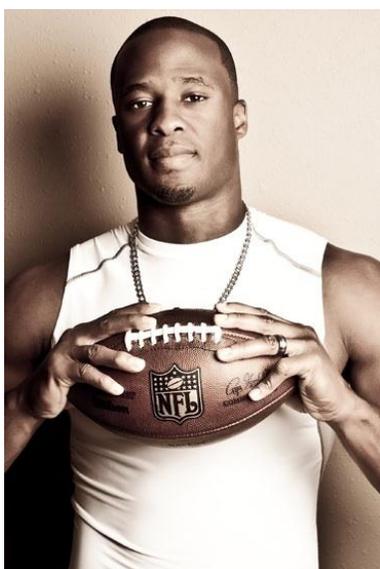




FORMER HOUSTON TEXANS PLAYER AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS!



Former Houston Texans player and Missouri City native, **Devard Darling** is awarding college scholarships to deserving students through his **As One Foundation**. The \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to eight Fort Bend Independent School District (FBISD) high school seniors on **Thursday, July 26, 2012** at 6:30pm at the Sweetwater Country Club in Sugar Land, Texas.

The **As One Foundation** was founded **Devard Darling**, a NFL wide receiver, in memory of his twin brother, **Devaughn Darling**, who tragically died during pre-season conditioning at Florida State University. Both developed academically and athletically in FBISD until they graduated from Austin High School and continued their education at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida.

The **Devard & Devaughn Darling Scholarship Awards & Silent Auction** is Devard's way of turning the loss of his identical twin brother, into something positive. It's also a way to say thank you to the people who helped them both succeed as student athletes. "I would really appreciate the

support of the community for this event," says Darling. "It is so important to show these young people they are worth our time and money. So many did that for me and my brother, now this is my chance to pay it forward."

The 2012 Recipients are: **Akintunde O. Akinniranye**, **Rashayne Darling** and **Maria Guadalupe Mercado**, all from Austin High School. Other winners are **Jeremy Ryan Marsh** of Travis High School; **Alisha Marie Pace** of Kempner High School; **Keshundria Patterson** of Dulles High School; **Faith Isioma Izuegbu** of Hightower High School and **Alice Jean** of Clements High School.

The event is open to the public at \$40 per admission. The audience can expect hear from the scholarship recipients and enjoy dining at the Sweetwater Country Club. For more information on the **As One Foundation**, call Tomia Austin at 914-625-8712, mobile or 832-308-9984, office; or email Tomia@AsOneFoundation.org. Please visit www.AsOneFoundation.org.

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