

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH AT FINALE LUNCHEON

Travelle Wharton #70

FORMER CAROLINA PANTHER GUARD/TACKLE



Travelle Wharton is a former offensive lineman in the National Football League. Travelle started 45 games at left tackle for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks. In 2003, as a senior, he started all 12 games at left tackle. Wharton earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference recognition and was chosen to play in the Senior Bowl. He was a team captain on an offensive line that allowed only 10 sacks the entire season.

Wharton was drafted by the Carolina Panthers in the third round of the 2004 NFL Draft. He started 11 games at left tackle as a rookie. For most of his 10-year NFL career, he played one of the most anonymous positions on the field – offensive line. Even among those linemen, Wharton was the quiet one. The steady one. The Charlotte Observer affectionately dubbed him “Mr. Anonymous” as the microphones and Pro Bowl honors never headed his way like they did for Jordan Gross and Ryan Kalil.

Wharton played a decade in the National Football League, retiring as a Carolina Panther in 2014. This past April, Travelle announced Carolina’s second-round picks (40th and 64th overall) at the 2017 NFL Draft in Philadelphia. He has a new role working with the Panthers in offseason workouts and training camp through the NFL Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Travelle lives in the Charlotte area with his wife and three daughters.