



## For Immediate Release

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### **U.S. Air Force Academy and University of South Alabama (USA) Selected to Play in the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl on December 30**

**TUCSON, Ariz., December 4, 2016** – On the heels of their exciting fall seasons, the Falcons of the U.S. Air Force Academy and the Jaguars of the University of South Alabama have been invited to play at the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl on December 30 at 3:30 pm at Arizona Stadium.

The invitations were personally extended to Falcons Coach Troy Calhoun and Jaguars Coach Joey Jones earlier today.

“We’ve enjoyed following the progress of these talented football teams all season long and have been so impressed with their performance and their growth on the gridiron,” said Ali Farhang, chairman of the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl. “Coaches Calhoun and Jones and these young men have a lot to be proud of, and we’re really looking forward to the energy and spirit that both teams will bring to our bowl.”

Capping off their regular season with a 9 – 3 overall record, the Air Force Academy Falcons operate under a strong ground attack, racking up over 3800 yards on the turf this season. Tim McVey found the endzone 10 times for the Falcons averaging a staggering 8.3 yards per carry on 80 attempts. By comparison, the Air Force defense stuffs their opponents running attack giving up only 1416 yards rushing in twelve games. Senior Weston Steelhammer, three-time first-team all-Mountain West selection, leads the defense with 17 career interceptions.

The feisty Jaguars, which chalked-up a regular season overall record of 6 – 6, look to bookend their season with monster wins after opening the 2016 campaign with a 21-20 upset win over SEC foe Mississippi State in Starkville. Add in a win over MWC Champion San Diego State and the Jags are proven big game winners. Led by the offensive prowess of quarterback Dallas Davis, South Alabama will take to an air attack that racked up nearly 2500 yards receiving. Posting over 500 yards of total offense in the regular season finale, South Alabama will look to light up the night in Arizona.

“Both these schools have large and loyal student, alumni, and fan bases, and we can certainly expect their high-decibel contributions to join all the other action at Arizona Stadium on December 30,” said Farhang.

Both teams will formally be announced at a Selection Sunday event at Sir Veza’s Taco Garage in Tucson today at 1:00 pm MST. Fans not able to attend the event in person are encouraged to tune in at 2:00 pm MST on [campusinsiders.com/nova-arizona-bowl](http://campusinsiders.com/nova-arizona-bowl) where Campus Insiders, the Bowl’s official digital media partner, will be the first to showcase the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl matchup with a Live Selection Show. The Selection Day special will feature an inside look at the teams, players, and keys to the game with insider interviews and expert analysis.

American Sports Network will televise the game live. In Tucson, the game will be carried by KWBA-TV, the local CW affiliate, on channel 8 on Cox and Comcast and channel 58 on Direct TV and DISH Network. To see a full list of the stations that will carry the game across the United States, please visit <http://www.novaarizonabowl.com/the-game/where-to-watch-it>

Campus Insiders will stream the event live, making an enhanced production available nearly anywhere fans want to watch it, free of charge. Fans will be able to watch the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl Game on [CampusInsiders.com](http://CampusInsiders.com), on the go through the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl Gameday App (Apple and Android) and go90, as well as on streaming and connected devices including Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Roku, Xbox and Sling TV.

#### About the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl

Owned and operated by TD4Tucson, a Tucson-based non-profit organization, the NOVA Home Loans Arizona Bowl will kick off on December 30, 2016, at 3:30 pm MST at Arizona Stadium. In its debut last year, the bowl raised more than \$85,000 for local charities and contributed \$16 million in local economic impact. This year’s game will feature teams from the Mountain West and Sun Belt Conferences, with partnership support from the American Sports Network, Arizona Sports and Entertainment Commission, and Campus Insiders. For more information visit [www.NOVAArizonaBowl.com](http://www.NOVAArizonaBowl.com), and follow all the latest action on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @novaAZBOWL.

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