

Team Stars & Stripes player bios

63	Andy DiFranco	C	5-10	252	Albion College
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Selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America® Division III Football team selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America... An accounting major who boasts a 3.86 grade point average... Was a four-year starter for the Britons, achieving all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association status three times (a first team pick in 2015 and 2016 and a second team selection in 2014).

6	Jack Asquini	MLB	5-8	233	Augustana College
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Named second team all-conference... Led the team in tackles for the third consecutive season... He had 112 total tackles with 52 solos and 60 assists and 14 tackles for loss, 4.5 quarterback sacks, two pass breakups, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble... He had 108 tackles as a junior, 94 as a sophomore and 15 as a freshman... He finished his career with 329 total tackles, the third highest total in school history since the mid-1980s when tackles were kept statistically.

94	Danny Lattner	WR	6-2	201	Augustana College
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Named second team all-conference... Had 50 receptions (tied for fourth-most in a season at Augustana) and his 874 yards were just six shy of Paul Anders' school mark set in 1968... Lattner also had four touchdown catches... In addition, finished third on the Vikings' career charts for receptions (98) and receiving yards (1,575).

90	Mike Perry	LS	6-3	230	Aurora University
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A NACC Honorable Mention selection in 2016.

1	Justin Gibbons	DB	6-5	210	Aurora University
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In 2016 played in 10 games making 6 catches for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns... On defense, posted 30 tackles and had 3 pass breakups... In 2015 appeared in 9 games for the Spartans with 28 tackles and 5 interceptions.

4	Mike Nolden	WR	6-2	210	Beloit College
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A 2016 All-Midwest Conference Football team selection, his third straight, the first Buccaneer Football player to be so honored since linebacker Tony Baratti from 2008-10... Led the team in receiving with 60 catches for 889 yards and nine touchdowns... The nine touchdown receptions were the second-most in the MWC and are the third-most in a season in Beloit history while the 60 catches are tied for the fourth-most in a season at Beloit and the 889 yards receiving were fifth-most in a season... For his career, he finished as the all-time leader in receptions (193) and receiving TDs (30), was second in receiving yards (2,605) and fourth in all-purpose yardage (3,464)... In his career, he had eight 100-yard receiving games and two games with three touchdown catches, which ties for the most ever for the Bucs.

2	K.J. Simpson	OLB	6-1	220	Carthage College
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Was a 2016 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin all-second team selection... A first team choice a season ago, was once again one of the top linebackers in the league, tying with Laughlin for second on the team with 44 total tackles. The senior outside linebacker also had three sacks, a forced fumble and recovered fumble on the season.

31	Jessie Peterson	ILB	6-2	220	Central College
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First team all-Iowa Conference selection... Despite missing the first conference game, Peterson was fifth in the conference with 77 total tackles... His 43 solo efforts in league games was third best. He averaged 11.0 tackles per contest.

16	Riley Gray	QB	6-1	195	Central College
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A 2016 First team all-Iowa Conference selection... The most accurate quarterback in the conference with a 64.5 completion percentage, Gray was second in the league with 24 passing touchdowns... He also had 496 rushing yards, the 11th most in the league... His seven rushing touchdowns were tied for third in the league, as well.

88	Mitchell Boerm	TE	6-5	250	Central College
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A 2016 First team all-Iowa Conference selection... Was named to the Academic All-America Division III football team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) with a 3.76 cumulative grade point average while majoring in biology... Started all 10 games at tight end for the Dutch, finishing the year with 383 receiving yards on 25 catches... Averaged 16.0 yards per catch and 38.3 receiving yards per game... Against both Whitworth University (Wash.) and the University of Dubuque, he eclipsed the 100-yard mark with identical 101 receiving yards in those games.

60	Kyle Pepper	C	6-1	275	Central College
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Won D3Football.com Team of the week selections the past two seasons and is a 3-year letter winner.

20	Zach Matter	FS/SS	6-0	200	Central College
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A 2016 First team all-Iowa Conference selection... A first-team pick in consecutive years, Matter had 12 total passes defended in the eight conference games... His three interceptions were supplemented by nine pass breakups... He also chipped in with 43 tackles from his safety position.

56	Cole Tanner	OL	6-2	275	Central College
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A 2016 First team all-Iowa Conference selection... Tanner, a three-year starter on the offensive line, helped guide the Dutch offensive attack to explosive heights... They led the conference with 532.0 yards per game, including 307.0 yards per game in the air... Central averaged 37.8 points per league game.

32	Aaron Marcellus	PK	5-9	205	Central College
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Was named the Iowa Conference Special Teams Player of the Week for the fifth time in his career... Went 6-for-6 on extra points in Central's 49-14 thrashing of Simpson College... He kicked off eight times in the contest and averaged 61.5 yards per attempt... Was the 2015 first team all-conference kicker.

11	Zach Martinelli	WR	5-8	185	Central College
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A 2016 First team all-Iowa Conference selection... A return specialist, Martinelli led the league in combined kick and punt return yardage... Registering a total of 418 kick return yards, he averaged 23.2 on his 18 returns... He was the only player in the conference to achieve 100 yards of punt return, averaging 7.9 yards on 16 returns.

43	Robert Cleveland	RB	5-6	165	Delaware Valley
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An All-Middle Atlantic Conference (All-MAC) second team selection in 2016, and won first team honors in 2015. In 2016, rushed 113 times for 594 yards and 7 touchdowns, placing him second on the team... Had 7 receptions for 74 yards and a touchdown... Was joint second on team in scoring.

40	Jarrett Reinhard	FB/RB	5-9	225	Delaware Valley
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Played in 9 games in 2016, serving primarily as a blocking fullback... Carried the ball twice and had one reception... Was a starter in all 11 contests in 2015... Named to the all-MAC second team as a junior... Made two receptions for 11 yards.

0	Tyler Bing	WR	5-6	170	Delaware Valley
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Rushed 110 times for 591 yards and 8 touchdowns... Caught 24 passes for 207 yards and 1 touchdown, making him third on team.

21	Jeff Croll	OLB	6-0	205	Grove City College
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A three-year letter winner and one-year starter at outside linebacker... One of Grove City's 2016 team captains... Started nine games at outside linebacker... Tied for fourth on the team with 46 tackles... Added 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks... Six tackles, 2.0 TFL, a sack and a QB hurry against Waynesburg... Posted eight tackles at Thomas More... career-high 10 tackles (8 solo) at Bethany... Appeared in nine games in 2015, making one start.

10	Brett Pinson	WR	6-0	175	Grove City College
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A two-year letter winner and one-year starter at wide receiver... 2016 team captain... Started all 10 games at wide receiver in 2015... All-PAC Honorable Mention... Led PAC and ranked 19th nationally by averaging 21.8 yards per reception... Shared team lead with six receiving TDs... Second on team in receiving yardage and third in receptions... Three 100+ yard receiving games... Caught six passes for 103 yards and 2 TDs against Saint Vincent... Posted third-highest single game receiving total in program history with seven catches for 180 yards and a TD at Bethany.

84	Anthony Marnejon	P	6-0	200	Grove City College
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A three-year letter winner and starter at punter... Third on Grove City career list in total punts (177) and seventh in career punting average (36.3)... In 2015 continued to be one of top punters in PAC... Averaged 36.5 yards on 59 punts, placing 11 punts inside the 20 yard-line.

50	Danny Dorman	DE	6-1	230	Grove City College
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A four-year letter winner on the defense who made the move from inside linebacker to become a starter at defensive end as a senior... One of Grove City's 2016 team captains... Appeared in all 10 games, starting the final eight games of the season at defensive end... Second among team's defensive linemen with 39 tackles... Second on the team with 8.5 TFL and third with 2.5 sacks... Also shared team lead with a pair of fumble recoveries... Career-high six tackles and a fumble recovery in opener against Juniata... Matched career-high with six tackles, including 2.0 TFL and a sack, in final career game against Thiel... Appeared in all 10 games in 2015, making first collegiate start against Thomas More.

3	B.J. Smith	DB	6-0	195	Kalamazoo College
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In 2016 was Second on team in interceptions (3)... Had 10 total tackles twice... Made 2 interceptions, both vs Hope College... Tackles for Loss: 1.0 (six times)... Posted one sack.

8	Sean Bauer	LB	6-1	225	Kalamazoo College
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Was third on team in tackles (91) in 2016... Was third on team in tackles (61) in 2015

75	Will Danner	OL/DL	6-0	295	Lake Forest College
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A four-year letter winner.

62	Martin Shine	OG	6-2	275	Lake Forest College
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Was named First Team All-MWC... The Foresters set program records and ranked second in the league with 440 yards per game and third with 38.6 points per contest... Lake Forest and league champion Monmouth College were the only teams to rank among the top five in the MWC in both rushing and passing yards

12	Brendan Power	DL	6-4	235	Lake Forest College
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Earned second Team All-MWC honors in 2016... One of the team captains, made 26 tackles on the year and had 2.5 tackles for loss.

22	Alex Pasiewicz	WR	6-0	200	Lake Forest College
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Was named First Team All-Midwest Conference at two different positions... He led the team with 53 receptions for 865 yards and finished with a league-high 11 touchdown receptions... He was also tied-for-first in the nation with three kickoff return touchdowns and two scores on punt returns... Pasiewicz became the first Forester to accomplish either feat and the only player in the country to do both this

year... He also ranked second in the conference with 29.9 yards per kickoff return and 12.9 per punt return... Both averages were also among the top 20 in the country... His 1,929 all-purpose yards on the year rank second in MWC history.

76	Joe Pagura	OL	6-2	305	Loras College
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Was a 2016 All-Iowa Conference Football Team honorable mention.

26	Brandon Battles	TE	6-2	250	Louisiana College
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Had 2 receptions for 22 yards in 2016.

58	Colin Everson	DE	6-0	225	Minnesota-Morris
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An Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) All-Conference Football second team selection in 2016, his second straight year making the conference's Second Team... Set new career-highs in every defensive category... He finished second in the UMAC with 9.5 sacks and third in tackles for loss with 15.5 and recorded 54 tackles.

38	J.C. Cummings	RB	5-7	195	Minnesota-Morris
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His 99 carries for 391 yards and a touchdown were second on the team in 2016... Also had 6 receptions for 66 yards and 2 touchdowns... In his junior season led the team with 344 yards rushing on 92 carries, also a career high... Tied second on team with 2 rushing TD's... Season and career high 104 rushing yards and a touchdown vs MacMurray.... Had 17 rushes for 76 yards and a TD vs Martin Luther.... Had 7 receptions for 39 yards.

15	Kyle Petermeier	WR/TE	6-3	195	Minnesota-Morris
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His 39 receptions for 446 yards and a touchdown were the second best on the team in 2016... Led team with 52 receptions as a junior... Led team with 505 yards receiving.... Led team with 4 TDs... Named 2015 Outstanding Offensive Player.

7	Evan Guffey	WR	6-2	180	Minnesota-Morris
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Was an Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) All-Conference Football first team selection... Guffey had his best season in 2016 in a Cougar uniform... He reached career highs in receptions (49), receiving yards (655), and total touchdowns (13)... The wide receiver even threw a touchdown pass to go along with his eight touchdowns receiving and five rushing... Those numbers placed him in the top five in the UMAC in those respective categories.

24	Daniel Eller	SS	6-1	200	Ohio Northern University
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Earned all-conference second team honors and is now a two-time Second Team All-OAC honoree with 29 career starts at safety... This season, he was second on the team and was sixth in the OAC with 80 tackles... In 36 career games Eller posted 242 tackles, which ranks him ninth all-time in ONU history.

99	Scott Rapps	DT	6-6	285	Ohio Northern University
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Earned all-conference first team honors as he started nine games at defensive tackle this season and is a two-time All-OAC honoree after earning Honorable Mention All-OAC honors in 2015... He was also named Academic All-Conference this season... He led the team with 6.0 sacks and 12.5 TFL and was fourth with 51 tackles... Rapps played in 27 games and started 20 on the defensive line in his four years at Ohio Northern. He had 123 career tackles to go with 24 TFLs and 11.5 sacks.

47	Ethan Gambale	MLB	6-1	240	Salve Regina
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A 2016 Captain... Was named to the New England Football Conference all-second team... Made his second All-Conference team after also receiving second team honors last season... He led the Seahawks in tackling in 2016, notching 70 tackles, 49 solo, 12.5 for loss and three sacks... Gambale also forced two fumbles, broke up three passes, had a fumble recovery and an interception... Started all ten games for the Seahawks in 2015... Recorded 79 tackles, 5.5 sacks, 12 tackles for loss, two pass breakups, and one forced fumbled... All-NEFC Second Team Linebacker... NEFC Academic All-Conference.

5	Dylan Wilburn	RB	5-7	207	Southwestern University
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Was a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all first team selection... Wilburn, a senior running back out of Houston, who was a 2014 honorable mention, carried the ball 95 times for 595 yards and five touchdowns this year... He topped the century mark twice, including a 20-carry, 143-yard performance that included two touchdowns in a 35-0 win at Austin College... Wilburn twice was named SCAC Offensive Player of the Week in 2016.

70	Jacob Harton	OT	6-2	270	Southwestern University
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Was a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all first team selection... Anchored Southwestern's offensive line... Helped pave the way for the conference's top offensive unit, which racked up 4,291 total yards... The Pirates led the league with 1,970 rushing yards and ranked second with 2.321 yards... Additionally, the offensive line, which was named to the D3football.com Team of the Week on Sept. 13, allowed a league-low 19 sacks.

19	Matt Gillen	WR	6-4	195	Southwestern University
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Was a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference selection... Shared the league's co-offensive player of the year award with Texas Lutheran running back Marquise Barrolle... Led the SCAC in almost every receiving category, including yards (951), yards per game (95.1) and receptions (73)... He also ranked second with seven receiving touchdowns and third in yards per catch (13.0)... Gillen had a streak of five consecutive games with at least seven catches and at least 135 yards receiving, including a 14-catch game against Wisconsin-River Falls on Sept. 24, which made him the only receiver in conference history to record multiple 14-reception games in a career... He set an SCAC single-game mark with five touchdown receptions in Southwestern's 48-0 win at Trinity on Oct. 15... Gillen, who also is a four-time, first-team all-league honoree, collected conference offensive player of the week honors two days later... He finishes his career at SU with 187 receptions for 2,523 yards and 18 touchdowns.

13	Dante Smith	WR	6-2	210	Southwestern University
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Named to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all first team... Smith, a senior wide receiver, ranked sixth in the league with 32 receptions... He posted 317 receiving yards and five touchdowns... The Beaumont native hauled in three touchdowns at East Texas Baptist on Sept. 17... He also was named SCAC Offensive Player of the Week on Oct. 24 after helping the Pirates to a 42-38 win over Texas Lutheran two days earlier... During the victory, Smith threw for a touchdown and then took an onside kick back 39 yards for a score.

14	Bryan Hicks	QB	6-0	180	Southwestern University
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A Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all first team selection... Hicks, a senior quarterback, led the conference with a pass efficiency rating of 138.3... The Humble native, who was an honorable mention pick the last two seasons, completed 139 of 328 passes for 1,692 yards and 14 touchdowns... He was named SCAC Offensive Player of the Week after throwing for five touchdowns in Southwestern's 35-31 win at Texas Lutheran on Nov. 12... Hicks also threw for six touchdowns in the Pirates' 48-0 win at Trinity on Oct. 15.

49	Dereck Harenda	LG	6-0	245	Southwestern University
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Was a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all first team selection... Harenda anchored Southwestern's offensive line... Helped pave the way for the conference's top offensive unit, which racked up 4,291 total yards... The Pirates led the league with 1,970 rushing yards and ranked second with 2,321 yards... Additionally, the offensive line, which was named to the D3football.com Team of the Week on Sept. 13, allowed a league-low 19 sacks.

34	Tyler Frisby	LB	6-0	205	Southwestern University
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Named to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference all first team... Frisby, a senior linebacker out of Justin, collected 50 tackles (27 solo), including seven for loss... He also intercepted three passes during the year... Frisby picked off two passes in Southwestern's 20-7 win over Trinity on Nov. 5, including a 47-yard pick-six that helped the Pirates clinch the conference title outright... He was named SCAC Defensive Player of the Week two days later for his performance.

45	Zach Cole	LB	5-11	220	Southwestern University
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Was a 2016 Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference honorable mention... Played in 9 games, 48 tackles and 1 sack.

18	Brian Price	DB	6-5	210	SUNY Maritime
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Was named to the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference first team... Moving from cornerback to safety, Price has not missed a beat finishing second on the team with 63 tackles, which was the 17th highest total in the league... He led the league with five interceptions, and was also tied for the league lead with three blocked kicks while also adding 2.5 sacks this season for a loss in 18 yards.

44	Taylor James	LB	5-11	220	Trine University
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Was an All MIAA Second Team selection... James rounded out his career having earned All-MIAA honors in each of his three seasons as a member of the Thunder football program... The senior team captain finished 11th in the conference with 75 tackles, while his rate of 8.3 tackles per game ranked seventh in the MIAA... James notched his first career interception in a victory over Albion and notched six tackles-for-loss on the season... He concluded his career with 228 career tackles, 12th in team history.

53	Derek Scott	OL	6-0	265	Trine University
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Scott followed up on his All-MIAA Second Team campaign from last year with the first First Team honors of his career... The senior anchored the interior of an offensive line that produced 243.2 yards per game on the ground, a program record... Scott spent time at both guard and center over the course of his two all-conference seasons.

9	Darrien Myers	WR	5-9	170	Trinity College
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Was named to the New England Football Writers Division II/III All-Star Team... Myers earned First Team All-Conference honors as a wide receiver for the first time in his career after making the First Team last season as a kick returner... Myers ranked second in the NESCAC in all-purpose yards (990), averaging 123.8 yards per game and averaged 11.0 yards per catch and caught a team-best eight touchdowns.

86	Robert Baker	TE	6-3	230	US Merchant Marine Academy
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An All-Liberty second team selection... This is Baker's second postseason recognition from the Liberty League in his career, as he was an Honorable Mention on offense after the 2015 season... Baker provided help on the Mariners' offensive line, which resulted in the team boasting the third-best rushing offense in the country (299.9 yards per game)... He also caught three passes this season for 62 yards.

72	Parker Johnson	OT	6-2	272	US Merchant Marine Academy
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An All-Liberty first team selection... Johnson was a member of the USMMA offensive line that helped lead the squad to the nation's third best rushing offense with 299.9 rushing yards per game... The Mariners also ranked sixth in the country in sacks allowed (0.50 per game) and ninth in tackles for losses allowed (3.89 per game) thanks to Johnson's efforts on the O-Line... This is the second straight season that Johnson has been selected to the All-Liberty First Team Offense.

25	Patrick Keyes	DB	5-11	191	US Merchant Marine Academy
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An All-Liberty first team selection... Keyes led the Merchant Marine defense in 2016 with 64 total tackles (40 solo and 24 assisted), including two tackles for losses of a combined six yards, one interception, three pass break-ups and one blocked punt in the Coast Guard game... This is the third time in Keyes' career that he has been named to the All-Liberty Team, as he earned Second Team honors in both 2014 and 2015.

93	Seth Hestness	TE	6-5	235	Wartburg College
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Played in 10 games in 2016, catching 18 passes for 156 yards and 3 touchdowns... In 2015, played in five games... Had two receptions for 17 yards... In 2014, played in 4 games... Had one reception for five yards.

30	Tanner Stengel	LB	5-11	220	Wilkes University
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Stengel earned his second straight All-MAC second team honor after finishing his senior season second overall in total tackles in the league with 115 stops... He also added 3.5 sacks averaging over 11.5 tackles per-game in the process... Stengel's best outing came in a win against Lycoming in week eight when he finished with a career-high 20 tackles and 1.5 sacks... He went over the ten-tackle mark in seven of the Colonels ten games this season... He finished his Colonel career with 346 career tackles, 35.0 tackles-for-loss and 11.0 sacks, one of the best linebacker careers in Wilkes history.