

Athletic Training Student Selected for 2007 Scholarship with the National Football League

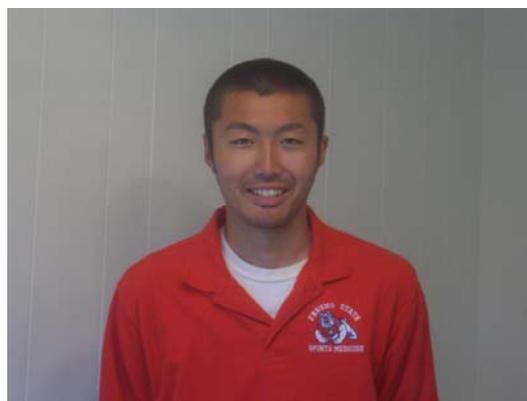
International student, Takuma Hoshiba, was the recipient of a National Football League (NFL) Scholarship. He was selected by the Minnesota Vikings Athletic Training Staff to serve as an intern with their summer training camp. The Award includes a scholarship, room & board, and a stipend while living in Minnesota.

“I’m so excited to have been selected for this scholarship. This is a real challenge for me, given the competitive nature of professional sports. I feel this will broaden my skills and help me in my goals to pursue an athletic training career. I am studying for myself, not for the grade or to compete with anybody. I just enjoy challenging myself and learning more about athletic training.”

This scholarship provides athletic training students an opportunity to gain exposure to the highest level of sports medicine technology. Students work directly under the supervision of NFL athletic trainers and physicians. This Scholarship program serves as a gateway for interested students to enter and pursue athletic training careers with the NFL upon graduation.

Takuma Hoshiba, originally from Sapporo, Japan, came to the U.S. in 2004 and is one of many promising International Students studying the Athletic Training Education Program at Fresno State. Since arriving in Fresno, Hoshiba gained 1000 hours of athletic training experience at Fresno City College.

Hoshiba also worked for the West Coast Football Association (WCFA; Semi-pro football league) covering all games for three months as an assistant during the Spring, 2005. He also worked with the Central Valley Football League (CVFL). This, on top of completing practicum experiences at Fresno State and speaking English as a second language!



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