

# DCMA Employee's Son Is Boise State Football Champion

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Celebrity is a word that brings to one's mind the glitz and glam of Hollywood. However, for one Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) employee, "celebrity" brings to mind her son. Mr. Quinton Jones, son of Ms. La Wanda Johnson, program analyst, DCMA Combat Support Center in Carson, Calif., is a defensive back and punt/kick returner for Boise State University (BSU) in Boise, Idaho.

In 2005, *Sports Illustrated* gave Mr. Jones an all-American honorable mention as a punt returner after he completed the season second in the nation with punt returns averaging almost 21 yards. Going into the 2006 season, Mr. Jones was named pre-season all-American punt returner by the *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*, and

*Sporting News* named him the third-best return man in the country.

Ms. Johnson attended the 2007 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Ariz., where the BSU Broncos took on the University of Oklahoma Sooners. "It seemed that no one thought BSU was good enough or even deserved to be at the Fiesta Bowl," said Ms. Johnson. "I think I felt every emotion possible while at that game — happy, sad, angry and nervous. You name it, I experienced it." BSU was the underdog going into the Fiesta Bowl game, but they rose above Oklahoma in overtime, ending the game with a famous "statue of liberty" play that led to a 43-42 victory.

Mr. Jones graduated from Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos, Calif., and received a full football scholarship to BSU. "I remember when Coach Hawkins [former BSU head coach] came to my house to talk about my son's future," said Ms. Johnson. "I thought, 'There is no state called Boise.' Even their famous blue field was a mystery."

Graduating in December with a bachelor's degree in political science, Mr. Jones' future looks bright. "My son has worked very hard not only to obtain his degree but also to work toward his dream of becoming a professional National Football League [NFL] player," said Ms. Johnson. "I can see him playing professional football and going to the Super Bowl — why not? He went to Boise State, where people have the stuff that makes believers out of doubters."

Mr. Jones plans to play in the NFL and later coach football and teach other young kids how to achieve their dreams.

(Above) Mr. Quinton Jones, son of Ms. La Wanda Johnson, program analyst, DCMA Combat Support Center, is a defensive back and punt/kick returner for Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. (Image courtesy of Boise State University)

