



Justin Hannah

Class of 2011

Justin Hannah, a native of Birmingham, Alabama enrolled at Tuskegee University on an athletic scholarship in August 2006. Hannah's electric and ball-hawking ability earned him the starting defensive back position as a "true" freshman. During his collegiate career, Hannah accumulated many accolades including a 2-time James Oliver Player of the Year, SIAC Defensive Player of the Year, 3-time 1st team All-Conference, 3-time All American, 2-time Tuskegee- Morehouse Classic MVP, six Player of the Week awards, and National Player of the Year. Hannah set 2 records, tied one and is the only TUAHOF inductee to have a National Black College Championship and 4 consecutive SIAC Championships as a player.

Hannah participated in several clubs on campus such as the Alabama Club, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and the Health Science Student Association. As a biology major, his passion for science helped him to excel right away in the classroom, graduating in 2011 from Tuskegee University with an overall G.P.A. of 3.2.

In 2010, Hannah was selected by the NFL's Cleveland Browns as a free agent. After a brief stay in the Canadian Football League with the Montreal Alouettes, he finished his six-year career in the Arena Football League. His achievements included 3-time "Pulse Player of the Week", 2012 2nd team All-Arena, and (Captain) 2013 Football All-Star Teams in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Beijing, China. He was named to the 2014 1st Team All-Arena team, and was a 2 time Al Lucas Hero Award finalist. In 2015, Hannah retired from professional football and became an Honors Biology and Physical Science teacher at Holy Family Cristo Rey High School in Birmingham, AL, where he pushed his students to dream big and surpass the stereotypes in intercity schools. Hannah returned to Tuskegee University as a defensive back coach in 2018 but is now coaching as the Defensive Coordinator at Shades Valley High School in Birmingham, AL.

Hannah is a member at C.B.F. Ministries and International. He has made donations to Tuskegee University Athletics.

He is the youngest son of John and Jocelyn Hannah, and has three beautiful daughters Kendyl, Naomi, and Gianna.