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Xcel Sports Training held a ribbon cutting ceremony in conjunction with the LSCP this week in celebration of the U.P. Football All-Star Game. The game, which kicks off at 3 PM, will include 86 recent high school graduates with U.P. coaches delegated to lead the squads. The teams are divided into East and West. It is the first U.P. high school all-star football game in 57 years. Players and coaches have spent the week at Northern Michigan University practicing and preparing for the game. The week also included a food drive to benefit the Beacon House food pantry, a Media Day, Players Skills Challenge, Coaches Golf Challenge, an All-Star Reception featuring Steve Mariucci, a youth football camp and an Underclassmen Recruiting Combine. Proceeds from the game and related activities will be donated to the Beacon House and the U.P. Sports Hall of Fame. For more information on the game, call Xcel (608-279-6960) or visit the Xcel website www.xcelsportstraining.net.



From left, Marquette County Ambassador John Marshall, Xcel Sports Training president Todd Goldbeck, Lake Superior Community Partnership marketing and membership specialist Lindsay Hemmila and Marquette County Ambassador Dan Landers stand in front of a group of Upper Peninsula high school football players who are preparing for today's all-star game at the Superior Dome in Marquette.