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**NFL ANNOUNCES NOMINEES FOR 2018 DON SHULA NFL
HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The NFL announced today the high school football coaches nominated by the 32 NFL teams for the *Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award*, representing the best at the high school level.

These coaches were recognized by their local NFL club for the prestigious award – named after Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula, the winningest coach in NFL history – for their character and integrity, leadership, dedication to the community, commitment to player health and safety and on-field success.

“We are honored to celebrate the 32 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year nominees, as each embodies the integrity, commitment and character of Coach Shula,” said NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL**. “High school football coaches not only serve as leaders, but as role models dedicated to shaping the lives of young high school players on and off the field.”

All Don Shula Award nominees are invited to attend the 2019 Pro Bowl in Orlando, FL and will be recognized in special ways during the NFL’s week-long celebration of football. Throughout the week, coaches will receive VIP access and accommodations at various events such as Pro Bowl practices, the Play Football High School Skills Showdown and Play Football Celebrity Flag game; a chance to interact and engage with various members of the football community; and attend the Pro Bowl. Each coach will also have an opportunity to invite a senior on their roster to participate in the Skills Showdown to represent their high school football community.

“It was truly the honor of a lifetime to be recognized as one of the elite high school coaches in the nation,” said **ROBERT GARRETT**, 2017 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award winner. “As a coach, you never seek individual recognition or accolades and the priority is always helping young men to achieve their highest potential, but being nominated for the Don Shula Coach of the Year Award is special and this year’s nominees should be proud.”

Two finalists will each receive \$15,000 from the NFL Foundation, \$10,000 of which will go to their high school’s football program. They will also attend Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta as special guests of the NFL. The Don Shula Award winner will be announced during the 2019 Pro Bowl, airing Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 PM ET on ESPN and ESPN Deportes, and simulcast on ABC. The winner will also be recognized and walk the red carpet at NFL Honors, a two-hour primetime awards special to air nationally on February 2, the eve of Super Bowl LIII, at 9 PM (ET and PT) on CBS.

The Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year winner is selected by a panel of distinguished individuals:

- Pro Football Hall of Famer, Coach **DON SHULA** – the winningest coach in NFL history
- 2017 Don Shula NFL Coach of the Year Award Winner **ROBERT GARRETT**
- Pro Football Hall of Fame President **DAVID BAKER**
- Former Dallas Cowboys Personnel Director and NFL.com contributor **GIL BRANDT**
- Pro Football Hall of Fame coach and current NBC analyst **TONY DUNGY**
- Executive Director of USA Football **SCOTT HALLENBECK**
- 3-time Super Bowl Champion (XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX) **WILLIE MCGINEST**
- 2x AP NFL Comeback Player of the Year and current head coach at the Sayre School **CHAD PENNINGTON**
- Pro Football Hall of Famer and Super Bowl XXXV Champion **ROD WOODSON**
- Former Secretary of State **CONDOLEEZZA RICE**, Senior Fellow on Public Policy at the Hoover Institution and faculty member at the Stanford Graduate School of Business
- Aplington-Parkersburg High School Principal **AARON THOMAS**, son of the school's late football coach, Ed Thomas

Below is a full list of the 2018 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year nominees. For more information on the NFL Foundation, visit nflfoundation.org or follow @NFLFoundation on Twitter.

NOMINATING TEAM	SCHOOL	COACH
Arizona Cardinals	Highland High School	Brock Farrell
Atlanta Falcons	Pike County High School	Brad Weber
Baltimore Ravens	Glenleg High School	Butch Schaffer
Buffalo Bills	Clymer-Sherman-Panama High School	Ty Harper
Carolina Panthers	Tarboro High School	Jeff Craddock
Chicago Bears	Sacred Heart-Griffin	Ken Leonard
Cincinnati Bengals	Wyoming High School	Aaron Hancock
Cleveland Browns	Kirtland High School	Tiger Laverde
Dallas Cowboys	Duncanville High School	Reginald Samples
Denver Broncos	Sedgwick County High School	Chris Michel
Detroit Lions	Reading High School	Rick Bailey
Green Bay Packers	Muskego High School	Ken Krause
Houston Texans	Santa Fe High School	Mark Kanipes
Indianapolis Colts	Warren Central	Jayson West
Jacksonville Jaguars	Mandarin High School	Bobby Ramsay
Kansas City Chiefs	North Kansas City High School	Leon Douglas
Los Angeles Chargers	Lawndale High School	Travis Clark
Los Angeles Rams	Mater Dei High School	Bruce Rollinson
Miami Dolphins	Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School	Aaron Feis
Minnesota Vikings	Owatonna Senior High School	Jeff Williams
New England Patriots	North Andover High School	John Dubzinski
New Orleans Saints	Notre Dame High School	Lewis Cook
New York Giants	Hasbrouck Heights High School	Nick Delcalzo
New York Jets	Midwood High School	Anthony Odita
Oakland Raiders	Canyon Springs High School	Gus McNair
Philadelphia Eagles	St. Joseph's Preparatory School	Gabe Infante
Pittsburgh Steelers	Upper St. Clair High School	Jim Render

San Francisco 49ers	Liberty High School	Ryan Partridge
Seattle Seahawks	Colville High School	Randy Cornwell
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Pinellas Park High School	Kenneth Crawford
Tennessee Titans	Oakland High School	Kevin Creasy
Washington Redskins	Highland Springs High School	Loren Johnson

About The NFL Foundation: The National Football League Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football – from players at all levels to communities across the country.

The NFL Foundation represents the 32 NFL clubs and supports the health, safety and wellness of athletes, youth football, and the communities that support our game. For more information on The NFL Foundation, visit: www.NFLFoundation.org.

About Play Football: Play Football is a year-round initiative celebrating youth and high school football. Play Football works to shape the football experience, advocate for safety, promote football values and connect football communities. For more information, featured football stories, best practices and resources aimed to create a positive playing experience, please visit PlayFootball.com or follow @NFLPlayFootball. Join the conversation on social media using #LetsPlayFootball.

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