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**ZUMBROTA-MAZEPPA'S JACOB BENNETT NAMED
A MINNESOTA FOOTBALL HONORS SCHOLAR ATHLETE**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - April 3, 2019 - Jacob Bennett of Zumbrota-Mazeppa High School has been named a Scholar Athlete by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation. He and the other honorees will be recognized at the 12th Annual Minnesota Football Honors on Saturday, April 27 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

To cap off a high school career in which he earned the Cougars' offensive or defensive MVP award each year, Bennett played in the Minnesota Football Showcase at U.S. Bank Stadium. Playing both running back and linebacker, the four-time all-conference selection led his team in rushing and tackles all four years, and in return yardage three times. He also wrestled for a team that won back-to-back state championships. Bennett committed to continue his football career at Minnesota State.

In recognition of both athletic and academic achievement, Bennett has received the ExCEL Award and Academic All-State accolades. He is a National Honor Society member and honor roll student. In addition to his athletic scholarship at Minnesota State, he also received an academic scholarship, and is interested in studying sports medicine.

Bennett has volunteered his time as a youth football coach and a senior mentor. He has also put in significant community service hours through National Honor Society.

The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation will host the 12th Annual Minnesota Football Honors on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at U.S. Bank Stadium. The event is presented by the Minnesota Vikings and is the largest football awards event in Minnesota. Doors open at 2 p.m. for the 4 p.m. event. The event is open to the public. For additional information about this year's Minnesota Football Honors and to purchase tickets, please visit www.minnesotafootballhonors.com. For sponsorship information, please email sean@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, [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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