



# KOREY & KELCI STRINGER

## ATHLETIC TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

### ABOUT THE ENDOWMENT

To commemorate the memory of Korey Stringer, the Minnesota Vikings, the NFL Foundation and the Korey Stringer Institute joined to create the Korey and Kelci Stringer Athletic Training Scholarship with an initial \$50,000 endowment. The annual scholarship will benefit athletic training students in partnership with the National Athletic Training Association (NATA) Research and Education Foundation.

Preference will be given to students from the Great Lakes Athletic Training Association (GLATA) where Korey spent his personal and professional career. At the establishment of this endowment, Kelci Stringer (Korey Stringer Institute Founder) and Jimmy Gould (Korey Stringer Institute Chairman) remarked "This time comes with great honor and respect for those who have committed themselves to seeing through our dreams and hopes of not only providing the knowledge that this is a preventable illness, but also helping to save people's lives. The culture of football has and is continuing to be positively transformed." This endowment will help support the next generation of athletic training students that will shoulder this legacy.

### ABOUT KOREY STRINGER

Stringer, who played for the Minnesota Vikings from 1995-2000, passed away on August 1, 2001, after collapsing from exertional heatstroke the day prior. The Vikings selected Stringer as the 24th pick of the 1995 draft out of Ohio State. He took over the right tackle spot in the 2nd game of his rookie year and never relinquished the job over the next six seasons. He was named to the All-Rookie Team and started 100 of the 102 games, including playoffs, in which he played for the Vikings. Stringer earned Pro Bowl honors in 2000 and was a 2nd-Team All-Pro in 1998. Stringer was inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor and his #77 jersey was retired on November 29, 2001.

### ABOUT THE KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE

Since the time of Korey Stringer's death, his wife, Kelci, worked tirelessly to develop an exertional heat stroke prevention institute to honor her husband's legacy. To that end, she joined forces with exertional heat stroke expert Douglas Casa, Ph. D, ATC at the University of Connecticut to make this dream a reality and the Korey Stringer Institute came to fruition in April 2010. The mission of the KSI is to provide research, education, advocacy and consultation to maximize performance, optimize safety and prevent sudden death for the athlete, warfighter and laborer. KSI serves the needs of active individuals and athletes at all levels - youth, high school, college, professional, people who are physically active, recreational athletes - and those who supervise and care for these individuals. Components of these services include: consultations, advocacy, education, research, athlete testing, and mass-market outreach.

