



**For Immediate Release:**

**CLOQUET'S RILEY LESLIE NAMED  
A MINNESOTA FOOTBALL HONORS SCHOLAR ATHLETE**

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN - April 2, 2019** - Riley Leslie of Cloquet 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.

Leslie quarterbacked and captained the Lumberjacks to a Section 7AAAA runner-up finish in 2018. He earned 7AAAA All-Section and all-district recognition as a senior. Leslie was a two-year starter as a defensive back, including during the Lumberjacks' 2017 season in which they made an appearance in the state championship. He also played basketball and ran track for Cloquet.

Academically Leslie ranks in the top five of his class. He takes college-level and honors courses and has been on the honor roll every year. Leslie is a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to continue his education at the University of Minnesota Duluth and is interested in studying science and engineering.

Leslie has been heavily involved in his school and surrounding community. He was a member of Cloquet's Link Crew welcoming new students at the start of the year. He also spent significant hours helping with the Cloquet Theatre set, working in the basketball concession stand, assisting with youth football equipment distribution, helping at a holiday expo and more.

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](http://www.minnesotafootballhonors.com). For sponsorship information, please email [sean@nffmn.org](mailto:sean@nffmn.org).

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