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Minneapolis Washburn's Tobias Knight 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.

Tobias Knight, an outside linebacker and fullback for Minneapolis' Washburn High School, was a "true asset to [his] team," according to his head coach. A two-year starter and an All-Conference winner for the Millers, Knight led the team in tackles his senior season. While on the team, the Millers went 23-11. Knight did not confine his athleticism to the football field, however, participating in wrestling, baseball, and lacrosse as well.

In the classroom, Knight excelled, participating in International Baccalaureate classes and providing tutelage to other students. He intends to major in economics or finance and was selected to participate in the Accounting Career Awareness Program accounting summer camp in Minneapolis prior to his senior year.

Knight is also an active member of 4-H, and he enjoys showing livestock and other animals at the Minnesota State Fair each summer. Tobias' mother is Jacie.

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.