

Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation

ISSUE 1

Mission

The Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation exists to positively impact the lives of student athletes by supporting, promoting and enhancing the athletic programs, facilities and equipment of School District #206 in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Understanding that athletic participation complements the education and development of the whole person – the Cardinal Athletic Foundation is committed to serving as a capital fund raising partner so that today's student athletes can be equipped to serve as tomorrow's community leaders.

The Cardinal Athletic Foundation values its strategic relationship with School District #206, its alumni and the surrounding community. By partnering together, we will strive to provide the resources necessary to allow the comprehensive school sports programs of District #206 to excel and become a model for other communities to follow.

“Investing in today's student athletes, equipping tomorrow's community leaders.”



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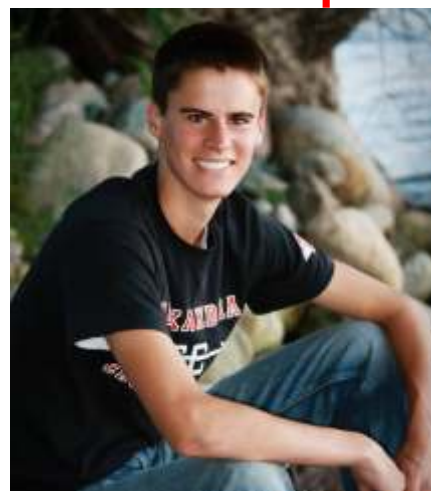
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Paradis Awarded Lehman Scholarship

Drew Paradis was awarded the Tom Lehman Scholarship by the Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation during the 2009 Honors Night at Jefferson Senior High School.. This \$3000 scholarship is awarded each year to a multi-sport athlete who has demonstrated tremendous determination, commitment, and drive to be successful, while maintaining a high moral character and commitment to community involvement.

Paradis, who is attending the University of Minnesota this fall to pursue a degree in either Kinesiology or Business Management, demonstrated all of these characteristics during his school years. He has been an outstanding leader among his peers and was involved in a wide variety of activities.



Did You Know?

Drew Paradis ran over 7,000 miles since 7th grade!

Paradis joins a distinguished group of Tom Lehman Scholarship winners that include:

- 2001 – Brad Dumm
- 2002 – Melissa Jones
- 2003 – Kevin Engebretson
- 2004 – Lydia Hartsell
- 2005 – Tiffany Eberly
- 2006 – Ezra Hartsell
- 2007 – Abe Hartsell
- 2008 – Jacob Whiting
- 2009 – Drew Paradis

Congratulations, Drew!

Become a Friend of the Foundation!

You can support the mission of the Alexandria Cardinal Athletic Foundation by becoming a Friend of the Foundation.

The Friends program allows for donations from individuals, businesses, trusts, or estates. Plus, as a 501(c)3 corporation, your contributions to the Athletic Foundation may be tax deductible.

To learn more about the Friends program or to become a Friend of the Foundation, please visit the information page on our website [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Find members of the Athletic Foundation Board at the following upcoming events:

- Elden's Holiday Food Tasting Event (Nov) - exact dates to be announced

In addition, the Cardinal fall athletic teams appreciate your continued support as they finish up their regular seasons and move into playoffs. Schedules are kept up-to-date on the School District website.



“Cap” Paciotti Golf Tourney A Hit!

Dale Serum is 2009 Tournament Honoree

The Athletic Foundation held its annual “Cap” Paciotti Memorial Golf Tournament on June 20. Held at the Alexandria Golf Club, this year’s tournament included 96 players making up 24 different teams. The golf tourney continues to be our biggest annual fund raiser, this year raising almost \$11,000.

Each year the Athletic Foundation also uses the golf tournament as an opportunity to honor a person who has contributed to the success of Cardinal athletics. This year’s honoree was long-time athletic director Dale Serum. A video tribute to Serum was conducted during the banquet following the tournament. To view the Serum tribute video, click [here](#).

We thank all of our participants and sponsors for supporting this event. A special thanks goes out to **State Bank & Trust** for being the event’s major sponsor.

Homecoming Tailgate Party Well Attended

Once again this year, Athletic Foundation Board Members and friends were busy cooking tailgate fare on Sat. Sept 26 to celebrate homecoming in Alexandria.

Over 500 meals were served, raising more than \$3200. Meals included a grilled hamburger, brat, or foot-long hot dog, served with chips, drink, and a cookie.

New for 2009, the event was moved to the north end of Citizen’s Field. This location, combined with perfect weather, provided a great atmosphere and view for watching the Cardinal Football Team defeat Bemidji 28-17.

Thank you Pete’s County Market, Viking Coca-Cola, Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, and Sysco for donating food for this event.



Setting up for the Homecoming Tailgate Party were Athletic Foundation Board Members Sara Illies, Derek Trosvig, and Randy Winger.

Welcome New Friends!

The Athletic Foundation kicked off the fall sports season with a Friends of the Foundation phone-a-thon. Athletes from all fall sports helped make calls to parents and community members. Thus far, we have welcomed 70 new Friends of the Foundation as a result of this phone-a-thon. These 70 Friends contributed more than \$6000 to the Athletic Foundation, allowing us to continue supporting Cardinal Athletics as we have over the past 15 years. Thank you!

Grants Awarded

The Athletic Foundation continued its support of Cardinal Athletics by providing over \$13,000 in grants for the following:

- Weight Room equipment
- Boys Basketball uniforms
- Citizen’s Field sound system
- Wrestling warm-up pants
- Swimming score board / timing system
- Baseball uniforms