Tony was a standout player at T. C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia, He rushed for more than **2,000 total yards and also played linebacker**, defensive end, and even punted. He was named the **Alexandria Sportsman Club Player-of-the-Year in 2002-03.** He was also a stalwart on the track and field team, finishing eighth in Virginia in the discus as a junior. After graduating from high school he was recruited by Penn State University.

He finished his Penn State career 2nd all-time in career rushing yards with 3,320 yards and first all-time with 654 carries (5.08 avg.). A Doak Walker Award candidate in 2006, Hunt became only the fifth Nittany Lion to rush for back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons and the fifth to rush for more than 3,000 career yards. He was named Big Ten Conference Offensive Player of the Week after a career-best 167-yard rushing game versus Temple. Hunt led Penn State in rushing during the 2005 and 2004 seasons, amassing 1,047 and 777 yards respectively, earning the nickname Tony "Big Game" Hunt. At the outset of his college career, Hunt won the starting running back job through his work ethic, and by virtue of being a better pass blocker. Hunt was also named the MVP of the 2007 Senior Bowl on January 27, 2007, after leading all running backs in total yards. Hunt was also named the 2007 Outback Bowl MVP. He was drafted in the third round by the Philadelphia Eagles. In two seasons with the Eagles, Hunt carried the ball 14 times for an average of 1.8 yards per carry. In his last season after one impressive preseason game the team switch him to fullback.