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**GARDNER MINSHEW, II WINS
THE JOHNNY UNITAS GOLDEN ARM AWARD®**

BALTIMORE, MD (12/3/18) ---Washington State University quarterback Gardner Minshew, II has won The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award®, presented annually by the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and A. O. Smith Corporation to the nation's top quarterback who best exemplifies character, scholastic and athletic achievement.

Minshew has completed 433 of 613 passes for a total of 4,477 yards (71% completion rate), throwing for 36 touchdowns with just nine interceptions and a QB rating of 148.4. Minshew has endeared himself to Cougar fans across the country, not only because of the “Minshew Mustache”, but his penchant for late game heroics. He has led WSU on game-winning, fourth quarter drives against Utah, Stanford and California. In the fourth quarter this season, Minshew has completed 92 of 127 passes (72% completion rate) for 1,169 yards, 13 touchdowns and no interceptions.

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, teamwork and leadership qualities.

Minshew's achievements will be honored on Friday, December 7, in Baltimore, MD. For the 2018 Golden Arm Award ceremony, The Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Educational Foundation, Inc. and A. O. Smith are happy to be returning to The Embassy Suites Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel and Grand Historic Venue. Former NFL QB and 2010 Golden Arm Award recipient, Scott Tolzien – will deliver the keynote remarks at this year's event.

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) Deshaun Watson (Clemson, 2016) and last year's winner Mason Rudolph (Oklahoma State 2017)

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