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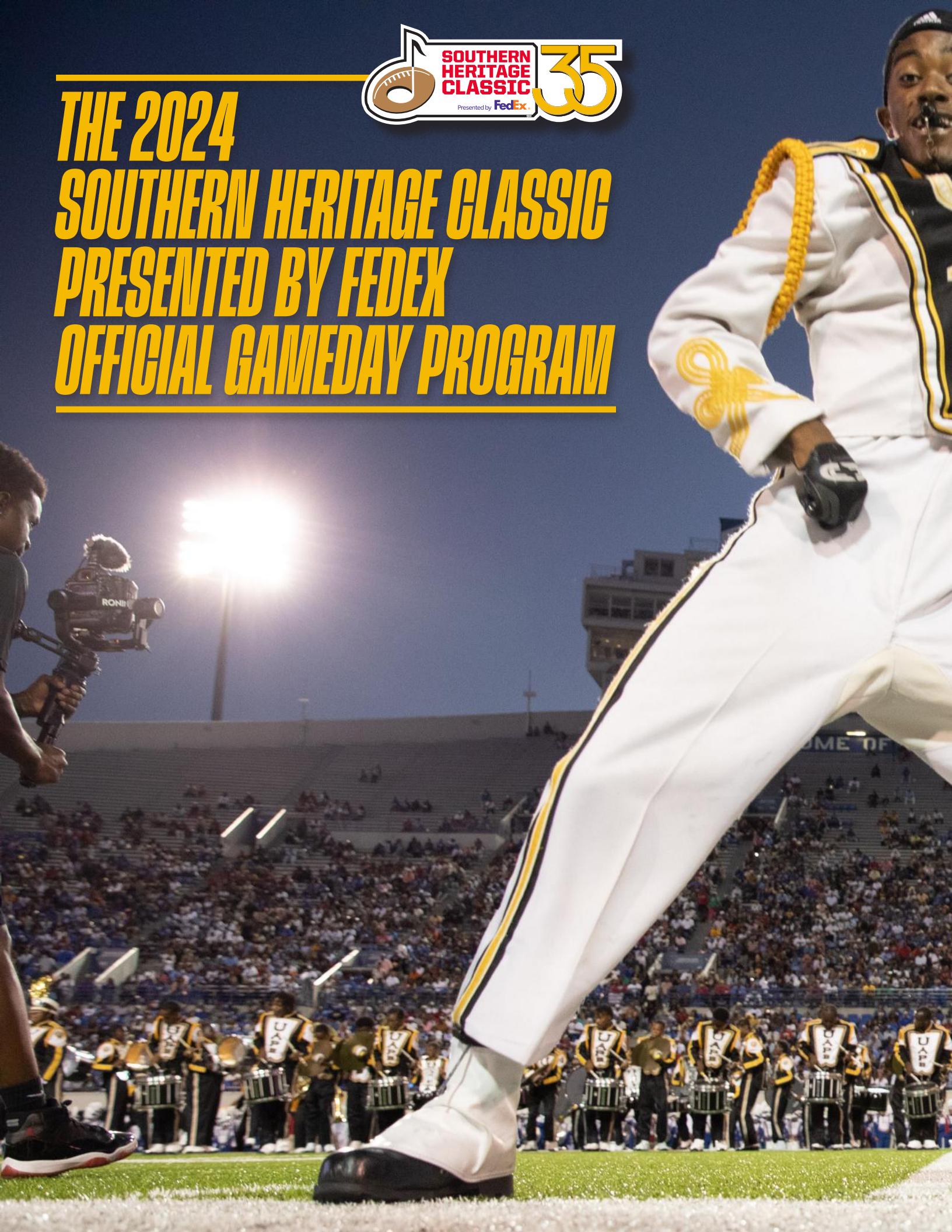


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Wednesday, September 11

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Thursday, September 12

CLASSIC CONCERT – 8 p.m., The Orpheum Theatre. Enjoy an evening of Classic soul starring **Patti LaBelle** with **Jammin’ Jay Lamont**. Tickets available at The Orpheum Theatre Box Office and www.ticketmaster.com.

Friday, September 13

CLASSIC COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR – 8:30 a.m., Memphis Sports & Events Center, 995 Early Maxwell Blvd. in Liberty Park. Presented by the City of Memphis Office of Youth Services. Regional college and university representatives as well as businesses will be available to provide information about attending college and employment opportunities. For more information, call (901) 636-6264. Visit online at www.cityofmemphisyouth.org. Free admission.

CLASSIC COACHES LUNCHEON Presented by FedEx – Noon, Renasant Convention Center/Grand Ballroom. A Classic salute to UAPB head football coach **Alonzo Hampton** and TSU head football coach **Eddie George**. Special guest speaker: Shelby County Mayor **Lee Harris**. Invitation only.

TAMIA & JOE – 8 p.m., Landers Center. Prepare for a night of soulful melodies and captivating performances by these award-winning artists. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com.



Saturday, September 14

CLASSIC TAILGATE – 8 a.m., Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium parking lots and Tiger Lane. Friends, Food and Football. Premium packages available at www.ticketmaster.com.

PENNY HARDAWAY MEMPHIS DISTRICT GOLF CLASSIC – 8 a.m., Tunica National Golf & Tennis. \$500 per team, 4-man scramble. All participants receive a golf shirt and gift bag with premium items. For information, call (901) 633-3933 or online at www.memphisdistrictgolfclassic.org.

CLASSIC PARADE – 9 a.m., presented by the Orange Mound Community Parade Committee as a salute to the Southern Heritage Classic. The parade route is along Park Avenue from Haynes to Airways featuring area high school marching bands. For information, contact Claudette Boyd at (901) 413-7109 or Algenner Jackson at (901) 230-3819 and online at www.omcpc.com.

CLASSIC BATTLE OF THE BANDS – 11 a.m., Whitehaven High School Stadium. The competition will feature the best high school show bands in the region with show-stopping dance routines. Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 day of. For tickets and information, contact Walter Banks Jr. at (901) 497-2015 or email at banksmtm@gmail.com, or Vincent Smith at (901) 831-7624 or email at smithvl@scsk12.org.

CLASSIC FASHIONS & BRUNCH – 11 a.m., The Guest House at Graceland. **“Purple Passion of Fashion”** presented by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. – Memphis Chapter. Tickets \$75. For tickets and information, call (901) 568-4021 or online at www.memphisncbw.org.

SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC FOOTBALL GAME – 6 p.m., Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium. A great football rivalry featuring **Arkansas-Pine Bluff** vs. **Tennessee State**. Tickets \$53, \$38 and \$23 plus service charges. All seats reserved. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.com.

AUTOZONE HALFTIME SHOW featuring UAPB’s **Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South** and TSU’s **Aristocrat of Bands**

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**WHO'S YOUR
BIGGEST
FAN?**

A BUDDING RIVALRY

When the Southern Heritage Classic was searching for a new participant after the 2023 departure of Jackson State, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff became an obvious candidate. With the UAPB campus being only 150 miles from Memphis and having a strong local alumni base, Classic founder Fred Jones Jr. saw the potential to create a new fierce territorial battlefield between the Golden Lions and the Tennessee State Tigers. After last year's 24-14 TSU victory in the 34th Classic, the Tigers now own a 3-1 series edge with all four previous meetings coming since 2012.

Ex-NFL linebacker **Monte Coleman** still ranks 4th in Redskins' history in career sacks. He later became head coach at Arkansas-Pine Bluff and guided the Golden Lions to a 10-2 record in 2012 including the black-college national championship.



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MOST RECENT:
2012

BLACK-COLLEGE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Richard Dent was named Super Bowl XX MVP and still ranks as one of the NFL's all-time great pass rushers with 137½ career sacks.



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MOST RECENT:
2013

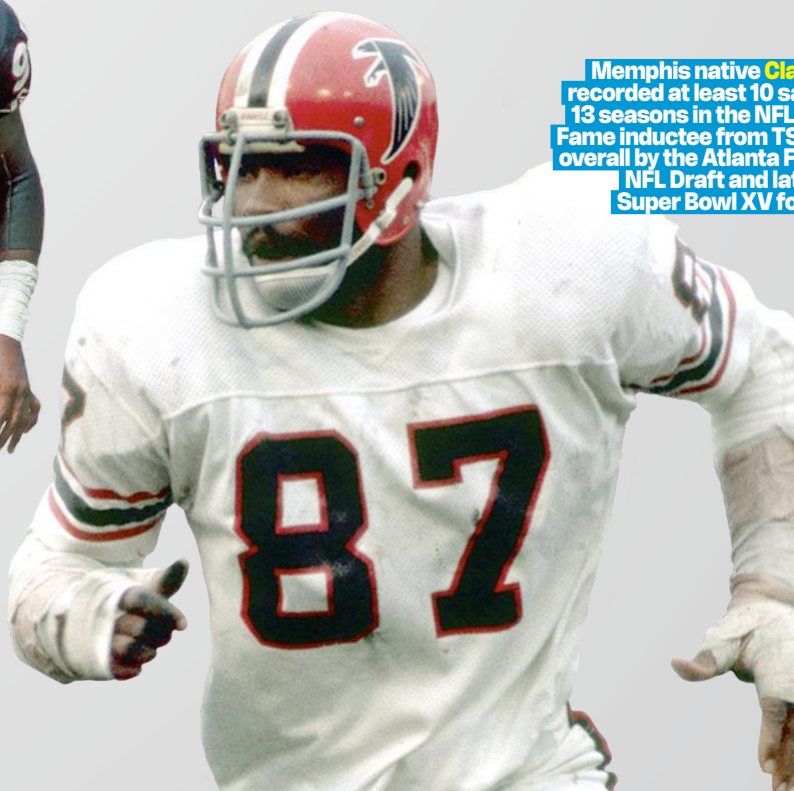


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Jamerious Austin (Southwind H.S.)
Kylon Dupree (Southwind H.S.)
Rolando Jones (Southwind H.S.)
Zach Williams (Briarcrest Christian)

Memphis native **Clayton Kershaw** recorded at least 10 sacks in 13 seasons in the NFL. He was a Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee from TSU and was selected overall by the Atlanta Falcons in the 1994 NFL Draft and later won Super Bowl XV for the Raiders.

L.C. Greenwood was a star player on the vaunted "Steel Curtain" defense that racked up four Super Bowl victories in the '70s. In Super Bowl X, the former UAPB star sacked Cowboys QB Roger Staubach four times to help the Steelers win back-to-back titles.





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HIGHEST OVERALL: 1st
Ed "Too Tall" Jones in 1974

PLAYERS TAKEN IN NFL DRAFT



26

HIGHEST OVERALL: 62nd
Ed Cross in 1969

2012

TSU 40 | UAPB 13 – at LP Field

The two schools would combine to go 18-5. After the loss, UAPB would go on to win seven in a row and capture the black-college national title.

2016

TSU 44 | UAPB 0 – at Nissan Stadium

In the season opener, a staunch TSU defense would limit the Lions to 168 total yards. QB O'Shay Ackerman-Carter threw for 259 yards and 2 TDs.

2019

UAPB 37 | TSU 31 – at Hale Stadium

Jeremy Brown caught a 4th-down, 17-yard TD pass from Shannon Patrick on the game's final play to break a 31-31 tie.

2023

TSU 24 | UAPB 14 – in Memphis

Once trailing 17-0, UAPB stormed back, but their game-tying field attempt in the final minute was blocked and returned 92 yards for a TSU TD.



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Saidou Ba (PURE Youth Academy)
Cameron Blaylock (White Station H.S.)
Tevin Carter (PURE Youth Academy)
Craig Cunningham (Lausanne)
Draylen Ellis (Kirby H.S.)
George Hamsley (Memphis Univ. School)
Jordan Helton (Memphis Univ. School)
Meonte Kimbrough (Overton H.S.)
Snap Reed (Bartlett H.S.)
Scotty Roddy (KIPP Collegiate)
Kennedy Wilbert (Middle College)

Five-time Pro Bowl tackle Terron Armstead enters his 12th NFL season. In 2022, he signed a lucrative, \$75 million contract to join the Miami Dolphins after playing nine years in New Orleans. The former Arkansas-Pine Bluff standout was a three-time All-SWAC performer.

Ed "Too Tall" Jones remains the only player from an HBCU school to be taken with the No. 1 overall pick in the NFL Draft.

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Deade Humphrey
backs in nine of his
The 2014 Hall of
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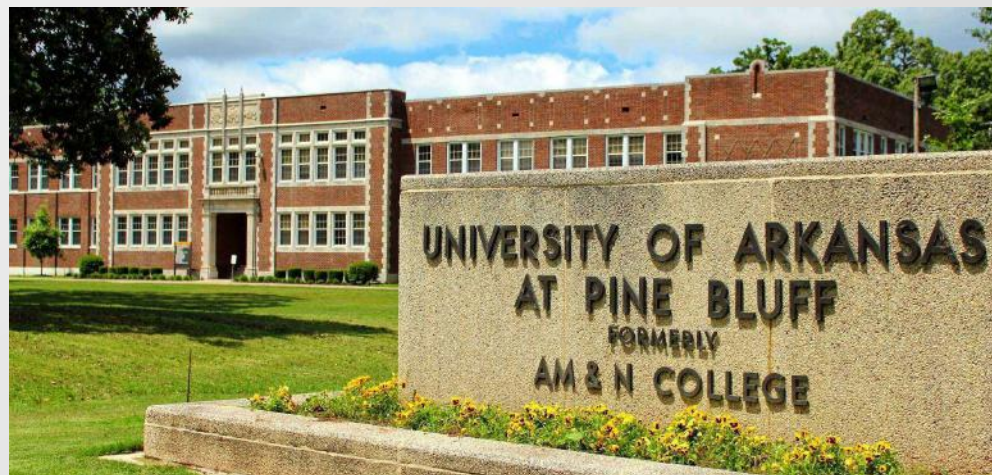
The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is an 1890 land-grant HBCU with a diverse student population, competitive degree offerings and stellar faculty.

For more than 150 years, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has worked to create an environment that inculcates learning, growth and productivity while affording a basic need to its students – a chance to advance.

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award-winning theater department and accomplished athletic program.

Though the main campus is in Pine Bluff, its reach is worldwide. UAPB has an extended campus in North Little Rock and offers online courses as well. With the addition of the Arkansas Research and Education Optical Network (ARE-ON), students can engage in information exchange with others anywhere in the world.

There are also Research and Extension offices in Lonoke, Newport and Lake

Village and collaborations with other colleges and universities in the State through the National Science Foundation funded STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Academy.

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ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Andrea STEWART

Chancellor

Dr. Andrea Stewart has served as a successful higher education administrator for more than 35 years. She has been recognized as a national leader and has worked with regional and discipline specific accrediting bodies.

Stewart served as interim Provost & Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and was later appointed to the position. She provided leadership and oversight to five academic schools (Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Agriculture, Fisheries, and Human Sciences), as well as the Division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, Division of Military Science, University College, Academic Records, Honors College, Office of Assessment, Watson Memorial Library, North Little Rock Site-Continuing Education, and Center for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning.

Stewart has served as professor and dean of the School of Arts & Sciences from 2013–22, where she provided leadership and oversight of 12 departments and two graduate programs, as well as, supported STEM initiatives. Stewart served as coordinator/director of the social work program for 25 years, whereby she provided the leadership of its initial accreditation and reaffirmations to date.

Stewart served as interim Chairperson of the Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences and President of UAPB's Faculty and Staff Senate. She was successful in supporting the Department of Nursing faculty to begin a new nursing program in 2015. Additionally, Dr. Stewart provided oversight, support, and assistance to five SAS academic programs that achieved new and/or reaffirmation of accreditation status. She has held teaching positions as graduate and undergraduate adjunct instructor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and Philander Smith College.

Stewart has served as a research consultant, accreditation consultant, board of director member, and program evaluator for various universities, commissions, organizations, and committees throughout her tenure. She has secured over \$7.5 million in grant contracts/sub-awards since 1990 to support child-welfare training and education as well as provide \$5000 stipends for students to complete internships.

Stewart served as co-chair of UAPB's Higher Learning Commission Steering Committee for 25 years. She has served on UAPB's Strategic Planning Committee and recently served as chair and sub-committee co-chair.

Stewart served a three-year term as a member of the National Association of Social Work finance committee (2021–24). Additionally, Dr. Stewart served as treasurer for two consecutive, three-year terms on the Board of Directors for the Council on Social Work Education. Her most recent appointment as co-chair of CSWE's national search committee for President and CEO is her second appointment, in that, she served during the hiring of the first President and CEO in 2012.

Stewart received her doctorate in Social Work from Howard University in 1987, master's degree in Social Work from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (1983), and her bachelors of arts degree in Sociology, minor in Psychology (1981).

Dr. Stewart supports and encourages high performances in teaching, research, and service. She supports the goals of academic affairs and promotes online education. Her commitment to academic excellence is paramount and reflected in successful academic and program outcomes.



Chris ROBINSON

Athletic Director

One of the all-time greats in Golden Lion football history, Chris Robinson was named UAPB's Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics in June 2021 after serving as the Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director.

Robinson moves over to athletics from the Office of Recruitment, where he had spent the previous eight years in serving the university.

Multiple stints at UAPB is a common theme for Robinson, who came to Pine Bluff after a standout career at Mattie T. Blount High in Pritchard, Ala. After playing for the legendary Archie "The Gunslinger" Cooley at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Robinson transferred to Southern University, playing quarterback for one season under College Football Hall of Fame Coach Marino Casem.

As the Golden Lion football program returned to play in 1993, Robinson returned and led the revival of the program under UAPB alum and the coach with the most wins in school history, Coach Lee Hardman. UAPB went 6-5 before forfeiting a game in '93 before Robinson led the Golden Lions to the 1994 NAIA National Championship Game, highlighted by a seven-touchdown (six passing / one rushing) performance in a come-from-behind overtime semifinal win.

After one year away from playing working in management, Robinson returned to the sidelines at Mid-American Nazarene University. He coached quarterbacks and running backs while also serving as assistant softball coach, and as the school's Director of Minority Affairs.

Robinson then returned to UAPB, teaching marketing while also coaching the offensive skill players and special teams, football operations and was the program's NFL liaison. He then returned to the corporate sector for a decade before returning to The Pride in 2012.

A 2014 UAPB Sports Hall of Fame inductee, Robinson earned his bachelor's degree in management from UAPB, and a Master's degree in business administration from Mid-America Nazarene University.

In Robinson's first year as Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics, the Golden Lions football program captured their first Western Division title since 2012 and advanced to the spring 2021 SWAC Championship.

In July of 2022, Robinson was named to the FCS ADA Executive Committee. He currently serves on the Executive Board for the Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

The Golden Lions have since gone to the SWAC Championship Game with the women's basketball team for the first time in school history while the UAPB Men's Golf Team secured the SWAC Golf Title in 2023.

Robinson's administration made a monumental announcement in January and formally launched several campaigns and renovation projects. The campaign will impact several key facilities throughout the athletics department, including the groundbreaking of the Track and Soccer Complex, renovation of the Thomas May Fieldhouse Fuel Station, football locker room, and UAPB Softball Complex.

Robinson married two-time All American track runner and Golden Lion Alum Kim George and the couple has two sons – Christopher (UAPB Graduate), Kylan (UAPB Graduate), and one daughter, a freshman in high school, Kaylen.





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ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF SEASON PREVIEW



Running back **Johnness Davis** burst on to the scene as a freshman last year, rushing for 98 and 167 yards in his first two outings before his workload was reduced to keep him fresh. He can expect more carries in 2024.

2024 Schedule

A.29	vs. Arkansas (in Little Rock)	L, 0-70
S.7	Arkansas Baptist	W, 73-0
S.14	Tennessee State (in Memphis)	6:00
S.21	Central Arkansas	6:00
S.28	<BYE>	
O.5	at Alcorn State	2:00
O.11	Prairie View A&M	8:15
O.19	at Grambling State	2:00
O.26	Mississippi Valley State	2:00
N.2	at Jackson State	2:00
N.9	Alabama A&M	2:00
N.16	at Southern Univ.	2:00
N.23	Texas Southern	2:00

All times Central



Quarterback **Mekhi Hagens** produced his best game in the 2023 finale, passing for 193 yards against Texas Southern.

Lions hope 2023 finale a sign of things to come in 2024

As the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff football team continues on its commitment to excellence in Year 2 of the Alonzo Hampton Era, there is quite a bit of buzz surrounding the program that may surprise the casual observer given that the Golden Lions finished with a 2-9 record in 2023.

The building blocks are forming to create a team that the entire Pine Bluff community can be proud of, both on the field and off it. Sometimes, all it takes is a tiny spark to ignite a fire.

That spark may have come in the 2023 season finale against Texas Southern. Down 34-13 entering the fourth quarter, the Lions roared back in a variety of ways, making big plays on offense, defense and special teams to emerge with a 35-34 victory.

Quarterback Mekhi Hagens rushed for a touchdown at the 11:46 mark of the final period while also converting the two-point conversion. The defense made a stop, and the special teams made a play, blocking a punt and returning it 30 yards to make it a 34-28 score with 5:32 left to play.

The defense came up with an even bigger play on the next possession, forcing a fumble and recovering the ball with 3:58 remaining. Hagens drove the ball into scoring position

again, punching it in himself for the go-ahead score with 1:46 left on the clock.

The win snapped a seven-game losing streak, all against SWAC opponents. The final six games in that slide were decided by more than 20 points, with the defense surrendering at least 27 points in the final eight contests.

Now, Hampton has sifted through many players and has come up with a roster built on some experienced veterans, some transfer-portal options and some talented freshmen.

On **offense**, it is Hagens who appears to have cemented himself as the bona fide starter. The redshirt junior struggled much of last year, completing 45% of his passes in nine games for 580 yards with three TDs and 4 interceptions.

He wound up sharing time behind center with Jalen Macon and Chancellor Edwards. Now, the St. Louis native is the clear-cut leader of this offense. The Texas Southern game represented the only time last year in which he played the entire game, and he had struggled going into the fourth quarter of that matchup.

Hagens passed for 193 yards and a TD and rushed for two additional scores. It represented his season high for passing yards, and he eclipsed the 100-yard passing mark for the first time since the season opener against Tulsa.

He will be joined in the backfield by

sophomore Johnness Davis, whose college career got off to a sizzling start.

Davis rushed for 98 yards in the Tulsa opener and gained 167 yards in Week 2 in the Southern Heritage Classic against Tennessee State.

He will split ball-carrying duties with Tennessee Tech transfer Oshawn Ross and Za'Marion Webber, a freshman transfer from Louisiana-Monroe.

Ross was No. 3 in carries last year for the Eagles, rushing for 156 yards over 4 games of action.

The Lions' new Air Raid offense under new coordinator Tony Hull will sometimes feature four-receiver sets, including a stable of new talent.

Two are transfers from Arkansas-Monticello in junior Kristian Gammage and redshirt sophomore JaVonn Gibson.

Redshirt freshman Donovan Giles and true frosh Andre Thompson provide additional targets in the passing game, along with returnee Daemon Dawkins, who is the top pass-catching returnee with 24 grabs for 199 yards.

The offensive line struggled mightily last year, which required a makeover of sorts. The Golden Lions surrendered 38 sacks last year while UAPB QBs averaged only 154 passing yards per game in 2023.



Edge rusher **Khalil Arnold** recorded a season-high 11 tackles against Grambling, helping him gain pre-season All-SWAC honors.

Christon Love anchors the line at center, with returnee Courtney Van Buren and Jeremiah Rodgers manning the guard positions.

At tackle, senior Rolando Jones starts on the left side, while graduate Keavius Barnes works the right side.

On **defense**, the Lions employ a 4-2-5 scheme, led by edge rushers Khalil Arnold and Anas Luqman.

Arnold, a redshirt junior from Lovejoy, Ga., registered 40 tackles a year ago. He caught everyone's attention with an outstanding game against Miles College, in which is posted 4½ tackles for loss and 3 sacks. This helped him earn Phil Steele Preseason All-SWAC third-team honors.



Sophomore **Anas Luqman** (91) and senior **Elijah Jenkins** (56) will be two key defenders along the front line for the Golden Lions. Luqman was productive in limited playing time last year.

After the losses of Rico Dozier, Grant Ewell and Rylan Woods, Arnold is the top returning tackler.

Luqman, a redshirt sophomore, was limited to five games in 2023 but was productive with 2½ sacks.

Elijah Jenkins and Jason Gwan will provide the workload on the interior line.

The pair of starting linebackers will be junior Jaden Kelly and sophomore Jaylen White. They will need to replace the production left by the departure of senior Rico Dozier, who led the team with 128 tackles.

A pair of freshmen will see plenty of action at the corner positions in redshirt Antwon Jackson and Zach Williams, a Memphian who played last year at Briarcrest Christian School.

This defensive department will need to produce better results in 2024, as the entire UAPB squad posted a grand total of just four interceptions in 2023.

The deep secondary will typically consist of three safeties, led by strong-sider Kaleb Knox, free-sider Quintin Sterling and rover Tavon Hardwick.

This is the most experienced part of the team, as Knox is a senior while Sterling and Hardwick are juniors.

Though upperclassmen, they didn't see extensive playing time, as the three starters from 2023 have departed. Grant Ewell ranked second in tackles (69); Kyre Williams led the team with two interceptions; and Shawn Wilson registered 26 tackles.

The secondary also welcomes some transfers, with Marquese Allen-Patmon coming over from Nevada and Ja'Marlin Green entering from NW Mississippi Community College. Green was the

leading tackler in the opener against Arkansas with 7 stops.

On **special teams**, Trey Glymph takes over the kicking duties from Dean Sarris, who struggled last year making just 2 of 9 field-goal attempts. Though he didn't attempt a field goal, Glymph saw action on kickoffs.

Jeremy Baker remains the team's punter. He averaged 38.9 yards per punt with 14 of his 76 kicks eclipsing 50 yards.

The junior from Oakland, Calif., earned preseason All-SWAC second-team honors and looks for even more production in 2024.

The kick-return game will also see new blood this year in an effort to become more explosive. B.J. Curry, Cam Taylor and Daemon Dawkins will see action in both kickoff and punt return situations.



Punter **Jeremy Baker** boomed a 68-yard kick against Mississippi Valley State en route to being named to the All-SWAC team.

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF HEAD COACH

ALONZO HAMPTON

Arkansan builds foundation, seeks winning expectation

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff announced that Alonzo Hampton was named the Golden Lions' 22nd head football coach, bringing him back to his home state. The Warren, Ark., native returns to one of his previous coaching stops, having been with the Golden Lions five seasons from 2006-10.

A name highly recognized throughout Arkansas and around the nation in college football, Hampton comes to UAPB after serving as the assistant head coach/special teams coordinator under Terry Bowden at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

Hampton, a four-year letterman as a defensive back at ULM 1993-96, returned to his alma mater to serve as assistant head coach on Bowden's staff. After working with the safeties in 2021, Hampton took over the responsibilities as special teams coordinator, heading into his second season.

Under Hampton's guidance in 2022, ULM special team (punting) was ranked 29th in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision and second in the Sun Belt Conference averaging 43.9 yards per punt (Devyn McCormick).

In 2021, three of his safeties ranked among ULM's Top 10 in tackles, including Jabari Johnson, who recorded a career-high 58 tackles while making seven starts.

"I'm excited to be named 22nd head football coach at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

This institution gave me my first opportunity to coach college football in 2006," said Hampton. "This is a special day for my family and we

are grateful as we look forward to pushing this program to new heights. Also, it means more to come back to your home state."

Hampton worked as a defensive analyst for Chad Morris at Arkansas in 2019.

He served as special teams coordinator for Willie Taggart at Florida State in 2018. It marked the fourth different time in Hampton's career that he had joined one of Taggart's coaching staffs, including previous stops at Oregon, South Florida and Western Kentucky.

Under Hampton's guidance, FSU's D.J. Matthews emerged as one of the nation's most dangerous punt returners in 2018, finishing sixth in the NCAA FBS with his 13.5-yard average.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-03	WARREN H.S. Defensive Coordinator
2004-05	DUMAS H.S. Head Coach
2006-10	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF DBs/Defensive Coordinator
2011-12	WESTERN KENTUCKY Defensive Backs
2013-14	TIFT COUNTY H.S. (GA.) Defensive Backs
2015-16	SOUTH FLORIDA Special Teams/DBs
2017	OREGON Defensive Analyst
2018	FLORIDA STATE Special Teams
2019	ARKANSAS Defensive Analyst
2021-22	LOUISIANA-MONROE Asst. Head Coach/Special Teams
2023-	ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF Head Football Coach

Year	Overall	SWAC
2023	2-9	1-7
2024	1-1	0-0

During the 2017 season, he served as a defensive analyst at Oregon after spending two years (2015-16) as defensive backs coach at South Florida, where he also oversaw special teams in 2016. USF won a school-record 11 games and finished No. 19 in the final Associated Press Poll, thanks in large part to a defensive unit that forced 26 turnovers.

Hampton began his coaching career in the high-school ranks in Arkansas, first as defensive coordinator at Warren High School for four years (2000-03) then as head coach at Dumas High School for two seasons (2004-05).

During his tenure at Warren, he helped the Lumberjacks to a combined record of 48-12, including back-to-back Class AAA state

championships in 2001-02.

As a player at ULM, Hampton finished his career with 201 tackles, three interceptions and 16 pass break-ups. He served as a team captain as a senior in 1996. Hampton also competed in track and field for the Warhawks in 1993.

Following his collegiate career, Hampton played professionally for the Seattle Seahawks and Jacksonville Jaguars as well as NFL Europe's Frankfurt Galaxy. He started for Frankfurt in back-to-back World Bowls.

Hampton and his wife Yolanda have five children, including four sons: Aaron, Rashad, A.J., a fifth-year defensive back at Northwestern, and Ashton; and one daughter, Kenya.



BORN Oct. 9, 1973 (age: 50)
HOMETOWN Warren, Ark.
H.S. Warren (Ark.)
COLLEGE Louisiana-Monroe

 @COACHAHAMPTON

ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF ASSISTANT COACHES



Burrow



Calloway



Gatson



Hull



Latson



Manley



Rose



Wallace

Jeff Burrow enters his third season with the Golden Lions as the program's co-defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach. Burrow comes to UAPB, where he spent the last three seasons at the University of Buffalo.

Burrow originally came to UB as the Bulls' director of player personnel and coached the defensive back position in 2021 after previously coaching the safeties.

The Sylvester, Ga., native also worked as Kent State's safeties coach from 2011-17 and was promoted to co-defensive coordinator in 2017. He was on staff when the Golde Flashes reached a bowl game in 2012 for the first time in 40 years.

He also held full-time positions at Indiana State, Marshall and Jacksonville State.

David Calloway enters his second season with the Golden Lions after spending seven seasons as the head coach at Central Methodist University.

In 2021, he led Central Methodist to a historic season, a No. 14 ranking in the NAIA Football Coaches' Top 25 Postseason poll and their first conference championship since 1975 with a 9-3 overall record and a perfect 5-0 mark in Heart South Division play. The nine wins tied for the most victories in school history. As the Heart South Division champion, the Eagles clinched their first-ever berth into the NAIA-FCS playoffs.

Prior to joining the Central Methodist staff, Calloway spent two seasons as the head coach at NCAA Div. II Texas A&M-Kingsville. Before being promoted, Calloway spent five years as the defensive coordinator for the Javelinas.

A staple of Calloway's defense in Kingsville was being tough against the run, as they led the conference in rush defense four times. In 2010, Calloway's defense surrendered only 57 rushing yards per game, setting a single-season school record while leading the nation. Defensive players received 17 All-America honors in Calloway's tenure; two were named Academic All-Americans.

He began his coaching career at Lane College as the linebackers coach and later worked at Southeastern Oklahoma, his alma mater Langston and Hastings..

Ty Gatson is beginning his first year with the Golden Lions coaching the tight ends after a two-year stint as scouting assistant with the San Francisco 49ers. During the 2023-24 season, he was part

of the NFC championship team.

Prior to his time in San Francisco, Gatson spent the 2021-22 season with the Minnesota Golden Gophers. During this time, he was tasked with coordinating official and unofficial visits of prospective student-athletes, overseeing the football recruiting department's social media and marketing plan, and organizing recruiting information for the football staff.

He has also held positions at Texas-San Antonio, Arkansas and SMU.

Tony Hull joins the Golden Lions after spending one season as Grambling St. co-offensive coordinator, passing-game coordinator, and quarterbacks coach. He played a key role in Grambling St. offense turnaround.

Last season, Hull's offense was explosive, leading the SWAC in yards/game (407.8) and rushing yards/game (184.8). Hull played a significant role in Javon Robinson being named SWAC Freshman of the Year in 2023.

The New Orleans native became acquainted with Alonzo Hampton working at Louisiana-Monroe as the outside receivers coach.

He also served four years as the associate head coach and running backs coach at Kansas (2016-19) and as the co-offensive coordinator and inside receivers coach at Hawai'i in 2020.

Hull was a two-year starter on the offensive line at La.-Lafayette, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial technology in 2004 and later worked for three years at NASA.

Lawann Latson, a former NFL player, is no stranger to recruiting and preparing talent for the next level. Latson brings over 15 years of coaching experience to UAPB, coached/trained over 10 wide receivers who played in the NFL, and six are currently on a roster, including Houston's Tank Dell.

Latson was most recently the wide receivers coach at Miles College for the 2023 season, where he played a key role in Miles College's offensive development offense, going 7-3.

Before coming to Miles College, Latson coached receivers in 2022 at the University of Arkansas-Monticello, where he helped develop LaCedric Smith, who put up 653 yards receiving and five touchdowns.

Tom Manley joins the Golden Lions staff as special teams/running backs

coach after spending the last two seasons as the offensive coordinator at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

During his time at Lincoln, Manley engineered an offense that set 11 school records in 2023. He coached both the CIAA offensive player of the year, sophomore quarterback Isiah Freeman, and HBCU all-American Malachi Langley.

His coaching résumé includes stops at Western Connecticut State and Plymouth State.

Derek Rose is in his second year as the Golden Lions' linebackers coach after holding a brief position at Blinn College and Texas Southern as an offensive assistant.

During his first year with the Golden Lions, the linebacker unit performed exceptionally well in the SWAC. Under Rose's guidance, Rico Dozier led the conference and the team in tackles and was named to the SWAC All-Conference First Team. Additionally, Rylan Woods, another member of Rose's linebacker unit, ranked in the top 15 and second in the team in tackles.

Before his role in Houston, Rose served as the inside linebackers coach at Millsaps College from 2021-23. The New Orleans native was instrumental in transforming an unproven group into a productive unit for a 2022 defense that showed improvement in every defensive category.

He was a former standout linebacker at Northwestern State (La.), where he was a Buck Buchanan Award finalist as a junior.

Steve Wallace enters his second season with the Golden Lions as offensive line coach.

Before coming to UAPB, Wallace was the offensive line graduate assistant at Auburn University. He had a chance to work under SEC coaching legend Will Friend. During the mid-season coaching change, Wallace was promoted to offensive line coach when Friend took over offensive coordinator duties. Auburn finished Top 5 (FBS) in total yards rushing after the coaching change.

Prior to joining the Auburn staff, Wallace was a part of the transition stage of turning Arkansas Baptist College into an NAIA school from a junior-college program.

The Atlanta native started his coaching career at Auburn as a graduate assistant under Gus Malzahn in the Player Personnel department.



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MARQUESE

ALLEN-PATMON

Grad., Defensive Back
San Diego, Calif.
Lincoln H.S.
tr-Nevada



37

KHALIL

ARNOLD

Jr., Linebacker
Lovejoy, Ga.
Lovejoy H.S.
tr-Eastern Kentucky



15

JAMERIOUS

AUSTIN

Fr., Off. Lineman
Memphis, Tenn.
Southwind H.S.



71

JAPHEN

BAKER

Fr., Offensive Lineman
El Dorado, Ark.
El Dorado H.S.



63

JEREMY

BAKER

Sr., Punter
Oakland, Calif.
Piedmont H.S.
tr-Santa Rosa J.C.



4

KEAVIUS

BARNES

Grad., Offensive Lineman
Lancaster, S.C.
Lancaster H.S.
tr-Benedict College



76

JAVIEN

BLANKS

Fr., Defensive End
Demopolis, Ala.
Demopolis H.S.



58

DYLAN

BOOKER

Jr., Off. Lineman
Trotwood, Ohio
Notre Dame Coll.



62

DANIEL

BOSTIC

Jr., Off. Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Watson Chapel H.S.
tr-Ark. Baptist



68

KAYLON

BRADLEY

Jr., Linebacker
Walnut, Calif.
Monroe Township H.S.
tr-Mt. San Antonio



53

JAMAL

BROWDER

Jr., Wide Receiver
Carol City, Fla.
North Miami Sr. H.S.
tr-Florida Memorial



88

KAREEM

BURKE

Soph., Wide Receiver
Jacksonville, Fla.
Raines H.S.



83

DYELON

CARADINE

Fr., Defensive Back
Malvern, Ark.
Malvern H.S.



14

DAMARION

CARTER

Fr., Wide Receiver
Shreveport, La.
Huntington H.S.
tr-Ark.-Monticello



47

CAMERON

COLEMAN

Sr., Wide Receiver
Baton Rouge, La.
Baker H.S.
tr-Grambling State



94

DAE'TRELL

COOPER

Jr., Running Back
New Orleans, La.
John McDonogh Sr. H.S.



28

B.J.

CURRY

Soph., Running Back
Magnolia, Ark.
Magnolia H.S.



24

JOHNESS

DAVIS

Soph., Running Back
Athens, Ga.
Athens Christian H.S.



32

RANDALL

DAVIS

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Little Rock, Ark.
Parkview H.S.



65

DAEMON

DAWKINS

Sr., Wide Receiver
District Heights, Md.
Potomac H.S.



1

BRADEN

DUCHARME

Fr., Kicker/Punter
Hermitage, Tenn.
Donelson Chr. Acad.
tr-Austin Peay



38

**KYLON
DUPREE**

Fr., Wide Receiver
Memphis, Tenn.
Southwind H.S.



21

**KEVIN
ENGLISH**

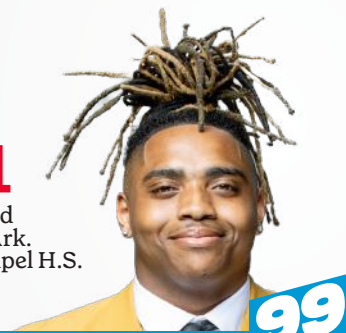
Jr., Tight End
Norwood, Ohio
Norwood H.S.



85

**MEKHI
FERRELL**

Jr., Tight End
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Watson Chapel H.S.



99

**KHARI
FIELDS**

Jr., Cornerback
New Orleans, La.
Helen Cox H.S.
tr-Arkansas Tech



20

**KRISTIAN
GAMMAGE**

Jr., Wide Receiver
Grenada, Miss.
Grenada H.S.
tr-Ark.-Monticello



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GARRETT**

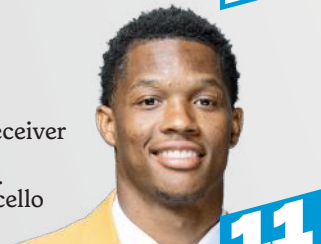
Fr., Offensive Lineman
Lepanto, Ark.
East Poinsett Co. H.S.



66

**JaVONNIE
GIBSON**

Soph., Wide Receiver
Opelousas, La.
Opelousas H.S.
tr-Ark.-Monticello



11

**DONOVAN
GILES**

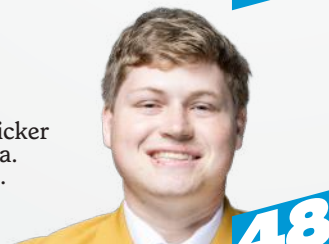
Fr., Wide Receiver
Viera, Fla.
Viera H.S.
tr-Florida Atlantic



87

**TREY
GLYMPH**

Soph., Placekicker
Alpharetta, Ga.
Denmark H.S.



48

**JONATHAN
GOINS**

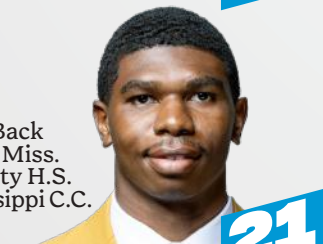
Fr., Linebacker
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Pine Bluff H.S.



30

**JA'MARLIN
GREEN**

Jr., Defensive Back
Union Church, Miss.
Franklin County H.S.
tr-NW Mississippi C.C.



21

**DOVONTE
GRIMES**

Fr., Defensive Back
Junction City, Ark.
Junction City H.S.



45

**BENJIE
GUAR**

Jr., Defensive End
Edison, N.J.
Edison H.S.
tr-Sussex County C.C.



56

**JASON
GWAN**

Soph., Def. Tackle
Buffalo, N.Y.
Olmsted H.S.
tr-Erie C.C.



98

**MEKHI
HAGENS**

Jr., Quarterback
St. Louis, Mo.
Cardinal Ridder C.P.
tr-Cisco C.C.



9

**ELIJAH
HARDIN**

Soph., Off. Lineman
Forrest City, Ark.
Forrest City H.S.



75

**TAVON
HARDWICK**

Jr., Defensive Back
Dayton, Ohio
Belmont H.S.



12

**DAYLON
HARRIS**

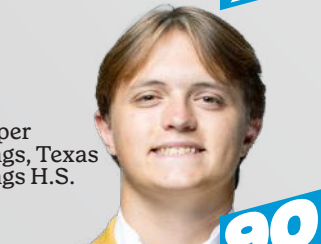
Fr., Offensive Lineman
Little Rock, Ark.
Southwest H.S.



73

**RIO
HAY**

Fr., Long Snapper
Dripping Springs, Texas
Dripping Springs H.S.



90

**LANDON
HOLCOMB**

Fr., Quarterback
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Pine Bluff H.S.



13

**JAXSON
ISAAC**

Soph., Tight End
Regina, Sask.
Clearwater Aca. Int'l H.S.
tr-Eastern Illinois

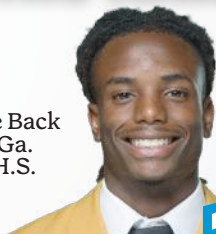


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ANTWON JACKSON

Soph., Defensive Back
Warner Robins, Ga.
Warner Robins H.S.
tr-Liberty



10

ELIJAH JENKINS

Sr., Defensive End
Picayune, Miss.
Picayune Memorial H.S.
tr-Pearl River C.C.



8

ANTONIO JOHNSON

Sr. Defensive Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
White Hall H.S.
tr-Northeastern St.



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TYHAJ JOHNSON

Fr., Linebacker
New Orleans, La.
Easton H.S.



69

ISAIAH JONES

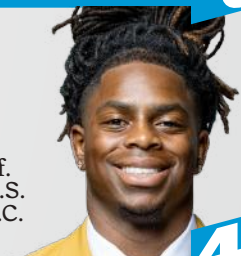
Fr., Defensive Lineman
Little Rock, Ark.
North Little Rock H.S.



92

MARCUS JONES Jr.

Jr., Linebacker
Sacramento, Calif.
Monterey Trail H.S.
tr-Sacramento C.C.



42

ROLANDO JONES

Sr., Offensive Lineman
Memphis, Tenn.
Southwind H.S.



51

JADEN KELLY

Jr., Linebacker
Dallas, Texas
S. Grand Prairie H.S.
tr-Dodge City C.C.



0

KALEB KNOX

Sr., Defensive Back
Bryant, Ark.
Bryant H.S.



3

KYLE KNOX

Jr., Defensive Back
Bryant, Ark.
Bryant H.S.



27

BOOTHE LARKIN

Fr., Long Snapper
Edmond, Okla.
Edmond Memorial H.S.
tr-NE Oklahoma



97

LIAM LINDO

Jr., Defensive Back
Wallkill, N.Y.
Wallkill H.S.
tr-Erie C.C.



25

CHRISTON LOVE

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Detroit, Mich.
Martin Luther King H.S.



74

ANAS LUQMAN

Soph., Def. Lineman
Cincinnati, Ohio
Princeton H.S.



7

BRYCE LUSK

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Pine Bluff, Ark.
Pine Bluff H.S.



54

KAVION MAJORS

Jr., Defensive End
Dallas, Texas
Seagoville H.S.
tr-Dodge City C.C.



55

AIDEN McHAN

Soph., Linebacker
White Hall, Ark.
White Hall H.S.
tr-Lyon College



50

MARTAVIOUS MILLER

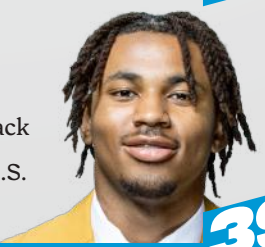
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Stamps, Ark.
Lafayette County H.S.



43

AMYRION MINGO

Fr., Defensive Back
Alexandria, La.
Alexandria Sr. H.S.



39

DERRICK MURDOCK

Fr., Linebacker
Little Rock, Ark.
Southwest H.S.



44

JEAN-LOUIS NUNEZ

Fr., Def. Back
Houston, Texas
Alief Elsik H.S.
tr-Hocking C.C.



26

**ALDO
OLWENY**

Jr., Defensive Back
San Diego, Calif.
Canyon Hills H.S.
tr-Grossmont College



29

**ABDULBASIT
OSHOLAKE**

Jr., Defensive Lineman
Philadelphia, Pa.
John Bartram H.S.
tr-Sussex C.C.



93

**ARAMONI
RHONE**

Soph., Wide Receiver
Orlando, Fla.
Plant City H.S.
tr-Ohio Univ.



84

**MIKE
RILEY**

Soph., Linebacker
Texarkana, Texas
Liberty-Eylau H.S.



57

**TYSAN
ROBBINS**

Jr., Quarterback
Orlando, Fla.
Jones H.S.
tr-Highland C.C.



16

**JEREMIAH
RODGERS**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Red Springs, N.C.
Red Springs H.S.
tr-UNC Pembroke



61

**JUSTIN
ROGERS**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Spring, Texas
Dekaney H.S.
tr-Kilgore C.C.



52

**OSHAWN
ROSS**

Soph., Running Back
Cocoa, Fla.
Cocoa H.S.
tr-Tennessee Tech



5

**QUINTIN
STERLING**

Jr., Defensive Back
Hattiesburg, Miss.
Oak Grove H.S.
tr-Jones College



22

**D.J.
STEVENSON**

Jr., Quarterback
Fresno, Calif.
Central East H.S.
tr-Reedley College



18

**CAM
TAYLOR**

Fr., Wide Receiver
Dallas, Texas
Little Elm H.S.
tr-Bluefield State



26

**ANDRE
THOMPSON**

Fr., Wide Receiver
Manvel, Texas
Manvel H.S.



89

**COURTNEY
VAN BUREN II**

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Stafford, Va.
North Stafford H.S.



77

**KYLE
VOCQUE**

Fr., Linebacker
Bauxite, Ark.
Bauxite H.S.



49

**ZA'MARION
WEBBER**

Fr., Running Back
Franklin, La.
Franklin Sr. H.S.
tr-La-Monroe



35

**DERRICK
WHITE**

Soph., Wide Receiver
Atlanta, Ga.
Creekside H.S.



82

**JAYLEN
WHITE**

Soph., Linebacker
Torrance, Calif.
South H.S.



31

**QUAYASER
WHITEHEAD**

Fr., Off. Lineman
Bryant, Ark.
Bryant H.S.



60

**ZACH
WILLIAMS**

Fr., Defensive Back
Memphis, Tenn.
Briarcrest Chr. Sch.



34

**SHAWN
WILSON**

Sr., Defensive Back
Burbank, Calif.
Don Lugo H.S.
tr-LA Valley C.C.



33

**SEAN
YURKUNAS**

Grad., Punter
Boulder, Colo.
Fairview H.S.
tr-Tarleton State



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MARCHING MUSICAL MACHINE OF THE MID-SOUTH



JOHN GRAHAM
Band Director



There's no doubt that the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Marching Band, known as "The Musical Machine of the Mid-South (or M4 for short), has crafted a well-earned reputation for knowing how to thrill audiences and mesmerize fans.

M4 is consistently ranked among the top 10 Black College Marching Bands in the Nation.

Founded in 1946 by Miss Alma L. Brown, the band is now under the direction of John Graham. Previous Directors include: Harold S. Strong 1952-81, Odie E. Burris 1981-89, Dr. Joseph L. Miller 1989-91, and Kelvin Washington 1991-94.

The Marching Band is comprised of students from all over the country, including 250 instrumentalists, Dance Line "The Golden Girls," Flag Line

"24 Karat Golden Silks" and Drum Majors "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen."



The Golden Lion Marching Band is noted for its soulful, symphonic sound combined with intricate drill maneuvers and precision choreography. M4 has performed in many major stadiums in the country including: The American Airlines Center, Edward Jones Dome, Georgia Dome, LP Field, Mercedes Benz Superdome, Reliant Stadium, FedEx Forum and Soldier Field.

Notable performances during the history of the UAPB Marching Band include: National Football

League (NFL) halftime performances for the Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints, and St. Louis Rams; National Basketball Association (NBA) Halftime performances for the Dallas Mavericks.

The UAPB Marching Band has performed in parades all over the nation — cities include: Little Rock, Montgomery, Nashville, New Orleans, Tampa-St. Petersburg, St. Louis, Memphis and of course we are extremely proud of our performance in the ultimate parade, the 56th Presidential Inaugural Parade for the 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama, in Washington, D.C.

Featured at the 6th and 12th Honda Invitational Battle of the Bands, the UAPB "Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South has been seen and heard by millions of fans in live performance or via the mediums of radio, television, and the internet.

Graham, a Little Rock native at the helm since 1994, is assisted by Darryl Evans and Harold Fooster. Jenise "Sandy" Todd manages the Band Office. Dr. Deaundra Rhodes and Whitney Lee are the directors of the Golden Girls and 24 Karat Golden Silks, respectively. Other UAPB Bands are the Jazz Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Black and Gold Concert Bands.



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ARKANSAS-PINE BLUFF ROSTER

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
37	Allen-Patmon, Marquese	Gr.	DB	6-1	200	San Diego, Calif.	Lincoln
17	Anderson, Jackson	Fr.	WR	6-3	170	Conway, Ark.	Conway
15	Arnold, Khalil	R-Jr.	LB	6-3	230	Lovejoy, Ga.	Lovejoy
71	Austin, Jamerious	Fr.	OL	6-1	320	Memphis, Tenn.	Southwind
63	Baker, Japhen	R-Fr.	OL	5-11	290	El Dorado, Ark.	El Dorado
4	Baker, Jeremy	Sr.	P	5-11	187	Oakland, Calif.	Piedmont
76	Barnes, Keavius	Gr.	OL	6-2	290	Lancaster, S.C.	Lancaster
81	Bennett, Cenard	Fr.	WR	5-9	165	Miramar, Fla.	Miramar
23	Bilberry, Tomorrio Jr.	Fr.	DB	6-0	170	Franklin, La.	Union Parish
58	Blanks, Javien	R-Fr.	DE	6-0	248	Demopolis, Ala.	Demopolis
62	Booker, Dylan	R-Jr.	OL	6-3	285	Trotwood, Ohio	Notre Dame Coll.
68	Bostic, Daniel	R-Jr.	OL	6-3	300	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Watson Chapel
53	Bradley, Kaylon	Jr.	LB	6-1	235	Walnut, Calif.	Monroe Township
88	Browder, Jamal	Jr.	WR	5-10	170	Carol City, Fla.	North Miami Sr.
83	Burke, Kareem	R-So.	WR	6-0	180	Jacksonville, Fla.	Raines
14	Caradine, Dylon	Fr.	DB	6-2	170	Malvern, Ark.	Malvern
47	Carter, Damarion	R-Fr.	WR	5-8	170	Shreveport, La.	Huntington
94	Coleman, Cameron	R-So.	DE	6-1	220	Baton Rouge, La.	Madison Prep Acad.
28	Cooper, Dae'Trell	R-Jr.	RB	5-8	190	New Orleans, La.	John McDonogh
24	Curry, B.J.	So.	RB	5-9	195	Magnolia, Ark.	Magnolia
32	Davis, Johness	R-So.	RB	5-11	195	Athens, Ga.	Athens Christian
65	Davis, Randall	Fr.	OL	6-0	325	Little Rock, Ark.	Parkview
1	Dawkins, Daemon	Sr.	WR	5-10	170	District Heights, Md.	Potomac
38	Ducharme, Braden	R-Fr.	K/P	5-9	152	Hermitage, Tenn.	Donelson Chr.
21	Dupree, Kylon	Fr.	WR	6-0	185	Memphis, Tenn.	Southwind
85	English, Kevin	R-Jr.	TE	6-5	225	Norwood, Ohio	Norwood
99	Ferrell, Mekhi	R-Jr.	TE	6-1	243	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Watson Chapel
20	Fields, Khari	R-Jr.	CB	5-11	170	New Orleans, La.	Helen Cox
41	Foreman-Carter, Jakorei	Fr.	LB	6-2	200	Little Rock, Ark.	Hall
2	Gammage, Kristian	Jr.	WR	5-9	180	Grenada, Miss.	Grenada
46	Gannaway, Chris	R-Fr.	RB	5-11	185	Bryant, Ark.	Bryant
66	Garrett, Jamarkius	R-Fr.	OL	6-1	293	Lepanto, Ark.	E. Poinsett Co.
11	Gibson, JaVonn	R-So.	WR	6-3	205	Opelousas, La.	Opelousas
87	Giles, Donovan	R-Fr.	WR	6-4	195	Viera, Fla.	Viera
48	Glymph, Trey	R-So.	K	5-8	190	Alpharetta, Ga.	Denmark
30	Goins, Jonathan	Fr.	LB	6-2	205	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Pine Bluff
21	Green, Ja'Marlin	Jr.	DB	6-2	200	Union Church, Miss.	Franklin Co.
45	Grimes, Dovonte	Fr.	DB	6-0	170	Junction City, Ark.	Junction City
56	Guar, Benjie	Jr.	DE	6-3	230	Edison, N.J.	Edison
36	Gulley, Kayvun	Fr.	DB	6-0	175	Prescott, Ark.	Prescott
98	Gwan, Jason	So.	DT	6-2	260	Buffalo, N.Y.	Olmsted
9	Hagens, Mekhi	R-Jr.	QB	6-3	210	St. Louis, Mo.	Cardinal Ridder
75	Hardin, Elijah	So.	OL	6-6	381	Forrest City, Ark.	Forrest City
12	Hardwick, Tavon	R-Jr.	DB	5-10	190	Dayton, Ohio	Belmont
73	Harris, Daylon	Fr.	OL	6-0	315	Little Rock, Ark.	Southwest
90	Hay, Rio	Fr.	LS	6-1	232	Dripping Spr., Texas	Dripping Springs
29	Hinton, Maurice	So.	WR	5-9	175	Staten Island, N.Y.	Curtis
13	Holcomb, Landon	Fr.	QB	6-0	200	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Pine Bluff
86	Isaac, Jaxson	So.	TE	6-6	230	Regina, Sask.	Clearwater Acad.
10	Jackson, Antwon	R-So.	DB	5-11	170	Warner Robins, Ga.	Warner Robins

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
8	Jenkins, Elijah	Sr.	DE	6-1	248	Picayune, Miss.	Picayune Memorial
6	Johnson, Antonio	Sr.	DL	6-2	300	Pine Bluff, Ark.	White Hall
69	Johnson, Tyhaj	Fr.	LB	6-2	210	New Orleans, La.	Easton
92	Jones, Isaiah	R-Fr.	DL	6-0	300	Little Rock, Ark.	N. Little Rock
42	Jones, Marcus	Jr.	LB	6-1	218	Sacramento, Calif.	Monterey Trail
51	Jones, Rolando	Sr.	OL	6-4	285	Memphis, Tenn.	Southwind
0	Kelly, Jaden	Jr.	LB	6-1	223	Dallas, Texas	S. Grand Prairie
3	Knox, Caleb	Sr.	DB	6-1	192	Bryant, Ark.	Bryant
27	Knox, Kyle	R-Jr.	DB	6-1	186	Bryant, Ark.	Bryant
97	Larkin, Boothe	R-Fr.	LS	5-10	230	Edmond, Okla.	Edmond Mem.
95	Ledbetter, Jaden	Jr.	DT	6-1	300	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Lakewood
25	Lindo, Liam	Jr.	DB	6-3	176	Wallkill, N.Y.	Wallkill
74	Love, Christon	Fr.	OL	6-3	290	Detroit, Mich.	Martin Luther King
7	Luqman, Anas	R-So.	DL	6-4	230	Cincinnati, Ohio	Princeton
54	Lusk, Bryce	R-Jr.	OL	6-1	294	Pine Bluff, Ark.	Pine Bluff
55	Majors, Kavion	Jr.	DE	6-3	237	Dallas, Texas	Seagoville
42	McDonald, Elijah	R-Jr.	RB	5-10	203	Star City, Ark.	Star City
50	McHan, Aiden	So.	LB	6-0	205	White Hall, Ark.	White Hall
43	Miller, Martavious	Jr.	DB	5-10	177	Stamps, Ark.	Lafayette Co.
39	Mingo, Amyrion	Fr.	DB	6-0	170	Alexandria, La.	Alexandria Sr.
44	Murphy, Derrick	Fr.	LB	6-0	195	Little Rock, Ark.	Little Rock
26	Nunez, Jean-Louis	R-Fr.	DB	6-1	175	Houston, Texas	Alief Elsik
29	Olweny, Aldo	Jr.	DB	6-2	201	San Diego, Calif.	Canyon Hills
93	Oshlake, Abdulbasit	Jr.	DL	6-0	292	Philadelphia, Pa.	John Bartram
40	Rahaan, Akeem	Fr.	CB	5-11	170	DeSoto, Texas	DeSoto
84	Rhone, Aramoni	R-So.	WR	6-5	195	Orlando, Fla.	Plant City
57	Riley, Mike	R-So.	LB	6-3	210	Texarkana, Texas	Liberty-Eylau
16	Robbins, Tysan	R-Jr.	QB	6-3	215	Orlando, Fla.	Jones
20	Robinson, D'Avery	Fr.	WR	5-8	156	Logansport, La.	Logansport
61	Rodgers, Jeremiah	R-Jr.	OL	6-3	290	Red Springs, N.C.	Red Springs
52	Rogers, Justin	Jr.	OL	6-2	300	Spring, Texas	Dekaney
5	Ross, Oshawn	R-So.	RB	5-11	175	Cocoa, Fla.	Cocoa
41	Sanders, Chris	Fr.	TE	6-3	225	Little Rock, Ark.	Southwest
22	Sterling, Quintin	Jr.	DB	5-11	209	Hattiesburg, Miss.	Oak Grove
18	Stevenson, D.J.	Jr.	QB	6-3	210	Fresno, Calif.	Central East
47	Swadling, A.C.	R-Fr.	DB	5-10	160	Calabasas, Calif.	Faith Baptist
26	Taylor, Cam	R-Fr.	WR	5-8	170	Dallas, Texas	Little Elm
89	Thompson, Andre	Fr.	WR	5-8	150	Manvel, Texas	Manvel
77	Van Buren, Courtney II	R-Jr.	OL	6-3	300	Stafford, Va.	North Stafford
43	Vaughn, Kylan	Jr.	TE	6-2	210	Abbeville, Miss.	Lafayette
49	Vocque, Kyle	Fr.	LB	6-0	225	Bauxite, Ark.	Bauxite
35	Webber, Za'Marion	R-Fr.	RB	6-0	185	Franklin, La.	Franklin Sr.
82	White, Derrick	R-So.	WR	5-11	171	Atlanta, Ga.	Creekside
64	White, Jaden	Fr.	OL	6-2	286	Sherwood, Ark.	Sylvan Hills
31	White, Jaylen	So.	LB	6-0	201	Torrance, Calif.	South
60	Whitehead, Qauayaser	Fr.	OL	6-3	295	Bryant, Ark.	Bryant
34	Williams, Zach	Fr.	DB	6-0	170	Memphis, Tenn.	Briarcrest Chr.
33	Wilson, Shawn	Sr.	DB	6-1	196	Burbank, Calif.	Don Lugo
96	Yurkunas, Shea	Gr.	P	6-7	261	Boulder, Colo.	Fairview

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QUICK FACTS

Location Pine Bluff, Ark. | Enrollment 2,825 | Conference Affiliation SWAC | Final 2023 Record 2-9 (1-7 in SWAC) | Home Field Simmons Bank Field
Primary Offensive System Air Raid | Primary Defensive System 4-2-5 | Starters Returning/Lost 12/7 | Freshmen 39, Sophomores 18, Juniors 32, Seniors/Grads 10

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1	Daemon Dawkins	WR
2	Kristian Gammage	WR
3	Kaleb Knox	DB
4	Jeremy Baker	P
5	Oshawn Ross	RB
6	Antonio Johnson	DL
7	Anas Luqman	DL
8	Elijah Jenkins	DE
9	Mekhi Hagens	QB
10	Antwon Jackson	DB
11	JaVonnie Gibson	WR
12	Tavon Hardwick	DB
13	Landon Holcomb	QB
14	Dylon Caradine	DB
15	Khalil Arnold	LB
16	Tysan Robbins	QB
17	Jackson Anderson	WR
18	D.J. Stevenson	QB
20	Khari Fields	CB
20	D'Avery Robinson	WR
21	Ja'Marlin Green	DB
21	Kylon Dupree	WR
22	Quintin Sterling	DB
23	Tomorrio Bilberry Jr.	DB
24	B.J. Curry	RB
25	Liam Lindo	DB
26	Cam Taylor	WR
26	Jean-Louis Nunez	DB
27	Kyle Knox	DB
28	Dae'Trell Cooper	RB
29	Aldo Olweny	DB
29	Maurice Hinton	WR
30	Jonathan Goins	LB
31	Jaylen White	LB
32	Johness Davis	RB
33	Shawn Wilson	DB
34	Zach Williams	DB
35	Za'Marion Webber	RB
36	Kayvun Guley	DB
37	Marquese Allen-Patmon	DB
38	Braden Ducharme	K/P
39	Amyrion Mingo	DB
40	Akeem Rahaan	CB
41	Jakorei Foreman-Carter	LB
41	Chris Sanders	TE
42	Marcus Jones	LB
42	Elijah McDonald	RB
43	Martavious Miller	DB
43	Kylen Vaughn	TE
44	Derrick Murdock	LB
45	Dovonte Grimes	DB
46	Chris Gannaway	RB
47	A.C. Swadling	DB
47	Damarion Carter	WR
48	Trey Glymph	K
49	Kyle Vocque	LB
50	Aiden McHan	LB
51	Rolando Jones	OL
52	Justin Rogers	OL
53	Kaylon Bradley	LB
54	Bryce Lusk	OL
55	Kavion Majors	DE
56	Benjie Guar	DE
57	Mike Riley	LB
58	Javien Blanks	DE
60	Qauayaser Whitehead	OL
61	Jeremiah Rodgers	OL
62	Dylan Booker	OL
63	Japhen Baker	OL
64	Jaden White	OL
65	Randall Davis	OL
66	Jamarkius Garrett	OL
68	Daniel Bostic	OL
69	Tyhaq Johnson	LB
71	Jamerious Austin	OL
73	Daylon Harris	OL
74	Christon Love	OL
75	Elijah Hardin	OL
76	Keavus Barnes	OL
77	Courtney Van Buren II	OL
81	Cenard Bennett	WR
82	Derrick White	WR
83	Kareem Burke	WR
84	Aramoni Rhone	WR
85	Kevin English	TE
86	Jaxson Isaac	TE
87	Donovan Giles	WR
88	Jamal Browder	WR
89	Andre Thompson	WR
90	Rio Hay	LS
92	Isaiah Jones	DL
93	Abdulbasit Osholake	DL
95	Jaden Ledbetter	DT
96	Shea Yurkunas	P
97	Boothe Larkin	LS
98	Jason Gwan	DT
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0	Karate Brenson	WR
0	Tyler Moore	DL
1	Draylen Ellis	QB
1	Boogie Trotter	DB
2	Cameron Blaylock	DL
2	Jordan Gant	RB
3	Solomon Dunn	WR
3	Micah Gay	LB
4	Jaden McGill	RB
4	Kierron Smith	DL
5	Jalen Bell	DL
5	Dayron Johnson	WR
6	Dion Villiers	DB
6	Bryant Williams	WR
7	Juice Majors	WR
7	Ahmad Nelson	LB
8	Jalal Dean	WR
8	Jalen McClendon	DB
9	Da'Shon Davis	WR
9	Spencer Roof	QB
10	George Hamsley	QB
10	Fondren Hollis III	DB
11	Snap Reed	WR
11	Brent Rowe	LB
12	Sanders Ellis	LB
12	Chase Spellman	QB
13	Camani Cobbs	DB
13	Ryder Hagan	QB
14	Roshawn Lacy	WR
14	Brandon Wilson	DB
15	Malik Ganaway	DB
15	Lance Wilhoite	WR
16	Brandon Bouie Jr.	DB
16	Exavious Reed	TE
17	Emmanuel Baez	DL
17	Gerard Bullock	TE
18	Keandre Booker	DB
18	Kheagian Heckaman	TE
19	Aiden Smith	WR
19	Darius Smith	DB
20	Kaderris Roberts	RB
21	Tevin Carter	QB
21	Tyler Jones	DB
22	Jalen Rouse	RB
22	DuJuan Sharp III	DB
23	C.J. Evans	RB
24	Jackson Foster	P
24	Jordan Helton	DB
25	Shivan Abdullah	QB
25	Sammy Taylor	LB
26	Jonathan Moore	RB
27	Byron Davis	DB
28	Kaiki Baker	DB
28	Antwone Parker	RB
30	Dominique Dixon	DB
31	C.J. Lowe	LB
32	Jayden Coleman	DB
33	Taeshawn Jefferson	DB
34	Mecca Carr-Bordeaux	DL
35	Anakin Aupiu	LB
36	Caden Marshall	LB
37	Jacorris Foreman	LB
38	Gabriel McDaniel	DB
39	Mark Shenouda	P
40	Marlon Huff	DL
41	Quinn Reid	DL
42	Jace Dobbins	DB
43	Kamden Edwards	TE
44	Craig Cunningham	RB
44	Eriq George	DL
45	Josiah Smith	LB
46	Oliver Walker	RB
46	Scotty Roddy	LB
47	Matthew Wilson	LB
48	Chris Walker	DL
49	Yirayah LaNier	DL
50	Ace Meadows	OL
51	Alex Valbuena	OL
52	Carson Buchanan	LS
53	Blake Gamez	OL
54	Darius Neals	OL
55	Saidou Ba	OL
55	Camron Douglas	DL
56	Anthony Smith	OL
57	Connor Meadows	OL
58	Hadine Diaby	OL
61	Kennedy Wilbert	OL
63	Jamari Freeman	OL
64	Justin Harper	OL
65	Jacob Wooden	OL
67	Veguer Jean-Jumeau	OL
68	Quinton Mastropietro	OL
70	Darien Farmer	OL
72	Kaleob Onyiahialam	OL
74	Jourden Hale-Frater	OL
77	Owen Borba	OL
78	Kobe Jones	OL
80	TySean Jefferson	WR
81	Santana Crayton	WR
82	Ro Abercrombie	TE
83	Joshua Meriwether	TE
84	Amari Southall	WR
85	Malik Billingsley	WR
86	Connor Ruth	TE
87	Gerard Turner	WR
88	Tucker Kyne	TE
89	Jason Hoath Jr.	TE
90	Connor Ridderhoff	LS
91	Daniel Bravo	K
93	Meonta Kimbrough	DL
95	Chandon Page	OL
97	Kyle Hicks	LS
98	Terence Carpenter II	DL
99	James Lowery	K/P
99	Lathun Snipes	DL

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No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
25	Abdullah, Shivan	R-Fr.	QB	6-0	205	Nashville, Tenn.	Cane Ridge
82	Abercrombie, Ro	Jr.	TE	6-4	245	San Bernardino, Calif.	Aquinas
35	Aupiu, Anakin	Jr.	LB	5-11	220	Compton, Calif.	St. Anthony
55	Ba, Saidou	R-So.	OL	6-4	300	Memphis, Tenn.	PURE Youth Acad.
17	Baez, Emmanuel	R-Jr.	DL	6-4	265	Plant City, Fla.	Plant City
28	Baker, Kaiki	Fr.	DB	6-3	190	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
5	Bell, Jalen	Gr.	DL	6-1	280	Detroit, Mich.	Martin Luther King
85	Billingsley, Malik	Sr.	WR	5-10	190	St. Louis, Mo.	Christian Bros.
2	Blaiz, Cameron	R-Jr.	DL	6-2	315	Memphis, Tenn.	White Station
18	Booker, Keandre	Gr.	DB	6-3	240	Moss Point, Miss.	Moss Point
77	Borba, Owen	Fr.	OL	6-3	280	Lebanon, Tenn.	Wilson County
16	Bowie, Brandon Jr.	So.	DB	6-1	195	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
91	Bravo, Daniel	Fr.	K	5-7	180	Nashville, Tenn.	Antioch
0	Brenson, Karate	R-Jr.	WR	6-2	215	St. Louis, Mo.	Christian Bros.
52	Buchanan, Carson	Sr.	LS	6-0	265	Nashville, Tenn.	Antioch
17	Bullock, Gerard	Sr.	TE	6-0	200	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
98	Carpenter, Terence II	R-Fr.	DL	6-3	225	Memphis, Tenn.	Blackman
34	Carr-Bordeaux, Mecca	R-Fr.	DL	6-4	265	Rocky Point, N.C.	Pender
21	Carter, Tevin	R-So.	QB	6-3	220	Memphis, Tenn.	PURE Youth Acad.
13	Cobbs, Camani	R-Fr.	DB	6-1	180	McDonough, Ga.	Eagle's Landing
32	Coleman, Jayden	Fr.	DB	5-10	180	Phenix City, Ala.	Liberty-Eylau
81	Crayton, Santana	Fr.	WR	5-10	185	Louisville, Ky.	Pleasure Ridge Park
44	Cunningham, Craig	R-So.	RB	5-10	190	Memphis, Tenn.	Lausanne Coll.
27	Davis, Byron	R-So.	DB	6-1	185	Nashville, Tenn.	Cane Ridge
9	Davis, Da'Shon	Gr.	WR	5-11	195	Quincy, Fla.	Jefferson Co.
8	Dean, Jalal	Sr.	WR	6-0	190	Williamston, S.C.	Palmetto
58	Diaby, Hadine	So.	OL	6-3	300	Loganville, Ga.	Grayson
30	Dixon, Dominique	Fr.	DB	6-1	195	St. Louis, Mo.	Cardinal Ritter
42	Dobbins, Jace	R-Fr.	DB	6-0	165	Dandridge, Tenn.	Jefferson Co.
55	Douglas, Camron	R-So.	DL	6-3	300	Brownsville, Tenn.	Haywood Co.
3	Dunn, Solomon	R-Jr.	WR	6-4	210	Johnson City, Tenn.	Science Hill
43	Edwards, Kamden	R-Jr.	TE	5-10	225	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Tyner Academy
1	Ellis, Draylen	Gr.	QB	6-1	175	Olive Branch, Miss.	Kirby
12	Ellis, Sanders	Fr.	LB	6-2	225	Nashville, Tenn.	Station Camp
23	Evans, C.J.	R-Sr.	RB	5-8	180	Mobile, Ala.	McGill-Toolen
70	Farmer, Darien	R-Fr.	OL	6-0	300	Aurora, Ill.	West Aurora
37	Foreman, Jacorris	R-Fr.	LB	5-11	205	Pahokee, Fla.	Everglades Prep
24	Foster, Jackson	Sr.	P	6-2	220	Danville, Calif.	San Ramon Valley
63	Freeman, Jamari	R-So.	OL	6-4	300	Fairburn, Ga.	Langston Hughes
53	Gamez, Blake	R-Jr.	OL	6-1	280	Buckeye, Ariz.	Verrado
15	Ganaway, Malik	R-So.	DB	6-2	190	Trenton, Tenn.	Peabody
2	Gant, Jordan	R-So.	RB	5-10	205	Lakeland, Fla.	Kathleen
3	Gay, Micah	R-So.	LB	6-1	205	Johns Creek, Ga.	Johns Creek
44	George, Eriq	So.	DL	6-2	280	Nashville, Tenn.	Mont. Bell Acad.
13	Hagan, Ryder	R-Fr.	QB	6-1	210	Nashville, Tenn.	Overton
74	Hale-Frater, Jourden	R-So.	OL	6-5	350	Cincinnati, Ohio	Sycamore
10	Hamsley, George	R-So.	QB	6-5	220	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Univ. Sch.
64	Harper, Justin	Fr.	OL	6-3	265	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Lakewood
18	Heckaman, Kheagian	R-So.	TE	6-1	220	Hamshire, Texas	Hamshire-Fannett
24	Helton, Jordan	Sr.	DB	6-1	205	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Univ. Sch.
97	Hicks, Kyle	Fr.	LS	6-2	220	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
89	Hoath, Jason Jr.	So.	TE	6-2	235	Columbia, Tenn.	Page
10	Hollis, Fondren III	R-Sr.	DB	5-11	180	Decatur, Ga.	Columbia
40	Huff, Marlon	Fr.	DL	6-3	230	Delray Beach, Fla.	Atlantic
67	Jean-Jumeau, Veguer	Fr.	OL	6-7	275	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
33	Jefferson, Taeshawn	Fr.	DB	5-11	185	Nashville, Tenn.	Germantown
80	Jefferson, Tysean	R-Jr.	WR	5-7	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Beech
5	Johnson, Dayron	Sr.	WR	5-9	180	Springfield, Tenn.	Springfield

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
78	Jones, Kobe	Fr.	OL	6-3	310	Cumming, Ga.	Denmark
21	Jones, Tyler	R-Sr.	DB	6-0	200	Orlando, Fla.	West Orange
93	Kimbrough, Meonta	R-Sr.	DL	6-1	270	Memphis, Tenn.	Overton
88	Kyne, Tucker	Fr.	TE	6-5	225	Woodbury, Tenn.	Cannon Co.
14	Lacy, Roshawn	Jr.	WR	6-0	185	Orange, Calif.	Esperanza
49	LaNier, Yirayah	R-So.	DL	6-3	240	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood
31	Lowe, C.J.	Jr.	LB	5-10	215	Villa Rica, Ga.	Villa Rica
99	Lowery, James	R-Sr.	K/P	5-10	210	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	American Heritage
7	Majors, Juice	So.	WR	5-9	155	Nashville, Tenn.	Overton
36	Marshall, Caden	Fr.	LB	6-2	205	Paris, Tenn.	Henry Co.
68	Mastropietro, Quinton	Jr.	OL	6-4	305	Mountain View, Calif.	Mountain View
8	McClendon, Jalen	R-Jr.	DB	6-0	180	Tampa, Fla.	Chamberlain
38	McDaniel, Gabriel	R-Sr.	DB	5-10	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
4	McGill, Jaden	Jr.	RB	6-0	205	Chicago, Ill.	Naperville Central
50	Meadows, Ace	Fr.	OL	6-7	310	Trenton, Tenn.	Peabody
57	Meadows, Connor	R-So.	OL	6-4	300	Trenton, Tenn.	Peabody
83	Meriwether, Joshua	Gr.	TE	6-2	230	Nashville, Tenn.	Mont. Bell Acad.
26	Moore, Jonothan	R-Fr.	RB	5-11	200	Smyrna, Tenn.	Mont. Bell Acad.
0	Moore, Tyler	Fr.	DL	5-10	290	Locust Grove, Ga.	Luella
54	Neals, Darius	R-Fr.	OL	6-4	335	Ellenwood, Ga.	Cedar Grove
7	Neals, Ahmad	Sr.	LB	6-2	225	Birmingham, Ala.	Minor
72	Onyiahialam, Kaleob	R-Fr.	OL	6-6	325	Harvest, Ala.	Sparkman
95	Page, Chandon	Gr.	OL	6-3	305	Nashville, Tenn.	Pearl-Cohn
28	Parker, Antwone	R-Jr.	RB	6-1	225	Fort Worth, Texas	Kennedale
16	Reed, Exavious	R-Fr.	TE	6-4	220	LaGrange, Ga.	Callaway
11	Reed, Snap	Fr.	WR	6-2	220	Memphis, Tenn.	Bartlett
41	Reid, Quinn	Fr.	DL	6-4	225	Bradenton, Fla.	IMG Academy
90	Ridderhoff, Connor	R-So.	LS	6-2	240	Chelsea, Ala.	Chelsea
20	Roberts, Kaderris	R-Jr.	RB	5-8	180	Zellwood, Fla.	Orangewood Chr.
46	Roddy, Scotty	R-Fr.	LB	6-0	240	Memphis, Tenn.	KIPP Collegiate
9	Roof, Spencer	Jr.	DB	6-0	200	Arlington, Texas	Nolan Catholic
22	Rouse, Jalen	Sr.	RB	5-11	195	Richmond Hill, Ga.	Richmond Hill
11	Rowe, Brent	Jr.	LB	6-2	230	Milwaukee, Wis.	Hendersonville
86	Ruth, Connor	Fr.	TE	6-3	220	Knoxville, Tenn.	Catholic
22	Sharp, DuJuan III	R-Fr.	DB	5-8	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
39	Shenouda, Mark	R-Fr.	P	6-1	210	Mt. Juliet, Tenn.	Mt. Juliet
19	Smith, Aiden	R-So.	WR	6-0	180	Houston, Texas	Sch. Sports Sciences
56	Smith, Anthony	R-Sr.	OL	6-3	305	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland
19	Smith, Darius	Jr.	DB	5-10	175	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
45	Smith, Josiah	R-Fr.	LB	6-1	245	Nashville, Tenn.	Antioch
4	Smith, Kierron	Gr.	DL	6-0	335	Fitzgerald, Ga.	Fitzgerald
99	Snipes, Lathun	Sr.	DL	6-1	290	Elk Grove, Calif.	Monterey Trail
84	Southall, Amari	R-Fr.	WR	6-0	170	Nashville, Tenn.	Hillsboro
12	Spellman, Chase	Fr.	QB	6-3	220	Wales, Wis.	Kettle Moraine
25	Taylor, Sammy	R-Fr.	LB	6-2	205	Nashville, Tenn.	Ensworth
1	Trotter, Boogie	Jr.	DB	5-9	180	Nashville, Tenn.	Tenn. Valley Prep
87	Turner, Gerand	Sr.	WR	6-0	205	Miami, Fla.	South Miami Sr.
51	Valbuena, Alex	R-So.	OL	6-0	275	Antioch, Tenn.	Ezell-Harding
6	Villiers, Dion	R-So.	DB	5-11	165	Lakeland, Fla.	Lake Gibson
48	Walker, Chris	Sr.	DL	6-4	250	Sanford, Fla.	Seminole
46	Walker, Oliver	Fr.	RB	5-10	205	Glendale, Ariz.	Cactus
61	Wilbert, Kennedy	Gr.	OL	6-1	295	Memphis, Tenn.	Middle College
15	Wilhoite, Lance	R-Jr.	WR	6-2	175	Nashville, Tenn.	Franklin Road Acad.
6	Williams, Bryant	Jr.	WR	6-1	190	New Orleans, La.	Baker
14	Wilson, Brandon	R-So.	DB	5-11	180	Montgomery, Ala.	Park Crossing
47	Wilson, Matthew	Fr.	LB	6-2	230	Tampa, Fla.	Middleton
65	Wooden, Jacob	Sr.	OL	6-4	305	Nashville, Tenn.	Stewarts Creek

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Keith Burns, Special Teams

Dylan Chmura, Offensive Line

Josh Crawford, Running Backs

Brandon Fisher, Defensive Coordinator

Ricky Galvin, Wide Receivers

Seth Hestness, Tight Ends

Richard McNutt, Defensive Backs

Travis Partridge, Offensive Coordinator/QBs

Clyde Simmons, Defensive Line

Chief of Staff: Dusty Bennett

Director of Football Operations: Steven Aycok



QUICK FACTS

Location Nashville, Tenn. | Enrollment 9,165 | Conference Affiliation Ohio Valley | Final 2023 Record 6-5 (2-4 in OVC) | Home Field Nissan Stadium
Primary Offensive System Pro Primary | Primary Defensive System 4-2-5 Multiple | Starters Returning/Lost 13/13 | Freshmen 41, Sophomores 24, Juniors 22, Seniors/Grads 28



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TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY



Founded in 1912, Tennessee State University has grown dramatically from a small college to two campuses: the 500-acre main campus and the downtown Avon Williams campus, which is located in the heart of Nashville near the State capitol.

Tennessee State University is a comprehensive, urban, coeducational land-grant university offering 45 bachelor degrees and 24 master's degrees. Doctoral programs include biological sciences, psychology, public administration, computer information systems engineering, administration and supervision, and curriculum and instruction. When you think about Tennessee State University, many things come to mind – a rich heritage and legacy in athletics, academics, entertainment, research and service.

Tennessee State University has long been a rising star among universities across the country. It is designated as one of the best public historically black colleges and universities in the nation, and it's not by accident.

Tennessee State University is among the few historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) with a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the oldest and largest freshman honor society in the United

States and a Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the most prestigious honor society comprising all academic disciplines.

There are more than 400 faculty and more than 1,200 staff who are part of the university's team. Additionally, the university's rich strength in embracing diversity is evident with 45 countries and 46 states representative of the student-body population that features more than 8,000 representatives.

The beauty and accessibility of the university's main campus is a plus with now 65 buildings on more than 450 acres.

Complimenting the main campus is a newly renovated downtown campus that features a simulated stock-trading center, a student computer laboratory and continuing education, distance learning and multimedia services.

The university is arming students with the intellectual resources to compete in a global environment. In support of that, important partnerships have been established with leading global companies such as Boeing, Raytheon, Dell, IBM and others, in which both funding and service-learning opportunities are currently active.

A great deal of focus has been given to improving the academic environment – strengthening our research reputation,

attracting and retaining the best and brightest students, encouraging service-focused programs, engaging and supporting expert faculty in diverse fields, building on our student-centered philosophy and holding steadfast to our motto of "Think. Work. Serve."

Tennessee State University has produced thousands of graduates who are productive, contributing members in society in the fields of education, business, science, government, non-profit and media, to name a few.

Among the university's distinguished alumni include world-class Olympic athletes like Wilma Rudolph, former TV talk-show host and entertainment entrepreneur Oprah Winfrey, award-winning journalist and philanthropist Carl Rowan, engineer Jesse Russell, whose pioneering engineering studies led to the development of the cellular telephone, and cardiac surgeon Dr. Levi Watkins, who implanted the first heart defibrillator.

"Think. Work. Serve." has long been Tennessee State University's defining mission. The university's goal is to provide a high-quality education that will give students the tools to "fulfill their dreams" while encouraging them to support others in the community.

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TENNESSEE STATE ADMINISTRATION

Ronald A. JOHNSON

Interim President



Ronald A. Johnson is a higher education advisor and executive who has led “turnarounds” successfully at both public and private universities. Johnson is motivated by a fundamental belief that higher education is about transforming lives and igniting new possibilities for social and economic advancement. He is known for his commitment to amplifying student success and strengthening the financial health and long-term sustainability of colleges and universities through a culture of accountability, shared governance, mentorship, and continuous improvement.

In today's rapidly shifting landscape for tuition driven universities, Johnson's approach focuses the attention of board members and leadership on the continuously evolving course of action—the strategic edge—required to effectively manage, maintain, and enhance the impact of higher education institutions.

Johnson is currently a Presidential Counsel in the Registry Advisory Service Board Governance and Leadership Practice. He is a co-founder and Advisory Board Member of the HBCU Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) at CAU and a recipient of its inaugural Frederick S. Humphries Leadership Award. ELI's mission is to increase the number of qualified candidates for the presidency and cabinet-level positions at HBCUs through a program centered on the development of leadership competencies, mentorship by current and former HBCU presidents, and real time practice in HBCU working environments.

He served as a member of the President's Advisory Board of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and served as the Chairman of the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of the United States.

Johnson is the former Interim President of Kentucky State University (KSU) and the immediate past President of Clark Atlanta University (CAU). At KSU, Johnson assembled a team of specialists to address priorities outlined in House Bill 250 (HB250) and issues raised by the Auditor of Public Accounts, SACSCOC, and the NCAA as well as running the day-to-day operations of the institution. He initiated a plan of action entitled “An Intended Future for KSU”, which restored fiscal/operational stability and realigned operations, policies and resources for better performance.

Johnson held the position of President and Chief Investment Officer at Smith Graham & Company, and Director of Global Fixed Income Research and Senior Portfolio Manager for Franklin Templeton Worldwide.

Johnson earned a PhD and MA in economics from Stanford University, after completing an MBA in finance and a BA in economics from Adelphi University.

Dr. Mikki ALLEN

Athletic Director



Dr. Mikki Allen was appointed Director of Athletics for Tennessee State University on April 9, 2020.

With a history rooted in Middle Tennessee, Allen brings a bold leadership style that seeks progress while honoring tradition. His extensive experience spans over 11 years in sports administration, including his recent position as Assistant Director of Athletics for Player Relations and Development at the University of Tennessee.

Despite his inaugural appointment coinciding with a global pandemic, Allen proved his mettle as a first-time athletic director, boasting a robust decade-long background in fundraising and administration. This expertise earned him a pivotal position on TSU President Glenda Glover's executive team.

Shortly after his arrival, Allen initiated a comprehensive restructuring of the athletic department. Moreover, he introduced a refreshed brand identity, “Unleash the Roar,” accompanied by a modernized rendition of the iconic logo.

Manifesting a winning and familial environment, Allen orchestrated key staff adjustments. In April 2021, he made a significant move in football leadership, appointing NFL All-Pro, Heisman Trophy winner, and entrepreneur Eddie George as the TSU football team's head coach. The strategic hire garnered national media attention, underscoring Allen's bold approach. Alongside George, Allen assembled a distinguished coaching staff, featuring luminaries like Hue Jackson, Brandon Fisher, and Clyde Simmons.

In women's basketball, Allen also displayed his knack for discerning talent by securing Auburn's Associate Head Women's Basketball Coach, Ty Evans, to lead the Lady Tigers. Concurrently, he solidified a contract for TSU track and field legend and director, Chandra Cheeseborough-Guice.

Acknowledging the significance of student-athlete academic development, Allen fostered a partnership with Backfield Motion, Inc. The non-profit, focused on education, literacy, and job skills for at-risk youth, provided internships for over 30 TSU student-athletes.

Demonstrating his visionary prowess, Allen embarked on facility enhancement initiatives designed to uplift all 15 TSU sports programs. Leveraging his entrepreneurial background, he established an infrastructure fostering external engagement and fundraising among alumni, corporations, and fans.

Capitalizing on his fundraising acumen, Allen introduced the Tennessee State Athletic Fund, channeling resources toward championing a comprehensive student-athlete experience. His relentless efforts generated over \$3 million in private and corporate support for TSU Athletics. Collaborating with the Paddle Agency bolstered corporate partnerships and marketing.

Under Allen's stewardship, TSU Athletics garnered its most substantial private gift commitment, with NBA star Robert Covington contributing a seven-figure sum towards the Covington Pavilion—a cutting-edge basketball practice facility for men's and women's basketball programs.

Native to Murfreesboro, Tenn., Allen's academic journey culminated with a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University. He and his wife, Jekia, have two children, Mikenzie and Jansen.



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TENNESSEE STATE SEASON PREVIEW



Quarterback **Draylen Ellis** got the 2024 season off to a roaring start, passing for 356 yards and 3 touchdowns in a 41-21 win over Mississippi Valley State two weeks ago.

2024 Schedule

A.31	Mississippi Valley State	W, 41-21
S.7	at North Dakota State	L, 9-52
S.14	Ark.-Pine Bluff (in Memphis)	6:00
S.21	at Tennessee Tech	1:30
S.28	Charleston Southern	5:00
O.5	at Lindenwood	1:00
O.12	Eastern Illinois	5:00
O.19	at Howard	2:30
O.26	<BYE>	
N.2	UT-Martin	5:00
N.9	at Western Illinois	1:00
N.16	at Gardner-Webb	3:00
N.23	SE Missouri State	3:30

All home games at Nissan Stadium | All times Central

Coming off 6-5 year, veteran unit strives for more in 2024

Entering his fourth season as head coach, Eddie George leads the Tennessee State Tigers into 2024 with high expectations on both sides of the ball. Building off a solid 6-5 record in 2023, the Tigers aim to take the next step in the Big South-OVC.

As the 2024 season approaches, Tennessee State's **offense** is poised for an exciting year with a mix of veteran leadership, transfer talent, and promising young players. Under new offensive coordinator Travis Partridge, the Tigers will look to build off their momentum from last season, with an emphasis on utilizing multiple weapons across all positions.

Graduate student Draylen Ellis leads the charge at quarterback, entering his final season with the Tigers. Ellis, the 2021 OVC Rookie of the Year while at Austin Peay, transferred to TSU in 2022. Over the past two seasons, he has thrown for 14 touchdowns and 2,882 yards. His experience and leadership will be critical as TSU aims to improve its offensive output.

Backing him up is Tevin Carter, a transfer from Memphis, who saw limited action last season but flashed his potential with an 85-yard touchdown pass against South Florida. Carter's arm strength and mobility make him an intriguing option in case Ellis misses any time.

TSU's rushing attack will be headlined by the dynamic duo of Jordan Gant and Jalen Rouse, who combined for nearly 1,000 yards last season. Gant, a Freshman All-American and second-team All-Big South-OVC selection, rushed for 553 yards and 10 touchdowns in 2023. He has already earned a spot on the Black College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List.

Rouse, a steady contributor, added 388 yards and two scores on 90 carries, providing a nice complement to Gant's explosive style.

The Tigers will also feature depth in the backfield with transfers C.J. Evans (Austin Peay), Kaderris Roberts (Stetson), and Jayden McGill, the NJCAA Division III Offensive Player of the Year.

The receiving corps will have a fresh look this season, with new faces and returning veterans vying for playing time. Jalal Dean, a transfer from OVC rival Tennessee Tech, brings three years of experience and solid production, with 656 yards and two touchdowns in his previous stint.

Bryant Williams, a 2023 All-SCFA Northern League first-team selection, adds size and physicality after leading El Camino C.C. with 765 yards and four touchdowns. Roshawn Lacy, another transfer, brings speed and



In back-to-back weeks last year, running back **Jordan Gant** scored a total of 6 TDs vs. Lincoln and Lindenwood.

reliable hands after two productive years at Riverside CC.

Returning starters Karate Brenson, Dayron Johnson, and Da'Shon Davis will provide continuity. Brenson, who finished with 28 catches and two touchdowns in 2023, is a reliable red-zone target. Johnson led the team in receptions last year with 39 and also contributed in the return game, while Davis led the Tigers in receiving yards with 379, including a 90-yard touchdown against Lindenwood.

Expect the tight ends to play a larger role this season. Jason Hoath Jr., primarily used as a blocker last year, will be asked to contribute more in the passing game.

The offensive line will feature a revamped look in 2024. Connor Meadows, a transfer from Tennessee, will anchor the right tackle position, while Blake Gamez comes in from Northern Arizona to take over at center. Returning starters Hadine Diaby (left tackle) and Jamari Freeman (right guard) will help solidify the unit, with experienced backups like Alex Valbuena, Darius Neals, and Kennedy Wilbert competing for spots in the rotation.

With Ellis at the helm, Gant leading a deep and talented backfield, and



Wide receiver **Karate Brenson** ranked second on the squad last year with 28 catches and a pair of touchdowns. His junior year appears more promising.

a receiving corps packed with both experience and potential, the TSU offense is poised to make a leap in 2024.

Under fourth-year defensive coordinator Brandon Fisher, the Tennessee State Tigers' defense is coming off a solid 2023 campaign, finishing third in the Big South-OVC in points allowed (24.7 per game) and total yards (334.2 per game). With key returning players and a mix of fresh talent, the 2024 season looks promising as TSU aims to improve even further.

Eriq George, the son of head coach Eddie George, headlines the defensive line as the starting defensive end. Coming off a breakout freshman season, George earned Big South-OVC Co-Defensive Freshman of the Year honors after recording 25 tackles, 6 tackles for loss,



Senior middle linebacker **Ahmad Nelson** recorded a season-high 8 tackles in the 2023 finale against Tennessee Tech, finishing the year sixth on the team with 35 total tackles.

and 2½ sacks in nine games. His ability to disrupt plays in the backfield will be crucial for the Tigers' success this season.

The return of Jalen Bell, a transfer from Mississippi Valley State, adds depth and experience. After an injury in the opening game against Notre Dame sidelined him in 2023, Bell is expected to return to his 2022 form, when he ranked 13th in the FCS in fumble recoveries and earned a spot on the Phil Steele All-SWAC team.

At the "buck" position, Chris Walker returns as a key contributor. Walker registered 35 tackles and 5 sacks last season, bringing his career totals to 89 tackles and 9 sacks.

The interior defensive line will rotate between Cameron Blaylock, Kierron Smith, and Chandon Page at nose tackle, ensuring a strong and fresh presence in the middle.

In the heart of the defense, Ahmad Nelson returns to the middle linebacker spot after a solid 2023 season where he ranked fifth on the team with 35 tackles.

On the weak side, Micah Gay takes over after appearing in all 11 games last season. While he contributed 12 tackles, Gay will look to increase his impact in a starting role. He'll be counted on to provide speed and pass-coverage ability.

The Tigers will employ a five-defensive back scheme, with several experienced players returning alongside new talent. Boogie Trotter and transfer Keandre Booker (SEMO) will share duties at the nickel position. Booker brings a wealth of experience from SEMO, where he accumulated 98 tackles, two forced fumbles, and two interceptions over four seasons.

Jalen McClendon returns at left cornerback after recording 23 tackles in 2023. On the right side, Malik Ganaway, a

transfer from Tennessee, will start along with redshirt senior Fondren Hollis III.

Dion Villiers handles the free safety spot, while the strong side will be shared by Spencer Roof and Tyler Jones.

The Tennessee State Tigers will once again rely on a talented and experienced **special teams** unit in 2024, led by senior kicker James Lowery, whose strong leg and clutch performances have made him a valuable asset.

Lowery, who converted 12 of 15 field-goal attempts last season for an impressive 80% success rate, will be looking to continue his success.

In the punting game, TSU will utilize both Mark Shenouda and Jackson Foster in fourth-down situations. Foster, the primary punter in 2023, handled 73 punts, averaging 39.0 yards per attempt.



Senior kicker **James Lowery** booted the game-winner from 50 yards out with :09 seconds left to beat Gardner-Webb, 27-25.

TENNESSEE STATE HEAD COACH

EDDIE GEORGE



After winning season, coach envisions greater heights

Eddie George was announced as the 22nd head football coach at Tennessee State University on April 13, 2021. The 2021 TSU season was the first coaching experience of any kind for him.

"I am excited about being named head coach at Tennessee State University," said George. "All I have done has prepared me for this moment, whether that's my football career, my entrepreneurial endeavors, my acting career.

"Coaching is a full commitment, a duty of service. I take that seriously. I've done a lot of soul searching and due diligence. The more I thought about it, I got more and more excited about it. It was like picking up an old guitar or getting back on a bike, it's familiar but in a different capacity. It's exciting. I'm going to be innovative, creative and fun."

Despite his lack of coaching experience, George quickly showed that he was an excellent fit to lead a college program.

Big Blue finished the 2021 season with a 5-6 record. In Year 2, George led another young Tigers' team to a 4-7 record. Last year's 6-5 record included a 4-game winning streak and posting an average of 37.0 points/game.

George played college football for Ohio State University and won the Heisman Trophy in 1995. That season, George rushed for a school record 1,927 yards and 24 touchdowns, an average of 148.23 yards per game, while also catching 47 passes for 417 yards and another score. He left Ohio State second in school history in career rushing yards (3,768) and third in rushing touchdowns (44). The Philadelphia native finished with 4,284 all-purpose yards, 45 touchdowns, and a 5.5 yards-per-



carry average.

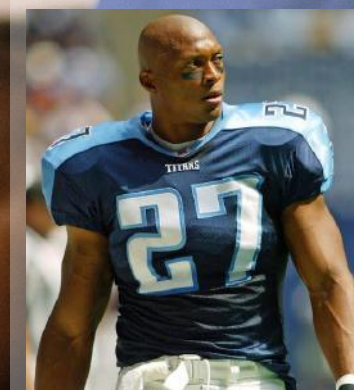
That strong performance for the Buckeyes not only netted him the Heisman, but he also took home the Walter Camp Award, Maxwell Award, Doak Walker Award, and Big Ten MVP.

In 1996, George was the first-round draft selection (14th overall) of the then-Houston Oilers. He won the NFL Rookie of the Year award that season, and was the Oilers/Titans' starting tailback through 2003, never missing a start. He made the Pro Bowl four consecutive years (1997-2000), and assisted the Titans to a championship appearance in Super Bowl XXXIV.

His 2000 season was his best as a professional. He rushed for 1,509 yards and 14 touchdowns, and marked himself as a reliable receiving option out of the backfield, hauling in 50 receptions. He led the NFL that year with 403 rushing attempts.



Playing days at Ohio State
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NFL playing days at Tennessee
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COACHING EXPERIENCE

2021- **TENNESSEE STATE**
Head Football Coach

Year	Overall	OVO
2021	5-6	3-3
2022	4-7	2-3
2023	6-5	2-4
2024	1-1	0-0

George is only the second NFL running back to rush for 10,000 yards while never missing a start, joining Jim Brown. Only Walter Payton (170) started more consecutive regular-season games than George's 130.

He was a workhorse for the Titans, registering at least 312 carries for all eight seasons he played for the team.

In 2004, George signed a one-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys where he started eight games and finished the season with 432 yards and four touchdowns. He officially retired in 2006.

George's career totals include 10,441 rushing yards, 268 receptions, 2,227 receiving yards, and 78 touchdowns (68 rushing and 10 receiving).

George was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2011 and the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

George graduated from Ohio State in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture. He later earned an MBA from Northwestern in 2009.

He also started his own business, the Edward George Wealth Management Group. It is here that he forged a positive relationship with TSU President Glenda Glover.

He also owns a restaurant in Columbus called Eddie George Bar and Grille 27.

He graduated from Fork Union (Va.) Military Academy after also attending Abington (Pa.) Senior High near Philadelphia.

Following his playing career, he guest-starred on an IFC episode of *Comedy Bang Bang*. A year later, he appeared on Broadway in the musical *Chicago* as lawyer Billy Flynn.

He is married to Tamara "Taj" George and they have two sons, Eriq and Jaire.



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TENNESSEE STATE ASSISTANT COACHES



Bowden



Burns



Chmura



Crawford



Fisher



Galvin



Hestness



McNutt



Partridge



Simmons

Joe Bowden brings over a decade of coaching experience to Tennessee State. The coaching journey of the former Tennessee Titans linebacker and a nine-year NFL veteran encompasses roles such as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Missouri Baptist over four seasons, following his tenure as the inside linebackers coach for the San Francisco 49ers in 2016 and the assistant linebackers coach for the St. Louis Rams from 2012 to 2015.

His coaching portfolio also includes stints at Central Oklahoma, in NFL Europe, and a completed internship with the Washington Football Team. Having earned All-America honors at Oklahoma, Bowden was selected in the fifth round of the 1992 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers. During his time in the NFL, he was a teammate of Eddie George for several seasons.

Renowned as one of the most exceptional special teams players in NFL history, **Keith Burns** boasts an impressive record of two Super Bowl victories with the Denver Broncos and a notable 13-year tenure in the NFL as a player.

Following the conclusion of his playing career, Burns transitioned into a prominent NFL assistant role, specializing in coaching special teams. He has lent his expertise to teams including the Los Angeles Chargers, Washington Football Team, and the Broncos. Burns initially showcased his talents as a standout linebacker at Oklahoma State, which led to his selection by the Broncos in the 1994 NFL Draft.

Dylan Chmura, the son of Green Bay Packer Hall of Famer Mark Chmura, is tasked with bringing success to the offensive-line position. In the previous season, he served as the assistant coach/offensive line and recruiting coordinator at Bemidji State.

Chmura has coaching experience at Fresno State, Iowa, and his alma mater Michigan State. As a player, Chmura excelled as a tight end and long snapper. He was part of the Big Ten championship teams in 2013 and 2015, contributing to the Spartans' victories in the 2014 Rose Bowl and 2015 Cotton Bowl.

A former SEC player at Vanderbilt, **Josh Crawford** returned to TSU as the running backs coach in July of 2023. He brings a wealth of experience to the role. He returned to the Tigers after a year as

an offensive graduate assistant at Utah, where he contributed to the Utes' 2022 Pac-12 Championship victory, primarily focusing on wide receivers and scouting.

Earlier, he excelled as a graduate assistant at Tennessee State, closely collaborating with linebackers and coaching standout James Green.

Entering his third season as defensive coordinator, **Brandon Fisher** brings over a decade of high-level NFL and collegiate coaching experience to the Tigers. Prior to TSU, Fisher spent time with Auburn (2020) and Southern Utah (2019) as the defensive coordinator.

The son of former Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans and St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams head coach Jeff Fisher, Brandon Fisher spent eight seasons as an NFL assistant coach. Fisher began his coaching career in 2010 as an offensive assistant for the Tennessee Titans.

In 2011, Fisher held the position of assistant secondary coach with the Detroit Lions under Jim Schwartz and Gunther Cunningham. After one season, Fisher joined the Rams as an assistant secondary coaching, a position he held for three seasons.

Fisher was a two-year starter at Montana, playing in two FCS National Championship Games and made 169 career tackles.

Rickey Galvin joins the Tennessee State football staff as the wide receivers coach for the 2024 season. He brings extensive coaching experience across college, junior college, and high school levels. Galvin spent the 2023 season as an assistant coach for quality control at Eastern Washington.

Prior to that, Galvin was the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at Division II Adams State University for two seasons. Before that, he coached wide receivers at Contra Costa College in California and Lincoln University (Calif.).

Seth Hestness joins the revamped Tennessee State offensive staff for the 2024 season after working at North Dakota State University the past two years.

In 2022, Hestness served as the offensive quality control coach, and in 2023, he took on the role of assistant offensive line coach. Prior to joining the Bison, Hestness had coaching stints at Liberty and Minnesota.

Richard McNutt, who won a national championship as a player at Ohio State, brings over 15 years of collegiate coaching experience to Tennessee State. In his most recent role, McNutt excelled as the defensive backs coach at Southeastern University.

Prior to this, he devoted four seasons as the co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Youngstown State, playing a pivotal role in guiding the Penguins to the 2016 FCS National Championship Game. McNutt's coaching journey also encompasses successful tenures at institutions including Toledo, Kent State, Northern Illinois, and N.C. State. He additionally spent one season as part of the NFL Cleveland Browns staff.

Travis Partridge was named offensive coordinator and will also assume the role of quarterbacks coach, a position he held for the past two seasons at UT-Martin. Under Partridge's guidance in 2022, the Skyhawks' passing offense secured the second spot in the OVC, averaging an impressive 269.5 passing yards per game and notching 18 touchdowns.

A familiar face to the Tigers, Partridge coached All-OVC Second Team quarterback Dresser Winn, who amassed 2,928 yards and 18 touchdowns. Before joining UT-Martin, Partridge served as the interim quarterbacks coach at Kansas in 2021.

Before transitioning to coaching, Partridge had a successful professional playing career, signing with the Minnesota Vikings as a free agent in 2014 and later playing for the BC Lions in the CFL. He also excelled in the Arena Football League with the Iowa Barnstormers.

A two-time All-Pro and Philadelphia Eagles Hall of Famer, **Clyde Simmons** played in the NFL for 15 seasons and led the league with 19 sacks in 1992. His 121.5 career sacks ranked 11th in NFL history at the time of his retirement, prior to spending the last decade in coaching.

Simmons served as the defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns in 2017-18, mentoring the No. 1 pick Myles Garrett before coaching the defensive lines at Missouri Baptist and Western Carolina.

He also was an assistant defensive line coach with the NFL Rams where he coached three-time Pro Bowl tackle and the 2014 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, Aaron Donald. Also, Robert Quinn notably set the Rams' single-season franchise record with 19 sacks in 2013.



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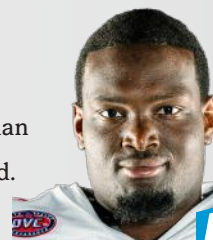
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St. Anthony H.S.
tr-SW Oklahoma St.



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Memphis, Tenn.
PURE Youth Acad.
tr-Arkansas St.



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EMMANUEL BAEZ

Jr., Defensive Lineman
Plant City, Fla.
Plant City H.S.



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KAIKI BAKER

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Nashville, Tenn.
Hillsboro H.S.



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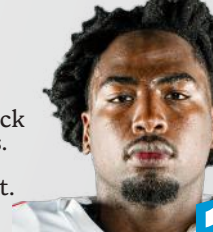
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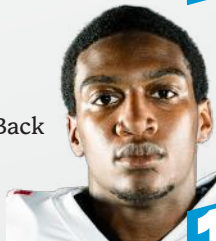
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BRANDON BOUIE Jr.

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Ensworth H.S.



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KARATE BRENSON

Jr., Wide Receiver
St. Louis, Mo.
Christian Bros. Coll. H.S.
tr-Ball State



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CARSON BUCHANAN

Sr., Long Snapper
Nashville, Tenn.
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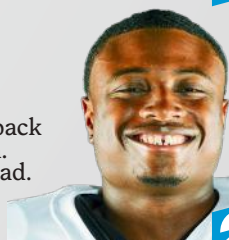
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Blackman H.S.



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TEVIN CARTER

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Memphis, Tenn.
PURE Youth Acad.
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JAYDEN COLEMAN

Fr., Defensive Back
Phenix City, Ala.
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CRAIG CUNNINGHAM

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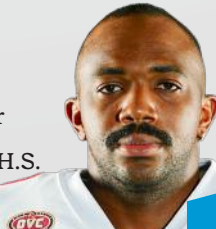
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tr-Ky. Wesleyan



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DA'SHON DAVIS

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Jefferson County H.S.



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JALAL DEAN

Sr., Wide Receiver
Williamston, S.C.
Palmetto H.S.
tr-Tennessee Tech



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HADINE DIABY

Soph., Off. Lineman
Loganville, Ga.
Grayson H.S.



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**DOMINIQUE
DIXON**

Fr., Defensive Back
St. Louis, Mo.
Cardinal Ritter C.P.



**KAMDEN
EDWARDS**

Jr., Tight End
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Tyner Academy



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ELLIS**

Gr., Quarterback
Olive Branch, Miss.
Kirby H.S.
tr-Austin Peay



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ELLIS**

Fr., Linebacker
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EVANS**

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McGill-Toolen H.S.
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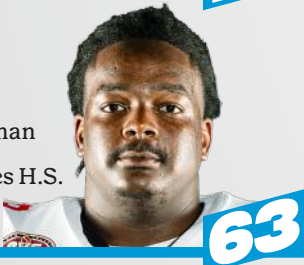
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Langston Hughes H.S.



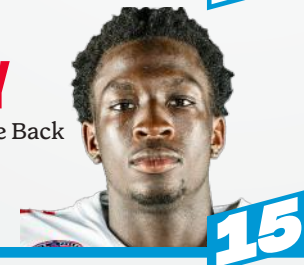
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Buckeye, Ariz.
Verrado H.S.
tr-N. Arizona



**MALIK
GANAWAY**

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Trenton, Tenn.
Peabody H.S.
tr-Tennessee



**JORDAN
GANT**

Soph., Running Back
Lakeland, Fla.
Kathleen H.S.



**MICAH
GAY**

Soph., Linebacker
Johns Creek, Ga.
Johns Creek H.S.



**ERIO
GEORGE**

Soph., Def. Lineman
Nashville, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell Acad.



**JOURDEN
HALE-FRATER**

Soph., Off. Lineman
Cincinnati, Ohio
Sycamore H.S.
tr-Akron



**GEORGE
HAMSLEY**

Soph., Quarterback
Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Univ. Sch.
tr-LSU



**KHEAGIAN
HECKAMAN**

Soph., Tight End
Hamshire, Texas
Hamshire-Fannett H.S.
tr-UTEP



**JORDAN
HELTON**

Sr., Defensive Back
Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Univ. Sch.



**JASON
HOATH Jr.**

Soph., Tight End
Columbia, Tenn.
Page H.S.



**FONDREN
HOLLIS III**

Sr., Defensive Back
Decatur, Ga.
Columbia H.S.



**MARLON
HUFF**

Fr., Def. Lineman
Delray Beach, Fla.
Atlantic H.S.



**TYSEAN
JEFFERSON**

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Nashville, Tenn.
Beech H.S.
tr-West. Kentucky



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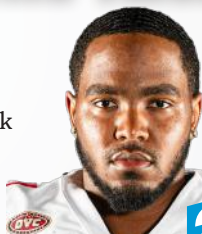
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Springfield, Tenn.
Springfield H.S.



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TYLER JONES

Sr., Defensive Back
Orlando, Fla.
West Orange H.S.
tr-Missouri



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MEONTA KIMBROUGH

Sr., Defensive Lineman
Memphis, Tenn.
Overton H.S.
tr-Memphis



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ROSHAWN LACY

Jr., Wide Receiver
Orange, Calif.
Esperanza H.S.
tr-Riverside C.C.



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YIRAYAH LaNIER

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Brentwood, Tenn.
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tr-Louisville



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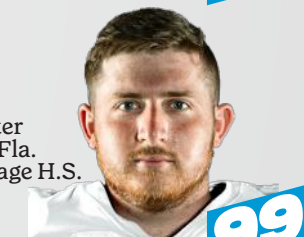
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Villa Rica, Ga.
Villa Rica H.S.
tr-Maryville



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JAMES LOWERY

Sr., Kicker/Punter
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
American Heritage H.S.
tr-N. Illinois



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JUICE MAJORS

Soph., Wide Receiver
Nashville, Tenn.
Overton H.S.



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CADEN MARSHALL

Fr., Linebacker
Paris, Tenn.
Henry County H.S.



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QUINTON MASTROPIETRO

Jr., Offensive Lineman
Mountain View, Calif.
Mountain View H.S.
tr-Reedley College



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JALEN McGLENDON

Jr., Defensive Back
Tampa, Fla.
Chamberlain H.S.



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GABRIEL McDONALD

Sr., Defensive Back
Nashville, Tenn.
Ensworth H.S.
tr-Oklahoma



38

JADEN MCGILL

Jr., Running Back
Chicago, Ill.
Naperville Central H.S.
tr-Coll. of DuPage



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CONNOR MEADOWS

Soph., Offensive Lineman
Trenton, Tenn.
Peabody H.S.
tr-Tennessee



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JOSHUA MERIWETHER

Gr., Tight End
Nashville, Tenn.
Montgomery Bell Acad.
tr-Tufts



83

TYLER MOORE

Fr., Defensive Lineman
Locust Grove, Ga.
Luella H.S.



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DARIUS NEALS

Fr., Offensive Lineman
Ellenwood, Ga.
Cedar Grove H.S.



54

AHMAD NELSON

Sr., Linebacker
Birmingham, Ala.
Minor H.S.



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CHANDON PAGE

Gr., Offensive Lineman
Nashville, Tenn.
Pearl-Cohn H.S.



95

EXAVIOUS REED

Fr., Tight End
LaGrange, Ga.
Callaway H.S.
tr-Southern Miss



16

SNAP REED

Fr., Wide Receiver
Memphis, Tenn.
Bartlett H.S.



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QUINN REID

Fr., Defensive Lineman
Bradenton, Fla.
IMG Academy



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**CONNOR
RIDDERHOFF**

Soph., Long Snapper
Chelsea, Ala.
Chelsea H.S.



**KADERIS
ROBERTS**

Jr., Running Back
Zellwood, Fla.
Orangewood Chr. Sch.
tr-Stetson



**SCOTTY
RODDY**

Fr., Linebacker
Memphis, Tenn.
KIPP Collegiate



**SPENCER
ROOF**

Jr., Defensive Back
Arlington, Texas
Nolan Catholic H.S.
tr-Lehigh



**JALEN
ROUSE**

Sr., Running Back
Richmond Hill, Ga.
Richmond Hill H.S.



**BRENT
ROWE**

Jr., Linebacker
Milwaukee, Wis.
Hendersonville H.S.



**MARK
SHENOUDA**

Fr., Punter
Mt. Juliet, Tenn.
Mt. Juliet H.S.
tr-Memphis



**ANTHONY
SMITH**

Sr., Off. Lineman
Lakeland, Fla.
Lakeland H.S.
tr-Iowa State



**DARIUS
SMITH**

Jr., Defensive Back
Nashville, Tenn.
Hillsboro H.S.
tr-Bethel



**KIERRON
SMITH**

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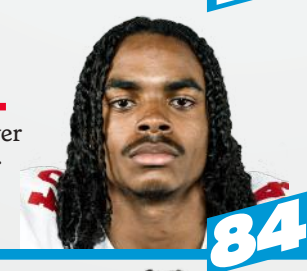
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SOUTHALL**

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Hillsboro H.S.



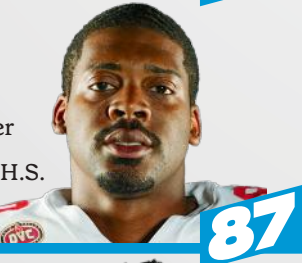
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Tenn. Valley Prep Sch.



**GERAND
TURNER**

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South Miami Sr. H.S.



**ALEX
VALBUENA**

Soph., Off. Lineman
Antioch, Tenn.
Ezell-Harding Chr. Sch.



**DION
VILLIERS**

Soph., Defensive Back
Lakeland, Fla.
Lake Gibson H.S.



**CHRIS
WALKER**

Sr., Defensive Lineman
Sanford, Fla.
Seminole H.S.



**KENNEDY
WILBERT**

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Memphis, Tenn.
Middle College



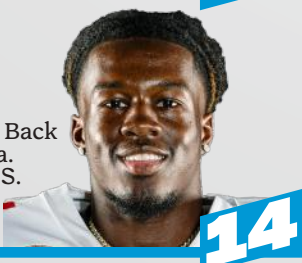
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Baker H.S.
tr-El Camino College



**BRANDON
WILSON**

Soph., Defensive Back
Montgomery, Ala.
Park Crossing H.S.



**JACOB
WOODEN**

Sr., Offensive Lineman
Nashville, Tenn.
Stewarts Creek H.S.
tr-Central State



ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS



Dr. REGINALD A. McDONALD
Band Director



The Aristocrat of Bands is a high-stepping, show-style marching band from the historically black university, Tennessee State University in Nashville.

The band's name is commonly abbreviated to the moniker, "AOB." The AOB made history as the first collegiate marching band to win the music industry's highest honor for Best Roots Gospel Album, *The Urban Hymnal*, at the 65th annual ceremony on Feb. 5, 2023.

The band is known for playing a variety of music such as jazz, classical, contemporary, and popular pieces, and is heralded for its distinct musical style using clean articulation, expressive dynamics, balance, and technical ability.

The band, much like the stage band of the time known as the Jazz Collegians of Tennessee State University, was primarily student-led organization when it first emerged after the school's founding.

Although band was offered as a class, there was no full-time director on staff in the early decades of the band's formation, leaving the task to other faculty members, primarily music faculty members, as a supervisory role of sorts.

With the new hire of President Walter Davis, there was a broader vision for the band program for the future. It was upon Davis' request for the band's for

the band to be more active in supporting the athletics, which called for a full-time Director of Bands position.

In 1946, J.D. "Chick" Chavis, a well-known musician and music educator in the Nashville area, started the organization with 100 pieces. Originally titled as "the Marching 100", the name "Aristocrat of Bands" was given by a sportscaster at a National Football League (NFL) game.

Chavis' tenure as band director ended in 1951, and the baton was passed to Frank T. Greer. TSU's distinctive style was further developed under Greer.

The band continued to earn invitations to special events.

In 1955, the band was the first HBCU band to appear on national television with their performance at the Chicago Bears versus Los Angeles Rams NFL game.

In 1961, they performed for the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy making them the first historically black college or university to perform at a presidential inauguration.

One of the students who marched in that parade was Edward L. Graves, Director of Bands from 1979 to 2014.

"The Aristocrat of Bands" has shared its characteristic precision and distinctly soulful style with people throughout the country and in foreign lands.

Greer taught us "to dream and to really

work hard." Graves recalled. He taught us "not to be satisfied with just anything. You don't put a man on the moon without a lot of work." He instilled those standards in us. He taught us to excel, "to see the BIG PICTURE."

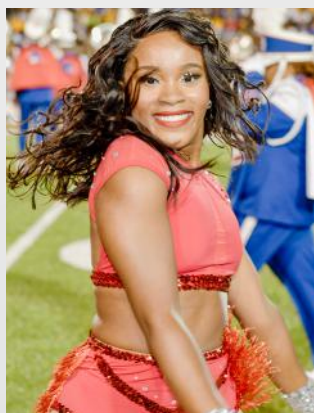
Students who achieve membership in "The Aristocrat of Bands" adhere to those standards today. Noted as one of the finest and most spectacular university bands in the United States, the Aristocrats are the featured attraction during pre-game and half time performances at all home games and at most out of town competitions.

The band has been invited and performed in Asia, Africa, North America, and Europe.

The band was also named in 2002 the official band of the Tennessee Titans, making them the first HBCU to be named as an official band for an NFL team. They played in the 2022 Rose Parade. On Nov. 15, 2022, the Aristocrat of Bands became the first marching band in history to be nominated for a Grammy.

The band marches in the traditional high-stepping style incorporating Classical, Jazz, Contemporary, and Popular repertoire in its performances. The band is led by four drum majors known as the "Fantastic Four" and is accompanied by The Sophisticated Ladies dance team.

Dr. Reginald A. McDonald has assumed the band director role with James Sexton, Larry Jenkins and Dr. Derrick Greene as assistant band directors; Melanie Gibbs as majorette coordinator; and Semaj Wansley as drum major coach.





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CLASSIC PARADE

Classic GameDay gets off to a roaring start, and the Memphis neighborhood of Orange Mound takes center stage with the Classic Parade. More than 10,000 people line Park Avenue between Haynes Street and Airways Boulevard to see a spectacle consisting of floats, rides, clowns, and area high-school bands. Civic groups also participate and display their community pride. To top it all off, Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South and Tennessee State's Aristocrat of Bands perform to elevate this into a Must See Event for the whole family.





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Preparing for the Big Game isn't complete without a visit to the Classic Tailgate, where Classic patrons pull out all the stops celebrating the convergence of friends, food and football. The party starts early on GameDay and lasts well into the night, as the Tailgate fills up Tiger Lane, Liberty Park and nearby Tobey Park. Sponsors engage with the fans using interactive displays and give-aways. The Classic Tailgate is definitely a sensory explosion of sights, sounds and the irresistible smells of cookouts.

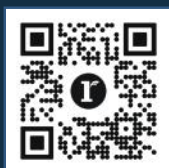




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CLASSIC SCORES

The Southern Heritage Classic began in 1990 to enhance the regional rivalry between HBCU powers Tennessee State and Jackson State. The games have generally taken place in early September – the notable exception being the postponement of the 2001 game (originally scheduled for Sept. 15) until Thanksgiving Day due to the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. Since 2007, the second Saturday in September has been reserved. In all, 32 games have taken place, and 1,484,045 fans have passed through the turnstiles for an average of 46,376.

1990 Sept. 8

Jackson State	7	7	0	0	–	14
Tennessee State	3	0	20	0	–	23

Attendance: 39,579

1991 Aug. 31

Miss. Valley State	0	7	0	3	–	10
Tennessee State	0	0	0	7	–	7

Attendance: 25,891

1992 Sept. 12

Jackson State	0	21	7	10	–	38
Tennessee State	0	0	6	12	–	18

Attendance: 37,437



1993 Sept. 18

Grambling State	6	13	7	7	–	33
Tennessee State	7	0	6	15	–	28

Attendance: 41,669

1994 Sept. 10

Jackson State	7	7	3	14	–	31
Tennessee State	6	0	6	0	–	12

Attendance: 50,047

1995 Sept. 9

Tennessee State	0	6	0	13	–	19
Jackson State	6	12	6	0	–	24

Attendance: 48,539

1996 Sept. 14

Jackson State	6	8	7	0	–	21
Tennessee State	0	0	0	14	–	14

Attendance: 55,212

1997 Sept. 13

Tennessee State	3	17	0	8	–	28
Jackson State	7	10	0	14	–	31

Attendance: 61,171

1998 Sept. 12

Jackson State	0	13	8	0	–	21
Tennessee State	6	21	6	0	–	33

Attendance: 55,545

1999 Sept. 11

Tennessee State	14	10	14	10	–	48
Jackson State	7	6	0	20	–	33

Attendance: 50,723

2000 Sept. 16

Jackson State	14	6	6	7	9	42
Tennessee State	0	6	21	6	6	39

Attendance: 62,113

2001 Nov. 22

Tennessee State	21	24	9	10	–	64
Jackson State	0	14	13	6	–	33

Attendance: 28,690

2002 Sept. 14

Jackson State	14	7	7	3	–	31
Tennessee State	3	14	3	8	–	28

Attendance: 42,914

2003 Sept. 13

Tennessee State	7	9	14	14	–	44
Jackson State	0	6	0	8	–	14

Attendance: 62,803

2004 Sept. 18

Jackson State	0	0	7	13	–	20
Tennessee State	0	0	0	21	–	21

Attendance: 55,015

2005 Sept. 10

Tennessee State	0	0	7	7	6	20
Jackson State	0	7	7	0	0	14

Attendance: 48,300

2006 Sept. 16

Jackson State	9	0	0	14	7	30
Tennessee State	0	13	7	3	8	31

Attendance: 53,441



2007 Sept. 8

Tennessee State	6	0	0	10	–	16
Jackson State	7	3	3	0	–	13

Attendance: 50,879

2008 Sept. 13

Jackson State	10	0	0	8	–	18
Tennessee State	0	28	10	3	–	41

Attendance: 50,794

2009 Sept. 12

Tennessee State	2	6	0	6	–	14
Jackson State	0	0	0	7	–	7

Attendance: 43,306



Freshman **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** returned an interception for a touchdown in the 4th quarter of the 2004 Classic that tied the game at 7-7 in an eventual 21-20 TSU victory. The defensive back played in 4 Classics between 2004-07, and Tennessee State went 4-0, winning by a combined margin of 11 points.

2010 Sept. 11

Jackson State	0	14	7	12	–	33
Tennessee State	7	0	12	7	–	26

Attendance: 44,688



2011 Sept. 10

Tennessee State	14	10	2	3	–	29
Jackson State	14	7	7	7	–	35

Attendance: 43,532

2012 Sept. 8

Jackson State	3	3	6	0	–	12
Tennessee State	0	21	10	7	–	38

Attendance: 42,257

2013 Sept. 14

Tennessee State	3	6	7	10	–	26
Jackson State	7	0	3	6	–	16

Attendance: 42,400

2014 Sept. 13

Jackson State	0	0	7	0	–	7
Tennessee State	21	14	0	0	–	35

Attendance: 46,914

2015 Sept. 12

Tennessee State	14	7	14	0	–	35
Jackson State	9	0	9	7	–	25

Attendance: 48,335

2016 Sept. 10

Jackson State	13	10	3	0	–	26
Tennessee State	13	6	14	7	–	40

Attendance: 48,263

2017 Sept. 9

Tennessee State	10	0	0	7	–	17
Jackson State	3	6	0	6	–	15

Attendance: 47,407

2019 Sept. 14

Tennessee State	7	7	9	21	–	44
Jackson State	21	7	14	7	–	49

Attendance: 48,347



2021 Sept. 11

Tennessee State	0	7	0	9	–	16
Jackson State	7	3	14	14	–	38

Attendance: 48,171

2022 Sept. 10

Jackson State	0	6	3	7	–	16
Tennessee State	3	0	0	0	–	3

Attendance: 51,951

2023 Sept. 9

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	0	0	0	14	–	14
Tennessee State	7	7	3	7	–	24

Attendance: 32,518

TEAM RECORDS:



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CLASSIC RECORDS

RUSHING

Most attempts —

- 33 Maurice Hampton, JSU in 1995
- 33 Preston Brown, TSU in 2010
- 32 Destry Wright, JSU in 1998
- 27 Eric Gant, GSU in 1993
- 27 Charles Anthony, TSU in 2004

Most rushing yards —

- 218 Preston Brown, TSU in 2010
- 175 Nathan McLaurin, JSU in 2000
- 171 Charles Anthony, TSU in 2004
- 167 Johnness Davis, UAPB in 2023
- 156 Eric Gant, GSU in 1993

Most yards per carry (min. 10 carries) —

- 10.9 Nathan McLaurin, JSU in 2000 (16-175)
- 9.9 Telvin Hooks, TSU in 2012 (10-99)
- 9.2 Calvin Davenport, TSU in 1998 (13-120)
- 8.9 Tarnak Counsior, JSU in 2002 (14-125)
- 8.7 Charles Anthony, TSU in 2002 (13-113)

Most touchdowns —

- 3 Darrell Asberry, JSU in 1994
- 3 Javarris Williams, TSU in 2006
- 3 Trabis Ward, TSU in 2012

Longest rush —

- 68 Nathan McLaurin, JSU in 2000
- 54 Calvin McNairl, TSU in 2009 (no TD)
- 52 Tyson Alexander, TSU in 2019
- 51 Telvin Hooks, TSU in 2012 (no TD)



Preston Brown

PASSING

Most attempts —

- 53 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001
- 49 James Wade, TSU in 1992
- 48 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003
- 46 Shannon Harris, TSU in 2001
- 41 Grailyn Pratt, JSU in 1996

Most completions —

- 30 Shedeur Sanders, JSU in 2021
- 29 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001
- 29 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003
- 27 Casey Theriault, JSU in 2011
- 24 2 times, last by LaMontiez Ivy, JSU in 2015

Most passing yards —

- 399 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (23-49-399-0-4)
- 384 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (22-384-3-0)
- 362 Shedeur Sanders, JSU in 2021 (30-40-362-3-0)
- 360 Shannon Harris, TSU in 2001 (23-46-360-7-1)
- 338 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001 (29-53-338-3-3)
- 337 Casey Theriault, JSU in 2011 (27-39-337-3-1)
- 327 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003 (29-48-327-2-0)

Most touchdowns —

- 7 Shannon Harris, TSU in 2001
- 4 Kenton Evans, TSU in 2000
- 4 Casey Theriault, JSU in 2010

Most interceptions —

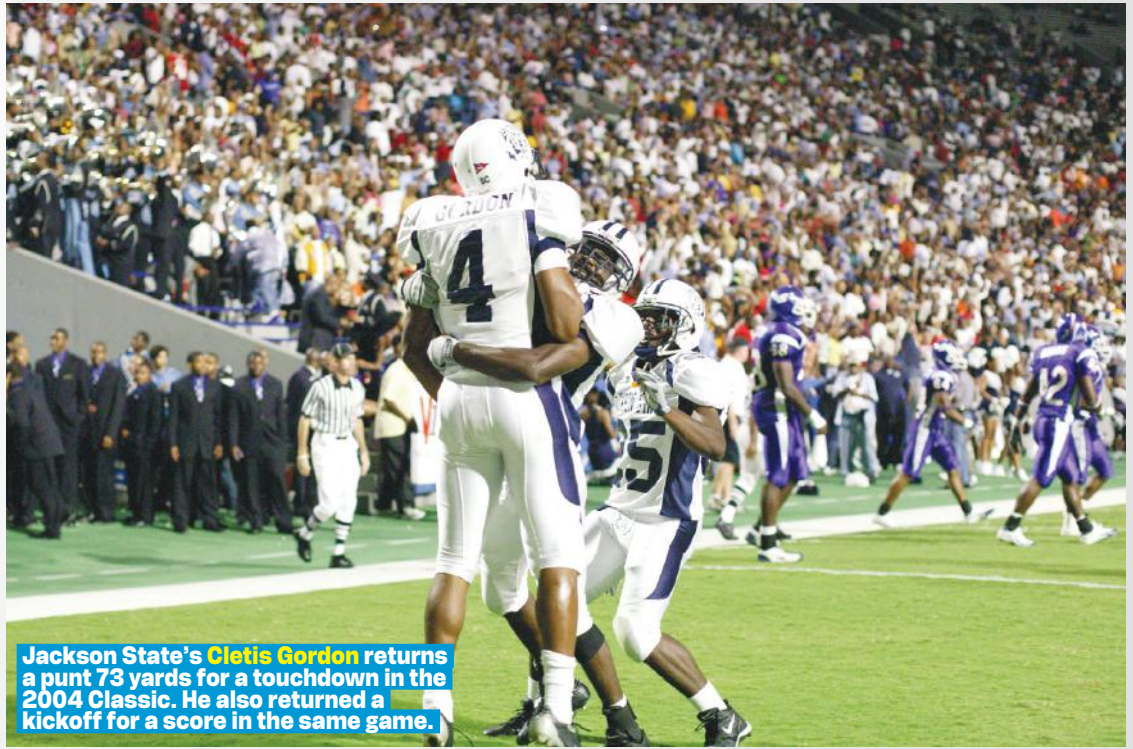
- 5 Kenton Evans, TSU in 2000
- 4 James Wade, TSU in 1992
- 4 Clayton Moore, JSU in 2013
- 3 Daryl Williams, TSU in 1995
- 3 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001

Highest completion pct. (min. 20 att.) —

- 79.2 Jalen Macon, UAPB in 2023 (19-24)
- 75.0 Shedeur Sanders, JSU in 2021 (30-40)
- 72.0 Leon Murray, TSU in 1999 (18-25)
- 69.6 Grailyn Pratt, JSU in 1995 (16-23)
- 69.2 Casey Theriault, JSU in 2011 (27-39)

Most yards per attempt (min. 20 att.) —

- 12.5 Ricky Jordan, JSU in 1992 (21-262)
- 12.0 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (32-384)
- 11.7 Leon Murray, TSU in 1999 (25-292)
- 10.0 Darrell Asberry, JSU in 1994 (31-311)



Jackson State's Cletis Gordon returns a punt 73 yards for a touchdown in the 2004 Classic. He also returned a kickoff for a score in the same game.

Most yards per completion (min. 20 att.) —

- 23.8 Ricky Jordan, JSU in 1992 (11-262)
- 17.5 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (22-384)
- 17.3 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (23-399)
- 16.7 O'Shay Ackerman-Carter, TSU in 2015 (15-250)
- 16.6 Leon Murray, TSU in 1998 (15-249)



Casey Theriault

TOTAL OFFENSE

Most plays —

- 69 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001 (16 rush, 53 pass)
- 63 James Wade, TSU in 2001 (14 rush, 49 pass)
- 58 Brent Lyles, JSU in 2017 (13 rush, 45 pass)
- 56 LaMontiez Ivy, JSU in 2015 (16 rush, 40 pass)
- 54 Casey Theriault, JSU in 2011 (15 rush, 39 pass)

Most total offense yards —

- 399 James Wade, TSU in 1992 (0 rush, 399 pass)
- 372 Robert Kent, JSU in 2001 (34 rush, 338 pass)
- 369 Cameron Rosendahl, TSU in 2019 (15 rush, 384 pass)
- 355 Robert Kent, JSU in 2003 (28 rush, 327 pass)

RECEIVING

Most receptions —

- 11 Patrick Robinson, TSU in 1992
- 11 T.C. Taylor, JSU in 2001
- 10 Dan Williams, JSU in 2015
- 10 Steven Newbold, TSU in 2019
- 9 Tim Manning, JSU in 2003

Most receiving yards —

- 196 Steven Newbold, TSU in 2019
- 182 Patrick Robinson, TSU in 1992
- 173 Dan Williams, JSU in 2015
- 139 Chris Rowland, TSU in 2019
- 123 Greg Spann, JSU in 1994
- 122 Tim Manning, JSU in 2003

Most touchdowns —

- 2 Charles Jones, GSU in 1993
- 2 Greg Spann, JSU in 1995
- 2 Quincy Culberson, JSU in 1996
- 2 Corey Bradford, JSU in 1997
- 2 Julius Hull, TSU in 2000
- 2 Marvin Jones, TSU in 2001
- 2 T.C. Taylor, JSU in 2001
- 2 Carlos Wright, TSU in 2001
- 2 Steven Newbold, TSU in 2019

Most yards per reception (min. 5 rec.) —

- 22.8 Marcellos Wilder, JSU in 2011 (5-114)
- 21.0 Jimmy Smith, JSU in 1990 (5-105)
- 21.0 La Shan Ausmer, JSU in 1994 (5-105)
- 20.5 Greg Spann, JSU in 1994 (6-123)
- 20.2 Corey Bradford, JSU in 1997 (5-101)

Longest reception —

- 75 Antonius Kimbrough, JSU in 1992
- 67 Keith Corbin, JSU in 2021
- 64 Patrick Smith, TSU in 2015
- 64 Chris Sanders-McCollum, TSU in 2015
- 63 Isaiah Bliss, JSU in 1992

SCORING

Most points —

- 18 Darrell Asberry, JSU in 1994 (3 rush)
- 18 Marvin Jones, TSU in 2001 (1 rush, 2 pass)
- 18 Javarris Williams, TSU in 2006 (3 rush)

Most points kicking —

- 16 Joey Hudak, TSU in 2001
- 14 Jamin Godfrey, TSU in 2013
- 12 Seth Goodowens, TSU in 1999

Most field goals —

- 4 Jamin Godfrey, TSU in 2013
- 3 Joey Hudak, TSU in 2001
- 2 8 times, last by Christian Jacquemin, JSU in 2017

Longest field goal —

- 50 Seth Goodowens, TSU in 1999
- 50 Eric Perri, JSU in 2007
- 49 Christian Jacquemin, JSU in 2017
- 49 Antonio Zita, TSU in 2019

Most point-after-touchdowns —

- 7 Joey Hudak, TSU in 2001
- 7 Adrian Salazar, JSU in 2019

MISCELLANEOUS

Longest punt —

- 66 Darby Williamson, JSU in 2014
- 64 Dominic Addison, JSU in 2002
- 61 Brett Bennett, JSU in 2007
- 61 Brett Bennett, JSU in 2009
- 60 Clifford Green, TSU in 1995
- 60 Dominic Addison, JSU in 2005

Longest punt return —

- 81 Warren Newman, JSU in 2021
- 73 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004
- 72 Ernest Pate, JSU in 1992 (no TD)
- 67 Jarrett Morrow, TSU in 2003
- 63 Julius Hull, TSU in 2000 (no TD)

Punt returns for touchdown —

- 20 Ahmed Safeullah, TSU in 2003 (blocked)
- 67 Jarrett Morrow, TSU in 2003
- 73 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004
- 40 Josh Miller, JSU in 2016 (blocked)
- 0 Ben Thomas, JSU in 2016 (blocked)
- 56 Patrick Smith, TSU in 2017
- 81 Warren Newman, JSU in 2021

Longest kickoff return —

- 100 Avion Black, TSU in 1999
- 100 Josh Littles, JSU in 2019
- 96 Chris Rowland, TSU in 2019
- 91 Patrick Robinson, TSU in 1992 (no TD)
- 89 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004

Kickoff returns for touchdown —

- 100 Avion Black, TSU in 1999
- 89 Cletis Gordon, JSU in 2004
- 89 Terrell Kennedy, JSU in 2017
- 100 Josh Littles, JSU in 2019
- 96 Chris Rowland, TSU in 2019

Most tackles —

- 15 Ariane McCree, JSU in 2013
- 14 Nate Wellington, TSU in 1993
- 14 Charlie Crawford, JSU in 1997
- 13 6 times, last by Joseph Scott, JSU in 2004

Most sacks —

- 4½ James Houston, JSU in 2021
- 3 Ebenezer Ogundeko, TSU in 2016
- 2½ Anthony Bass, TSU in 2014

Most interceptions —

- 3 Picasso Nelson, JSU in 1995
- 2 5 times, last by De'Ante Saunders, TSU in 2014

Interceptions returned for touchdown —

- 75 Lamar Carter, TSU in 1998
- 35 Dom. Rodgers-Cromartie, TSU in 2004
- 39 Ty'Ron Johnson, TSU in 2008
- 43 Eugene Clifford, JSU in 2008
- 78 Ryan Griffin, JSU in 2013
- 40 Daniel Fitzpatrick, TSU in 2013
- 45 De'Ante Saunders, TSU in 2014
- 25 Ezra Robinson, TSU in 2016

Longest interception return —

- 78 Ryan Griffin, JSU in 2013
- 75 Lamar Carter, TSU in 1998
- 71 De'Ante Saunders, TSU in 2013 (no TD)



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Since the first Southern Heritage Classic was staged in 1990, 53 players have gone on to play in the National Football League. Perhaps the two most prominent of those athletes are wide receiver Jimmy Smith, who collected 862 career receptions in 12 seasons, and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, who went from the TSU campus to the Super Bowl in the span of about nine months.

Brent Alexander (DB), TSU – Arizona, Carolina, Pittsburgh, NY Giants (1994-2005)
Ashley Ambrose (CB), MVSU – Indianapolis, Cincinnati, New Orleans, Atlanta (1992-2004)
Bennie Anderson (OL), TSU – Baltimore, Buffalo, Miami (2001-06)
Rashard Anderson (DB), JSU – Carolina (2000-01)
Eric Austin (DB), JSU – Tampa Bay (1996)
Daylen Baldwin (WR), JSU – Cleveland (2022)
Tim Barnett (WR), JSU – Kansas City (1991-93)
Marcus Benard (LB), JSU – Cleveland, Arizona (2009-14)
Avion Black (WR), TSU – Buffalo, Houston (2000-02)
Terrell Bonds (DB), TSU – Baltimore (2020)
Corey Bradford (WR), JSU – Green Bay, Houston, Detroit (1998-2006)
Curtis Caesar (WR), GSU – NY Jets (1995)
Cedric Davis (CB), TSU – Arizona (1995)
Lamar Divens (DT), TSU – Baltimore, Tampa Bay, San Francisco (2008-12)
Marcus Dowdell (WR), TSU – New Orleans, Arizona (1992-96)
Kadeem Edwards (OL), TSU – Tampa Bay (2014)
Randy Fuller (DB), TSU – Denver, Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Seattle (1994-99)
Cletis Gordon (CB), JSU – San Diego, Dallas, Carolina (2006-11)
Tracy Greene (TE), GSU – Kansas City, Pittsburgh (1994-96)
Lester Holmes (OL), JSU – Philadelphia, Oakland, Arizona (1993-2000)
JAMES HOUSTON (LB), JSU – Detroit (2022-)
Ronald Humphrey (RB), MVSU – Indianapolis (1994-95)
Ligarius Jennings (CB), TSU – Cincinnati (2001-02)
Domonique "D.J." Johnson (CB), JSU – NY Giants, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, Washington (2009-12)
Jaymar Johnson (WR), JSU – Minnesota, Arizona (2008-11)
Chris Jones (WR), JSU – Minnesota (2005)
Roger Jones (CB), TSU – Tampa Bay, Cincinnati, Tennessee (1991-97)
Eric Joyce (DB), TSU – Chicago (2002)
Antoniou Kimbrough (WR), JSU – Denver (1993-94)
Anthony Levine (DB), TSU – Green Bay, Baltimore (2010-21)
Paul McJulien (K), JSU – Green Bay, LA Rams (1991-93)
Sylvester Morris (WR), JSU – Kansas City (2000)
Roderick Mullen (DB), GSU – Green Bay (1995-99)
Toby Myles (OL), JSU – NY Giants, Cleveland, Oakland (1999-2001)
Cecil Newton (OL), TSU – Baltimore (2011)
Marlo Perry (LB), JSU – Buffalo (1994-99)
Demetrius Rhanev (OL), TSU – St. Louis/LA Rams, Washington (2014-17)
Rico Richardson (WR), JSU – Houston, Tennessee (2013-15)
Patrick Robinson (WR), TSU – Cincinnati, Arizona (1993-94)
Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (CB), TSU – Arizona, Philadelphia, Denver, NY Giants, Oakland, Washington (2008-19)
Chris Rowland (WR), TSU – Atlanta (2020)
De'Ante Saunders (DB), TSU – Cleveland (2015)
Simon Shanks (LB), TSU – Arizona (1995)
LACHAVIOUS SIMMONS (OL), TSU – Chicago, Tennessee (2020-)
Fernando Smith (DL), JSU – Minnesota, Jacksonville, Baltimore, St. Louis (1994-2000)
Jimmy Smith (WR), JSU – Dallas, Jacksonville (1992-2005)
Lawrence Smith (OL), TSU – Buffalo (2004)
Robert Staten (FB), JSU – Tampa Bay (1996)
Larry Tharpe (OT), TSU – Detroit, Arizona, Pittsburgh (1992-2000)
Michael Thompson (OL), TSU – Atlanta (2000-02)
Dan Williams (DE), TSU – Denver, Kansas City (1993-2000)
Javarris Williams (RB), TSU – Kansas City, Houston, Washington (2009-12)
Bernard Wilson (NT), TSU – Tampa Bay, Arizona (1993-98)

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Two-time Pro Bowler Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie played 12 seasons in the NFL and returned six interceptions and one fumble for touchdowns.
 PHOTO: ARIZONA CARDINALS



Lachavious Simmons began his career in Chicago and is now on the roster of the Tennessee Titans.
 PHOTO: Chicago Bears

After coming on strong late in the 2022 season with 8 sacks in 7 games, linebacker James Houston was slowed largely by a leg injury in 2023, though he did return for the Lions' playoff run.
 PHOTO: Detroit Lions



Cornerback Isaiah Bolden suffered a concussion in Week 2 of the 2023 preseason that prevented the former 7th-round pick from playing a snap during his rookie season.
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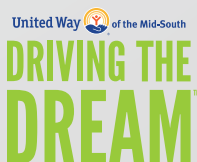
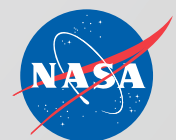
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