

Born A Winner

Dyonne Crudup

Dyonne Crudup received a football scholarship to Temple University on February 2, 2006. Just a few days after graduating from high school Dyonne made his first trip to Temple University for orientation. That weekend is when he decided to enroll in the School of Tourism and Hospitality Management. Not knowing what was a head or what to expect, he gladly accepted the challenge from Dean Montague and his staff. On July 4, 2006 Dyonne moved into his dorm for the summer and was prepared to take his first class as a Temple student. The summer came in went where he received a 3.8 grade point average and was working hard on the football field.

His first fall semester as a college student was rough Dyonne did more partying than anything. He did enough work to get by, thinking he was still in high school and getting C's as if they were good. He later found out that C's was just as bad as failing, he received his lowest grade point average of his academic career 1.97. Not participating in anything else but football and parties Dyonne found himself in study hall. Considering that football and school took up most of his time, study hall took from his down time as a college student. That spring semester Dyonne picked it up a little bit, earning a 2.4 and a starting job as a wide receiver for the Temple football team. This was all good but he still was not involved with his major, far as getting experience and doing community service. He did community service but it was more football related than school related. That summer of 2007 going into his sophomore year Dyonne decided to give back to his own community. He volunteered at the Gear Up Program in New Haven Connecticut, where he was working with students at the high school level. He spoke to them about college and his experience and what to expect, he did that as much as he could during the summer.

His sophomore year he was more calm because he had a little more on his plate and he started to see more into the future. Becoming a leader on and off the

field and doing well in the class room was the task at hand. Dyonne once again stepped to the challenge, he was the second leader in pass receptions and pass yards, he also received a 2.6 grade point average. Knowing he has a long way to go, his parents and coaches noticed his improvement. One thing Dyonne still lacked was getting involved in his industry and in community service. His spring semester was average but he got involved with the community more, reaching out to younger kids, he continued that throughout the summer.

This was Dyonne coming out year, his junior year where everything started to come together. One thing that happened which was not good but it was what Dyonne needed to happen for him to wake up. Dyonne did not have a good enough football season like he expected. Relying so much on football Dyonne realized that it was not all about football. That semester he received his high grade point average and was awarded on the Dean list with a 3.3. That spring semester was going good, he was getting involved in his major by participating in an event, getting involved with the community, and was accepted by Ms. Michael at The Legendary Blue Horizon where he completed his first experience in a professional working environment.

