
Chevan Cordeiro, San Jose State  
Jayden Daniels, LSU  
Jalon Daniels, Kansas  
Jaxson Dart, Ole Miss  
Quinn Ewers, Texas  
Dillon Gabriel, Oklahoma  
Mitch Griffis, Wake Forest



Frank Harris, UTSA  
Sam Hartman, Notre Dame  
Seth Henigan, Memphis  
Will Howard, Kansas State  
KJ Jefferson, Arkansas  
Phil Jurkovec, Pittsburgh  
Devin Leary, Kentucky  
Riley Leonard, Duke  
Drake Maye, North Carolina  
Grayson McCall, Coastal Carolina  
J.J. McCarthy, Michigan  
Cade McNamara, Iowa  
Graham Mertz, Florida  
Joe Milton III, Tennessee  
Tanner Mordecai, Wisconsin  
Bo Nix, Oregon  
Michael Penix Jr., Washington  
Michael Pratt, Tulane  
Drew Pyne, Arizona State  
Spencer Rattler, South Carolina  
Austin Reed, Western Kentucky  
Cam Rising, Utah  
Will Rogers, Mississippi State  
Kurtis Rourke, Ohio  
Blake Shapen, Baylor  
Garrett Shrader, Syracuse  
Kedon Slovis, BYU  
Donovan Smith, Houston  
Cole Snyder, Buffalo  
Taulia Tagovailoa, Maryland  
Casey Thompson, Florida Atlantic  
Payton Thorne, Auburn  
Jordan Travis, Florida State  
DJ Uiagalelei, Oregon State  
Tyler Van Dyke, Miami  
Cam Ward, Washington State  
Grant Wells, Virginia Tech  
Caleb Williams, USC

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.

The 2023 award winner will be presented the Golden Arm Award trophy by The Johnny Unitas Educational Foundation President, John Unitas, Jr., as well as other notable attendees at the Golden Arm Award banquet and celebration at the Four Seasons Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland on Thursday, December 7, 2023.

Giving life to the commitment to give back, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and presenting sponsor A. O. Smith continue to promote football on all levels by providing financial aid to deserving young scholar athletes. A. O. Smith is committed to creating innovative solutions that set new standards in the water heating industry.

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For more information on the Golden Arm Award, please visit: Golden Arm Award. Additionally, follow the conversation throughout the college football season on Twitter, @GoldenArmAward, and use the hashtags #GoldenArmAward and #InnovationLeaders.

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