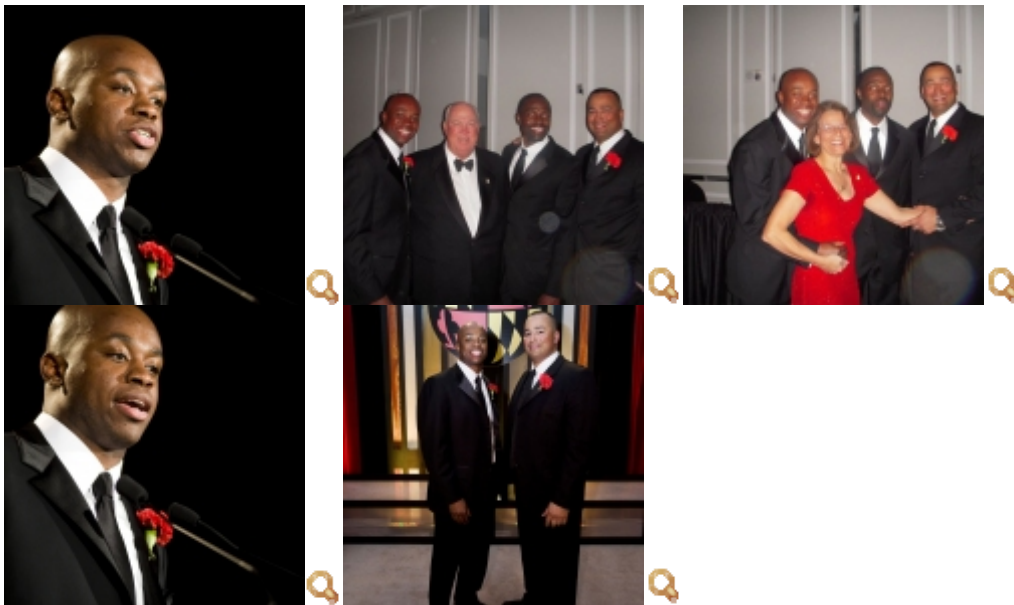




UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



Madieu Williams Receives University of Maryland Outstanding Alumnus Award

Madieu Williams, Family Science alumnus, is the 2009 recipient of the University of Maryland's Outstanding Alumnus Award in the School of Public Health.

A former safety with the Cincinnati Bengals who signed with the Minnesota Vikings in 2008, Madieu has continued his interest in children and families through his work with underprivileged children, youth, and their families involving minority health issues. After Madieu's mother passed away from a

stroke following his 2004 rookie season, he created the Madieu Williams Foundation; which promotes health, wellness, nutrition, fitness and education activities. The foundation has partnered with community organizations in Cincinnati and Minneapolis to build playgrounds, renovate athletic facilities, and conduct diabetes screening programs, promote healthy self-esteem, and provide incentive programs to reward children making positive decisions at home, in school, and the community.

This spring, Madieu traveled to his place of birth, Sierra Leone, West Africa, where a school built in his honor is being dedicated to his late mother, Abigail Butscher.

Madieu earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies from the University of Maryland in 2003 and is currently working on obtaining his MBA.

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