

## Eric Jones

Eric Jones is a 1995 graduate of Hillsborough High School. During his high school athletic career, Eric earned eleven varsity letters. He was the first football player in the history of Hillsborough High School to earn four varsity letters. He was an outstanding athlete in three sports. He is regarded as one of the best all around athletes ever at Hillsborough High School. In addition to the four varsity letters earned in football, Eric also earned four varsity letters in basketball and three varsity letters in track. He was the first Hillsborough High School athlete to earn four varsity letters in two sports. However, Eric's accomplishments on the gridiron have earned him a place in the Hillsborough High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Among Eric's many football honors, he earned first team honors as follows:

All-Conference      1991, 1992, 1993, 1994  
All-Somerset County      1991, 1992, 1993, 1994  
All-State              1992, 1993, 1994

After the 1994 football season, Eric was selected to play in the North-South Football Classic, which consisted of the top senior football players in the state. He was also selected to the Super Prep All Northeast Football Team. Eric ended his high school athletic career by being selected by the coaches as Hillsborough High School's Outstanding Senior Male Athlete and Outstanding Senior Athlete.

In addition to the honors received in football, Eric received several first team honors in basketball and track. These honors are:

Basketball: All-Conference 1994, 1995; All-County 1994, 1995  
Track: All-Conference 1993, 1994, 1995; All-County 1993, 1994, 1995; NJSIAA Meet of Champions 1993, 1994, 1995

Eric was highly recruited for football being offered several football scholarships from major college programs. He accepted a full athletic scholarship from Duke University where he continued to excel in football. While at Duke, Eric received the following honors: AAC Rookie of the Week 1996, AAC Defensive Player of the Week 1997, Duke's Defensive Back of the Year 1997, Duke's "Ball Hawk Award" 1997

While at Duke, Eric earned four varsity letters in football and was named the team captain in 1999.

As several of our Hillsborough High School athletes, Eric achieved success outside of the athletic arena. These honors were:

Three-time recipient of the Paul Robeson Youth Achievement

In 1995, recipient of Congressman Donald M. Payne Certificate of Recognition Award. This award is given to a high school student who has shown a commitment to succeed and dedication to improving the lives of others by giving of themselves.

Eric resides in Durham, North Carolina, and is employed as the Project Coordinator of the Food Bank of North Carolina. Eric is truly a renaissance man.

