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TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CORNERBACK SHAUN WADE NAMED THE 2017 LOCKHEED MARTIN DEFENSIVE BACK OF THE YEAR

Wade selected as high school football's top defensive back in the class of 2017

SAN ANTONIO (Jan. 6, 2017) – Shaun Wade (Trinity Christian Academy/Jacksonville, Florida) was honored tonight with the 2017 Lockheed Martin Defensive Back of the Year Award at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Awards Show. The award is given annually to the nation's most outstanding high school senior defensive back. Wade is ranked as the No. 23 overall prospect in this class according to 247Sports.

This is the fourth year for the Lockheed Martin Defensive Back of the Year Award. The presenter of this prestigious award is retired Maj. Gen. Jim Rogers, Vice President, Lockheed Martin Government Affairs for Army and SOF Programs.

"Shaun has demonstrated his dedication to football and teamwork on the field," said Mark S. Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. "We congratulate him on this special recognition today and wish him continued success both on and off the field."

This season, Wade compiled a total of 63 tackles and 7 interceptions, returning two of his interceptions for touchdowns and adding another defensive score after a fumble recovery. Wade led Trinity Christian to their fourth consecutive state championship this season, assembling a collection of rings for each year of his high school career. This postseason Wade has also been honored with the American Family Insurance ALL-USA Defensive Player of the Year award. He will attend Ohio State following the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

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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