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Pine City's Andrew Blake to receive Scholar-Athlete Award

**MINNEAPOLIS, March 25, 2014** - The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation unveiled Tuesday its 2014 scholar-athlete award winners. The eight scholar-athletes reside in communities across the state of Minnesota and will be recognized at the seventh annual Minnesota Football Honors Awards Event, to be held May 4 at the Hilton Minneapolis. This year's winners were chosen for their academic excellence, displays of outstanding leadership, and commitment to their communities. This year's scholar athletes represent a cumulative grade point average of 3.9.

Andrew Blake, a linebacker for Pine City High School, combined a stellar season on the gridiron with excellent academic performance and involvement in the community in 2013. A two-year starter at linebacker, Blake also started on the offensive side of the ball at guard in his senior season to help his team. A captain for the Dragons in 2013, Blake was an All-Conference honorable mention and recipient of the Derek Rootkie Award from his school.

In the classroom, Blake challenged himself by taking several Advanced Placement (AP) classes, including U.S. History and Psychology. He performed admirably, earning a place on the Principal's List each quarter of his high school career. Further, he attended the Nobel Conference as a junior while also participating in National Honor Society (NHS). He was the president of his NHS chapter his senior year.

Blake has been very active in the community, lending his time to Feed My Starving Children, Habitat for Humanity, and his local homeless shelter and food shelf. Perhaps most notably, he has been on three mission trips to help underprivileged children and hurricane victims. Andrew's parents are Dan and Joanne.

About the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation:

The mission of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation is to serve Minnesota and the nation by developing leadership, sportsmanship, competitive spirit, and academic excellence in America's youth through promoting amateur football. The annual Minnesota Football Honors Awards Event, presented by the Minnesota Vikings, will be held on May 4, 2014, at the Hilton Minneapolis. The event is open to the public; tickets may be purchased online by visiting [www.nffmn.org](http://www.nffmn.org). The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation may be contacted through [www.nffmn.org](http://www.nffmn.org) or on Twitter via @nffmn.