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“Honoring Legends-Inspiring Leaders”

2nd Annual Awards Dinner

April 19, 2009

University of St. Thomas

6:00 PM

The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2nd Annual 2009 “Honoring Legends-Inspiring Leaders” Awards Dinner. I am pleased to announce that in 2008, the National Football Foundation officially recognized the Minnesota Chapter as reaching “charter status” faster than any other chapter in the 60 year history of the organization.

The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, is proud to recognize our legends, leaders, and scholar-athletes. Congratulations to our award winners and to all those who are present tonight to support these outstanding achievements.

Lastly, I would like to thank our current members and invite others to join our team. Our goal is to honor those who embody the mission of the NFF and enrich the football traditions of Minnesota.

*Sincerely,
Sean Gothier
President, Minnesota Chapter*

Mission Statement of NFF-MN

Our mission is to serve Minnesota and the nation by developing leadership, sportsmanship, competitive spirit, and academic excellence in America’s youth through promoting amateur football.

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- 1. Inspire excellence through Minnesota and College Football Hall of Fame player and coach role models.*
- 2. Highlight the educational and character-building benefits of football through youth programs.*
- 3. Honor, publicize, and financially support student-athlete football players.*

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Frank Vascellaro

Master of Ceremonies



Frank Vascellaro debuted on WCCO 4 News at 6 on Thursday, June 29, 2006. Prior to joining the WCCO-TV family, Frank worked at KARE 11 Television anchoring the 5, 6 and 10 p.m. news. During his nine years at the station, he hosted KARE 11 Saturday and anchored the early morning news, KARE 11 Sunrise for seven years. Frank also worked at WAND-TV in Decatur, Ill. as a weekend anchor/reporter. Frank's broadcasting experience also includes anchoring the 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m. newscasts at WHOI-TV in Peoria, Ill.

A Denver, Colo. native, Frank spent nearly a year at the United States Air Force Academy before transferring to the University of Colorado at Boulder. He later studied broadcasting at Columbia College in Chicago, Ill.

Frank is an Honorary Chair of the Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery. He is also involved with a number of charities and organizations in the Twin Cities.

He and his wife, Amelia, have three children: Sam, Joseph, and Francesca.

John Gagliardi

Featured Speaker



The first active head coach to be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame (Class of 2006) and the 2009 American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA) Amos Alonzo Stagg Award recipient, Saint John's University legendary head coach John Gagliardi ended his record 60th season as a collegiate head football coach and 56th season as head coach in Collegeville in 2008. The winningest coach all-time in college football history, Gagliardi (Guh-lahr-dee) ended the 2008 season with a 461-125-11 (.782) collegiate career record and a 437-119-10 (.781) record at SJU. Gagliardi's 60 years of collegiate coaching is the most in college football history, surpassing the old record of 57 years held by former University of Chicago and University of the Pacific coach Amos Alonzo Stagg (1890-1946).

The 2007 *Liberty Mutual* Division III Coach of the Year, Gagliardi tied the all-time collegiate win record, held by former Grambling State head coach Eddie Robinson, on Nov. 1, 2003 and broke the all-time record on Nov. 8, 2003 on the way to a perfect 14-0 season and an NCAA Division III championship. Gagliardi also broke Robinson's record for the most games coach in college football history (588) Sept. 20, 2008 against Concordia-Moorhead.

Gagliardi's coaching career began when his high school coach at Trinidad (Colo.) Catholic was drafted into World War II, Gagliardi, as captain, took over the reins at the age of 16 in 1943. His teams won four conference titles in Gagliardi's six years of coaching high school at Trinidad Catholic and St. Mary's in Colorado Springs. After graduation from Colorado College in 1949, his first college coaching position was at Carroll College in Helena, Mont. The college was thinking about dropping football because of losing seasons and lack of interest. Gagliardi led Carroll to three conference titles in his first four seasons as a college coach. Gagliardi coached basketball and baseball and also won championships.

His success caught the attention of Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn. Saint John's needed a coach to succeed the legendary Johnny "Blood" McNally, a charter member of the Professional Football Hall of Fame. Compared to Carroll, Saint John's football program was healthy before Gagliardi's arrival but not exactly thriving. SJU had not won a conference title in 15 years. Gagliardi took over the program in 1953 with a mandate to turn the program around. Meanwhile, Blood offered this gloomy prediction: "Nobody could ever win at Saint John's." Once again, Gagliardi surprised the skeptics by winning the MIAC title that fall. He also won championships with SJU's track team, and he also coached the SJU hockey team for five seasons, compiling a 42-25-1 record, which is still the best career winning percentage of any hockey coach in school history.

After 56 seasons, Gagliardi's teams still set the standard for MIAC competitors. He has coached four national championship teams (1963, 1965, 1976 and 2003), and made the 2000 national title game. His teams have reached the national semifinals as well in 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 2001 and 2002. In 2001, Gagliardi became only the third coach in NCAA college football history to coach 500 career games. As a collegiate coach, Gagliardi's teams have won 29 conference titles (including three at Carroll), including 2006 and 2008, and have appeared in 57 post-season games. In the past 42 years, SJU has been nationally ranked 41 times, and it owns a 39-18 postseason record. In 1993, SJU averaged 61.5 points per game, setting a record that might never be broken.

In 1993, Josten's and the SJU J-Club unveiled the new Gagliardi Trophy that goes to the nation's outstanding Division III player.

Gagliardi's success is attributable to more than mere football strategy and tactics. He is an astute judge of talent. He creates an environment of fun and high expectations and he concentrates on methods and practices that truly focus on winning football games. In short, Gagliardi's approach is one of concentration at the critical point and flawless execution. It is accomplished through a practice regimen that is purposeful -- emphasizing repetition and fundamentals.

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2nd Annual Awards Dinner

Welcome and Introductions

Sean Gothier
President, Minnesota Chapter

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Frank Vascellaro, WCCO TV

Special Attendee Recognition

Introduction of College Hall of Fame Members

~Dinner~

Q & A session with Randall McDaniel

2009 Award Presentations

Outstanding Football Officiating Award

“Lefty” Yurek

Fred Zamberletti Award

Gary Smith

Play It Smart PRIDE Award

Mychal Frelix
St. Paul Central High School

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Courage Award	Ryan Goetzinger Caledonia Area High School
Scholar Athlete	Anders Lee Edina High School
Scholar Athlete	Paul Berndt Mankato West High School
Scholar Athlete	Ryan Robinson St. Thomas Academy
Scholar Athlete	Kyle Mulrooney Andover High School
Scholar Athlete	Joe Novitzki Totino-Grace High School
Scholar Athlete	Mike Seidel Woodbury High School
Distinguished Minnesotan Award	Jim Malosky Sr. Former UMD Head Football Coach
Featured Speaker	John Gagliardi Head Football Coach St. John’s University
Closing Remarks	Sean Gothier President, Minnesota Chapter

“Inspiring Leaders”

2009 Scholar-Athletes

Anders Lee, Edina High School Coach Kim Nelson



Scholar-athlete award winners include Edina High School stand-out quarterback **Anders Lee**, who was named 2008 Gatorade Football Player of the Year, 2008 Minnesota Vikings First Team All-State, and 2008 All-Metro Player of the Year, among other athletic awards. Lee also boasts an excellent academic record and serves as a role model to his peers and younger students through his community service and leadership activities. Lee will attend the University of Notre Dame for college. He is the son of Thomas and Lisa.

Paul Berndt, Mankato West High School Coach Mark Esch



As team captain, scholar-athlete award winner **Paul Berndt** of Mankato West High School helped lead his team to a victory in the 2008 Class 4A State Championship. A running back and linebacker, he was named Player of the Game in the championship showdown and earned All-State Honorable Mention. Berndt is also a member of the National Honors Society and active in numerous service organizations in his community. Berndt will attend Augustana College on an academic scholarship, majoring in Biology and studying Pre-Medicine. Berndt is the son of Jeff and Julie.

Ryan Robinson, St. Thomas Academy Coach David Ziebarth



Award winner **Ryan Robinson**, a defensive end/outside linebacker from St. Thomas Academy, was named KARE-11 All-Metro, Second Team All-Metro by the Star Tribune, and First Team All-State by the Pioneer Press. Robinson was also voted Classic Suburban Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 2008. Robinson demonstrates exceptional academic achievement, including being named a National Merit Commended Scholar. In addition to playing basketball and lacrosse and serving on the student council and JROTC, Robinson has devoted 50 hours of service to the Minnesota Veterans Home. Ryan will be attending the University of Notre Dame. He is the son of Ryan and Kathy.

“Inspiring Leaders”

2009 Scholar-Athletes

Kyle Mulrooney, Andover High School

Coach Rich Wilkie



Kyle Mulrooney, inside linebacker and scholar-athlete award winner from Andover High School, earned All-Conference (Northwest Suburban) honors twice and was named All-State by the AP and the Pioneer Press in 2008. He is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and in 2008 was named to the Academic All-State Football Team. Mulrooney has challenged himself with high-level Advanced Placement courses and has continued to earn top marks. He has served as a mentor to incoming freshman and volunteered in numerous youth sports organizations. Mulrooney will attend the University of St. Thomas on an academic scholarship and study business/finance. He is the son of Mike and Becky.

Joe Novitzki, Totino-Grace High School

Coach Jeff Ferguson



As outside linebacker/tight-end for Totino-Grace High School, **Joe Novitzki** led his team to a State Championship his junior year. He was voted team MVP in 2008 and earned All-Conference Honors (North Suburban). A three-sport standout in football, tennis, and hockey, Novitzki also shines in the classroom. He is a member of the National Honor Society and earned A-Honor Roll every semester of his high school career. Novitzki has been involved in several community service endeavors, including Meals on Wheels, Feed My Starving Children, and the Ronald McDonald House. He plans to study biology in college. He is the son of Mark and Nina.

Mike Seidel, Woodbury High School

Coach Beau LaBore

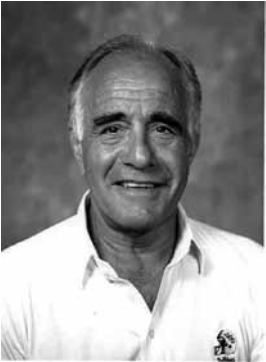


Scholar-athlete award winner **Mike Seidel** of Woodbury High School excelled as an outside linebacker and on special teams. He was a team captain, three-year starter, and earned All-Conference Honors (Suburban East Conference) in 2008 and Honorable Mention in 2007. Seidel earned Minnesota Football Coaches Association Academic All-State honors in 2008 and won a Woodbury At Your Service (W@YS) Award for Community Service for three consecutive years (2006-2008). He plans to study engineering at the University of Wisconsin Madison. He is the son of Tracy and Bill.

“Honoring Legends”

Jim Malosky Sr.

Recipient of the 2009 Distinguished Minnesotan Award



The Chapter will present the 2009 Distinguished Minnesotan Award to **Jim Malosky, Sr.**, former University of Minnesota Duluth head football coach. The award honors a person who has made a lifelong contribution to football in the state of Minnesota. A Crosby-Ironton native, Malosky cultivated winning football programs at Morris and Morningside (Edina) High Schools before becoming the head coach at UMD from 1958 until 1997.

Malosky's teams won more than 250 games during his 40-year tenure and amassed a 255-125-13 overall record for a .655 winning percentage. His wins included two MIAC conference crowns (1960, '61), five Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championship crowns (1979, '80, '85, '90, '95, '96), and a perfect 10-0-0 season in 1980 and was named Coach of the Year by the MIAC, the NSIC, and NAA District 13 on 10 occasions. In his final 28 years as head coach, he held down the No. 11 spot on college football's all-time coaching list at the time with those 255 victories. The Bulldogs had a win-loss record below .500 only twice in 1994 and 1997. No less than 20 of his Bulldogs attained various All-American honors during his tenure and five went on to play in the National Football League.

When Malosky retired in 1997, he was the winningest coach in Division II college football. Malosky was inducted into the Minnesota High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994, the UMD Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, and the NSIC Hall of Fame in 2000. The stadium where the Bulldogs play today (James S. Malosky Stadium) is named in his honor. He is also the namesake of the Jim Malosky Award which will be presented annually by USA Football to the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year.

Malosky also served as an associate professor in UMD's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and spent five seasons (1958-63) with the Bulldog men's program in an assistant coaching capacity.



“Honoring Legends”

The Fred Zamberletti Award



Fred Zamberletti enters 2009 with a long and storied history with the franchise and a remarkable streak intact—Zamberletti has not missed a game in the 47-year history of the Vikings, working 948 consecutive contests. The streak includes all preseason, regular season and postseason games in club history.

Zamberletti has earned the respect and trust of countless players and staff during his tenure with the Vikings. In his time with the team Zamberletti has been a friend, brother, father figure and mentor to countless players, coaches and co-workers. When the team held Fred Zamberletti Day on December 20, 1998 before kickoff of the Vikings-Jacksonville Jaguars game, over 100 Vikings alumni turned out to celebrate with him. To the media he's known as "Trainer for Life." Former head coach Bud Grant acknowledged him as the "Cornerstone of the Vikings" and former General Manager Mike Lynn referred to Fred as "Mr. Viking." The players with respect and admiration refer to him as "The Man." To his friends and compatriots he is known as "The Voice of Reason." Zamberletti was the Head Trainer from 1961-98, Coordinator of Medical Services from 1999-2001 and currently Senior Consultant.

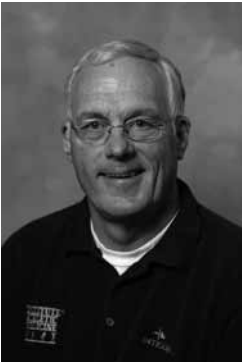
A successful entrepreneur and a man of deep religious beliefs, the 74-year-old Zamberletti was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Infantry. Following his graduation from the University of Iowa he served as chief physical therapist at Hibbing General Hospital in 1959 and head athletic trainer at the University of Toledo in 1960 before joining the Vikings at the team's inception in 1961.

Zamberletti is a native of Melcher, IA, and in addition to numerous professional awards he was inducted into the Minnesota Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame and was chosen Professional Athletic Trainer of the Year in 1986 by the Drackett Company of Cincinnati. He and the Vikings staff earned the 1996 NFL Athletic Training Staff of the Year. In 1999 he earned the Cain Fain Award at the NFL Physicians Sports Sciences Symposium and is an Honorary Fellow of the Minneapolis Sports Medicine Center.

Recognized by the governor as an Honorary Ambassador of the State of Minnesota, Zamberletti has also received Minneapolis' Honorary Citizen Award. The PFA's Senior member enjoys walking, bocce ball and cribbage.

The Minnesota Chapter is proud to honor Fred Zamberletti, with an award in his name, presented annually to an outstanding athletic trainer.

“Inspiring Leaders”



Gary Smith

Recipient of the 2009 Fred Zamberletti Award

The award, named for the legendary longtime athletic trainer for the Minnesota Vikings, honors an outstanding Minnesotan practicing athletic training.

Smith, this year's honoree, has served an incredible range of teams. He was the head trainer for the U.S.A. hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, which earned him a place in the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2003. Smith has also worked with the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Strikers soccer club, Minnesota Moose hockey team, the Minnesota Kicks soccer team, and was head athletic trainer for the Philadelphia Flyers in the early 1990s. In addition, he was the Sports Medicine Coordinator at North Memorial Hospital from 1983-1989. He was inducted into the Minnesota Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame in 2002. Smith tirelessly continues his work at the Institute for Athletic Medicine, a service of Fairview and North Memorial.



Lefty Yurek

Recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Football Officiating Award

Lefty Yurek will be honored with the 2009 Outstanding Officiating Award. To earn the Outstanding Officiating Award, an official (active or retired) must have more than 25 years of officiating experience at a high school, college, or professional level; have officiated games at the local, regional, and national levels; be highly respected by peers and coaches; have given back given back as a mentor to the officiating community. Yurek's work as an official satisfies these criteria and transcends them. According to the selection committee, "Lefty Yurek portrays the epitome of football officiating both on and off the field." For 39 years (1959-1997), Yurek officiated high school football games, including State section, quarterfinal, semifinal, and championship games. He also served as a college football official in the NSIC and MIAC conferences for 26 years. In addition to his work on the football field, Yurek has officiated high school and college basketball and high school soccer, hockey, and fast-pitch softball competitions. He was inducted into the NSIC Hall of Fame as a football and basketball official in 2001 and continues to serve the MSHSL as a committee leader and football official observer. He has been an instrumental part of the St. Paul Officials Association for 34 years.

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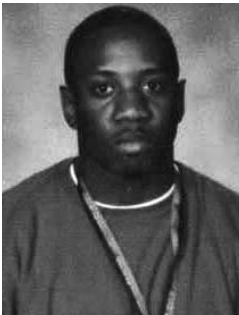


Ryan Goetzinger, Caledonia Area High School

Recipient of the 2009 Courage Award

The courage award is given to an athlete that has demonstrated the will to persevere through adversity, displaying strength and determination.

Goetzinger, a fullback and linebacker for Caledonia High School, has displayed tremendous strength and determination by achieving in the classroom and on the football field despite suffering serious burns from a barn fire as a child. Goetzinger has become a role model for his peers and plans to attend Minnesota State Mankato to study physical therapy. He is the son of Curt and Susan.



Mychal Frelax, St. Paul Central High School

Recipient of the 2009 Play It Smart PRIDE Award

The 2009 Play It Smart P.R.I.D.E. Award will be presented to **Mychal Frelax**, a senior at St. Paul Central High School. Frelax has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the Play It Smart program and was named to St. Paul City All-Conference Team in 2008. He will play in the 3rd Annual Urban Bowl football game this summer and begin work on his bachelor's degree this fall at the University of St. Thomas. He is the son of Seleta and Albert.

The Play it Smart Program

In 1998, The NFF created Play It Smart, an educational program targeted at high school football players from economically disadvantaged environments where family and community support are often lacking. The program, designed to transform student-athletes' passion for sport and intense dedication to their team into a force for greater good in their lives, is remarkably successful. Play It Smart participants graduate and go on to college at rates well above those of their peers, all at a cost of less than a dollar per day per student-athlete.

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3. Increase Graduation Rate & Opportunities for Higher Education
4. Enhance Life Skills Development
5. Increase Opportunities for Community Service
6. Increase Parental & Family Involvement



MN College Football Hall of Fame Members



Name	School	Position	Years	Inducted
Bert Baston	Minnesota	End	1914-1916	1954
Bobby Bell	Minnesota	Tackle	1960-1962	1991
Bernie Bierman	Minnesota	Coach	1919-1950	1955
Tom Brown	Minnesota	Guard	1958-1960	2003
Jim Christopherson*	Concordia -Moorhead	Coach	1969-2000	2007
Fritz Crisler	Minnesota	Coach	1930-1947	1954
Carl Eller	Minnesota	Tackle	1961-1963	2006
George Franck	Minnesota	Halfback	1938-1940	2002
John Gagliardi*	St. John's	Coach	1949-2006	2006
Paul Giel	Minnesota	Halfback	1951-1953	1975
Herb Joesting	Minnesota	Fullback	1925-1927	1954
Pug Lund	Minnesota	Halfback	1932-1934	1958
Bobby Marshall	Minnesota	End	1904-1906	1971
Randall McDaniel*	Arizona State	Guard	1984-1987	2008
John McGovern	Minnesota	Quarterback	1908-1910	1966
Bronko Nagurski	Minnesota	Tackle/Fullback	1927-1929	1951
Leo Nomellini	Minnesota	Tackle/Guard	1946-1949	1977
Alan Page*	Notre Dame	Defensive End	1964-1966	1993
John Randle*	Texas A & I Kingsville	Defensive End	1988-89	2008
Calvin Roberts	Gustavus Adolphus	Tackle	1949-1952	2003
Eddie Rogers	Minnesota	End	1896-98 1900-03	1968
Jeff Siemon*	Stanford	Linebacker	1969-1971	2006
Bruce Smith	Minnesota	Halfback	1939-1941	1972
Clayton Tonnemaker	Minnesota	Center	1946-1949	1980
Ed Widseth	Minnesota	Tackle	1934-1936	1954
Dick Wildung	Minnesota	Tackle	1940-1942	1957
Henry Williams	Minnesota	Coach	1891-1921	1951

* Denotes member of Minnesota Chapter and/or played for the Minnesota Vikings

Minnesota Chapter Membership Information

There is no prerequisite football experience required to become a member of the Minnesota Chapter. In fact, many of our members never even played organized football. Our membership base includes nearly every profession, race, religion, and creed. Our members are: men and women, fans, parents, players, coaches, referees, and administrators. They work as: educators, business people, doctors, lawyers, sales people, laborers, policeman, firefighters, politicians, engineers, etc. Our members share one common bond: their love for amateur football.

As a member of the Minnesota Chapter, you will support our local efforts and ensure that future high school and college football student-athletes continue to receive recognition for their hard work and leadership on the field, in the classroom and within their community. Our chapter will also recognize Minnesota Football Legends and Leaders. We will be the voice for our local College Hall of Fame Candidates.

Become a member of NFF-MN and enjoy numerous benefits:

- Nominate and vote for candidates for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame
- Connect with Hall of Fame coaches, players, and all those who are passionate about football
- Honor local student-athletes through scholarships and recognize those who are outstanding contributors to the football community
- Invitations to chapter events with membership discounts
- Quarterly newsletters from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame
- Free admission into College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana
- Invitation to the chapter's Annual Awards Banquet
- Opportunity to support the "Play-It-Smart" Program, which strengthens the skills of high school football players from economically disadvantaged environments

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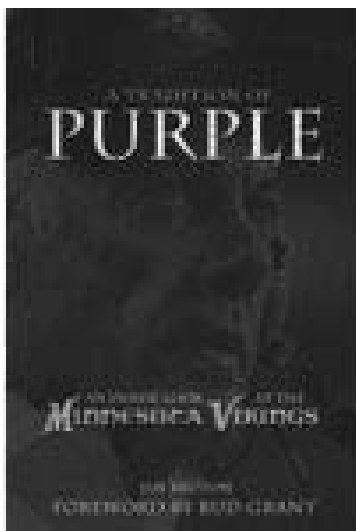
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Gary Smith has served as the head athletic trainer for the U.S.A. hockey team at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. He was inducted into the Minnesota Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame in 2002 and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame in 2003. Smith continues his work at the Institute for Athletic Medicine (IAM) - Eden Prairie and at Eden Prairie High School.

Thank you Gary, for your dedication over the years to your profession. Your passion has made a difference in the lives of the athletes you've served, your students, your patients, and to the Institute for Athletic Medicine.

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