

Patriots hand off \$50G to Greater Lowell Tech football program



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From left at the check presentation are the Patriots' Andre Tippett, Greater Lowell Tech seniors Jeremy Sar (Lowell), Isaiah Carrasquillo (Lowell), Kyle Proulx (Dracut) and Benji Hach (Lowell), and head coach Shane Abrams.

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TYNGSBORO — Some local football players are going to get new pads and equipment — all thanks to the Pats.

The New England Patriots Foundation awarded \$50,000 to Greater Lowell Technical High School on Monday after Patriots Executive Director of Community Affairs and former tight end Andre Tippett visited the school for a special ceremony.

The money will go specifically toward the school's football team, Greater Lowell Tech Superintendent Joseph Mastrocola said in a press release.

"The Greater Lowell Athletic Department has not made a final decision about the equipment they will purchase with the grant, although the funds will pay for items like helmets, shoulder pads, uniforms and field equipment," Mastrocola said.

Greater Lowell Tech was one of five high-school football teams in the region to receive \$50,000 grants this fall, along with Brighton High School and English High School in Boston Cumberland (R.I.) High School and Central High School in Providence, R.I.

“Greater Lowell Tech football is extremely grateful for the generosity and kindness of the New England Patriots organization,” Gryphons head coach Shane Abrams. “Their commitment to the game of football and to the student-athletes that play it is second to none. The impact of this donation will be felt for many years to come as we continue to work toward enriching the lives of the young student-athletes that play for us. To the Kraft family and the Patriots organization, we thank you.”

The grants were funded by the Patriots Foundation’s Super Bowl LIII raffle, according to the press release, as senior captain and running back Isaiah Carrasquillo said Tippet’s visit was “an amazing experience.”

“For him to come over and give this to our program means a lot,” the Lowell resident said.

He added that Tippet’s words during the presentation, including treating his teammates like brothers and watching out for one another, would leave a lasting impression on him and his teammates.