St. Andrew's Represented in 58th Annual DFRC Blue-Gold All-Star Football Game

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The 58th Annual DFRC Blue-Gold All-Star Football Game included some St. Andrew's spirit this year as Head Football Coach Mike Hyde, Assistant Coaches Chuck Hudson and Ed Manzi and players Jake Myers '12 and Khary Dennis '12 all represented the School in the game hosted by the Delaware Foundation Researching Citizens at the University of Delaware.

The game is held each year to help enrich the lives of Delawareans living with intellectual disabilities. Each player is assigned a Buddy for the week leading up to the game and players and their Buddies spend time together in organized activities or just hanging out. For that reason players are selected as much for their character as they are for their ability on the field.

Khary Dennis '12 played quarterback for the Gold team and helped secure victory in the 4th quarter. "The game was a tremendous opportunity to represent St. Andrew's in a game that went far beyond just the talent on the football field," said Khary afterwards. "Playing in this game and being apart of the DFRC initiative is an experience I will remember for the rest of my life." Delaware native Jake Myers '12 grew up watching the game and made the most of his opportunity as the Gold's starting inside linebacker recording six tackles. "It was an amazing experience bonding with all 35 players from all three counties in one week and forming friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. Thanks to all of the St. Andreans who came out and supported the game."

Mike Hyde served as Head Coach for the Gold squad 25 years after playing starting at quarterback. "It was an honor to be a part of such a meaningful event and to watch two players I respect and admire represent St. Andrew's so well," praised Hyde. "The game and all of the great events leading up to it represent the best in athletics. I was very grateful for the opportunity to be involved."

The game is the DFRC's primary fundraiser and has enabled the organization to provide more than \$2.2 million to Delaware agencies and organizations serving persons with intellectual disabilities over the last 10 years.