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Minnesota Vikings Cheerleader to be First Recipient of Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation's Outstanding Cheerleader Award

Minneapolis, March 7, 2014 - The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation announced today that the inaugural Outstanding Cheerleader Award will be presented to Christina Gekas Taylor, member of the 2013 Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders. Gekas Taylor will be recognized at the 2014 **Minnesota Football Honors** Awards Event, presented by the Minnesota Vikings. The seventh annual event, to be held on May 4th, 2014, will take place at the Hilton Minneapolis.

While attending college at the University of Kansas, Gekas Taylor's love of dance led to travel to several destinations, including India and South Africa, where she was a cheerleader for cricket teams. Her experience at Kansas helped her win a place on the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders as a rookie for the 2013 season. Since she joined the MVC, she has been able to perform for hundreds of thousands of Vikings fans and travel with the team to represent the NFL in London this past fall.

Gekas Taylor has been a lifelong dancer, and her commitment to that community extends beyond her appearances with the Vikings. In the past, she has coached the dance team at Park Center Senior High School. She currently works as a counselor for social and emotional support at the same high school, and she works with students to help them plan and prepare for post-secondary opportunities.

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 4th, 2014, at the Hilton Minneapolis. The event is open to the public, and tickets may be purchased online by visiting www.nffmn.org.