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***Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* announces 2017 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Finalists**

FAIRFAX, Va., March 24, 2017 — *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* magazine has announced the Male and Female finalists for the 2017 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Award. The finalists will be profiled in the April 6, 2017, edition. The finalists are:

Male:

- 1st Runner Up**, Tim Crawley, Football, San José State University
- 2nd Runner Up**, O'Terrius Howard, Football, The University of Alabama
- 3rd Runner Up**, Braxton Berrios, Football, University of Miami

Female:

- 1st Runner Up**, Gabrielle Batista, Soccer, Molloy College
- 2nd Runner Up**, Lucia Polo, Golf, University of Tennessee
- 3rd Runner Up**, Aldila Sutjiadi, Tennis, University of Kentucky

A scholar and athlete, Ashe sought to expand opportunities for young people. Each year [*Diverse: Issues In Higher Education*](#) invites every postsecondary institution in the country to participate in this awards program by nominating their outstanding sports scholars. In addition to their athletic ability, students named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2; and be active on their campuses or in their community.

Past Ashe scholars include: Baylor University's Robert Griffin III (2011); the University of Tennessee's Kara Lawson (2003); San Diego State University's Marshall Faulk (1993); and the University of Kansas' Jaque Vaughn (1996), just to name a few scholar-athletes who have gone on to achieve great success.

The year's class has over 1,200 scholars, including Stanford University's Simone Manuel, four-time Olympic medalist (two gold, two silver) and first African-American woman to win an individual Olympic gold medal in swimming. And Men's Basketball Team Winner, Nigel Williams-Goss of Gonzaga University who is participating in the 2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament and the Final Four.

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