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**MN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD WINNERS**

*Tommy Auger, St. Cloud Cathedral High School*

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN - April 7, 2015** - The Minnesota Chapter of The National Football Foundation is excited to announce the 2015 Scholar Athlete award winners. The nine scholar-athletes reside in communities across the state of Minnesota and will be recognized at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Football Honors on May 3, 2015 at the Hilton Minneapolis. This year's winners were chosen for their academic excellence, displays of outstanding leadership, and commitment to their communities.

As a St. Cloud Cathedral High School senior, Tommy Auger put up some impressive numbers. The AP All-State tight end led Minnesota with 90 receptions, the third-most in state high school history. He was also the Granite Ridge Conference Linebacker of the Year and the Crusaders' offensive and defensive MVP. He is the school's all-time leading receiver and ranks second in career tackles. Auger has played four varsity sports for the Crusaders, with hockey, baseball and basketball in addition to football.

Auger is also a four-year A student. He has been on Cathedral's dean's list or honor list every semester. Auger has taken five Advanced Placement courses. He intends to study accounting and play football and baseball at St. John's.

Auger's community involvement includes volunteering with the Special Friends Program at St. Cloud Children's home, campus ministry, Toys for Tots and youth sports clinics. Tommy's parents are Andy and Libby.

Eight other young men will receive recognition as outstanding high school Scholar-Athletes. All of the athletes were nominated by their football coaches and were evaluated on their academic achievement, football ability, performance, leadership, attitude, and service to their community. Other 2015 honorees are Trey Anderson (White Bear Lake Area High School), Ben Ellefson (Hawley High School), Gunnar Grimsrud (Rochester Mayo High School), Ismael Kamara (Harding High School), Taylor Otterstatter (Mayer Lutheran High School), Ben Shoults (Maple Grove High School), John Solberg (Cambridge-Isanti High School), and Mitchell Stangel (Crosby-Ironton High School).

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Football Honors, presented by the Minnesota Vikings, will take place Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Hilton Minneapolis. College and professional football Hall of Fame inductees are scheduled to attend the event, and WCCO-TV news personality Frank Vascellaro will return for his eighth year as Master of Ceremonies. The event is open to the public. To register or for additional information about this year's Minnesota Football Honors, please visit [www.minnesotafootballhonors.com](http://www.minnesotafootballhonors.com). For sponsorship information, please email [lindsay@nffmn.org](mailto:lindsay@nffmn.org).

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The Minnesota Chapter of The National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and develop the power of amateur football in developing the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, competitive spirit and academic excellence in Minnesota's young people. The MN Chapter recognizes

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