



United States Army First Lieutenant and former University of Wisconsin-La

Crosse football player Jason Church has been named the recipient of the 2014 NCAA Inspiration Award.

A 2011 graduate of UW-L, Lt. Church was a member of the Eagles' football squad and a cadet in the ROTC. In May 2012, he joined his Striker Battalion in Afghanistan. Several months later he was on a dismounted patrol in an abandoned village when an IED explosion caused him severe injury, leaving him without either leg below the knee.

After sustaining his injury, Lt. Church elected to receive his Purple Heart during halftime of UW-L's football game against UW-Whitewater November 10th, 2012 at Roger Haring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex.