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POLYNESIAN BOWL ANNOUNCES NEW PLAYER COMMITMENTS

Honolulu, HI (November 16, 2016) – The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame announced today that 30 new players have accepted an invitation to play in the inaugural Polynesian Bowl.

This includes 10 nationally ranked players (all rated “four stars”): ESPN 300 (#97) Arizona State commit QB **Ryan Kelley** (Basha; AZ), Rivals 250 (#98) Oregon commit CB **Jaylon Redd** (Rancho Cucamonga; CA), 247 Sports (#101) Arizona commit CB **Greg Johnson** (Augustus Hawkins; CA), Rivals 250 (#123) Washington commit CB **Keith Taylor** (Servite; CA), Scout 300 (#205) Washington commit S **Brandon McKinney** (Lutheran; CA), Scout 300 (#216) WR **Oliver Martin** (West Senior; IA), Scout 300 (#235) WR **Jamire Calvin** (Cathedral; CA), ESPN 300 (#273) California commit WR **Taariq Johnson** (Buena Park; CA), ESPN 300 (#274) Michigan commit DT **Corey Malone-Hatcher** (St. Joseph; MI) and ESPN 300 (#300) California commit **Tyler Lytle** (Servite; CA).

The Polynesian Bowl is a premier high school all-star game that will feature 88 of the world’s elite senior football players of Polynesian heritage and other ancestries. The game will be Saturday, January 21, 2017, 6:00 pm PST at Aloha Stadium in O’ahu, Hawai’i as part of the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Weekend. It will be aired live on ESPN3 (except Hawai’i).

“The inaugural Polynesian Bowl will be the greatest all-star high school football game in Hawai’i history and among the best in the world,” said Chairman and Co-Founder Jesse Sapolu.

Polynesian Bowl by the numbers to date... 76 players accepted their invitation... Players are from 19 different states and the Territory of American Samoa... Half of the players are rated four stars or higher... Player college commitments by conference: **ACC** (3), **BIG10** (5), **PAC12** (23), **SEC** (3), **Undeclared** (43)... Colleges with highest number of commits: Washington (7), Michigan (4), Oregon (4), Arizona (3)... Players nationally ranked by media: **ESPN 300** (22), **247 Sports** (24), **Rivals** (18), **Scout** (21)... QBs ranked in the ESPN 300 (#57 **Tua Tagovailoa**, #61 **Dylan McCaffrey**, #97 **Ryan Kelley**, #300 **Tyler Lytle**).

Other new player commitments... Colorado commit WR **Maurice Bell** (Murrieta Valley; CA), S **Christian Elliss** (Valor Christian; CO), RB **Challen Faamatua** (Farrington; HI), Arizona commit DT **Austin Faoliu** (Mater Dei; CA), Oregon St. commit DE **Lorenzo Fauatea** (Hunter; UT), OT **Mango Finau** (Baldwin; HI), Virginia commit OT **Chris Glaser** (Solon; OH), QB **Armando Herrera** (East Valley; CA), QB **Nick Kapule** (Punahou; HI), OC **Eli Katina** (Centennial; TN), TE **Noah Kema** (Lawrence Free State; KS), DT **Kishaun Ki** (Campbell; HI), OT **Onesimus Lutu-Clarke** (Waianae; HI) CB **Stokes Nihipali-Botelho** (Kahuku; HI), WR **Ryan Ramones** (Moanalua; HI), WR **Jaymin Saron** (Kapolei; HI), CB **Nephi Sewell** (Desert Hills; UT), Arizona commit S **Rhedi Short** (Cathedral; CA), WR **Ethan Takeyama** (Punahou; HI) & Michigan commit RB **Kurt Taylor** (Grayson; GA).

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ABOUT THE POLYNESIAN BOWL

Organized by the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame, the Polynesian Bowl will feature the world's elite high school players of Polynesian heritage and other ancestries. Tennessee Titans QB **Marcus Mariota** (TEAM MARIOTA) and Baltimore Ravens OT **Ronnie Stanley** (TEAM STANLEY) will serve as team captains. Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Inductees **Jack "The Throwin' Samoan" Thompson** and **Olin Kreutz** will serve as honorary head coaches. **June Jones** and **Dick Tomey** will serve as head coaches.

For more information, visit www.PolynesianBowl.com.

Tickets are on sale now via TICKETMASTER