



THE PENNINGTON SCHOOL

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PENNINGTON, N.J., Jan. 31 --- Pennington School alumnus Dontae Johnson is headed to Super Bowl LIV with the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, February 2. Johnson, a former Pennington School All-State athlete in football and basketball, is the first Pennington School graduate to participate in a Super Bowl.

Johnson grew up in Plainfield, N.J., and was a student at The Pennington School from 2007 through his graduation in 2010. As a senior at Pennington, he was ranked as the sixth-best senior football player in the state of New Jersey. Johnson went on to play football at North Carolina State on a full scholarship. In his career at North Carolina State, he amassed 200 tackles and three interceptions as a defensive back. As a senior in college, he played in the “Senior Bowl,” a game for NFL prospects.

Johnson was drafted in the 2014 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers. He was selected in the fourth round and was 129th overall. He has played in the NFL for six seasons and amassed 138 total tackles in those six seasons. Johnson also had two interceptions in his NFL career, both of which led to touchdowns. In addition to the 49ers, Johnson has played for the Bills, Cardinals and Chargers during his career.

The Pennington School community is thrilled to see an alumnus make it to the Super Bowl, said Chandler Fraser-Pauls, Johnson’s former Pennington teammate who is now an admission counselor at the School.

“Dontae is a great representative of The Pennington School, and he is a shining example of humility, hard work, and a positive influence on society,” Fraser-Pauls said. “I am very proud to call him not only my former teammate, but also my brother. The Pennington community loves him, and we are cheering for him and the 49ers!”

The Pennington School is an independent coeducational school for students in grades 6 through 12, in both day and boarding programs. The curriculum is college preparatory, with an emphasis on individual excellence, fostering the development of the whole student through academics, athletics, community service, and the creative and performing arts.

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Caption for photo: Pennington School alumnus Dontae Johnson is headed to Super Bowl LIV with the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday, February 2.