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David V. Bass Jr. graduated with a bachelor's degree from Missouri Western State University, then was drafted into the NFL by the Raiders

in 2013. He played defensive end and linebacker for the Bears, Titans, Seahawks and most recently the Jets.

Bass recognized that his NFL experience could be used to influence young



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athletes beyond sports. He began his ABC football camps to build skills and technique, but, more importantly, to teach campers the value of education and hard work.

Bass has conducted his camp in a number of cities, but he has also given back to the program that got him started. In 2018, he shared his words of wisdom with 150 young people, ages 7 to 15, at a camp held at University City High School.

"I want to take this platform I've been given and make a difference," Bass says. "If I never play another game, I will know that I will have done something good for the community and for these kids."