



Archie Manning

When people think of Archie Manning, they think football. But Manning'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. For 25 years he hosted four Archie Manning Cystic Fibrosis benefit golf tournaments in Louisiana and Mississippi and is active in a wide variety of charitable and civic causes.

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. Manning was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Hall of Fame and is a member of other Halls of Fame including Louisiana and Mississippi.

In 1971, Manning was the second player chosen in the NFL draft – the number one draft choice of the New Orleans Saints. He set Saints passing records, played in two Pro Bowls and was named the NFC Offensive Player of the Year in 1978. He was the first player in Saints history to be inducted into the Louisiana Superdome Wall of Fame. He concluded his 15-year career in 1985. He was also drafted four times by major league baseball.

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 Manning received the Legends award from the Davey O'Brien Foundation and the Aspire award, a tribute to life's coaches, from the Cal Ripken Foundation. Manning was honored by the United States Sports Academy with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award. Also, he recently received the Silver Buffalo, the Boy Scouts of America's highest award. Manning and his wife Olivia were recipients of the National Pathfinder Award for their work in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans.

His community activities include Louisiana Special Olympics, the New Orleans Area Boy Scout Council, the Salvation Army, United Way Speakers Bureau, All State Sugar Bowl Committee, New Orleans Sports Foundation, and he was recently named Chairman of the Board of the National Football Foundation.



Manning and his wife Olivia reside in New Orleans and have three sons, Cooper, Peyton, and Eli.

Cooper is an institutional broker in New Orleans, and father of Manning and Olivia's granddaughter, May and grandsons, Arch and Heid (pronounced 'hide'). Peyton is a former All-American at Tennessee and was the first player chosen in the 1998 NFL draft. As quarterback for the Denver Broncos, he was named MVP in the NFL four times. He has been selected to the Pro Bowl ten times. In 2006, he won the Walter Payton Award as the "NFL Man of the Year." He led the Colts to Super Bowl XLI Championship and was named MVP of the game. 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. He was the #1 selection in the 2004 NFL Draft. Eli led the Giants to Super XLII Championship and was named MVP of the game. He was selected to the 2008 Pro Bowl.

Manning 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 to the nation's best college quarterback.