

Darrell Green, Special Assistant to the Athletic Director

Football Hall of Famer and Washington Redskins legend Darrell Green joined Mason Athletics in August 2016 as an Associate AD, Special Assistant to the Athletic Director.

Green works with the department's senior leadership to build and enhance internal and external relationships, engage in fundraising initiatives and collaborate and communicate with constituents across the community.

“You would be hard pressed to find a more accomplished athlete and role model, an advocate for education and a community and civic leader all rolled into one individual than Darrell Green,” said Director of Athletics Brad Edwards, who played with Green on the Redskins. “Darrell's tremendous commitment to community and to competitive excellence makes him an ideal fit to assist us in the continuing integration of our university into the Washington, DC Metropolitan region.”

Green has been a staple in the Washington community for the past three decades. In 1988, he founded the Darrell Green Youth Life Foundation. The non-profit provides a wide-range of academic development and values-based education programs through Youth Life Learning Centers in urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods.

In 1996, he was named the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, honoring his volunteer and charitable work in the community. The following year, he received the Athletes in Action/Bart Starr Award, which is given annually to the NFL player who best exemplifies outstanding character and leadership on and off the field.

Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2008, Green played an impressive 20 years in the NFL – all with the Redskins. He compiled one of the best careers of any cornerback in NFL history, winning two Super Bowls, making seven Pro Bowls and receiving All-Pro recognition four times. He was named to the NFL's 1990s All-Decade Team. The former collegiate track and football All-American also won four NFL Fastest Man competitions.

He set NFL records for most games played by a defensive player (295) and most consecutive seasons with an interception (19). He holds Redskins records in interceptions (54), interceptions returned for touchdowns (6), starts (258) and games played (295).

Edwards and Green were teammates in the defensive backfield for four years with the Redskins. Together they played huge roles in Washington's victory over the Buffalo Bills in Super Bowl XXVI, combining for three interceptions.

Green, who retired from the NFL in 2002, is an avid businessman. He established the marketing company of Darrell Green Enterprises, Inc. and Darrell Green Holdings, LLC to manage business interests.

Green, a native of Houston, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in general studies and social

science at St. Paul's College. He also has received three honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees – from Marymount University, George Washington University and St. Paul's College.

He and his wife, Jewell, have three adult children, Jerrell, Jared and Joi, and one granddaughter, Alana.