

# The Adam Taliaferro Foundation

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## Mission Statement

The foundation provides emotional, financial and educational support to student-athletes who suffer catastrophic head or spinal injuries in sanctioned team events in New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Delaware. The foundation also provides educational and financial support related to the research, prevention and care of such injuries.

## Objective

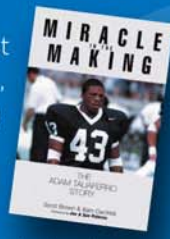
To share the information concerning all phases of Adam's medical treatment with every high school, college and professional football team in the country. To provide ancillary funding for injured athletes who need additional assistance

## Who is Adam Taliaferro?

A former standout two-way back at Eastern High in Voorhees, N.J., Adam was paralyzed while making a tackle for Penn State in a game at Ohio State in 2000. Adam was a true freshman at the time. After spinal-fusion surgery, three different doctors told Adam's parents their son would probably never walk again. Three months later, the medical miracle was completed. Adam walked out of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia.



Today the miracle continues as Adam embarks on a career as a practicing attorney.



## Annual All-Star Football Classic

The Adam Taliaferro Football Classic is a South Jersey senior football all-star game that is held every June at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J. It has become a very prestigious honor to be selected to participate. Rowan University houses the players at its facility for four days.



The game usually draws a huge crowd, and bands and entertainment have become a part of the festive event. All of the proceeds go to the Adam Taliaferro Foundation, which has raised more than \$200,000 to help athletes who have suffered spinal injuries.



Football Classic - June 28, 2007.

## Adam Taliaferro Player of the Year

In addition to the work the foundation does for injured athletes, it also awards eight scholarships a year to local students who show outstanding work in their high school and community. The students are honored at a luncheon, which is usually hosted by one of Philadelphia's professional sports teams.



Top: Recipients of the scholarship at the Wachovia Center Luncheon.

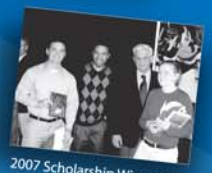


2007 Scholarship Winners.

Bottom: Joe Recupero and Casey Ferrod of Gloucester Catholic HS being awarded the 2005 Adam Taliaferro Player of the Year Scholarship.



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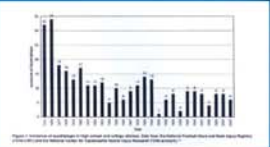
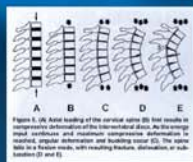
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THE MIRACLE CONTINUES

# Annual Adam Taliaferro Foundation Medical Workshop

The Adam Taliaferro Foundation also conducts an educational seminar for healthcare professionals to discuss the latest injury prevention, treatment, management and rehabilitation techniques. Topics have included cervical spine injury prevention and on-field care, thoracic and lumbar spine injuries, as well as concussions.

Who should attend: physicians, athletic trainers, emergency medical technicians, physical/occupational therapists and nurses.



- MANAGEMENT OF CERVICAL SPINE INJURIES
- PREVENTION OF CERVICAL SPINE INJURIES IN ATHLETES
- HANDS-ON WORKSHOP FOR ON-FIELD MANAGEMENT OF CERVICAL SPINE INJURIES
- DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF THE CONCUSSED ATHLETE
- REHABILITATION OF CERVICAL SPINE INJURIES

## Other Events that Support the Foundation

- PSU Alumni Event
- AAA Road Rally
- Camden Co. Hall of Fame Inductions

*"One day we'd like to help more people than just athletes, but for now, we'll just keep what we are doing until we get enough money to help more people."* -Adam Taliaferro

## In the Community

The Adam Taliaferro Foundation has provided grants and awards to many victims of spinal-cord injuries.

### Shykem Lawrence

A 17-year-old senior at Woodrow Wilson High School sustained an injury during a scrimmage in August of 2006.



Tom Iacovone and Jason Cole visit Shykem at Magee Rehabilitation Center.



An article from The Courier featuring Shykem's story.



Repairs to Shykem's house in Camden, provided by the Adam Taliaferro Foundation.

### Carl Riccio

An injured wrestler from Watchuna Hills High School.



### JJ Reynolds



After an injury JJ Reynolds receives a computerized bike from The ATF.

### Sean Patrick Denehy

A junior at Monroe Township High School injured in a tackle that broke his C-5 vertebra.



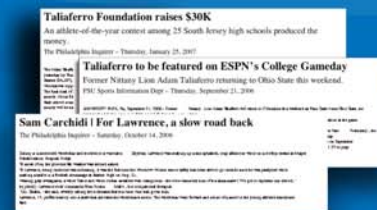
Nelson "Shamir" Tyler - Camden, NJ



Gary Green - Montclair, NJ

## In the Press

The Adam Taliaferro Foundation has been widely recognized and featured in publications such as The Inquirer and The Courier Post.



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