

NFL PLAYERS HIT THE BOOKS IN OFFSEASON

This past spring, 100 NFL players spent training-camp length days in the classrooms of four of the finest business schools in the country as part of the **NFL Business Management and Entrepreneurial Program**.

The program – at the Harvard Business School, Kellogg School of Management (Northwestern University), Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania – is part of an ongoing NFL-NFLPA initiative to assist players in preparing for their post-playing careers.

Over the past three years more than 250 NFL players have participated in the program, which is administered by NFL Player Development. In addition, each offseason more than 100 NFL players enroll in college courses as they work towards masters or bachelor's degrees while more than 120 pursue career internships. In June, 20 current and former NFL players participated in the first ever NFL Broadcast Bootcamp at NFL Films.

Both players and professors involved in the entrepreneurial program have similar goals.

"In football and other sports, you never want to stand on the sidelines," says Minnesota Vikings fullback **TONY RICHARDSON**, who attended Kellogg in April and Harvard in 2005. "But I learned that sometimes in business it's good to be on the sidelines until you are sure of what you're doing. I want to have as much business education under my belt as I can."

New England Patriots tackle **MATT LIGHT**, who earned an engineering degree at Purdue, attended the Harvard program this year "to get reeducated," he says. "I haven't been in school for a long time. And the people here are some of the best."

CARL KESTER, the deputy dean of Harvard Business School, says that the NFL program "helps smooth the transition from the locker room to the business world."

Following is a sampling of some of the players who participated in the program this past spring:

Kyle Boller, Baltimore – Stanford	Will Demps, NY Giants – Stanford	Pete Kendall, NY Jets – Harvard	Aaron Shea, San Diego – Stanford
Mark Bruener, Houston – Stanford	Brian Griese, Chicago – Kellogg	Matt Light, New England – Harvard	Todd Steussie, St. Louis – Harvard
Luis Castillo, San Diego – Kellogg	Artrell Hawkins, N.E. – Wharton	Keenan McCardell, Houston – Wharton	Brian Westbrook, Phil. – Wharton
Angelo Crowell, Buffalo – Wharton	Chris Hovan, Tampa Bay – Kellogg	Alvin Pearman, Jax. – Wharton	Maurice Williams, Jax. – Stanford
Phillip Daniels, Washington – Kellogg	Eric Johnson, N.O. – Wharton	Tony Richardson, Minn. – Kellogg	Kailee Wong, Houston – Stanford

NEW DIPLOMAS IN HAND, NFL VETS GET READY FOR '07

From new diplomas to the new season. That is the transition for 18 veteran NFL players this September.

These 18 veterans put their offseason to good use by completing their college degrees, many with help from the **NFL CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM**.

In 1991, the league established the NFL Player Development Department to assist players and their families in their lives off the field. The Continuing Education Program is part of the assistance plan and a major priority of NFL Vice President of Player Development and Pro Football Hall of Famer **MIKE HAYNES**.

Following are NFL veterans who earned their college degrees this offseason:

PLAYER	TEAM	COLLEGE	MAJOR
LB Charlie Anderson	Houston	Mississippi	Sociology
LB Chase Blackburn	New York Giants	Akron	Integrated Mathematics
TE Mark Bruener	Houston	Washington	Economics
G Dan Buenning	Tampa Bay	Wisconsin	Agricultural Science
TE Dallas Clark	Indianapolis	Iowa	Elementary Education
P Dustin Colquitt	Kansas City	Tennessee	Political Science
G Frank Davis	Detroit	South Florida	Management Information Systems
S Matt Giordano	Indianapolis	California - Berkeley	American Studies
LB Jason Glenn	Minnesota	Texas A&M	Agricultural Leadership
DE Brandon Green	Seattle	Rice	Kinesiology
RB Boomer Grigsby	Kansas City	Illinois State	Marketing
DT Javon Haye	Tampa Bay	Vanderbilt	Human & Organizational Development
S Terrance Holt	Arizona	North Carolina State	Sociology
C Ryan Kuehl	New York Giants	American University	Masters in Business Administration
S Kevin McCadam	Jacksonville	VPI	History
K Mike Nugent	New York Jets	Ohio State	Logistics Management
T Max Starks	Pittsburgh	Florida	Sociology
RB Leonard Weaver	Seattle	Carson-Newman	Business Administration