

December 2017

Dear Community Leader,

The annual Tony G. 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Tournament is being held this year on the weekend of April 21-22, 2018 in the Marcovich Wellness Center on the campus of UW-Superior. This memorial tournament, established in 2005, honors Tony Gigliotti, a former UW-Superior student who lost his life in an auto accident.

This year marks the fourteenth year that Tony's family and friends have volunteered their time to put together a 3-on-3 memorial basketball tournament. Each year the tournament grows, and last year approximately 500 basketball participants – aged 8 and up – and over 1,500 spectators attended this event.

Tournament proceeds have done a wonderful amount of good for both UW-Superior and the Twin Ports community, funding the UW-Superior Foundation's Tony Gigliotti Scholarship, the university's GEARS program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness in Superior; a pre-college program in partnerships with the Superior School District), Yellowjacket Athletics, as well as many local charitable organizations such as the Second Harvest Food Bank, the Honor Flight Northland, and more.

If you have been a tournament supporter in the past, thank you! We hope you will continue your support in a meaningful way. If you haven't, I urge you to give the **Tony G. 3-on-3 Memorial Basketball Tournament** your fullest consideration. All cash contributions and prize donations make a tremendous difference to the success of this event, which ultimately increases the level of financial support to Tony's scholarship and our community at large.

Please contact tournament coordinators Mark Johnson at 218-428-7438 or Mike Raunio at 218-269-0708 to make a prize donation. If you have specific scholarship questions, or if you are interested in contributing a cash gift to the scholarship fund, please contact me directly at the UW – Superior Foundation. My number is 715-394-8598.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Thompson Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, UW-Superior and Executive Director, UW-Superior Foundation

PS: If you know of a team interested in playing, or for more information on the tournament, visit <u>Tony3on3.com</u>.