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Pitt State Football Announces Class of 2009

PITTSBURG, Kan. – Pittsburg State University head football coach Chuck Broyles has announced that 20 high school seniors have signed letters of intent to join the Gorillas for the 2009 football season. Additionally, six transfer players have joined the Gorillas at the semester and are participating in Pitt State's off-season conditioning program.

Here's a complete breakdown of Pittsburg State's 2009 recruiting class:

JOEY BRAECKEL, 6-3, 190, FR, DB

Hometown: Carl Junction, Mo.

High School: Carl Junction

H.S. Coach: Bret Gosch

Honors/Stats: A two-time All-Big Eight Conference selection (2007-08) at both wide receiver and defensive back; also a two-time honorable mention All-SW Missouri Football Coaches Association selection; a three-year starter for the Bulldogs; also a stand-out track & field athlete; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

ANDREW CLARK, 6-1, 190, FR, LB

Hometown: Carl Junction, Mo.

High School: Carl Junction

H.S. Coach: Bret Gosch

Honors/Stats: A first-team All-Big Eight Conference selection as a senior in 2008; also an honorable mention All-SW Missouri Football Coaches Association pick; recorded 68 tackles and 8.0 quarterback sacks this past fall; a two-year starter for the Bulldogs; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

TAYLOR COUNTS, 6-0, 230, FR, FB

Hometown: Salina, Kan.

High School: Salina Central

H.S. Coach: Mike Hall

Honors/Stats: A first-team Kansas Class 5A All-State selection as a linebacker as a senior in 2008; also a first-team All-League performer at both fullback and linebacker his senior season; rushed the ball 87 times for 421 yards (4.8 ypc) and six TDs; also recorded 88 tackles (53 solo) with four INTs, including two he returned for TDs; a four-year starter at fullback/tailback for the Mustangs; helped Central to the 5A state title in 2005 and a state semifinal appearance in 2007; had 313 career carries for 1,912 yards and 21 TDs; a 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection; also an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: education.

TYRONE DAVIS, 5-11, 215, FR, RB/LB

Hometown: LaCygne, Kan.

High School: Pleasanton

H.S. Coach: Chris Brindle

Honors/Stats: A two-time Kansas Class 2-1A All-State performer at linebacker (2007-08); a first-team All-State selection as a senior in 2008, after earning honorable mention honors in 2007; rushed for more than 1,300 yards and 19 TDs and logged 115 tackles this past fall; also punted for a 45.0-yard average; a three-year starter for the Blue Jays; helped PHS to consecutive Three Rivers League titles as well as a regional appearance in 2008; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: mechanical/construction engineering.

TREY DERRYBERRY, 6-0, 180, FR, QB

Hometown: Carthage, Mo.

High School: Carthage

H.S. Coach: Jon Guidie

Honors/Stats: A two-time Missouri Class 4A All-State performer at both quarterback and defensive back (2007-08); a first-team All-State selection as a defensive back in 2007-08; a second-team All-State pick at QB in 2007 and a third-team All-State honoree at QB in 2008; compiled more than 2,000 total yards in each of his final two prep years; amassed more than 6,000 career total yards; helped the Tigers to a pair of district titles; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

NATE DREILING, 6-3, 210, FR, LB

Hometown: Hutchinson, Kan.

High School: Hutchinson

H.S. Coach: Randy Dreiling

Honors/Stats: A two-time Kansas Top 11 (All-State, All-Class) selection (2007-08); a first-team Kansas Class 5A All-State pick as a senior in 2008; a first-team Class 6A All-State selection as a junior in 2007; a three-year starter for the Salthawks; broke the school's single-season tackle record while helping HHS to the 5A state title this past fall; a 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

CHRIS GREENE, 6-3, 248, FR, TE

Hometown: Republic, Mo.

High School: Republic

H.S. Coach: Kurt Thompson

Honors/Stats: A two-time Missouri Class 4A All-State performer (2007-08); also a two-year All-Ozark Conference and All-District performer for the Tigers; caught 54 passes for 957 yards (17.7 ypc) and 14 TDs his final two prep seasons; also recorded 124 tackles with 19.0 QB sacks in 2007-08; also a stand-out track & field athlete at RHS.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

BJ HERRING, 6-1, 200, FR, LB

Hometown: Glenpool, Okla.

High School: Glenpool

H.S. Coach: Steve Edwards

Honors/Stats: A first-team Oklahoma Class 4A All-State performer as a senior in 2008; helped lead the Warriors to an unblemished 14-0 record and the Class 4A title this past fall; a three-year starter at GHS; helped the Warriors compile a 26-2 record his final two prep seasons, guiding GHS to a state runner-up finish as a junior in 2007; recorded 89 tackles and 26.0 quarterback sacks his senior season; selected to compete in the Oil Bowl.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

CODY HOLLAND, 6-6, 295, FR, OL

Hometown: Neosho, Mo.

High School: Neosho

H.S. Coach: Shawn Flannigan

Honors/Stats: A first-team Missouri Class 4A All-State performer as a senior in 2008; also a two-time All-Conference performer for the Wildcats; helped NHS to an 8-4 record and a district championship his senior season; also an All-State performer in the shot put and discus in track & field; also an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: history.

MICHAEL HOWETH, 6-1, 295, FR, OL

Hometown: Glenpool, Okla.

High School: Glenpool

H.S. Coach: Steve Edwards

Honors/Stats: A first-team Oklahoma Class 4A All-State performer as a senior in 2008; helped lead the Warriors to an unblemished 14-0 record and the Class 4A title this past fall; a three-year starter at GHS; helped the Warriors compile a 26-2 record his final two prep seasons, guiding GHS to a state runner-up finish as a junior in 2007; selected to compete in the Oil Bowl; also an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: engineering.

LEVI KUNTZSCH, 6-4, 215, FR, WR

Hometown: Scott City, Kan.

High School: Scott City

H.S. Coach: Glenn O'Neil

Honors/Stats: A first-team Kansas Class 4A All-State performer as a senior in 2008; a two-year All-League and All-Area selection (2007-08); caught 33 passes for 475 yards and six TDs this past season; also rushed the ball 98 times for 525 yards and 11 TDs; on defense, recorded 80 tackles (42 solo) with 10 TFLs; helped the Beavers to a 10-2 record, including league, district and regional titles his senior season; a 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection; also an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

MACK KYLE, 6-1, 195, FR, QB

Hometown: Webb City, Mo.

High School: Webb City

H.S. Coach: John Roderique

Honors/Stats: A first-team Missouri Class 4A All-State performer as a senior in 2008; helped the Cardinals to an unblemished 15-0 record and the Class 4A state title this past fall; passed for more than 1,200 yards and 13 TDs and rushed for more than 1,100 yards and 15 TDs in 2008; also rushed and passed for 1,000 yards as a junior in 2007; a four-year starter for WCHS; helped the Cardinals to three state titles during his prep career; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: biology (pre-physical therapy).

GAVIN LUTMAN, 6-4, 205, FR, WR

Hometown: Peculiar, Mo.

High School: Raymore-Peculiar

H.S. Coach: Tom Kruse

Honors/Stats: A first-team Missouri Class 5A All-State performer as a senior in 2008; caught 63 passes for 1,239 yards (19.7 ypc) and 16 TDs his senior year; helped the Panthers to an 11-2 record; also a first-team All-District and first-team All-Metro selection this past season; a three-year starter for the Panthers; established school records for single-season receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

ISRAEL MASELERA, 5-8, 165, FR, DB

Hometown: Glenpool, Okla.

High School: Glenpool

H.S. Coach: Steve Edwards

Honors/Stats: The Oklahoma Class 4A District II Offensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2008; helped lead the Warriors to an unblemished 14-0 record and the Class 4A title this past fall; passed for 915 yards and rushed for 705 yards with 26 combined TDs as the Warriors quarterback; a two-year starter at GHS; helped the Warriors compile a 26-2 record his final two prep seasons, guiding GHS to a state runner-up finish as a junior in 2007; also a stand-out track & field athlete who holds the GHS record in the 200m (22.4).

Anticipated PSU major: education.

BEN SEABAUGH, 6-0, 190, FR, DB

Hometown: Lee's Summit, Mo.

High School: Lee's Summit West

H.S. Coach: Royce Boehm

Honors/Stats: A two-time All-Conference performer (2007-08); helped the Titans to an unblemished 14-0 record and the Missouri Class 5A state title as a junior in 2007; a two-year starter at LSW; also an All-Conference baseball player for the Titans.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

CHAS SMITH, 5-9, 170, FR, QB/WR

Hometown: Pittsburg, Kan.

High School: St. Mary's-Colgan

H.S. Coach: Chuck Smith

Honors/Stats: A first-team Kansas Class 2-1A All-State selection at quarterback as a senior in 2008; a two-year starter for the Panthers; guided SMC to a 24-3 record in his final two prep seasons, including back-to-back Class 2-1A state runner-up finishes; also a two-time All-CNC League performer; also a stand-out basketball and track & field athlete; a 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: education.

KODY SPIGHT, 6-0, 185, FR, DB

Hometown: Blue Springs, Mo.

High School: Blue Springs

H.S. Coach: Kelly Donohoe

Honors/Stats: An honorable mention All-Suburban 7 Conference performer as a senior in 2008; helped the Wildcats to a 9-2 record a state sectional appearance; recorded 44 tackles (42 solo) with 4.0 TFLs, three interceptions and four pass breakups; a two-time All-Conference performer for the Wildcats; also a stand-out track & field athlete.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

FORREST STUCKY, 6-1, 240, FR, DL

Hometown: Hutchinson, Kan.

High School: Hutchinson

H.S. Coach: Randy Dreiling

Honors/Stats: A two-time Kansas Top 11 (All-State, All-Class) selection (2007-08); a first-team Kansas Class 5A All-State pick as a senior in 2008; a first-team Class 6A All-State selection as a junior in 2007; a three-year starter for the Salthawks; helped HHS to the 5A state title this past fall; also helped the Salthawks to three straight 6A state titles from 2005-07; HHS posted a 49-3 record during his four-year prep career; a 2009 Kansas Shrine Bowl selection.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

GUS TOCA, 6-2, 245, FR, TE/DE

Hometown: Waco, Texas

High School: Blue Springs (Mo.)

H.S. Coach: Kelly Donohoe

Honors/Stats: A Missouri Class 5A All-State performer at defensive end as a senior in 2008; an All-Suburban 7 Conference performer at both defensive end and tight end; scored three rushing TDs as a fullback and caught four passes for 29 yards and 1 TD at tight end; a three-year starter for the Wildcats; helped BSHS to a 9-2 record a state sectional appearance his senior season; also a stand-out track & field athlete; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

KEVIN WALLACE, 5-11, 180, FR, PK

Hometown: Tulsa, Okla.

High School: Union

H.S. Coach: Kirk Fridrich

Honors/Stats: A three-year letterwinner for the Redskins; assumed the starting kicker role at UHS his senior season; helped the Redskins to a 13-1 record and the Oklahoma Class 6A state title in 2008; an honor roll student.

Anticipated PSU major: undecided.

SOLOMON WATKINS, 5-10, 180, FR, RB

Hometown: Sedalia, Mo.

High School: Smith-Cotton

H.S. Coach: Mark Johnson

Honors/Stats: A three-time Missouri Class 4A All-State performer (2006-08); the Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2008; rushed for 2,345 yards and 39 touchdowns this past fall; compiled 5,555 rushing yards with 68 TDs as a four-year starter for the Tigers; a two-time first-team All-State selection (2007-08); helped SCHS to a 12-1 record, a district title and a state quarterfinalist finish in 2008.

Anticipated PSU major: biology (pre-physical therapy).

Additionally, the following transfer players have joined the Pitt State football program at the semester:

ZAC DICKEY, 6-1, 205, SO, QB

Hometown: Pittsburg, Kan.

High School: St. Mary's-Colgan

Previous School: Fort Scott Community College

H.S. Honors/Stats: A first-team Kansas Class 2-1A All-State selection at quarterback as a senior in 2006; also an All-State prep athlete in baseball and basketball for the Panthers; helped SMC to a state basketball title in 2006 as well as three straight state baseball titles between 2004-06.

College Honors/Stats: A third-team All-Jayhawk Conference performer as a redshirt freshman at FSCC in 2008; completed 85 of 173 passes (.491) for 937 yards and 10 TDs and rushed 88 times for 283 yards and four TDs; helped the Greyhounds to a Heart of Texas Bowl victory over Blinn College; redshirted at Oklahoma State University in 2007; also an NJCAA All-Academic selection.

JOHNNY ROW, 6-1, 225, JR, LB

Hometown: Claremore, Okla.

High School: Claremore-Sequoyah

Previous School: Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College

H.S. Honors/Stats: The Oklahoma Class 3A Defensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2006; recorded 183 tackles his senior season, helping the Eagles to an unblemished 14-0 record and the Class 3A state title; compiled 495 tackles during his final three prep seasons (2004-06).

College Honors/Stats: A two-year letterwinner at NEO, 2007-08; recorded 77 tackles with 4.0 QB sacks as a sophomore in 2008; logged 54 tackles and 6.0 QB sacks in 2007.

JEFF SCHIBI, 6-1, 200, JR, QB

Hometown: Parsons, Kan.

High School: Parsons

Previous School: Independence Community College

H.S. Honors/Stats: A Kansas Class 4A All-State performer as a senior in 2006; a three-year starter for the Vikings; compiled more than 3,600 total yards with 47 combined TDs during his prep career; a three-year All-SEK League performer, earning first-team honors his final two prep seasons; also an All-State basketball player at PHS.

College Honors/Stats: A two-time honorable mention All-Jayhawk Conference selection at quarterback (2007-08); passed for 900 yards and seven TDs in seven games in 2008; passed for 1,300 yards and 12 TDs in eight games in 2007.

ERICK SMITH, 6-3, 340, SO, DL

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

High School: Sarah T. Reed

Previous School: University of Miami

H.S. Honors/Stats: A first-team All-State performer at defensive line as a senior in 2004; named to the Louisiana Elite Eight squad his senior season, after recording 76 tackles with 28.5 QB sacks to break the state record for QB sacks; selected to compete in the 2005 Bayou Bowl, earning co-MVP honors of the post-season all-star game.

College Honors/Stats: Signed with Miami out of high school; played his freshman season at East Mississippi Community College in 2006; returned to Miami in 2007.

ADAM STEWART, 6-5, 275, JR, OL

Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.

High School: Barry Goldwater

Previous School: Glendale Community College

H.S. Honors/Stats: A stand-out football and track & field athlete at Barry Goldwater HS.

College Honors/Stats: An NJCAA All-American at offensive lineman as a sophomore in 2008; also an All-Conference and All-Region honors for the Gauchos.

TELL WYRICK, 6-6, 230, JR, TE

Hometown: Caney, Kan.

High School: Caney Valley

Previous School: Coffeyville Community College

H.S. Honors/Stats: A first-team All-Tri-Valley League performer as a senior in 2005; a three-year starter for the Bullpups; helped CVHS to a 10-1 record and a league title as a senior in 2005; also a stand-out basketball and track & field athlete.

College Honors/Stats: A second-team All-Jayhawk Conference selection at tight end as a sophomore in 2008.