



Abry Jones, Northside Class of 2009, is married to Kate Jones and is the son of Marvin and Sharon Potts. As a Northside Eagle, he won academic awards, but also excelled in sports being a 5A Region Discus Champ and playing defensive end for our football team as they won their first two State Championship titles in 2006 and 2007. He went on to earn a full scholarship to play football at the University of Georgia. In 2013, he earned a spot with the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars as an undrafted free agent where he is now entering his seventh year.

Abry's parents, both being retired Army veterans, afforded him many experiences living in many states and abroad. He credits his discipline and work ethic to them, as well as his love for German chocolate, historical sites, and language.

Since 2014, Abry has established a legacy of "giving back" to Northside proving that "Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle." Last year, he established the Abry Jones Scholarship totaling \$10,000. This scholarship is given to two students yearly of \$5,000 each to attend college. In 2014 and 2018, he paid for many students to go and support Northside at the State Championship games in Atlanta. Prior to our most recent visit to the State Championship game, Abry came to Northside and invited classrooms of students to get whatever they wanted from the school store. He spent thousands of dollars until the store sold out of fan gear and the computers crashed.

### *What does Northside High School mean to you?*

"Northside means family to me. The friends I made there in my 4 years are my family for life. I met people who had personal interests in my well-being on the field and in the classroom. That's why when I have the chance to give back to home, I never hesitate."