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**NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA CENTRAL'S KELLEN ERPENBACH NAMED  
A MINNESOTA FOOTBALL HONORS SCHOLAR ATHLETE**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN - April 14, 2017** - The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation is pleased to announce Norwood Young America Central High School senior Kellen Erpenbach as a 2017 Scholar Athlete. Erpenbach and the other winners, chosen for academic excellence, leadership and community involvement, will be recognized at the 10 Year Anniversary of the Minnesota Football Honors on Sunday, May 7 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Erpenbach helped his team make two state tournament appearances during his career. He was a regular starting defensive back for three years, and switched from quarterback to wide receiver between his junior and senior season. Erpenbach earned All-District, All-Section and All-Area honors as a senior with 38 catches for 600 yards, and three interceptions. He has also earned All-Conference honors and captained his team in basketball and golf.

An "A" honor roll student, Erpenbach has received numerous Spotlight on Scholarship Awards in four different sports. He was chosen as Norwood Young America Central's 2016 Academic All-Star. The current student council president plans to major in education or business in college.

Erpenbach has accumulated close to 300 service hours during high school, inside and outside of his National Honor Society activities. He has given much of his time volunteering at youth sports camps and elementary school activities. Erpenbach has also volunteered at Red Cross blood drives, church events and fundraising efforts for various causes.

The 10 Year Anniversary of the Minnesota Football Honors will be held Sunday, May 7, 2017 at U.S. Bank Stadium. College and professional football Hall of Fame inductees are scheduled to attend to celebrate the best of Minnesota football. The largest football awards event in the state is presented by the Minnesota Vikings. The event is open to the public. To register or find additional information about this year's Minnesota Football Honors, please visit [www.minnesotafotballhonors.com](http://www.minnesotafotballhonors.com). For sponsorship information, please email [lindsay@nffmn.org](mailto:lindsay@nffmn.org).

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**About the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation:**

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 legendary football icons, college football Hall of Famers and Minnesota's top high school and college football scholar athletes. For more information, visit [www.nffmn.org](http://www.nffmn.org), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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