

Darren Beamon
Football, Baseball
Class of 2001

Darren Beamon is considered one of the most spectacular and decorated two-sport athletes for Nyack High School. He dominated and excelled as a running back on the gridiron, and as a slugging shortstop on the baseball diamond. He possessed a true talent that was undeniable. His grit on both fields translated into wins, team honors and personal accolades.

In his four years as a varsity football player, Darren was named All-County in 1998, 1999, and 2000, and received the honor of All-Section I for football in the same three seasons. As team captain for the 2000 football season, Beamon was a contributing force in bringing home to Nyack its first New York State Football Championship. During the 2000 season, he amassed 10 touchdown receptions and earned All- State Wide Receiver Honors was a direct reflection of his amassed career of over 2,500 yards from scrimmage. Beamon's ability and tenacity to deliver outstanding plays in big games earned him the honor of Most Outstanding Back twice: 1998 Bowl Game against Ossining and in the 1999 Bowl Game Our Lady of Lourdes.

The power-speed combo Beamon showcased in football translated seamlessly into baseball; he hit .439 with four home runs as Nyack's leadoff hitter in 2000, and set the school's single-season triples record with seven. Coach Dave Siegriest summed up Darren's athleticism in a 2000 Journal New Article: "As he went, we went. He was the catalyst who started everything off."

Beamon's baseball accolades paralleled his football honors too. He was awarded the silver medal at the Empire State Games, and All-County and All-Section honors in 2000. Beamon's tremendous athletic talent was a force to be reckoned with. His appreciation of sports and the value of team and friendship began on the fields starting in the Nyack Valley Cottage Little League and Pop Warner's Valley Cottage Indians.

Born and raised in Nyack, Beamon is the son of John and Yvonne; he also has a twin sister Nicole; his brother Michael was also a Nyack football great. Darren is the proud father to four children—Darren Jr., Angelyse, Julissa, and Raya. He is currently pursuing his certification to be substance abuse counselor and peer advocate in the recovery field.

