



## 2019-20 "Champion" of the Year Contest

The Annual Adam Taliaferro Foundation "Champion" of the Year Contest raises school and community spirit while raising funds for an important cause – and, at the same time, gives student-athletes a chance to earn a scholarship.

Each school nominates a male and female athlete to represent the school as an ATF "Champion" athlete. Every dollar collected counts towards the school's overall donation to the Adam Taliaferro Foundation,

Please register for the program at the following link

<http://magee.akaraisin.com/ATFChampion>

You will find information that will explain how you can help student athletes and schools with fundraising efforts for the Adam Taliaferro Foundation.

Each Spring the Philadelphia Eagles and the Taliaferro Foundation celebrate your athlete's and school's success by hosting a luncheon and stadium tour for our champions at Lincoln Financial year. Schools from all over the Delaware Valley are recognized during this highly publicized luncheon! We look forward to honoring your accomplishments in the coming year.

If your school is interested in participating in the ATF "Champions" of the Year Contest, please contact Glenn Merkle at (856) 279-8917 for additional information.

### **About Adam Taliaferro and the Taliaferro Foundation**

Adam Taliaferro was a football player at Eastern Regional High School in Voorhees, NJ who continued on to play at Penn State. In 2000, while playing for Penn State in a game against Ohio State, he suffered a spinal injury while making a tackle and was paralyzed. After spinal fusion surgery, doctors told his parents that he would probably never walk again. Three months later, Adam miraculously "walked" out of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia, PA.

Adam went on to graduate Penn State and Rutgers Law School and served as a practicing attorney in both Philadelphia and South Jersey for several years. He currently works for Bristol Myers Squibb and serves as a New Jersey Assemblyman.

The Adam Taliaferro Foundation supports athletes who suffer head and spinal injuries in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, and also provides educational and financial support related to the research, prevention, and care of these injuries.