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**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC TRAINER KELLY FLYNN WINS FRED ZAMBERLETTI AWARD**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. – March 30, 2026 –** The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation announced that Cretin-Derham Hall High School certified athletic trainer Kelly Flynn has been named this year’s recipient of the Fred Zamberletti Award.

Flynn will be honored during a private awards show at Huntington Bank Stadium on the University of Minnesota campus. The April 19th event will be recorded for the Minnesota Football Honors show, airing later this summer on YouTube and social media, with full details coming soon.

Kelly Flynn is a certified athletic trainer with more than 30 years of experience across high school, college, professional and international athletics. Flynn, the current certified athletic trainer at Cretin-Derham Hall High School, has worked with several local high schools during her career. She has also helped countless athletes achieve optimal performance during her stints with U.S. Soccer (including Youth National Teams and the 2012 U17 Women’s World Cup Team), USA Speedskating, USA Amateur Soccer, Minnesota Thunder Pro Soccer and numerous youth basketball and hockey organizations. Flynn is NATA certified with a B.A. in Psychology and a concentration in Athletic Training from the University of St. Thomas.

“We are excited to honor Kelly for her excellent achievements as a certified athletic trainer in our state,” said Todd Fultz, President of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation. “Kelly has played an important role in the lives of countless young athletes across our community. Each season, she is helping her athletes stay healthy and achieve their maximum potential on the field. We are looking forward to honoring her accomplishments during the upcoming Minnesota Football Honors show.”

The *Fred Zamberletti Award* honors the late Fred Zamberletti, the Minnesota Vikings’ first head athletic trainer. While working for the organization, Zamberletti became an athletic training pioneer. After his long career as the Vikings’ head athletic trainer, he was named the team’s coordinator for medical services (1998-2001) and senior consultant/team historian (2002-2018).

**Previous Fred Zamberletti Award winners:**

- 2008: Neal Dutton
- 2009: Gary Smith
- 2010: Jim Marshall
- 2011: Gordy Graham
- 2012: Gary Reinholtz
- 2013: Scott Westermann

- 2014: Chuck Barta
- 2015: Roger Casey
- 2016: Missy Strauch
- 2017: Terry Carlyle
- 2018: Joel Krekelberg
- 2019: Eric Sugarman
- 2021: Doug Nelson
- 2022: Scott Bierscheid
- 2023: Karen Karlson
- 2024: Keith Wiedrich
- 2025: Chris Thein

Minnesota Football Honors is hosting a show to honor this year's high school, college and Minnesota Vikings award winners. An official broadcast date will be announced later this summer on [www.minnesotafotballhonors.com](http://www.minnesotafotballhonors.com). To view a statewide map of past and present Minnesota Football Honors Award Winners, [visit this site](#).

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#### **About the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation:**

The Minnesota Chapter of The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to promote amateur football's ability to develop leadership, sportsmanship, competitive spirit and academic excellence in Minnesota's young people. The Minnesota 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](http://www.nffmn.org), or Facebook ([@MNFootballHonors](#)) and Twitter ([@NFFMN](#)).

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