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DARRELL GREEN AND PIERRE GARCON HEADLINE 2017 WASHINGTON FOOTBALL LEGENDS SCHOLARSHIP GALA

February 2, 2017 (Washington, D.C.) – Washington Football Legends today announced its 2017 award recipients, who will be honored during the **Ninth Annual Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala, Presented by Marriott**, a Charity Benefit Dinner & Auction on March 25 at the Bethesda North Marriott in Bethesda, MD. The 2017 award honorees are:

Bobby Mitchell Champion of the Gridiron
DARRELL GREEN, Washington Redskins Legend

Washington Football Legends Redskins Player of the Year
PIERRE GARCON, Wide Receiver

College Player of the Year, Presented by BMW and Mini of Sterling
JONATHAN ALLEN, Alabama

Herman Boone High School Co-Players of the Year
KASIM HILL, St. John's College High School
CHASE YOUNG, DeMatha Catholic High School

George Michael Excellence in Media
CHRISTINE BRENNAN, USA Today

The Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala honors the achievements of Greater Washington, D.C. area football players, community leaders, members of the media and Washington Redskins legends. The honorees are chosen by a Selection Committee comprised of respected media members **Glenn Harris, Chick Hernandez, Larry Michael** and **Rick "Doc" Walker**.

"The Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala is an annual event that helps us give back to the community, while recognizing outstanding achievement," said former Redskins Quarterback and **Super Bowl XXII MVP Doug Williams**. "Washington D.C. is a special place and a community we all love. The support of **Marriott International, the Washington Redskins** and the **NFL** has been instrumental in making this program a great success."

NBC Washington's **Jim Vance** will again serve as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. To learn more about the Gala, visit www.WashingtonFootballLegends.com, follow on Twitter, or like on Facebook.

2017 AWARD RECIPIENTS



DARRELL GREEN... BOBBY MITCHELL CHAMPION OF THE GRIDIRON

Cornerback ... Spent entire NFL career with the Washington Redskins (1983-2002) ... Widely considered one of the greatest cornerbacks to ever play in the NFL ... Two-time Super Bowl Champion ... Four-time first-team All-Pro ... Seven-time Pro Bowl selection ... Member of the Redskins Ring of Fame ... Named one of the 70 Greatest Redskins ... NFL 1990s All-Decade Team ... Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year (1996) ... Holds 11 NFL records ... 2008 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee.



PIERRE GARÇON... WASHINGTON REDSKINS PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Wide Receiver ... Signed by the Washington Redskins in 2012 ... Currently has a streak of 102 consecutive games with a catch (every game with the Redskins) ... Since joining the Redskins, leads the team with 376 receptions for 4,549 yards and 21 touchdowns ... Traveled to his native Haiti in 2016 to bring medical supplies and bottled water through his Pierre Garçon Helping Hands Foundation ... Named the Washington Redskins 2016 Walter Payton Man of the Year.



JONATHAN ALLEN... COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Defensive End ... University of Alabama ... Recorded 69 tackles, 16 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks in 2016 ... Named SEC Defensive Player of the Year ... Won Bronko Nagurski Trophy as nation's top defensive player ... Two-time All-SEC First-team ... Won 2015 National Championship ... From Stone Bridge High School (Ashburn, VA) ... 2012 Virginia's Gatorade Football Player of the Year ... Recorded 119 tackles, nine sacks, six fumble recoveries and eight pass breakups during high school senior season.



KASIM HILL... HERMAN BOONE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Quarterback ... St. John's College High School (Washington, D.C.) ... Ranked as the nation's No. 6 pro-style quarterback by Rivals.com ... Named Washington, DC's 2016 Gatorade Football Player of the Year ... Passed for 1,431 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2016 ... Rushed for 885 yards and 10 touchdowns on 75 carries ... Led St. John's to the finals of the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference postseason tournament... Committed to play for the Maryland Terrapins.



CHASE YOUNG... HERMAN BOONE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Defensive End ... DeMatha Catholic High School (Montgomery County, MD) ... Five-star recruit who is ranked as the #8 overall prospect in the country by 247Sports and Rivals.com ... As a senior, recorded 118 tackles, 19 sacks, 37 tackles for loss, five forced fumbles and scored two defensive touchdowns ... Washington Post Defensive Player of the Year ... MaxPreps first-team All-American ... Selected to play in the U.S. Army High School All-America Game ... Committed to play for the Ohio State Buckeyes.



CHRISTINE BRENNAN... GEORGE MICHAEL EXCELLENCE IN MEDIA

Award-winning national sports columnist for USA Today ... Commentator for ABC News, CNN, PBS NewsHour and NPR ... Best-selling author of seven books ... Twice named one of the country's top 10 sports columnists by the Associated Press ... Has covered the last 17 Olympic Games, summer and winter ... First woman sports writer at The Miami Herald in 1981 and first woman to cover Washington's NFL team as a staff writer at The Washington Post in 1985 ... First president of the Association for Women in Sports Media (AWSM).

About Washington Football Legends

The Washington Football Legends Scholarship Gala is a nostalgic evening of tribute, food and fun to honor football legends in our nation's capital & provide scholarships for minority higher education assistance. In addition to honoring the greatest football players, sportscasters and philanthropists in the region, the Gala has awarded nearly \$250,000 in grants and scholarships to minority students in the Washington, D.C. area. The evening is hosted annually by the **Joyce & Thomas Moorehead Foundation** and the **Shack Harris & Doug Williams Foundation**.

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