

Cougars take home 2nd at 2026 Clay Target State Tournament

Congratulations to the **Lakeville South Clay Target** team for taking 2nd place out of 40 teams at the 2026 State Tournament, with an incredible 97% shooting accuracy.

Standout team performances include Class of 2026 graduate **Drake Fritz**, who shot a perfect score of 100; Class of 2026 graduate **Mitchell Kelvie** and incoming senior **Connor Buchanan**, who both shot 98; and incoming seniors **Ruby Folkestad** and **Dylan Hutchinson**, who each shot 95.

In individual competition, Folkestad placed 7th in the women's division—marking her second consecutive year on the podium. She was also named to the female division all-state team.

Lakeville South alumni shine at the 2026 USA Games

Lakeville Area Schools is proud to celebrate two Lakeville South alumni who excelled at the 2026 USA Special Olympics Games. Held here in Minnesota from June 20-26, the USA Games brought together more than 2,800 athletes from across the country.

Brandon Gangl, Class of 2008, brought home two Gold medals in team and doubles bocce, as well as a Bronze medal in singles.

Caden Roseth (Class of 2024) earned a Bronze medal in singles tennis and a 4th-place finish in doubles.

Congratulations to Brandon and Caden on an incredible national performance!

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Support Student Success at Ready, Set, ACHIEVE!

I also want to highlight an important upcoming event that ensures our students start the new school year with the supplies and resources they need to succeed. On **Thursday, August 20th, from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.**, we are hosting our 13th annual school readiness event, **Ready, Set, ACHIEVE!**, at Lakeville North High School.

This event provides free school supplies, immunizations and other community resources for students enrolled in Lakeville Area Schools.

We need our community's partnership to make this event a success. You can support Lakeville students by donating funds, new school supplies, or volunteering your time. Visit the district website at isd194.org/RSA to learn more about how to get involved. Thank you for your continued support of our students!

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