

Julius Johnson was named 1st team All-State in 4A at free safety by the Texas Sportswriters as a junior in 1991 and was honorable mention all-state at running back as a senior in 1992. He set a state record in 1991 with a 105-yard interception return for a TD and still holds Belton school records for the longest interception return and for the most passes intercepted in one season. He was the co-recipient (with Tyson Tidwell) of Belton's Top Male Athlete award as a junior.

Julius Johnson was born on June 7, 1974, in Temple to Charles Blackmon and Emma Johnson. He and his brother, Charles Johnson, were raised in Belton where Julius attended Southwest Elementary School, Belton Jr. H.S., and Belton H.S., graduating in 1993. He was a three-sport (football, basketball and track) star in high school. At only 5'9" Julius was a three-year starter in basketball and received the team award for Mr. Hustle and Mr. Defense as a sophomore. He was one of the team's leading scorers as a junior on the Tiger team that was 13-16 on the year. As a senior he was the starting point guard (at 10 ppg) on the Tiger team that was 14-12 on the year.

In 1992 as a junior, Julius, coached by Danny Quick, won the 110-yd high hurdles (14.42) and was 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles (43.62) at the Big Red Relays and was 5th in the high hurdles at the prestigious Texas Relays. At the District 18-4A track meet he was 2nd in the 110-yd. high hurdles with a personal best of 14.17 (coming close to Mark Eno's school record time of 13.89 set in 1983); was 5th in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at 40.66; and ran on Belton's 5th place 440-yd. relay team (44.46). He placed 6th in the high hurdles (15.2) at the regional meet. He did not run track as a senior.

In football Julius was on the varsity for four years. He was a reserve defensive back as a freshman for the 9-2 Tiger team of 1989 under Coach Jim Rodrique that won District and lost 32-6 to Stephenville in Bi-District. He was the starting free safety and running back as a soph in 1990 on the 2-8 Tiger team and scored five touchdowns. Julius was a 5'9"175 lb. junior on the 1991 Tigers who defeated (eventual) state 4-A champions A&M Consolidated 41-21 in pre-season and won District before being upset 42-0 by Chapel Hill in Bi-District. He played safety on defense and wide receiver on offense and was the team's second leading receiver with 332 yards. He set a state record in 1991 with a 105-yard interception return for a TD against Copperas Cove and tied a school record (with Bo Ferguson and Ricky Sanders) with 8 pass interceptions on the year. He was a unanimous choice for the 25-4A All-District 1st team on both offense and defense and was named first team all-state as a defensive safety by the Texas Sportswriters after a season in which he gained 1,380 all-purpose yards (at running back, wide receiver, kick returner) and scored 14 touchdowns during Belton's 9-2 season which ended with a Bi-District loss. He was awarded (with Tyson Tidwell) Belton's Top Male Athlete award for 1991-1992.

As a senior the speedy 5'9" 185 lb. Johnson was used by Coach Rodrique at several positions (running back, wide receiver, free safety, and quarterback) on the 1992 Tiger team that was 6-3-1 on the year. The Tigers upset A&M Consolidated (state 4-A champs in 1991) for the second year in a row. Julius

was 1st team 25-4A all-district and honorable mention all-state at running back after a season in which he gained 968 yards on 147 carries for a 6.58 yards per carry average and scored 12 touchdowns. In Aug. of 2005 the Killeen Daily Herald named Julius Johnson honorable mention on its All-Time Centex team.

Johnson was recruited by the University of Miami, Florida State, Texas, Texas A&M, and Baylor and signed with Blinn Jr. College where he was a starting defensive back for two years (1993-94). He scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 65 yard fumble recovery/run against Ranger Jr. College and was named defensive player of the game in a season-ending bowl game in 1994. Julius played at Texas A&M at Commerce for one season (1995) starting at outside LB and was named the team's co-defensive player of the year. He suffered a severe knee injury in the last game of his junior year and was not able to play as a senior. He majored in computer science at A&M-Commerce. In 2009 Julius Johnson, 35, lived in Killeen where he was a finance consultant for Payless Car Sales. His son, Kavan, 13, was at Lake Belton Middle School and planning an athletic career at Belton H.S.