

Wayne Hawkins

Wayne was a 1987 graduate of CHHS. At Columbia Heights Wayne was a three sport athlete who lettered a total of seven times in Football, Basketball, and track. He was honored as All Conference in football his senior year as well as being named All State kick returner; accomplishing 6 kick off returns for touchdowns. In track he lettered three straight years and again was named All State his senior year. His third sport was basketball where he lettered in both his junior and senior years.

Wayne's accomplishments go far beyond being an outstanding high school athlete. After high school Wayne attended Inver Hills Junior College for one year and finished his college career at Southwest State University. At the college level Wayne excelled in Football and Track where he made for himself at the National level. In his first year of football at the college level he was honored by being named to the All conference team. At Southwest State University he was All Conference his sophomore year; All American his junior year; and Kodak All American his senior year. He was honored by being selected to play in both the All Star Blue/Gray Game and All Star East/West game his senior year.

While at Southwest state Wayne became a FIVE time All American in both Indoor and Outdoor Track. He continues to hold numerous sprint records at Southwest State. In 2004 Wayne was inducted into the Southwest State University Hall of Fame.

Wayne is among the elite as a Columbia Heights student/athlete who made it to the professional sports level. In 1992 he was drafted by the New England Patriots in the 7th round. From 1994 to present Wayne has participated in the Canadian Football League, and in the Arena Football League where he played for both the Minnesota Fighting Pike and the Milwaukee Mustangs.

He is equally as proud of his accomplishments in the community as he is of his athletic achievements. He worked with troubled youth at St. Joseph's Home for Children for three years, has contributed financially in support of the homeless, and continues to work in the community where he is an inspiration and excellent role model to kids.

Wayne lives in Medicine Lake, Plymouth area, with his wife Kari. They have five children: Adrian 19; Dominique 18; Ebony 14; Saylor 6, and Dayas 4. Wayne owns his own business, a cleaning service, which keeps him extremely active and busy.