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JOHN T. GRANT, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 7th annual Cricket Celebration Bowl. We are excited to host this championship game at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium. This year's matchup features the MEAC Champion, North Carolina Central Eagles and their Sound Machine marching band against the SWAC Champion, Jackson State University Tigers and the Sonic Boom of the South. These student athletes and their coaching staffs have earned the opportunity to showcase their talents on this national stage and compete for the coveted championship trophy.

The Cricket 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. Coach Trey Oliver had an outstanding season, 9-2, in his 5th year at the helm of the NCCU Eagles (MEAC). Coach Deion Sanders, of JSU (SWAC), led his team to a historical undefeated season, 12-0, in his second year leading the Tigers. Both men were named Coach of The Year for their respective conferences. Both are also finalist for the FCS Eddie Robinson Coach of The Year.

We want to acknowledge our title sponsor Cricket Wireless for their support and commitment. The same applies to our major partners Disney, Coca Cola, McDonalds, Allstate, Truist, Visa, Aflac, US Army, Luster Products, Honda Power, and Delta Airlines, who provided charter air service to transport each team to Atlanta. We appreciate everyone's investment. It is critically important to the success of this event. Our connection to community is represented in partnerships with The National Pan Hellenic Council (Divine Nine), and the Atlanta HBCU Alumni Alliance. Their commitment to support HBCUs is a critical part of each organization's mission.

A special thanks go to our conference partners, Commissioner Dr. Charles McClelland, SWAC, and Commissioner Sonya Stills, MEAC, for their support and leadership of their respective conference member institutions. We value their commitment as well as that of the conference staff.

Finally, we cannot say thank you enough to you the fans. You are what makes 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!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Welcome to Atlanta and the 2022 Cricket Celebration Bowl!

We're thrilled to be with you again for this year's Cricket Celebration Bowl. After starting the season with the Cricket MEAC SWAC Challenge Kickoff, we've come full circle to close out the season here at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

We've worked with ESPN, the MEAC and the SWAC since 2018 to showcase HBCU gameday to a national audience, but it's really your passion that has put this game in the spotlight. Simply put, you create an electric gameday atmosphere that players, students, and college football fans want to be part of.

That atmosphere is truly unique. It's what gets all of us at Cricket so excited for this game. But even after football season ends, we still find that passion and enthusiasm across MEAC and SWAC schools thanks to our Campus Ambassadors.

Cricket's Campus Ambassador Program was created to develop business skills among a select group of students from MEAC and SWAC schools. Members of the program have shown a gift for entrepreneurship and our team works with them to hone their talents.

While most of this group's work is focused on campus, they've traveled here to be part of today's festivities. Be on the lookout for them at the tailgates, on the field and even on the Jumbotron during the game.

This program has been so successful that we're expanding it beyond the MEAC and SWAC to other HBCUs around the country. That means even more opportunities to showcase the future leaders being developed at HBCUs.

Whether we're taking in a college football Saturday, or working with a group of tomorrow's leaders, our goal is to help students, alumni and fans do more of what makes you happy. We have no doubt that today will do just that!

Thank you for being here today. Enjoy the game and all that Atlanta has to offer!

Sincerely,

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John Dwyer
President of Cricket Wireless





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**TIFFANY
GREENE**
PLAY-BY-PLAY

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 ESPN.

Greene has called a number of postseason games including the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament, NCAA Softball Regional and Super Regionals, as well as NCAA Volleyball Regionals.

Greene originally began working with ESPN as a college football sideline reporter in 2012. She has since worked on the Women's College World Series, Air Force Reserve Bowl on ABC and multiple bowl games.

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, Georgia.

Greene earned her Bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism from the Florida A&M University. She serves as the FAMU School of Journalism & Graphic Communication Board of Visitors co-chair.



**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.



**TIFFANY
BLACKMON**
REPORTER

Tiffany Blackmon is a college football sideline reporter who joined ESPN in the fall of 2021. Blackmon previously spent more than five years with NFL Media as a reporter and Atlanta-based correspondent for NFL Network, contributing field reports for NFL Network's shows, including NFL Total Access, Around the NFL, Path to the Draft, NFL GameDay Morning and more.

Prior to joining NFL Media, Tiffany worked as an anchor and reporter for Comcast SportsNet Houston. Her responsibilities included covering the Houston Rockets and co-hosting their weekly All-Access show, as well as covering the Houston Texans, the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Baylor. Tiffany also served as the host of SportsNet Reports.

Blackmon also worked at the NBC affiliate KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City, where she covered the Oklahoma City Thunder as well as football at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. Her previous experience includes serving as Sports Director at KXXV-TV in Waco, Texas and Weekend Sports anchor at KPLC-TV in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Born in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and raised in Atlanta, Blackmon graduated from Georgia State University in Atlanta with a degree in journalism and telecommunications. She was a four-year letterwinner for the Panthers in women's soccer.

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DR. CHARLES McCLELLAND
SWAC 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 2022 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. North Carolina Central versus Jackson State will undoubtedly be a competitive game that will add its own chapter in the storied history of the Celebration Bowl.

Participating in this event each year 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), Pete Richardson (Southern) 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.

During an event of this magnitude the proud history and legacy of our conference is undoubtedly highlighted by the one-of-a-kind pageantry and culture that you'll only find at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and this year's matchup will without a doubt continue to add to that historic legacy.

As we continue to honor the heritage and legacy of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, we want to extend special congratulations to the student-athletes of the competing institutions that are led by Coach Trei Oliver of North Carolina Central 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, and Rocket Mortgage 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 the City of Atlanta and Mercedes-Benz Stadium during the planning and execution of hosting the bowl game at this state-of-the-art venue.

It is our hope that everyone in attendance at today's event leave with fond memories and unforgettable moments as we seek to continue to elevate the collective profiles of our beloved HBCUs across the country.

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles McClelland
COMMISSIONER



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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 44 of the 45 seasons. 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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SONJA O. STILLS
MEAC COMMISSIONER

I am honored to bring greetings, for the first time as Commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC), from "The Elite Eight" outstanding academic institutions as we welcome you to Atlanta, Georgia for the seventh annual Cricket Celebration Bowl.

I am pleased that North Carolina Central University will represent the MEAC in this year's game against the Southwestern Athletic Conference's (SWAC) Jackson State University. I look forward to a competitive match-up that features the talented student-athletes, coaches, marching bands and cheerleaders of the respective institutions and serves as a showcase for what makes the HBCU culture so special.

The Cricket Celebration Bowl football game, as well as the ancillary events, will provide an excellent athletic, educational and entertainment experience for participants and fans alike. I would like to thank Cricket for investing in and being the title sponsor for the Cricket Celebration Bowl.

This game once again being broadcast live on ABC is a tremendous opportunity for both institutions and conferences. At a time when HBCUs are receiving more attention than ever before, for this game to have such a large platform and spotlight is a chance unlike any other for our institutions, conferences, and HBCUs as a whole, and I don't take that notion lightly.

In the meantime, please enjoy the Cricket Celebration Bowl, and may you have safe travels back to your respective destinations. Good luck to both North Carolina Central and Jackson State in today's game. Happy holidays!

Let's go, MEAC Nation!

Sincerely,

Sonja O. Stills
COMMISSIONER



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The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) enters its 52nd year of intercollegiate competition with the 2022-23 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 14 Division I (FCS) sports: women's 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 and volleyball. The MEAC receives automatic NCAA qualification bids in seven sports - men's and women's basketball, women's bowling, 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.

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.

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

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 Division 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 men's basketball (since 1981), women's basketball (since 1982), softball (since 1995), men's and women's tennis (since 1998), volleyball (since 1994) and women's bowling (since 2018).

In 2015, the MEAC combined with the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) for the Celebration Bowl in

Atlanta, Ga. North Carolina A&T State defeated Alcorn State in the inaugural Celebration Bowl to determine the Black College National Champion in a game pitting the MEAC and SWAC champions. North Carolina Central represented the MEAC in the 2016 Celebration Bowl, taking on Grambling State.

North Carolina A&T State returned to the Celebration Bowl in 2017, defeating Grambling State 21-14 to complete the first undefeated season in MEAC history and claim the Aggies' second Black College National Championship in three years. In 2021, South Carolina State defeated heavily favored Jackson State 31-10 to give the Bulldogs their first Cricket Celebration Bowl title and the MEAC a 5-1 record in the bowl game.

The MEAC also has a strong presence in the National Football League (NFL), both throughout the league's history and today. For the start of the 2022 season, there were 12 former MEAC players on active NFL rosters - highlighted by South Carolina State's Darius Leonard (2018 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, two-time Pro Bowler) and Decobie Durant (2022 fourth-round draft pick). ■



MEAC SPORTS

MEN | SIX

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

WOMEN | EIGHT

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

MEAC NOTABLE ALUMNI

COPPIN STATE

STEPHANIE READY

First Female Coach in Men's Basketball

DELAWARE STATE

JOHN TAYLOR

Black College Football Hall of Famer

HOWARD

KAMALA HARRIS

Vice President of the United States

MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE

ART SHELL

Pro Football Hall of Famer

MORGAN STATE

WILLIAM C. RHODEN

Writer, ESPN's Andscape

NORFOLK STATE

BREHANNA DANIELS

First African-American female pit crew member in NASCAR history

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

ROBERT MASSEY

NFL Pro Bowler

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

DONNIE SHELL

Pro Football Hall of Famer



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BY DONALD HUNT



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AUBREY MILLER, JR., JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

When Jackson State battles North Carolina Central for the National Black College Championship in the Cricket Celebration Bowl on Saturday, Dec. 17, this matchup will feature two of the best quarterbacks among Historically Black Colleges and Universities — Shedeur Sanders from Jackson State and Davius Richard from North Carolina Central.

Sanders completed 30-of-43 passes for 320 yards and four touchdowns leading Jackson State to a 43-24 win over Southern to capture back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference championships landing a spot in the Celebration Bowl. Sanders, a 6-2, 215-pound sophomore, was chosen Offensive Player of the Year in the SWAC as he has put together a terrific season with 36 TDs and 3,403 yards.

He will look to connect with wide receivers Shane Hooks and Dallas Daniels. Hooks, a 6-4, 205-pound senior, leads the Tigers with 59 receptions for 705 yards and 10 TDs. Daniels, a 6-1, 180-pound graduate student, has 60 catches for 666 yards and six TDs.

While Sanders and the JSU offense garner all the attention, the Tigers come



into the Celebration Bowl with the top defense in the nation. Led by SWAC Defensive Player of the Year Aubrey Miller Jr., the Tigers' defense leads the FCS in scoring defense, total defense, passing defense, and third down conversions allowed.

Jackson State head coach Deion Sanders has the best offense in the league. The Tigers averaged 38.0 points a game. Coach Sanders will be on the sidelines for his final game as the head coach of Jackson State, as he has accepted the head coaching position at the University of Colorado. Coach Prime led his team to a perfect 12-0 record and a second SWAC title. He was named SWAC Coach of the Year for the second straight season.

Richard, a 6-3, 215-pound junior, has played extremely well under center for NCCU. He led the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) with 2,486 yards, 24 touchdowns and 13 rushing TDs. The first-team All-MEAC selection guided the Eagles to the conference title while helping them post a 9-2 overall mark.

The team has two great pass catchers with E.J. Hicks and Devin Smith. Hicks, a 5-11, 180-pound redshirt senior, has 30 catches for 529 yards and seven TDs. Smith, a 5-10, 185-pound sophomore, has 35 receptions for 496 yards and six TDs.

Eagles head coach Trei Oliver, who was named the MEAC Coach of the Year, has an offense that's capable of lighting up the scoreboard. They led the MEAC in scoring, averaging 38.4 points a game, while leading the nation in third-down efficiency.

NCCU will be making its second trip to the Celebration Bowl. In 2016,

Grambling State edged NCCU, 10-9, in a tightly played contest. A year ago, South Carolina State defeated Jackson State, 31-10, in the Tigers' first trip to the big

game. The MEAC holds a 5-1 lead in the series. With signal callers like Sanders and Richard this could be a high scoring affair for the fans. ■

2022 CONFERENCE HONORS

MEAC

Offensive Player of the Year

DAVIUS RICHARD, North Carolina Central

Defensive Player of the Year

KHALIL BAKER, North Carolina Central

Offensive Lineman of the Year

ROBERT MITCHELL, North Carolina Central

Rookie of the Year

MARQUIS GILLIS, Delaware State

Coach of the Year

TREI OLIVER, North Carolina Central

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
QB	Davius Richard	North Carolina Central
RB	Alfonzo Graham	Morgan State
RB	Latrell Collier	North Carolina Central
WR	Shaquan Davis	South Carolina State
WR	Antoine Murray	Howard
TE	Brennan Brown	Howard
C	Torricelli Simpkins III	North Carolina Central
OL	Corey Bullock	North Carolina Central
OL	Robert Mitchell	North Carolina Central
OL	Anim Dankwah	Howard
OL	Nick Taiste	South Carolina State

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
DL	Isaiah Williams*	Delaware State
DL	Patrick Godbolt*	South Carolina State
DL	Jevin Jackson	Howard
DL	Marcus Brown	Howard
DL	Elijah Williams	Morgan State
LB	BJ Davis	South Carolina State
LB	Tyler Long	Norfolk State
LB	Brooks Parker	Delaware State
DB	Khalil Baker	North Carolina Central
DB	Romell Harris-Freeman	Delaware State
DB	Kenny Gallop, Jr.	Howard
DB	Duane Nichols*	South Carolina State
DB	Jae'Veyon Morton*	Morgan State

FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
P	Matt Noll	Delaware State
PK	Adrian Olivo	North Carolina Central
RS	Keith Jenkins, Jr.	Morgan State

* Indicates a tie

SWAC

Offensive Player of the Year

SHEDEUR SANDERS, Jackson State

Defensive Player of the Year

AUBREY MILLER, JR., Jackson State

Newcomer of the Year

JARVEON HOWARD, Alcorn State

Freshman of the Year

KEVIN COLEMAN, JR., Jackson State

Coach of the Year

DEION SANDERS, Jackson State

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
QB	Shedeur Sanders	Jackson State
RB	Jarveon Howard	Alcorn State
RB	Sy'veon Wilkerson	Jackson State
OL	Mark Evans II	Arkansas-Pine Bluff
OL	Drake Centers	Texas Southern
OL	Tyler Brown	Jackson State
OL	Dallas Black	Southern
OL	Jalen Goss	Florida A&M
WR	Xavier Smith	Florida A&M
WR	Dallas Daniels	Jackson State
TE	Kemari Averett	Bethune-Cookman

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
DL	Isaiah Land	Florida A&M
DL	Malachi Bailey	Alcorn State
DL	Kamari Stephens	Florida A&M
DL	Nyles Gaddy	Jackson State
LB	Aubrey Miller, Jr.	Jackson State
LB	Ronnie Thomas	Mississippi Valley State
LB	Colton Adams	Alabama State
DB	Isaiah Hamilton	Texas Southern
DB	Corione Harris	Southern
DB	Omari Hill-Robinson	Bethune-Cookman
DB	Cam'Ron Silman-Craig	Jackson State

FIRST TEAM SPECIALIST

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL
PK	Jose Romo-Martinez	Florida A&M
P	Chris Faddoul	Florida A&M
RS	Darnell Deas	Bethune-Cookman
LS	Jason Longcor	Alcorn State



SWAC CHAMPION

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL

Jackson State
University

LOCATION

Natchez, Miss.

FOUNDED

1877

ENROLLMENT

7,000

NICKNAME

Tigers

COLORS

Navy Blue & White

UNIVERSITY WEBSITE

www.jsu.ms.edu





THOMAS HUDSON
PRESIDENT

Alma Mater:
Jackson State University

Thomas K. Hudson, J.D. was named President of Jackson State University on November 19, 2020, by the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning, after serving as Special Assistant to the President and Chief Diversity Officer.

Under President Hudson's leadership, JSU's freshmen class has nearly doubled since Fall 2020, one of the largest increases in the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning system. JSU also secured the successful decennial review of its regional accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). JSU also retained its High Research designation by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

This fiscal year, the Division of Research and Economic Development received \$102 million in external grant funding, marking a significant increase over the previous fiscal year, where the Division garnered \$54.4 million in research awards, including more than \$11 million from the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities, to establish the RCMI Center for Health Disparities Research.

The university also became the first HBCU to launch a Financial Wellness Center to educate students on financial literacy,

preparing them for economic success. President Hudson has also been instrumental in developing collaborations offering students real-life experiences and providing the world with a diverse talent pipeline, as seen in JSU's partnerships with FedEx, Mississippi College and American Airlines.

President Hudson is determined to keep education affordable. During the world's most challenging time, he ensured JSU was the only state institution of higher learning that did not see a tuition increase and covered student tuition balances during Fall and Spring 2020.

Under President Hudson's direction, JSU's financial resources have been fortified, increasing the cash on hand by over 100% during his tenure. Alumni giving rates have also improved dramatically. Fiscal Year 2020 ended with 3.7%. By 2021, the rate jumped to 9.81%, ending Fiscal Year 2022 at a 13.5% giving rate.

A long-standing champion of education, President 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.

Thomas Hudson and his wife Phylandria have two girls, Abigail and Josephine.



ASHLEY ROBINSON
VICE PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Alma Mater:
Mississippi Valley State University

In his fifth year in leading athletics, Vice President / Director of Athletics Ashley Robinson continues to lead Jackson State University to new heights.

In 2022 Robinson received the prestigious 2021-2022 Cushman & Wakefield Athletic Director of the Year award by the National Association of College Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

Always visionary, three of Robinson's football hires, all first-time college head coaches at the time, earned postseason play in Fall 2021. Willie Simmons, whom Robinson hired at Prairie View A&M in 2015, led Florida A&M to an at-large berth in the FCS Playoffs. Eric Dooley, who Robinson hired to replace Simmons prior to the 2018 season, led Prairie View A&M to a SWAC Football Championship game appearance.

Robinson and JSU leadership named Pro Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders as head coach of Jackson State in Fall 2020. The transformational hire of Sanders has led JSU to a 27-5 record in three seasons with back-to-back SWAC Championships.

Robinson has led JSU athletics to 15 championships during his tenure, including historic titles highlighted by men's basketball (2021), baseball (2021), football (fall 2021, fall 2022), and women's basketball (spring 2022) going undefeated in conference play.

Before JSU, Robinson, a native of Jackson, Miss., spent five years at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU), where he was named director of athletics in June 2013, and promoted to Vice President and Director of Athletics in November 2016.

A former student-athlete, he was a four-year letterman in basketball and is the single-season and career record-holder in assists after playing point guard for Mississippi Valley State University.

Robinson's career in athletic administration as an academics and compliance in roles at Delaware State, Jackson State, Mississippi Valley State, the Southwestern Athletic Conference office, and Prairie View A&M before becoming Athletic Director.

Robinson was named athletic director at Mississippi Valley State in 2012, where he spent nine months leading Delta Devil Athletics leading MVSU to five conference titles while designing the Harrison HPER Complex.

Robinson currently serves as chair of SWAC's Athletic Directors Committee. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He received a bachelor's degree from MVSU and master's degree at the United States Sports Academy.

Robinson has three daughters, Ashlynn, Paisley and Promise, and a son Jalen.



SWAC CHAMPION

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

SEASON RECAP



It has been another history-making season for Jackson State University football in 2022, as the Tigers are 12-0 for the first time in program history.

The Tigers went 8-0 in Southwestern Athletic Conference play for the second straight year and won back-to-back league championships for the first time since 1995-96.

A total of 14 people affiliated with Jackson State Football earned Southwestern Athletic Conference honors. Head Coach Deion "Coach Prime" Sanders was named SWAC Coach Of The Year, QB Shedeur Sanders was named Offensive Player of the Year, LB Aubrey Miller Jr. was named Defensive Player of the Year, and WR Kevin Coleman Jr. was named Freshman of the Year.

Sanders and Miller were two of seven JSU players named first-team All-SWAC, along with RB Sy'veon Wilkerson, WR Dallas Daniels, OL Tyler Brown, DL Nyles Gaddy, and S Cam'Ron Silmon-Craig.

A total of five players earned second-team All-SWAC honors: WR Shane Hooks, TE D.J. Stevens, DE Justin Ragin, CB Isaiah Bolden, and K Alejandro Mata.

Jackson State opened the season with a 59-3 win over Florida A&M in the Orange Blossom Classic. QB Sanders completed 29 of 33 passes for 323 yards with five touchdown passes and no interceptions. The Tigers returned an interception, a fumble, and a blocked punt for touchdowns in the contest.

Special teams and defense led the way in JSU's 16-3 win over Tennessee State in the Southern Heritage Classic. Mata converted three field goals in the win, Gaddy recorded a career-high 3.5 sacks, and Sanders passed for 276 yards and one touchdown.

Jackson State opened its home schedule with a week three 66-24 non-conference win over Grambling in the W.C. Gorden Classic. Sanders accounted for a career-high six touchdowns (four passing / two rushing) in throwing for 357 yards. Wilkerson rushed 23 times for 141 yards and two touchdowns.

The Tigers completed the month of September with a 49-7 home win over Mississippi Valley. Sanders passed for a career-high 438 yards and four touchdowns. Daniels caught 10 passes for 142 yards, and the defense limited MVSU to nine first downs.

JSU then posted back-to-back conference road wins. In a 26-12 win at Alabama State, Sanders passed for 336 yards and three touchdowns, and



the defense limited Alabama State to 177 total yards as JSU football won its the 500th game in program history.

The Tigers continued to roll in a 48-8 win over Bethune-Cookman. Sanders passed for 272 yards and five touchdowns. Jackson State's defense and special teams combined to record three safeties to tie an NCAA record.

Jackson State then downed Campbell 22-14 to post a homecoming-game victory. Wilkerson rushed for 116 yards and one touchdown, and Miller anchored the defense with a game-high 13 tackles, one sack, and two tackles for loss.

In the first of two meetings with Southern, JSU beat the Jaguars 35-0. Sanders totaled 246 yards and three touchdowns, including tying a career-high with two rushing touchdowns, while Wilkerson rushed 21 times for 96 yards and a touchdown. The defense held Southern to 10 first downs and 221 yards total offense.

Jackson State opened the month of November with a 41-14 win at Texas Southern. Wilkerson rushed for a career-high 216 yards and two

touchdowns, and Sanders accounted for four total TDs in the win. Miller tied a career-high with 19 tackles.

The Tigers then posted a 27-13 win over Alabama A&M to win the SWAC Eastern Division Title in the Gulf Coast Challenge. Sanders threw four touchdown passes, and WR/CB Travis Hunter caught a touchdown pass and made an interception. Miller recorded 17 tackles with a pass breakup and fumble recovery.

Hunter pulled off a rare double again in the 24-13 win at Alcorn. Hunter returned an interception for a touchdown and caught a touchdown pass in the game, and Ragin recorded a career-high three sacks.

Jackson State won its second straight SWAC Championship with a 43-24 win over Southern. Sanders threw for 320 yards and four touchdowns to earn Offensive MVP honors. Miller made five stops with a sack and three tackles for loss to earn Defensive MVP honors. The defense recorded a season-high five takeaways (three INTS, two FR) to help send the Tigers back to Atlanta. ■





SWAC CHAMPION

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

COACHES

Deion Sanders has always been a game-changer. In his tenure as Head Football Coach of Jackson State University, Sanders has again changed the game for Tigers' Football, the Department of Athletics, the University as a whole, the Southwestern Athletic Conference, College Football and the Nation.

As the Southwestern Athletic Conference played a spring 2021 football season due to the coronavirus, the number 21 Sanders donned on his way to a Pro Football Hall of Fame career became immersed at JSU.

Sanders, named as the 21st head coach in the proud history of JSU football on September 21, 2020, led the Tigers in his first game as head coach on February 21, 2021.

A 53-0 win began the Coach Prime era that was a touch point of the elevation of JSU football and the University into becoming one of the most impactful and recognizable brands nationwide.

In three seasons, Sanders has led Jackson State to a 27-5 record and back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship with consecutive 8-0 records. JSU was won 17 consecutive conference games, 20 straight games against SWAC opponents. In the last two seasons, Jackson State football is 23-2.

After a 4-3 spring 2021 record, Sanders led Jackson State back to championship glory in Fall 2021 with a school-record 11-win season and the first Southwestern Athletic Conference football championship since 2007. JSU went undefeated in conference play (8-0) and won nine consecutive games to complete the regular season en route to the SWAC Championship and the program's first-ever berth in the Celebration Bowl.

Jackson State set an FCS record for attendance in Fall 2021, averaging more than 42,000 fans per home game.

Coach Prime was named SWAC Coach of the Year, FCS Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year, BOXTOTOW National Coach Of The Year, and Black College Hall of Fame Coach Of the Year in 2021. Freshman QB Shedeur Sanders shone brightly in the national spotlight as his father, as he was named as the FCS Jerry Rice Freshman of the Year after passing for 3,231 yards and 30 touchdowns with only eight interceptions.

In Fall 2022, JSU posted its first-ever 12-0 regular season and again went 8-0 in SWAC play.

A fierce advocate for additional exposure and a level playing field for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Sanders has continued to push for opportunities to highlight talent in the SWAC and across the culture. In March 2022, Sanders held a Pro Day featuring athletes from four other



DEION SANDERS HEAD COACH

Alma Mater
Talladega College (2020)

Record at JSU
27-5 (3rd Season)

Career Record
27-5 (3rd Season)

schools in the state of Mississippi to provide a platform in front of 22 NFL teams and the Canadian Football League. In April 2022, Jackson State became the first HBCU to have its spring football game televised live nationally on ESPNU.

The influence of Coach Prime has directly impacted Jackson State football. DE/LB James Houston IV came to the program and became a dominant player for JSU in 2021. This past April, Houston IV was a sixth-round pick by the Detroit Lions in the NFL Draft, and recorded two sacks in his first career game on Thanksgiving Day.

In December 2021, wide receiver / cornerback Travis Hunter, the top high school prospect in the nation, signed a national letter of intent with Jackson State football and enrolled at JSU in spring 2022. The JSU Football impact and influence continued into Summer 2022 as Coach Prime, Shedeur, and Travis were featured on the cover of the July issue of Sports Illustrated.

An eight-time Pro Bowler, nine-time All Pro, and two-time Super Bowl champion, Sanders played 14 NFL seasons and nine seasons of

Major League Baseball. Sanders is the only athlete to play in both a Super Bowl and a World Series.

Among his accolades, Sanders set an NFL record with 19 return touchdowns in his career and was the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 1994.

In 2011, Sanders was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame and the National Football Foundation's College Football Hall of Fame.

Prior to leading Jackson State, Sanders had been coaching for over a decade. Sanders was the offensive coordinator at Trinity Christian School in Cedar Hill, Texas, leading the Tigers to three-straight Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) titles and a 42-3 record.

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 in Organizational Management.

He is the proud father of five children: sons Deion Jr., Shilo, and Shedeur, and daughters Deiondra and Shelomi.

COACHING STAFF



DEION SANDERS
HEAD COACH



MICHAEL POLLOCK
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO
THE HEAD COACH



BRETT BARTOLONE
OFFENSIVE COORDINA-
TOR/QUARTERBACKS



DENNIS THURMAN
DEFENSIVE
COORDINATOR



ALAN RICARD
SPECIAL TEAMS
COORDINATOR



TIM BREWSTER
TIGHT ENDS



GARY HARRELL
RUNNING BACKS



ANDRE' HART
LINEBACKERS



MIKE MARKUSON
OFFENSIVE LINE



KEVIN MATHIS
DEFENSIVE BACKS



T.C. TAYLOR
WIDE RECEIVERS



JEFF WEEKS
DEFENSIVE LINE



SWAC CHAMPION JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST YEAR | 1911

BLACK COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS | 3
(1996, 1985, 1962)

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 18
(2022, 2021, 2007, 1996, 1995, 1990, 1988, 1987, 1986, 1985, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1975, 1973, 1972, 1962, 1961)

SWAC EASTERN DIV. CHAMPIONSHIPS | 7
(2022, 2021, 2013, 2012, 2008, 2007, 1999)

SWAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME RECORD | 3-4

2022 SWAC RECORD (FINISH) | 8-0
(1st, SWAC East)

TEAM INFORMATION

2022 OVERALL RECORD | 12-0

2022 SWAC RECORD | 8-0

BASIC OFFENSE | Multiple

BASIC DEFENSE | 4-2-5

ATHLETICS

NATIONAL AFFILIATION | NCAA Div. I – FCS

CONFERENCE | SWAC
Southwestern Athletic Conference

STADIUM
Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium

CAPACITY | 60,000

SURFACE | Natural Grass

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2022 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE | 12-0 OVERALL, 8-0 SWAC

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Sep. 4	v. Florida A&M	Miami Gardens, Fla.	W, 59-3
Sep. 10	v. Tennessee State	Memphis, Tenn.	W, 16-3
Sep. 17	Grambling State	Jackson, Miss.	W, 66-24
Sep. 24	Mississippi Valley State	Jackson, Miss.	W, 49-7
Oct. 8	at Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.	W, 26-12
Oct. 15	at Bethune-Cookman	Jacksonville, Fla.	W, 48-8
Oct. 22	Campbell	Jackson, Miss.	W, 22-14
Oct. 29	Southern	Jackson, Miss.	W, 35-0
Nov. 5	at Texas Southern	Houston, Texas	W, 41-14
Nov. 12	v. Alabama A&M	Mobile, Ala.	W, 27-13
Nov. 19	at Alcorn	Lorman, Miss.	W, 24-13
Dec. 3	v. Southern	Jackson, Miss.	W, 43-24

2022 STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

#	PASSING	GP	COMP-ATT-INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/G
2	Shedeur Sanders	12	315-448-6	70.09%	3403	36	86	283.58
7	J.P. Andrade	9	11-23-1	47.83%	113	2	29	12.56

#	RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
36	Sy'veon Wilkerson	12	212	1138	38	1000	5.2	9	41	91.67
38	Santee Marshall	11	59	400	29	371	6.3	1	91	33.73
2	Shedeur Sanders	12	76	347	172	175	2.3	5	42	14.5

#	RECEIVING	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
5	Shane Hooks	12	59	705	11.95	10	40	58.75
4	Dallas Daniels	11	60	666	11.10	6	36	60.55
10	Willie Gaines	12	27	446	16.52	5	86	37.17
3	Kevin Coleman Jr.	12	25	338	13.52	2	64	28.17
86	DJ Stevens	12	34	333	9.79	3	48	27.75

#	DEF. LEADERS	GP	SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACK-YDS	INT	FF	FR
45	Aubrey Miller Jr.	12	59	47	106.0	11.0-35	2.0-17	0	4	2
7	Cam/Ron Silmon-Craig	12	37	23	60.0	5.5-24	1.5-14	2	0	1
47	Baron Hopson	12	23	23	46.0	7.5-28	4.0-21	0	1	0
57	Nyles Gaddy	12	26	14	40.0	11.0-50	7.0-37	0	2	0
42	Jeremiah Brown	12	25	14	39.0	8.0-47	5.0-40	0	1	1
92	Justin Ragin	12	23	15	38.0	16.0-95	10.0-85	0	3	1
12	Travis Hunter	7	11	4	15.0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1

#	FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	PCT	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
43	Alejandro Mata	12-13	92.31%	0-0	7-7	5-5	0-1	0-0	38	1
39	Gerardo Baeza	1-1	100.00%	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	30	0



TEAM STATS

SCORE BY QTRS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
Jackson State	116	119	116	105	456
Opponents	47	30	10	48	135

SCORING	JSU	OPP
Total	456	135
Points Per Game	38.00	11.25

FIRST DOWNS	287	159
Rushing	96	69
Passing	166	64
Penalty	25	26

RUSHING YARDAGE	1858	1245
Yards Gained	2133	1730
Yards Lost	275	485
Attempts	413	430
Avg Per Attempt	4.5	2.9
Avg Per Game	154.8	103.8
Touchdowns	16	8

PASSING YARDAGE	3516	1553
Att-Comp-Int	471-325-7	333-141-12
Avg. Per Attempt	7.46	4.66
Avg. Per Game	293.00	129.42
Touchdowns	38	7

TOTAL OFFENSE	5374	2798
Total Plays	884	763
Avg Per Play	6.1	3.7
Avg Per Game	447.8	233.2



ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Shedeur Sanders	QB	6-2	215	So.	Canton, TX / Trinity Christian HS
3	Kevin Coleman, Jr.	WR	5-11	170	Fr.	St. Louis, MO / St. Mary's HS
4d	De'Jahn Warren	CB	6-1	185	Sr.	Landover, MD / Lackawanna CC
4a	Dallas Daniels	WR	6-1	180	Gr.	Dayton, OH / Western Illinois
5d	Ke'Vric Wiggins, Jr.	CB	5-11	175	So.	Spring, TX / Louisiana Monroe
5a	Shane Hooks	WR	6-4	205	Sr.	Orlando, FL / Ohio
6	John Huggins	S	6-2	205	Jr.	Daytona Beach, FL / Garden City CC
7d	Cam'Ron Simmon-Craig	S	5-10	175	So.	Birmingham, AL / Trinity Christian HS
7a	J.P. Andrade	QB	6-3	215	Sr.	Laverne, CA / Ohio State
8	J.D. Martin	RB	6-0	190	Jr.	Wetumpka, AL / East Central CC
9d	Gregory Grate	S	5-11	197	Gr.	Miami, FL / Middle Tennessee State
9a	Quaydarius Davis	WR	6-0	193	Fr.	Dallas, TX / Skyline HS
10	Willie Gaines	WR	5-9	170	Jr.	Cocoa, FL / Dodge City CC
11	Rico Powers	WR	6-2	180	R-So.	Atlanta, GA / South Carolina
12d	Travis Hunter	CB	6-1	165	Fr.	Suwanee, GA / Collins Hill HS
12a	Greysen Thompson	QB	6-3	205	R-So.	Denton, TX / North Texas
13	Malachi Wideman	WR	6-5	190	R-Jr.	Venice, FL / Tennessee
15	Trevonte Rucker	WR	6-0	170	So.	Ocala, FL / Vanguard HS
16	Norman Douglas, Jr.	QB	6-1	172	R-Jr.	Washington, DC / Lackawanna JC
17	Errick Simmons	WR	5-10	180	R-So.	Greenville, MS / Greenville HS
18	Matthew Ricciardi-Vitale	QB	5-11	170	Gr.	Haddon Heights, NJ / Temple
19	Herman Smith III	S	6-0	190	So.	San Diego, CA / Lincoln HS
21	Shilo Sanders	S	6-0	195	R-So.	Canton, TX / South Carolina
22	Antonio Doyle, Jr.	DL	6-3	241	Jr.	St. Louis, MO / Texas A&M
23d	Isaiah Bolden	CB	6-2	205	Sr.	Tampa, FL / Florida State
23a	Tayari Sherwood	WR	5-11	169	So.	Miami, FL / Norland HS
24	Christopher Smith	RB	5-9	177	So.	New Orleans, LA / Brother Martin HS
25	Tyson Alexander	RB	5-11	195	R-So.	DeSoto, TX / DeSoto HS
26a	J.J. Weeks	WR	5-7	135	Fr.	Corpus Christi, TX / Falfurrius HS
27d	Jalin Hughes	CB	6-1	180	So.	Fort Worth, TX / Snow College
27a	Kierre Conley, Jr.	WR	6-0	173	Fr.	Stockbridge, GA / Woodland HS
28	Tayvion Beasley	CB	5-11	170	Fr.	Inglewood, CA / St. John Bosco HS
29	Delana Salgado	CB	5-10	188	Gr.	Laveen Village, AZ / Georgetown
30	Lane McGregor	P	5-10	190	Sr.	Pantatac, MS / Mississippi Delta CC
31	Jason Mercier	DL	6-3	262	Sr.	Boynton Beach, FL / Florida International
32	Jurriente Davis	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	Greensboro, NC / Middle Tennessee St.
33	Caleb Jolivet	RB	5-10	175	Sr.	Houston, TX / Sam Houston State
35d	Michael Thompson	S	5-9	182	Sr.	Clinton, MS / Ole Miss
35s	Glenn Misiak	K	6-0	160	R-So.	Columbus, MS / Mississippi College
36d	Marquis Johnson	CB	5-10	167	Sr.	Atlanta, GA / Southeastern La.
36a	Sy'veon Wilkerson	RB	5-9	204	So.	Chicago, IL / West Virginia
37	Jacob Politte	LS	6-1	195	R-Fr.	Lubbock, TX / Cooper HS
38	Santee Marshall	RB	5-10	170	Sr.	New Orleans, LA / Miles College
39d	Dazerick Patton	S	5-9	204	Fr.	Hattiesburg, MS / Oak Grove HS
39s	Gerardo Baeza	K	5-10	187	So.	Boaz, AL / Kentucky State
40d	Frankie Dunn	CB	5-8	150	R-Fr.	Jackson, LA / Feliciana HS
40a	Donavan Hunt	RB	5-11	181	R-Fr.	Brookfield, WI / Brookfield East HS
42	Jeremiah Brown	LB	6-2	220	So.	Carrabelle, FL / Lincoln HS
43	Alejandro Mata	K	5-9	180	Fr.	Buford, GA / Buford HS

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
44d	Daelyn Dunn	LB	6-2	250	Sr.	San Diego, CA / Southwestern College
44a	Reginald Swinton	RB	5-10	204	Fr.	Little Rock, AR / Mills Univ. Studies HS
45	Aubrey Miller, Jr.	LB	6-2	225	Gr.	Memphis, TN / Missouri
46	Sam Johnson	P	6-3	215	Jr.	Birmingham, AL / Alabama
47d	Baron Hopson	LB	6-1	220	So.	Leesburg, GA / Lee County HS
47a	Kevin May	RB	5-11	195	R-Fr.	Jackson, MS / St. Joseph HS
48	Cole Cucitrone	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	Cave Creek, AZ / Maricopa CC
49	Emari Matthews	RB	5-9	210	Fr.	Midlothian, TX / Trinity Christian HS
50	Charlton Goodell	DL	6-1	290	So.	Atlanta, GA / IMG Academy
51d	Jackson Barry	LB	6-1	222	Fr.	Prosper, TX / Dallas Christian HS
51a	Zachary Breaux	OL	6-4	317	Gr.	Harvey, LA / Louisiana Monroe
52	Khalil Arrington	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Montgomery, AL / Lee HS
53	Donald Turley	LB	6-2	210	R-Fr.	Chillicothe, OH / US Marine Corps
54	Alvin Brumfield	LB	5-10	186	Sr.	Hattiesburg, MS / SW Assemblies of God
55	King Mwikuta	LB	6-5	238	Sr.	West Point, GA / Alabama
56	Tyler Brown	OL	6-3	319	So.	Jackson, MS / Louisiana Lafayette
57	Nyles Gaddy	LB	6-4	230	R-So.	Nashville, TN / Tennessee
58	Aarion Hartman	LS	6-0	250	Gr.	Patterson, LA / Southern
59	Trace Shumans	OL	6-4	310	So.	Baxley, GA / Georgia Military College
60	Tre'van Riggins	DL	6-3	270	R-So.	St. Petersburg, FL / Illinois
62	Kejuan Barbee	DL	5-11	250	So.	Chicago, IL / Urban Prep Bronzeville HS
63	Amari Ward	OL	6-1	310	Fr.	Gainesville, FL / McDougale Tech
64	Deontae Graham	OL	6-5	290	R-Jr.	St. Louis, MO / Quincy
65	Timontre Graham	DL	5-11	230	Sr.	Mobile, AL / LeFlore Magnet HS
66	Josiah Laban	OL	6-0	277	Fr.	Anaheim, CA / Servite HS
67	Elliot Blackman	OL	6-3	284	Jr.	Canton, MS / Canton HS
70	Kirk Ford	OL	6-4	320	R-Jr.	Keller, TX / Navarro College
71	Evan Henry	OL	6-4	310	So.	Dallas, TX / Louisiana Monroe
72	Demetri Jordan	OL	6-5	330	Sr.	Lubbock, TX / SMU
73	Willis Patrick	OL	6-4	347	Jr.	Grand Prairie, TX / Angelo State
75	Zyon Walker	DL	6-0	305	So.	Memphis, TN / South Alabama
76	Kaseem Vauls	DL	6-1	250	R-Fr.	Columbia, SC / Alabama A&M
77	Jasper Friis	OL	6-6	330	Jr.	Starnberg, Germany / Iowa Gen. CC
79	Devin Hayes	OL	6-6	330	Gr.	Orlando, FL / Florida Atlantic
81	Jency Riley	TE	6-5	215	So.	Greensburg, LA / St. Helena Coll. & Car. Acad.
82	David Studstill	WR	5-11	185	R-So.	Palm Beach Gardens, FL / Palm Bch Gardens HS
83	Kobe Paul	WR	5-11	150	R-Fr.	Cedar Hill, TX / Trinity Christian HS
84	Hayden Hagler	TE	6-4	235	R-So.	Sulphur, LA / Marshall
86	D.J. Stevens	TE	6-3	220	Gr.	Ridgeland, MS / Ridgeland HS
88	Andre Hunt	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	Palmdale, CA / College of the Canyons
89	Julian Smith	WR	5-6	152	So.	Glenwood, IL / Trine University
90	Katron Evans	DL	6-5	315	So.	Norfolk, VA / St. Frances HS
92	Justin Ragin	DL	6-5	230	Gr.	Collierville, TN / Collierville HS
93	Kris Cassel	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Norcross, GA / Meadowcreek HS
94	Tru Thompson	DL	6-0	308	R-Jr.	Grayson, GA / Florida State
95	Julius Reynolds	DL	6-5	280	R-Fr.	Modesto, CA / Fresno State
97	Devonta Davis	DL	6-3	290	So.	Union Springs, AL / Bullock County HS
98	Jacob Humphrey	DL	6-4	310	So.	Lake Charles, LA / Tyler JC
99	Jeremiah Williams	DL	6-3	280	R-Fr.	Lexington, MS / Holmes Co. Central HS

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2 | QB
SHEDEUR
SANDERS



3 | WR
KEVIN
COLEMAN, JR.



4d | CB
DE'JAHN
WARREN



4o | WR
DALLAS
DANIELS



5d | CB
KE'VRIC
WIGGINS, JR.



5o | WR
SHANE
HOOKS



6 | S
JOHN
HUGGINS



7d | S
CAM'RON
SILMON-CRAIG



7o | QB
J.P.
ANDRADE



8 | RB
J.D.
MARTIN



9d | S
GREGORY
GRATE



9o | WR
QUAYDARIUS
DAVIS



10 | WR
WILLIE
GAINES



11 | WR
RICO
POWERS



12d | CB
TRAVIS
HUNTER



12o | QB
GREYSON
THOMPSON



13 | WR
MALACHI
WIDEMAN



15 | WR
TREVONTE
RUCKER



16 | QB
NORMAN
DOUGLAS, JR.



17 | WR
ERRICK
SIMMONS



18 | QB
MATTHEW
RICCIARDI-VITALE



19 | S
HERMAN
SMITH, III



21 | S
SHILO
SANDERS



22 | DL
ANTONIO
DOYLE, JR.



23d | CB
ISAIAH
BOLDEN



23o | WR
TAYARI
SHERWOOD



24 | RB
CHRISTOPHER
SMITH



25 | RB
TYSON
ALEXANDER



26o | WR
J.J.
WEEKS



27d | CB
JALIN
HUGHES



27o | WR
KIERRE
CONLEY, JR.



28 | CB
TAYVION
BEASLEY



29 | CB
DELANO
SALGADO



30 | P
LANE
MCGREGOR



31 | DL
JASON
MERCIER



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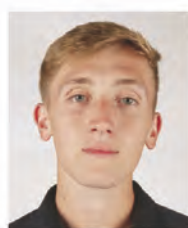
32 | LB
JURRIENTE
DAVIS



33 | RB
CALEB
JOLIVETTE



35d | S
MICHAEL
THOMPSON



35s | K
GLENN
MISIAK



36d | CB
MARQUIS
JOHNSON



36o | RB
SY'VEON
WILKERSON



37 | LS
JACOB
POLITTE



38 | RB
SANTEE
MARSHALL



39d | S
DAZERICK
PATTON



39s | K
GERARDO
BAEZA



40d | CB
FRANKIE
DUNN



40o | RB
DONAVAN
HUNT



42 | LB
JEREMIAH
BROWN



43 | K
ALEJANDRO
MATA



44d | LB
DAELYN
DUNN



44o | RB
REGINALD
SWINTON



45 | LB
AUBREY
MILLER, JR.



46 | P
SAM
JOHNSON



47d | LB
BARON
HOPSON



47o | RB
KEVIN
MAY



48 | LB
COLE
CUCITRONE



49 | RB
EMARI
MATTHEWS



50 | DL
CHARLTON
GOODELL



51d | LB
JACKSON
BARRY



51o | OL
ZACHARY
BREAUX



52 | LB
KHALIL
ARRINGTON



53 | LB
DONALD
TURLEY



54 | LB
ALVIN
BRUMFIELD



55 | LB
KING
MWIKUTA



56 | OL
TYLER
BROWN



57 | LB
NYLES
GADDY



58 | LS
AARON
HARTMAN



59 | OL
TRACE
SHUMANS



60 | DL
TRE'VON
RIGGINS



62 | DL
KEJUAN
BARBEE



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63 | OL
AMARI
WARD



64 | OL
DEONTAE
GRAHAM



65 | DL
TIMONTRE
GRAHAM



66 | OL
JOSIAH
LABAN



67 | OL
ELLIOT
BLACKMON



70 | OL
KIRK
FORD



71 | OL
EVAN
HENRY



72 | OL
DEMETRI
JORDAN



73 | OL
WILLIS
PATRICK



75 | DL
ZYON
WALKER



76 | DL
KASEEM
VAULTS



77 | OL
JASPER
FRIIS



79 | OL
DEVIN
HAYES



81 | TE
JENCY
RILEY



82 | WR
DAVID
STUDSTILL



83 | WR
KOBE
PAUL



84 | TE
HAYDEN
HAGLER



86 | TE
D.J.
STEVENS



88 | WR
ANDRE
HUNT



89 | WR
JULIAN
SMITH



90 | DL
KATRON
EVANS



92 | DL
JUSTIN
RAGIN



93 | DL
KRIS
CASSEL



94 | DL
TRU
THOMPSON



95 | DL
JULIUS
REYNOLDS



97 | DL
DEVONTA
DAVIS



98 | DL
JACOB
HUMPHREY



99 | DL
JEREMIAH
WILLIAMS



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MEET THE DESIGNER


Ida is a graduate of North Carolina Central University. She used her skills as a costume designer with Disney Live Entertainment to create a drum major uniform for Mickey Mouse that celebrates HBCU band culture.



Being in a HBCU band greatly influenced my creation of Drum Major Mickey's uniform! I was in the band. I was high stepping. I was following the drum major as I played my saxophone. My experience helped me know the elements to infuse in the costume to make Mickey authentic.

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SCHOOL

North Carolina
Central University

LOCATION

Durham, N.C.

FOUNDED

1910

ENROLLMENT

7,553

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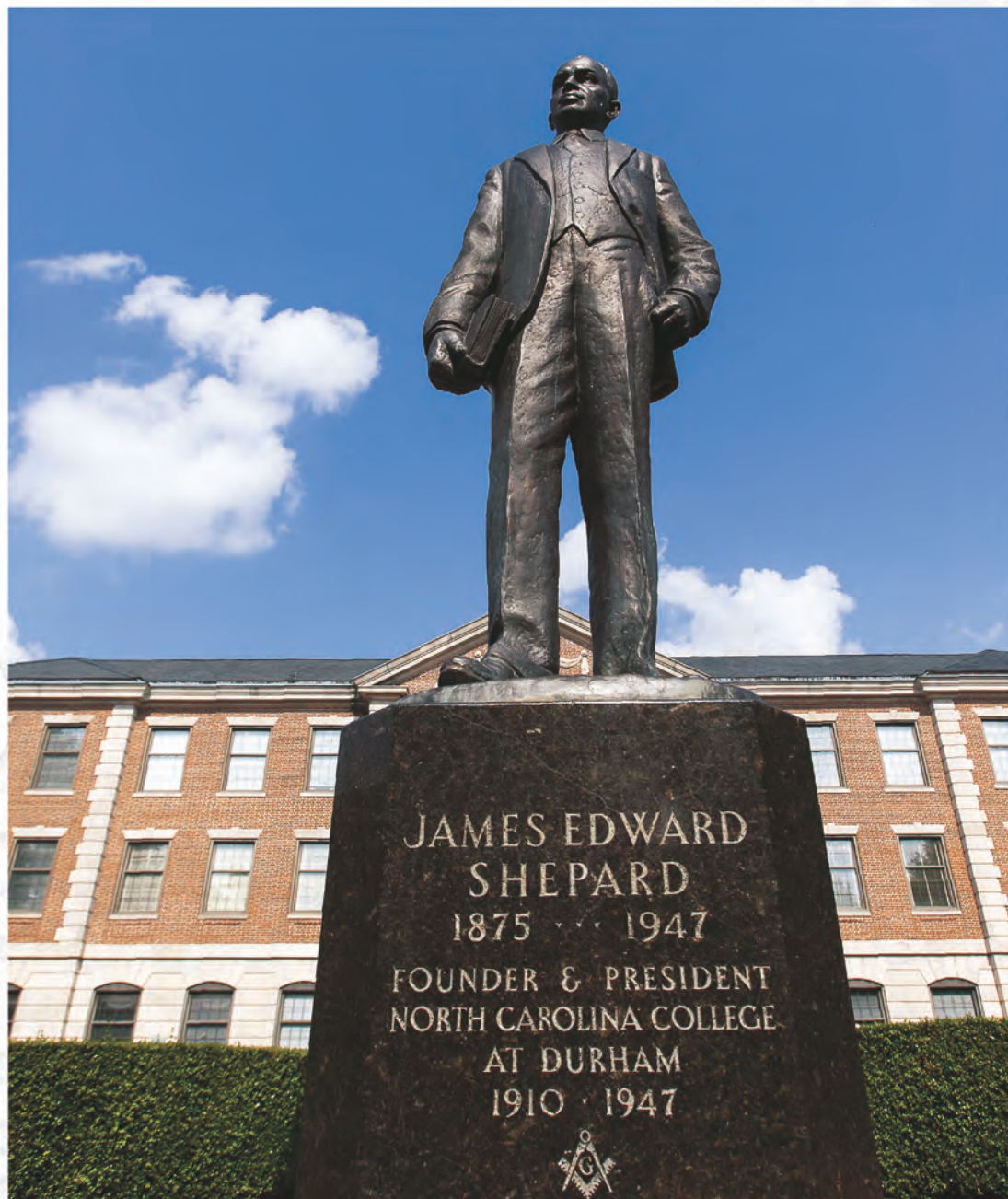
Eagles

COLORS

Maroon & Gray

UNIVERSITY WEBSITE

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**DR. JOHNSON
O. AKINLEYE**
CHANCELLOR

Alma Mater
Alabama A&M

Johnson O. Akinleye, Ph.D., was appointed the 12th chancellor of North Carolina Central University (NCCU) on June 26, 2017.

Under Akinleye's leadership, NCCU's enterprise has expanded significantly. He has led the development of five new major capital projects, including a new student center, a new school of business, and three new apartment-like residence halls. Akinleye was instrumental in securing NCCU's designation as a Millennial Campus, making NCCU the first historically Black college and university in the University of North Carolina System to gain the designation as a single institution.

With a focus on increasing the institution's sponsored research and grants, Akinleye invested in NCCU's research institutes, which generated \$149 million in grants and other funding for sponsored research in the five years ending June 30, 2022.

Akinleye joined the University of North Carolina System after nearly two-and-a-half decades of senior administrative service in public, private and church-affiliated institutions. He started his NCCU journey serving as provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. In that role, he established

the Office of Faculty Professional Development, the Office of e-Learning and a state-of-the-art Fab Lab. He successfully increased full-time student enrollment and expanded the university's academic degree offerings.

Akinleye is well known as a motivational speaker, consultant, writer, editor and documentarian who has produced works for independent and government agencies, including the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He serves on several boards, including Made in Durham, RTP Foundation, The 50 Group and the Watauga Club.

Akinleye holds a bachelor's degree in telecommunications and a master's degree in media technology from Alabama A&M University, and a doctorate in human communications studies from Howard University. He has attended numerous leadership training programs, such as the Fellow in the Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI) Institute and the Harvard Graduate School of Education for Leadership, Management and Administration of Higher Education, and has received numerous recognitions and awards for teaching and service.

He is married to Juanita Akinleye, a registered nurse, and they have two adult children, Nikki and Peter.



**DR. LOUIS
"SKIP" PERKINS**
DIRECTOR OF
ATHLETICS

Alma Mater
NCCU

Veteran athletics administrator and North Carolina Central University alumnus Dr. Louis "Skip" Perkins began his tenure as the university's Director of Athletics on June 1, 2022.

A dynamic higher education leader with more than 20 years of experience in intercollegiate athletics and institutional advancement, Perkins has served as Director of Athletics at three different NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) institutions with teams capturing 10 conference championships during his tenure.

A 1994 graduate of NCCU, Perkins holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and master's degrees in public administration and instructional media, also from NCCU. He earned his Doctor of Education from Delaware State University, with a focus on educational leadership.

As a four-year team captain on NCCU's tennis team, Perkins received multiple academic all-conference honors. He was also a recipient of NCCU's inaugural Forty Under Forty Alumni Awards in 2012, and is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the NCCU Alumni Association, Inc., and the United States Professional Tennis Association.

Perkins joined NCCU from his role as assistant vice president for development at Morgan State University since 2020.

Under his leadership, he worked in conjunction with the president of the university and the MSU Foundation Board to secure more than \$67 million in fundraising contributions during the 2020-2021 academic year, which set a new university record.

Prior to his role as senior development officer at Coppin State University, Perkins was the associate vice president and director of athletics at Delaware State University from 2015-17. During that time, the Hornets secured four Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships, boasted the highest grade point average (3.1) in the athletics program history, and more than \$5 million was raised in athletics development.

As director of athletics at Howard University from 2010-15, Perkins oversaw more than \$10 million of renovations to Burr Gymnasium, while the Bison added another conference title to his ledger. In the same role at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff from 2007-10, the Golden Lions achieved one of the highest graduation rates in school history and won five conference championships under his leadership.

He is the proud father of three children, Alexia Perkins, Peri Perkins and Louis Tripp Perkins, along with a granddaughter, Anastasia.



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SEASON RECAP



The 2022 North Carolina Central University football team achieved several historical milestones on the way to the Cricket Celebration Bowl in Atlanta.

The Eagles captured their first Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championship in six years, earned a top-25 national ranking for the first time in five years, and will be making NCCU's second appearance in the Celebration Bowl.

NCCU ended the regular season ranked No. 21 in the FCS Coaches Poll with an overall record of 9-2, becoming just the sixth team in school history to win nine games in a season.

The Eagles posted a 4-1 conference record and captured non-conference FCS victories over North Carolina A&T (Big South), No. 25 New Hampshire (Colonial), and Tennessee Tech (Ohio Valley).

Among the NCAA Division I-FCS statistical leaders, NCCU tops the nation in third down conversions (57.3%) and red zone defense (64.7%), and ranks sixth in the country in scoring offense with a MEAC-high average of 38.4 points per game. The Eagles scored 40 points or more in three straight games for the first time in 37 years, and they have scored more than 40 points in six of 11 games this season, including three 50-point performances.

NCCU's explosive offense is led by junior quarterback Davius Richard. The seven-time MEAC Offensive Player of the Week ranks fifth in the nation (FCS) in points responsible for 20.4 points per game, and 12th in total offense with 288.8 yards per game. Richard tops the MEAC in passing yards (2,486), passing touchdowns (24), and rushing touchdowns (13), which are the most by any quarterback in NCCU history.

Richard needs 13 pass completions in the Celebration Bowl to break the NCCU single-season record held by Michael



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Johnson (196 in 2011), and is three passing touchdowns away from surpassing the single-season record held by Stafford Brown (26 in 2006).

Among NCCU's all-time quarterbacks, Richard ranks second in career passing yards (6,639), career passing touchdowns (51) and career total offense (7,938), trailing only NCCU hall of famer Earl "Air" Harvey (1985-88).

For his efforts, Richard was voted to the All-MEAC First Team, along with senior offensive lineman Robert Mitchell, junior running back Latrell Collier, junior offensive lineman Corey

Bullock, sophomore center Torricelli Simpkins III, junior defensive back Khalil Baker and junior kicker Adrian Olivo.

All-MEAC Second Team honors were presented to senior receiver E.J. Hicks, sophomore receiver Devin Smith, senior tight end Tyler Barnes, sophomore defensive lineman Jaden Taylor, senior defensive lineman Colby Warrior, sophomore linebacker Jaki Brevard and junior defensive back Manny Smith.

All-MEAC Third Team recognition was earned by sophomore running back J'Mari Taylor, sophomore defensive lineman Christian Smith and junior return specialist Brandon Codrington. ■





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COACHES

With 20 years of college coaching experience that includes six conference championships and three black college football national titles, Trei Oliver returned to his alma mater as North Carolina Central University's 24th head football coach, the university announced on Dec. 13, 2018.

A native of Yorktown, Virginia, Oliver earned all-conference and all-region honors as a defensive back and punter during his four-year playing career at NCCU from 1994-97. The 1998 graduate later returned to NCCU as an assistant coach from 2003-06, helping the Eagles to back-

to-back Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championships in 2005 and 2006.

Oliver returned to NCCU as head coach after spending the previous three seasons (2016-18) as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Southern University.

In the prior 15 seasons (2004-18) as a coach at four different universities, Oliver was a part of only one season with fewer than seven wins. During that time, he has celebrated 124 victories for an average of more than eight triumphs per year and a winning percentage of .725.

Prior to Southern University, Oliver served as the outside linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at North Carolina A&T State University from 2011-15, when the Aggies shared consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) championships in 2014 and 2015, and were declared the black college football national champions in his final campaign in Greensboro as winners of the Celebration Bowl with a 10-2 overall record.

In four seasons at Grambling State University from 2007-10 as the outside linebackers coach, recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator, the Tigers earned two SWAC West division crowns, and won the SWAC championship game and a black college football national title in 2008 with an 11-2 record.

Oliver's first coaching stint at NCCU was as a defensive backs and wide receivers coach, recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator from 2003-06. The Eagles captured back-to-back CIAA championships with consecutive trips to the NCAA

TREI OLIVER HEAD COACH

Alma Mater
N.C. Central University (1998)

Record at NCCU
19-15 (3rd Season)

Career Record
19-15 (3rd Season)





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Division II playoffs in 2005 and 2006, and were crowned as the black college football national champions following an 11-1 season in 2006.

Oliver started his college coaching career at Delaware State University as defensive backs coach and assistant special teams coordinator from 1999-2002.

As a student-athlete at NCCU, Oliver twice led the CIAA in punting, including a 41.7-yard average in 1997, which ranks fifth on the Eagles' all-time single season list. As a junior in 1996, he was part of a defensive backfield that led the nation (NCAA Division II) in pass defense efficiency. As a senior, he landed two positions on the All-South Region Team, earning First Team honors as a defensive back and a Second Team selection as a punter.

Among NCCU's career leaders, Oliver ranks 13th with 234 tackles (126 solo), 12th with 31 passes defended (24 pass break-ups and seven interceptions), and fourth with a 39.3-yard punting average. He garnered All-CIAA first or second team honors in each of his four seasons.

Oliver graduated from NCCU in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He earned a master's degree in criminal justice from Grambling State University in 2010.

Both of his parents, Colon and Evelyn Oliver, are also NCCU graduates. His father played football as a wide receiver at NCCU from 1963-66.

He and his wife Yvette, also an NCCU graduate, are the proud parents of a son, Reggie.

COACHING STAFF



TREI OLIVER
HEAD COACH



MATT LEONE
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
QUARTERBACKS



COURTNEY COARD
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/
DEFENSIVE LINE



CEDRIC WILLIAMS
RUN GAME COORDINATOR/
OFFENSIVE LINE



CLAUDE CLAYBORNE
LINEBACKERS



KEVIN MAURICE
RUNNING BACKS



PETE BENNETT
WIDE RECEIVERS



TONY SPENCER
TIGHT ENDS



MIKE SEWELL
SAFETIES



TONY McRAE
CORNERBACKS



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FOOTBALL QUICK FACTS

FOOTBALL HISTORY

FIRST SEASON OF FOOTBALL | 1923

ALL-TIME RECORD | 494-405-30

NCAA DIV. I-FCS PLAYOFF RECORD | 0-0

NCAA DIV. II PLAYOFF RECORD | 1-3
(2006, 2005, 1988)

LAST POST-SEASON APPEARANCE | 2006

MEAC CHAMPIONSHIPS | 4
(2022, 2016, 1973, 1972)

CIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS | 8
(2006, 2005, 1980, 1963, 1961, 1956, 1954, 1953)

TEAM INFORMATION

2022 OVERALL RECORD | 9-2

2022 MEAC RECORD | 4-1

BASIC OFFENSE | Spread

BASIC DEFENSE | 4-2-5

ATHLETICS

NATIONAL AFFILIATION | NCAA Div. I - FCS

CONFERENCE | MEAC
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

STADIUM | O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium

CAPACITY | 10,000

SURFACE | Mondoturf

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2022 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE | 9-2 OVERALL, 4-1 IN MEAC

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	RESULT
Sep. 3	vs. North Carolina A&T	Charlotte, N.C.	W, 28-13
Sep. 10	Winston-Salem	Durham, N.C.	W, 41-0
Sep. 17	at New Hampshire	Durham, N.C.	W, 45-27
Sep. 24	Virginia-Lynchburg	Durham, N.C.	W, 59-14
Oct. 1	at Campbell	Buies Creek, N.C.	L, 18-48
Oct. 13	Morgan State	Durham, N.C.	W, 59-20
Oct. 22	at South Carolina State	Orangeburg, S.C.	L, 24-26
Oct. 29	at Delaware State	Dover, Del.	W, 28-21
Nov. 5	Howard	Durham, N.C.	W, 50-21
Nov. 12	at Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.	W, 48-14
Nov. 19	at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	W, 22-20



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2022 STATISTICAL LEADERS

INDIVIDUAL STATS

#	PASSING	GP	ATT-COMP-INT	YDS	PCT	TD	LONG	AVG/G
11	Davius Richard	11	184-291-10	2486	63.23%	24	81	226.00
3	Walker Harris	10	5-9-0	90	55.56%	0	47	9.00

#	RUSHING	GP	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
11	Davius Richard	11	108	792	101	691	6.4	13	66	62.82
5	Latrell Collier	9	121	651	40	611	5.0	6	42	67.89
36	J'Mari Taylor	11	82	389	12	377	4.6	6	45	34.27

#	RECEIVING	GP	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	LG	AVG/G
4	E.J. Hicks	11	30	529	17.63	7	81	48.09
22	Devin Smith	10	35	496	14.17	6	64	49.60
12	Quentin McCall	9	15	305	20.33	3	58	33.89
1	Andrew Smith	10	21	302	14.38	1	46	30.20
88	Joaquin Davis	11	25	291	11.64	2	34	26.45

#	DEF. LEADERS	GP	SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	TFL-YDS	SACK-YDS	INT	FF	FR
23	Manny Smith	11	38	17	55.0	4.0-4	1.0-0	-	2	0
54	Max U'Ren	11	20	32	52.0	5.0-8	-	-	1	-
20	Khalil Baker	11	38	13	51.0	2.0-2	-	4	-	1
45	Jaki Brevard	11	26	18	44.0	9.5-22	3.0-12	-	1	0
97	Jaden Taylor	9	16	15	31.0	4.5-18	1.0-12	-	-	-
27	Colby Warrior	11	10	10	20.0	6.5-26	1.5-13	1	1	1

#	FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	PCT	120	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	LG	BLK
89	Adrian Olivo	11-13	84.62%	0-0	4-4	6-8	1-1	0-0	43	0



TEAM STATS

SCORE BY QTRS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOTAL
N.C. Central	108	148	85	81	422
Opponents	48	104	26	46	224

SCORING	NCCU	OPP
Total	422	224
Points Per Game	38.36	20.36

FIRST DOWNS	249	206
Rushing	116	81
Passing	116	102
Penalty	17	23

RUSHING YARDAGE	2251	1489
Yards Gained	2449	1708
Yards Lost	198	219
Attempts	417	344
Avg Per Attempt	5.4	4.3
Avg Per Game	204.6	135.4
TDs Rushing	30	13

PASSING YARDAGE	2611	2098
Att-Comp-Int	307-191-10	327-186-11
Avg Per Attempt	8.50	6.42
Avg Per Catch	13.67	11.28
Avg Per Game	237.36	190.73
TDs Passing	25	15

TOTAL OFFENSE	4862	3587
Total Plays	724	671
Avg Per Play	6.7	5.3





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ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Andrew Smith	WR	6-1	200	So.	Cary, NC / Cary HS
2	Brandon Codrington	DB	5-9	180	Jr.	Raleigh, NC / Broughton HS
3	Walker Harris	QB	6-0	180	So.	Rolesville, NC / Heritage HS
4	E.J. Hicks	WR	5-11	180	R-Sr.	Rolesville, NC / Rolesville HS
5	Latrell Collier	RB	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Bluefield, WV / Marshall University
6	Omari Smith	QB	6-1	175	R-Fr.	Durham, NC / Southern HS
7	JaJuan Hudson	DB	5-10	175	Jr.	Camden, NJ / Bowling Green State U.
8	Tamaurice Smith	DB	5-9	185	R-Sr.	Mobile, AL / Southern University
9	Marvin Reed	DB	6-1	170	So.	Richmond, VA / Life Christian Academy
11	Davius Richard	QB	6-3	215	Jr.	Belle Glade, FL / Glades Central HS
12	Quentin McCall	WR	6-4	195	So.	Charlotte, NC / Ardrey Kell HS
13	Quest Powell	QB	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Woodbridge, VA / Freedom HS
14	Myles Wallace	RB	5-8	180	R-So.	Waxhaw, NC / Cuthbertson HS
15	Matthew Leavelle	DL	6-4	235	R-So.	Williamston, NC / Riverside HS
16	Makai McCall	DB	6-4	195	R-Fr.	Snellville, GA / Univ. of Virginia-Wise
17	Kale Jones	DB	5-10	190	So.	Chesapeake, VA / Oscar Smith HS
18	OrTre' Smith	WR	6-4	225	R-Sr.	Mount Pleasant, SC / University of SC
19	Justin Nicholson	DB	6-0	195	R-Sr.	Concord, NC / Concord HS
20	Khalil Baker	DB	6-0	185	Jr.	Winston-Salem, NC / East Forsyth HS
21	Josh Pullen	RB	6-1	225	R-So.	Rolesville, NC / Fort Scott CC
22	Devin Smith	WR	5-10	185	So.	Durham, NC / Riverside HS
23	Manny Smith	DB	6-0	195	R-Jr.	Laurel Hill, NC / Scotland HS
24	Romeo Stancil	DB	6-1	175	R-Jr.	Clayton, NC / Clayton HS
25	Twan Anderson	LB	6-1	235	Fr.	Fayetteville, NC / Westover HS
26	Twan Flip, Jr.	WR	5-8	160	R-Fr.	Charlotte, NC / Myers Park HS
27	Colby Warrior	DL	6-2	245	R-Sr.	Fayetteville, GA / Morgan State Univ.
28	Jason Chambers	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Charlotte, NC / Butler HS
29	Jared Stephens	DB	5-9	160	Fr.	Atlanta, GA / Westlake HS
31	Arthur Rodgers	RB	5-10	210	R-Fr.	Snellville, GA / Marshall University
32	Jessie Malit	DL	6-3	250	R-Sr.	Concord, NC / NC State University
33	Christopher Rollinson	DB	5-11	170	R-Fr.	Aldie, VA / Champe HS
34	Cameron Saunders	WR	5-11	170	R-So.	Fort Mill, SC / Fort Mill HS
35	Chris Masley	RB	5-11	180	Jr.	Fort Worth, TX / Cisco College
36	J'Mari Taylor	RB	6-0	200	So.	Charlotte, NC / West Mecklenburg HS
37	Nasheed Peoples	DB	5-11	170	R-Sr.	Lexington, NC / NC Wesleyan
38	Jelani Vassell	DB	5-11	185	So.	Tampa, FL / Jireh Prep (NC)
39	Kaleb Washington	WR	6-1	195	Fr.	Charlotte, NC / Mallard Creek HS
40	Matthew Brown	TE	6-2	235	R-Jr.	Guyton, GA / University of Georgia
41	Isaiah Lawson	DB	6-1	200	So.	Queens, NY / Butler HS
42	Jayden Flaker	LB	6-4	215	Fr.	Scarborough, ME / Scarborough HS
43	Cameron Brewington	TE	6-4	255	R-Sr.	Charlotte, NC / South Mecklenburg HS
44	Albert Redd	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Kernersville, NC / Glenn HS
45	Jaki Brevard	LB	6-0	210	So.	Durham, NC / Southern HS
46	Malcolm Reed	DB	6-3	180	Fr.	Raleigh, NC / Cardinal Gibbons HS
47	Mykah Stone	LS	6-0	210	Jr.	Charlotte, NC / UNC-Pembroke

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
49	Corey Peterson	LB	6-1	215	So.	Wake Forest, NC / Heritage HS
50	Thomas Johnson	DL	6-3	235	Fr.	Lawndale, CA / Lawndale HS
51	Corey Bullock	OL	6-4	315	Jr.	Accokeek, MD / Gwynn Park HS
52	Xi Simpson	OL	6-2	290	R-Sr.	Chester, SC / Wingate University
53	Deontrae Brown	DL	6-6	210	Jr.	Durham, NC / Hillside HS
54	Max U'Ren	LB	6-2	225	R-Fr.	Winston-Salem, NC / Mount Tabor HS
55	Robert Mitchell	OL	6-3	305	R-Sr.	Millsboro, DE / Lackawanna College
56	Darrin Johnson	DL	6-0	285	R-Fr.	Lithonia, GA / Tucker HS
57	Carlos Beltran-Rodriguez	PK	5-9	175	Jr.	Burlington, NC / Hugh M. Cummings HS
58	Marshall Jean	LS	5-9	215	Fr.	Garner, NC / Garner HS
59	Juan Velarde	P	5-10	190	So.	Anderson, SC / T.L. Hanna HS
61	Torrie Ferguson	OL	6-1	265	Fr.	Greensboro, NC / Southern Guilford HS
62	Noah McKinney	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Duncan, SC / Byrnes HS
65	Trevon Humphrey	OL	6-4	250	Fr.	Greensboro, NC / Dudley HS
66	Kideam Diouf	OL	6-5	295	R-Sr.	Elkton, MD / Arkansas State University
67	Brian Hardy	OL	6-2	285	Fr.	Greenville, NC / South Central HS
69	Jordan McGill	OL	6-4	285	R-Fr.	Green Cove Springs, FL / Clay HS
70	Chris Escalera	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	Lexington, NC / North Davidson HS
71	Da'Quan Thomas	OL	6-2	275	R-So.	West Palm Beach, FL / Univ. of Florida
73	Farrell Opoku	OL	6-2	340	Fr.	Stafford, VA / Fork Union M.A.
74	Taleem Thompson	OL	6-5	290	R-Jr.	Salem, NJ / Los Angeles Pierce College
75	Taron Williams	OL	6-8	330	Fr.	Charlotte, NC / South Mecklenburg HS
76	Torricelli Simpkins III	OL	6-5	310	So.	Charlotte, NC / Olympic HS
77	Seven Warren	OL	6-3	320	Fr.	Newport News, VA / Warwick HS
78	Jaden McGee	OL	6-4	295	Jr.	Keller, TX / Navarro College
79	Brendin Benoit	DL	6-0	240	Fr.	Playa del Rey, CA / Corona HS
80	Marseille Miller	WR	6-1	170	So.	Jacksonville, NC / Northside HS
81	Tyler Barnes	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Charlotte, NC / West Mecklenburg HS
82	Connor Powe	WR	6-3	175	Fr.	Wilmington, NC / Laney HS
83	Luke Bracey	TE	6-6	255	Fr.	Rock Hill, SC / Rock Hill HS
84	Kyle Morgan	TE	6-2	230	So.	Holly Springs, NC / Holly Springs HS
85	Chauncey Spikes	WR	6-2	200	Fr.	Burtonsville, MD / Rock Creek Christian Acad.
86	Tynez Warner	WR	5-8	160	Sr.	Ridgely, MD / North Caroline HS
87	Aaron Gilbert	TE	6-4	270	R-Sr.	Upper Marlboro, MD / St. Vincent Pallotti HS
88	Joaquin Davis	WR	6-4	190	So.	Durham, NC / Charles E. Jordan HS
89	Adrian Olivo	PK	5-10	185	Jr.	Plant City, FL / Armwood HS
90	Dalvin Hall	DL	6-2	345	So.	Jacksonville, NC / Wallace-Rose Hill HS
91	Christian Smith	DL	6-2	275	So.	Jacksonville, NC / Northside HS
92	Reggie Jarrett	DL	6-2	215	Fr.	Raleigh, NC / Broughton HS
93	Kenneth Royster	DL	6-4	280	So.	Charlotte, NC / Rocky River HS
94	Khalil McLean	DL	6-3	255	Fr.	Angier, NC / Harnett Central HS
96	Kendrick DuJaur	DL	6-5	230	Fr.	Jonesboro, GA / Mundy's Mill HS
97	Jaden Taylor	DL	6-1	280	R-So.	Durham, NC / Mercer University
98	Jaden Mack	DL	6-2	235	Fr.	Pearland, TX / Willowridge HS
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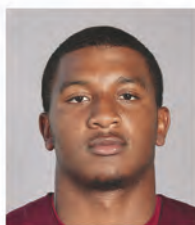
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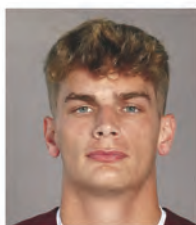
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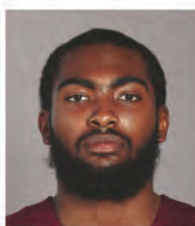
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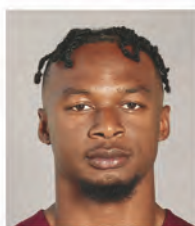
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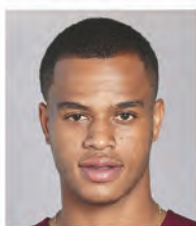
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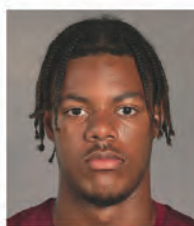
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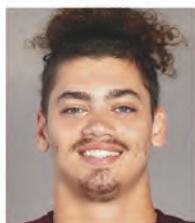
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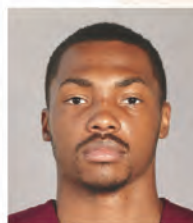
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BAKER



21 | RB
JOSH
PULLEN



22 | WR
DEVIN
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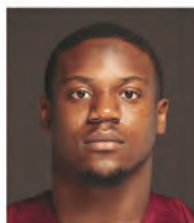
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31 | RB
ARTHUR
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32 | DL
JESSIE
MALIT



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33 | DB
CHRISTOPHER
ROLLINSON



34 | WR
CAMERON
SAUNDERS



35 | RB
CHRIS
MOSLEY



36 | RB
J'MARI
TAYLOR



37 | DB
NASHEED
PEOPLES



38 | DB
JELANI
VASSELL



39 | WR
KALEB
WASHINGTON



40 | TE
MATTHEW
BROWN



41 | DB
ISAIAH
LAWSON



42 | LB
JAYDEN
FLAKER



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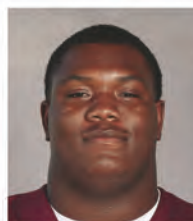
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McKINNEY



65 | OL
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ROSTER



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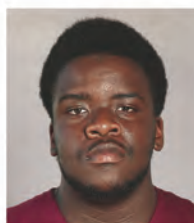
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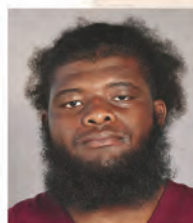
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THOMPSON



75 | OL
TARON
WILLIAMS



76 | OL
TORRICELLI
SIMPKINS, III



77 | OL
SEVEN
WARREN



78 | OL
JADEN
MCGEE



79 | DL
BRENDIN
BENOIT



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MILLER



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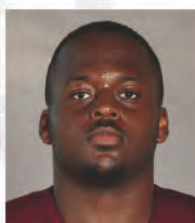
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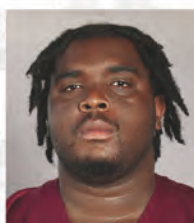
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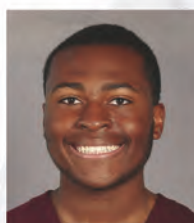
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97 | DL
JADEN
TAYLOR



98 | DL
JADEN
MACK






99 | DL
JEREMY
WEST-PIRTLE



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JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

THE SONIC BOOM OF THE SOUTH

BAND DIRECTOR | DR. RODERICK LITTLE



Although Dr. F. D. Hall served as director of the band, chorus, and orchestra in the 1920s, the marching band began in the 1940s consisting of students from both Jackson State College and Lanier High School under the direction of Mr. Kermit Holly Sr. The Jackson State University Marching Band, affectionately known as the "Sonic Boom of the South" is known for intricate, precision marching and the big band sound. The "Sonic Boom" also referred to as "Hollywood's Band of Choice," has performed many halftime appearances for the NFL/NBA including the Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions, New Orleans Saints, Cincinnati Bengals, and the NBA All-Star game in 1991. The "Boom" was featured in a television special for Motown's 30th Anniversary and the 34th NAACP Image Awards, with a special guest performance by "Cedric the Entertainer." In May 2013, the band was featured in a Headline News special chronicling what it takes to become a drum major at Jackson State University. Since 2020, the band has been featured in several media outlets, a nationally televised Pepsi commercial, featured on YouTube, and the virtual inauguration of President Joseph R. Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Students in the band dubbed the Jackson State University Marching Band The "Sonic Boom of the South" in 1971. "The thrill of a thousand eyes," were the words spoken by Dr. Jimmie James, Jr. at the onset of the "Prancing Jaycettes" in 1971. Shirley Middleton, a former majorette, initiated the concept of the majorettes abandoning their batons and dancing to popular musical selections. As the majorette sponsor, Shirley Middleton and the majorettes met with Dr. John A. Peoples, the University's sixth president, and requested that they be permitted to "put down their batons." In 1974, the band's theme song, "Get Ready," an old Motown favorite, was selected and three years after that, the "Tiger Run-On" was perfected. The "Tiger Run-On" is a fast, eye-catching shuffle that brings fans to their feet during halftime performances.





MEAC CHAMPION

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

THE SOUND MACHINE

BAND DIRECTOR | **JOVAN ALEXANDER WILSON**



The Sound Machine is the official marching band of North Carolina Central University (NCCU), a master's level comprehensive institution located in Durham, N.C. that offers undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees in the arts, sciences, business, law and education programs. The band has been led by Jovan Alexander Wilson since 2022.

The history of NCCU's marching band dates back to the 1930s when Dr. Stephen Junius Wright, an assistant professor of education at then North Carolina College in Durham, was asked to organize the first marching band with 25 musicians. Since inception, the Sound Machine has experienced substantial growth and national recognition through performances, including the 1960 inauguration for then Governor of North Carolina, James Terry Stanford, 1961 half-time game for New York Giants-Dallas Cowboys, six appearances at the Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta, Ga., participation in the 122nd Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., and the 100th Anniversary of the Aggie-Eagle Classic, the Duke's Mayo Classic game, in Charlotte, N.C., in 2022.



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CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

12.18
2021

BOWL CHAMPION: SOUTH CAROLINA STATE
CONFERENCE WINNER: MEAC (5-1)



In a stunning turn of events in the 2021 Cricket Celebration Bowl, the favorite Jackson State Tigers went down to the South Carolina State Bulldogs, 31-10 at Mercedes-Benz Stadium before a bowl record 48,653 fans. Traditionally known for their great defensive units, South Carolina State held Jackson to Celebration Bowl lows in team rushing yards (19) and total yards (194), and their defensive effort resulted in the largest victory margin (21 points). The Tigers bolted out to a 7-0 first quarter lead on Shedeur Sanders' seven-yard strike to Keith Corbin III, with 7:24 left. S.C. State would then catch fire, outscoring the Tigers, 31-3 over the final three periods, seizing control of the game for good in the second quarter with a 10-point flurry in the final minutes, on a Corey Fields six-yard strike to Shaquan Davis with 2:08 left, followed by a 26-yard field goal by Gayvn Zimmerman with eight seconds left in the half. SCSU's Fields tossed four scoring passes, finishing with 164 yards (12 of 31, one INT), while JSU's Sanders passed for 175 yards (16 of 36, two INTs). SCSU's Shaquan Davis was the Bowl's Offensive MVP with five catches for 95 yards and three scores — a Celebration Bowl record. Decobie Durant earned Defensive MVP honors. Records fell Saturday as Celebration Bowl history was rewritten.... SCSU's punter Dyson Roberts set four Bowl records: Longest Punt (74 yards), Most Punts (8), Most Punt Yardage (392) and Best Average (49.0).

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
SC State	0	10	14	7	31
Jackson	7	0	3	0	10

12.21
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 at 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

NO GAME PLAYED IN 2020 DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

12.15
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.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
NCA&T	7	10	7	0	24
Alcorn	3	3	10	6	22

12.16
2017

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



North Carolina A&T State capped off an historic season with a 21-14 win over Grambling State in the 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 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.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
Grambling	0	7	0	7	14
NC A&T	0	7	7	7	21





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

12.17
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 in the third. Jackson recorded five unassisted tackles and a key interception.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
NC Central	3	0	0	6	9
Grambling	0	0	10	0	10

12.19
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.

SCORE BY QUARTER

	1	2	3	4	T
Alcorn	6	7	7	14	34
NC A&T	21	3	3	14	41





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

YEAR-BY-YEAR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION (RECORD)	COACH	SCORE	RUNNER-UP	SITE	ATTENDANCE
2021	South Carolina State (7-5)	Buddy Pough	31-10	Jackson State	Atlanta, Ga. (Mercedes-Benz Stadium)	48,653
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



CHAMPIONSHIP HONORS: MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Offensive MVP Year-By-Year

YEAR	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
2021	Shaquan Davis	WR	South Carolina State
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 MVP Year-By-Year

PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
Decobie Durant	DB	South Carolina State
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

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



CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

GAME STATS

LONGEST GAME

3h, 42 min (2021)

ATTENDANCE

48,653 (2021)

TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (GAME)

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

FEWEST COMBINE POINTS SCORED (GAME)

19, NC Central v. Grambling (2016)

TOTAL COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)

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

FEWEST COMBINED POINTS SCORED (QUARTER)

0, Grambling v. NC A&T (2017)
NC Central v. Grambling (2016)

MOST POINTS SCORED BY A TEAM (QUARTER)

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

LARGEST POINT DEFICIT (GAME)

21 points (4th qtr), Jackson St. v. SC State (2021)

MOST PUNT RETURNS FOR A TOUCHDOWN

2 (2015)



TEAM STATS

POINTS SCORED

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

FEWEST POINTS SCORED

9, NC Central (v. Grambling, 2016)

MOST POINTS IN A QUARTER

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

LARGEST WIN MARGIN

21, SC State (v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST RUSHING YARDS

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

FEWEST RUSHING YARDS

19, Jackson St. (v. SC State, 2021)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

44, Grambling
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST YARDS RUSHING PER RUSH

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

MOST RUSHING TDS

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

MOST PASSING YARDS

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

FEWEST PASSING YARDS

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

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

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

MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS

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

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

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

MOST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION

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

FEWEST PASSING YARDS PER COMPLETION

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

MOST TOTAL YARDS

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

FEWEST YARDS

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

LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION

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

LONGEST TIME OF POSSESSION (QUARTER)

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

MOST FUMBLES

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

2, Grambling (v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST SOLO TACKLES

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

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

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

MOST PENALTIES

10, SC State (v. Jackson St., 2021)

FEWEST PENALTIES

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

MOST PENALTY YARDS

122, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

LONGEST POSSESSION DRIVE

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

LONGEST DRIVE (YARDS)

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

LONGEST DRIVE (PLAYS)

15, Grambling
(v. NC Central, 2016)

MOST FIRST DOWNS

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

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

14, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

FEWEST PENALTY YARDS

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

MOST TOTAL TACKLES

78, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)





CELEBRATION BOWL HISTORY

INDIVIDUAL STATS

MOST RUSHING YARDS

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

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

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

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

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

MOST RUSHING YARDS PER ATTEMPT

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

MOST PASSING YARDS

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

MOST PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

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

MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS

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

MOST COMPLETIONS

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

MOST YARDS PER COMPLETION

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

MOST PASSING INTERCEPTIONS

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

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

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

MOST RECEPTIONS

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

MOST RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

3, Shaquan Davis, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST YARDS PER RECEPTION

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

MOST TACKLES

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

MOST SACKS

2.0, James Houston, Jackson St.
(v. SC State, 2021)

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

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

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

1, 13 players tied

BLOCKS MADE (FIELD GOALS)

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

BLOCKS MADE (EXTRA POINT)

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



MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS

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

MOST PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

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

LONGEST PUNT RETURN (YARDS)

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

MOST KICK RETURNS

4, Malik Wilson, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)
4, Marquis Warford, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2015)

MOST KICK RETURN YARDS

112, Malik Wilson, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2018)
112, Marquis Warford, Alcorn St.
(v. NC A&T, 2015)

LONGEST KICK RETURN (YARDS)

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

MOST KICK RETURN TOUCHDOWNS

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

MOST PUNTS

8, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST PUNTING YARDS

392, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

LONGEST PUNT

74 yds, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

BEST PUNTING AVG

49.0, Dyson Roberts, SC State
(v. Jackson St., 2021)

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

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

LONGEST FIELD GOAL MADE

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

FIELD GOALS BLOCKED

1, Cody Jones, NC A&T
(v. Alcorn St., 2015)
1, Brandon McLaren, NC Central
(v. Grambling, 2016)

KICKOFF AVG

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



FROM THE BEGINNING



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A CELEBRATION OF THE PIONEERING LIFE OF ERIC N. MOORE

by **Lut Williams** | Publisher/Editor, *Black College Sports Page*

The college athletics world in general and the Historically Black College and University (HBCU) sports world in particular lost an integral part of its fabric with the passing of Eric Moore on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

Though his colleagues and friends knew that he had been battling health issues for more than a year, his passing in Raleigh, N. C. as the 2022 football season was coming to a close still came as a shock.

Eric was a consummate professional and media expert who for more than four decades worked for, served the interests of and covered athletic programs and conferences throughout the country, especially HBCUs. He was an ubiquitous presence in press boxes and press rows across the HBCU sporting landscape and beyond, always performing some necessary task towards the success of the event.

He is fairly credited with being the person "who brought HBCU sports to the internet" for his pioneering efforts in utilizing computer technology for compilation of scores and game statistics, website construction and maintenance. For that, he was widely known as "The Guru."

Eric's contributions were indispensable. His presence will be greatly missed and his absence profoundly felt.

He started his company, the Onnidan Group — named after his mother Onnie and father Dan — in the early 1980s to compile and distribute scores of HBCU games. While a communications professor at Fayetteville State University, this Durham, N. C. native, NC State graduate and Air Force veteran brought to bear all his skills and expertise in media and technology in taking over sports information duties for the Broncos. His contacts with other HBCU SIDs led to the founding of the Black College Sports Information Directors Association, also known as BC-SIDA, a subsidiary of CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America). From its inception, Eric served as executive director of BC-SIDA and helped organize and promote black college SIDs and their institutions until his health started to fail.

With a background in radio production and marketing, Eric started the Onnidan.com website, also known as Black College Sports Online, just as the internet began to explode in the early 1990s. It was the first major outlet and for many years the only site for comprehensive coverage of HBCU sports on the internet. In many ways it helped birth the explosion of HBCU coverage that is now so prevalent on the web.

One of the anchors on the Onnidan.com platform has been my Black College Sports Page. There would be no BCSP without Eric. He was an indispensable part of the beginning of the syndicated publication in 1994 and continued as a valuable advisor, contributor

and traveling companion with me to all things HBCU sports for over two decades. He was also the webmaster that faithfully posted the BCSP each week on Onnidan.com for the past 28 years.

Eric, many times along with his wife Betty and daughter Nikki, spent countless hours on the road providing his services to numerous institutions. He also trained a legion of students and professionals, particularly sports information directors and their helpers, in the practice of gathering computer generated statistics. It ended the laborious task of collecting statistics manually and is now universally the standard. The Onnidan Group performed statistical services as well as website construction and maintenance for athletic departments in all four HBCU conferences (CIAA, MEAC, SIAC and SWAC) as well as for high school, HBCU and NCAA tournaments and championship events, television broadcasts and athletic endeavors large and small.

The CIAA inducted him into its John McLendon Hall of Fame in 2019 for his numerous contributions.

In Matthew 25:21 it says: "The master said to him, 'Well done my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'"

That's my prayer for Eric. That he be rewarded for all the good he did, the countless people he trained, taught, mentored, encouraged and helped. Those people include me.

Rest in peace, my friend. ■

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Jacksonville State vs. Stephen F. Austin
Cramton Bowl | Montgomery, Alabama
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Mercedes-Benz Stadium | Atlanta, Georgia
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Toyota Stadium | Frisco, Texas
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University Stadium | Albuquerque, New Mexico
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Allegiant Stadium | Las Vegas, Nevada
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DECEMBER 17, 2022 - ESPN
ACC vs. AAC
Fenway Park | Boston, Massachusetts
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NOVEMBER 23 & 24
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ESPN EVENTS INVITATIONAL

NOVEMBER 24, 25 & 27, 2022
ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex | Lake Buena Vista, Florida
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NOVEMBER 24, 25 & 27, 2022
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Men's: Alabama, Iowa State, Michigan State, North Carolina, Oregon, Portland, UConn, Villanova
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NOVEMBER 11, 2022
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