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351 NFL Draft Picks 🏆 82 First-Round NFL Draft Picks 🏆 120 NFL Pro Bowlers 🏆 43 Super Bowl Champions 🏆 Two Heisman Trophy Winners
152 NCAA First Team All-Americans 🏆 Seven Maxwell Award Winners 🏆 10 NFL Rookies of the Year

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Presented by American Family Insurance selects Class of 2018 teammates Shayne Simon and Jayson Ademilola as U.S. Army All-Americans

ROCKAWAY, N.J. (September 27, 2017) – St. Peter’s Prep teammates - and future Notre Dame teammates - Shayne Simon and Jayson Ademilola (Jersey City, NJ/St. Peter’s Prep) were officially selected today as 2018 U.S. Army All-Americans during a celebratory selection event at their school. Having been selected to play in the eighteenth edition of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Presented by American Family Insurance, Simon and Ademilola will play in the annual East vs. West matchup on Saturday, January 6, 2018 in the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. The Bowl will be nationally televised, live on NBC at 12:00 Noon CST, and will feature the nation’s top 100 high school football players.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl consistently draws an annual crowd upwards of 40,000 to the Alamodome and is the most-watched high school sporting event of each year, with 5.1-million viewers tuning in to last year’s broadcast.

“To be an Army All-American takes drive, determination, and discipline, but also, a strong character that embodies the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage,” said Mark S. Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for marketing. “Shayne and Jayson have demonstrated that they are disciplined both on and off the football field, and the U.S. Army is honored to welcome them to this year’s elite U.S. Army All-American Bowl team.”

Simon and Ademilola were selected by the All-American Bowl Selection Committee, consisting of All American Games and 247Sports. U.S. Army All-Americans are eligible for the U.S. Army Player of the Year Award, the Anthony Muñoz Lineman of the Year Award, the American Family Insurance Defensive Player of the Year Award, the Lockheed Martin Defensive Back of the Year Award, the Pete Dawkins MVP Award, and the Felix “Doc” Blanchard and Glenn Davis Awards.

As a result of Simon and Ademilola being selected as U.S. Army All-Americans, St. Peter’s coach Rich Hansen is invited to travel to San Antonio to attend the U.S. Army Coaches Academy, an elite three-day learning experience, and participate in Bowl Week activities.

“Dreams are not wishes; dreams are not achieved without a plan, a lot of hard work and dedication,” said Telisa Yancy, chief marketing officer for American Family Insurance. “American Family Insurance is honored to celebrate the achievements of these All-Americans who pursue their dreams tirelessly and make the commitment to do whatever it takes to make them come true.”

For 18 years, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has been the nation’s premier high school all-star event and football game, serving as the preeminent launching pad for America’s future college and NFL stars. Odell Beckham Jr., Andrew Luck, Eric Berry, Tim Tebow, and Sam Darnold are just some who made their national debuts as U.S. Army All-Americans. A total of 351 U.S. Army All-American alumni have been selected in NFL Drafts. Last year’s Bowl drew an all-time record crowd of 40,568 to the Alamodome.

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl Presented by American Family Insurance is owned and produced by All American Games, a New Jersey-based sports marketing and event management company.

For more information on the U.S. Army All-American Bowl and its related events visit usarmyallamericanbowl.com, goarmy.com/events/aab, and allamericangames.com. Connect with all #ArmyBowl activity at [fb.com/ArmyAllAmerican](https://www.facebook.com/ArmyAllAmerican), or at the official Twitter (@ArmyAllAmerican) and Instagram (@armyallamericanbowl) accounts.

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