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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bowl Teams, Sponsors, and Fans,

It's time to Celebrate...Football is back!!!! Welcome to the 6th annual Cricket Celebration Bowl. It is our pleasure to once again host this championship game at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium. This year's matchup features the MEAC Champion South Carolina State University Bulldogs and their Marching 101 band against the SWAC Champion Jackson State University Tigers and their band the Sonic Boom of the South. These young people have earned the opportunity to showcase their talents on this national stage and compete for the coveted championship trophy, something we all look forward to seeing.

The Celebration Bowl provides the players, fans, sponsors and viewers a best-in-class bowl game experience, while showcasing the history, pageantry, and legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

ESPN Events is proud to present this championship game, which airs live on ABC and streams on ESPN.com. This year's game features two premier coaches. South Carolina State (MEAC) head coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough is the winningest football coach in school history.

Coach Deion Sanders, head coach for Jackson State University (SWAC), led his team to a historically successful season in his second season in the position. Both men were named Coach of The Year for their respective conferences in 2021.

This year we pay homage to Dr. Dennis Thomas, who led the MEAC conference for 20 years. His contributions to HBCUs through athletics, particularly through the MEAC/

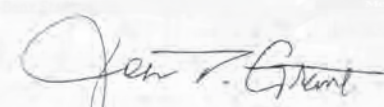
SWAC Challenge and Celebration Bowl, have left an indelible mark. For that we say thank you. We also want to acknowledge Ms. Sonya Stills, who will be assuming the leadership role in January 2022. We look forward to continuing to work with you, your staff, and the conference member institution leaders.

We want to extend our thanks to our first-year title sponsor Cricket Wireless for their commitment. During the next several years, we are looking forward to all the exciting things that will occur with this partnership. We also acknowledge our major partners Disney, Coca Cola, McDonalds, Allstate, Truist, Aflac, US Army, Luster Products, Honda Power, and Delta Airlines, who provided charter air service to transport each team to the game. Their relationship and support are critically important to the success of this event.

Thank you also goes to Commissioner Dr. Charles McClelland for his unwavering support and leadership of the SWAC Conference. We appreciate your support as well as that of the conference members and staff.

Finally, we cannot say thank you enough to you the fans and our staff. You are what make this event what it is. You make it exciting. You bring the "swag". You create the flavor that is the experience. You make it a celebration.

Keep Celebrating! A Champion Will Rise!


John T. Grant, Jr.



Welcome to Atlanta and the Cricket Celebration Bowl!

We kicked off the season with you at the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kick-Off, and we're so excited to be with you again today. Gameday in the MEAC and SWAC is known for fast-paced action over four quarters, standout performances by the marching bands during halftime, and a communal atmosphere in the stands.

Cricket's support of HBCUs isn't just during football season, but year-round. You can find us not only at MEAC and SWAC sporting events in every season, but we're also on campus. We've worked with the MEAC and SWAC to create our HBCU Campus Ambassador Program, which helps to develop leadership skills through community work with up-and-coming Black leaders.

Throughout this season we've been traveling to HBCU campuses with the Celebration Bowl trophy and the Cricket Fan Zone trailer. Inside the trailer you can take an in-depth look at the history of HBCUs, win prizes, and take pictures with the trophy. It's just another way that we build relationships and foster that unique sense of community that's found on college campuses.

In addition to our work with HBCUs, we've also worked closely with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). Earlier this year Cricket and ESPN presented each of the NPHC presidents with the Hometown Heroes Award, which celebrates their outstanding contributions to their communities. These Historically Black Greek letter organizations have had a profound impact on the lives of so many, including a significant number of our Cricket employees.

On behalf of Cricket Wireless, I want to extend a warm welcome to everyone visiting Atlanta. We're proud to call Atlanta our home. I hope that you enjoy some of the sights, sounds, and tastes of the city this weekend.

To all the students, alumni and fans in attendance today, thank you for joining us. Enjoy the game and all that Atlanta has to offer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John".

John Dwyer
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MARK JONES | PLAY-BY-PLAY COMMENTATOR

Mark Jones has worked a wide variety of assignments for ESPN since his debut in 1990. He is a play-by-play commentator for NBA, including the NBA Finals, WNBA, college football and men's and women's college basketball telecasts.

Jones hosted the network's SportsCenter coverage of the NBA Finals from 1991-96 and 2007-10 and called play-by-play for the 2011 NBA Finals for ESPN 3D. He has also hosted ESPN's coverage of NBA All-Star events, the NBA Draft Lottery, and has contributed to the network's NBA Draft coverage.

Jones previously hosted ESPN's NBA Today and on occasion served as an anchor/reporter on SportsCenter.

Jones has been assigned to events airing on ABC since August 1990 with duties including college football, college basketball, the World League and various events on ABC's Wide World of Sports. He called the World Track and Field Championships from Stuttgart, Germany, in 1993 and Gothenburg, Sweden, in 1995. He has also provided play-by-play commentary for the World Cup of gymnastics and the World Speed Skating Championships.

Before joining ESPN and ABC Sports, Jones worked from 1986-90 for The Sports Network in Toronto, Canada, where he was

the sports desk anchor and host of a Toronto Blue Jays magazine show.

Jones, a native of Toronto, graduated from York University in his hometown with a bachelor of arts degree in economics in 1985. While at York, he was a four-year member of the basketball team, earning All-Conference recognition. He was also the recipient of York University's prestigious Bryden Award for "Redefine the Possible," one of the college's highest achievements given to those demonstrating leadership and success. Jones has represented Canada in international basketball competition, but now enjoys his life as an American citizen, residing in Miami with his wife, Sara, and their three children.



JAY WALKER | ANALYST

Jay Walker joined ESPN in 2005 as a college football analyst. He has called the ESPNU Thursday Night games for the last four years, in addition to a studio analyst for the last two years. He has also been an analyst on College Football Overdrive.

Walker started his television career with BET and then joined the now defunct MBC Network from 2002-05.

Out of college, Walker was drafted in the seventh round in 1994 by the New England Patriots, where he played for

two seasons. He also spent two years with the Minnesota Vikings.

Walker was drafted out of high school to be a pitcher in the California Angels organization's minor league team, one of a handful of players to play both minor league baseball and in the NFL. While playing in the minors, Walker decided to pursue his passion for football and was recruited as a quarterback to Long Beach State and eventually transferred to Howard University after football was cut as a sport at Long Beach. At Howard, Walker led the team to their first playoff berth in team history and was named an All-American, to the All-MEAC Team twice and was the I-AA football player of the year by

Sports Illustrated. That year, 1993, Howard earned its only undefeated season in program history.

A native of Los Angeles, Walker is a 1994 graduate from Howard with a political science degree. In 2005, he was inducted into the Howard University Athletics Hall of Fame, and most recently, he was named to the MEAC/SWAC All-Time Greatest Team.

Currently, Walker is CEO and President of Walker Financial Services and has been a member of the House of Delegates in Maryland since 1997. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and its education and finance resources subcommittees. He is also a member of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland.



ROBERT GRIFFIN, III | ANALYST

Heisman Trophy winner and Pro Bowl quarterback Robert Griffin III joined ESPN in 2021 as a college football and NFL analyst. Griffin III, who played eight NFL seasons, will call a weekly ESPN/ABC college football game and also contribute to ESPN's coverage of the College Football Playoff, Super Bowl and other major events.

Griffin III was a once-in-a-generation talent at Baylor University where he set or tied 54 school records from 2008-11. A three-year starter, Griffin III threw for 10,366 yards and 78 touchdowns while rushing for 2,254 yards and 33 TDs during his 41-game collegiate

career. His best season was 2011 when he captured the Heisman Trophy, the Davey O'Brien and Manning Awards, along with other National Player of the Year honors after amassing 4,293 passing yards and 37 passing touchdowns to go along with 699 rushing yards and 10 rushing touchdowns. He was the face of the Baylor program that finished 10-3, won its first bowl game in 19 years and earned a final national ranking of 12.

The No. 2 overall NFL Draft pick by the Washington Football Team in 2012, Griffin III played eight seasons in the NFL – with Washington (2012-15), the Cleveland Browns (2016) and the Baltimore Ravens (2018-20). He threw for 9,271 yards and 43 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,809 yards and 10 scores.

Griffin III's best pro season was when he burst on the NFL scene

as a rookie, throwing for 3,200 yards and 20 touchdowns with 815 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground. The NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and a 2013 Pro Bowl selection, Griffin III helped Washington go from 5-11 the previous year to 10-6 after a seven-game win streak clinched the NFC East division title for the first time since 1999 and earned Washington its first playoff appearance since 2007. Griffin III also set records at the time for highest passer rating (102.4) by a rookie quarterback, highest touchdown to interception ratio (4:1) by a rookie quarterback, and injected life into the nation's capital.

In 2017, Griffin III was a guest analyst on ESPN's NFL Live. He also appeared on the cover of ESPN The Magazine's 15th anniversary issue in 2013 and has presented and won at The ESPYs Awards.



TIFFANY GREENE | REPORTER

Tiffany Greene is a play-by-play commentator for ESPN, covering a variety of collegiate sports including basketball, football, softball and volleyball. She is the first African-American woman to serve as a play-by-play commentator for college football on a major network.

Prior to ESPN, Greene honed her skills as a play-by-play announcer and sports reporter at Bright House Sports Network in the Orlando and Tampa Bay markets. During that time, she was the play-by-play announcer for the inaugural season of BIG EAST women's basketball on Fox Sports 1.

Greene is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Links Incorporated and the National Association of Black Journalists.

She began her on-air career in 2004 as a one-man band reporter at WJCL/WTGS, and later, WTOG, in Savannah, GA.

Greene earned her Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from Florida A&M University. She serves as the FAMU School of Journalism & Graphic Communication Board of Visitors co-chair. Greene lives in Tampa with her husband, Aaron, and their son Bryson.



QUINT KESSENICH | REPORTER

Quint Kessenich began at ESPN in 1993 covering men's lacrosse. He currently serves as a lacrosse analyst and college sports reporter, working on football and wrestling.

Kessenich works on television's most extensive college lacrosse package – featuring regular-season action and the NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse Championship, an event he has covered since 1995. He also works as an analyst on Major League Lacrosse games on ESPN2 and ESPN3.

Under his reporting duties, Kessenich covers college football

and the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championship.

Since joining the company, his responsibilities expanded to high school football, men's college basketball and various NCAA championships, including track and field, and soccer. He established the ESPNU Lacrosse Podcast in 2010, and it quickly became the industry leader for lacrosse news. He was also a frequent contributor to ESPN.com. In addition, he has covered the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes for ESPN and ABC.

Kessenich contributes to Inside Lacrosse Magazine, and is actively involved with "First Stick", a non-profit that introduces urban schools and athletes to the game of lacrosse. He was also a columnist on college lacrosse for the Baltimore Sun.

Kessenich played one year of professional lacrosse with the Baltimore Thunder in 1999, and at the amateur level for the storied Mount Washington Lacrosse Club.

A four-time all-American goalkeeper, Kessenich was a two-time winner of the Ensign C. Markland Kelly, Jr. Award as the nation's best goalie. A 1990 graduate of Johns Hopkins University, Kessenich remained in Baltimore where he has been an assistant lacrosse coach at the Boys' Latin School, a perennial national power since 1992.

He is a member of the Johns Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as the Long Island Chapter and the Baltimore Chapter of USA Lacrosse Hall of Fame.



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A CALL FOR SIGNIFICANCE

BY DONALD HUNT

When John T. Grant, Jr. was hired as the executive director of the Cricket Celebration Bowl six years ago, he brought a lot of knowledge and experience to this position. Grant, who worked in Atlanta, Ga., for more than 30 years, came to ESPN from 100 Black Men of Atlanta, where he was the CEO and the organizer of the Atlanta Football Classic.

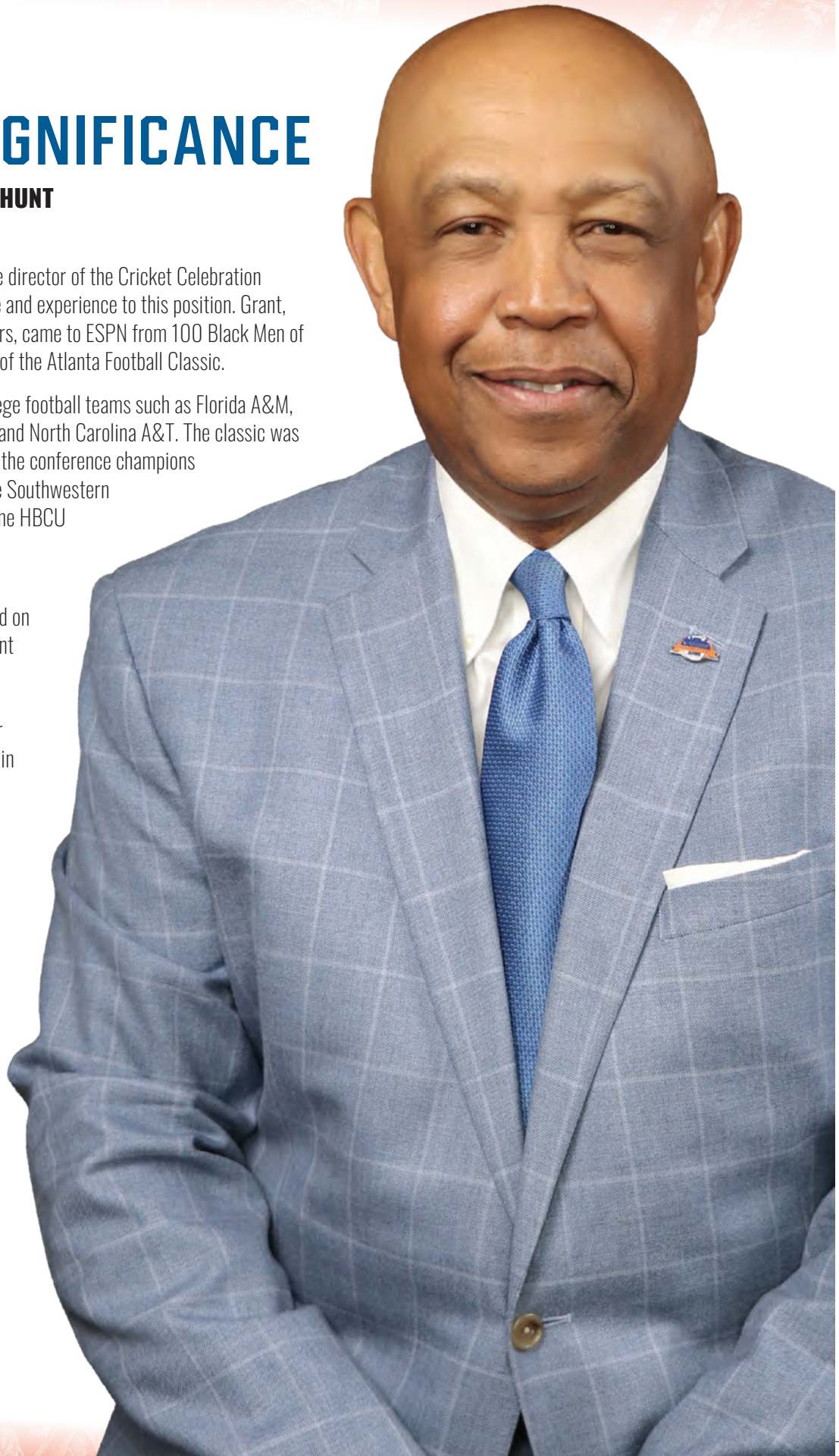
The classic featured some outstanding black college football teams such as Florida A&M, Tennessee State, Southern, South Carolina State and North Carolina A&T. The classic was replaced by the Celebration Bowl, which features the conference champions from the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference and the Southwestern Athletic Conference, the country's two Division One HBCU sports conferences.

Grant is also the executive director of the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge Kickoff, which is televised on ESPN. He never expected to be in such a prominent position organizing a game that brings national exposure to HBCU football. He credits former UN Ambassador, Atlanta Mayor and civil rights leader Andrew Young for giving him the encouragement in putting together the Atlanta Football Classic that served as a springboard for the Celebration Bowl.

"The classic provided for a great tradition of rivalry competitiveness," Grant said. "They were rivalry games. They were like championship games. You don't want to lose to your rival. Being a chief executive was not on my radar. We had a search process. It was 93 candidates. They narrowed it down to two. I was one of the two.

"I got a call from Ambassador Young. Andrew is a friend and, also, a member of the 100. We had lunch at the World Trade Club. We met for a little over an hour. He never asked me about the job. I remember him saying, 'You know John in everyone's life you have to move from success to significance. The sooner you get there the more rewarding your life will be.'"

Grant was a significant person with the 100 Black Men of Atlanta. The organization is a big part of



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improving the quality of life for African Americans and young people in the Atlanta community. He developed strong contacts in the community as well as establishing relationships with corporate sponsors.

Grant brought these credentials with him in building the Atlanta Football Classic. His hard work and dedication to construct a successful HBCU football classic has served him well for what he's doing now with the Celebration Bowl.

"Having taken that route led me into the responsibility of the Atlanta Football Classic, which is where I actually spent a lot of time with HBCU football," he said. "I went to all the games. I brought a consultant in that helped me lay out a strategy for us doing comparisons between big games like the Cotton Bowl and the Orange Bowl. Keith Tribble was the CEO of the Orange Bowl. He let me come down and watch the game. He was the only black guy running a major bowl game. He helped me understand the business."

Grant has continued his success with the Celebration Bowl that shines the national spotlight on HBCU football. He has done a terrific job taking this bowl game to an elite level in college football with ESPN, which is a part of ESPN Inc.

The Celebration Bowl, which started in 2015, kicks off the college football bowl season. In that short period of time, the Celebration Bowl has produced some great NFL players such as Tarik Cohen (Chicago Bears, North Carolina A&T),



Chester Rogers (Tennessee Titans, Grambling State) and Ryan Smith (Los Angeles Chargers, North Carolina Central).

"The Cricket Celebration Bowl is the HBCU's most invaluable asset," Grant said. "The Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge is our second most invaluable asset. This is a tremendous moment in time and history with the social movement, and the focus is on HBCUs." ■

Donald Hunt has worked as a sportswriter for the Philadelphia Tribune for nearly 40 years. In 2007, he became the first African-American sportswriter selected to the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, a class that included Randall Cunningham and Ron Jaworski.





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DENNIS E. THOMAS
MEAC COMMISSIONER

LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Dear MEAC Students, Alumni and Fans:

I bring you greetings from eight truly outstanding academic institutions as we welcome you to Atlanta, Georgia, for the sixth annual Cricket Celebration Bowl.

I am pleased that the South Carolina State Bulldogs will represent the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) in this year's game against the Jackson State Tigers of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). I look forward to a competitive matchup that displays great sportsmanship and showcases the talented student-athletes, coaches and their respective institutions.

As always, I know the Cricket Celebration Bowl football game, as well as the ancillary events, will provide an excellent athletic, educational and entertainment experience for both teams and fans. In addition, I am elated that the game will be broadcast live on ABC for the sixth consecutive year, as the Cricket Celebration Bowl is the only postseason bowl game featuring Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) programs and only one of two postseason bowl games played inside Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

So, don't miss the excitement of the game and your chance to witness all the pageantry, bands and tailgating festivities.

I would like to thank Cricket for investing and being the title sponsor for the Cricket Celebration Bowl. I commend Clint Overby, VP of ESPN Events, Nick Dawson, VP of ESPN Programming and Acquisitions, John Grant, the Executive Director of the Cricket Celebration Bowl, and ESPN for their continued commitment to two great conferences. I would also like to commend the City of Atlanta, the Honorable Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and City Council Members, the Atlanta Falcons, the Atlanta Sports Council, the College Football Hall of Fame and Mercedes-Benz Stadium for their support of this event.

Thank you for supporting the Cricket Celebration Bowl, and good luck to both teams!

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Dennis E. Thomas, Ed.D.
Commissioner





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MID-EASTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HISTORY

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) enters its 51st year of intercollegiate competition with the 2021-22 academic school year. Located in Norfolk, Va., the MEAC is made up of eight outstanding historically black institutions across the Atlantic coastline: Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Howard University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University and South Carolina State University.

The MEAC sponsors 16 Division I (FCS) sports: baseball, bowling, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track & field, softball, volleyball and men's golf. The MEAC receives automatic NCAA qualification bids in nine sports — baseball, men's and women's basketball, women's bowling, men's golf, men's and women's tennis, softball and volleyball. The MEAC's football champion is pitted against the champion of the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) in the Cricket Celebration Bowl, which debuted in December 2015.

MEAC student-athletes excel on and off the field, and several have been recognized on ESPN the Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America and All-District teams. The conference sponsors All-Academic teams in each of its sports and awards two post-graduate scholarships of \$5,000 each annually to one male and one female student-athlete who have excelled academically and athletically and are in their final season of intercollegiate athletics eligibility and competition under MEAC and NCAA regulations.

HISTORY

In 1969, a bold ad hoc group of innovators long associated with intercollegiate athletics met in Durham, N.C. to discuss the feasibility of organizing a new conference. From these discussions, they formed a steering and planning committee to fully investigate the idea, presented a detailed report with recommendations to interested collegiate institutions, and constructed a workshop to outline proposals.

After selecting a proposal and adopting a program, seven institutions (Delaware State College, Howard University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University and South Carolina State College) agreed to become the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. Their major objective was to establish, organize and supervise an intercollegiate athletic program among a compact group of education institutions of high academic standards with a sound philosophy of co-curricular activities. The conference agreed to seek Division I status for its sports.

The conference was confirmed in 1970, kicking off its first season of competition in football in 1971.

In 1978, the MEAC reached a milestone when it selected Kenneth A. Free to be its first full-time commissioner. Free served the conference for 18 years before stepping down in May 1996. In July 1996, Charles S. Harris was named commissioner, and he served in that capacity until April 2002. On Sept. 1, 2002, Dr. Dennis E. Thomas was named commissioner and has served in the position for 18 years.

The conference's first expansion occurred in October 1979, when Bethune-Cookman College and Florida A&M University were voted into the MEAC as new members. Original members Morgan State, North Carolina Central and Maryland Eastern Shore withdrew from the conference at the end of the 1979-80 fiscal year; Maryland Eastern Shore was readmitted in 1981 and Morgan State returned in 1984. Florida A&M opted to resign in 1984, but rejoined the conference in 1986. Coppin State College was granted admittance in 1985, becoming the ninth member institution.

The MEAC expanded again in the 1990s with the inclusion of Hampton University (1995) and Norfolk State University (1997). The conference grew once again in 2007, adding Winston-Salem State University. Winston-Salem State, a MEAC provisional member, did not meet the

qualifications for Division I and withdrew from the conference following the 2009-10 academic and athletic season.

On July 1, 2010, the MEAC made its most recent expansion with the admittance of North Carolina Central and Savannah State University. On Sept. 10, 2014, the MEAC admitted Augusta University (formerly Georgia Regents University) as an associate member for men's golf. In June 2018, the MEAC added Alabama Birmingham (UAB) and Monmouth as associate members for women's bowling, effective for the 2018-19 academic year.

As of July 1, 2018, Hampton was no longer a member of the MEAC. Savannah State followed suit one year later, opting to return to the Div. II ranks.

As of July 1, 2021, Bethune-Cookman, Florida A&M and North Carolina A&T State are no longer members of the MEAC, though North Carolina A&T State does hold associate membership with the conference for the sport of women's bowling.

Augusta University, associate member for men's golf, also left the conference as of July 1, 2021.

On June 8, 1980, the MEAC was classified as a Division I conference by the NCAA; prior to that year, the conference had operated on the Division II level. The month after achieving Div. I status, the MEAC received automatic qualification to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship. Currently, the conference has automatic qualifying bids for NCAA postseason play in baseball (since 1994), men's basketball (since 1981), women's basketball (since 1982), men's golf (since 2014), softball (since 1995), men's and women's tennis (since 1998), volleyball (since 1994) and women's bowling (since 2018).

The MEAC declares champions in eight men's sports — baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field and tennis — and eight women's sports — basketball, bowling, cross country, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, softball, tennis and volleyball.



MEAC SPORTS

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CHARLES MCCLELLAND
SWAC COMMISSIONER

LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

On behalf of the Southwestern Athletic Conference and the SWAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Cricket Celebration Bowl.

This year's game features two historic programs that most recently completed impressive regular season schedules in conference play to win their respective leagues. South Carolina State versus Jackson State will undoubtedly be a competitive game that will add its own chapter in the history of the Celebration Bowl.

Participating in this event would not be possible without the unwavering efforts and exceptional drive of our student-athletes, coaches, institutional administrators and the unconditional support of our SWAC fans, supporters and alumni.

This past fall semester, our student-athletes persevered through a variety of challenges on and off the field of play. It was truly gratifying to witness first-hand the hard work and determination of our student-athletes as they pushed through obstacles to achieve at the highest levels athletically and academically.

The hard work and determination that we saw displayed throughout the season on the field carried over equally into the classroom with a significant amount of our football student-athletes within the conference set to earn academic honors.

As we seek to inspire our next generation of leaders both on and off the field, the rich contributions of the Southwestern Athletic Conference in the general scope of collegiate athletics have been well documented. Some of the greatest student-athletes to ever play the game of football, charted their initial paths while attending our member institutions.

Former student-athletes such as Walter Payton (Jackson State), Jerry Rice (Mississippi Valley State), Doug Williams (Grambling State), and Steve McNair (Alcorn State) are just a few of the names that competed in the SWAC before going on to achieve greatness at the professional level.

The excellence within the Southwestern Athletic Conference does not stop with our student-athletes, as our league has also seen some of the top coaches in the history of college football.

Eddie Robinson (Grambling State), W.C. Gorden (Jackson State), and Marino Casem (Alcorn State/Southern) are prime examples of outstanding football coaches from our conference that each made significant impacts within their respective programs at the institutions where they contributed so much.

As we continue to honor the heritage and legacy of the Southwestern Athletic Conference, we want to extend special congratulations to the student-athletes of the competing institutions that are led by Coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough of South Carolina State and Coach Deion Sanders of Jackson State.

We'd also like to extend sincere gratitude and thanks to the title sponsor of the game Cricket Wireless as well as to all of our corporate partners for the tremendous support they provide our conference on a yearly basis.

Our corporate sponsors — Cricket Wireless, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Nike, Home Depot, Pepsi, the City of Birmingham, General Motors, USAA, and Credit Versio each play vital roles in making the SWAC an outstanding conference. Their continued support assists over 4,000 student-athletes throughout our conference to achieve their full academic and athletic potential.

In addition we'd like to applaud and recognize the tireless efforts of the members and staff of ESPN Events, the City of Atlanta and Mercedes Benz Stadium during the planning and execution of hosting this game in this historic city and state-of-the-art facility.

It is our hope that everyone in attendance at today's game leave with fond memories and unforgettable moments, and we sincerely thank you for your support of HBCUs and both conferences participating in this event.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles McClelland
Commissioner





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SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE HISTORY

ABOUT THE SWAC:

The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is considered one of the premier HBCU conferences in the country and currently ranks among the elite in the nation in terms of HBCU alumni playing with professional sports teams.

Current championship competition offered by the league includes competition for men in Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field and Tennis.

Women's competition is offered in the sports of Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf, Indoor Track and Field, Outdoor Track and Field, Soccer, Softball, Tennis and Volleyball.

SWAC QUICK FACTS:

The Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) is a collegiate athletic conference headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, which is made up of historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in the Southern United States. It participates in the NCAA's Division I for all sports; in football, it participates in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS), formerly referred to as Division I-AA.

On the gridiron, the conference has been the biggest draw on the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level of the NCAA, leading the nation in average home attendance for 37 of the 38 years the FCS has been in existence. In 1994, the SWAC fell just 40,000 fans short of becoming the first non-Football Bowl Subdivision conference to attract one million fans to its home games.

THE HISTORY OF THE SWAC:

In 1920, athletic officials from six Texas HBCUs — C.H. Fuller of Bishop College, Red Randolph and C.H. Patterson of Paul Quinn College, E.G. Evans, H.J. Evans and H.J. Starns of Prairie View A&M, D.C. Fuller of Texas College and G. Whitte Jordan of Wiley College — met in Houston, Texas,

to discuss common interests. At this meeting, they agreed to form a new league, the SWAC.

Paul Quinn became the first of the original members to withdraw from the league when it did so in 1929. When Langston University of Oklahoma was admitted into the conference two years later, it began the migration of state-supported institutions into the SWAC. Southern University entered the ranks in 1934, followed by Arkansas AM&N (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) in 1936 and Texas Southern University in 1954.

Rapid growth in enrollment of the state-supported schools made it difficult for the church-supported schools to finance their athletics programs, and one by one they fell victim to the growing prowess of the state-supported colleges. Bishop withdrew from the conference in 1956, Langston in 1957 and Huston-Tillotson (formerly Samuel Huston) in 1959, one year after the admittance of two more state-supported schools: Grambling College and Jackson State College.

The enter-exit cycle continued in 1961 when Texas College withdrew, followed by the admittance of Alcorn A&M (now Alcorn State University) in 1962. Wiley left in 1968, the same year Mississippi Valley State College entered. Arkansas AM&N exited in 1970 and Alabama State University entered in 1982.

Arkansas-Pine Bluff (formerly Arkansas AM&N) rejoined the SWAC on July 1, 1997, regaining full-member status one year later. Alabama A&M University became the conference's tenth member when it became a full member in September, 1999, after a one year period as an affiliate SWAC member. Most of the former SWAC members that have left the conference are currently a part of the Red River Athletic Conference of the NAIA. Howard University became a charter member in women's soccer prior to the 2014 season.

In 2021, SWAC membership expanded to 12 institutions with the additions of Florida A&M

University (Tallahassee, Fla.) and Bethune-Cookman University (Daytona Beach, Fla.).

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SWAC:

1. Create collaborative process in which the "new vision" for the SWAC is a shared vision that is all inclusive.
2. Increase corporate partnerships.
3. Create Regional Television Network.
4. Engage with past SWAC "greats" to assist with branding of conference.
5. Strengthen officiating in all sports, with emphasis on revenue generating and high profile sports.
6. Improve championships for student-athletes and fans so they can receive a "First Class Experience" (locations, gifts, entertainment).
7. Establish and maintain excellent relationships with city, state, and corporate partners.

LEGENDARY FORMER SWAC ATHLETES:

The Southwestern Athletic Conference for decades has produced some of the most legendary athletes to play major professional sports.

Eddie Robinson, Walter Payton, Jerry Rice, Doug Williams, Deacon Jones, Robert Brazille, Steve McNair, Aeneas Williams, and Michael Strahan are just a few of the legendary names of the game that attended SWAC member institutions, and the list doesn't stop there.

On the hardwood, the SWAC helped foster the talents of Naithsmith Hall of Fame member Willis Reed (Grambling State), Avery Johnson (Southern), Bobby Phills (Southern), Zelmo Beaty (Prairie View A&M), Lindsey Hunter (Jackson State) and legendary coaches Ben Jobe and Dave Whitney just to name a few.



SWAC SPORTS

MEN | EIGHT

Baseball, Men's Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Tennis, Track & Field (Indoor), Track & Field (Outdoor)

WOMEN | TEN

Women's Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field (Indoor), Track & Field (Outdoor), Volleyball

SWAC NOTABLE ALUMNI

ALABAMA A&M

JOHN STALLWORTH
NFL Hall of Famer

ALABAMA STATE

TAVARIS JACKSON
Super Bowl Champion

ALCORN STATE

STEVE MCNAIR
NFL MVP

BETHUNE-COOKMAN

JOHN CHANEY
Basketball Hall of Famer

FLORIDA A&M

ROBERT "BULLET BOB" HAYES
NFL Hall of Famer & Olympic Gold Medalist

GRAMBLING STATE

DOUG WILLIAMS
Super Bowl MVP
CHARLIE JOINER
BUCK BUCHANAN
NFL Hall of Famers

JACKSON STATE

ROBERT BRAZILE
JACKIE SLATER
WALTER PAYTON
LEM BARNEY
NFL Hall of Famers

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

JERRY RICE
DAVID "DEACON" JONES
NFL Hall of Famers

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

KEN HOUSTON
NFL Hall of Famer

SOUTHERN

HAROLD CARMICHAEL
AENEAS WILLIAMS
NFL Hall of Famers

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MEET THE MEAC'S NEXT COMMISSIONER



On October 25, 2021, the MEAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors announced Sonja Stills as the next MEAC Commissioner, effective January 1, 2022. Ms. Stills will replace longtime Commissioner Dr. Dennis Thomas, who served in the role since 2002.

"When we started the search process, my colleagues and I were clear-eyed," said Tony Allen, president of Delaware State University and chair of the MEAC Presidents and Chancellors Search Committee. We needed bold leadership for a new day in Division I sports and a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference that needed to take its rightful place in the NCAA. In Commissioner-Elect Stills, we hit the mark squarely — determined, durable, and able to lead a paradigmatic shift in our conference and across the collegiate athletic landscape. 'Why Not Us...?'"

With Stills' selection, she becomes the first female commissioner in MEAC and HBCU Division I history.

"I'm honored to be named the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's next Commissioner," Sonja Stills said. "I've learned a great deal in my tenure with the conference and look forward to continuing the MEAC's history of excellence. Thank you to the MEAC Council of Presidents and Chancellors for this opportunity, and thank you to Commissioner Dr. Dennis E. Thomas for your leadership and mentorship over the past 19 years."

Stills currently serves as the Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. With over 19 years of experience in assisting with articulating and developing a clear, strategic vision for the future of the conference, she brings an unmatched level of expertise to her new role as MEAC Commissioner. A 2021 MEAC 50th Anniversary Pioneers in Women's Sports Award recipient, Stills embodies all that is the Mid-Eastern Athletic conference.

In addition to her roles as Chief of Staff and Chief Operating Officer, Stills also serves as the MEAC's Director of Esports, a new, cutting-edge initiative that began in the summer of 2020. She took charge in this new position, serving as the key driver in developing regulations for the MEAC Esports Community and developing the MEAC's esports strategy. Her goal is to enhance awareness of the MEAC's esports initiative by working with industry business leaders to encourage growth.

Since arriving at the MEAC, Stills has elevated overall brand visibility for the conference. She has negotiated corporate partnership by working with major companies including iHeartRadio, US Marines, Home Depot, Hampton Roads Transit, Priority Automotive, ESI, TowneBank, and Harley Davison. She assisted in negotiating a contract with Nike with member institutions. She also managed the conference budgets. Additionally, she was instrumental in developing the MEAC Strategic and Long-Range Plan in December 2008 and 2021-22, along with securing global creative agency 160over90 as the marketing company for the MEAC in 2020.

Before arriving at the MEAC, Stills served as Hampton University's Coordinator of Athletic Academic Support for four years, and for three of those years, she was appointed Senior Woman Administrator. While at Hampton, she created the university's first Athletic Academic Support Program and implemented the CHAMPS/LifeSkills Program. She provided academic advising and counseling to student-athletes.

A 1993 graduate of Old Dominion University, Stills earned her bachelor's degree in Human Services Counseling. In 1996, she received a Master of Arts in Counseling (College Student Work Personnel) from Hampton University. She would later go on to graduate from the Sports Management Institute in 2002 and the NACWAA/HERS Institute for Administrative Advancement in 2008. ■



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BULLDOGS, TIGERS CLASH FOR HBCU SUPREMACY

BOTH TEAMS ARE PLAYING IN THEIR FIRST CELEBRATION BOWL

BY DONALD HUNT



Two of the country's top black college football teams will play in the biggest game of the season for historically Black colleges and universities. Jackson State and South Carolina State will play in the Cricket Celebration Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 18, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Ga. The kickoff is set for noon on ABC.

Jackson State comes into this key matchup with a lot of momentum with its 27-10 victory over Prairie View A&M to win the Southwestern Athletic Conference championship (SWAC). It's been a huge year for the Tigers (11-1 overall, 8-0 SWAC) led by head coach Deion Sanders, who was named the SWAC Coach of the Year. Sanders has not only developed a conference championship team but has guided the Tigers to a top 15 ranking in the Stats FCS Poll.

In addition, Coach Sander's son, quarterback Shedeur Sanders, has put together a terrific season. Sanders was named the SWAC Freshman of the Year. Shedeur is also a finalist for the Stats Perform FCS Jerry Rice Award.

He finished the regular season leading the conference with a 68.7 percentage while throwing for 2,971 yards (second in the SWAC), 30 touchdowns (second in the conference) with just five interceptions.

On defense, Jackson State received some terrific play from defensive lineman James Houston, who was named the SWAC Newcomer of the Year. Houston finished the season with 59 total tackles, 44 solo tackles and 20.5 tackles for loss. Jackson State linebacker Keonte Hampton has also received second-team all-conference honors. Hampton has been one of the Tigers' best playmakers. He had 74 total and 51 solo tackles.

In the secondary, Shedeur's older brother Shilo Sanders has given the Tigers some stellar play at safety. He has 36 total and 26 solo tackles and three interceptions. He earned second-team All-SWAC honors.

South Carolina State (6-5 overall, 5-0 MEAC) won the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference title with a 31-21 win over Norfolk State to advance

to the Celebration Bowl. Bulldogs head coach Buddy Pough put together a spectacular year. Pough was named the MEAC Coach of the Year for his efforts.

A big part of South Carolina State's success has been on the defensive end of the football. Linebackers Chad Gilchrist and B.J. Davis do a great job of playing against the run. Gilchrist has posted an impressive 70 total tackles and 40 solo tackles, while Davis has 67 total tackles and 51 solo tackles.

Defensive back Decobie Durant has good speed and cover skills. Durant led the MEAC with 11 passes defended. He has snared three interceptions. Gilchrist, Davis, and Durant received first-team All-MEAC honors.

Both Jackson State and South Carolina State are making their first trip to the Celebration Bowl. ■

Donald Hunt has worked as a sportswriter for the Philadelphia Tribune for nearly 40 years. In 2007, he became the first African-American sportswriter selected to the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, a class that included Randall Cunningham and Ron Jaworski. Hunt is retiring in December 2021.

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FOUNDED | 1896

ENROLLMENT | 2,937

NICKNAME | Bulldogs

COLORS | Garnet and Blue

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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY



ALEXANDER CONYERS INTERIM PRESIDENT

Alma Mater:
SC STATE UNIVERSITY

Interim President Retired Colonel **ALEXANDER CONYERS**, an SC State alumnus, has served the university as Vice President for Strategic Alliances and Initiatives since May 3. The board's unanimous vote named him to the acting presidency and then interim.

Col. Conyers is an experienced servant leader with over 28 years in the U.S. Army. He is a proven leader who has led complex organizations in areas of leadership, recruitment, retention, training, human resources, finance and budget, safety, and accreditation. His assignments consisted of many stateside locations, including two tours at the Pentagon and South Korea, Canada, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Conyers previously served in Washington, D.C., in the Senior Executive Service (federal government just below Presidential Appointees) as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Review Boards), a two-star general equivalent. In this capacity, he led the Army Review Boards Agency, which on behalf of the Secretary of the Army serves as the highest administrative level for review and appeal of personnel actions taken by lower levels of the Army. The agency administers 12 different boards and adjudicates over 20,000 cases annually from Soldiers, veterans, and family members. He was responsible for boards that adjudicate cases involving evaluation and promotions, discharge upgrades, physical disability, eliminations, the parole board for military prisoners, and other cases.

He culminated his military career in 2016, after rising from private to colonel as the leader of the Army's largest and most complex military police brigade. He led over 3,600 soldiers and civilians across four military installations: Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, Ft. Stewart, Georgia, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, and Ft. Drum, New York. He was also responsible for the safety of the Ft. Bragg community with a population of over 100,000 personnel.

Col. Conyers remained intimately involved with SCSU while serving in the Army. He served as a member of the SCSU Board of Visitors, Chairman of the Student Relations Committee for the SCSU National Alumni Association, and a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee. He was featured as a 2016 Honoree on the Stellar Alumni Calendar. He has also been inducted into SCSU ROTC Hall of Fame and most recently served as the President of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the National Alumni Association.

A Manning, SC, native, Col. Conyers holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from SC State, a master's degree in corrections from the University of South Carolina, and a master's degree in public administration from Troy University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and The University of North Carolina's Leadership, Excellence and Development (LEAD) program. He is a member of several professional associations, including the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education, and a former adjunct professor at Upper Iowa University.



STACY DANLEY DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Alma Mater:
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

STACY DANLEY, a veteran administrator, is in his fifth year as the director of athletics at South Carolina State University.

Danley, in his first year, immediately hit the ground running, establishing the first capital campaign for the Department of Athletics in the R.I.S.E Major Gift Initiative, which has raised more than \$1.62 million towards its \$2 million dollars goal.

The R.I.S.E Major Gift Initiatives fundraising efforts will go towards increased athletic scholarship funding, major upgrades to the track facility and new turf playing surface for the football team on Willie E. Jeffries Field inside Oliver C. Dawson Stadium.

Danley, with more than 30 years of experience in athletics administration, previously spent two years with the SLD Sports Marketing Group before joining SC State. Prior to that, he served as Athletics Director at Alabama State and Tuskegee universities. He also worked for the J.F. Smith Group, the Southeastern Conference and Auburn, his alma mater.

Danley was athletics director at Alabama State for three years (2010-2012). Prior to his tenure as Hornet AD, he served one year with the J.F. Smith Group, coordinating all fundraising consultant activities under the HBCU division, while also managing and facilitating campus departmental assessment initiatives for HBCU clients. Before his work with the J.F. Smith Group, Danley served as director of athletics at Tuskegee (2008-09).

The former Auburn University running back spent eight years (1997-2005) at his alma mater, six years as the assistant athletic director for External Affairs, before being promoted to associate athletic director for External Affairs. He spent his last two years at Auburn as the associate athletic director and men's sports coordinator, overseeing six Olympic sports.

He lettered four years as a running back at Auburn University, where he earned All-SEC honors and was named the SEC Sophomore of the Year among his athletic accomplishments. Following his collegiate career, Danley signed NFL contracts with the Seattle Seahawks and the Indianapolis Colts.

After his professional career, Danley returned to Auburn where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1993 and a master's in education administration in 1996.

While completing his master's degree, he spent two years as a graduate assistant in the Auburn athletic department, working in the compliance office, where he provided support with NCAA and SEC legislative interpretations.

Once he completed his master's degree, he moved on to the SEC office, where he spent two years working in compliance, championships and event management.

Danley and his wife Stephanie have three children — Lawson, Trace and Landon.



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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY SEASON RECAP



The 2021 Bulldog Football season proved to be an historic one for legendary head coach Oliver “Buddy” Pough, who led his team to another winning season with a 6-5 overall, 5-0 perfect worksheet in the MEAC.

The Bulldogs captured the 2021 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship outright, while earning a trip to the prestigious Celebration Bowl.

15 Bulldogs earned MEAC postseason honors, while Pough earned his second consecutive MEAC Coach of the Year Honors.

This season highlighted some raw talent on both sides of the football, including on defense All-American defensive back Decobie Durant, the team’s top NFL prospect and East-West Shrine Bowl All-Star Invite. He finished the season with 37 tackles, 3 INT, 11 pass breakups and

13 pass deflects. Senior defensive back Zafir Kelly also had a breakout season for the Bulldog secondary with 16 tackles, 3 interceptions and 7 pass deflects.

The defensive front was led by redshirt sophomore Jeblonski Green, Jr., with 38 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss for 97-yards, 2.5 sacks and one interception, along with Patrick Godbolt with 46 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss for 62-yards and 2 sacks. BJ



Davis (67 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss, and 2 sacks) and senior Chad Gilchrist (70 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss and one interception) held down the linebacking corps this season.

The young but impressionable offense was led by redshirt sophomore Corey Fields, Jr., who threw 169-334-12 for 2144-yards and 14 touchdowns (194.9 ypg). Fields, Jr., also rushed for 74 carries for 183-yards and 1 TD.

The offense line proved to be the glue down the stretch with the talents of All-MEAC performers Nick Taiste, Cam Johnson, and Eric Brown, Jr., all who are freshman and new to the Bulldog system.

Injuries slowed the Bulldog running game down this season, but that didn't seem to bother redshirt freshman Kendrell Flowers, who led the rushing attack with 158 carries 811-yards and 10 touchdowns (73.7 ypg).

Shaquan Davis (38-769-yards and 5 TD's) and Will Vereen (44-567-yards and 4 TD's) made Fields, Jr.'s, job look easy with their high flying catches this season. Richard Bailey came on strong in a reserve role with 33 catches for 361-yards and 2 TD's.

Special teams were led by a talented pair of freshman kickers in punter Dyson Roberts, who kicked an average of 38.8 yards per game, while Gayvn Zimmerman was a perfect 7-7 for field goals made with a long of 38-yards.

Earning All-MEAC post season honors this season, First Team Defense, DL-Jeblonski Green, LB-BJ Davis, Chad Gilchrist, DB-Decobie Durant and Zafir Kelly.

Second Team All-MEAC Offense, RB-Kendrell Flowers, TE-Yancey Washington, WR- Will Vereen and OL-Nick Taiste.

Second Team All-MEAC Defense: DL-Patrick Godbolt and Octaveon Minter.

Third Team All-MEAC: QB-Corey Fields, Jr., WR- Shaquan Davis, OL-Eric Brown and Cam Johnson.

Other key reserve who made an impact in the Bulldogs Championship run this season, were OL-Chris Simon, LB-Chris Simmons, DL-Darrell Brown, DL-Brandon Tucker, DL-Jared Kirksey, DL-Shaheem Haltiwanger, DB-Kendell Moultrie, and DB-Jamre Benjamin. ■

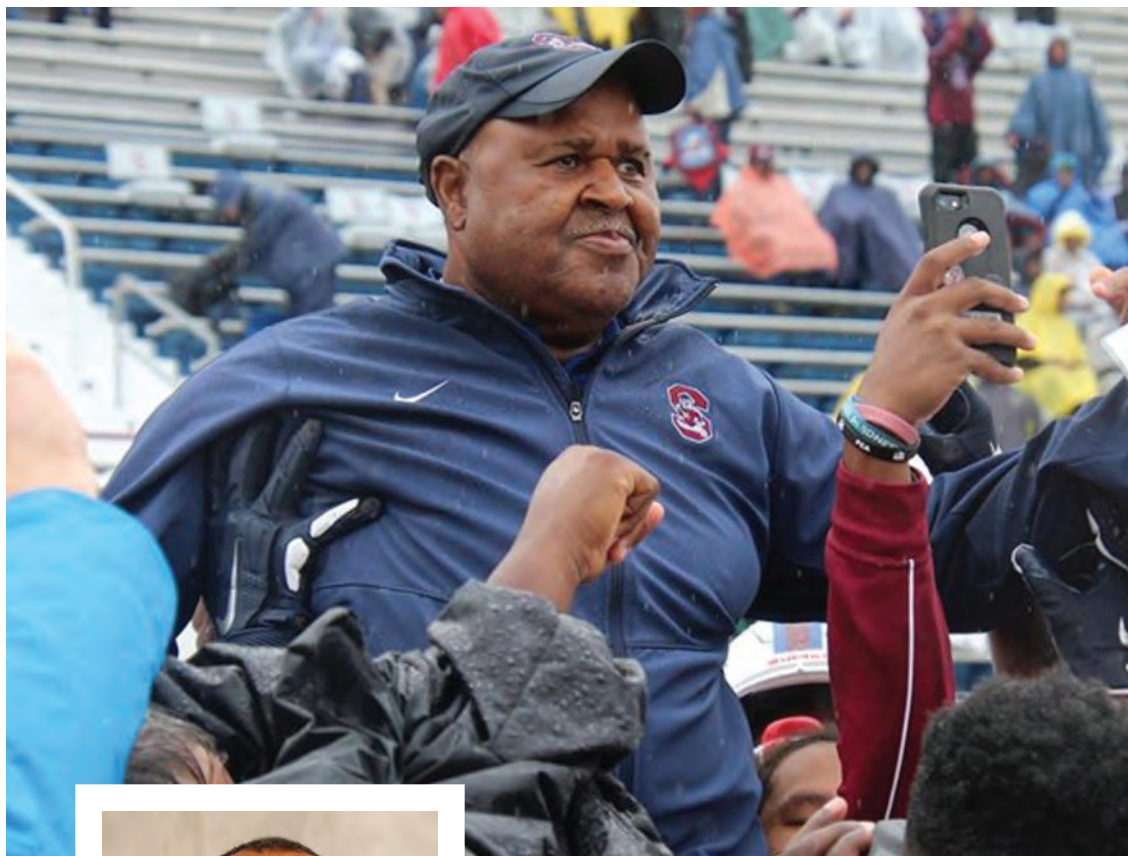




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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

COACHES



OLIVER "BUDDY" PUGH
HEAD COACH

Alma Mater:
S.C. STATE UNIVERSITY, 1975

Record at S.C. State:
142-80 (20 YEARS)

Career Record:
142-80 (20 YEARS)

OLIVER "BUDDY" PUGH, the All-Time Winningest Coach in School History, completed his 20th season as head football coach at South Carolina State, his alma mater.

During his 20-year tenure at the school where he earned a bachelor's and a master's, as well as All-MEAC honors as an offensive lineman, Pough has compiled an overall record of 142-80 and a 109-38 MEAC worksheet.

Pough led his team to eight (8) Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championships under his tenure as coach, and 18th in school history.

His teams recently captured the outright title in 2021 and berth to the prestigious Celebration Bowl, along with two outright MEAC titles in 2008 & 2009, and shared four others (2004, 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2019), and made four trips to the prestigious FCS playoffs (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2013).

SC State had its best turnaround in 2013 with a 9-4 overall, 7-1 MEAC record after suffering their first

losing season under Pough at 5-6 overall and 4-4 in the MEAC in 2012. In 2011, the Bulldogs compiled a 7-4 overall worksheet and were 6-2 in the MEAC. During the 2010 season, Pough's team finished 9-3 and was 7-1 in the MEAC to tie for the championship after winning the title outright in both 2009 and 2008. His squad also earned its third straight berth to the FCS playoffs and finished the 2010 campaign ranked high in all of the HBCU and Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) polls.

In 2009, SC State was named National Black Champion by the Sheridan Broadcasting Network, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta, the Washington (DC) Pigskin Club and the Box-to-Row / BASN. In addition, the Bulldogs finished number seven in all three major FCS polls — The Sports Network, the FCS Coaches Poll and Any Given Saturday.

Pough's 2009 squad finished 10-3 overall, captured its second consecutive MEAC crown with an unblemished 8-0 record and made back-to-back appearances in the FCS playoffs. The Orangeburg native reaped Coach of the Year honors in the MEAC — his second in as many seasons — and also earned the accolade from The (Columbia, SC) State newspaper, the Washington Pigskin Club, the 100 Percent Wrong Club of Atlanta and the Orangeburg Touchdown Club.

His 2008 squad was just as impressive, finishing 10-2 and winning the MEAC title with an 8-0 mark, the team's first outright title in 14 seasons, and returning to the FCS playoffs for the first time since the 1982 campaign.

Pough became the 14th head football coach at South Carolina State, while posting a 7-5 overall record and a 4-4 mark in the MEAC in his inaugural season in 2002. In 2003, he guided the Bulldogs to an 8-4 overall record and a 6-2 mark in MEAC play, losing only to Hampton and Bethune-Cookman.



The 2004 season can be considered another one of the team's best under Pough, as the Bulldogs produced the first-of-two consecutive 9-2 seasons. SC State was 6-2 in MEAC play that season, tying the Hampton Pirates for the 2004 championship.

In 2005, Pough's team duplicated the 9-2 record of the previous year and improved to 7-1 in the MEAC, with the lone league loss coming at the hands of eventual champion and nationally ranked Hampton.

Following a couple of 7-4 records in 2006 and 2007, the Bulldogs had 10-win seasons in each of the next two campaigns — 2008 (10-3) and 2009 (10-2). SC State was also a perfect 8-0 in the MEAC both years.

Pough has coached a number of players who have gone on to play in the National Football League, including five who are currently on NFL rosters — Joe Thomas (Houston Texans), Javon Hargrave (Philadelphia Eagles), Alex Taylor (Cleveland Browns), Antonio Hamilton (Arizona Cardinals), and NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year Darius Leonard (Indianapolis Colts).

Prior to taking the reins at South Carolina State, Pough spent five seasons as an assistant at the University Of South Carolina (USC), the last three as a running backs coach under Lou Holtz. During his stint at USC, he helped

build the Gamecocks into one of the top offensive teams in the SEC. USC made back-to-back appearances in the Outback Bowl in 2000 and 2001. Before going to USC, Pough was one of the top high school coaches in the Palmetto State, leading Fairfield-Central to a perfect 15-0 record in 1996 and claiming the Class AAA state title. He earned South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) Coach-of-the-Year honors for his efforts, the first of such three honors. Pough also had coaching stints at Keenan High in Columbia, where he built the Raiders into one of the top-Class AAA teams in the state.

In his final two seasons (1973 and 1974) as a player for SC State, the Orangeburg native and former offensive lineman helped the Bulldogs to a 15-7-1 record, a league crown and back-to-back postseason appearances seasons. After graduating in 1975, he joined the staff at nearby Orangeburg-Wilkinson High (1976-79), before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach in 1979. The Bulldogs made consecutive trips to the Div. 1-AA playoffs (1981 & 1982) during his tenure as an assistant.

Pough and his wife, Josie, are the parents of two sons — Oliver "Bud" IV and Lee Judson — and a daughter-in-law, Dr. Natalie Odom Pough.

Pough has two granddaughters, Taylor Michelle and Olivia Grace.

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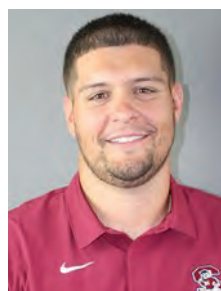
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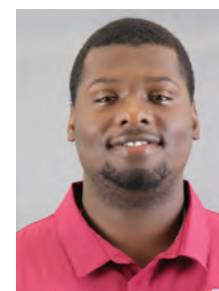
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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST SEASON OF FOOTBALL | 1907

ALL-TIME RECORD | 451-293-28

ALL-TIME BOWL/PLAYOFF RECORD | 6-12

YEARS IN POSTSEASON | 16

LAST POST-SEASON APPEARANCE | 2013

MEAC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 18
(2021, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2004, 1994, 1983, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975, 1974)

SBN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | 4
(2009, 1994, 1980, 1974)

TEAM INFORMATION

2021 OVERALL RECORD | 6-5

2021 MEAC RECORD/FINISH | 5-0/1st

BASIC OFFENSE | Multiple/Pro I

BASIC DEFENSE | Multiple 4

2021 SCHEDULE/RESULTS | 6-5 OVERALL, 5-0 IN MEAC

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Sep 4	at Alabama State	Huntsville, AL	L 41-42
Sep 11	at Clemson University	Clemson, SC	L 3-49
Sep 18	at New Mexico State	Las Cruces, NM	L 35-43
Oct 2	BETHUNE-COOKMAN	Orangeburg, SC	W 42-35
Oct 9	at Florida A&M	Tallahassee, FL	L 7-30
Oct 16	MORGAN STATE	Orangeburg, SC	W 37-14
Oct 23	at Delaware State	Dover, DE	W 13-7
Oct 30	at North Carolina Central	Durham, NC	W 27-24
Nov 6	HOWARD	Orangeburg, SC	W 15-12
Nov 13	NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE	Orangeburg, SC	L 17-27
Nov 20	at Norfolk State	Norfolk, VA	W 31-21

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(Analyst: William "Bill" Hamilton)

ATHLETICS

STADIUM | Oliver C. Dawson
Bulldog Stadium

CAPACITY | 22,000

SURFACE | Poly Turf

NATIONAL AFFILIATION | NCAA-
FCS

CONFERENCE | Mid-Eastern
Athletic Conference (MEAC)





SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

PASSING	GP	ATT-COMP-INT.	YDS.	PCT.	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Corey Fields, Jr.	11	169-333-12	2144	50.75	14	54	194.91
Quincy Hill	8	12-23-1	168	52.17	0	57	21.00
RUSHING	GP	ATT-GAIN-LOSS	NET	AVG.	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Kendrell Flowers	9	130-659-22	637	4.9	9	51	70.78
Jacory Benson	7	43-217-17	200	4.7	3	41	28.57
RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LONG	AVG./G
Shaquan Davis	9	38	769	20.24	5	57	85.44
Will Vereen	11	44	567	12.89	3	41	51.55
Richard Bailey	10	33	361	10.94	2	37	36.10
DEFENSE	GP	SOLO-AST-TTL	TFL-YDS	SACK-YDS	INT	FR	FR
Chad Gilchrist	11	40-30-70.0	7.0-15	1.0-7	0	0	2
BJ Davis	11	51-16-67.0	8.5-22	2.0-9	0	0	2
Patrick Godbolt	11	34-12-46.0	11.0-62	3.0-34	1	1	2
Decobie Durant	11	29-8-37.0	1.0-1	0-0	3	0	0
Jebblonski Green	8	30-8-38.0	19.5-97	3.5-33	1	1	1

TEAM STATS

SCORING

Points Per Game	24.36
Total	268

FIRST DOWNS

Rushing	65
Passing	103
Penalty	12
Total	180

RUSHING

Yards Gained	1846
Yards Lost	285
Attempts	381
Average Per Attempt	4.1
Avg. Per Game	141.9
Touchdowns	17
Total	1561

PASSING

Att-Comp-Int	356-181-13
Avg. Per Attempt	6.49
Avg. Per Game	210.18
Touchdowns	14
Total	2312

TOTAL OFFENSE

Total Plays	737
Avg. Per Play	5.3
Avg. Per Game	352.1
Total Yards	3873
Touchdowns	29

RETURNS

Kickoff: Average	16.90
Kickoff: Total	27-475
Punt: Average	13.00
Punt: Total	8-104
INT: Total	11-65

KICKING

Punt: Avg. Yards Per Game	38.33
Punt: Net Average	31.04
Punt: Total Yards	73-2798
FG: Good-Attempts	10-11
Onside Kicks	0-0

PENALTIES

Avg. Per Game (YDS)	61.00
Total-Yards	77-671



TIME OF POSSESSION

Avg. Per Game	30:49
Total	05:39:01

MISCELLANEOUS

3rd Down Conversions	50-162 (30.86 %)
4th Down Conversions	10-19 (52.63 %)
Fumbles-Lost	2-2
Sacks-Yards Lost	24-190
Misc. Yards	117
Red Zone: Attempts-Scores	31-38
Red Zone: Touchdowns	21-38



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SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Zafir Kelly	DB	6-1	170	Sr.	Columbia, SC / Irmo HS	45	Lenin Romero	K	5-10	195	Fr.	Estill, SC / Estill HS
1	Shaquan Davis	WR	6-5	180	r-So.	Summerville, SC / Summerville HS	46	Ethan Tullock	LB	5-10	190	Fr.	St. Matthews, SC / Calhoun County HS
2	Corey Fields	QB	6-0	188	r-So.	Hollywood, SC / Baptist Hill HS	47	Lawson Danley	TE	6-2	225	So.	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
3	Tyrece Nick	QB	6-0	170	Sr.	Johnston, SC / Strom Thurmond HS	48	Yancey Washington	TE	6-2	230	r-So.	North Charleston, SC / North Charleston HS
4	Demarkius Doe	DB	6-3	183	r-So.	Williston, SC / Williston Elko HS	49	Khalil Ellis	TE	6-2	261	r-Jr.	Rock Hill, SC / York HS
5	BJ Davis	LB	6-2	189	r-So.	Blair, SC / South Pointe HS	51	Joe Glover	LS	5-9	210	Jr.	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS
6	Jacory Benson	RB	5-9	190	r-Jr.	Seneca, SC / Seneca HS	52	Jalen Page	OL	6-2	285	r-Sr.	Florence, SC / Wilson HS
7	Juwan Moody	WR	5-10	160	r-So.	Conway, SC / Conway HS	53	Chris Simon	OL	6-4	270	r-So.	Dalzell, SC / Crestwood HS
8	Jalen Barr	S	5-11	190	r-So.	Lake City, SC / Lake City HS	54	Karllen Waymyer	DL	6-3	247	Fr.	Neeses, SC / Hunter-Kinard-Tyler HS
9	Will Vereen	WR	5-11	200	r-Jr.	Little River, SC / Myrtle Beach HS	55	Ahmand Tate	OL	6-1	275	Fr.	Snellville, GA / Shiloh HS
10	Duane Nichols	DB	6-0	210	r-Jr.	Lake View, SC / Lake View HS	56	Zione Meadows	DE	6-1	236	Fr.	Greenville, SC / JL Mann HS
11	Chad Gilchrist	LB	6-2	220	r-Sr.	Johnston, SC / Strom Thurmond HS	57	Nathaniel Wilcox	DE	6-1	242	Fr.	Cutler Bay, SC / Southridge HS
12	Jaylen Evans	DB	6-0	185	r-Jr.	Hartsville, SC / Hartsville HS	58	Jerome Robinson	OL	6-2	278	Fr.	Newark, NJ / Camden HS
12	Andres Walker	QB	6-3	200	r-Fr.	Hapeville, GA / Hapeville Charter	60	Chandler Muller	OL	6-2	338	Fr.	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS
13	Jordan Smith	WR	5-10	165	Fr.	Columbia, SC / Ridge View HS	62	Ian Shark	OL	6-3	325	Fr.	Walterboro, SC / Collenton County HS
14	Quincy Hill	QB	6-2	165	r-So.	Columbia, SC / Spring Valley HS	63	Demetrius Harris	OL	6-3	347	Fr.	Abbeville, SC / Abbeville HS
14	Decobie Durant	DB	5-11	175	r-Jr.	Lamar, SC / Lamar HS	65	Brandon Tucker	DL	6-1	285	Jr.	Columbia, SC / Blythewood HS
16	Tim Ewing	DB	5-11	170	r-Jr.	Greenwood, SC / Greenwood HS	70	Alfred Williams	OL	6-3	314	r-Fr.	Rock Hill, SC / South Pointe HS
17	Taurean Singletary	QB	6-2	165	r-Fr.	Dorchester, SC / Woodland HS	71	John Guthrie	OL	6-3	300	r-Jr.	Duncan, SC / Byrnes HS
18	Aquavious Hunter	DB	5-10	155	Fr.	Louisville, GA / Jefferson County HS	72	Tison Gray	OL	6-4	300	r-Jr.	Columbia, SC / Keenan HS
19	Rakim White	WR	6-4	181	Fr.	Bluffton, SC / Bluffton HS	73	Cam Johnson	OL	6-2	285	r-Fr.	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
20	Ridge Ford	DB	5-9	183	r-Sr.	Durham, NC / Hillside HS	74	Wheslen McCleod	OL	6-2	319	r-Fr.	West Columbia, SC / Grey Collegiate Acad.
21	Kendall Moultrie	DB	5-11	170	r-So.	Latta, SC / Latta HS	76	Eric Brown, Jr.	OL	6-3	336	Fr.	Hartsville, SC / Hartsville HS
22	Alex James	RB	5-11	200	Gr.	Florence, SC / Albany State (NY)	77	Dallas Foard	OL	6-4	270	So.	Concord, NC / Central Cabarrus HS
23	Xayvion Knox	RB	5-11	182	Fr.	Myrtle Beach, SC / Myrtle Beach HS	78	Nick Taiste	OL	6-1	295	Fr.	West Columbia, SC / White Knoll HS
24	Chris Simmons	DB	5-11	185	r-Fr.	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS	79	Tim McNeil	OL	6-3	319	r-Fr.	Bennettsville, SC / Marlboro County HS
25	Jamre Benjamin	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Spartanburg, SC / Spartanburg HS	80	Jaelyn Perry	WR	6-0	192	Fr.	Summerville, SC / Woodland HS
26	Kendrell Flowers	RB	6-0	207	r-Fr.	Columbia, SC / Irmo HS / Wake Forrest	81	Jordan Springs	TE	6-2	237	r-Fr.	Irmo, SC / Dutch Fork HS
27	Donte Anthony	DB	5-11	198	r-So.	Fountain Inn, SC / Hillcrest HS	82	Eric Hayes	WR	6-5	194	Fr.	Columbia, SC / River Bluff HS
28	Michael Brunson	DB	5-9	155	Fr.	St. Matthews, SC / Calhoun County	83	Jaelin Gray	WR	5-11	182	Fr.	West Columbia, SC / White Knoll HS
29	Aaron Smith	LB	6-2	218	Fr.	Manning, SC / Manning HS	84	T'quele Holmes	WR	6-0	175	Gr.	Tigerville, SC / North Greenville
30	Gavyn Zimmerman	K	5-11	130	Fr.	Sumter, SC / Crestwood HS	85	Javeon Walker	WR	5-10	160	Fr.	St. George, SC / Woodland HS
32	Dyson Roberts	P/K	5-11	187	Fr.	Sumter, SC / Sumter HS	86	Richard Bailey	WR	5-10	148	r-Jr.	Hollywood, SC / Baptist Hill HS
33	Chris Austin	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS	87	Hezekiah Massey	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Clover, SC / Clover HS
34	Jablonski Green	DL	6-0	274	r-Jr.	Lamar, SC / Lamar HS	88	Kaleb Brown	WR	6-4	190	Fr.	Richmond, VA / Mississippi Valley State
35	Tyrone Hicks	LB	6-2	211	r-Fr.	Johns Island, SC / St. Johns HS	89	Zack Felder	WR	6-3	205	Jr.	Orangeburg, SC / Orangeburg-Wilkinson HS
36	John Sloan, III	LB	5-10	238	r-Jr.	West Columbia, SC / Gray Collegiate Acad.	89	Westin Williams	DL	6-2	241	r-Fr.	Wagener, SC / Wagener-Salley HS
37	Sean Artiss	DB	5-11	180	r-Fr.	Blythewood, SC / Westside HS	91	Timothy Shelton	DL	6-1	300	Fr.	Conway, SC / Conway, HS
38	Adonis Davis	LB	6-0	191	Fr.	Blackville, SC / Blackville-Hilda HS	92	Antonio Anderson	DL	6-3	250	Jr.	Hopkins, SC / Lower Richland HS
39	Caleb Brown	LS	6-2	190	r-Jr.	Florence, SC / Wilson HS	93	Darrell Brown	DL	6-2	265	r-Jr.	Florence, SC / South Florence HS
40	DePrince Haynes	TE	5-11	240	Sr.	Columbia, SC / Spring Valley HS	95	Naejuan Barber	DL	6-3	290	Fr.	Hopkins, SC / Ridge View HS
41	Sheldon Billings	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Georgetown, SC / Berkeley HS	96	Shaheem Haltiwanger	DL	6-3	255	r-So.	Lexington, SC / White Knoll HS
42	Tykese Walker	RB	5-9	160	r-Fr.	Gilbert, SC / Gilbert HS	97	Dajon Funderburk	DL	6-2	318	Fr.	Pageland, SC / Pageland Central HS
43	Patrick Godbolt	DL	6-3	235	So.	Blythewood, SC / Blythewood HS	98	Octaveon Minter	DL	6-2	245	Fr.	Chester, SC / Chester HS
44	Stanley Cheeseboro	DB	6-0	190	r-Fr.	Hopkins, SC / Lower Richland HS	99	Jared Kirksey	DL	6-2	268	Fr.	Clemson, SC / Daniel HS
45	Jayvion Snow	LB	5-11	200	Fr.	Moncks Corner, SC / Berkeley HS							



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ROSTER



0 | DB
**ZAFIR
KELLY**



1 | WR
**SHAQUAN
DAVIS**



2 | QB
**COREY
FIELDS**



3 | QB
**TYRECE
NICK**



4 | DB
**DEMARKIS
DOE**



5 | LB
**BJ
DAVIS**



6 | RB
**JACORY
BENSON**



7 | WR
**JUWAN
MOODY**



8 | S
**JALEN
BARR**



9 | WR
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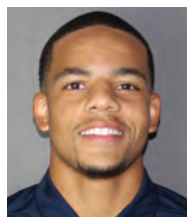
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16 | DB
**TIM
EWING**



17 | QB
**TAUREAN
SINGLETARY**



18 | DB
**AQUAVIOUS
HUNTER**



19 | WR
**RAKIM
WHITE**



20 | DB
**RIDGE
FORD**



21 | DB
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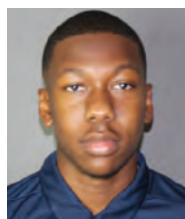
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BRUNSON**



29 | LB
**AARON
SMITH**



30 | K
**GAVYN
ZIMMERMAN**



32 | P/K
**DYSON
ROBERTS**



33 | LB
**CHRIS
AUSTIN**



34 | DL
**JEBLONSKI
GREEN**



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35 | LB
TYRONE
HICKS



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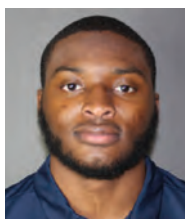
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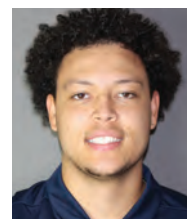
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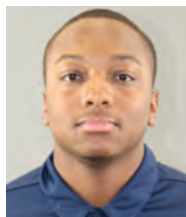
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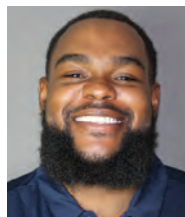
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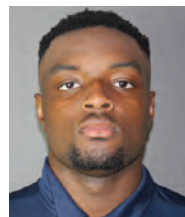
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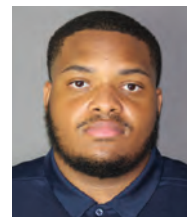
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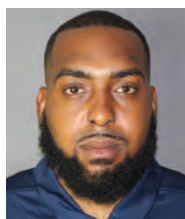
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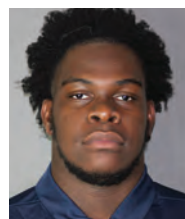
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BROWN, JR.



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DALLAS
FOARD



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78 | OL
**NICK
TAISTE**



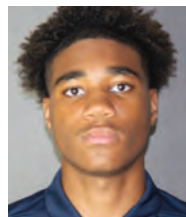
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GRAY**



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**T'QUELE
HOLMES**



85 | WR
**JAVEON
WALKER**



86 | WR
**RICHARD
BAILEY**



87 | WR
**HEZEKIAH
MASSEY**



88 | WR
**KALEB
BROWN**



89 | WR
**ZACK
FELDER**



89 | DL
**WESTIN
WILLIAMS**



91 | DL
**TIMOTHY
SHELTON**



92 | DL
**ANTONIO
ANDERSON**



93 | DL
**DARRELL
BROWN**



95 | DL
**NAEJUAN
BARBER**



96 | DL
**SHAHEEM
HALTIWANGER**



97 | DL
**DAJON
FUNDERBURK**



98 | DL
**OCTAVEON
MINTER**



99 | DL
**JARED
KIRKSEY**





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A CHAMPION WILL RISE

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL

Jackson State University

LOCATION | Jackson, MS

FOUNDED | 1877

ENROLLMENT | 8,100

NICKNAME | Tigers

COLORS | Navy Blue, White,
and Gorden Red

UNIVERSITY WEBSITE
www.jsu.ms.edu





JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY



**THOMAS
HUDSON**
PRESIDENT

Alma Mater:
**JACKSON STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Jackson State University President **THOMAS K. HUDSON** grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, where he attended and graduated from JSU in 1999. He went on to receive his Juris Doctor from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 2005.

With an equity-based focus, Hudson established a successful private practice, and served as an EEO specialist for the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. Still, his JSU roots beckoned, and he returned to his alma mater in 2012.

Hudson served as Acting President of JSU before being named President on November 19, 2020, by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning.

A long-standing champion of education, Hudson's goals remain to enhance the university's legacy and expand its global footprint, while fortifying its mission to produce ethical and technologically advanced global leaders who properly address societal problems and compete effectively.

As a member of the Jackson State staff since 2012, Hudson has served as Chief Operating Officer/Chief

Diversity Officer, Chief Diversity and EEO Officer/Title IX Coordinator.

He has been described as a visionary who stays flexible and abreast of national themes, trends and issues across the higher education landscape and how HBCUs fit into that framework.

Before the presidency, Hudson was Assistant to the President and Chief Diversity Officer. He was the co-chair of the university's Strategic Planning Committee. He also served on the executive cabinet and guided senior leadership on all topics related to the university's future course and trajectory.

Committed to the standards of diversity, and inclusion, Hudson served as Vice-Chairperson of the university system's Chief Diversity Officers' Council. He is also a member of the Margaret Walker Alexander Center Board of Directors and the JSU Athletics Hall of Fame Foundation Board of Directors.

Hudson and his wife, Phylandria, have two daughters: Josephine and Abigail.



**ASHLEY
ROBINSON**
VICE PRESIDENT
& DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS

Alma Mater:
**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY**

ASHLEY ROBINSON has racked up several athletic championships throughout his career. He's also been instrumental in building academic successes and completing athletic facilities and renovations.

Robinson, whose motto at Jackson State is "Building on Tradition, Blazing New Trails" has the Tigers pointing to a new direction.

Academics is a pillar of a Robinson-led athletic department. In 2019-20, six of JSU's Division I sports lead the SWAC in APR scores: football, men's cross country, men's tennis, women's basketball, women's bowling, and volleyball. Football also ranked in the top five percent among the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS).

2019-20 recorded several high marks. Overall, student-athletes finished with a cumulative 3.29 grade point average.

Overall, 11 student-athletes completed the academic year with a perfect 4.0 GPA. The Tigers also dominated in the Spring 2020 semester and 49 student-athletes also finished with a 4.0 GPA.

Robinson led JSU to the 2019-20 SWAC Academic Success Award. It is a monetary award based upon each member institution's collective ranking in the categories of highest four-year Academic Progress Rate (APR) average, highest single year APR average, and highest Graduate Success Rate (GSR).

Robinson is the president of the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association for the 2020-21 year — the first African American in the position. The FCS ADA's mission is to enhance college football's Division I subdivision.

Under Robinson, JSU saw Thomas "Snacks" Lee win the Can't-Stop-Watching-Moment-of-the-Year ESPY. Lee's ESPY is the first for JSU and the SWAC. Robinson hired NFL Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders as the Tigers' 21st head football coach.

JSU won the 2019-20 Mississippi Division I HBCU Championship. The Tigers sported a 19-1 record versus in-state SWAC rivals Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley State.

The women's basketball team won the 2019-20 SWAC Regular Season Championship, its first in more than 15 years. The Lady Tigers conference championship was the 149th for the athletic department.

Robinson, a native of Jackson, Miss., who was a basketball star at Murrah High School, spent the previous five years at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), where he was named director of athletics in June 2013. He was promoted to vice president and director of athletics in November 2016. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Mo Williams Foundation.

Robinson received a bachelor's degree from MVSU and master's degree at the United States Sports Academy.



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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY SEASON RECAP



The 2021 Jackson State football team enjoyed a resurgence and earned its first SWAC championship since 2007 with a 27-10 win over Prairie View A&M.

Jackson State placed nine on the 2021 All-SWAC team, Shedeur Sanders was the SWAC Freshman of the Year, James Houston earned SWAC Newcomer of the Year, and Deion Sanders is the SWAC Coach of the Year.

The Tigers started their season and opened SWAC play in Miami at the Orange Blossom Classic and came away with a hard-fought 7-6 win over Florida A&M. The win over the Rattlers put the Tigers in the driver's seat for the SWAC East Division.

JSU rolled past 2021 SWAC Spring Champion Alabama A&M 61-15 and put the rest of the league on notice that the Tigers arrived. JSU rolled then rolled to wins over Alabama State (28-7), Bethune-Cookman

(42-12), Mississippi Valley State (28-19), Texas Southern (41-21), Southern (21-17), and Alcorn State (27-10).

The calling card for this team is its stifling defense. The Tigers allowed just 13.5 points and 255.9 yards per game — both ranked atop the conference standings. The Blue and White made it a habit of getting to the opposing quarterback with 52 total sacks — which led NCAA Division I (FBS & FCS). Senior rush specialist and All-SWAC

performer James Houston led the team with 14.5 sacks and added 21.5 tackles for loss. Nyles Gaddy, who played opposite of Houston, finished with 4 sacks and 5 tackles for loss.

With Houston and Gaddy cleaning up on the outside, it allowed the interior defensive line and linebackers to make plays. All-SWAC linebacker Aubrey Miller, Jr., led the Tigers with 100 tackles (49 solo, 51 assisted) and finished second on the team with 6 sacks and 11.5 tackles for loss. All-SWAC performer Keonte Hampton was second on the team with 74 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, and 4 sacks.

All-SWAC performer Antwan Owens manned the interior line and finished with 60 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, and 6 sacks. KaTron Evans, Devonta Davis, and Coynis Miller saw action and provided key depth to keep

the linemen fresh and ready to go. Because of this group, the Tigers allowed just 99.5 rushing yards per game.

The secondary oozes talent and is led by sophomore All-SWAC defensive back Shilo Sanders. The Canton, Texas, product recorded 36 tackles and finished tied for a team-high 3 interceptions. Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig also added 3 interceptions, while CJ Holmes came through with 39 tackles and 6 pass breakups. John Huggins finished with 43 tackles and 5 pass breakups.

On offense, the Tigers averaged 29 points per game (second in the SWAC) and averaged 349.8 yards per game. The rhythm of the offense fell on true freshman quarterback Shedeur Sanders. The signal caller passed for 3056 yards, 29 touchdowns and just 6 interceptions. Sanders led the SWAC with a 67.9 completion percentage.

Sanders has talented receivers to throw the ball to. All-SWAC performer Keith Corbin, III, finished with a team-high 65 receptions for 897 yards and 6 touchdowns. Another favorite target for Sanders is freshman Malachi Wideman. The Venice, Florida, native tallied 498 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns. Another freshman, Trevonte Rucker, added 474 receiving yards, while Josh Lanier grabbed 36 receptions for 315 yards and 4 touchdowns. Warren Newman and Shane Hooks also grabbed receiving touchdowns for the Tigers.

The 2021 season will go down in the record books for several reasons. The 11 wins is the most by a Jackson State team. The program averaged 42,292 fans per game, which set an FCS record. A SWAC record 50,128 people watched JSU capture the SWAC championship. ■





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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY COACHES



DEION SANDERS HEAD COACH

Alma Mater:
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Record at Jackson State:
15-4 (2 SEASONS)

Overall Record:
15-4 (2 SEASONS)

Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee **DEION SANDERS** was named the 21st Head Football Coach of Jackson State University on September 21, 2020.

The Fall 2021 season was record-breaking for Sanders and JSU. The Tigers won the 2021 SWAC Championship and capped the regular season with an 11-1 record. The 11 wins is the most in program history. Sanders was voted the SWAC Coach of the Year, and the Tigers placed nine on the All-SWAC Team.

The Sanders-led defense is the best in the SWAC and at the FCS level. The Tigers allowed just 12.5 points per game and 255.9 yards per game, which ranked first in the conference. As a team, JSU totaled 52 sacks, which lead NCAA Division I (FBS & FCS).

Sanders led the program to a 4-3 overall record in the Spring 2021 season.

The Tigers sported a high-octane offense and averaged 35.7 points per game. The Sanders-led offense sported a SWAC-best 28 touchdowns and 2486 total yards, while averaging 414.3 yards per game.

JSU displayed the best linebacker corps in the Spring season, and Keonte Hampton and Aubrey Miller, Jr., were named to the Spring 2021 All-SWAC Football First Team. Hampton recorded 57 tackles, while Miller, Jr., added 51 stops and ranked first and second in the conference in total tackles.

Sanders has made significant inroads on the recruiting trail, and his initial class was the No. 1 Ranked Class in FCS and highest ranked class at an HBCU ever. Signees included quarterback Shedeur Sanders (four-star), defensive back Isaiah Bolden (four-star), linebacker Abdul-Malik McClain (four-star), linebacker Aubrey Miller, Jr. (four-star), defensive back De'Jahn Warren (four star), wide receiver Trevonte Rucker (four-star), and defensive lineman KaTron Evans (four star).

Compared to FBS counterparts, Sanders' 2021 Signing Class ranks in the Top 30 nationally.

An eight-time Pro Bowler, and two-time Super Bowl champion, Sanders played 14 NFL seasons for the Atlanta Falcons, San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, Washington Redskins, and Baltimore Ravens. Sanders is the only player to have played in a Super Bowl and a World Series.

A two-time All-American at Florida State, Sanders was the first-round draft choice of the Atlanta Falcons in 1989. In 2020, for the NFL 100th Season, Sanders was named to the NFL All-Time Team.

In 2011, Sanders was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was also one of 14 players and two coaches to be named in the National



Football Foundation's 2011 College Football Hall of Fame Football Bowl Subdivision Class. Sanders, who holds the NFL record for career return touchdowns (19 by kickoff, punt, interception, and fumble), has recently joined the Barstool Sports team, where he is making appearances on various programming including on the Pro Football Football Show, Pro Football Football After Show, and his very own podcast, 21st and Prime, which debuted last night.

Sanders originally began his broadcasting career with CBS, co-hosting the NFL Today pregame show from 2001-2003. He spent the next 14 years as an analyst for the NFL Network, headlining popular shows like GameDay Prime and Thursday Night Football.

While this is Sanders' coaching debut on the collegiate sidelines, he has been coaching for over a decade. Sanders is the offensive coordinator at Trinity Christian School in Cedar Hill, Texas, and has led the Tigers to three-straight Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) titles. Trinity Christian is 42-3 since Sanders has been the team's offensive coordinator.

In 2019, the Sanders-led offense totaled 6126 yards of total offense and averaged 437.6 yards per game. TCC Quarterback Shedeur Sanders

blossomed and accounted for 3477 passing yards and 47 touchdowns and only four interceptions. On the ground, Emari Matthews rushed for 1169 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Sanders has been part of the coaching team for the annual Under Armour All-America Game for the past ten years. Most recently, Sanders and Team Pressure earned a 30-24 victory over Ed Reed and Team Savage in the 2020 Under Armour All-America Game. The contest featured dozens of college football's top recruits and also included several much-anticipated commitments.

Success — both on the field and in the classroom — has always been at the forefront for Sanders. In 2007, upon retirement from the NFL, Sanders founded TRUTH, a youth organization serving over 1100 kids throughout Dallas, Texas, and Memphis, Tennessee, utilizing sports and education as a platform for success and leadership.

Following through on a long-standing goal, in 2020, Sanders graduated from Talladega College with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis on Organizational Management. He is the proud father of five children: Deion Sanders, Jr., Deiondra Sanders, Shilo Sanders, Shedeur Sanders, and Shelomi Sanders.

COACHING STAFF



OTIS RIDDLEY
DIRECTOR OF PLAYER
PERSONNEL



MICHAEL POLLOCK
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COORDINATOR/
QUARTERBACKS COACH



JASON PHILLIPS
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COORDINATOR/WIDE
RECEIVERS



DENNIS THURMAN
DEFENSIVE
COORDINATOR



T.C. TAYLOR
TIGHT ENDS



GARY HARRELL
RUNNING BACKS



ANDRE' HART
LINEBACKERS



ALAN RICARD
SPECIAL TEAMS



MIKE MARKUSON
OFFENSIVE LINE



JEFF WEEKS
DEFENSIVE LINE



KEVIN MATHIS
CORNERBACKS



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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST SEASON OF FOOTBALL | 1911

ALL-TIME RECORD | 496-336-22

ALL-TIME BOWL/PLAYOFF RECORD | 2-13
(2-1 in bowl games and 0-12 in FCS playoffs)

YEARS IN POSTSEASON | 15
(1961, 1962, 1971, 1978, 1981, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1995, 1996, 1997)

LAST POST-SEASON APPEARANCE | 1997

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 17

TEAM INFORMATION

2021 OVERALL RECORD | 11-1

2021 SWAC RECORD/FINISH | 8-0

BASIC OFFENSE | Multiple

BASIC DEFENSE | 4-2-5

2021 SCHEDULE/RESULTS | 11-1 OVERALL, 7-0 IN SWAC

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Sep 05	Florida A&M	Miami, FL	W, 7-6
Sep 11	Tennessee State	Memphis, TN	W, 38-16
Sep 18	at Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, LA	L, 7-12
Sep 25	Delta State	Jackson, MS	W, 24-17
Oct 09	at Alabama A&M	Huntsville, AL	W, 61-15
Oct 16	Alabama State	Jackson, MS	W, 28-7
Oct 23	Bethune-Cookman	Jackson, MS	W, 42-12
Oct 30	at Mississippi Valley State	Itta Bena, MS	W, 28-19
Nov 06	Texas Southern	Jackson, MS	W, 41-21
Nov 13	at Southern	Baton Rouge, LA	W, 21-17
Nov 20	Alcorn State	Jackson, MS	W, 24-10
Dec 04	Prairie View A&M	Jackson, MS	W, 27-10

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ATHLETICS

STADIUM | Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium

CAPACITY | 44,214

SURFACE | Natural Grass

NATIONAL AFFILIATION | NCAA Division FCS

CONFERENCE | Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)





JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

PASSING	GP	ATT-COMP-INT.	YDS.	PCT.	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Shedeur Sanders	12	256-377-6	3057	67.90	30	74	254.67
RUSHING	GP	ATT-GAIN-LOSS	NET	AVG.	TD	LONG	AVG/G
Santee Marshall	12	102-459-30	426	4.2	3	53	35.50
Peyton Pickett	11	99-475-40	435	4.4	5	54	39.54
RECEIVING	GP	REC	YDS.	AVG.	TD	LONG	AVG./G
Keith Corbin, III	12	65	897	13.8	6	67	74.75
Malachi Wideman	10	31	498	16.06	12	50	49.80
Trevonte Rucker	12	24	474	19.75	2	74	39.50
DEFENSE	GP	SOLO-AST-TTL	TFL-YDS	SACK-YDS	INT	FR	FR
Aubrey Miller, Jr.	12	49-51-99.0	11.5-59	6.5-55	0	1	1
Keonte Hampton	12	51-23-74.0	13.0-47	4-0.25	0	0	1
James Houston	12	47-17-64.0	21.5-127	14.5-102	0	2	7
Antwan Owens	12	29-31-60.0	17.0-70	6.0-37	0	1	0
Shilo Sanders	12	26-10-36.0	1.0-5	0-0	3	0	2

TEAM STATS

SCORING

Points Per Game29.0
Total348

FIRST DOWNS

Rushing64
Passing136
Penalty23
Total223

RUSHING

Yards Gained1553
Yards Lost412
Attempts362
Average Per Attempt3.2
Avg. Per Game95.1
Touchdowns14
Total1141

PASSING

Att-Comp-Int382-256-6
Avg. Per Attempt8.00
Avg. Per Game254.67
Touchdowns29
Total3056

TOTAL OFFENSE

Total Plays744
Avg. Per Play5.6
Avg. Per Game349.8
Total Yards4197
Touchdowns49

RETURNS

Kickoff: Average27.19
Kickoff: Total32-870
Punt: Average14.63
Punt: Total32-468
INT: Total12-150

KICKING

Punt: Avg. Yards Per Game35.25
Punt: Net Average31.87
Punt: Total Yards60-2115
FG: Good-Attempts3-11
Onside Kicks0-0

PENALTIES

Avg. Per Game (YDS)72.67
Total-Yards103-872

TIME OF POSSESSION

Avg. Per Game29:30
Total05:53:58

MISCELLANEOUS

3rd Down Conversions61-153 (39.87%)
4th Down Conversions3-12 (25.00%)
Fumbles-Lost19-13
Sacks-Yards Lost52-339
Misc. Yards-20
Red Zone: Attempts-Scores28-39
Red Zone: Touchdowns26-39





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JACKSON STATE ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Josh Lanier	WR	6-0	170	Sr.	Tuscaloosa, AL / Alabama	46	CJ Nunnally	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	Douglasville, GA / South Paulding HS
2	Shedeur Sanders	QB	6-2	215	Fr.	Canton, TX / Trinity Christian	47	Baron Hopson	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Leesburg, GA / Lee County HS
3	CJ Holmes	DB	6-1	185	Sr.	New Orleans, LA / Lusher HS	48	Marcus O'Neal	SPC	6-3	160	Fr.	Jackson, MS / Callaway HS
4	Aalah Brown	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Valdosta, GA / Valdosta HS	50	Kaleb Graham	OL	6-3	290	Fr.	Jackson, MS / Terry HS
4	De'Jahn Warren	DB	6-1	185	Jr.	Landover, MD / Lackawanna C.C.	51	Cedric Dunbar	OL	6-4	320	Jr.	Natchez, MS / Natchez HS
5	Shane Hooks	WR	6-4	205	Jr.	Orlando, FL / Ohio	52	Khalil Arrington	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Montgomery, AL / Robert E. Lee HS
5	Kev'Ric Wiggins	DB	5-11	175	Fr.	Spring, TX / UL-Monroe	53	Donald Turley	DL	6-2	220	Fr.	Chillicothe, OH / US Marine Corps
6	John Huggins	DB	6-2	205	Jr.	Daytona Beach, FL / Garden City C.C.	56	Keith Lopez	LB	6-6	230	Fr.	New Iberia, LA / New Iberia HS
7	Keith Corbin, III	WR	6-2	200	Sr.	Beaumont, TX / Houston	57	Nyles Gaddy	LB	6-4	230	So.	Nashville, TN / Tennessee
8	JD Martin	RB	6-0	190	So.	Wetumpka, AL / East Central C.C.	58	Lafonzo Ruffin	DL	6-0	260	Fr.	Miami, FL / La Salle HS
9	Al Young	DB	5-11	195	Sr.	Cape Girardeau, MO / SE Missouri State	59	Tyler Wells	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Clinton, MI / Clinton Township HS
10	Warren Newman	WR	5-8	175	Sr.	New Orleans, LA / Edna Carr HS	60	Amari Catchings	OL	6-3	295	Jr.	Jackson, MS / Murrah HS
12	Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Birmingham, AL / Trinity Christian	61	Jakob Cunningham	OL	6-4	315	Sr.	Louisville, MS / Itawamba C.C.
12	Greyson Thompson	QB	6-3	205	Fr.	Denton, TX / North Texas	62	Vincent Sampson	OL	6-1	285	Sr.	Cloutierville, LA / Menard HS
13	Malachi Wideman	WR	6-5	190	Fr.	Venice, FL / Tennessee	63	Braxton Bailey	DL	6-1	290	Jr.	Clinton, MS / Hinds C.C.
14	Christian Allen	WR	5-10	190	R-So.	Mendenhall, MS / Mendenhall HS	64	Deontae Graham	OL	6-5	290	Sr.	St. Louis, MO / Quincy
15	Trevonte Rucker	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Ocala, FL / Vanguard HS	65	Timontre Graham	DL	5-11	230	Sr.	Mobile, AL / LeFlore HS
16	Damon Bell	WR	6-2	205	Fr.	Little Rock, AR / North Little Rock HS	66	James Reddick, II	OL	6-3	320	Fr.	Fort Valley, GA / Peach County HS
17	Cedrick Moffett, II	DB	5-11	160	Jr.	Georgetown, MS / Holmes C.C.	67	Stephen Singleton	DL	6-2	230	Fr.	St. Louis, MO / Christian Brothers HS
17	Errick Simmons	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Greenville, MS / Greenville HS	68	Rufus Carl Jones	DL	6-3	330	Fr.	Milbrook, AL / Stanhope Elmore HS
18	Demonte Holliman	DB	5-9	175	Jr.	Jackson, MS / Holmes C.C.	69	Paxton Branning	SPC	6-0	210	Sr.	Hollandale, MS / Mississippi Delta C.C.
18	Kare' Lyles	QB	6-0	215	Sr.	Madison, WI / Southern Illinois	70	Kirk Ford	OL	6-4	320	Jr.	Keller, TX / Navarro College
19	Herman Smith, III	DB	6-0	190	Fr.	San Diego, CA / Lincoln HS	71	Charlton Goodell	DL	6-1	290	So.	Bradenton, FL / IMG Academy
21	Shilo Sanders	S	6-0	195	So.	Canton, TX / South Carolina	72	Demetri Jordan	OL	6-5	330	Sr.	Lubbock, TX / SMU
22	Peyton Pickett	RB	5-8	225	Sr.	Arlington, TX / Liberty	74	Tony Gray	OL	6-5	310	R-Jr.	Loganville, GA / Central Florida
23	Isaiah Bolden	DB	6-2	205	Jr.	Tampa, FL / Florida State	76	John Mitchell	OL	6-5	276	Fr.	Lexington, MS / Holmes Central HS
24	Desmond Moultrie	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Arlington, TX / Lamar HS	79	Tre Johnson	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	Orlando, FL / Southern Mississippi
25	Tyson Alexander	RB	5-11	195	Jr.	DeSoto, TX / DeSoto HS	81	Jency Riley	TE	6-5	215	Fr.	Greensburg, LA / St. Helena Academy
25	Anthony Petty	DB	5-11	180	So.	Wiggins, MS / Stone Hill HS	83	Kobe Paul	WR	5-11	150	Fr.	Cedar Hill, TX / Trinity Christian
28	Randall Haynie	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL / Vanderbilt	84	Kortlon Hubbard	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	Jackson, MS / Northeast Mississippi C.C.
30	Lane McGregor	SPC	5-10	190	Jr.	Pontotoc, MS / Mississippi Delta C.C.	85	Kyland Richey	TE	6-4	230	Sr.	Cedar Hill, TX / Cedar Hill HS
30	Kevin May	RB	5-8	170	Fr.	Madison, MS / St. Joseph Catholic	86	DJ Stevens	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Ridgeland, MS / Ridgeland HS
31	Greg Williams	RB	5-9	190	Jr.	Memphis, TN / Memphis	88	Daniel Crowell, Jr.	WR	6-2	220	Sr.	Meridan, MS / Troy
32	Javien Adams	S	6-0	190	So.	Olive Branch, MS / Olive Branch HS	89	Chad Turner	WR	5-8	185	Fr.	Colleyville, TX / Colleyville Heritage HS
35	Glenn Misiak	SPC	6-0	160	Jr.	Columbus, MS / Mississippi College	90	Katron Evans	DL	6-5	315	Fr.	Baltimore, MD / St. Frances HS
36	Bailey Raborn	SPC	5-11	195	Sr.	Lafayette, LA / McNeese State	91	Tredarius Carr	DL	6-2	285	Jr.	Bentonla, MS / East Mississippi C.C.
37	Jacob Politte	SPC	6-1	195	Fr.	Lubbock, TX / Cooper HS	92	Justin Ragin	DL	6-5	230	Sr.	Memphis, TN / Collierville HS
38	Santee Marshall	RB	5-10	170	Jr.	New Orleans, LA / Miles College	93	Tre'von Riggins	DL	6-3	270	Fr.	Brandenton, FL / Illinois
39	Noah Anderson	SPC	5-7	140	Sr.	Lafayette, LA / McNeese State	94	Coynis Miller	DL	6-2	300	Jr.	Birmingham, AL / Auburn
40	Keonte Hampton	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	West Point, MS / West Point HS	95	Jeremiah Williams	DL	6-3	280	Fr.	Lexington, MS / Holmes County Central HS
41	James Houston	LB	6-1	225	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL / Florida	96	Jaumonie Crain	DL	6-2	265	Sr.	Puckett, MS / Puckett HS
42	Jeremiah Brown	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Carrabelle, FL / Gadsen County HS	97	Devonta Davis	DL	6-3	290	Jr.	Union Springs, AL / Bullock County HS
43	Frankie Dunn	DB	5-8	150	Fr.	Jackson, LA / Feliciana HS	98	Ke'Shawn Brinkley	DE	6-5	250	Sr.	Fayette, MS / Co-Lin C.C.
44	Daelyn Dunn	LB	6-2	250	Sr.	San Diego, CA / Southwestern College	99	Antwan Owens	DL	6-4	290	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL / Georgia Tech
45	Aubrey Miller, Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Memphis, TN / Missouri							



JACKSON STATE ROSTER



1 | WR
JOSH
LANIER



2 | QB
SHEDEUR
SANDERS



3 | DB
CJ
HOLMES



4 | WR
AALAH
BROWN



4 | DB
DE'JAHN
WARREN



5 | WR
SHANE
HOOKS



5 | DB
KEV'RIC
WIGGINS



6 | DB
JOHN
HUGGINS



7 | WR
KEITH
CORBIN, III



8 | RB
JD
MARTIN



9 | DB
AL
YOUNG



10 | WR
WARREN
NEWMAN



12 | DB
CAM'RON
SILMON-CRAIG



12 | QB
GREYSON
THOMPSON



13 | WR
MALACHI
WIDEMAN



14 | WR
CHRISTIAN
ALLEN



15 | WR
TREVONTE
RUCKER



16 | WR
DAMON
BELL



17 | DB
CEDRICK
MOFFETT, II



17 | WR
ERRICK
SIMMONS



18 | DB
DEMONTE
HOLLIMAN



18 | QB
KARE'
LYLES



19 | DB
HERMAN
SMITH, III



21 | S
SHILO
SANDERS



22 | RB
PEYTON
PICKETT



23 | DB
ISAIAH
BOLDEN



24 | RB
DESMOND
MOULTRIE



25 | RB
TYSON
ALEXANDER



25 | DB
ANTHONY
PETTY



28 | DB
RANDALL
HAYNIE



30 | SPC
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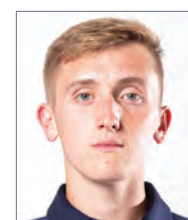
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GLENN
MISIAK



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36 | SPC
BAILEY
RABORN



37 | SPC
JACOB
POLITTE



38 | RB
SANTEE
MARSHALL



39 | SPC
NOAH
ANDERSON



40 | LB
KEONTE
HAMPTON



41 | LB
JAMES
HOUSTON



42 | LB
JEREMIAH
BROWN



43 | DB
FRANKIE
DUNN



44 | LB
DAEYLN
DUNN



45 | LB
AUBREY
MILLER, JR.



46 | DL
CJ
NUNNALLY



47 | LB
BARON
HOPSON



48 | SPC
MARCUS
O'NEAL



50 | OL
KALEB
GRAHAM



51 | OL
CEDRIC
DUNBAR



52 | LB
KHALIL
ARRINGTON



53 | DL
DONALD
TURLEY



56 | LB
KEITH
LOPEZ



57 | LB
NYLES
GADDY



58 | DL
LAFONZO
RUFFIN



59 | LB
TYLER
WELLS



60 | OL
AMARI
CATCHINGS



61 | OL
JAKOB
CUNNINGHAM



62 | OL
VINCENT
SAMPSON



63 | DL
BRAXTON
BAILEY



64 | OL
DEONTAE
GRAHAM



65 | DL
TIMONTRE
GRAHAM



66 | OL
JAMES
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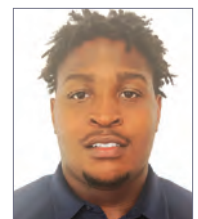
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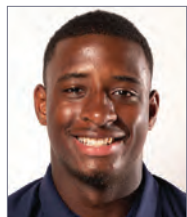
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76 | OL
JOHN MITCHELL



79 | OL
TRE JOHNSON



81 | TE
JENCY RILEY



83 | WR
KOBE PAUL



84 | WR
KORTLON HUBBARD



85 | TE
KYLAND RICHEY



86 | TE
DJ STEVENS



88 | WR
DANIEL CROWELL, JR.



89 | WR
CHAD TURNER



90 | DL
KATRON EVANS



91 | DL
TREDARIUS CARR



92 | DL
JUSTIN RAGIN



93 | DL
TRE'VON RIGGINS



94 | DL
COYNIS MILLER



95 | DL
JEREMIAH WILLIAMS



96 | DL
JAUMONIE CRAIN



97 | DL
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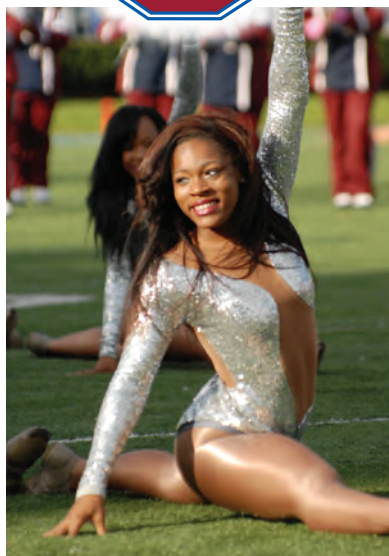
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MARCHING 101 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND

The South Carolina State “Marching 101” band is known from coast to coast. The members have entertained tens of thousands of spectators throughout the Southeast and millions by way of nationally televised events — including professional football games — with a unique style of marching that takes hours of practice to master.

Band members play without music scores, although only a percentage of the members are music majors. They are perpetually in motion with dance routines and geometric designs while remaining in step, and of course, playing music all the time.

The band’s name, the “Marching 101” is a misnomer as the 2008 edition of the renowned group.

For many youngsters throughout the state, the band is South Carolina State University. They may not be aware of all of the academic opportunities

of the institution, but they respond to the exciting music of the “Marching 101.”

The band, which is currently under the direction of Dr. Patrick Moore, was organized in 1918 as a “regimental band,” performing military drills and assisting with music in the college Sunday School and other special occasions.

In 1924, the late Reginald Thomason influenced the music presentation with concerts. From 1924 on, a succession of directors, including Thomason, influenced the growth of the band as it became a part of the Department of Music at the university. In the 1940s, the band shared uniforms with the ROTC brigade, and played in military ceremonies as well as collegiate functions. In 1955, the college band numbered around 45 members — about one-seventh of today’s number — and sported its own garnet and blue uniforms.

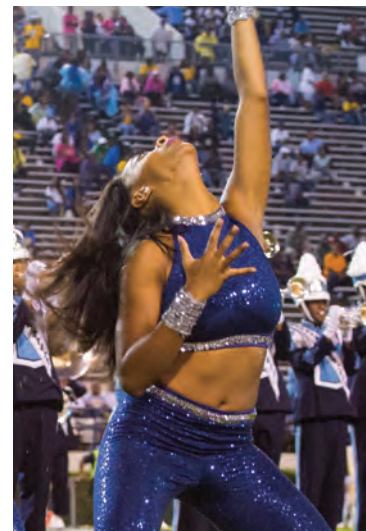
Moore, who took over as director three years ago, has continued the tradition of fine entertainment, especially at football games.

While other college football fans head for the concession stands at halftime, followers of the Bulldogs remain seated to enjoy the next exciting routines of the “Marching 101,” which are always appropriate for the game.

The band learns a completely new show for every home game. Fans enthusiastically reward their excellent and breathtaking performances with applause and cheers.

Although most of the members hang up their uniforms when the football season is over, many of them will contribute their musical skills in various ways the remainder of the year, including participation in the pep band, concert choir and jazz band.

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SONIC BOOM OF THE SOUTH JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND

The marching band began in the 1940s at what was then Jackson State College, under the directorship of Frederick D. Hall, who had directed a band at the college as early as the 1920s, in addition to the chorus and orchestra. It was initially made up of students from Jackson College and Lanier High School.

Founded as the Jackson State University Marching Band, the name "Sonic Boom of the South" was adopted by director Harold J. Haughton, Sr., in 1971, having been suggested by band members.

The band marches with a high step, raising the knees to 90° and pointing the toes downwards. This military-style march is distinct from that employed by high school bands, who march with a "corps step", keeping feet close to the

ground and landing heel first, rolling forward onto the toes. The marchers also sway their bodies side-to-side in unison. When the band performs displays where the initials of the university ("JSU") or other initials are formed, the marchers have to take exact steps of 22½ inches.

The JSU Prancing J-Settes typically march and perform in rows organized by height. J-Setting dancers also typically perform in a line or in multiple lines. While performing, dancers may also change dance formation like the way that marching bands change formation during shows on football fields.

The J-Setting style of dress is often modeled after the dance uniforms of the JSU Prancing J-Settes. It normally includes a one- or two-

piece bodysuit or form-fitting garment that covers the torso and hosiery with knee high boots on the legs. However, other types of garments are also worn during a performance.

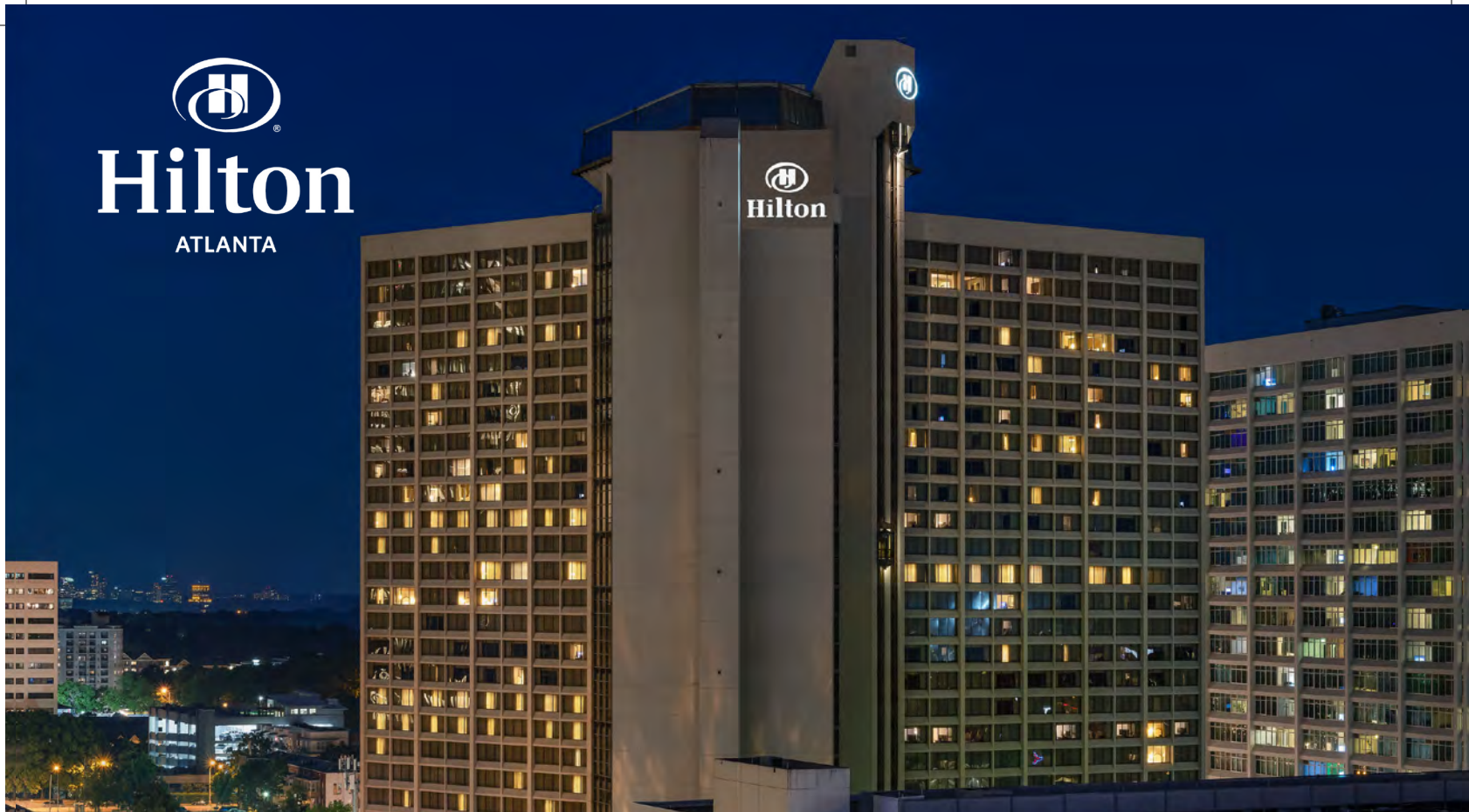
WHERE WE HAVE PERFORMED

Our band is a favored entry in halftime performances during football season. We are also a frequent performer for parades across Mississippi and other states.

The Sonic Boom of the South has made many halftime appearances for American football teams, including the Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, and Cincinnati Bengals. We also perform on television for the Motown 30th Anniversary and the 34th NAACP Image Awards, with special guest performance by Cedric the Entertainer.



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CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

2019

DECEMBER 21, 2019
BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (4-1)



North Carolina A&T and Alcorn State combined to set several records at the 2019 Celebration Bowl at Mercedes Benz Stadium, which the Aggies won 64-44. N.C. A&T captured its second straight win and its fourth overall championship title. N.C. A&T and Alcorn were meeting for the second consecutive year and the third time in the five-year history of the event. Celebration Bowl records established, among others, were most points combined (108), most points in a quarter (49), most touchdown passes in a quarter (4 by NC A&T's Kyllil Carter), most TDs in a game (6 by Carter), and most combined total yards (1,034). A&T quarterback Kyllil Carter, the Celebration Bowl offensive MVP, had six touchdown passes — three in the third period — to tie an Aggie program record in leading



his squad to the victory. He finished 18-30 for 364 yards, hitting four different receivers for touchdowns. Jacob Roberts, with six tackles including one for a loss, and an interception was the game's defensive MVP. Alcorn scored first in this contest and led 10-7 with 10:16 left in the half. After the Aggies took a 24-10 lead into halftime, both teams exploded for a combined 49 points (seven TDs) in the third quarter. The Aggies, who scored on eight straight possessions, including seven touchdowns, needed only 13 seconds in the second half to add to their lead, when running back Jah-Maine Martin raced 75 yards on the first play of the third quarter for a score and a 31-17 lead. From there, each team would score three touchdowns apiece to end the quarter at 52-31.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
Alcorn	3	7	21	13	44
NC A&T	0	24	28	12	64

SCORING SUMMARY

1st 03:17 ALCN - McCullough, C. 28 yd field goal, 10-23 3:44 3 - 0
2nd 13:03 NCAT - BELL, Elijah 53 yd pass from CARTER, Kyllil (RUIZ, Noel kick), 3-65 1:06 3 - 7
10:16 ALCN - Blair, Chris 36 yd pass from Harper, Felix (McCullough, C. kick), 6-74 2:40 10 - 7
07:55 NCAT - LESLIE, Zachary 59 yd pass from CARTER, Kyllil (RUIZ, Noel kick), 5-70 2:16 10 - 14
05:05 NCAT - RUIZ, Noel 26 yd field goal, 4-4 2:03 10 - 17
00:41 NCAT - BANKS, Korey 4 yd pass from CARTER, Kyllil (RUIZ, Noel kick), 8-64 2:54 10 - 24
3rd 14:47 NCAT - MARTIN, Jah-Maine 75 yd run (RUIZ, Noel kick), 1-75 0:13 10 - 31
11:37 ALCN - Harper, Felix 6 yd run (McCullough, C. kick), 10-75 3:10 17 - 31
10:06 NCAT - HUNT, Ron 43 yd pass from CARTER, Kyllil (RUIZ, Noel kick), 4-75 1:31 17 - 38
09:09 ALCN - Waller, D. 23 yd run (McCullough, C. kick), 3-75 0:57 24 - 38
04:56 NCAT - BELL, Elijah 20 yd pass from CARTER, Kyllil (RUIZ, Noel kick), 10-68 4:07 24 - 45
03:49 ALCN - Anderson, R. 35 yd pass from Harper, Felix (McCullough, C. kick), 3-75 1:07 31 - 45
02:50 NCAT - BANKS, Korey 73 yd pass from CARTER, Kyllil (RUIZ, Noel kick), 2-67 0:56 31 - 52
4th 13:14 ALCN - Wood, Nigel 13 yd pass from Harper, Felix (McCullough, C. kick), 1-13 0:03 38 - 52
07:00 NCAT - RUIZ, Noel 38 yd field goal, 11-30 6:14 38 - 55
04:36 ALCN - Harper, Felix 1 yd run (McCullough, C. rush fumbld), 9-75 2:24 44 - 55
04:36 NCAT - MCNEILL, Amir PAT return 44 - 57
03:37 NCAT - MARTIN, Jah-Maine 4 yd run (RUIZ, Noel kick), 2-59 0:59 44 - 64

2020

No game due to the Covid19 Pandemic.

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CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

2018

DECEMBER 15, 2018

BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (3-1)



In a rematch of the 2015 Inaugural Celebration Bowl, North Carolina A&T captured their second straight title and third overall, with a 24-22 win over Alcorn State, this time under first-year head coach Sam Washington. The Aggies win gave the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) a 3-1 advantage in the bowl. The Aggies jumped out to a 17-6 lead through the first half of play, but Alcorn State scored 10 unanswered points in the third quarter to pull within one at 17-16. But just as the Braves appeared to have momentum the Aggies' Malik Wilson took the kickoff at his 12, got to the outside and raced untouched for an 88-yard touchdown that put his team ahead 24-16. Alcorn State QB Noah Johnson led his team on a nine-play, 92-yard touchdown drive to move to 24-22 and put the Braves in a position to tie with a successful two-point conversion. On a run-pass option, Johnson rolled out and found Chris Blair for what appeared to be the tying 2-point conversion however, it was called no good as he juggled the ball while going out of bounds. The Braves, despite the loss, rolled up 451 yards total offense, including 328 yards on the ground. Johnson completed 12-21 passes for 123 yards and ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns on 14 rushing attempts. De'Shawn Waller led the Alcorn running attack with 167 yards. A&T's Raynard was named Offensive MVP, while Aggies free safety Richie Kittles picked up Defensive MVP honors.

2017

DECEMBER 16, 2017

BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (2-1)



North Carolina A&T State capped off a historic season with a 21-14 win over Grambling State in 2017 Celebration Bowl. It was one of the most highly anticipated matchups of the year. The Aggies were undefeated (11-0) heading into the Celebration Bowl, with staple wins on the road over non-conference opponents Gardner-Webb and UNC-Charlotte. Grambling, riding an 11-game win streak after dropping their first game of the season, was returning to the Celebration Bowl for a second straight season, defeating North Carolina Central in 2016. After a scoreless first quarter both teams were able to put seven points on the board in the final five minutes of the half. But it was the Aggies who would strike first and last in the second half. Marquell Cartwright, who earned Offensive MVP honors, raced 29-yards for his second touchdown of the game, to give the North Carolina A&T a 14-7 lead in the third. They would seal the victory in the final 1:42 with a seven-play, 56-yard drive, capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Lamar Raynard. Franklin McClain III was the defensive MVP. With the win, the Aggies completed a perfect 12-0 season, while the loss dropped Grambling's final 2017 record to 11-2. The Aggies became the first MEAC team to compile a 12-0 campaign, including the postseason.

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

YEAR	CHAMPION (RECORD)	COACH	SCORE	RUNNER-UP	SITE	ATTENDANCE
2019	North Carolina A&T (9-3)	Sam Washington	64-44	Alcorn State	Atlanta, GA (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	32,968
2018	North Carolina A&T (10-2)	Sam Washington	24-22	Alcorn State	Atlanta, GA (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	31,672
2017	North Carolina A&T (12-0)	Rod Broadway	21-14	Grambling St.	Atlanta, GA (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	25,873
2016	Grambling State (11-1)	Broderick Fobbs	10-9	N.C. Central	Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome)	31,096
2015	North Carolina A&T (10-2)	Rod Broadway	41-34	Alcorn State	Atlanta, GA (Georgia Dome)	35,528

No game played in 2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic.



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2016

DECEMBER 17, 2016
BOWL CHAMPION: GRAMBLING STATE
CONFERENCE WINNER: SWAC (1-1)



Defense was the name of the game in this 2016 Celebration Bowl showdown between two teams riding nine game win streaks. Grambling State's Joseph McWilliams blocked a potential game-tying extra point by North Carolina Central's Brandon McLaren with 2:14 remaining and the Tigers held on for a 10-9 win over North Carolina Central in a wild finish at the Georgia Dome. The Eagles, hindered by poor field position most of the second half, drove 59 yards in five plays, with quarterback Malcolm Bell linking up with a wide open Quentin Atkinson from 39 yards out to pull NCCU within 10-9 with 2:14 on the fourth-period clock. But a costly penalty by Atkinson for removing his helmet in celebration drew a 15-yard penalty assessed on the extra point try. Grambling State's Martez Carter and Jameer Jackson were named the Offensive and Defensive Most Valuable Players. Carter led the GSU ground game with 12 carries for 109 yards, including a 32-yard scoring run that put Grambling ahead 7-3 midway the third. Jackson recorded five unassisted tackles and a key interception.

2015

DECEMBER 19, 2015
BOWL CHAMPION: NORTH CAROLINA A&T
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (1-0)



There couldn't have been a better beginning to the inaugural Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, which kicked-off the 2015 college football post season. Alcorn State (SWAC Champion) erased a 24-6 deficit in the second half but fell short to North Carolina A&T (MEAC Champion) 41-34 in a thrilling victory by the Aggies. The game started with a bang and never looked back, as both teams scored early in the first quarter on special teams plays – a 74-yard punt return for A&T and an 83-yard kick-off return for Alcorn State. When North Carolina A&T finally put their offense on the field it was clear why Tarik Cohen was the topic of discussion heading into this game. Cohen had five carries for 166 yards in the first quarter, scoring on back-to-back touchdown runs of 74-yards and 83-yards. Cohen earned offensive Most Valuable Player honors as he rushed for a game-high 295 yards and three touchdowns, including the game winner. Denzel Jones was selected as defensive Most Valuable Player. He led the Aggies with seven tackles and one interception.

CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS: MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

OFFENSIVE WINNERS

YEAR	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2019	Kylil Carter	QB	North Carolina A&T
2018	Lamar Raynard	QB	North Carolina A&T
2017	Marquell Cartwright	RB	North Carolina A&T
2016	Martez Carter	RB	Grambling State
2015	Tarik Cohen	RB	North Carolina A&T

DEFENSIVE WINNERS

PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
Jacob Roberts	DB	North Carolina A&T
Richie Kittle	FS	North Carolina A&T
Franklin McCain III	DB	North Carolina A&T
Jameer Jackson	DB	Grambling State
Denzel Jones	LB	North Carolina A&T

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GAME STATS

LONGEST GAME

3h, 40 min (2016)

ATTENDANCE

35,528 (2015)

TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (GAME)

108, Alcorn St. v. NC A&T St. (2019)

75, Alcorn St. v. NC A&T St. (2015)

FEWEST COMBINE POINTS SCORED (GAME)

19, NC Central v. Grambling St. (2016)

TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)

49, (3rd Qtr) Alcorn St. v. NC A&T St. (2019)

FEWEST COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)

0, Grambling St. v. NC A&T St. (2017)

NC Central v. Grambling St. (2016)

MOST POINTS SCORED BY A TEAM (QUARTER)

28, (3rd Qtr) NC A&T St. v. Alcorn St. (2019)

24, (2nd Qtr) NC A&T St. v. Alcorn St. (2019)

LARGEST POINT DEFICIT (GAME)

18, (2nd Qtr) Alcorn St. v. NC A&T St. (2015)

MOST PUNT RETURNS FOR A TOUCHDOWN

2 (2015)

TEAM STATS

POINTS SCORED

64, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST POINTS SCORED

9, NC Central (v. Grambling St., 2016)

MOST POINTS IN A QUARTER

28, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

LARGEST WIN MARGIN

20, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST RUSHING YARDS

366, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2015)

FEWEST RUSHING YARDS

38, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2018)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

44, Grambling St.
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST YARDS RUSHING PER RUSH

8.7 ypc, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING TDS

4, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST PASSING YARDS

364, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

341, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2019)

FEWEST PASSING YARDS

123, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2018)

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

44, NC A&T St. (v. Grambling St., 2017)

MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS

25, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2019)

24, NC A&T St. (v. Grambling St., 2017)

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

6, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

**MOST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION**

20.2, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION

9.8, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2015)

MOST TOTAL YARDS

574, NC A&T St. (v. Alcorn St., 2019)

FEWEST YARDS

260, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2015)

LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION

35:23, NC A&T St.
(v. Grambling St., 2017)

LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION (QTR)

10:17, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2019)

MOST FUMBLES

2, Alcorn St., (v. NC A&T St., 2015)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

2, Grambling St. (v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST SOLO TACKLES

48, Grambling St. (v. NC A&T St., 2017)

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

13.0, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2018)

MOST PENALTIES

8, Grambling St. (v. NC Central, 2016)

FEWEST PENALTIES

2, NC A&T St. (v. Grambling St., 2017)

MOST PENALTY YARDS

122, NC Central (v. Grambling St., 2016)

LONGEST POSSESSION DRIVE

7:12, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2018)

LONGEST DRIVE (YARDS)

92, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2018)

LONGEST DRIVE (PLAYS)

15, Grambling St. (v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST FIRST DOWNS

24, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2019)

23, NC A&T St. (v. Grambling St., 2017)

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

14, NC Central (v. Grambling St., 2016)

FEWEST PENALTY YARDS

9, Alcorn St. (v. NC A&T St., 2015)

MOST TOTAL TACKLES

78, NC Central (v. Grambling St., 2016)



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INDIVIDUAL STATS

MOST RUSHING YARDS

295, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

3, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

22, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST RUSHING YARDS PER ATTEMPT

13.4, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST PASSING YARDS

364, Kylil Carter, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

6, Kylil Carter, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

42, Felix Harper, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2019)

MOST COMPLETIONS

25, Felix Harper, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2018)

MOST YARDS PER COMPLETION

13.5, Kwashaun Quick, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST PASSING INTERCEPTIONS

2, Malcolm Bell, NC Central
(v. Grambling St., 2016)

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

122, Korey Banks, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST RECEPTIONS

8, Raidarious Anderson, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2019)

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

2, Korey Banks, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST YARDS PER RECEPTION

26.5, Tarik Cohen, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

MOST TACKLES

11.0, Reggie Hunter, NC Central
(v. Grambling St., 2016)

MOST SACKS

1.5, Jermaine McDaniel, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

4.0, Richie Kittles, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

1, 11 players tied

BLOCKS MADE (FIELD GOALS)

1, Warren Gatewood, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

BLOCKS MADE (EXTRA POINT)

1, Joseph McWilliams, Grambling St.
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS

84, Anthony Williams, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

MOST PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1, Anthony Williams, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

1, Khrist Gardin, NC A&T St.

(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (YARDS)

84, Anthony Williams, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

MOST KICK RETURNS

4, Malik Wilson, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

4, Marquis Warford, Alcorn St.

(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

MOST KICK RETURN YARDS

112, Malik Wilson, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

112, Marquis Warford, Alcorn St.

(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

LONGEST KICK RETURN (YARDS)

79, Malik Wilson, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)



MOST KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

1, Malik Wilson, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)

MOST PUNTS

7, Corey McCullough, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2018)

MOST PUNTING YARDS

324, Corey McCullough, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2018)

LONGEST PUNT

54, Haiden McCraney, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2015)

BEST PUNTING AVERAGE

46.3 Corey McCullough, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2018)

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

3, Corey McCullough, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T St., 2018)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL MADE

45, Cody Jones, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

FIELD GOALS BLOCKED

1, Cody Jones, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)

1, Brandon McLaren, NC Central
(v. Grambling St., 2016)



KICKOFF AVERAGE

63.3 Noel Ruiz, NC A&T St.
(v. Alcorn St., 2019)



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www.lvfbowl.com



BOEING RED TAILS CLASSIC

CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL

September 5, 2021

Fort Valley State vs. Tuskegee
www.redtailsclassic.com



BAHAMAS BOWL

THOMAS A. ROBINSON STADIUM | NASSAU, BAHAMAS

December 17, 2021

Conference USA vs. MAC
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TAILGREETER CURE BOWL

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December 17, 2021

www.curebowl.com



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December 18, 2021

www.roofclaimbocaratonbowl.com



CRICKET CELEBRATION BOWL

MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM | ATLANTA, GA

December 18, 2021

MEAC Champion vs. SWAC Champion
www.thecelebrationbowl.com



PUBG NEW MEXICO BOWL

DREAMSTYLE STADIUM | ALBUQUERQUE, NM

December 18, 2021

www.newmexicobowl.com



MYRTLE BEACH BOWL

BROOKS STADIUM | CONWAY, SC

December 20, 2021

www.myrtlebeachbowlgame.com



FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL

ALBERTSONS STADIUM | BOISE, ID

December 21, 2021

MAC vs. Mountain West
www.famousidahopotatobowl.com



TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFE FRISCO BOWL

TOYOTA STADIUM | FRISCO, TX

December 21, 2021

www.thefriscobowl.com



LOCKHEED MARTIN ARMED FORCES BOWL

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December 22, 2021

www.armedforcesbowl.com



UNION HOME MORTGAGE GASPARILLA BOWL

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December 23, 2021

www.gasparillabowl.com



EASYPPOST HAWAII BOWL

CLARENCE T.C. CHING ATHLETICS COMPLEX | HONOLULU, HI

December 24, 2021

American vs. Mountain West
www.thehawaiibowl.com



TAX ACT CAMELLIA BOWL

CRAMTON BOWL | MONTGOMERY, AL

December 25, 2021

www.camelliabowl.com



TICKETSMARTER BIRMINGHAM BOWL

PROTECTIVE STADIUM | BIRMINGHAM, AL

December 28, 2021

www.TicketSmarterBirminghamBowl.com



SERVPRO FIRST RESPONDER BOWL

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December 28, 2021

www.firstresponderbowl.com



WASABI FENWAY BOWL

FENWAY PARK | BOSTON, MA

December 29, 2021

ACC vs. American
www.fenwaybowl.com



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December 30, 2021

Big Ten vs. PAC-12
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January 4, 2022

Big 12 vs. SEC
www.texasbowl.com

2021 BASKETBALL EVENTS



STATE FARM CHAMPIONS CLASSIC

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN | NEW YORK, NY

November 9, 2021

Kansas vs. Michigan State
Kentucky vs. Duke



SHRINERS CHILDREN'S CHARLESTON CLASSIC

TD ARENA | CHARLESTON, SC

November 18, 19 & 21, 2021

Boise State, Clemson, Elon, Marquette, Ole Miss, St. Bonaventure, Temple, West Virginia



MYRTLE BEACH INVITATIONAL

HTC CENTER | CONWAY, SC

November 18, 19 & 21, 2021

Davidson, East Carolina, Indiana State, New Mexico State, Oklahoma, Old Dominion, Penn, Utah State



UPSIE NIT SEASON TIP-OFF

BARCLAYS CENTER | BROOKLYN, NY

November 24 & 26, 2021

Iowa State, Memphis, Virginia Tech, Xavier



PAYCOM WOODEN LEGACY

ANAHEIM ARENA | ANAHEIM, CA

November 25 & 26, 2021

Georgetown, San Diego State, St. Joseph's, USC



ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL

ESPN WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS | ORLANDO, FL

November 25, 26 & 28, 2021

Alabama, Belmont, Dayton, Drake, Iowa, Kansas, Miami, North Texas



JIMMY V MEN'S CLASSIC

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN | NEW YORK, NY

December 7, 2021

Tennessee vs. Texas Tech
Syracuse vs. Villanova



JIMMY V WOMEN'S CLASSIC

CAMPUS SITES

December 12, 2021

Kentucky at Louisville
Maryland at South Carolina



HAWAIIAN AIRLINES DIAMOND HEAD CLASSIC

SIMPLIFI ARENA AT STAN SHERIFF CENTER | HONOLULU, HI

December 22, 23 & 25, 2021

BYU, Hawaii, Liberty, Northern Iowa, South Florida, Stanford, Vanderbilt, Wyoming

2022 SOFTBALL EVENTS



ST. PETE/CLEARWATER ELITE INVITATIONAL

EDDIE C. MOORE COMPLEX | CLEARWATER, FL

February 17-20, 2022

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