



## **Wendell Tyler**

Wendell dared to dream that he could play in the NFL while he was attending the sports-factory Crenshaw High School in inner city Los Angeles. Next he attended UCLA where he achieved his dream to participate in the 1976 Rose Bowl. At 21, Wendell was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams and became a premier running back in the National Football League rushing for 1,000+ yards in 1979 and 1981. Wendell played in Super Bowl XIV. He moved on to the San Francisco 49er's in 1983 where his drive continued to fuel his winning ways and Wendell led the San Francisco 49er's to victory in Super Bowl XIX! Wendell was the first player ever to lead two different teams in rushing in two different Super Bowls. In 1984, Tyler rushed for 1,262 yards, a franchise record at the time; he was named to the Pro Bowl that same season.

In 2006 Wendell founded the non-profit "Dare to Dream" Foundation. Wendell's success in both his personal and professional life has been an inspiration to many. He identifies with people by sharing some of his life experiences which help them to avoid poor choices and establish positive changes in their lives. Through his student programs Wendell covers the issues of truancy, gangs and drug avoidance. He speaks to the importance of respect for themselves as well as their parents, teachers and those in authority. He also stresses the importance of moral values. Wendell helps to inspire students about the importance of academics, a winning attitude, and achieving their full potential. Wendell's goal is to spark and ignite the dreams within the student's inner being. In order to realize their life-long dreams, he takes them from hopelessness and despair to hope. Wendell Tyler will inspire your group to Dare to Dream.

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