

Dorien Russell – Vice-President of Bulldogs Nation Foundation, Inc. (“BNFI”)

Dorien “**Coach Doc**” Russell, joined BNFI due to his love for community, belief in continuing education, and the fact that BNFI’s mission is to be able to give scholarships to senior graduates at his alma mater. As a former football player for the Bulldogs at Westinghouse, Dorien continues to stress to the students how important education is and often will use football analogies to the athletes to relate them with real life scenarios.

Known throughout the community as a dedicated mentor, coach, and alumni, Dorien uses his spare time to coach football within the community. Since age 14, Dorien has had an extensive football background. This background has reached many young boys, young men and full adult men. Just like football is the avenue many kids use in their dream to get out of less fortunate circumstances, BNFI wants to contribute to students (athletes and non-athletes) to fulfill their dreams by assisting with high school post-graduate expenses. Yes, Dorien served various times as either a defensive coordinator, offensive coordinator, assistant coach, head coach, and player, but his biggest contribution to the community is teaching how to be a part of a team and how to feel like you matter. At BNFI, our number one goal is to teach seniors who feel that they do not matter that not only do they matter, we want to help them push through adversity and strive to do more than they thought they could.

Dorien served as CEO/President of Homewood-Brushton Unified Sports for several years. He showed how organizing community sports was vital to the youths and it energized their enthusiasm and hope for a brighter future. Other positions he held throughout the community are President of Homewood-Brushton AA Rookie Ball and Little League Baseball, as well as President of Homewood-Brushton Football Association. In all of these roles, Dorien showed the youths how important team work is, in addition to emphasizing the importance of getting a great education, so that they have something to fall back on, outside of their athletic abilities. He’s good at reminding them that sports may be an avenue to a better life, but education is always the best avenue for knowledge since once you’re given knowledge, no one can take that away from you.

Attending college for Health and Physical Education, Coach Doc knows that physical education also represents mental education. This understanding, along with the ability to motivate others through the feeling of belonging, will be an instrumental asset to BNFI as we grow and hope to development our own mentoring program.

Currently Coach Doc is an assistant head coach of Pittsburgh Pride, which is a semi-pro football team and Eastern Division Champions, who are rated the #1 defense in the United States Football Alliance.