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**HINCKLEY-FINLAYSON'S TJ JOHNSON NAMED
A MINNESOTA FOOTBALL HONORS SCHOLAR ATHLETE**

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - April 14, 2017 - The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation is pleased to announce Hinckley-Finlayson High School student Timothy "TJ" Johnson as a 2017 Scholar Athlete. Johnson 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.

Johnson is four-time all-conference and all-district selection, including 2015 district defensive MVP status as an outside linebacker and 2016 district offensive MVP honors as a quarterback. He finished his senior year with 1,748 passing yards and 26 touchdowns and also rushed for 1,004 yards and 18 touchdowns. Johnson had more than 250 career tackles. He was a 1,000-point scorer in basketball, and will continue his athletic career playing baseball at Concordia-St. Paul.

Johnson's GPA is on track to rank second in his class. He received Academic All-State honors as a senior. Johnson is a National Honor Society member, student council treasurer and student body representative to the school board. He plans to study engineering in college.

As Lutheran Youth Organization president, Johnson has been involved in the community and spoken to large crowds of youth in multiple states. He devotes several hours weekly to youth ministry, and often participates in weekend events. Johnson has gone on mission trips, and also volunteered for the MS bikeathon.

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. For sponsorship information, please email 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, [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

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