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**MOHAMED MAHAMUD TO RECEIVE MINNESOTA FOOTBALL HONORS  
STACY ROBINSON LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN – April 5, 2016** - Mohamed Mahamud has not only succeeded in overcoming obstacles, but has become a leader to his peers. For his strong character as well as academic and athletic merits, the Minneapolis Washburn senior is being recognized with the Stacy Robinson Leadership Award. The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation will present the award at the 9th Annual Minnesota Football Honors on April 17 at the Hilton Minneapolis.

On the gridiron, Mahamud earned all-district accolades. The cornerback and wide receiver was a three-year starter for the Millers and served as a captain his senior year. Mahamud hauled in 11 interceptions during his prep career. He led teammates by example and clear communication rather than yelling, and adjusted to whatever role he was assigned. Mahamud also played basketball and participated in track and field for Washburn.

In a close decision his freshman year, Mahamud chose football over soccer, a sport more popular in Somalia, from which his parents came to the United States. They came to America seeking refuge from war. Knowing that his parents left everything they had behind them to start a new life, Mahamud has not taken anything for granted. He has worked hard to earn his athletic and academic merits, and the respect he has from his peers.

In addition to being a standout athlete and captain on his school teams, Mahamud has also worked on Washburn's yearbook shown leadership as a member of student council. He and his siblings are his family's first generation to attend college, and he plans to major in business and marketing while continuing his football career at Gustavus Adolphus College. Mohamed's parents are Tukri and Maryan.

"My experiences with Mohamed have been nothing but stellar," said Washburn dean of students Giovan Jenkins. "His ability to collaborate with others has never been in question. Mohamed's decision to make great choices when so many of his peers struggle has been a pleasure to observe. He has decided to distance himself from those students who are not serious about education and personal growth. Mohamed understands the importance of an education and has made it his mission to excel at an extremely high rate."

The 9th Annual Minnesota Football Honors event is presented by the Minnesota Vikings. College and professional football Hall of Fame inductees are scheduled to attend, and WCCO-TV news personality Frank Vascellaro will return for his ninth 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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