

Temple Adds 25 Players on National Signing Day

PHILADELPHIA – The Temple Owls signed their first full recruiting class under head coach Stan Drayton today adding 25 student-athletes to the roster.

Drayton was named the Temple head coach on December 15, 2021, which was National Signing Day one year ago. He supplemented that class with several signees a few months later.

This time around, Drayton was able to add a mix of 20 high school recruits and two Junior College transfers. He supplemented that group with three transfer portal players. Nearly half the class came from Temple's footprint with five players from Pennsylvania and five from New Jersey. Drayton also recruited hard in Florida adding eight from the Sunshine State. There were also four international players - from Australia, Canada, England, and the Bahamas.

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Hometown / High School / Previous School
Dante Atton	P	6-0	195	Melbourne, Australia / ProKick Australia
Gensley Auguste	DL	6-5	280	West Orange, NJ / West Orange
Diego Barajas (Jr)	OL	6-6	300	Alameda, CA / Alameda / Laney College
Kaleb Barnett	CB	5-11	175	Nassau, Bahamas / Miami Jackson
Peter Clarke	TE	6-6	250	London, England / NFL Academy
Zyheem Coleman-Frazier	WR	6-0	165	Sicklerville, NJ / Timber Creek
Richard Dandridge	WR	5-11	165	Homestead, FL / Homestead Senior
Tyler Douglas	QB	6-2	195	Oakhurst, NJ / Ocean Township
Preston Everhart	WR	5-10	170	Dublin, OH / The Hun School
Conlan Greene	DL	6-4	265	Irwin, PA / Penn Trafford
Xavier Irvin	WR	5-10	180	Miami, FL / Booker T. Washington
Eric King	OL	6-3	300	Jersey City, NJ / Saint Peter's Prep
Jordan Montgomery	OLB	6-2	220	Philadelphia, PA / Roman Catholic
Ben Osueke (Jr)	CB	6-1	180	Richmond, TX / Foster / Blinn JC
Zyil Powell	SAF	6-1	185	Newark, NJ / Paramus Catholic
Melvin Siani	OL	6-6	275	Ontario, Canada / Wyoming Seminary
Joquez Smith	RB	5-8	190	Tampa, FL / Jesuit
Darrell Sweeting	CB	5-10	175	North Palm Beach, FL / The Benjamin School
Kevin Terry	OL	6-5	270	Palm Harbor, FL / Clearwater Central Catholic
Luke Watson	OL	6-5	275	Willow Grove, PA / Saint Mark's
Tyrese Whitaker	DL	6-2	230	Philadelphia, PA / Northeast
Kyle Williams	RB	6-0	185	Harrisburg, PA / Harrisburg
Allan Haye (r-So)	DL	6-2	305	Margate, FL / Chaminade-Madonna / Miami
E.J. Wilson (Jr)	RB	6-0	210	Ruskin, FL / Armwood / FIU
Dante Wright (r-Jr)	WR	5-9	180	Navarre, FL / Navarre / Colorado State

All student-athletes are incoming freshmen unless otherwise noted.

Dante Atton **P** **6-0** **195** **Melbourne, Australia / ProKick Australia**

High School: Attended St. Francis Xavier College High ... **Personal:** Born Dante Kayden Atton in Melbourne, Australia ... parents are Meryl and Angelo ... has three sisters, Tyana, Kyla, and Aaliyah, and one brother, Jaylan ... list of favorites include: Big Bang Theory (TV show), Barefoot Investor (book), Hacksaw Ridge (movie) ... business management major.

Gensley Auguste **DL** **6-5** **280** **West Orange, NJ / West Orange**

High School: Played defensive line and wide receiver for head coach Darnell Grant at West Orange ... earned first team all-conference, first team all-group five, and second team all-state as a senior ... **Personal:** Born Gensley Fils Auguste in Livingston, N.J. ... parents are Miriam Antoine and Wilguins Auguste ... has three brothers, Mikervens (16), Wagley (13), and Carlene (10) ... has volunteered to give out turkeys in the past ... list of favorites include: Los Angeles Rams (pro team), Kevin Durant (pro athlete) ... intends to major in business management.

Diego Barajas **OL** **6-6** **300** **Alameda, CA / Alameda / Laney College**

2022 (Sophomore): Earned first team all-conference at Laney College ... **2021 (Freshman):** Played in one game ... **High School:** Played offensive line and defensive line at Alameda High School for head coach Robin Morris ... lettered all four years ... first team honorable mention his sophomore year ... **Personal:** Born Diego Yahir Barajas in Castro Valley, Calif. ... parents are Liliana Orozco and Jose Barajas ... has two brothers, Luis (18) and Samuel (10) and a sister, Andrea (23) ... list of favorites include: The Office (TV show), Hip Hop/Rap (music), San Francisco 49ers (sports team), Trent Williams (professional athlete) ... plans to major in business administration.

Kaleb Barnett **CB** **5-11** **175** **Nassau, Bahamas / Miami Jackson**

High School: Played defensive back at Miami Jackson for head coach John Harris ... also lettered in track and field ... **Personal:** Born Kaleb Canaz Barnett in Nassau, Bahamas ... parents are Kaylesa and Tyndale Barnett ... has a younger sister, Laila ... list of favorites include: Transformers (movie), reggae (music), Shauna Miller (professional athlete) ... plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Peter Clarke **TE** **6-6** **250** **London, England / NFL Academy**

High School: Played tight end, wide receiver, and fullback at the NFL Academy in London for head coach Jerome Allen ... lettered two years (freshman and sophomore years cancelled due to COVID-19) ... had 14 catches for 371 yards and five touchdowns as his team went 5-0 in his senior season ... **Personal:** Born Peter David Clarke in London, England ... mother is Samantha Clarke ... has a brother, Daniel (three) and two sisters, Hallie (18) and Ruby (13) ... has volunteered at a youth center in London and runs sports camps for children to "help get them off the street and make sure they gain key qualifications and life skills to help them get a better future." ... list of favorites include: Rocky III (movie), Brooklyn Nine Nine (TV show), Rock (music), Of Mice and Men (book), Philadelphia Eagles (sports team), Efe Obada (Athlete) ... wants to run a development/recruitment center in Europe to help more athletes get on the radar of US colleges ... plans to major in sport and recreation management.

Zyheem Coleman-Frazier **WR** **6-0** **165** **Sicklerville, NJ / Timber Creek**

High School: Played wide receiver for four seasons under head coach Brian Wright at Timber Creek ... **Personal:** Born Zyheem Joseph Coleman in Cape May, N.J. ... mother is Nykedda Coleman ... has three brothers, Chris, Lionel, and Zachary, and one sister, Zoe ... grandfather, Willie Coleman, served in the Army ... list of favorites include: Friday (movie), Seattle Seahawks (pro team), Stephon Diggs (pro athlete) ... intends to major in business.

Richard Dandridge **WR** **5-11** **165** **Homestead, FL / Homestead Senior**

High School: Played wide receiver and defensive back under head coach Phillip Simpson, a former Temple defensive lineman at Homestead (Fla.) Senior High ... lettered all four years ... had 800 receiving yards, 10 touchdowns, and five interceptions his freshman and sophomore seasons ... had 1,044 receiving yards, ten touchdowns, and three interceptions his junior season ... had 1,130 receiving

yards, 14 touchdowns, and four interceptions his senior season ... also lettered in track ...

Personal: Born Richard Louis Dandridge in Homestead, Fla. ... mother is Sharika Simmons ... has three brothers, Daevon (19), Kingston (12), and Aiden (7) ... has three sisters, Destiny (16), Armani (9), and Malaysia (4) ... has volunteered with the Special Olympics, interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America ... list of favorites include: Money Talks (movie), BMF (TV show), Rap (music), Griffin III (book), Miami Dolphins (sports team), Justin Jefferson (athlete) ... plans to major in criminal justice.

Tyler Douglas **QB** **6-2** **195** **Oakhurst, NJ / Ocean Township**

High School: Played outside linebacker, safety, and quarterback at Ocean Township High under head coach Don Klein ... lettered all four years ... first team all-division his freshman year ... first team all-division his sophomore year ... first team all-division his junior year, third team all-conference ... second team all-state, first team all-state Group 3, Shore Conference MVP, first team All-Shore, first team all-county, first team all-division, Freedom Division MVP his senior year ... was a two-time Spartan Scholar ...

Personal: Born Tyler James Douglas in Oakhurst, N.J. ... parents are Jennifer and Brain Douglas ... has a sister, Jaclyn (20) ... dad, Brian, played college at UMass ... volunteered for the American Youth Football program, interested in charities that help pediatric cancer ... list of favorites include: Joker (movie), Seinfeld (TV show), Rap (music), When the Game Stands Tall (book), New York Giants (sports team), Josh Allen (athlete).

Preston Everhart **WR** **5-10** **170** **Dublin, OH / The Hun School**

High School: Played wide receiver as a senior helping lead The Hun School to a 9-0 record ... head coach was Todd Smith ... played running back his first three seasons ... also played lacrosse all four years ...

Personal: Born Preston Wilson Everhart in Dublin, Ohio ... parents are Darbie and Scott ... has two brothers, Chaz and Dawson ... list of favorites include: Shutter Island (movie), Trailer Park Boys (TV show), LeBron James (pro athlete), The Tattooist of Auschwitz (book) ... plans to major in communications or business.

Conlan Greene **DL** **6-4** **265** **Irwin, PA / Penn Trafford**

High School: Played defensive end, tight end, long snapper, and quarterback at Penn Trafford High School ... lettered three years ... was a second team all-conference defensive end his sophomore year ... first team all-conference defensive end, second team all-state defensive end, 5A State Champions, 55 tackles, 13 sacks, two forced fumbles, and one fumble recovery his junior year ... first team all-conference defensive end, second team all-conference quarterback, 47 tackles, two sacks, one fumble recovery his senior year ... also lettered in basketball ...

Personal: Born Conlan William Greene in Jeannette, Pa ... parents are Renee and Daniel Greene ... has a brother, Daniel (19), and two sisters, Caitlin (21) and Delaney (18) ... grandfathers Robert Costellic and William Greene served in the military ... has done community service with church camp, football camps, nursing homes, and various church events, interested in charities benefiting children and veterans ... list of favorites include: Waterboy (movie), 11.22.63 (TV show), Rap (music), To Kill A Mockingbird (book), Pittsburgh Steelers (sports team), T.J. Watt (athlete) ... plans to major in business/finance.

Allan Haye **DL** **6-2** **305** **Margate, FL / Chaminade-Madonna / Miami**

2022 (Redshirt Freshman): Made season debut against Florida State posting a solo tackle ... **2021**

(Freshman): Saw action in one game making college debut against Central Connecticut State ... redshirted ... **High School:** A consensus three-star prospect by 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals ... ranked the No. 53 defensive tackle and No. 119 player in Florida by 247Sports Composite ... rated the No. 61 defensive tackle and No. 135 player in Florida by ESPN ... recorded over 80 tackles and 9.0 tackles for loss in three-year varsity career ... as a junior, has 68 tackles, 8.0 tackles for loss and 6.0 sacks in 12 games ... chose Miami over offers from Duke, Indiana, Iowa State, Kentucky, Louisville, Maryland, NC State, Pitt, Syracuse, Texas Tech, UCF, USF, Wake Forest and West Virginia, among others ... **Personal:** Born Allan Haye ... parents are Sandhia Clarke and Santonio Banton ... has a sister Sanonette ... sports administration major.

Xavier Irvin **WR 5-10 180 Miami, FL / Booker T. Washington**

High School: Played football at Booker T. Washington High in Miami, Fla., for head coach Ice Harris ... had 13 touchdowns his senior year ... also lettered in track and basketball ... **Personal:** Born Xavier Demond Irvin in Atlanta, Ga ... mother is Sateria Franklin ... has a brother, Drew (21) and a sister, Ashuani ... list of favorites includes: American Skin (movie), Family Guy (TV show), Kansas City Chiefs (sports team), Odell Beckham Jr. (athlete) ... intends to major in communications and business.

Eric King **OL 6-3 300 Jersey City, NJ / Saint Peter's Prep**

High School: Played offensive and defensive line at Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City, N.J. for head coach Rich Hansen III ... lettered all four years ... was first team all-conference as a senior ... **Personal:** Born Eric Antony King in Jersey City, N.J. ... mother is Selivia Hill ... has a sister, My'elle Richardson (nine) ... list of favorites include: Black Panther (movie), Rap (music), Dracula (book), Philadelphia Eagles (sports team), Trent Williams (athlete) ... intends to major in business.

Jordan Montgomery **OLB 6-2 220 Philadelphia, PA / Roman Catholic**

High School: Played football at Roman Catholic in Philadelphia as a senior ... attended Bishop McDevitt (Wycote, Pa.) where he was a teammate of Tyrese Whitaker, another Temple Class of 2023 signee ... **Personal:** Born Jordan Montgomery ... parents are Tiffany Corbin and David Mower ... intends to major in business.

Ben Osueke **CB 6-1 180 Richmond, TX / Foster / Blinn JC**

2022 (Sophomore): Played in nine games at cornerback for Blinn Junior College and earned all-conference recognition ... made 33 tackles, 25 solos, and added one interception ... **2021 (Freshman):** Played five games and made eight tackles, including a career-best five stops vs. Trinity Valley CC ... made college debut vs. Navarro College ... **High School:** Played four seasons at cornerback at Foster High in Richmond, Texas for head coach Shaun McDowell ... also lettered in track ... **Personal:** Born Ben Chibiuke Osueke in Logas, Nigeria ... father is Benedict Usueke ... has three sisters, Blessing, Irene, Emma, and one brother, Mayian ... list of favorites include: Creed (movie), Boondocks (TV show), Golden State Warriors (professional team) ... business major.

Zyil Powell **SAF 6-1 185 Newark, NJ / Paramus Catholic**

High School: Played quarterback, wide receiver, and safety at Paramus Catholic High for head coach Greg Russo ... lettered three years ... had over 1,000 scrimmage yards his freshman season and eight touchdowns ... earned second team all-conference defensive back as a junior ... also lettered twice in track and field ... **Personal:** Born Zyil Christopher Powell in Jersey City, N.J. ... mother is Brittany Sisay ... has a brother, Omar Sisay (11) and a sister, Briah Sisay (six) ... mother, Brittany Sisay and grandfather, Thomas Cheatham served in the military ... has done community service with his church and his school, interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America ... list of favorites include: Juice (movie), Rick and Morty (TV show), Rap (music), Rich Dad, Poor Dad (book), Dallas Cowboys (sports team), CeeDee Lamb (athlete) ... plans to major in finance.

Melvin Siani **OL 6-6 275 Ontario, Canada / Wyoming Seminary**

High School: Played offensive line at Wyoming Seminary Prep for head coach Kevin Burke ... lettered three years ... first team all-conference his senior year ... also lettered in basketball ... **Personal:** Born Melvin Sianni in Hamilton, Ontario. ... parents are Justin and Clotilde Siani ... has two brothers, Kevin (20) and Joshua (five) ... interested in American Cancer Society ... list of favorites include: Breaking bad (TV show), Rap (music), Toronto Raptors (sports team), Trent Williams (athlete) ... intends to major in business.

Joquez Smith **RB 5-8 190 Tampa, FL / Jesuit**

High School: Played running back and wide receiver at Jesuit High School for head coach Matt Thompson ... lettered all four years ... had 463 yards and eight touchdowns his freshman year ... 1,444 yards and 18 touchdowns his sophomore year ... 1,990 yards and 30 touchdowns his junior year, while

leading his team to a 6A state title ... 1,437 yards and 19 touchdowns his senior year ... **Personal:** Born Joquez Walter Smith in Tampa, Fla. ... parents are Joann and Walter Smith ... godfather is former Owl and current Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coach, Todd Bowles ... has a sister, Waltavia ... has completed over 200 hours of community service, interested in Big Brothers Big Sisters of America ... list of favorites include: Friday (movie), All-American (TV show), Rap (music), Beowulf (book), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (sports team), D'Andre Swift (athlete).

Darrell Sweeting CB 5-10 175 North Palm Beach, FL / The Benjamin School

High School: Played cornerback at The Benjamin School in North Palm Beach, Fla. For head coach Eric Kresser ... lettered all four years ... all-county second team his sophomore and junior years ... all-county first team, while only allowing one completion during his senior year ... also lettered in track and field and basketball ... won the responsible student award ... **Personal:** Born Darrell Jahrel Sweeting in West Palm Beach, Fla. ... parents are Whitney Ray and Darell Sweeting Jr ... grandparents are Brenda and Harold Ray ... has two brothers, Amare Ray (12), Chase Ray (10), and Major Powell (seven) ... has two sisters, A'myah Ray (11) and Deserye Sweeting (13) ... cousin, Cre'Von LeBlanc plays cornerback for the Philadelphia Eagles ... father, Darell Sweeting Jr. served in the military ... list of favorites includes: Friday (movie), All-American (TV show), Buffalo Bills (sports team), Darell Revis (pro athlete) ... intends to major in business management.

Kevin Terry OL 6-5 270 Palm Harbor, FL / Clearwater Central Catholic

High School: Played offensive and defensive line at Clearwater Central Catholic High School in Clearwater, Fla. for head coach Chris Harvey ... lettered all four years ... was FACA District 14 All District Team as a senior... also lettered in track and field ... **Personal:** Born Kevin Lee Terry in Bronx, N.Y. ... goes by Kash ... parents are Tanisha and Terence Terry ... has two sisters, Alexis Terry (24) and Erica Gaines (27) ... interested in the American Cancer Society ... list of favorites include: Scarface (movie), Last Chance U (TV show), Rap (music), Great Gatsby (book), Dallas Cowboys (sports team), Dez Bryant (athlete) ... intends to major in psychology.

Luke Watson OL 6-5 275 Willow Grove, PA / Saint Mark's

High School: Played offensive and defensive line at Saint Mark's High School in Wilmington, Del. for head coach Joe Wright ... lettered three years ... was division lineman of the year, all-state offensive tackle and defensive end/tackle as a junior and senior... also lettered in basketball and track and field ... was inducted as a member of the National Honors Society ... **Personal:** Born Luke Robert Watson in Wilmington, Del. ... parents are Kim Saxton and Todd Watson ... grandfather Elmer Saxton served in the military ... has done community service with church and school, interested in charities that help cancer and orphans ... list of favorites include: Creed (movie), Breaking Bad (TV show), Pop/Rap (music), Steven King (book), Philadelphia Eagles (sports team), Jordan Mailata (athlete) ... intends to major in sport management.

Tyrese Whitaker DL 6-2 230 Philadelphia, PA / Northeast

High School: Played football at Northeast High in Philadelphia as a senior ... attended Bishop McDevitt (Wycote, Pa.) where he was a teammate of Jordan Montgomery, another Temple Class of 2023 signee ... **Personal:** Born Tyrese Whitaker.

Kyle Williams RB 6-0 185 Harrisburg, PA / Harrisburg

High School: Played wide receiver and running back at Harrisburg (Pa.) High for head coach Cal Everett ... set the school record for receptions his freshman season ... had 1,600 yards and 20 touchdowns his junior year ... had 1,900 yards and 26 touchdowns his senior year, earning first team all-state honors ... rushed for 263 yards and scored all four touchdowns in Harrisburg's state semifinal win over State College in his senior year ... also lettered in track ... **Personal:** Born Kyle Williams ... list of favorites includes: Wonder (book), Avatar (movie), Outer Banks (TV show), San Francisco 49ers (sports team), Deebo Samuel (athlete).

E.J. Wilson

RB 6-0 210 Ruskin, FL / Armwood / FIU

2022 (Sophomore): Played in 12 games for FIU with 288 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 79 carries ... also added 19 catches for 75 yards ... had a 19.3-yard average on six kickoff returns ... **2021 (Freshman):** Played in 12 games and gained 239 rushing yards on 42 carries ... averaged 5.7 yards per carry ... also hauled in eight receptions for 93 yards and a touchdown ... hauled in a 69-yard touchdown catch at Texas Tech ... opened season with 43 yards on five rushing attempts vs. LIU ... **2020 (Freshman):** Played in four of FIU's five games as a true freshman ... earned a 39.6 average and nearly 200 yards in kickoff returns, with a 100-yard return coming against WKU ... became just the third Panther ever to return a kickoff 100 yards ... alongside Lexington Joseph's 100-yard return earlier in the season, FIU was the only team in the nation to have multiple players return 100-yard kickoffs in 2020 ... **High School:** Played running back at Armwood High in Ruskin, Fla. ... rated as a three-star prospect by 24/7 sports ... ranked as high as the 63rd-best running back in the nation by 24/7 sports ... named to the All-Hillsborough County Second Team by the Tampa Bay Times as a senior ... had a breakout game against Chamberlin, rushing for 132 yards and three scores ... racked up over 2,100 yards on the ground and 25 scores in his final two seasons at Armwood HS ... also hauled in nearly 20 catches, for 300 yards and two scores over that time ... rushed for 1,223 yards and 13 scores as a junior to help Armwood reach the 6A state title game for the second-straight season ... also lettered in track ... received offers from Cincinnati, Missouri, Pitt, Purdue and Utah ... **Personal:** Born Eric Mashawn Wilson in Tampa, Fla. ... goes by E.J. ... parents are Michelle and Eric Wilson ... is the youngest of four – brothers Greg and Kivaria, and sister Angelica ... list of favorites include: Rich Dad, Poor Dad (book), Friday (movie), Martin (TV show) ... business major.

Dante Wright

WR 5-9 180 Navarre, FL / Navarre / Colorado State

2022 (Junior): Played in two games before redshirting and entering the transfer portal ... **2021 (Sophomore):** Limited to nine games due to injury, he was second on the team with 43 catches for 538 yards and three touchdowns ... started the first two weeks then the final five ... opened with six catches for 103 yards vs. South Dakota State ... had a season-best eight catches for 150 yards at Hawaii, including a touchdown ... had a season-long catch of 62 yards at Hawaii, good for a touchdown ... had six grabs for 40 yards and two scores at Wyoming ... returned eight punts for 48 yards with a long of 20 vs. Vandy ... **2020 (Sophomore):** Has started every game of his collegiate career for which he was available ... was second on the team with 20 catches for 315 yards ... had a career-best 10 catches and 146 yards in the win over Wyoming ... turned five receptions into 109 yards at Boise State ... his two 100-yard receiving games give him four in his career ... returned five punts for 34 yards ... had nine carries for 36 yards, with long runs of 11 yards against both Boise State and San Diego State... named PFF All-Mountain West, 1st Team, All-Mountain West, 2nd Team (WR), All-Mountain West, Honorable Mention (PR), Phil Steele All-Mountain West, 2nd Team (WR), and Phil Steele All-Mountain West, 4th Team (PR) ... **2019 (Freshman):** First CSU true freshman to start every game at receiver since Rashard Higgins in 2013 ... first career catch was a 39-yard touchdown vs. CU ... had 75-yard scoring receptions in back-to-back games (vs. Western Illinois, at Arkansas) ... finished with two 100-yard receiving games, the first vs. Western Illinois ... established career-best in catches at seven and yards (111) vs. Western Illinois ... rushed for 214 yards and two scores, with a career-long rush of 64 at New Mexico ... earned 2019 Fall Academic All-Mountain West honors ... named FWAA Freshman All-American and ESPN True Freshman All-American ... **High School:** Named Pensacola News Journal Player of the Year for the second year in a row in 2018 after area-leading 40 receptions for 852 yards (21.3) and 8 TDs and rushing for 405 yards and 10 TDs on 32 carries (12.7) ... also played cornerback and intercepted four passes in 2018, including one returned for a TD, while also returning punts and kickoffs to amass 1,598 all-purpose yards ... completed 3 of 5 passes for 93 yards and a TD, and handled field goals and PATs in his senior year, leading Navarre to the state Class 6A quarterfinals ... as a junior was named Northwest Florida Daily News Large Schools Offensive Player of the Year and Pensacola New Journal Player of the Year after catching 39 passes for 319 yards (23.4) and 15 TDs and adding 41 carries for 567 yards (13.8) and 10 TDs ... in 2017 defensively, intercepted four passes and returned two for TDs, and added a punt-return TD to account for 28 total TDs ... **Personal:** Born Dante Joseph Wright in Gainesville, Florida ... parents are Damon and Stacy Wright ... has a brother, Devin

(19), and a sister, Jade (12) ... father, Damon, played college football at Carson Newman College and served in the military ... has experience in helping youth flag football and beach clean-up ... list of favorites include: Cars 2 (movie), Spongebob (TV show), Rap (music), Jacksonville Jaguars (sports team), Stephen Curry (athlete) ... intends to major in sports medicine.