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**LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR 2013 JOHNNY UNITAS
GOLDEN ARM AWARD® CUT TO 15**

BALTIMORE, MD (10/16/13) --- The initial Top 30 Watch List for the 2013 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award® has been reduced to 15 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:

- Blake Bortles, UCF
- Tajh Boyd, Clemson
- Derek Carr, Fresno State
- Cody Fajardo, Nevada
- James Franklin, Missouri
- Taylor Kelly, Arizona State
- Jordan Lynch, Northern Illinois
- Sean Mannion, Oregon State
- AJ McCarron, Alabama
- Stephen Morris, Miami
- Aaron Murray, Georgia
- Keith Price, Washington
- Connor Shaw, South Carolina
- Joe Southwick, Boise State
- Keith Wenning, Ball State

The Golden Arm Award is presented by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and Transamerica®. The award has been presented at the end of each season since 1987 to the nation's top college quarterback, based on his accomplishments both on and off the field.

“The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award® considers character, citizenship, integrity, leadership, and honor – characteristics that were displayed by my father and are highly valued by Transamerica®– to be every bit as important as the quarterback's completion rate or number of touchdowns scored,” says John C. Unitas, Jr., President of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc.

Candidates for the Golden Arm Award must be college seniors or fourth-year juniors on schedule to graduate with their class.

Previous winners of the Golden Arm Award include: Peyton Manning (Tennessee, 1997); Carson Palmer (USC, 2002); Eli Manning (Ole Miss, 2003); 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 Second Team All-American (AP) and the 2012 Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year (AP).

The 2013 Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award® will be presented at a ceremony on Friday, December 13, in Baltimore, MD. 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 Inner Harbor & Grand Historic Venue (formerly The Tremont Grand), where the ceremony was held from 2006 until 2010.

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

“Despite my Dad’s outstanding accomplishments, he never forgot his humble beginnings and that won him a permanent place in the hearts of everyone who ever knew him,” says Unitas, Jr. “Giving life to his commitment to ‘give back,’ the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. was established to promote football on all levels by providing financial aid to deserving young athletes.”

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, The Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor & Grand Historic Venue, GEICO, HMS Insurance Associates, Inc., Metropolis Funding, Panini, R2i.ntegrated, TRAY, The Scott Garceau Show, MedStar Union Memorial Sports Medicine, VAE Visual Aid Electronics Corp, VPC Inc., Weiss PR, Woodberry Kitchen, Wilson Sporting Goods, and ZBest Executive & Global Transportation Services.

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