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St. Cloud State Head Football Coach Scott Underwood Announces the Signing of 25 High School Student-Athletes to Letters of Intent

St. Cloud, Minn. -- St. Cloud State University head football coach Scott Underwood has announced the signing of 25 high school athletes to National Letters of Intent to attend St. Cloud State in the fall and play football for the Huskies. Today is the first day of National signing for football recruits.

The incoming class includes athletes from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Washington. Of the incoming athletes, 14 are offensive players and 11 play on the defensive side of the ball.

"With the graduation of 25 players from our program last fall, we were able to bring in 25 new players, who in our evaluation have outstanding athleticism and skills," said Underwood. "Our coaching staff set our sights on adding a dynamic class that fit into our offensive and defensive schemes, and meet the needs of the team, both academically and athletically. We look forward to adding this talented group to our current squad members as we look to compete in the strong Northern Sun Conference."

The Huskies graduated one of the largest senior classes in recent history, a total of 25 players, including 16 on defense, eight on offense and one special teams player.

St. Cloud State completed its first year as a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) last fall. The Huskies posted a 7-4 overall record, finished 7-3 overall in the NSIC, and 5-1 in the NSIC North Division. St. Cloud State placed second in the North Division and tied for fourth in the overall league standings.

The new recruits will join three transfers who joined the Husky program at the beginning of spring semester. The transfers are: junior running back Stefan Geissler (Cadott, WI) from South Dakota State, sophomore punter Matt Compton (Owatonna) from the University of South Dakota, and sophomore quarterback/wide receiver Rob Evans (Franklin, WI) from Concordia St. Paul

Notes....Connor Cosgrove is the son of Kevin Cosgrove, who was recently named the defensive coordinator for the University of Minnesota football team...Eli Shoemaker is the younger brother of St. Cloud State co-offensive coordinator Ian Shoemaker and graduate assistant coach Carlin Shoemaker.

Name	Ht	Wt	Pos	Hometown/High School
Todd Bestgen	5'11	215	LB	Rochester, Minn./Rochester Lourdes H.S.
Jeff Bias II	6'3	225	DL	Racine, Wisc./Horlick H.S.
Dan Blaser	5'8	170	WR/RB	Stacy, Minn./Forest Lake H.S.
Mike Butterfield	6'1	195	QB	Pewaukee, Wisc./Kettle Moraine H.S.
Hunter Charneski	6'1	230	DL	Green Bay, Wisc. Green Bay Notre Dame H.S.
Tate Christopherson	6'1	200	QB/DB	Maple Grove, Minn./Osseo H.S.
Connor Cosgrove	6'0	180	WR	Fitchburg, Wisc./Edgewood H.S.
Ernest Dorsett III	5'10	170	WR/RB	Woodbury, Minn./Woodbury H.S.
Kyle Galik	6'3	285	OL	Oconto, Wisc./Oconto H.S.
Kyle Hahn	6'7	240	DE	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove H.S.
Brandon Haney	6'5	300	OL	DeForest, Wisc./DeForest H.S.
Chris Hansen	6'3	230	LB/DE	Slayton, Minn./Tracy-Milroy H.S.
Jack Hedlund	6'3	265	OL	St. Augusta, Minn./St. Cloud Tech H.S.
Corey Henne	6'5	225	TE	Brookfield, Wisc./Wisconsin Lutheran H.S.
Eric Johnson	6'1	215	LB	Sauk Rapids, Minn./Sauk Rapids H.S.
Phillip Klaphake	6'0	170	QB	Princeton, Minn./Princeton H.S.
Jack Moro	5'11	170	DB	Brookfield, Minn./Brookfield Central H.S.
Chad Peterson	5'10	195	WR/RB	Winona, Minn./Winona H.S.
Derek Pieper	6'6	240	TE	Juneau, Wisc./Dodgeland H.S.
Renard Robinson	6'2	200	WR	Bloomington, Minn./Richfield H.S.
Eli Shoemaker	6'1	185	DB/WR	Graham, Wash./Graham-Kapowsin H.S.
John Swenhaugen	6'1	175	WR	Tracy, Minn./Tracy-Milroy H.S.
Michael Valentine	6'3	265	OL/P	Janesville, Wisc./Janesville Craig H.S.
Michael Woods Jr.	5'9	180	LB/DB	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park H.S.
Tom Youngquist	5'10	165	DB	Brooklyn Park, Minn./Champlin Park H.S.

Todd Bestgen, 5'11, 215, LB, Rochester, Minn.**Rochester Lourdes H.S.**

Hiawatha Valley All-Conference. All-Area Team member. Team captain and team MVP. Three-year football letterwinner. Rochester Lourdes won three straight Section 1AAA championships.

Jeff Bias II, 6'3, 225, DL, Racine, Wisc./Horlick H.S.

Associated Press All-State defensive lineman, All-Region, All-County, All-Conference, All-Area, Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and Team Defensive Player of the Year. Honor roll student. Son of Jackie and Jeffrey Bias Sr.

Dan Blaser, 5'8, 170, WR/RB, Stacy, Minn.**Forest Lake H.S.**

All-Conference selection. Team MVP and Offensive MVP. Team captain.

Mike Butterfield, 6'1, 195, QB, Pewaukee, Wisc.**Kettle Moraine H.S.**

2008 Classic 8 Conference Offensive Player of the Year (Division I), First Team All-Conference, Waukesha Freeman County Player of the Year, All-Lake County Team. 2007 and 2008 team co-captain, 2008 Team MVP, Honorable Mention All-Conference in 2007. Three-year football letterwinner. Varsity letterwinner in track and field. Member of Wisconsin State Championship Division I track team. First place 1600 meter relay team and second player 400 meter relay team in state championship. Ran 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump and 800 meter relay team. Son of Christine and Bert Butterfield.

Hunter Charneski, 6'1, 230, DL, Green Bay, Wisc.**Notre Dame de la Baie Academy H.S.**

2008 Green Bay Press Gazette First Team All-Area, First Team All-Conference defensive line. Senior starter. Honor student. Community volunteer.

Tate Christopherson, 6'1, 200, QB/DB, Maple Grove, Minn.**Osseo H.S.**

Three-year All-Conference player. Two-year team captain. Honorable Mention All-State two years. Conference MVP as a junior. Four-year football letterwinner.

Connor Cosgrove, 6'0, 180, WR, Fitchburg, Wisc.**Edgewood H.S.**

Played wide receiver, defensive back, punt and kick returner in high school. Named to All-City Team, Honorable Mention All-Conference, and 2-Star Athlete Rivals.com team. Selected to play in the Wisconsin Shrine All-Star game. Honor roll student and Academic All-State student. Son of Michelle and Kevin Cosgrove. Father is the new defensive coordinator at the University of Minnesota.

Ernest Dorsett III, 5'10, 170, WR/RB, Woodbury, Minn.**Woodbury H.S.**

Two-time All-Conference team member. All-Section and All-State Honorable Mention.

Kyle Galik, 6'3, 285, OL, Oconto, Wisc./Oconto H.S.

First Team All-Conference offensive line and second team defensive line. Green Bay Press Gazette Second Team All-Area. Selected to play in the Wisconsin Shrine All-Star game. Team captain and voted best offensive lineman as a senior. Second team All-Conference offensive and defensive line as a junior. Varsity starter since sophomore year. Son of Julie and Bill Galik.

Kyle Hahn, 6'7, 240, DE, Maple Grove, Minn.**Maple Grove H.S.**

All-Conference performer. Team sack leader as a junior and senior.

Brandon Haney, 6'5, 300, OL, DeForest, Wisc./DeForest H.S.

Second Team All-Badger North Conference team selection in 2006, 2007, and 2008. Four-year Honor Roll student. Basketball team member. Son of Brenda and Shawn Haney.

Chris Hansen, 6'3, 230, LB/DE, Slayton, Minn.**Tracy-Milroy H.S.**

Conference Lineman of the Year. Named to Marshall Independent and Worthington Globe All-Area teams. Led prep team in tackles. Was a team captain and nominated for the Minnesota State High School All-Star game.

Jack Hedlund, 6'3, 265, OL, St. Augusta, Minn.**St. Cloud Tech H.S.**

All-Area Honorable Mention and All-Conference Honorable Mention as a junior and senior. Most Valuable Offensive Lineman as a senior. Three-time letterwinner in football who played on two section championship teams and one conference championship team. Three-time letterwinner in track and field. Two-time Honor Roll student.

Corey Henne, 6'5, 225, TE, Brookfield, Wisc.**Wisconsin Lutheran H.S.**

First Team All-Conference Tight End in 2007 and 2008. First Team All-Region, First Team All-Area, and Honorable Mention All-State in 2008. 2007 State Football Champions. Honor roll student and earned seven varsity letters. Also competes in basketball and baseball. Son of Mary and Curtis Henne.

Eric Johnson, 6'1, 215, LB, Sauk Rapids, Minn.**Sauk Rapids H.S.**

Two-Time All-Central Lakes Conference selection, two-time All-Section 8AAAA. 2008 St. Cloud Times All-Area team and 2007 St. Cloud Times Honorable Mention team. Team captain, 2008 Team Offensive MVP, Central Lakes Conference Player of the Week, Metro Sports Commission Player of the Week. Academic All-Conference in 2008. Prep team was the Section 8AAAA runner-up and co-conference champion in 2008. Varsity letterwinner in basketball and track and field. Team captain in basketball. Academic letterwinner.

Phillip Klaphake, 6'0, 170, QB, Princeton, Minn.**Princeton H.S.**

2008 Mississippi 8 Quarterback of the Year. Senior captain. Two-time All-Conference, All-Section, and All-State Honorable Mention. Academic All-Conference. Holds career passing yardage record at Princeton High School. Three-year football letterwinner. Basketball and baseball letterwinner.

Jack Moro, 5'11, 170, DB, Brookfield, Wisc.**Brookfield Central H.S.**

First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Area, First Team All-Region, and Honorable Mention All-State. Baseball and basketball letterwinner. Son of Jacqueline Lassa and Todd Moro.

Chad Peterson, 5'10, 195, WR/RB, Winona, Minn.**Winona H.S.**

Mr. Minnesota Football Finalist. Big 9 Offensive Player of the Year, Winona Daily News Player of the Year, and Minnesota Vikings All-State team member. Three-time Winona High School Player of the Year. KTPC Player of the Week. Four-year letterwinner.

Derek Pieper, 6'6, 240, TE, Juneau, Wisc./Dodgeland H.S.

All-Conference tight end and punter as a junior and senior. All-Conference punter as a sophomore. Senior team captain. Named to Wisconsin Sports Illustrated Honorable Mention All-State team. 2009 All-State Shrine Game tight end. All-Conference basketball and baseball player, as well as a team captain in both sports.

Renard Robinson, 6'2, 200, WR, Bloomington, Minn.**Richfield H.S.**

All-Conference in 2007 and 2008. All-State Honorable Mention in 2008. Two-year All-Conference player in basketball and track.

Eli Shoemaker, 6'1, 185, DB/WR, Graham, Wash.**Graham-Kapowsin H.S.**

First Team All-League Defensive Back. MVP Defensive Back Team Award. Son of Ed Shoemaker, Donna and Jett McBride. Older brother Ian is the Huskies co-offensive coordinator and brother Carlin is a graduate assistant coach with the Huskies.

John Swenhaugen, 6'1, 175, WR, Tracy, Minn.**Tracy-Milroy H.S.**

All-Conference and All-Area team member.

Michael Valentine, 6'3, 265, OL/P, Janesville, Wisc.**Janesville Craig H.S.**

First Team All-Conference and Big Eight Conference Punter of the Year in 2008. Rates as a 4.5 star punter by Kohl's Kicking. Two-time All-Conference offensive lineman. Senior team captain, Lineman of the Year, and Team MVP. All-WFCA Region lineman, Capital Times First Team All-Area, Wisconsin State Journal Second Team All-Area. Honorable Mention All-Conference in hockey and played AAA hockey with the Madison Capitols. High school baseball player. National Honor Society and

National Spanish Honor Society member.

Michael Woods Jr.,**5'9, 180, LB/DB,****Brooklyn Park, Minn.****Champlin Park H.S.**

Two-year letterwinner and starter. All-Conference selection as a senior.

Tom Youngquist,**5'10, 165, DB,****Brooklyn Park, Minn.****Champlin Park H.S.**

Senior captain. All-Conference as a senior. Member of Champlin Park High School state championship track and field team.

***2009 St. Cloud State
University Football******Coaching Staff******Scott Underwood: Head Coach******Doug Patterson: Co-Offensive
Coordinator/O-Line******Ian Shoemaker: Co-Offensive
Coordinator/QB's******Jim Louis: Defensive Coordinator******Steve Gritit: Defensive Line******2009 Tentative Schedule***

Aug. 29	vs. Augustana College*
Sept. 5	Open
Sept. 12	at Wayne State College*
Sept. 19	vs. Northern State*
Sept. 26	at Upper Iowa*
Oct. 3	at Bemidji State*
Oct. 10	vs. Minnesota, Crookston*^
Oct. 17	at Minnesota Duluth*
Oct. 24	vs. University of Mary*
Oct. 31	at MSU Moorhead*
Nov. 7	vs. Minnesota State Univ.*

*NSIC Game

^ Homecoming 2009

Husky Football***Quick Facts***

Location: St. Cloud, Minn.

Enrollment: 16,882

Team Colors: Cardinal and Black

Team Nickname: Huskies

Stadium: Husky Stadium (4,198)

National Affiliate: NCAA Division II

Conference Affiliate: Northern Sun

Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)

2008 Record: 7-4 overall

NSIC Record: 7-3 overall; 5-1 North

