

LEGENDS YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The NFL Youth Advisory Committee will assist and guide efforts to preserve and grow youth and high school football through peer-to-peer engagement stressing character, values, fundamentals, player protection and coaching.



MARK BRUNELL

Mark Brunell enjoyed a 19-year NFL playing career (Green Bay Packers 1993–94; Jacksonville Jaguars 1995–2003; Washington Redskins 2004–07; New Orleans Saints 2008–09; New York Jets 2010–11), highlighted by his nine seasons with the Jaguars where he was a three-time Pro Bowl selection. Brunell holds virtually every notable franchise passing record, including most yards, touchdowns and most 300-yard games. He also played for the Green Bay Packers, Washington Redskins, New Orleans Saints and New York Jets in his career and was a member of New Orleans’ Super Bowl XLIV winning team. Brunell remains active in the football community, currently serving as the head coach for the Episcopal School of Jacksonville.



NATE BURLESON

Nate Burleson played for three teams over his 11-year career: Minnesota Vikings (2003–05), Seattle Seahawks (2006–09), and Detroit Lions (2010–13). Nate graduated from the University of Nevada with a degree in human development and family studies. He was drafted by the Vikings in the third round of the 2003 NFL Draft. In 2004, Nate led the team in receiving yardage with 1,006 yards on 68 receptions. Also a standout special teamer, he is the only player in NFL history to have three punt returns of 90 or more yards. Nate is currently an NFL Network analyst on *Good Morning Football* and coaches the 12U Highwaymen team in Teaneck, New Jersey.



TRENT DILFER

Trent Dilfer, a native of California, attended Fresno State and was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers with the sixth overall pick in the 1994 NFL Draft. Dilfer, a Pro Bowler in 1997, played for 14 seasons (Tampa Bay Buccaneers 1994–99; Baltimore Ravens 2000; Seattle Seahawks 2001–04; Cleveland Browns 2005; and San Francisco 49ers 2006–07). In 2000, he was the winning quarterback for the Ravens in Super Bowl XXXV. After retirement, he became an analyst for NFL Network and ESPN. He is currently the head coach for Lipscomb Academy in Nashville, Tennessee.



MAURICE JONES-DREW

Maurice Jones-Drew, the Jacksonville Jaguars’ second-round selection and the 60th overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft, led the UCLA Bruins in rushing in the three years he was on the team. A three-time Pro Bowl running back (2009–11), in 2011, Jones-Drew led the NFL in rushing with 1,606 yards and accounted for nearly 48% of the Jaguars’ total yards from scrimmage. Jones-Drew still holds many Jaguars’ team records, including career touchdowns (81), rushing touchdowns (68), and most rushing yards in a single season (1,606). In 2009, he established the Maurice Jones-Drew Foundation to assist youth organizations. During his playing career, he routinely hosted football camps for youth in Jacksonville and in his hometown of Antioch, California. Following his retirement, Jones-Drew became an analyst for NFL Network and is currently a color analyst for the Los Angeles Rams.

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WILLIE MCGINEST

A graduate of Southern California, Willie McGinest was the fourth overall draft pick of the New England Patriots in the 1994 NFL Draft. A two-time Pro Bowl selection, he played for 15 seasons (New England Patriots 1994–2005; Cleveland Browns 2006–08). Elected to the Patriots Hall of Fame in 2015, McGinest ranks third in team history with 78 sacks. He still holds the postseason sack record with 16 and most sacks in a postseason game with 4½. Currently an NFL Network analyst, McGinest is the founder of the Willie McGinest Freedom School, a non-profit foundation which provides social and cultural enrichment for at-risk youth.



JORDAN PALMER

Jordan Palmer was selected in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins. While at the University of Texas at El Paso, Palmer set school records by throwing for 11,084 yards with 88 touchdowns. He played for four teams in his NFL career (Cincinnati Bengals 2008–10; Jacksonville Jaguars 2012; Chicago Bears 2013; Tennessee Titans 2014). His older brother, Carson, was the first overall pick in the 2003 NFL Draft by the Bengals. While at Cincinnati, the Palmer brothers became the first to play quarterback for the same team during the Super Bowl era. After his retirement, Jordan works as a quarterback coach. Prior to the 2018 NFL Draft, he tutored Sam Darnold (New York Jets) and Josh Allen (Buffalo Bills).



CHAD PENNINGTON

Born and raised in Knoxville, Tennessee, Pennington was the 18th overall selection of the New York Jets in the 2000 NFL Draft. Chad enjoyed an 11-year NFL playing experience with the Jets (2000–07) and Miami Dolphins (2008–10). The Marshall University graduate was a Rhodes Scholar Finalist in college and is the only player in NFL history to win the AP NFL Comeback Player of the Year Award twice, doing so in 2006 and 2008. Pennington now serves as the co-executive director of the NFL Legends Community. Chad stays connected with the game of football in various ways as well. He currently serves as the Director of Football at the Sayre School in Lexington, KY where he has assisted in reviving a high school football program that has been dormant since 1976. Pennington has also served in youth and middle school football as both coach and administrator.



MICHAEL ROBINSON

Michael Robinson, a journalism and advertising/public relations graduate from Penn State and the first Nittany Lion to throw for over 2,000 yards and rush for over 500 yards in the same season, was the 100th overall selection in the 2006 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers. A three-time Academic All-Big Ten at Penn State, Robinson played for eight years in the NFL (San Francisco 49ers 2006–09; Seattle Seahawks 2010–13). His last NFL game was Super Bowl XLVIII in which the Seahawks defeated the Broncos 43–8. In 2010, Robinson founded Excel to Excellence, a charity which encourages youth to excel in school and society. After retirement, he became an analyst for NFL Network.

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DEION SANDERS

Recognized as one of the most notable defensive players in NFL history, Deion Sanders was selected fifth overall by the Atlanta Falcons in the 1989 NFL Draft. During his 14-year career, Sanders played for the Atlanta Falcons, San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, Washington Redskins and Baltimore Ravens. He was recognized as the NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 1994 and is the all-time leader with 19 defensive and return touchdowns. Sanders was selected to the Pro Bowl eight times and is a two-time Super Bowl Champion: in 1994 with the San Francisco 49ers and in 1995 with the Dallas Cowboys. Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011, Sanders also played professional baseball for nine seasons with the New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds and San Francisco Giants. He is the only player in history to play in both the Super Bowl and World Series. In 1989, Sanders became the first player in history to hit a home run in the majors and score a touchdown in the NFL in the same week. Following retirement, Sanders pursued a career in broadcasting where he is currently an analyst for CBS Sports and NFL Network. He also currently serves as the offensive coordinator at Trinity Christian-Cedar Hill High School where his sons attend.



BOBBY TAYLOR

Bobby Taylor was the 50th overall selection and the Philadelphia Eagles' second-round pick in the 1995 NFL Draft. A Texas native, Taylor was the first player in Longview (Tex.) High School history to have his jersey retired. In 2012, he was inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame. Taylor enjoyed a 10-year career with the Eagles (1995–2003) and the Seattle Seahawks (2004). His father, Robert, was a gold and silver medalist in the 1972 Summer Olympics. For the last nine years, Taylor has hosted The Fun Camp (Fundamentals Of Football) alongside fellow Legend N.D. Kalu in Houston, TX where they have served thousands of kids ages 6-16. In 2013, Taylor started the BT Defensive Backs Skills & Athlete Training operated at Zoe's Sports Performance in Richmond, TX.