



# Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Announces 2025 Watch List

*58 Top Quarterbacks Named to Prestigious List Recognizing On-Field Talent, Character, and Leadership*

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The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. is proud to unveil the Watch List for the 2025 Golden Arm Award®, presented annually to the top senior or upperclassman quarterback who is on track to graduate with their class. This year's list showcases 58 of the nation's premier collegiate quarterbacks, including a mix of returning standouts and rising stars.

Now in its 39th year, the Golden Arm Award continues to honor excellence both on and off the field. The award is presented by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation in partnership with A. O. Smith Corporation, whose mission aligns with the Foundation's commitment to advancing the game of football while promoting character, leadership, and academic achievement among young athletes.

This year, the Foundation is proud to announce a new partnership with Leveling the Playing Field (LPF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding access and equity in youth sports. LPF provides sports equipment to underserved communities, giving every child the chance to experience the life-changing benefits of athletic participation. Together, the Foundation, A. O. Smith and LPF are working to ensure that the next generation of leaders has the tools and opportunities to succeed—on the field and beyond.

## About the 2025 Watch List

The 2025 Golden Arm Watch List shines a spotlight on 58 quarterbacks from across the country, including:

Joey Aguilar, Tennessee  
Drew Allar, Penn State  
Luke Altmeyer, Illinois  
Steve Angeli, Syracuse



Jackson Arnold, Auburn  
Robby Ashford, Wake Forest  
Alonza Barnett III, JMU  
Rocco Becht, Iowa State  
Carson Beck, Miami  
Zach Calzada, Kentucky  
Thomas Castellanos, Florida State  
Aidan Chiles, Michigan State  
Jalon Daniels, Kansas  
Kyron Drones, Virginia Tech  
Billy Edwards Jr., Wisconsin  
Walker Eget, San Jose State  
Noah Fifita, Arizona  
Brayden Fowler-Nicolosi, Colorado State  
JC French IV, Georgia Southern  
Tucker Gleason, Toledo  
Taylen Green, Arkansas  
Eli Holstein, Pittsburgh  
Josh Hoover, TCU  
Blake Horvath, Navy  
Nico Iamaleava, UCLA  
Grayson James, Boston College  
Keyone Jenkins, FIU  
Kevin Jennings, SMU  
Avery Johnson, Kansas State  
Athan Kaliakmanis, Rutgers  
Haynes King, Georgia Tech  
Cade Klubnik, Clemson  
Sam Leavitt, Arizona State  
Brendon Lewis, Memphis  
Maddux Madsen, Boise State  
Arch Manning, Texas  
John Mateer, Oklahoma  
Owen McCown, UTSA  
Fernando Mendoza, Indiana  
Darian Mensah, Duke  
Chandler Morris, Virginia  
Behren Morton, Texas Tech  
Miller Moss, Louisville  
Maalik Murphy, Oregon State  
Garrett Nussmeier, LSU  
Diego Pavia, Vanderbilt  
Marcel Reed, Texas A&M

Sawyer Robertson, Baylor  
LaNorris Sellers, South Carolina  
Blake Shapen, Mississippi State  
Ty Simpson, Alabama  
Brendan Sorsby, Cincinnati  
Gunner Stockton, Georgia  
Preston Stone, Northwestern  
Nicholas Vattiato, Middle Tenn  
Caden Veltkamp, FAU  
E.J. Warner, Fresno State  
Conner Weigman, Houston

As the 2025 college football season unfolds, the watch list will be narrowed to semifinalists, finalists and one standout quarterback will take home the Golden Arm Award in December. The winner will be celebrated at our annual Golden Arm Award ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel in Johnny Unitas' hometown of Baltimore—an unforgettable night honoring leadership, legacy, and the best in college football.

Sharing a tradition of innovation with Johnny Unitas, who invented football's two-minute drill, A. O. Smith has been an innovator in its industry for more than a century. A. O. Smith offers its customers an additional advantage in that the company designs, builds, distributes and supports the world's broadest and deepest line of residential and commercial water heaters, as well as commercial boilers. This single-source concept simplifies ordering, installation and service and is backed by more than 80 years of research and innovation.

For more information on the Golden Arm Award, please visit [GoldenArmFoundation.com](https://www.GoldenArmFoundation.com). Fans and media are encouraged to follow the conversation throughout the college football season on the Golden Arm Award's official social media channels:

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