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NOMINEES NAMED FOR 2017 U.S. ARMY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Sixteen of the nation's best make first nominee list

ROCKAWAY, N.J. (Nov. 15, 2016) – The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee today announced its list of sixteen nominees for the prestigious U.S. Army Player of the Year Award. The award is given annually to the nation's most outstanding high school senior football player, and is the most prestigious individual award given in high school football.

Six finalists for the award will be announced Monday, Nov. 28, 2016.

The U.S. Army Player of the Year will be recognized during the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Awards Show on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017 in San Antonio, Texas.

"The sixteen Player of the Year nominees have shown that they are agile and adaptable, disciplined and determined, both on and off the field," said Mark S. Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. "We congratulate each of them and look forward to the winner's announcement during the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Awards Show."

The 2017 U.S. Army Player of the Year nominees, in alphabetical order, are:

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	CITY	STATE
Cam Akers	RB	Clinton High School	Clinton	MS
Eno Benjamin	RB	Wylie East High School	Wylie	TX
Myles Brennan	QB	St. Stanislaus High School	Bay St. Louis	MS
Ty Chandler	RB	Montgomery Bell Academy	Nashville	TN
Jake Fromm	QB	Houston County High School	Warner Robbins	GA
Najee Harris	RB	Antioch High School	Antioch	CA
Tee Higgins	WR	Oak Ridge High School	Oak Ridge	TN
Anthony Hines	LB	Plano East High School	Plano	TX
Ty Jones	WR	Provo High School	Provo	UT
Richard LeCounte	DB	Liberty County High School	Riceboro	GA
Tate Martell	QB	Bishop Gorman High School	Las Vegas	NV
Tadarian Moultry	LB	Jackson-Olin High School	Birmingham	AL
Jaelan Phillips	DL	Redlands East Valley High School	Redlands	CA
Foster Sarell	OL	Graham-Kapowsin High School	Graham	WA
Aubrey Solomon	DL	Lee County High School	Leesburg	GA
Shaun Wade	DB	Trinity Christian Academy	Jacksonville	FL

The selection process began this fall as players were evaluated by the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Committee—consisting of All American Games and its official selection partner, 247Sports—and by coaches from across the country. Past U.S. Army Player of the Year Award winners include Kevin Jones (2001), Lorenzo Booker (2002), Adrian Peterson (2004), Jimmy Clausen (2007), Terrelle Pryor (2008), Dorial Green-Beckham (2012), Elijah Hood (2014), Martez Ivey (2015) and Jacob Eason (2016).

For 17 consecutive years, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has been the nation's premier high school sporting event, serving as the preeminent launching pad for America's future college and NFL stars. Odell Beckham Jr., Andrew Luck, Patrick Peterson, Adrian Peterson, Ezekiel Elliott, and Christian McCaffrey made their national debuts as U.S. Army All-Americans. A total of 330 U.S. Army All-American Bowl alumni have been selected in NFL Drafts. The 2016 U.S. Army All-American Bowl drew a crowd of 39,121 to the Alamodome and was watched by more than 4 million unique viewers across the country.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl presented by American Family Insurance is owned and produced by All American Games, a New Jersey-based sports marketing and event management company.

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