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NFL announces nominees representing teams for 2023 Don Shula High School Coach of the Year Award; Tony Brunetti of Pearl Cohn High School nominated by Tennessee Titans

NEW YORK — Jan. 4, 2024 — The NFL announced the high school football coaches nominated by the 32 NFL teams for the 2023 Don Shula High School Coach of the Year Award, representing the best in coaching at the high school level.

These coaches were recognized by their local NFL clubs for the prestigious award – named after Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula, the winningest coach in NFL history. The coaches were judged based on areas in which Coach Shula excelled most during his career – character, integrity, leadership, dedication to

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The NFL will recognize one winner from the region near an NFL Club in each conference, AFC and NFC. These two

Nominating NFL Team	Coach	High School
Arizona Cardinals	Colin Thomas	Liberty High School
Atlanta Falcons	Keith Maloof	Norcross High School
Baltimore Ravens	Kurt Stein	Oakdale High School
Buffalo Bills	Terrell Cunningham	James Monroe High School
Carolina Panthers	Aaron Brand	Irmo High School
Chicago Bears	Derek Leonard	Rochester High School
Cincinnati Bengals	Tom Grippa	Milford High School
Cleveland Browns	Matt Dennison	Canton South High School
Dallas Cowboys	Jason Witten	Liberty Christian School
Denver Broncos	Andy Lowry	Columbine High School
Detroit Lions	Shane Fairfield	Muskegon High School
Green Bay Packers	Matt Hensler	Badger High School
Houston Texans	Cornelius Anthony	Hightower High School
Indianapolis Colts	Larry "Bud" Wright	Sheridan High School
Jacksonville Jaguars	Brian Braddock	St. Augustine High School
Kansas City Chiefs	Jesse Owen	Gardner Edgerton High School
Las Vegas Raiders	Chris Sawyers	Sunrise Mountain High School
Los Angeles Chargers	Scott Altenberg	Junipero Serra High School
Los Angeles Rams	Demel Franklin	Cerritos High School
Miami Dolphins	Daryle Heidelberg	Miami Norland Senior High School
Minnesota Vikings	Mike Diggins	Centennial High School
New England Patriots	Allan Fornaro	Xaverian Brothers High School
New York Giants	Nick Aiello	Tioga Central High School
New York Jets	Danny Landberg	Erasmus Hall High School
		St. Thomas More Catholic High School
New Orleans Saints	Jim Hightower	
Philadelphia Eagles	Tim Roken	St. Joseph’s Preparatory School
Pittsburgh Steelers	Mike Warfield	Aliquippa High School
*San Francisco 49ers	Nelson Tran	Independence High School
Seattle Seahawks	Travis Anderson	Anacortes High School
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Clayton Varnum	Durant High School
Tennessee Titans	Tony Brunetti	Pearl Cohn High School

winners will be invited to the 2024 Pro Bowl Games in Orlando, Fla., on Feb. 4 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 to attend the Pro Bowl Games practices for both conferences, on-

field access on Sunday for the culmination of the Pro Bowl Games, and a chance to interact and engage with various members of the football community. The NFL Foundation and Nike have teamed up to provide the two winners a \$15,000 award for

their high school football programs and a \$10,000 cash award. The other 30 club nominees will all receive a \$1,000 cash award. The two winners will also attend Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas as special guests of the NFL. The Don Shula Award winners will be announced in the week prior

to the 2024 Pro Bowl Games, televised on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 3-6 p.m. ET on ESPN, ABC, Disney XD, ESPN+ and ESPN Deportes. The winners will also be recognized and walk the red carpet at NFL Honors, a two-hour primetime awards special to air nationally on Thursday, Feb.

8, at 9 p.m. ET on CBS.

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

• 2022 Don Shula NFL Coach of the Year Award AFC Winner Clive Harding

• 2022 Don Shula NFL Coach of the Year Award NFC Winner Matthew Gallagher

• NFL analyst and former front office executive Scott Pioli

• Pro Football Hall of Famer and current ESPN contributor Peyton Manning

• Pro Football Hall of Fame coach and current NBC analyst Tony Dungy

• Executive Director of USA Football Scott Hallenbeck

• Former All-Pro cornerback & NFL consultant Bobby Taylor

• NFL Legend and NFL Network analyst Michael Robinson

• Aplington-Parkersburg High School Principal Aaron Thomas, son of the school's late football coach Ed Thomas

• NFL Legend, former NFL head coach, and son of the late Coach Shula Dave Shula

• Nike Brand Director of Grass Roots and Team Scott Henson

See on this page the full list of the 2023 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year nominees. For more information on the NFL Foundation, visit nflfoundation.org or follow @NFLFoundation on X.

Jahvon Quinerly named to AAC Weekly Honor Roll



Jahvon Quinerly

IRVING, Texas – University of Memphis point guard Jahvon Quinerly has been named to the American Athletic Conference Honor Roll, the league office announced Monday afternoon. It is the second honor for Quinerly and the sixth for the Tigers as a team.

The Hackensack, New Jersey

product came through clutch last week for the Tigers, drilling two game-winning threes at Tulsa and against SMU. He connected on a three-pointer with 3.2 seconds left to complete a comeback for Memphis as it defeated SMU 62-59 on Sunday. He buried the game-winner with 4.0 seconds to play in Thursday’s 78-75 victory at Tulsa. Quinerly averaged 11.0 points, 2.5 assists and 1.5 rebounds, while connecting on 6-18 from the floor (33.3), 5-of-12 from deep (41.7) and 5-of-6 at the stripe (83.3). His heroics has Memphis riding an 8-game winning streak, tied for the 9th-longest streak in the country.

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Grizzlies release medical update on guard Ja Morant

MEMPHIS, Tenn. Jan. 9, 2024– The Memphis Grizzlies announced the following medical update for guard Ja Morant:

At Saturday’s training session, Morant suffered a subluxation of his right shoulder. Following ongoing soreness and instability,

Morant underwent an MRI that revealed an underlying labral tear.

Morant will undergo season-

ending surgery and is expected to make a full recovery ahead of the 2024-25 season.

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