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SUNDOWN SELECTED FOR TOM BORRELLI MEMORIAL AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

AKRON, NEW YORK (June 23, 2015) – Graduating Akron senior lacrosse stand-out Larson Sundown was awarded the Tom Borrelli Memorial Award and Scholarship during the second annual Borelli Awards lacrosse banquet held at Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant on Monday, June 22, 2015.

The Tom Borrelli Memorial Award and Scholarship Committee with The Buffalo News have combined with the Community Papers of Western New York and *Lacrosse Digest of WNY* magazine to hold one special night to celebrate Western New York high school lacrosse and to honor the memory of their dear friend and colleague, Tom Borrelli.

Borrelli, a writer for The Buffalo News covering lacrosse and other sports, was "a bona fide lacrosse expert who immersed himself in the sport on all levels, from high school to colleges to the pros." He became the first media member inducted into the National Lacrosse League (NLL) Hall of Fame in 2006. The Tom Borrelli Memorial Award and Scholarship Fund was created in 2009. The Borrelli Award goes to the top male and female senior lacrosse players in Western New York. Sundown was joined by Grace Gabriel from Lancaster High School Girls lacrosse team to accept the award.

Larson Sundown's high school lacrosse career has been exceptional. Following a stellar senior season, Sundown holds both school and state records for points in a single season (202) and career assists (308). He earned US Lacrosse® New York – Buffalo area All-American honors for a second year, was named to the 1st team All-Section VI, 1st Team All-League Class C, Class C Player of the Year and the Buffalo News Prep Talk Lacrosse Player of the Year. Sundown was also named MVP for the North Team during the Exceptional Seniors Showcase game held earlier this month.

Sundown, an Akron team captain, is also an articulate champion of the team's efforts to emphasize respect for the heritage of the game of lacrosse and the Native American people that founded it.

For a photo gallery from the awards dinner, go to <u>http://galleries.buffalonews.com</u>. To learn more about the Akron Tigers 2015 Lacrosse season, please visit <u>www.akronschoosl.org/athletics</u>.