

# U.S. Army & Hall Of Fame Announce Award For Excellence



## **20 STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED DURING ENSHRINEMENT WEEKEND IN CANTON, OHIO**

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CANTON, Ohio, March 10, 2016 -- The U.S. Army and the Pro Football Hall of Fame today announced the 20 high-school athlete finalists, for the U.S. Army–Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence. The program highlights the achievements of student-athletes across the country.

The Award for Excellence program is open to all sophomore, junior and senior level high school athletes in the United States. The prestigious honor focuses on great athletic achievement, excellence in academics and community engagement.

"Both the U.S. Army and the Pro Football Hall of Fame have values deeply rooted in teamwork and a commitment to excellence," said **Mark Davis**, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. "We are thrilled to recognize these 20 outstanding student-athletes, who, throughout their high school careers, have demonstrated incredible dedication to academics, athletics and civic engagement."

The 20 finalists for the Award for Excellence will be recognized during formal ceremonies at their schools this spring. The student-athletes will receive their finalist plaque from a Pro Football Hall of Famer during the events. Some of the iconic players who will participate in the award ceremonies include Dermontti Dawson, Aeneas Williams, Mike Haynes, James Lofton and Class of 2016 enshrinee and former Captain in the Army Reserve Kevin Greene.

**Ariana Luterman from Dallas, TX will be among the honorees as the sole representative from Texas. Through her exceptional accomplishments in elite triathlon racing, she has formed Team Ariana and raised over \$90,000 for the benefit of homeless children. Additionally, she has inspired thousands of children across the country to adopt a healthy lifestyle, find a passion and a meaningful way to give back.**

"The Pro Football Hall of Fame is honored to join the U.S. Army in the Award for Excellence program," the Hall's Executive Vice President, Chief Revenue Officer and Executive Producer **George Veras** commented. "The achievements of these 20 outstanding students stand as a great symbol of the Hall's five core values of commitment, integrity, courage, respect, and excellence and will serve as a strong foundation for their adult lives."

Each U.S. Army-Pro Football Hall of Fame Award for Excellence finalists will be honored in Canton during the 2016 Pro Football Hall of Fame [Enshrinement Weekend](#) this summer. All 20 finalists will attend the 2016 Enshrinement Ceremony of the Class of 2016 – Edward DeBartolo, Jr. Tony Dungy, Brett Favre, Kevin Greene, Marvin Harrison, Orlando Pace, Ken Stabler and Dick Stanfel. The Enshrinement, held at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium, is nationally televised on ESPN and the NFL Network. The weekend celebration will be capped off when the Award for Excellence finalists and their guests attend the NFL's preseason opener between the Indianapolis Colts and Green Bay Packers in Canton on Sunday, Aug. 7.

For more information, visit [GoArmy.com/events/all-american-bowl/hall-of-fame.html](http://GoArmy.com/events/all-american-bowl/hall-of-fame.html) or [ProFootballHOF.com/Army](http://ProFootballHOF.com/Army).