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NEWS RELEASE

AIA MOURNS THE LOSS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT & FOOTBALL PLAYER, CHARLES YOUVELLA

PHOENIX, AZ (November 11, 2013) – We are deeply saddened by the tragic loss, of Charles Youvella, a senior at Hopi High School. Charles loved football and was a wide receiver. During Saturday’s Division V First Round Playoff game against Arizona Lutheran Academy, Charles suffered a traumatic brain injury. While hospitalized, Charles passed away. His father Wallace and family were by his side. No additional details have been released.

We send our condolences to the Youvella family and friends and encourage everyone to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Special thanks is extended to the administration and school community at Arizona Lutheran Academy for their incredible support.

Those wishing to contribute may send contributions initially to:

Charles Youvella Contribution Trust
Bank of America (any Arizona branch location)

About the Arizona Interscholastic Association:

The AIA, is voluntary association of public and private Arizona high schools. Since 1913, the organization has created and sustained interscholastic activities that encourage maximum student participation by providing AIA member schools with an even playing field to ensure fair and equitable competition. The AIA believes that providing interscholastic activities for Arizona high school students creates personal development opportunities with a balanced focus on academics and extracurricular activities. Through its 272 member schools, the AIA reaches more than 95,000 participants in high school activity programs. The organization hosts 4000 championship contests and maintains officiating for more than 45,000 regular season games. For more information, visit www.aiaonline.org and www.aia365.com

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