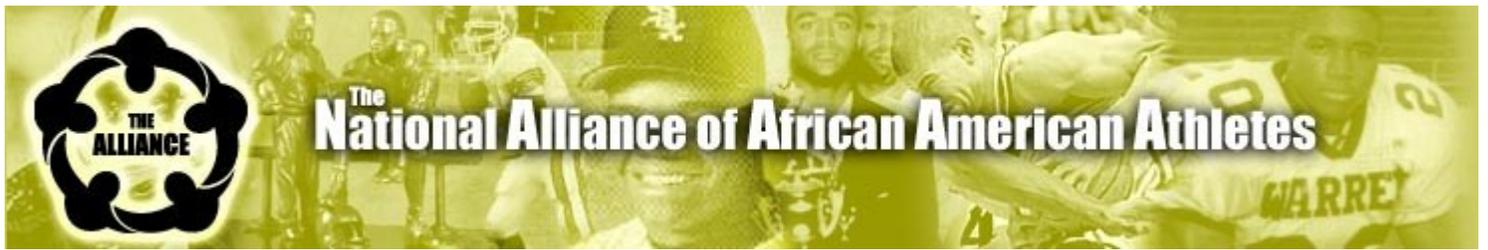


# The Phoenix Chapter of the National Alliance of African American Athletes





# Organized to facilitate the development of African American young men and boys in American Society

The Phoenix Chapter is a working collaborative with 3 components:

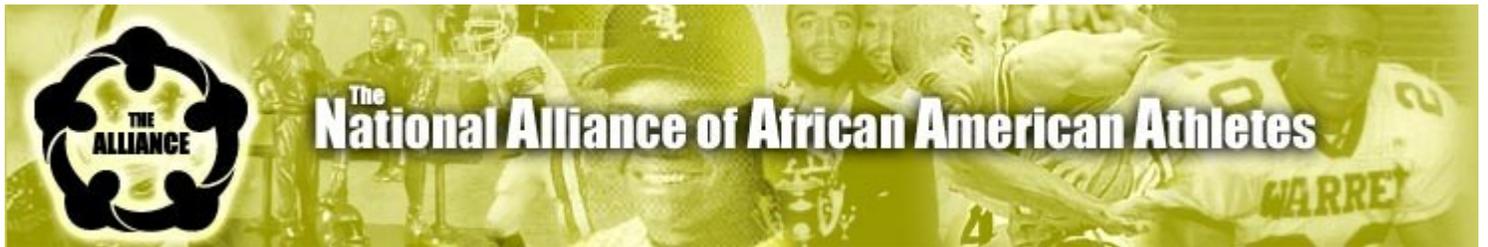
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Athletics
- ◆ Mentorship





The Phoenix Chapter is comprised of professional athletes, business professionals, educators and men and women that want to make a positive impact on today's youth





## Active Professional Athletes



Everson Griffen(Minnesota Vikings) Graduate– Agua Fria High

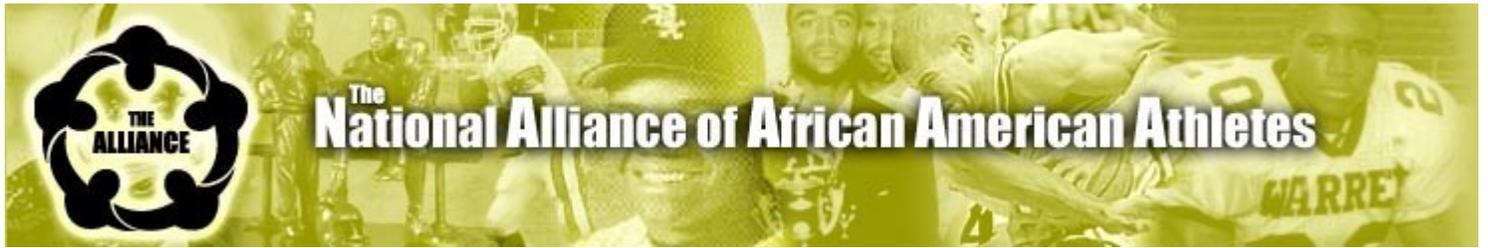


Brett Hundley(Green Bay Packers) Graduate— Chandler High



Devon Kennard(New York Giants) Graduate– Desert Vista High





## Active College Athletes



Christian Kirk(Saguaro-3.3gpa) Texas A&M(Business Major) receiver/punt returner, All-SEC, Freshman of the Year



Dalvin Richardson(Valley Vista– 3.3gpa)University of Minnesota Crookston(Nursing Major)Linebacker, finished the season with 41 tackles, earned nursing certificate to work in off-season



Kaleb Pitts(Hamilton - 4.21gpa) Columbia(Finance Major) receiver, redshirt freshman



Markus Howard(Perry/Findlay -3.8gpa)Marquette(major undecided) basketball guard, starting as a freshman , won 2 gold medals playing for the USA in 2 international tournaments



Deonte Williams(Buena - 3.5gpa) Pima C.C.(Computer Science Major) receiver, finished his high school career with 2099 receiving yards



Samuel Reeves(Viste Grande - 3.89gpa) Truman State University(Electrical Engineering Major) defensive lineman/ wrestler, football-Conference Freshman of the Year, wrestling-led team in wins(23) competed in NCAA Championships



Maliq Washington(McClintock - 3.83gpa) Mesa Community College(Business Major)basketball guard, finished high school ranked as the #5 guard in the state



Sedacy Walden(North Canyon - 3.8gpa) U.S. Air Force Academy(Management Major)track athlete on 2 all-conference relay teams



Marshall Thompson(Williams Field 3.6gpa) Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University(Engineering Major) basketball forward



Bryant O'Georgia(North Canyon - 3.5gpa) University of Arizona(Major undecided)a high jumper that was the state champion as a high school senior



Isaiah Ford(Desert Vista - 3.5gpa) Central Arizona College(Business Major) track athlete runs 100m/200m sprints



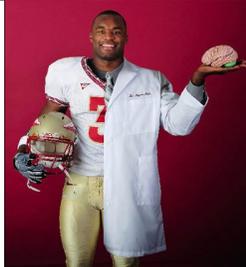
Gino Littles(Desert Mountain- 3.6gpa) Univ. Texas San Antonio(Communications Major) starting point guard avg 8.2 pts, 3.3 ast, 3.2 reb

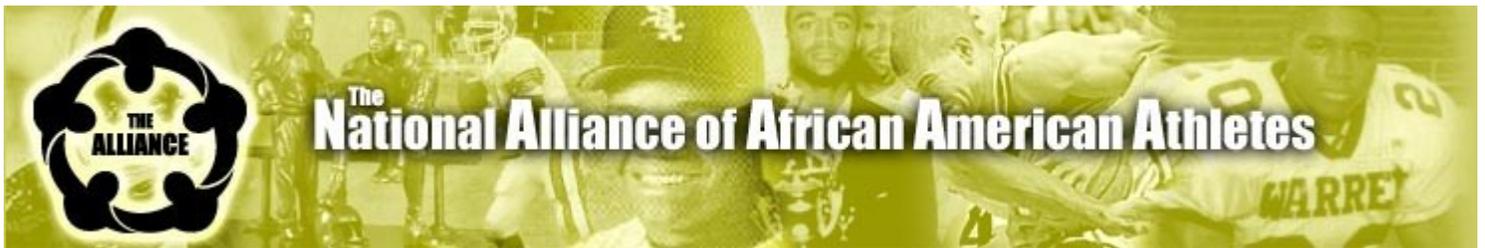


Adonis Battle(Desert Vista 3.7gpa) Phoenix College(undeclared Major) high school linebacker with 103 tackles in 2 years



# Retired & Professional Supporters





## Initiatives

- ◆ Prep Classes Catholic High School Entrance Exam
- ◆ Annual Arizona Awards Ceremony
- ◆ STEM Paid Summer Internship Program
- ◆ “Watkins Award” in Washington D.C.
- ◆ SAT Prep Classes
- ◆ College Recruitment Services
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Life Skills Training
- ◆ Job Referral Services
- ◆ Access to Professional Athletes



Mentoring, Tutoring and SAT Prep



Annual Arizona Awards Ceremony



## Background of the National Organization

The Franklin D. Watkins Memorial Trophy Award (Watkins Award) was initiated in 1993 to promote academic excellence amongst African-American high school student-athletes. It is named after the deceased co-founder of The Alliance, Franklin Watkins. The Watkins Award recognizes exceptionally talented African-American male athletes who, by their example, help promote high academic standards and a commitment to community service.

Premier African-American high school student-athletes seniors from all over the United States are nominated for the award during the fall of each year. Finalists are chosen based on the following criteria: Unweighted GPA (must be 3.0 or above), Personal Statement, Extra-Curricular Activities, Community Service, and Letters of Recommendation. All qualifiers will be recognized at our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual awards banquet that will take place in the winter/spring.

The National Alliance of African American Athletes (The Alliance) is a 501 (c)3 founded in 1989 with the purpose to mentor African-American student-athletes through college preparation, developing leadership skills and recognizing community service as well as academic and athletic excellence.





## Why Focus on African American Males in High School

Available data consistently show that African-American males in the 18 to 26 age bracket are far more likely to be involved at some level with the criminal justice system rather than higher education. In July, 2000 the National Urban League reported, for example, that while African-American female PhD's increased by 111%, African-American male PhD's actually decreased by 2%. These consistent trends are reasons enough to focus attention on the development of African-American males while they are still in a high school setting. While there have been all-out efforts to recruit collegiate sports stars, there has been little focus on developing opportunities at the high school level to motivate African-American males to seriously pursue higher education. The Phoenix Chapter recognizes the expressed value of education in the pursuit of athletic goals and serves to encourage young men to pursue this balance of success.



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Myron Rolle –Florida State University 4.0gpa, Rode Scholar, played for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tennessee Titans. Is now studying to be a brain surgeon.



## Phoenix Chapter Scholar Athletes in the Military

*Thank you for your service!*



Joshua Bayer - Catalina Foothills High 4.3gpa

Is now serving at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring



Sedacy Walden—North Canyon 3.8gpa

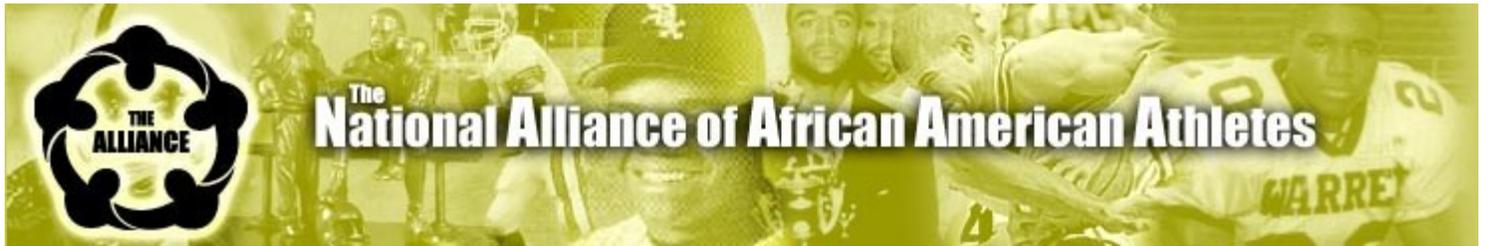
Is now serving and running track for the Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring



Kozy Jack—Independence High 3.6gpa

Is a member of the US Army Reserves





## Eligibility

Every year applicants will fill out a Phoenix Chapter application. They must meet the following:

- ◆ Male Student Athlete
- ◆ Have some African American Heritage
- ◆ High School or JR High Student
- ◆ 3.0gpa or Higher
- ◆ Good Athlete(any sport)
- ◆ Past Community Service or willing to do some in the future
- ◆ Submit a copy of school transcripts(official or Non-official)





## Scholar Athlete Submission Process

The Phoenix Chapter has a very simple application yearly application process

- Submit yearly application by deadline
- Submit a copy of school transcripts(official or non-official) with minimum 3.0gpa
- Email links to online video
- Email 2 photos(head shot, you in action)include name
- All of these athletes will be recognized in a ceremony that will take place in the spring/summer. All high school and jr high student athletes are eligible.





## How you can help!

In order to successfully pursue our initiatives geared towards supporting African-American youth, particularly in the greater Phoenix area, we need **your** support, as well as that of your friends and colleagues. Make a commitment today to serve as a mentor, aid in one of our community outreach programs or make a monetary tax deductible donation.

Sign up for	Donation
<input type="checkbox"/> Championship Sponsor	\$10,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Touchdown Sponsor	\$7,500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Goal Sponsor	\$5,000.00
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## About the Phoenix Chapter of the National Alliance of African American Athletes

The Phoenix Chapter of the National Alliance of African American Athletes was founded in May of 2005. The Chapter models the national organization's philosophy of promoting academic excellence, community service and social consciousness. This mission is delivered to African-American student athletes in the Phoenix area by enriching their exceptional talent, educational direction, character and leadership. Furthermore, the Alliance believes in celebrating those who exhibit these characteristics. The Phoenix Chapter of the National Alliance of African-American Athletes stand to provide a balance between educational institutions and personal expectations.

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## Our Vision

Through mentoring and counseling, we hope to empower this generation of African-American males to not only succeed in the athletic arena, but to also become productive members of society. This in turn, will lay a foundation upon which these young men build, using their influence to motivate youth to succeed inside and outside the classroom.



Markus Howard– Perry High 3.8gpa.  
Guard Marquette Univ. Gold Medal USA  
17 and under World Championship



Gino Little– Desert Mountain  
(Scottsdale) 3.3gpa. Point  
Guard Univ. Texas San Antonio



## Our Missions

To empower African-American male student athletes with the fundamentals and abilities necessary to transcend the stereotypes that society has placed upon them. By identifying premier African-American male scholar athletes, we can improve the black community by providing examples of success.



Caleve Deboskie-Chandler High 3.0gpa NAU  
Covaughn Deboskie-Hamilton High 4.1gpa  
Cal Berkeley & NAU



DJ Hubbard – La Jolla 4.3gpa  
Colorado Mesa State





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Caleb Pitts— Hamilton High  
4.21gpa. Columbia University. Engineering and Finance major



Elijah Crockett—Chavez High  
4.1gpa. Willamette University.  
Computer Science major



## Initiatives

### ***Education***

To encourage the pursuit of higher education through programs such as pre-SAT workshops, while assistance with the college application process, resume building, advice on securing letters of recommendation, and a database of different resources for financing a college education, including an annual scholarship presented by the Phoenix Chapter.

### ***Mentoring***

To foster relationships between African-American youth and industry leaders, with an emphasis on job shadowing and internships.

### ***Preparation***

To instill values that will prepare youth for future endeavors, such as time management, interviewing techniques, organizational skills and financial planning.

### ***Leadership***

To provide African-American youth with the tools necessary to become effective leaders - utilizing public speaking courses, personality typing, and career development.

### ***Community***

To motivate youth to become active members of their community by organizing events to promote volunteerism.

