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INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



The 2019 football team recently completed winter conditioning, an off-season grind. The men lifted & conditioned every M-W-F at 5:30 AM and, at the same time Tuesdays and Thursdays, practiced football. This schedule was in place since the return from winter break and continued through April 1st, the first day of spring practice.

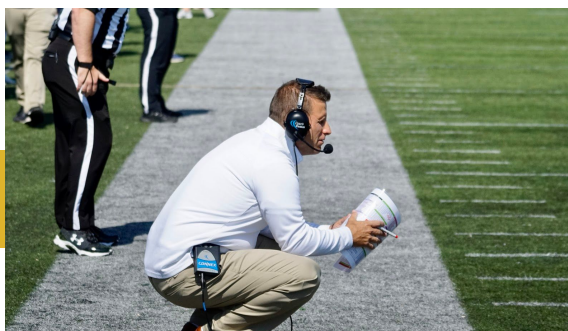
***"Championships are won by those who embrace hard work
and have the discipline to tolerate discomfort."***

~ Jason McEndoo

Folks often ask, "what do you in the offseason?" Currently, we are focused on improving our culture, enhancing relationships with our student-athletes, and encouraging them to do the necessary things to accomplish their goals. We are evaluating our systems by watching all of our concepts, making notes on how we can improve our execution, and making those corrections. This is the time of year where our staff dedicates time to our own development, visiting with other staffs, studying video and incorporating actions that will improve our program.

Even though National Signing Day has passed, we are always in hot pursuit of additional players that will improve our product on the field. Our goal is to have 118 players report to camp August 11th. In addition to adding players for the 2019 squad, we are now putting a vast amount of time into the 2020 class by evaluating their video, talking with their coaches, and hosting junior days throughout this spring and summer. Fundraising is also a constant as we want to provide our student-athletes the very best football experience at CSP. Because of our players' commitment to helping us raise money, we now provide protein to our men after each workout, and we are going to unveil a third look (uniform) in 2019. There is a long list of needs so we appreciate all the support we receive from you.

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2019 **GOLDEN BEAR** RECRUITING CLASS

DAVARIS CHEEKS - DB**6'2" 165 LBS**

West Aurora High School - Aurora, IL

Davaris is one of the most impressive young men in the class! He has great length, can play any position in the secondary, and defines being a student-athlete.

MCKINLEY EGLAND-YOUNG -**DB****6'2" 150 LBS**

Eastlake High School - Chula Vista, CA

McKinley brings length and athleticism to our corner position. He is a high quality young man that is motivated to work. We believe he will develop into a top-notch NSIC corner.

DEVIN FLAKES - DB**6'1" 180 LBS**

Leo High School - Chicago, IL

Devin is a fantastic athlete that has a lot of raw ability. He will bring high energy and tenacity into our secondary. We love his upside!

RHYS MCCARTHY-KERN - DL**6'2 205 LBS**

Eden Prairie High School - Eden Prairie, MN

Rhys comes from one of the most prominent high school football programs in our home state. We are very excited about Rhys coming into our much improved defensive line group.

ABE ELAZAZY - DL**6'2" 275 LBS**

Menasha High School - Menasha, WI

I am thrilled that we have Abe entering our program! I believe Abe could start at three different positions in our program. He is a dominating DLM and will be a force to reckoned with for the next four years. I love his desire to be great!

CARTER HISLOP - DL**6'4" 225 LBS**

Minnetonka High School - Minnetonka, MN

Carter also comes from another top-notch high school program in MN, led by one of the best high school coaches in Coach Nelson. He brings a long frame, relentless play, and big upside into our program.

ISAAC REED - DL**6'3 265 LBS**

SMB High School - Minneapolis, MN

We are very excited about this young man. Isaac's a mature young man that comes from a state championship team. This big fella moves very well and will make a big impact in our interior defensive line.

BYRON SABEL - DL**6'5" 275 LBS**

Byron is big and athletic! Two essential qualities we covet in our DL. Byron brings great work habits to our program. I expect him to impact our program early in

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| Fond du Lac High School - Fond du Lac, WI | his career! |
| COLLIN HARTLEY - K 5'11" 190 LBS Nease High School - Saint Augustine, FL | We believe Collin will be ready to put balls through the uprights for the Golden Bears. Coming from the same high school as Tim Tebow, we are excited about his leg strength and production! |
| SAM BARNACK - LB 5'11" 190 LBS Tri-City United High School - Lonsdale, MN | Sam is a phenomenal student-athlete coming from a football family. He is a very hard-working young man. We are excited about how he will impact our culture. |
| JOKON COUSETT - LB 5'11" 220 LBS Leo High School - Chicago, IL | Jokon is a relentless defensive player. He brings confidence and pop to the LB position. He has excelled on and off the field. We believe he has a great future at CSP. |
| JAEGER POWERS- LB 5'9" 170 LBS Fremont Mills High School - Tabor, IA | Jaeger is the second of the Powers' brothers that will suit up for the Golden Bears. He brings a high level of juice. Jaeger has an extremely strong work ethic and desire to be great! His best football is ahead of him. Another high quality student-athlete. |
| MIKE LEE - OL 6'4" 350 LBS Choctaw High School - Choctaw, OK | We are excited about Big Mike becoming a Golden Bear! Like so many in this recruiting class, Mike is a great student and brings a big body to the OL. He is determined to impact our program and I am excited to see him grow. |
| TYLER MARTIN - OL 6'2" 270 LBS Irondale High School - New Brighton, MN | Tyler comes to CSP from down the street! Since his verbal commitment, he has shown many great signs that he is ALL in. Besides him being committed to greatness, he is a tireless worker and loves football! |
| GAVIN MORRIS - OL 6'3" 260 LBS Nazareth Academy - Chicago, IL | We are excited to have a younger brother from a previous All-Conference performer at CSP. Gavin is tenacious, athletic, and comes from a state championship culture. We are very excited about how he will impact our OL. |
| CJ PICAZO - OL 6'3" 285 LBS Tuscola High School - Tuscolo, IL | CJ is a big, strong road grader from IL. He's an IL All-State performer that has fantastic movement skills. We expect him to play early in our OL. |
| ELLIOT WOLFE - OL 6'2" 310 LBS McDonald High School - Noel, MI | Relationships define college football - coach to coach, player to player and coach to player. Elliott and Coach Medlo's connection brought this relentless, strong, and athletic OLM to CSP from the "show me" state. |
| DARIOS CARWLEY REID - RB 5'8" 190 LBS Martin Luther High School - Milwaukee, WI | Darios follows his All-American brother Chris to CSP, after an illustrious high school career. There have been numerous and noble statements. This one aligns with CSP culture: "He is a leader on the field and you can |

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| | see that comes from his strong faith.” |
| DAIMARION NELSON - RB 6'2" 200 LBS Johnson High School - St. Paul, MN | Dai Dai is the big back that all football fans appreciate. Daimarion hales from St. Paul Johnson HS where he led his team to a state tournament appearance. He will play tail back and full back in the Golden Bear offense. |
| GERALD SHEPARD - LB 6'1" 175 LBS Robbinsdale-Armstrong - Minneapolis, MN | When a high school coach says, "He's the best leader I have ever coached in 25 years of coaching," we pay attention. Not only a high quality player but a guy that will impact our culture in many ways. We are very excited about this local talent! |
| JACKSON THOMPSON - TE 6'3" 220 LBS O’Gorman High School - Sioux Falls, SD | Jackson is the second of three brother combinations entering our program. Jackson was one of the top players in Sioux Falls, SD. Jackson will help us improve our TE position. He is physical and brings his lunch pail to work every day. |
| MATTHEW MUETZEL - TE/P 6'1" 185 LBS Redwood Valley High School - Redwood Falls, MN | Like myself, Matt comes from a small , rural MN town. Matt is a tough, hard-working, and versatile offensive player that can also punt. He comes highly recommended by his high school coach, Coach Matt Lundeen. |
| JACK MUNSTERTEIGER - WR 5'10" 170 LBS Buffalo High School - Buffalo, MN | Jack enters our program after having one of the most productive years as a high school receiver. He has an outstanding work ethic, understands the nuances of playing his position, and we are thrilled to see him move the chains for the Golden Bears! |
| EVAN PETERSON - WR 6'4" 190 LBS Lakeville North - Lakeville, MN | We believe Evan has tremendous upside and we are excited to see him grow in our offense. He brings an excellent frame and athleticism to our WR group. He is another young man in this class that comes from a state championship team led by Coach Vossen. |
| BRONSON SPENCER - WR 5'11 165 LBS Cesar Chavez High School - Stockton, CA | Bronson is an explosive athlete that will bring big plays to the Golden Bear offense. We are excited about his speed and knack for making big plays. |
| <u>Mid Year Transfers</u> | |
| KEVIN VENTURA-CORTEZ -TE | Kevin has tremendous athleticism, outstanding catch radius, and brings a desire to be great! You will see him in the stat line! |
| BRODY CARD - OL | After having Brody in the program this semester, it's obvious he is going to impact our program in many ways. Along with his talent and size, he brings a tremendous desire to be great! |

TREY HOLLAMON -WR

As a junior college transfer, Trey brings experience to our WR corp. Trey is humble, works extremely hard, and displays an impressive attitude.



WHERE IS HE NOW?



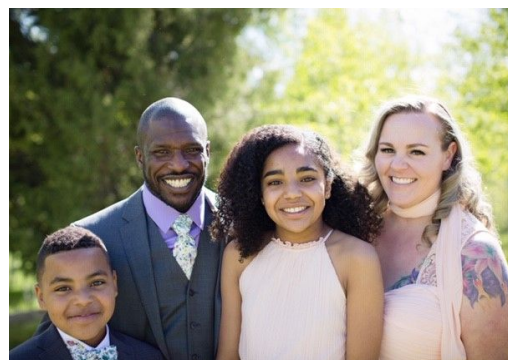
JOE MAPSON

Joe Mapson played wide receiver and was a return specialist for the Golden Bears of Concordia-St. Paul from 2001 to 2004. While spending three years with the Golden Bears, Joe was First Team All-Conference WR (2001), All-Conference First Team Kick Return (2002), Offensive MVP (2002), All-Region First Team (2002), and played in the All-American Bowl. Joe's best memory at CSP was meeting his wife Whitney Mapson, and playing alongside his twin brother Joseph Mapson.

Joe met his wife Whitney at Concordia-St. Paul and

they now have two children. Joe has a 12-year-old daughter named Johanna and a 10-year-old son named Kiple. They own two dogs and six chickens. Joe is the General Manager at Big 5 Sporting Goods.

Joe's experience at Concordia-St. Paul taught him many skills. Being a student-athlete taught him to be a disciple, and he learned determination and perseverance. Being a college graduate has opened doors and allowed Joe to provide a happy comfortable life for his family. Joe's message to the



players is “The difference between failure and success is doing a thing nearly right and doing a thing exactly right.” -Edward Simmons.

2019 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

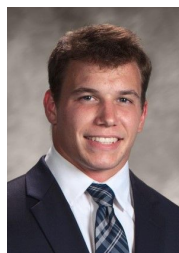
An extensive effort led to the selection of our 2019 Leadership Council. These twelve men are and will be serving selflessly as leaders, setting an example worth following, and holding themselves and teammates to high standards that align with a championship culture.



DYLAN WOOD - SR.
DLM #91



CHRIS GARRETT - JR.
DE #52



JAKE PORTZ - SO.
LB #45



RICH KELLY - SR.
OL #70



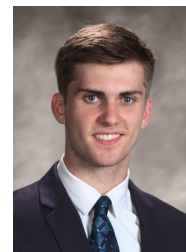
MAXON HUTTON - SR.
QB #3



KELLY PIERCE - SR.
DL #53



MARCUS GUSTAVESON - SR.
WR #10



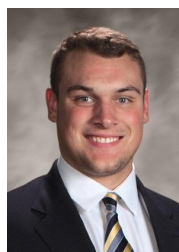
GABE STEED - SR.
WR #12



DALTON SMERCHEK - JR.
LB #32



ABE SCHWARTZ - R-FR.
QB #13



MATTHEW MONTGOMERY - R-FR.
OL #67



DEZ BASSETT - SO.
DB #23

“The single most important ingredient after you get the talent is internal leadership. It’s not the coaches’ as much as one single person or people on the team who set higher standards than that team would normally set itself.”

~Mike Krzyzewski

IN LOVING MEMORY OF COACH RUSSELL GARY

(July 31, 1959-March 10, 2019)



Russell Gary, brought a substantial amount of credibility to our program and was the most decorated former player on staff. He was a collegiate All-American while at the University of Nebraska. Additionally, he was the 29th pick in the 1981 draft by the New Orleans Saints. His NFL career spanned nearly seven years.

When Coach Gary spoke, players listened. He was an incredible mentor for so many players and provided subtle coaching points that enhanced their performance. Coach Gary was respected by so many as a person and coach. He lifted others up and he leaves a tremendous legacy.



WELCOME COACH TAYLOR!



Coach Oliver Taylor replaces Houston Jones as Passing Game Coordinator

Coach Taylor comes to CSP from FCS Delaware State University, where he served as wide receivers coach. Prior of Delaware State, he coached wide receivers at Saginaw Valley, where he mentored freshman receiver Chad Gailliard to Honorable Mention All-America, First Team All-Conference, and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Freshman-of-the-Year honors in 2017.

Prior to joining Saginaw Valley, Taylor was the wide receivers coach at Widener University (Pa.). In 2015, the Widener offense was the conference leader in passing yards per game (316.0), while three players earned All-Conference recognition. Taylor was running backs coach at Widener in 2012. That season, the Pride reached the NCAA Division III national quarterfinals and ranked eighth in the country in the final season poll. The 2012 Widener squad was top in its conference and fifth in the nation in total offense, while also ranking in the Top 10 in scoring and passing. At the conclusion of the 2012 season, Taylor left Widener to become the wide receivers coach at Division II Seton Hill University (Pa.).

Taylor attended Howard High School in Wilmington, Delaware. After high school he attended prep school at Hargrave Military Academy for one year. He then enrolled at Delaware State University (2003-2007) where he was a member of the Hornets' 2007 MEAC Championship and first-ever NCAA playoff team. Taylor graduated from Delaware State with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Management.

EXTRA POINTS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - US BANK SECURITY

To raise money to improve our program, our team (parents, alumni and supporters) can work security at US Bank Stadium during some of their major events. For each person that works an event, our program earns \$100.00.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, May 4 - Garth Brooks

If you can help us, please email Coach Mike Bond (bond@csp.edu).

2019 SPRING GAME DAY EVENTS - SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

11:30 Parent Meeting (All parents - returning player & newcomer parents)

12:30 Tailgate - Sea Foam Stadium

1:30 Spring Game Kick-Off

3:00 CSP Football Alumni Social

THERE WILL BE CSP FOOTBALL GEAR FOR SALE AT THE SPRING GAME!

2019 FALL CAMP REPORT DATE

The Golden Bear football team will report to Fall Camp on Sunday, August 11th. The first practice, in helmets only, will take place on Monday, August 12th.

2019 SEASON SCHEDULE

9-5 6 pm vs. **Sioux Falls**

10-19 TBA at **Minot State**

9-14 TBA at **Upper Iowa**

10-26 12 pm vs **Bemidji State**

9-21 12 pm vs **Minnesota State**

11-2 TBA at **Augustana**

9-28 TBA at **Wayne State**

11-9 12 pm vs. **Southwest Minn. St.**

10-5 TBA at **St. Cloud State**

11-16 12 pm vs. **Winona**

10-12 12 pm vs **MSU-Moorhead**
(Homecoming)



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