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Padua Franciscan High School

## **Press Release**

## Padua Franciscan High School Graduate Recruited by NFL

PARMA, Ohio – (May 2, 2013) Class of 2009 Padua Franciscan High School graduate, Daniel Molls of North Royalton, OH, has agreed to terms with the San Diego Chargers.

While attending Padua Franciscan, Molls had significant accomplishments. He was two time first Team All Ohio Linebacker, three time first Team All District Linebacker, three time first Team All North Coast League, two time District Defensive Player of the Year, North Coast League Most Valuable Player, and Named the Most Valuable Defensive Player of the 2009 Ohio Classic North-South All-Star Game.

Tony Shuman, Padua's head football coach, states "I am excited for Dan and his family. Dan has strong character and an outstanding work ethic. As a result, he has experienced a tremendous amount of success in the classroom and on the football field at Padua Franciscan High School and at the University of Toledo. It is great to see that his hard work and success are recognized and that he will have the opportunity to play football in the National Football League. Anyone who knows Dan will tell you that he is a very humble person who always places his team above himself. Well, his "team" back here at home, the entire Padua Franciscan community, is proud of Dan Molls. The Bruins football family looks forward to continuing to follow Dan as he prepares for his first training camp in San Diego."

After graduating from Padua Franciscan, Molls attended the University of Toledo. Molls, who led the nation with 166 tackles, made first-team All-MAC and was a first-team Academic All-America selection. He has a 3.61 grade-point average in exercise science and was Toledo's first Academic All-American since 2004.

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School background notes: Padua Franciscan is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. Today, it is one of less than twenty high schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. In 2004 and 2006, Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools by the Acton Institute, and since 2007 has been recognized as one of the best schools in Ohio by the Gerber Report. Padua is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. An Ohio corporation, Padua was founded by the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. As a school in the Franciscan tradition, its mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.