Tate Gabriel ’98 was a four-sport athlete, playing football and baseball, wrestling, and running track. He was good at them all: an all-state football player, regional wrestling champion, and qualified for three state track meets.

In football, Tate was a four-year starter, a senior captain, and named Outstanding Senior Back. He was recognized as SESD All-conference Team and 11B All State Team in 1997. A North-South All Star Game participant, Tate caught 44 passes for 712 yards his senior year, scoring 9 touchdowns. On defense, he had 79 tackles and 7 interceptions.

As a wrestler, Tate was a six-year letterwinner, finishing his Buffalo career with a record of 154-72. Twice a district champion, once a region champion, he earned a 5th place finish at the 1997 State Wrestling Tournament. Tate led the team in takedowns in 1998 and was a two-time Big Dakota Conference Champion. He was a Team Captain who helped lead the Buffalos to a 60-2 dual record and a runner-up finish at the 1997 State Meet.

On the track, Tate qualified for the State Track and Field Championships three consecutive years and broke four school records as a senior. Three of those records still stand: 300M Hurdles (41.35), 4x200 relay (1:32.26), 4x400 relay (3:29.44). In 1998, Tate anchored the 3rd place 4X200 relay team and was part of the 8th place 4X800 relay team at the State Meet.

Tate also enjoyed a successful baseball career, earning a 25-4 record and pitching a State Teener championship for Post 8. He continued his athletic career at DWU, becoming an all-conference football player (four-year starter, three-time all-conference selection) and runner (three conference titles, two school records.)

Tate lives in Fort Pierre with wife Kristin and their three children: Gavin, Scarlett, and Gray.