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Rothsay's Brett Brenden to receive Scholar-Athlete Award

MINNEAPOLIS, March 25, 2014 - The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation unveiled its 2014 high school 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.

Rothsay's Brett Brenden had an excellent year both in the classroom and on the field in 2013. A starter both as a running back and linebacker, Brenden was named a 2012 North Tri-County All-Conference player and a 2013 All-Conference honorable mention. As a team captain, he also led his conference in multiple statistical categories.

Even though his on-field performance was impressive, his work in the classroom was even more outstanding. Brenden was named to the 2013 Academic All-State team and was at the top of his high school class since his freshman year. He has also been on the A Honor Roll for his entire high school career and was a member of the National Honor Society as a junior.

Brenden's work in the community was also notable. In particular, he devoted a great deal of time as the vice president of the Oscar/Trondjhem 4-H Club. He also was selected as a leader with Students for the Community Energy Challenge, an effort organized by the Otter Tail Power Company to help reduce energy consumption in his community. Brett's parents are Kevin and Julie.

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. The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation may be contacted through www.nffmn.org or on Twitter via @nffmn.