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U.S. ARMY AND HALL OF FAME ANNOUNCE STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARD WINNER **ARIANA LUTERMAN – ADDISON, TX**

CANTON, OHIO – The U.S. Army and the Pro Football Hall of Fame today named high-school athlete **Ariana Luterman** of Addison, Texas the U.S. Army–Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence winner. Luterman, one of 20 finalists vying for the honor, was announced as the winner during a luncheon at the Pro Football Hall of Fame Event Center today. Pro Football Hall of Fame “Gold Jackets” (living Hall of Famers) – linebackers **DERRICK BROOKS** and **KEVIN GREENE**, cornerbacks **MIKE HAYNES** and **AENEAS WILLIAMS**, tackle **ANTHONY MUÑOZ**, wide receiver **JAMES LOFTON**, running back **FLOYD LITTLE**, and defensive end **JACK YOUNGBLOOD** – presented Luterman with the award.

The Award for Excellence program highlights the achievements of student-athletes across the country. Open to all sophomore, junior and senior level high school athletes in the United States, the program focuses on athletic achievement combined with excellence in academics and community engagement.



“Ariana has demonstrated to her peers, teachers and coaches that she understands both the core of the Army ethos – she never accepts defeat and quitting is never an option – but also, the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage,” said **Mark Davis**, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Marketing. “We are thrilled to recognize Ariana and all of our outstanding student-athletes here today. Each of our 20 finalists deserves recognition for their exceptional performance in athletics, academics and community involvement.”

“It was a pleasure hosting the finalists, their families and the U.S. Army at the Pro Football Hall of Fame during Enshrinement Weekend to recognize their excellence,” stated **George Veras**, the Hall’s Executive Vice President, Chief Revenue Officer and Executive Producer. “**Ariana Luterman** exhibits and reflects the Hall of Fame’s values of commitment, integrity, courage, respect, and excellence. These same qualities will serve her well as she moves forward.”

The finalists and their guests will attend the 2016 Enshrinement ceremony this evening at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, which will be televised nationally on ESPN and the NFL Network. The weekend celebration will be capped off when the Award for Excellence finalists participate in the coin toss and halftime show for the NFL’s preseason opener between the Green Bay Packers and Indianapolis Colts on Sunday, Aug. 7.

For more information on the program, visit: www.goarmy.com/AAB or ProFootballHOF.com/Army

ABOUT THE U.S. ARMY

Since 1775, the U.S. Army has secured our Nation’s freedom and protected and preserved the American way of life every day. Defending this Nation and protecting the American people from those who would do us harm is not an easy mission. It requires a responsive force with a wide range of capabilities. It requires an adaptive force capable of solving difficult and dangerous problems. It requires warriors who are also innovators, strategists, academics, doctors, lawyers and leaders. It requires men and women of determination, honor and selflessness. It is not a mission just anyone can do – it can only be done by the U.S. Army. For more information on the Army, visit goarmy.com or @GoArmy on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Periscope, Snapchat and Vine.

ABOUT THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Located in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League, the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s Mission is to **Honor the Heroes of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values, & Celebrate Excellence EVERYWHERE**. Now in its fourth year, the U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame **Award for Excellence** honors 20 high school students nationally for excellence in community service, academics and athletics.

Hundreds of thousands of fans from across the globe travel to Canton annually to experience the exciting museum that chronicles America’s most popular sport. Millions more are reached through the Hall of Fame’s 100-plus special events held annually outside Canton and through the multiple nationally broadcast programs focused on the selection of the newest Class of Enshrinees – **Edward J. DeBartolo, Jr., Tony Dungy, Brett Favre, Kevin Greene, Marvin Harrison, Orlando Pace, Ken Stabler** and **Dick Stanfel** – and the Enshrinement Weekend (Aug. 4-7, 2016).

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