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**The Paris Johnson Junior Foundation**

**Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation Announces Inaugural Ohio High School Offensive Lineman of the Year Award. New award recognizes exceptional senior offensive linemen who demonstrate excellence both on and off the field.**

**CINCINNATI, OH, September 29, 2025** – The Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation is proud to announce the launch of its inaugural Ohio High School Offensive Lineman of the Year award, recognizing outstanding senior offensive linemen who exhibit exceptional traits both on the gridiron and in their communities.

This prestigious new award will honor a senior offensive lineman who demonstrates not only athletic excellence but also exemplifies leadership, academic achievement, and community involvement. The recognition reflects the foundation’s commitment to celebrating the complete student-athlete and the vital role offensive linemen play in team success.

“Offensive linemen are the backbone of any successful football team, but their contributions often go unrecognized,” said Paris Johnson Jr., NFL offensive lineman and founder of the Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation. “This award is about more than just football performance – it’s about celebrating young men who protect their teammates on the field and serve as leaders in their schools and communities. These players embody the values of hard work, dedication, and selflessness that make great offensive linemen and even better people.”

The initial “Watch List” will be announced with candidates being evaluated based on football performance, academic standing, leadership qualities, and community involvement. Working in conjunction with the OHSAA, the “Finalists” will be invited to the Ohio Football State Championship Game where the winner of the inaugural Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation Ohio High School Offensive Lineman of the Year award will be announced.

“We’re thrilled to launch this inaugural award that shines a spotlight on some of Ohio’s most deserving young athletes,” said Monica Daniels, Executive Director of the Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation. “These offensive linemen work tirelessly often without recognition, and this award ensures their dedication both on and off the field receives the attention it deserves. We look forward to celebrating these remarkable student-athletes and their contributions to their teams and communities.”

The Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation is dedicated to empowering young people through education, athletics, and community service, with a focus on recognizing and supporting student-athletes who demonstrate excellence in all aspects of their lives.

### **About The Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation**

The Paris Johnson Jr. Foundation was founded in 2018 by Paris Johnson Jr. and his family. Paris, the #6 pick in the NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals, and former All American Offensive Lineman for the Ohio State Buckeyes, was also a 3X Scholar Athlete, Academic All-Big 10 and graduated in three years with a degree in Journalism from tOSU. The Foundation is dedicated to empowering and serving disabled veterans and disadvantaged student athletes with dignity and respect. These goals are accomplished by ensuring that disabled veterans, student athletes and their families can obtain helpful resources that benefit them. Through the family's faith, and desire to elevate those who need it most, they created the foundation to help lift Ohio communities and beyond. To learn more, visit the [website](#) or follow on [Twitter](#).

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