

## *Vince Thompson*

### *Woodrow Wilson '75*

As a starting fullback for Woodrow Wilson HS in 1975, Vince won First Team All-Section One and All-Area honors. At Villanova University ('75 to '79), he was a 3-time Team MVP, 2nd Team AP All-American, AP All-East Honorable Mention, and in 1978, Vince was named to the ECAC Division 1-A team. He was 'Nova's all-time rushing leader from 1978-98 when his record was broken by Brian Westbrook.

As an undrafted free agent Vince was in camp with the Denver Broncos (1979), the Philadelphia Eagles (1980), and then found a home with the Detroit Lions (1981-83). As a blocking fullback alongside Heisman Trophy

winner Billy Sims, Vince averaged 4.7 yards per carry. In 2006, Truman HS honored Vince by creating the "Vince Thompson Award" given annually to a football player who demonstrated high athletic excellence.

