



“I’m so grateful for the chance
Duke gave me to prove myself.”

- RONNIE DRUMMER T’08

Ronnie Drummer T’08 was catching the ball at age three. Growing up in Salinas, California, and West Palm Beach, Florida, he was on the football and track teams. He played basketball and baseball, too. He and his parents always hoped an athletic scholarship would pay for his college education, and they were thrilled when his success as a running back earned him a scholarship at Duke.



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With several hours of practice per day on top of a heavy course load, Ronnie said, “it was a struggle adjusting to life at one of the top universities in the country.” But soon enough, he began distinguishing himself as one of the team’s most valued players; and though Ronnie had never imagined himself as someone who’d be able to rise to the top of his class, by his fourth semester, he was on the ACC Academic Honor Roll, too.