

Jackson Duncan

In 2015, Jackson Duncan created Focused Athletics, a nonprofit organization providing kids in the Philadelphia area the opportunity to maximize their potential and use sports as a vehicle to get a college degree and be a positive member of the community. Students are provided with free SAT & ACT test prep, mentorship, and workouts on a weekly basis. Focused Athletics has helped over 150 student-athletes obtain academic and athletic scholarships. Jackson grew up in Oxford, PA. Jackson used his own passion for sports as his outlet to overcome his own experiences with childhood trauma. After graduating high school, Jackson went on to graduate from Valley Forge Military and then Franklin & Marshall college. Following his college graduation, he moved to Philadelphia to pursue his dream of starting a program that could use athletics as an outlet for other kids going through similar experiences as he had as a younger boy. It was during his work with youth at Focused Athletics, that he mentored a young man who would change his life. A young man who became his son, Zymir Cobbs Duncan.

Zymir Cobbs Duncan

Zymir is currently a senior defensive lineman at Temple University, Philadelphia, where he is studying communications. Before transferring to Temple in 2022, Zymir played linebacker for Lackawanna College, Scranton, PA, where he also earned his associate's degree. As a driven athlete, Zymir played football for Imhotep Charter High School, Philadelphia before pursuing his college career. Zymir is on schedule to graduate with his bachelor's degree from Temple this May. He has an additional year of eligibility and is currently visiting Universities where he can play football and pursue his master's degree. Zymir was in 13 foster homes from 8 until 15 years old, when he started the foster to adopt process with Jackson.