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PRESIDENT OF TIRE GROUP INTERNATIONAL, JOAQUIN GONZALEZ JR., INDUCTED INTO UM SPORTS HALL OF FAME

MIAMI, FL - April 14, 2017 - Joaquin Gonzalez Jr., President of Tire Group International, was formally inducted into University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame at the 48th Annual UMSHoF Induction Banquet.

Gonzalez Jr., a former professional National Football League offensive tackle for the Cleveland Browns and the Indianapolis Colts attended Columbus High School in Miami, Florida where he was named *Student Athlete of the Year*. As a senior, Gonzalez was named as *Most Valuable Offensive Lineman* and was an Honorable Mention All-Dade County selection.

As a freshman at the University of Miami, Gonzalez earned All-American honors and was the only offensive lineman in Big East history to be named *Rookie of the Year*. He earned All-American honors in 2000 as a junior and again in 2001. In 2001, Gonzalez was the recipient of *William V. Campbell Trophy* (formerly Vincent de Paul Draddy Trophy), which is referred to as the "Academic Heisman". This was an award that he would have in common with future NFL Hall of Famer and former teammate, Peyton Manning. A four-year starter, two-time All-American and one of the captains for Miami's 2001 National Championship team, Gonzalez set a school record with his 49th consecutive start against Nebraska in the 2002 Rose Bowl game.

Gonzalez has a B.S. in Business Administration and an MBA in Marketing and is a three-time recipient of the *Mariutto Family Scholar Athlete of the Year* award (1998, 2000, 2001) and the 1999 *Walter Kichefski Endowed Football Scholarship* winner, given annually by the UM Sports Hall of Fame.

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