

Ryan Bakke was a three year starter for the Garner-Hayfield football team. In 1991, he helped lead the Cardinals to the Class 2A State Championship with a win over Central Lyon/George-Little Rock. In that game he ran for a state record of 269 yards. Ryan was captain of the football team for two seasons. During his senior year in 1991, Ryan rushed for 2,477 yards, scored 41 touchdowns and earned the team 248 points. Ryan's rushing total and touchdowns were both state records at the time and his point total finished at second best. He was a three-time All Conference and two-time All State football player. Ryan was supported by an amazing offensive line, which helped him amass nearly 4,500 rushing yards, 68 touchdowns, and 410 points during his high school football career. Ryan also earned honors in basketball as a two-time all-conference player and was a two-time qualifier for the State Track and Field Meet and Drake Relays.

After graduating high school, Ryan went on to Drake University where he played football for two years. He completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, and then went on to medical school at Des Moines University. After Medical School and Residency, Ryan began working as an Emergency Room Physician, first in Newton, Iowa and then moving on to Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines where he has been working for the last ten years. In 2008, Ryan was honored to be inducted into the Iowa High School Athletic Associations Football Hall of Fame.

