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### FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS TOTALS 17, INCLUDING 11 PREP ALL-AMERICAS

Stanford University announced today the signing of 17 high school student-athletes to National Letters-of-Intent to play football for the Cardinal in 2001. Head coach **Tyrone Willingham** said he is pleased with the overall quality of the class and that they will "greatly enhance our opportunity to be a bowl team in January 2002."

"This class features several individuals who may make an immediate impact," said Willingham. "But most importantly, they continue to add to the tradition of outstanding student-athletes in our football program."

Among the 17 recruits, 11 were named Prep All-Americans while four were named among the top 37 in the nation by SuperPrep Magazine. DE **Mark Anderson** (Lewistown, MT) was ranked 11th in the nation, followed by LB **Michael Craven** (La Quinta, CA) at No. 14, QB **Kyle Matter** (Newhall, CA) at No. 30 and RB **J.R. Lemon** (Fayetteville, GA) at No. 37. By position, Anderson was ranked as the No. 1 "Jumbo Athlete," Craven was ranked as the nation's No. 1 linebacker, Matter the No. 5 quarterback and Lemon the No. 6 running back. Another All-America, **Justin McCullum** (Mercer Island, WA) was ranked as the No. 14 wide receiver in the nation.

Others in the class earning All-America honors include DE **Casey Carroll** (Englewood, FL), WR **Gerren Crochet** (Littleton, CO), OL **Brian Head** (Corona, CA), WR **Grant Mason** (Pontiac, MI), DL **O.J. Oshinowo** (Naperville, IL) and FB **Chris Rudiger** (La Mirada, CA).

As usual, Stanford recruited on a national basis. The Cardinal's 17 recruits come from 10 states, including four from California, three from Georgia, two from Texas and Michigan and one each from Louisiana, Montana, Florida, Colorado, Washington and Illinois.

By position, the Cardinal added nine defensive players, seven offensive players and one kicker.

2001 Stanford Football Recruiting Class					
Name	Pos	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown (High School)
Jon Alston	LB	6-1	205	6-4-83	Shreveport, LA (Loyola)
Mark Anderson	DE	6-7	260	4-6-82	Lewistown, MT (Fergus)
Calvin Armstrong	CB	6-1	190	1-11-83	Decatur, GA (Columbia)
Casey Carroll	DE	6-3	265	9-13-82	Englewood, FL (Lemon Bay)
Michael Craven	LB	6-1	220	1-8-83	La Quinta, CA (La Quinta)
Gerren Crochet	WR	6-0	160	1-8-83	Littleton, CO (Bear Creek)
Capp Culver	LB	6-2	215	7-14-83	Canadian, TX (Canadian)
Brian Head	OL	6-4	275	1-12-83	Corona, CA (Centennial)
J.R. Lemon	RB	6-1	213	6-6-83	Fayetteville, GA (Sandy Creek)
Michael Lovelady	DE	6-5	250	10-15-82	Houston, TX (Christian)
Grant Mason	WR	6-0	185	8-18-83	Pontiac, MI (St. Mary's)
Kyle Matter	QB	6-3	195	2-8-83	Newhall, CA (Hart)
Justin McCullum	WR	6-4	210	10-5-82	Mercer Island, WA (Mercer Island)
O.J. Oshinowo	DL	6-3	305	1-14-83	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
Chris Rudiger	FB	6-2	230	5-24-83	La Mirada, CA (La Mirada)
Kevin Schimmelmann	FS	6-3	215	12-31-82	Marietta, GA (Lassiter)
Michael Sgroi	PK	5-11	195	1-23-83	Plymouth, MI (Catholic Central)

Stanford's class includes four defensive lineman, three linebackers and two defensive backs to go along with three wide receivers, one offensive lineman, a quarterback, running back and fullback.

## PLAYER PROFILES

### JON ALSTON

LB, 6-1, 205, Shreveport, LA

One of the top linebackers in the Southwest and in the state of Louisiana ... He was a Class AA First-Team All-State selection in 2000 as well as being named to SuperPrep's All-Southwest Region team ... He registered 134 tackles and 21 tackles for loss as a senior for Loyola College Prep School ... As a senior, he was named Class AA First-Team All-City and All-District ... Chosen Class AA First-Team All-District as a running back following his senior season ... First-Team Academic All-State as a linebacker in 2000 ... As a junior, he was named First-Team All-District and Academic All-District ... Played free safety, middle linebacker and tight end as a sophomore ... First-Team All-District as a defensive back following his sophomore season ... Starting running back as a freshman ... Member of the National Honor Society ... 2000 Wendy's High School Heisman Student ... Named Presidential Scholar in 2000 ... Very active in community service and student government.

### MARK ANDERSON

DE, 6-7, 260, Lewistown, MT

Consensus First-Team All-America who is considered one of the prized recruits in the nation ... SuperPrep named him its 2000 National Player of the Year ... Played defensive end and tight end for Fergus High School ... SuperPrep named him the #1 recruit in the Midlands region and the #1 "Jumbo Athlete" in the nation ... No. 11 on SuperPrep's Elite 50 list of the nation's top recruits ... Prepstar named him to their "Dream Team" and among their "Super 30" recruits ... Tom Lemming's Elite Team ... Empfänger All-America ... Recorded 55 tackles and five sacks a year ago ... First-Team All-State and All-Conference as both a defensive end and tight end ... Conference Defensive MVP ... Montana Gatorade Player of the Year ... As a junior, he was named First-Team All-State as a defensive end and Second-Team All-State as an offensive tackle ... All-Conference on both offense and defense ... Also an outstanding baseball player ... Played four years of American Legion ... Member of his high school's Science Bowl team which competed in the national finals in Washington D.C. in 2000 ... Member of the National Honor Society.

### CALVIN ARMSTRONG

CB, 6-1, 190, Decatur, GA

Named All-Southeast Region by Prepstar and All-Dixie by SuperPrep despite being limited as a senior due to injury... He played in just four games in 2000, but still managed to prove he is one of the top prospects in the region ... In those four games, he had 50 tackles, three interceptions, and five tackles for loss ... As a junior, he recorded 75 tackles and five interceptions ... First-Team All-State cornerback and First-Team All-DeKalb County following his junior season

... Four-year starter ... Participates in track as well with a best of 10.7 in the 100 meters ... Member of the National Honor Society.

### CASEY CARROLL

DE, 6-3, 265, Englewood, FL

Named to Prepstar's All-America team ... He was rated one of the nation's top defensive line prospects out of Lemon Bay High School in Florida ... Two-time All-State, All-Area and All-District ... Selected the District Defensive Player of the Year following his senior season ... He recorded 130 total tackles and 14 tackles for loss ... SuperPrep named him to their All-Dixie Regional team this past season ... Two-year letterwinner in basketball and baseball ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Named Who's Who Among High School Students.

### MICHAEL CRAVEN

LB, 6-1, 220, La Quinta, CA

Consensus First-Team All-America who was on every list of the nation's top recruits ... Parade All-America ... Honored with the prestigious Watkins Award last season, given annually to the nation's top African-American high school football player ... No. 14 on SuperPrep's Elite 50 list of the nation's top prospects ... SuperPrep ranked him as the second best linebacker in the nation and the third best recruit in the Far West ... Prepstar rated him the top linebacker in the country, a member of its "Dream Team" and among its list of the Super 30 recruits in the United States ... *Long Beach Press Telegram* Best in the West selection ... Led La Quinta High School to a 13-1 record and the CIF Division 8 championship a year ago ... Started at both linebacker and tight end ... Recorded 180 tackles, four interceptions (two returned for touchdowns) and 13 sacks.

### GERREN CROCHET

WR, 6-0, 160, Littleton, CO

Prep All-America in football and junior national champion in track ... Comes to Stanford as one of the nation's top two-sport athletes ... He was named an All-America in football by SuperPrep and Prepstar following his senior season ... Has been nationally ranked in track for the past seven years ... As a senior in football, he led the nation in receiving yards in 2000 with 1,410 on 69 receptions ... He also accounted for 2,127 all-purpose yards and 17 touchdowns ... As a defensive back, he recorded 50 tackles and four interceptions ... SuperPrep rated him No. 11 on their list of "skill athletes" ... Prepstar ranked him as the No. 4 wide receiver in the Midlands Region ... Named First-Team All-State, All-Colorado and All-League after his senior season ... His receiving yardage not only led the nation, but it was the third best single season in Colorado state history ... Totaled 24 receptions for 523 yards and eight TDs as a junior while being named Second-Team All Centennial League ... During his sophomore season, he was selected All-County as a defensive back (67 tackles, five interceptions, four blocked

kicks) and Second-Team All-League as a halfback (41 carries, 290 yards; nine receptions, 308 yards; 11 total touchdowns) ... In track, he was the junior national champion in the 400 meter hurdles in 1999 ... He also finished 10th in the world at the 1999 IAAF World Junior Championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland, in the 400 meter hurdles ... His time of 53.64 was the fastest in the U.S. for his age group in '99 ... 2000 Colorado State champion in the 300 meter hurdles ... 2000 Regional Junior Olympic champion in the 110 meter hurdles and 400 meter hurdles ... Best times include 4.4 in the 40 yard dash, 10.6 in the 100 meters, 36.73 in the 300 meter hurdles (Colorado state record), 52.68 in the 400 meter hurdles, 14.18 in the 110 meter high hurdles and 23-1 in the long jump ... Brother, Damien, played football at Stanford.

### **CAPP CULVER**

LB, 6-2, 215, Canadian, TX

Considered one of the top prospects in the state of Texas and one of the top linebackers in the nation ... SuperPrep named him to their All-Southwest Team while Prepstar placed him on their All-Midlands Team ... Accounted for 159 tackles, seven sacks, four caused fumbles, three recovered fumbles, seven blocked kicks and one interception last season for Canadian High School ... On offense as a fullback and tight end, he had 84 carries for 553 yards and five TDs along with six receptions for 81 yards and three touchdowns ... *Dallas Morning News* and *Houston Chronicle* Top 100 Recruit ... Southwest Fab 50 ... Class 2A First-Team All-State linebacker ... Amarillo Area Class 2A Player of the Year ... Named First-Team All-District as a running back and linebacker following his senior season ... Second-Team All-State as a junior in 1999 after registering 178 total tackles, 14 sacks, four forced fumbles and one interception ... Three-time Academic All-District selection ... Second-Team Academic All-State in 2000 ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Junior and Senior Class President ... Father, Ed, played football at the University of Oklahoma from 1977-81 while his mother, Julie, played basketball at Oklahoma from 1975-76.

### **BRIAN HEAD**

OL, 6-4, 275, Corona, CA

A Prep All-America from Centennial High School in Southern California ... Prepstar All-America ... SuperPrep All Far West regional selection ... Named First-Team All-Mountain View League after leading his team to the CIF Division V championship as a senior ... Riverside County Pete Lanzi Sportsmanship Award winner ... Two-year team captain ... First-Team All-League as a junior ... Earned varsity letters in swimming, track and wrestling ... Four-year scholar-athlete ... Senior class President.

### **J.R. LEMON**

RB, 6-1, 213, Fayetteville, GA

One of the nation's elite recruits ... A consensus Prep All-

America, who, despite missing five games his senior season, still managed to garner national honors as one of the top running backs in the country ... A finalist for the prestigious Watkins Award last season, given annually to the nation's top African-American high school football player ... No. 37 on SuperPrep's Elite 50 list of the nation's top recruits ... SuperPrep also ranked him the sixth best running back prospect in the nation ... Prepstar selected him to its "Dream Team" and ranked him as the eighth best running back in the Southeast ... Gained 900 yards and scored nine touchdowns in limited action as a senior.

### **MICHAEL LOVELADY**

DE, 6-5, 250, Houston, TX

One of the top recruits out of the state of Texas ... He was named First-Team All-State as both a defensive end and offensive tackle ... Named to the Texas Top 100 by the *Houston Chronicle* and other recruiting publications ... Had 165 tackles and 12.5 sacks as a senior ... Lonestar Recruiting.com ranked him the No. 4 defensive end in the state ... Texas BlueChip by Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine ... Lettered one year in basketball and four years in track ... Events are the high jump, discus and shot put ... Won the state championship in his division in the discus in 2000 with a best of 164-0 ... All-District in the high jump and shot put in '00 ... State finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman award ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Editor of his high school newspaper ... National Merit Commended Scholar ... Named Who's Who Among American High School students.

### **GRANT MASON**

WR, 6-0, 185, Pontiac, MI

Starred as a wide receiver and defensive back for St. Mary's High School in Michigan ... Prepstar named him an All-America and the No. 11 defensive back in the Midwest ... SuperPrep named him to its All-Regional Team ... Recorded 24 interceptions in three years, including 11 as a senior ... As a wide receiver, he had 37 receptions for 710 yards and 10 touchdowns ... As a junior, he recorded 38 receptions as a receiver and eight interceptions as a cornerback ... Following his senior season, he was named First-Team Division IV All-State, All-Catholic League and All-Oakland County ... Selected Oakland County Defensive Player of the Year ... Named to the *Detroit News* All-State Dream Team and the *Detroit Free Press* Fab 50 ... Rated No. 6 on the *Detroit News* list of BlueChip players ... As a junior, he earned First-Team All-State honors from the Associated Press and the Detroit News ... Played basketball and competed in track for four years as well ... All-league player in basketball following his junior season ... Member of the National Honor Society ... Finalist for the 13th Annual March of Dimes National Athlete of the Year Award in 2000 ... National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award winner.

## **KYLE MATTER**

QB, 6-3, 195, Newhall, CA

Rated the fifth best quarterback prospect in the nation by SuperPrep ... No. 30 on SuperPrep's Elite 50 list of the nation's top recruits ... Consensus Prep All-America from Hart High School ... Compiled a 26-2 record as Hart's starting quarterback in '99 and '00 ... Led his team to two straight CIF Southern Section Division III championships ... In those two seasons, he completed 527-of-798 passes for 7,528 yards, 81 touchdowns, 16 interceptions and five rushing touchdowns ... Named the SuperPrep Far West Offensive Player of the Year ... As a senior, he completed 287-of-439 passes for 3,754 yards, 33 touchdowns and only nine interceptions ... He was named Cal-Hi Sports All-State and *Student Sports* All-America as a junior and senior ... Following his senior season, he was chosen CIF Southern Section Division III Player of the Year, First-Team All-CIF Southern Section, *Los Angeles Times* Valley Player of the Year, Foothill League Player of the Year and Santa Clarita Valley Player of the Year ... As a junior, he was selected CIF Southern Section Division III Player of the Year and First-Team All-CIF Southern Section ... Played basketball in high school for three years ... Member of the California Scholastic Federation.

## **JUSTIN MCCULLUM**

WR, 6-4, 210, Mercer Island, WA

Brother of current Cardinal receiver Jamien McCullum, Justin comes in as one of the most highly sought-after recruits in the nation ... He was a consensus Prep All-America last season as a senior, including being ranked as the 14th best wide receiver in the nation by SuperPrep ... Tremendous size and speed ... Caught 43 balls for 700 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior at Mercer Island High School in Washington ... Accounted for over 1,200 yards in all-purpose rushing ... Named First-Team All-State, All-Area and All-League ... Also named All-League as a defensive back ... As a junior, he caught 49 passes for 805 yards and nine touchdowns while earning First-Team All-State, All-Area and All-League honors ... Set school records for receptions (103), receiving yards (1,700), touchdown receptions (15) and interceptions (six) ... Four-year starter in football ... In basketball, he led his team to the state championship in 1999 ... Father, Sam, played professional football for the Seattle Seahawks and Minnesota Vikings.

## **O.J. OSHINOWO**

DL, 6-3, 305, Naperville, IL

Talented defensive lineman who earned Prep All-America honors last season by Prepstar ... Prepstar ranked him as the seventh best defensive line prospect in the Midwest ... SuperPrep All-Midwest Region selection ... Had 48 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, six sacks, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries as a senior ... For his career, he accounted for 106 tackles, 28 tackles for loss and 11 sacks ... Two-time All-Area, All-Conference and conference Defensive MVP ...

First-Team All-State following his senior season ... Max Emfinger's Top 300 recruit ... Competed in the state track and field meet a year ago in the discus ... Also throws the shot put ... National Achievement Scholar Finalist ... National Merit Commended Scholar ... Six-time Academic All-Conference ... Jazz Band Section leader (trombone) ... Wind Symphony Orchestra section leader (baritone).

## **CHRIS RUDIGER**

FB, 6-2, 230, La Mirada, CA

Two-way starter for La Mirada High School in Southern California ... Prepstar named him an All-America and the No. 8 linebacker prospect in the West ... SuperPrep All-Far West Region selection ... Had over 100 tackles, 25 sacks, 18 tackles for loss, five interceptions, seven forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries as a senior ... Rushed for 356 yards and nine touchdowns as a fullback ... Two-time All-CIF selection ... Two-time All-Area and All-League ... As a senior, he was named the Suburban League's Most Valuable Defensive Player ... Also named All-State as a senior ... *Los Angeles Times* Southwest/Southcoast Most Valuable Linebacker.

## **KEVIN SCHIMMELMANN**

FS, 6-3, 215, Marietta, GA

Chosen All-Southeast Region by Prepstar and All-Dixie by SuperPrep ... Started at free safety and wide receiver last season for Lassiter High School in Georgia ... Accounted for 70 tackles and two interceptions on defense and 51 receptions for 800 yards and five touchdowns on offense ... First-Team All-State as a receiver following his senior season ... Three-time First-Team All-County on both offense and defense ... Two-year letterwinner in track ... Member of the National Honor Society ... National Merit Commended Scholar ... Named Who's Who Among American High School Students.

## **MIKE SGROI**

PK, 5-11, 185, Plymouth, MI

First-Team All-State placekicker from Catholic Central High School in Michigan ... Tom Lemming ranked him as the No. 1 kicker in the Midwest ... First-Team All-Observerland, First-Team All-Area and First-Team All Catholic League following his senior season ... Team MVP ... Member of the National Honor Society.