

## Colts Safety, Mike Adams, Has a Productive Day With the Kids at Phalen Leadership Academy

[PRLog](#) - INDIANAPOLIS (Sep. 18, 2015) – New Jersey native, Mike Adams, is no stranger when it comes to giving back to the community. On Tuesday, Mike visited Phalen Leadership Academy of Indianapolis and gifted over a hundred students with new backpacks filled with school supplies.

The visit consisted of an excited crowd of students along with PLA staff who warmly welcomed Adams with fun chants. Adams gave each of the students a personalized bracelet that read his name and his favorite quote, ‘No Struggle No Progress’. He defined the significance of the quote and it was received well by the young students. There was a fun Q & A time, which enabled Adams to engage with the kids. The city of Indianapolis has welcomed Adams with open arms. On top of his position on the field, Adams plays a consistent part in the community.



He was asked, “Why do you do this?” Adams responded with, “Because I see hope, I see the next president, I see the next school teacher, the next successful barber, the next successful garbage man. Whatever it is, doesn’t have to be a professional football or basketball player”.

The event Tuesday concluded with many happy faces. The kids enthusiastically received Adams gifts to them and were able to get hugs and handshakes on their way out.

### About Mike Adams

Mike “Pops” Adams, born March 24, 1981 in Paterson, New Jersey, is currently a Safety with the Indianapolis Colts in the National Football League. He was signed by the San Francisco 49ers (2004-2006) as an undrafted free agent in 2004 and also spent time with the Cleveland Browns (2007-2011), prior to the Denver Broncos (2012-2014). Adams became an AFC champion with the Broncos his 2013-2014 season and competed in Superbowl XLVIII. He played college football ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/College\\_football](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/College_football)) at the University of Delaware. Mike is an active philanthropist and is committed to giving back to his community.

### About PLA

PLA is an innovative network of charter schools in Indiana that was awarded an unprecedented 10 charters that will ultimately enable them to serve over 10,000 students annually in grades K-8. The network includes a longer school day and school year; two instructors per classroom; and a blended learning model to rapidly grow the academic skills of its scholars who are drawn primarily from some of the most impoverished neighborhoods of Indianapolis.

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