

Former NFL player to speak at Peru State College

(KLZA)-- On Tuesday, September 13, 2022, Griffin will share his story at Peru State College as part of its Distinguished Speaker Series event at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Shaquem Griffin was born just minutes after his twin, Shaquill. Both boys went on to become remarkable athletes in high school and college at the University of Central Florida (UCF)—and both play in the NFL after being drafted by the same team—but Shaquem did it all with just one hand.

At birth, Shaquem experienced a rare condition called amniotic band syndrome and his hand ultimately had to be amputated when he was four years old. His family refused to treat him any differently than his brother, and from the time he could say the words, his motto has been “please don’t tell me what I can’t do.”

Shaquem’s collegiate accomplishments include first-team All-American Athletic Conference linebacker, AAC Defensive Player of the Year, National Champion and Peach Bowl MVP. After a historic performance at the NFL Combine, he was selected as a linebacker by Seattle, playing for the Seahawks from 2018 – 2020.

Griffin will share “Nothing Comes Easy,” his unbelievable success story—anchored by family and driven by commitment, belief, and purpose.

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