2001 Football Signees

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SHAWN ALLEN 6-1, 190, Fr., FS, LaGrange, GA/Troup Co. HS High School: Led Troup County to a 7-3 mark in 2000 after registering 70 solo tackles and three interceptions ... Vote area Player of the Week on three occassions ... Team captain as a senior ... Rated the No. 2 safety in Georgia by scouting services in 1999 ... As a sophomore, Allen tallied 120 tackles ... Has been clocked in the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds ... Anchored Troup Countys 4x100 state championship relay team ... Chose MT over Georgia, Auburn, Memphis and Kentucky. Personal: Parents: Ella Allen ... Born: 3/2/81. CHARLES "CHA CHA" BERRY 5-10, 183, Jr., DB, Quincy, FL/Butler Co. CC Butler Co. CC: A two-year starter who helped lead Butler to a 10-2 record in 2000 and an 11-1 mark and a national championship in 1999 ... A two-time honorable mention all-Conference pick ... Voted Freshman of the Year in 1999 ... Registered 38 tackles (25 solos), four interceptions and nine pass breakups in 2000, while being named the "Best Cover Man" on the team ... Collected five interceptions in 1999 ... Runs a 4.5 40 ... Played for coach Shawn Raney. High School: Played at James H. Shanks High School were he earned all-County and second team all-Big Bend honors as a senior ... Was the teams top cover man as a senior ... Collected five interceptions his senior year. Personal: Parents: Jacquline Allen and Mack Allen ... Born: 11/24/80. NATHAN BLASI 6-2, 275, Jr., C, Wichita, KS/Butler Co. CC Butler Co. CC: A Gridwire JuCo All-American in 2000 ... Rated the No. 12 player in the entire Jayhawk Conference and the No. 2 lineman, while also garnering first team league and All-Region honors ... Helped Butler Co. to a 10-2 record in 2000 and paved the way for an offense that averaged 34 points and 354 yards ... As a junior, Blasi and BCCC won the national championship with a 11-1 record ... In two years, Blasi started all 24 games ... In 1999, Blasi opened holes for current Auburn running back Rudy Johnson ... Chose MT over Louisiana Tech, Marshall, Minnesota, New Mexico State and UAB ... (blay-ZEE). High School: As a senior, Goddard went 5-4 and Blasi earned first team all-conference as a defensive lineman and first team all-league honors as an offensive lineman ... He was also a second team all-state 5A selection ... Was a finalist for the Shrine Bowl All-Star game ... As a junior he earned second team all-conference honors ... Also lettered four years in baseball and wrestling. Personal: Parents: Jane and the late Ken Blasi... Born:

5/14/80. BILL BRASCH 6-4, 300, So., OG, Jones, OK/Northeast Oklahoma A&M NE Oklahoma A&M: Helped lead NE Oklahoma to a 9-3 mark in 2000 and earned all-Conference honorable mention honors ... Was redshirted as a freshman ... Played for coach Dale Patterson ... Chose MT over North Texas, Tulsa and Oklahoma State. High School: Helped lead Luther HS to a 10-2 mark his senior year and a four-year record of 55-6 ... Named District Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2000 ... Also earned all-City and honorable mention all-State honors ... Was a four-year letterman in baseball and also was a member of the band where he played the trombone. Personal: Parents: Jerry and Elaine Brasch ... Born: 1/21/81. CURT BROWN 6-2, 205, Fr., LB, Loudon, TN/Loudon Co. HS High School: 2000 preseason all-state selection ... Capped off a stellar career by recording 83 tackles his senior year, while earning all-East Tennessee, all-region and all-county recognition ... The versatile Brown was also the teams leading rusher, played tight end, wide receiver and free safety ... Selected to play in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Chose MT over Marshall and Louisville. Personal: Parents: J.W. and Dianne Brown ... Born: 1/8/83. SHAVASKEY BROWN 6-2, 290, Fr., OL, LaGrange, GA/LaGrange HS High School: A highly-regarded two-way lineman, who was instrumental in LaGrange going 10-0 during the regular season his senior year ... Earned first team all-area and honorable mention all-state honors by the Atlanta Journal Constitution ... Named teams top offensive lineman ... Runs a 5.3 40 ... Chose MT over Clemson, Auburn, UAB and Marshall. Personal: Parents: Shelia Brown ... Born: 12/7/82. JONATHAN CALLAHAN 6-4, 230, Fr., DE, Tyrone, GA/Sandy Creek HS High School: Rated one of the top linemen prospects in the state of Georgia ... Was instrumental in Sandy Creek recording a school record nine wins his senior year ... Played with Andre Green (a 2001 MT signee) ... Chose MT over UAB and Louisville. Personal: Parents: Charles and Beverly Callahan ... Born: 5/10/83. QUAN DOMINECK 6-4, 245, Fr., TE, Ellenwood, GA/Cedar Grove HS High School: Rated the No. 4 tight end in the nation by Rivals100.com ... Voted to the Georgia Super 11 team and Dekalb Super 11 squad ... Won Touchdown Club Player of the Month honors twice his senior year ... An all-State selection in 2000 ... A two-time all-County pick ...Cedar Groves senior class president ... A member of the FCA and church youth choire ... Won the Martin Luther King scholarship from Nabisco, Inc. ... Chose MT over Marshall and Louisville ... Originally committed to Georgia ... His brother, Demetrius Smith, lettered for the Blue Raiders in 1991 as a defensive end. Personal: Parents: Vernon and Barbara Domineck ... Born: 8/11/83. SHELDON DURHAM 6-2, 230, Jr., LB, Liberty, SC/Gulf Coast CC Gulf Coast: Led team with 75 tackles ... An all-State selection ... Listed as one of the top 100 JUCO players in the nation by various recruiting analysts ... Possesses 4.7 speed. High School: Played at D.W. Daniel High School for coach Allen Sitterle ... Visited Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and Clemson out of high school ... Named to all-State and all-Region team in 1997 and 1998 ... D.W. won state title in 1998 with a record of 13-2 ... Registered 177 tackles in 1998 and 175 in 1997 ... Listed as a top 100 national recruit. Personal: Parents: Sidney F. and Miriam O. Durham ... Born: 2/2/81. ALVIN FITE 6-1, 215, Fr., LB, Nashville, TN/Hillsboro HS High School: Class 4A Mr. Football Defensive Player of the Year in 2000 ... First team All-Mid-State ... Listed among the state of Tennessees top 15 prospects by the Knoxville News-Sentinel ... Helped lead Hillsboro to a 13-1 record, a No. 1 ranking and a spot in the state semifinals in 2000 ... Registered 180 total tackles as a senior, including four 20-tackle games ... Also had five fumble recoveries and forced seven more ... Offensively, Fite rushed for 1,250 yards, had a 7.2 average per carry and scored 12 touchdowns ... During his career, Fite was a two-time All-State selection, two-time Region 5-4A Most Valuable Player, the Tommy Owen Award winner (given annually to the best public school player in Metro Nashville), a two-time captain and was twice named prep Player of the Week by Murphy Fair ... Runs a 4.5 40 ... Played for coach Ron Aydelott at Hillsboro ... Selected to play in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Chose MT over Alabama, Arkansas, Louisville and Kentucky. Personal: Parents: Thomas and

Nadolyn Johnson ... Born: 6/18/83. JULIUS GANT 6-5, 285, So., OL, Atlanta, GA/Southside HS 2000: Was enrolled in school at MT, but did not compete in football due to academic requirements. Noteworthy: Is an excellent run blocker and a strong pass blocker ... Possesses quick feet and strong hands ... A tenacious and aggressive player ... Chose MT over UAB, Marshall, Arkansas State and Louisville. High School: Southsides Lineman of the Year in 1999 ... Made the All-City team in Atlanta ... Registered seven sacks on defense, along with 68 tackles ... Graded out 88 percent on the offensive line for the year ... Also competed on the basketball team. Personal: Parent: Jacqueline Rayburn ... Born: 1/14/82. ANDRE GREEN 6-3, 208, Fr., QB, Fayetteville, GA/Sandy Creek HS High School: Rated the No. 59 player in the country by Rivals100.com and among the top quarterbacks in metro Atlanta by the Atlanta Journal Constitution ... Threw for 800 yards and rushed for 1,000 more and 12 touchdowns in leading Sandy Creek to a 9-3 record his senior year ... The nine wins were the most ever by a Sandy Creek team and helped earn Green Fayette County Offensive Player of the Year accolades by the AJC ... As a junior, Green passed for 2,100 yards, rushed for 1,400 and eight touchdowns ... Runs a 4.43 40 ... Chose MT over NC State, Maryland, UAB, Memphis, Georgia Southern and East Carolina. Personal: Parents: Art and Adrine Green ... Born: 2/24/83. AVERY HATTEN 6-2, 243, Jr., FB, Hattiesburg, MS/Pearl River CC Pearl River CC: A 2000 all-State selection ... Teams leading ground gainer and scorer ... Played in the Mississippi All-Star game ... Team went 4-6 in 2000 ... Runs a 4.6 40 ... Chose MT over Houston and Baylor ... Was also recruited by Miami, FL and Virginia Tech. High School: Played for coach Alton Walton at North Forrest High School ... Led the team in rushing as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Named the best defensive end in the state by Atlanta Magazine ... Registered the most touchdowns on the team as a junior and senior ... Scored four touchdowns in a game before halftime twice during his junior and senior seasons ... Voted team MVP as a junior and senior ... Was also all-District and all-Region as a junior and senior. Personal: Parents: Gabe and Kay Hatten ... Born: 10/30/78. CHRIS HENRY 5-9, 170, Fr., WR, Kingsport, TN/Dobyns-Bennett HS High School: Rated one of the states top receivers ... Earned all-state honors after leading Dobyns-Bennett to a 12-2 record and a spot in the state semifinals ... Hauled in a school record 48 receptions for 800 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2000 ... Also registered 14 punt returns for 190 yards ... Set a school record by returning a punt 94 yards for a touchdown and established another school mark when he brought back a 93-yard kickoff return for a score ... Picked as an alternate for the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Clocked at 4.4 in the 40 coming out of high school ... Chose MT over UAB, Louisville, Marshall and Appalachian State. Personal: Parents: William and Ramona McClintock ... Born: 8/25/82. THOMAS JOHNSON 6-4, 255, So., DL, Memphis, TN/Hamilton HS Noteworthy: A very versatile athlete because of his ability to play multiple positions ... A dominating defensive lineman ... Plays the run well and is an excellent pass rusher ... Runs a 4.8 40 ... Chose MT over Mississippi St., Mississippi, and Memphis. 2000: Was enrolled in school at MT, but did not compete in football due to academic requirements. High School: Played TE, DL and LB for Hamilton HS ... Led Hamilton for two straight years in tackles and sacks ... Was voted all-State, all-Metro and all-City ... Was a class officer. Personal: Parent: Alma Johnson ... Born: 6/24/81. REGGIE JONES 6-3, 200, Jr., WR, Atlanta, GA/Middle Georgia JC Middle Georgia JC: NJCAA All-American Return Specialist in 2000 ... Middle Georgia went 10-1 in 2000 and won the Golden Isle Bowl ... Collected 18 catches for 425 yards (23.6 per catch) ... Averaged 29.9 yards per kickoff return and 19.7 per punt return ... Had one kickoff brought back for a touchdown ... A two-year starter ... Runs a 4.32 40 ... Chose MT over Clemson, UAB and Marshall. High School: Played North Atlanta High School where he was the team MVP his senior year ... Also lettered in track. Personal: Parents: Mary Jones ... Born: 12/26/79. RASHARD LEE 6-0, 217, So., RB, Brunswick, GA/Brunswick HS 2000: Was enrolled in school, but did not compete in football due to academic requirements. Noteworthy: Played quarterback in high school, but will switch to tailback at Middle

Tennessee ... Tabbed the No. 1 athlete in Georgia and the No. 25 quarterback nationally by various recruiting services ... Has 4.3 speed and was considered one of Georgias fastest players ... Chose MT over Clemson, Florida State and Georgia. High School: USA Today honorable mention All-American and an Atlanta Journal-Constitution Class AAAA first team pick ... Helped lead Brunswick to 14 straight wins his senior year before falling to Lowndes HS, 17-0, in the Class AAAA championship at the Georgia Dome ... Primarily played quarterback for Brunswick passing for 1,600 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior ... Also ran for 670 yards and eight scores in 1999 to be tabbed the WTOC-TV offensive player of the year ... For his career, Lee threw for 4,175 yards and 56 touchdowns, while accounting for 129 total scores. Personal: Parents: Charlie and Ruthie Lee ... Born: 10/12/80. BLAKE MORRIS 6-3, 220, Fr., LB, Chattanooga, TN/Bradley Central HS High School: Two-time first team all-state ... A Mr. Football Lineman finalist in 2000 ... Regarded by many as the top defensive player in the state his senior year ... Recorded 72 tackles in leading Bradley Central to a 9-4 record and the 5A state quarterfinals ... Also played tailback where he rushed for 2,500 yards as a senior and broke the schools career rushing mark with 4,000 yards ... Selected to play in the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Chose MT over Auburn, Georgia Tech, Tennessee, Alabama and Memphis. Personal: Parents: Harold and Zandra Morris ... Born: 1/8/82. BRANDON PARKER 6-7, 335, Jr., OL, Catoosa, OK/NE Oklahoma A&M NE OK A&M: Started on the same offensive line at NE OK A&M with fellow signee Bill Brasch, who was also his roommate ... Helped lead NE OK A&M to a 9-3 mark in 2000 ... Played for coach Dale Patterson ... Chose MT over Oklahoma State, Tulsa and Colorado. High School: Played at Catoosa High School where his team went 5-5 his senior year ... Voted all-State as a senior and was tabbed the 5A Lineman of the Year ... Also earned all-Conference and all-District honors ... Played defensive end as well and led the team with 12 sacks his senior year ... Played football for coach Pat McGrew ... Lettered in wrestling and track ... Was the No. 1 ranked heavyweight his senior year ... Finished his career with a 135-6 record ... Was a two-time regular season champion in wrestling and a two-time state placer ... Was a four-time state qualifier as a discus thrower ... Broke the school record with a throw of 171.6 1/2 inches. Personal: Parents: Mark and Libby Thompson ... Born: 10/27/80. PRESTON PORTLEY 6-4, 336, Jr., OT, Kansas City, KS/Ft. Scott (Kan.) CC Ft. Scott CC: Helped lead FSCC to a 5-5 mark and an appearance in the second round of the playoffs ... An honorable mention all-conference player ... Played for coach Kevin Gundy ... Chose MT over Oklahoma State, Minnesota, and LSU. High School: Attended Wyandotte HS in Kansas City, KS ... Played only one year of high school football, but was still able to make the all-state team. Personal: Guardian: Linda Cofield (aunt)... Born: 7/21/81. SAMUEL SMITH 6-4, 250, Jr., DE, Moss Point, MS/Gulf Coast CC Gulf Coast CC: Was a converted tight end as a freshman before playing his first season on defense in 2000 ... Earned second team all-state honors with 56 total tackles, 16 for loss of yards, and 8.5 sacks ... Ranked fourth in Mississippi JUCO in sacks ... Tabbed one of the top 100 JUCO players in the nation by various recruiting publications ... Earned all-star honorable mention honors ... Has 4.7 speed ... His twin brother Samson signed with Jackson State this year to play football. High School: Played tight end in high school for coach Jerry Alexander at Moss Point ... Teams record during his career was 38-3, including state championships in 1996 and 1997 ... Moss Point was ranked 14th nationally in 1996 ... An all-Region pick as a junior and senior. Personal: Parents: Sterling and Lisa Miller ... Born: 8/21/79. JARIAN STOKES 6-8, 320, Jr., OL, Houston, TX/Ranger (TX) JC Ranger JC: A pre-season JUCO all-American selection in 2000 ... Was honorable mention all-American following his sophomore year. High School: Was a three-year lettermen for coach Tom Nolen at Lamar High School ... Earned first team all-District honors as a senior and made second team all-District accolades as a junior ... Was the teams most improved player following his sophomore campaign ... His brother Malik Evans played basketball for Vanderbilt from 1992-96 and is presently competing in

Spain ... Evans scored 13 points and had seven rebounds in a 1995 game against the Blue Raiders. Personal: Parents: Terri McCary (shes an author who published a version of the Bible geared toward inner-city youth) ... Born: 2/9/80. BRETT TROTT 6-6, 295, Fr., OL, Murfreesboro, TN/Oakland HS High School: A 5A Mr. Football finalist ... Named 5A all-state by the Associated Press and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association as a junior and senior ... Also tabbed all-Midstate, all-Midstate Dream Team, all-Region 4-5A, Whos Who All-Star, best offensive lineman and the Daily News Journal Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2000 ... Selected to play in the annual Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game ... Had 35 pancake blocks and graded out at 90 percent for the year as a senior ... Helped lead Oakland to three straight playoff appearances, including a state championship in 1998 ... Originally committed to Michigan during the summer of 2000, but changed his mind for the hometown Blue Raiders ... Chose MT over Mississippi State. Personal: Parents: Mark and Kim Trott ... Born: 12/31/82. DEMETRIOS WALKER 6-3, 225, So., DE, Kansas City, MO/Fort Scott (KA) CC Ft. Scott: A fierce pass rusher who led Ft. Scott with 10 sacks in 2000 ... Also had 42 total tackles ... Played just one season at Ft. Scott ... Played for coach Kevin Gundy ... Runs a 4.5 40 ... Chose MT over Tulsa, Arkansas State, Louisiana-Monroe, North Texas and New Mexico State. High School: Was an all-State selection his senior year at Hickman Hills High School ... Also earned all-Conference, all-District and all-Metro honors ... Played just one year in high school ... Lettered in wrestling and track ... Was honorable mention all-Conference in wrestling. Personal: Parents: Polly Harrington ... Born: 4-21-81. KERRY WRIGHT 5-10, 170, So., WR, East Point, GA/Tri-Cities HS Noteworthy: Rated a four-star receiver (out of five) and the No. 21 ranked wideout in the nation by Rivals100.com ... Has 4.4 speed and a 40-inch vertical leap ... Chose MT over Maryland, Clemson, and Marshall. 2000: Was enrolled in school, but did not compete in football due to academic requirements ... Participated in the first two weeks of fall camp and jumped to No. 1 on the depth chart before seeing his appeal to the NCAA revoked. High School: Hauled in 58 catches for 1,341 yards and 14 touchdowns as a senior at Tri-Cities ... Voted to Class AAAA All-State team and the All-South Fulton team ... Rated a Super Southern 100 receiver ... Was rated among the top five pass catchers in Georgia by the Atlanta Journal Constitution ... Selected to play in the presitgious Georgia-Florida All-Star Game. Personal: Guardian: Pam White ... Born: 7/30/81. KAI ZEIGLER 6-4, 285, Jr., DT, Copperas Cove, TX/Kilgore JC Kilgore JC: A pre-season all-American his sophomore year ... Recorded 36 tackles and five sacks in 2000 as team went 6-4 ... A two-year starter ... Runs a 5.1 40 ... Chose MT over Memphis, Iowa State, USL and New Mexico. High School: Played for coach Jack Welsh at Copperas Cove High School ... Voted Super Centex all-Area and all-District. Personal: Parents: Andre and Teresa Zeigler ... Born: 1/15/81 ... Other: LeJuandro is actual first name.

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