

Archie Manning

When people think of Archie Manning, they think football. But Archie's appeal transcends his athletic achievements. People far and wide have been inspired by his warm personality, his drive and sense of humor. He was recently selected as one of 10 outstanding New Orleanians by Family Service of Greater New Orleans and named Hornblower of the Year by the Public Relations Society of America. He currently serves in public relations and consulting capacities for several local, regional and national companies. He hosts four Archie Manning Cystic Fibrosis benefit golf tournaments in Louisiana and Mississippi and is active in a wide variety of charitable and civic causes.

Archie Manning was born May 19, 1949, in Drew, Mississippi. He attended the University of Mississippi where he was named an All-American Quarterback and is the only Ole Miss player to have his number retired. He was voted Mississippi's Greatest All-Time Athlete in 1992, and recently named Mississippi's Most Popular Athlete of the Century. He was elected to the 50-Year All-South Team (1940-1990), named one of the Top 25 Athletes of the Century in Louisiana and he and his son Peyton were named among the 100 All-Time Greatest College Football Players. Archie was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame and is a member of other Hall of Fame including Louisiana and Mississippi.

While in pro football, he received the Byron "Whizzer" White Humanitarian Award, the Bart Starr Humanitarian Award, the Spirit of Good Sports Award from the national Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association and the U.S. Jaycees named him one of 10 Outstanding Young Americans. In 2005, Archie Manning received the Legends award from the Davie O'Brien Foundation, and the Aspire Award, a tribute to life's coaches, from the Cal Ripken Foundation.

His community activities include Louisiana Special Olympics, the New Orleans Area Boy Scout Council, the Salvation Army, United Way Speakers Bureau, NOKIA Sugar Bowl Committee, New Orleans Sports Foundation, and National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

His son, Cooper, is an institutional broker in New Orleans, and father of Archie and Olivia's granddaughter, May and grandson, Arch. Peyton is a former All-American at Tennessee. As quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts, he was named MVP in the National Football League in 2003, 2004, and Super Bowl MVP in 2007. In 2004 he broke Dan Marino's record by throwing for 49 touchdowns. Eli set 47 school records as quarterback of the Ole Miss Football team and in 2003 received the Maxwell Trophy as the Outstanding Player in College Football. Eli was named as the MVP of Super Bowl XLII as the quarterback of the New York Giants and was the #1 selection in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Archie and Peyton have written a book entitled, *Manning: A Father, His Sons, and a Football Legacy*. He and his boys also operate the Manning passing Academy, a summer camp for high school quarterbacks and receivers. In honor of the Mannings' college football accomplishments, the Sugar Bowl has created the Manning Award to go with the nation's best college quarterback.