



# MARAUDERS: BUILDING LEADERS

High school football offers student athletes a challenging opportunity to excel physically and mentally. It also teaches the positive values of teamwork, determination, and the selfless devotion to a common goal.

In our series "Building Leaders", we present Marauders who exhibit these qualities in their daily lives.



### Carolina Panthers

*2012 - Current  
Undrafted rookie free-agent Defensive Tackle. Switched to Offensive Line in second year, and has played in 39 games with 19 starts. Earned Game Ball as "Offensive Player of the Game" against the Atlanta Falcons.*



### Nate Chandler

*Marauder - Class of 2007  
Offensive Tackle  
Carolina Panthers*



### UCLA

*Class of 2011  
Tight End, O-Line  
and Defensive Tackle.  
Played in 49 games  
with 15 starts.*

*A group of elementary students will go back to school in style after shopping with Nate. The Panthers and Academy Sports gave \$150 each to 21 students to select clothes, shoes, backpacks and other apparel.*



### Marauders

*Class of 2007  
Junior and Senior Years - Starting Tight End.  
All CIF-San Diego 1st Team Offense, All League Defense.  
Rated #1 Tight End in California, 5th nationally.  
Rivals.com and Scout.com Four-Star selection.  
Played in East-West All-America Game in Orlando, FL.  
All-Academic Team for three years.  
Also played Baseball, Basketball, and Track and Field.*



Nate Chandler was a four sport athlete at Mira Mesa High, but it was his outstanding ability as a football player that earned him a scholarship to UCLA. His football experience as a lineman - working hard for the benefit of others on the team - and his father's example, is what drives Nate to want to help young students achieve their goals.

Nate has already conducted two free football camps for young athletes age 6 to 16, including one at Mira Mesa this past summer (see page 23). He also plans a charitable foundation, Beyond Believers, that will fund academic and athletic scholarships at Mira Mesa High School.

"My main goal is to just reach out to kids," Nate says. "To teach them what hard work is and how it will help you in the long run."

Nate is carrying on the tradition of his father. Their philosophy is expressed in this Twitter post by Nate: "Never look down at anybody, unless you are helping them up."



### Garland "Bubba" Chandler

*Nate's father "Bubba" Chandler, who passed away in 2007, was his inspiration. Bubba was a Center on the San Diego State 1972-73 football team, but it was his devotion to helping the youth of Mira Mesa that made him such an impactful member of our community, and a role model for Nate and all who knew him..*