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**Announcing the 2013 Watch List for the Johnny Unitas® Golden Arm Award®**

*Named after one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time, this prestigious award is presented annually to one of the nation's top college quarterbacks.*

**BALTIMORE, MD (8/1/13) ---** The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and Transamerica are proud to announce the Top 30 watch list for the 2013 Johnny Unitas® Golden Arm Award®.

Established in 1987, this prestigious award is presented at the end of each season to the nation's top college quarterback based on character, citizenship, scholastic achievement, leadership qualities, and athletic accomplishments. Candidates must be a college senior or fourth-year junior on schedule to graduate with their class.

Transamerica, a long-time sponsor of this award, is proud once again to honor the tremendous legacy of Johnny Unitas and salute a new generation of outstanding student athletes. In addition to recognizing great accomplishments on the field, the Johnny Unitas® Golden Arm Award® considers character, citizenship, integrity, leadership, and honor—all characteristics that are highly valued by Transamerica.

As a leading financial services company, Transamerica takes pride in being there for those special moments when customers recognize the defining moments of their lives, represented in the "It's real now." campaign. These moments include the birth of a new baby, the opening of a new business, college acceptance, and retirement. Transamerica supports the young men on the Top 30 watch list, and looks forward to cheering them as they thrill fans around the country and experience their own "It's real now." moments during the season and beyond.

**2013 Top 30 Watch List for the Johnny Unitas® Golden Arm Award®**

Blake Bortles, UCF  
Tajh Boyd, Clemson  
Kolton Browning, ULM  
Kain Colter, Northwestern  
Derek Carr, Fresno State  
Jeff Driskel, Florida  
Cody Fajardo, Nevada  
David Fales, San Jose State  
James Franklin, Missouri  
Cody Green, Tulsa  
Brendon Kay, Cincinnati  
Taylor Kelly, Arizona State  
Jordan Lynch, Northern Illinois  
Sean Mannion, Oregon State  
Taylor Martinez, Nebraska  
Jeff Mathews, Cornell  
Andrew Maxwell, Michigan State

AJ McCarron, Alabama  
Stephen Morris, Miami  
Aaron Murray, Georgia  
Keith Price, Washington  
Bryn Renner, North Carolina  
Chase Rettig, Boston College  
Corey Robinson, Troy  
Tyler Russell, Mississippi State  
Connor Shaw, South Carolina  
Joe Southwick, Boise State  
Tyler Tettleton, Ohio  
Logan Thomas, Virginia Tech  
Keith Wenning, Ball State

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). Last year's winner, Collin Klein of Kanas State, was a 2nd Team All-American (AP) and the 2012 Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year (AP).

The Johnny Unitas® Golden Arm Award® will be presented at a ceremony on December 13, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland. For the 2013 Golden Arm Award ceremony, The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and Transamerica are happy to be returning to the Embassy Suites Baltimore Downtown & GRAND HISTORIC VENUE (formerly The Tremont Grand), where the ceremony was held from 2006 until 2010.

Proceeds from the event help support the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, which provides assistance to underprivileged and deserving student-athletes throughout Maryland and Kentucky.

In addition to Transamerica, sponsors of the Golden Arm Award include: Athlon Sports, The Babe Ruth and Sports Legends Museum, Baltimore Sun Media Group, Bloomberg Television, Century Engineering, Coach for America, Comcast, Dunbar Armored, Embassy Suites Baltimore Downtown & Grand Historic Venue, GEICO, HMS Insurance Associates, Inc., Metropolis Funding, Panini, R2i.ntegrated, , TRAY, The Scott Garceau Show, Union Memorial Sports Medicine, VPC, Inc., Weiss PR Associates, Inc., Woodberry Kitchen, and Wilson Sporting Goods.

You can learn more about the Johnny Unitas® Golden Arm Award® at the following websites:  
[http://www.transamerica.com/about\\_us/johnny\\_unitas\\_golden\\_arm\\_award.asp](http://www.transamerica.com/about_us/johnny_unitas_golden_arm_award.asp)  
<http://www.goldenarmfoundation.com/>

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