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David Carl Named as All-Star Banquet Guest Speaker

MARQUETTE - David Carl, nationally-recognized educator, has been named the guest speaker for the U.P. Football All-Star reception, which will be held on Thursday, June 18 at the YMCA-Marquette.

"Dave is one of those unique individuals who is able to reach everyone in the room on a very personal level. We are very pleased that he was available to be part of the All-Star event," Todd Goldbeck, All-Star Game Chairman said.

Carl, originally from Delafield, Wis., was one of the many high school student-athletes who "fell through the cracks" in the college recruiting process. Dave graduated third in his class academically, earned 11 varsity letters, as well as All-Conference, All-Area, All-County and All-Metro accolades in both football and basketball. His football team was an undefeated Conference Champion and state runner-up his senior year, and one of his basketball teams was ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 10 in the country by USA Today. Recently, he was inducted into his high school Hall of Fame, but despite the obvious success he achieved in high school, Dave went completely unnoticed by colleges and was offered no scholarships.

Carl made his way to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, where he walked on to the football and basketball teams. Playing tight end and starting from the bottom of the depth chart, Dave worked his way to the very top of Division II football. He was a member of the UWL team that won the NAIA Division II National Football Championship in 1985.

After earning All-Conference accolades at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, he had professional tryouts with the Green Bay Packers, Toronto Argonauts, Hamilton Tigercats, and the newly formed World League. Carl accepted a contract to play football professionally in England for the Nottingham Hoods of the English League. He also played for Team USA, an all-star team that traveled internationally. When his playing career was complete, Carl coached both at the high school and college levels at numerous schools.

Despite his love for coaching, his passion for recruiting drove him to his true calling, where he has since turned his personal experience and knowledge of athletics and the college recruiting process of high school players into a career in education. Carl is employed by the National Collegiate Scouting Association and travels the country educating parents and high school student-athletes.