
DEAN M. DANIELS

Founder, President & Executive Director

Dean M. Daniels Athletic Foundation

Dean M. Daniels understands what it means to need an opportunity before you ever have the resources to create one.

Growing up as an underprivileged child, Dean experienced firsthand the barriers that can stand between potential and possibility. Those experiences did not define his future. They shaped his purpose.

Today, as Founder, President and Executive Director of the **Dean M. Daniels Athletic Foundation**, Dean is turning that purpose into action. His vision extends far beyond sports. He believes athletics can open the door, but **education, mentorship, leadership, character and opportunity can change the trajectory of a life.**

Through the Foundation, Dean is committed to creating meaningful opportunities for underserved youth while strengthening families and communities. The Foundation's work encompasses athletics, academic enrichment, mentoring, leadership development, scholarships, health and wellness, and community-based programs, with a broader commitment to serving youth, families and senior citizens.

Where someone starts should never determine how far they can go.

He is building more than programs. He is building **access. Confidence. Character. Leadership.** And pathways for people who might otherwise never have the opportunity to discover what they are capable of becoming.

For Dean, this work is personal. It is purpose driven. And it is about creating the opportunities for others that too many people grow up without.

SAME COMMUNITIES. GREATER OPPORTUNITIES.
