

KAYE WILLIAMS COLE

Dr. Kaye Cole received her Ph.D. in Counselor Education & Supervision specializing in K-12 School Counseling with a cognate in Sports Psychology from the University of Iowa in 2006. She earned her Educational Specialist & Master's degrees in Counselor Education K-12 School Counseling and Bachelor of Art degree in Sociology from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Cole's research interests include: (a) exploring how school counselors-in-training are prepared to provide services to student-athletes; (b) examining issues affecting the athlete population; (c) exploring mental health issues in professional football players; and (d) examining mental health issues within NFL families. Other areas of interest include: (a) multicultural counseling; (b) issues in school counseling; and (c) adolescent issues.

As a doctoral student at the University of Iowa, Dr. Cole was given the distinction of being named a National Holmes Scholar – a partnership which promotes the professional development of emerging scholars of color. She's delivered numerous national, regional, state, and local presentations, taught undergraduate and graduate courses, and reviewed conference proposals at the national level. She also worked as a graduate assistant for Athletic Student Services at the University of Iowa. Additionally, she was the president of the Rho Upsilon chapter of Chi Sigma Iota – a national honor society for students, professional counselors, and counselor educators. She served as a member of the University of Iowa's Minority Student-Athlete Enrichment Board. After graduating from the University of Iowa, she co-founded The Cole Group – a consultation business which provided consultation services to high school student-athletes, their parent/guardian, school counselors and administrators, coaches, and mental health professionals about the academic, athletic, personal/social, and career development needs of high school student-athletes. Also during this time, she was an adjunct professor, dissertation committee member, and comprehensive examination reader for Capella University.

Today, in addition to adjunct teaching or consulting, Dr. Cole volunteers as a Girl Scout troop leader; organizes food drives and provides consultation to Second Harvest Food Bank; and assists with fundraising efforts for various community organizations and nonprofits. Last year, she and her family had the honor of being named spokesfamily for the FARE (Food Allergy Research and Education) walk event held in Charlotte. In 2017, she sat as the chairperson for the event. Dr. Cole has been featured in "Today's Charlotte Woman" magazine, "Green Bay Packer Women" magazine, NFL Player Engagement's "Spotlight an NFL Wife" website and the NFL Players' Association magazine. To her credit, not only has she organized food drives for two NFL franchises in the Seattle Seahawks and the Green Bay Packers, but was also an instrumental part of both teams' women's leadership councils. Additionally, she co-chaired, organized and coordinated the Seattle Seahawks Women's Association's first Football 101 clinic for women. As a member of the Women of the Carolina Panthers group, she established partnerships with community organizations, businesses, and various outreach initiatives. She's held ambassadorships for area businesses and is currently the ambassador for Juice Bar Charlotte & Juice Bar Belmont.

Dr. Cole is currently a member of the American Counseling Association, American School Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development, American Educational Research Association, Chi Sigma Iota, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc – Union County Alumnae Chapter. She is also certified as a National Certified Counselor. In June 2017, Dr. Cole accepted Charlotte’s Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s nomination to run for Woman of the Year 2018.

Dr. Cole enjoys spending time with her family, volunteering, advocating, traveling, cycling and working out. She resides in Charlotte with her husband – retired Carolina Panther Colin Cole, their three beautiful children and two English Bulldogs – Cleopatra and Leonidas. Her oldest son resides in the Pacific-Northwest.