

2007 Florida State Signees

#28 DIONTE ALLEN

5-11, 175, DB, FR
DETROIT, MI (ST. MARY'S)

Rated the 40th-best prospect in America by Rivals.com... Rivals.com lists him as the fifth-best cornerback prospect in the nation and a four-star prospect...*PrepStar* Top 100 prospect...named the second-best prospect out of Michigan by Rivals...Scouts, Inc. called him an "outstanding prospect"...Tom Lemming has him listed as the fourth-best corner in this class...rated the fourth-best prospect in the state by *The Detroit News*...clocked at 4.4 in the 40...led St. Mary's to the playoffs all four seasons playing receiver and cornerback...54 tackles and two interceptions as a senior...had five interceptions as a junior and seven as a sophomore...caught 22 balls for 314 yards and one TD...2006 all-state defensive back...the first junior captain in 18 years at St. Mary's and the first two-time captain...won a 2006 state title as a member of the 4x200 relay team...four-year varsity letter winner as a shooting guard on the St. Mary's basketball team...chose FSU over offers from Miami, Michigan, Ohio State, Notre Dame and Michigan State.

Personal: Born Apr. 10, 1989...planning to major in sport management.

BERNARD BRINSON

5-10, 169, CB, FR
GREENVILLE, FL (MADISON COUNTY)

Rivals.com has him rated as the 31st-best cornerback in the nation...he is also rated No. 51 among the top prospects in the state of Florida...*PrepStar* All-Region...top 100 prospect in the state of Florida by the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*...played in the Florida Athletic Coaches Association North-South All-Star Game...2007 Florida Sports Writers Association (FSWA) Class 2A All-State first team...posted the fifth-best shuttle time among all defensive backs at the 2006 Athens NIKE Training Camp...Red Zone Player of the Year...called a sleeper of the week prospect by *USAToday* last year...ran the 40 in 4.43 and has a 33" vertical leap...scored a TD four different ways his senior season at Madison County HS...returned five punts for TD's as a senior...chose FSU over offers from Nebraska, South Carolina, West Virginia and Marshall.

Personal: Born May 5, 1989...planning to major in sport medicine.

#90 BRIAN COULTER

6-4, 250, DE, JR
POPLARVILLE, MS (PEARL RIVER CC/BAKER HS)

Earned his Associates Degree from Pearl River in May of 2007 and transferred to Florida State...was a dominant force for national junior college powerhouse Pearl River Community College for two seasons...earned Junior College All-American honors his sophomore season...as a senior he led the team in sacks with 14 to go along with 79 total tackles...named Baker's Most Valuable Player and earned All-District first team honors as a senior...earned Junior College All-State second team honors as a freshman...totaled nine sacks as a freshman...as a sophomore had 12.5 sacks, 14 tackles for loss, nine quarterback knockdowns, four forced fumbles and five pass breakups...rivals rated him No. 47 among Junior College prospects and has him listed as a three-star prospect...did not play organized football until the ninth grade and has blossomed quickly into a top-notch player...earned all-district second team honors as a sophomore as he led Baker High School of Louisiana with 11 quarterback sacks...did not play football as a junior.

Personal: Born Oct. 2, 1985...major is liberal arts...was also recruited by Miami, Tennessee, LSU, Auburn, Florida and Alabama among others...selected Florida State over Iowa State, Alabama, Ohio State and Baylor.

#19 TAIWAN EASTERLING

5-11, 192, ATH, FR
HATTIESBURG, MS (OAK GROVE)

Rated a three-star athlete by Rivals.com...a former quarterback at Magee High School, Easterling transferred to Oak Grove his senior year and played wide receiver...led Class 5A in receptions as a senior...caught 69 balls for 1,204 yards and 17 TD's...also rushed 15 times for 124 yards adding four more TD's...averaged over eight yards per carry...named one of the top 30 prospects in Southern Mississippi by *The Sun Herald*...second team all-state as a senior by the *Clarion-Ledger*...accounted for over 2,000 yards of offense as a junior quarterback at Magee...named to the "Dandy Dozen" as a baseball player...clocked at 4.40 in the 40...named Mississippi's Mr. Baseball by the *Clarion-Ledger*...hit .455 with 13 homeruns and 56 RBIs in leading Oak Grove to its ninth baseball state championship...selected in the sixth round of the 2007 MLB draft by the Florida Marlins with the 196th overall pick.

Personal: Born Feb. 24, 1989...graduated with a 3.3 GPA...first name is pronounced tie-whan.

#75 WILL FURLONG

6-5, 275, OT, FR
DELAND, FL (DELAND)

Member of the Rivals.com Florida Top 100 and a three-star prospect...the 31st-best offensive tackle in 2007 according to Rivals and one of the top 50 players overall in the state of Florida...*PrepStar* All-Region...has the ability to play anywhere on the line according to Scout.com... Florida Sports Writers Association Class 6A All-State first team...All-Volusia first team in 2007...all-county selection as a junior...scored a 1290 on the math and verbal sections of the SAT...chose FSU over offers from West Virginia, Ole Miss and UCF.

Personal: Born Sept. 14, 1988.

#63 A.J. GANGUZZA

6-3, 265, C, FR
BOCA RATON, FL (WEST BOCA RATON)

Florida Sports Writers Association Class 4A All-State honorable mention selection...Scouts, Inc. lists him as one of the top 100 offensive guards in America...benches 315 pounds and has a 24" vertical leap...was recruited by Syracuse and Connecticut and offered scholarships by FIU, FAU and NC State.

Personal: Born Dec. 19, 1988...last name is pronounced Ganguo-za.

#70 ANTWANE GREENLEE

6-6, 302, OT, FR
COLUMBUS, GA (HARDAWAY)

Four-star offensive tackle that Rivals has as the fifth-best player at his position...a member of the Rivals 100 as he is the 65th-rated prospect in America...Rivals lists Greenlee as the third-best prospect in Georgia...Scout.com rates him as the 16th-best player at his position this year and as a four-star recruit...Scouts Inc. has Greenlee as the 28th-best offensive tackle...2006 GACA All-Star...*Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* All Bi-City First Team...*Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* Dandy Dozen Selection...*PrepSport* All-American and All-Star Team Selection...runs the 40 in 5.1 and has a 21" vertical leap...chose FSU over numerous offers including Georgia, Florida, Auburn and Clemson.

Personal: Born Aug. 30, 1988.

#92 AARON GRESHAM

6-2, 222, LB, FR
MAYO, FL (LAFAYETTE)

Rated as one of the Top 100 players in Florida and a three-star prospect by Rivals.com...Rivals.com has him listed as the 31st-best

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inside linebacker prospect in the nation...Florida Sports Writers Association (FSWA) Class 1A All-State first team...FSWA first team selection for three straight years...as a senior he recorded 120 tackles, 20 tackles for loss and six sacks...named the *Gainesville Sun's* Small School Player of the Year...helped lead Lafayette to a district championship...chose FSU over offers from Louisville, Michigan State, USF, UCF and FIU.

Personal: Born Oct. 23, 1987...planning to major in criminal justice.

#69 ANTHONY GROSSO 6-6, 290, OT, FR MATAWAN, NJ (MATAWAN)

One of the Top 20 players in New Jersey and a three-star recruit according to Rivals.com...Rivals rates him the 64th-best offensive tackle prospect in 2007...PrepStar All-Region...benches 435, squats 485, has a 25" vertical leap...high school GPA of 3.96...named All-Monmouth second team track and field in the discus...chose FSU over offers from Rutgers, Purdue, Duke, Vanderbilt and Northwestern.

Personal: Born June 27, 1989...would like to be an entrepreneur...last name is pronounced Graw-so.

#88 JONATHAN HANNAH 6-4, 260, TE, JR HOPE MILLS, NC (LOUISBURG COLLEGE/SOUTH VIEW HS)

Rated the nation's fourth-best tight end coming out of high school...former Rivals100 member and a four-star prospect...was rated the sixth-best prospect in the state of North Carolina as a high school senior...a SuperPrep All-American as a senior in high school...named first team all-state as a junior and senior at South View High...caught 36 balls and scored four touchdowns as a senior...also played on the defensive side of the ball where he had 106 tackles, 12 sacks, 19 QB hurries and four fumble recoveries...led his team to a 14-1 record and a spot in the Class 4AA State Championship game...enrolled at South Carolina and played in three games as a freshman...left the Gamecocks and enrolled at Louisburg College...benches 350 pounds and squats 480...timed at 4.75 in the 40-yard dash...played his high school ball in Hope Mills, NC...chose FSU over NC State.

Personal: Major is liberal arts.

#44 MAURICE HARRIS 6-0, 220, LB, FR HOMESTEAD, FL (HOMESTEAD)

Rivals Top 100 in the state of Florida and a three-star prospect...Scout.com has Harris rated the 24th-best prospect at his position in 2007...Rivals lists him as one of the top 40 outside linebackers in the nation in 2007...ran the 40 in 4.4, benches 300 pounds and has a 35" vertical leap...won the Spark competition at the NIKE combine in Miami finishing first among 400 athletes...had 112 tackles, 12 sacks, four forced fumbles and one interception in 2006...named first team All-Dade, first team all-state, Defensive MVP, *Homestead News Leader's* All-Star Team and was selected to play in the All-American Bowl and Dade/Broward All-star classic...also wrestled in high school winning the Dade County wrestling tournament...GMAC Champion wrestler and also a runner-up in districts...chose FSU over North Carolina, Ole Miss, Arizona State, Rutgers, NC State, Pittsburgh and Wisconsin.

Personal: Born June 12, 1989...planning to major in business management.

ZACH HILLERY 6-4, 315, OG, FR CHATHAM, VA (HARGRAVE MILITARY ACADEMY/ WINTER SPRINGS HS)

Rivals.com Top 20 Prep School and a three-star prospect...ranked 18th among the top 50 prep school prospects...played at Winter Springs High School...timed at 4.9 in the 40.

Personal: Enrolled in undergraduate studies.

#62 RODNEY HUDSON 6-2, 285, OG, FR MOBILE, AL (B.C. RAIN)

PrepStar All-Region...three-star lineman by Rivals.com...rated the 17th-best center in the nation and the 24th-best overall player in Alabama...first team all-state selection as a senior...graded 95% on his blocking with 47 pancakes...also played defense, recording 55 tackles as an interior lineman...ran a 5.2 in the 40-yard dash...benches 315 and squats 415...vertical jump measured at 28 inches...chose FSU over offers from West Virginia, Alabama, Louisville, Mississippi, South Florida and Southern Miss.

Personal: Born July 12, 1989.

#55 JAMAR JACKSON 6-4, 225, LB, FR RICHMOND, VA (VARINA)

Four-star prospect and the sixth-highest rated weakside defensive end in the country according to Rivals.com...PrepStar All-American...rated as third-best overall prospect in Virginia...ran a 4.5 in the 40...63 tackles and nine sacks this past season when he was named first team All-Capital District at defensive end...55 tackles, seven tackles for loss and one interception as a junior playing safety...received offers from nine schools including Louisville, Virginia Tech, Clemson, Boston College and NC State.

Personal: Born Nov. 28, 1988...planning to major in business.

JATAVIOUS JACKSON 6-4, 270, OL, FR BELLE GLADE, FL (GLADES CENTRAL)

Rivals Top 100 in the state of Florida and a three-star prospect...Scouts Inc. lists him 20th at his position...one of the top 50 offensive tackle prospects in the nation this year according to Rivals...Scout.com has Jackson rated as the 43rd-best prospect at his position...FSWAA 2005 and 2006 All-State third team...named the 46th-best senior in the state of Florida by the *Orlando Sentinel*...chose FSU over Clemson, Florida, West Virginia, Ole Miss and USF.

Personal: Born Nov. 15, 1988.

#13 BRANDON PAUL 5-10, 185, ATH, FR TALLAHASSEE, FL (LINCOLN)

Four-star prospect rated 25th overall in Florida by Rivals... the 20th-best athlete in America...Scouts, Inc. lists Paul as the 15th-best receiving prospect in the nation while Scout.com lists Paul as a top 15 cornerback...ESPN150 prospect who is listed at No. 81...offensively he rushed for 586 yards and eight touchdowns and had 583 receiving yards and six touchdowns...compiled 564 return yards and three touchdowns...defensively Paul totaled 21 tackles, six pass breakups, one tackle for a loss and two interceptions...four-star prospect according to Scout.com...timed at 4.3 in the 40...bench presses 275 pounds, squats 405 and has a vertical jump of 38"...chose FSU over Florida, Tennessee, Clemson, Miami, Auburn, UCLA and Illinois.

Personal: Born April 11, 1988...planning to major in business.

#83 BERT REED 5-11, 165, WR, FR PANAMA CITY, FL (BAY)

Four-star athlete who ranks in the top 25 overall in the state of Florida...a Rivals250 member and the 18th-highest rated athlete prospect this season according to Rivals...timed at 4.2 in the 40 with a 33" vertical leap...played QB at Bay High School and threw for 2,500 yards and rushed for 1,200 with 16 combined touchdowns...Scouts Inc. calls Reed an "electrifying speedster in space and a nightmare to handle one-on-one in the open field"...FSWAA Class 3A Honorable Mention All-State as a quarterback...chose FSU over Florida, Alabama, South Carolina, West Virginia, NC State and USF.

Personal: Born June 1, 1988...planning to major in business communications.



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#41 KENDALL SMITH

**6-1, 207, LB, FR
BUSHNELL, FL (SOUTH SUMTER)**

PrepStar All-American...four-star prospect and on of the top 50 overall prospects in America by Rivals.com...member of the Rivals100 where he is ranked 45th...Rivals.com rates him the second-best outside linebacker in this year's class...ranked seventh overall in the state of Florida and the best player at his position in the state...rated the third-best middle linebacker by Scout.com...recorded a team-high six tackles for the East in the Offense-Defense All-American Bowl in Ft. Lauderdale...2007 Florida Sports Writers Association (FSWA) Class 2A All-State first team...timed at 4.5 in the 40 with a 28" vertical...District 4 (2A) MVP...defensive leader for a team that reached the Class 2A state championship game...in 14 games, he had 156 total tackles, three sacks and two caused fumbles...also made it to state in track (throwing the shot put and discus)...chose FSU over offers from Florida, Alabama, Ole Miss, USF, Iowa State and UCF.

Personal: Born Dec. 3, 1987.

#87 CAMERON WADE

**6-6, 180, WR
CAIRO, GA (CAIRO)**

PrepStar All-Region...three-star prospect and the 55th-highest rated receiver in America by Rivals.com...named to Rivals' Georgia Top 50 list (33rd)...one of the most explosive wideouts in the south according to *PrepStar* magazine...ran one of the 20 best 40's at the 2006 NIKE Gainesville Training Camp among receivers...was clocked at 4.5 in the 40...had 30 receptions for over 600 yards and two touchdowns his senior year...as a junior he had 600 yards receiving as well to go along with six touchdowns...chose FSU over offers from Clemson, Kentucky and Louisville.

Personal: Born Nov. 1, 1988...planning to major in multinational business.