



# Hall of Fame INDUCTEE 2023



## JUSTIN WATSON

• CLASS OF 2014 •

### Athletics

Justin was a three year letter winner for the SFHS football team and served as a captain for his senior year. During his time on the team, the Lions won three conference titles, two WPIAL titles, and finished 16-0 to win the 2013 PIAA state title.

During his senior year, Justin garnered the state's highest honor by being selected 1st team All-State and All-Conference in 2014. In addition, he was selected as the 2014 *Almanac* Male Athlete Of The Year and Football MVP, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* Terrific 25, *Observer-Reporter* Elite 11, Pennsylvania Football News 1st team All-State and All-Academic Gold team, and the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* West Fabulous 22. He was selected to play in the 2014 Big 33 game and the 2014 PSFCA East/West All Star game. He also received the 2014 White Fields Christian Athlete Award and the 2013-14 Tri-CADA Scholar Athlete Award. Additionally, Justin set the WPIAL single season record for receiving yards (1,568) and touchdown receptions (22) in his senior season and helped the Lions bring back the PIAA gold from Hershey. These records placed him fourth and third in state history in those categories, respectively. Justin also lettered three years in basketball, leading the team in scoring and rebounds his senior season.

Justin continued his educational and football careers at The University of Pennsylvania where he graduated from The Wharton School with a degree in finance. He played four years for his college team and was a three-time All-Ivy League selection and two-time Ivy League champion. Justin set the Penn career records for receptions, receiving yards, receiving touchdowns, and all-purpose yards and also holds the record for the most receiving yards in conference play in Ivy League history. As a senior in 2017, Justin caught at least one touchdown in every game. He was a three-time FCS All-American as well as a three-time finalist for the Ivy League offensive player of the year. He was a two-time finalist for STATS FCS Walter Payton Award as FCS Offensive Player of the Year and a two-time finalist for STATS FCS Doris Robinson Award as Student-Athlete of the Year. Justin was named to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* Academic All-Area Performer of the Year three consecutive years and won the 2018 Maxwell Football Club Regional Player of the Year award.

Now a wide receiver in the NFL, Justin was drafted in 2018 in the 5th round (144th overall) by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He played 4 years with the Bucs winning Super Bowl LV. Justin then signed with the Kansas City Chiefs in 2022 and won his second Super Bowl ring that same season.

Justin is a passionate supporter of Give Kids The World Village, a nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida, providing free wish vacations to critically ill children, and The Golden Scoop, a nonprofit ice cream and coffee shop in Kansas City, Missouri, providing innovative and meaningful employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. He and his wife, Erica, also support Operation Breakthrough and funded the construction of a hair salon for the group where Erica cuts, washes, and styles hair weekly.