

# TROJAN FOOTBALL

11 National Championships  
34 Bowl Victories  
169 All-Americans  
6 Heisman Trophy Winners



520 NFL Players  
83 NFL 1st Round Draftees  
5 No. 1 Overall NFL Draft Picks  
22 Academic All-Americans

## 2021 SCHEDULE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 4	San Jose State	2 p.m. (P12N)
Sept. 11	Stanford	7:30 p.m. (FOX)
Sept. 18	at Washington St.	12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Sept. 25	Oregon State	TBA
Oct. 2	at Colorado	TBA
Oct. 9	Utah	TBA
Oct. 16	BYE DATE	
Oct. 23	at Notre Dame	7:30 p.m. (NBC)
Oct. 30	Arizona	TBA
Nov. 6	at Arizona State	TBA
Nov. 13	at California	TBA
Nov. 20	UCLA	TBA
Nov. 27	BYU	TBA

## 2020 RESULTS

5-1 overall

5-1 for first place in Pac-12 South Division

28	Arizona State	27
34	at Arizona	30
33	at Utah	17
--	Colorado (DNP)	--
13	Washington State	13
43	at UCLA	38
24	Oregon	31

(Pac-12 Champ. Game)

## RETURNING STARTERS

### OFFENSE (8)

Kedon Slovis, QB	Brett Neilon, OL
Drake London, WR	Jalen McKenzie, OL
Vavae Malepeai, TB*	Andrew Vorhees, OL
Erik Krommenhoek, TE	Liam Jimmons, OL

### DEFENSE (8)

Drake Jackson, OLB	Nick Figueroa, DL
Isaiah Pola-Mao, S	Tuli Tuipulotu, DL
Chris Steele, CB	Greg Johnson, S*
Kana'i Mauga, ILB	Max Williams, S*
Ralen Goforth, ILB	

\*Shared starts

### SPECIALISTS (2)

Ben Griffiths, P	Parker Lewis, PK
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### OTHERS RETURNING WITH CAREER STARTS

Damon Johnson, SNP (43)	Josh Falo, TE, (5)
Alex Stadthaus, PK (24)	Hunter Echols, OLB (4)
K.D. Nixon, WR (23)#	Darwin Barlow, TB (4)#
Keoantay Ingram, TB (18)#	Bru McCoy, WR (3)
Jordan Iosefa, ILB (16)	Kenan Christon, TB (3)
Joe Bryson, OL (16)#	Justin Dedich, OL (3)
Tahj Washington, WR (10)#	Jacob Lichtenstein, DL (2)
Isaac Taylor-Stuart, CB (9)	Eli'jah Winston, ILB (1)
Malcolm Epps, TE (7)#	Dorian Hewett, CB (1)
Chase Williams, S (6)	Courtland Ford, OL (1)
Jake Smith, WR (6)#	Mo Hasan, QB (1)#
Brandon Pili, DL (5)	

#Starts came at school other than USC

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## 2021 USC FOOTBALL PRE-SEASON NOTES

### PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

\*The 2021 Trojans are picked to finish in the Top 25 nationally and in the Top 2 in the Pac-12 South standings, according to many pre-season prognosticators. Here are the picks, to date:

	National	Pac-12 South
Pro Football Network	10th	1st
Sporting News	12th	1st
Phil Steele	13th	1st
Pro Football Focus	16th	1st
CollegeFootballNews.com	16th	1st
Athlon	18th	2nd
CBSSports.com	19th	1st
ESPN.com	21st	1st
Lindy's	22nd	2nd

### PRE-SEASON HONORS

\*DLB **Drake Jackson** (CollegeFootballNews.com) and SNP **Damon Johnson** (Phil Steele) were named 2021 All-American first teamers. CB **Chris Steele** (CollegeFootballNews.com) was a pre-season All-American third team pick, while WR **Drake London** (Phil Steele) and P **Ben Griffiths** (Pro Football Focus) were third teamers and QB **Kedon Slovis** (Phil Steele) was a fourth teamer. Jackson, Johnson, London, Griffiths, Slovis, Steele and S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** were selected to various pre-season All-Pac-12 first teams.

### WATCH LISTS

\*The following Trojans have made official "Watch Lists" for national 2021 post-season awards, to date:

QB <b>Mo Hasan</b>	Good Works Team (top community service)
TB <b>Keoantay Ingram</b>	Doak Walker Award (top running back)
OLB <b>Drake Jackson</b>	Bednarik Award (top defensive player)
WR <b>Drake London</b>	Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)
TB <b>Vavae Malepeai</b>	Doak Walker Award (top running back)
QB <b>Kedon Slovis</b>	Maxwell Award (top player)
	Davey O'Brien Award (top quarterback)
CB <b>Chris Steele</b>	Thorpe Award (top defensive back)
WR <b>Tahj Washington</b>	Biletnikoff Award (top receiver)

### 2021 SCHEDULE

\*USC, which for the first time since 2009 will play all its regular season games on Saturdays, has a demanding 2021 schedule. Besides playing 9 Pac-12 opponents, Troy's 3 non-conference foes were ranked in the final AP Top 25 poll last year. The Trojans, however, do play 7 of their 12 contests at home in the Coliseum.

\*USC opens in the Coliseum on Sept. 4 of Labor Day weekend against defending Mountain West champion San Jose State. The teams last met in 2009. The Trojans remain at home the following week to start Pac-12 play with a visit from Stanford on Sept. 11. It will be the Pac-12's first game of the 2021 campaign. USC then travels to Washington State on Sept. 18, its first trip to Pullman since 2017. Troy returns home on Sept. 25 to host Oregon State. The teams have not played since 2018 (and not in the Coliseum since 2017). The Trojans begin October play by traveling to Colorado on Oct. 2, then are back in the Coliseum on Oct. 9 to battle Utah. Following a bye week, USC returns to action on Oct. 23 when it goes to South Bend for its traditional intersectional clash with Notre Dame, a 2020 College Football Playoff semifinalist. Arizona comes to the Coliseum on Oct. 30 for USC's Homecoming game before the Trojans embark on a two-game road trip to open up November, playing at Arizona State on Nov. 6 and at California on Nov. 13. USC concludes its regular season with a pair of home contests, first facing crosstown rival UCLA on Nov. 20 and then independent BYU on Nov. 27 of Thanksgiving weekend. It will be the first time since 2009 when it played Arizona that USC will end its regular season against a team other than UCLA or Notre Dame and the first since 1999 (when it hosted Louisiana Tech) doing so against a non-conference foe other than Notre Dame. The Pac-12 Football Championship Game will be on Friday, Dec. 3, in Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nev.

### LAST YEAR

\*Troy is coming off consecutive seasons where improvement was evident on and off the field. After a bounceback 8-win season in 2019, USC started off 5-0 in last year's pandemic-shortened campaign and won the Pac-12 South Division title before falling by a touchdown in the Pac-12 Championship Game.



## USC PRE-SEASON MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Because of the ongoing pandemic, this schedule may be adjusted to protect the health and safety of USC's players, coaches, staff, campus community and the media. USC Athletics will take guidance from state/county/city/campus/Pac-12 officials. Health and safety protocols must be followed by all media attending USC practices and games.

**Aug. 6**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... Helton available to media after practice

**Aug. 7**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... offensive players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 8**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 9**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... defensive players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 10**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... special teams players and assistant coach and select newcomers available to media after practice

**Aug. 11**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... Helton available to media after practice

**Aug. 12**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... offensive players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 13**—10:45 a.m. practice, open to media... defensive/special teams players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 14**—1:50 p.m. practice (at Coliseum), open to media...no interviews

**Aug. 15**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 16**—4 p.m. practice, open to media... Helton available to media after practice

**Aug. 17**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... offensive players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 18**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... defensive/special teams players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 19**—3:30 p.m. practice, open to media... AD Mike Bohn and chief of staff Brandon Sosna and team captains available to media after practice

**Aug. 20**—practice closed to media, no interviews

**Aug. 21**—3:50 p.m. practice (at Coliseum), open to media...Helton available to media after practice...end of camp

**Aug. 22**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 23**—practice closed to media, no interviews...first day of classes

**Aug. 24**—4:10 p.m. practice, open to media... offensive players and assistant coaches and Helton available to media after practice

**Aug. 25**—4:10 p.m. practice, open to media until 5 p.m....defensive/special teams players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Aug. 26**—8 a.m., Helton available to media via Zoom...practice closed to media, no interviews

**Aug. 27**—practice closed to media, no interviews

**Aug. 28**—practice closed to media, no interviews

**Aug. 29**—no practice, no interviews

**Aug. 30**—practice closed to media, no interviews

**Aug. 31**—4:10 p.m. practice, open to media... offensive players and assistant coaches and Helton available to media after practice

**Sept. 1**—4:10 p.m. practice, open to media until 5 p.m....defensive/special teams players and assistant coaches available to media after practice

**Sept. 2**—8 a.m., Helton available to media via Zoom...practice closed to media, no interviews

**Sept. 3**—practice closed to media, no interviews

**Sept. 4**—USC vs. San Jose State, 2 p.m. PT, Coliseum...Helton, players and assistant coaches available to media after game in Coliseum interview room and outside USC locker room

**Sept. 5**—6 p.m., Helton available to media via Zoom...no practice

## RETURNING TROJANS

\*USC returns 16 of last season's starters (8 each on offense and defense, including a Heisman Trophy candidate at quarterback), plus the punter and kicker.

\*The Trojans also signed a Top 10 recruiting class (including the nation's No. 1 recruit). Among the 34 newcomers--13 of whom enrolled this past spring semester and participated in spring practice--are 10 collegiate transfers.

\*In all, 90 squadmen from last year are back, including 12 who are repeating their senior years as allowed by an NCAA rule enacted because COVID-19 shortened the 2020 season. On USC's 124-man 2021 roster, 66 players saw game action last year and 42 have started at least once in their careers.

\*USC's potent offense--which in 2020 averaged 416.7 total yards per game, including 319.3 passing to rank 11<sup>th</sup> nationally, and 33.3 points--brings back its top passer and rusher along with 8 players who caught a pass last year and 4 starting linemen. Quarterback **Kedon Slovis**, a 2-year starter who has completed 70% of his career passes for nearly 5,500 yards and 50 TDs and already is in the Top 10 on USC's career completions chart, is a leading Heisman nominee after an All-Pac-12 first team season in 2020 when he led the nation in completions and was in the Top 20 in passing yards, total offense and completion percentage. Wide receiver **Drake London**, another 2-year starter, will be among the nation's top receivers; he has 72 career receptions with 8 TDs, including 33 catches for a team-high 502 yards last fall. Tailbacks **Vavae Malepeai** is a 1,000-yard career rusher (1,503 yards with 17 TDs). Tight end **Erik Krommenhoek** has 24 catches and 12 starts in his career. Four-fifths of Troy's offensive line is back: 3-year starting guard **Andrew Vorhees** (he was on the left side in 2020), 2-year starting center **Brett Neilon**, 2-year starter **Jalen McKenzie** (he was at right tackle last year after playing guard in 2019) and **Liam Jimmons**, last year's right guard. Other offensive players returning with career starts at USC are tailback **Kenan Christon**, wide receiver **Bru McCoy**, tight end **Josh Faló** and offensive linemen **Justin Dedich** and **Courtland Ford**.

\*The Trojan defense, which last season allowed its third fewest average total yards (369.7) and second fewest passing yards (216.3) since 2009 while averaging 2.7 takeaways a game (its best since 2005), welcomes back 15 of its top 19 tacklers from 2020, as well as its leaders in sacks, tackles for loss, pass deflections and forced fumbles. Outside linebacker **Drake Jackson**, who has 17 career tackles for loss (with 7.5 sacks), is one of the nation's most dominant pass rushers. Safety **Isaiah Pola-Mao** has 121 tackles and 5 interceptions in his career, while cornerback **Chris Steele**--a 2-year starter like Jackson and Pola-Mao--has 9 career pass deflections. Both inside linebackers are back: **Kana'i Mauga** (116 career tackles), another 2-year starter, and **Ralen Goforth**. Defensive lineman **Nick Figueroa** sprang onto the scene last year while leading Troy in tackles for loss (7) and sacks (3.5), as did fellow lineman **Tuli Tuipulotu**, who was a Freshman All-American second teamer in 2020. Safeties **Greg Johnson** and **Max Williams**, who shared starts at nickelback last fall, both return. Others on defense back in 2021 who own USC career starts are inside linebackers **Jordan Iosefa** and **Eli'jah Winston**, cornerbacks **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** and **Dorian Hewett**, safety **Chase Williams**, defensive linemen **Brandon Pili** and **Jacob Lichtenstein** and outside linebacker **Hunter Echols**.

\*Australian **Ben Griffiths**, whose 46.4-yard punting average was the highest by a Trojan since 2003, is back for his third season as USC's punter. **Parker Lewis**, who won the kicking job as a true freshman last year, was 20<sup>th</sup> nationally in field goals and had touchbacks on nearly 60% of his kickoffs. **Damon Johnson**, a 2020 Mannelly Award finalist, will long snap for a fifth season.

## GONE FROM 2020

\*Although USC lost just 6 starters from 2020, they were impact players (4 were All-Pac-10 first team selections last fall). Safety Talanoa Hufanga, who had 203 career tackles, was an All-American first teamer, the Polynesian Co-College Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a Lott IMPACT Trophy finalist in 2020 when he led USC in tackles (62), interceptions (4) and forced fumbles (2) to rank in the national Top 20 in those categories. Wide receivers Amon-Ra St. Brown (11<sup>th</sup> on USC's career receptions ladder with 178 catches, including 16 TDs) made the 2020 All-Pac-12 first team after having team highs in receptions (41) and TD catches (7, including an NCAA record-tying 4 in the opening quarter versus Washington State), while Tyler Vaughns (33 grabs with 3 TDs in 2020) finished third on USC's career receptions list with 222 catches and 20 scores. Alijah Vera-Tucker, a 2020 All-Pac-12 first team choice when he won the Morris Trophy, started at left offensive tackle last year after being the left guard the previous season. Marlon Tuipulotu was a 3-year starting defensive lineman who had 104 tackles in his career, including 23 last fall when he made the All-Pac-12 first team. Olajiah Griffin was a 2-year starter at cornerback with 14 career pass breakups. Vera-Tucker (in the first round), St. Brown, Hufanga and Tuipulotu were 2021 NFL draftees as juniors. Others gone include part-time starting tailback Stephen Carr, who had 1,329 career rushing yards with 12 TDs, Matt Fink, who completed 67.3% of his passes while serving mainly as the backup quarterback (he had 1 career start), tailback Markese Stepp (505 career yards with 6 TDs) and placekickers Chase McGrath (32 field goals, 118 PATs in his career while starting in 2017 and 2019) and Michael Brown, who filled in when McGrath was hurt early in the 2018 season.

## CLAY HELTON

\*Clay Helton guided the Trojans to a Rose Bowl victory in 2016 and a Pac-12 Championship Game win in 2017 before seeing his team struggle in 2018, but USC rebounded well in 2019 and then won the Pac-12 South in 2020 (his fifth full season at Troy).

\*The 49-year-old Helton, who has been at USC since 2010, is 45-23 (.662) as the Trojan head coach, with 12 victories over AP Top 25 teams, including 3 in the Top 5 and 4 in the Top 10. He was 5-1 in a pandemic-shortened 2020. He was 8-5 in 2019, with wins over No. 23 Stanford and No. 10 Utah (for which he was named the Dodd Trophy Coach of the Week), was 5-7 in 2018 with a win over No. 19 Colorado, 11-3 in 2017 with wins over No. 14 Stanford twice (including in the Pac-12 Championship Game) and No. 23 Arizona, 10-3 in 2016 with wins over No. 4 Washington, No. 5 Penn State in a legendary Rose Bowl and No. 21 Colorado, 5-4 in 2015 with wins over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA, and 1-0 in 2013, beating No. 21 Fresno State.

\*He was the first USC head coach to have 10-win seasons in each of his first 2 full seasons and he had more wins (21) in his first 2 full seasons than any USC coach. He led USC to a 19-game home winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001-04), a 14-game Pac-12 home game winning streak from 2015 to 2018 (its longest since 2001 to 2004), a 13-game overall winning streak from 2016 to 2017 (its longest since 2003-04) and a 13-game winning streak over Power 5 opponents from 2016 to 2017. He is 24-4 in the Coliseum. He is 36-13 (.735) versus Pac-12 foes, including 24-4 (.857) against the Pac-12 South. Two of his career losses came while serving as USC's interim head coach.

\*His 2020 Trojans won their first 5 games in the COVID-19-shortened season and played in the Pac-12 Championship Game as the South Division representative, finishing 5-1 (USC opted out of a bowl game). The Trojans staged 3 dramatic comeback victories, all in the final 2 minutes: over Arizona State (game-winning score with 1:20 to go), Arizona (0:25) and UCLA (0:16).

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## QUOTING CLAY HELTON

### THE 2021 TROJANS

"We were very proud of our team last season, winning 5 games in a row, getting to the Pac-12 Championship Game and being a win away from the College Football Playoff while navigating through the pandemic. But we were sick with the way it ended in that Pac-12 Championship Game. What that did, however, was create a very hungry team and coaching staff for 2021.

"We saw what kind of team we were able to build last season and then in the off-season we saw the results of our recruiting and the staff additions we made. That should lead to a very dynamic 2021 season. It is an exciting time for Trojan football.

"I feel really good about our team in all phases of the game. Our offense is hard to defend and features one of the nation's premier quarterbacks, an outstanding receiver corps, some veteran running backs who are now healthy and most of the line coming back. Our defense improved tremendously last year and should continue that way in 2021, with one of the country's best secondaries, some fierce edge rushers and some solid play up front and at linebacker. Our special teams were terrific last year and we expect more of that this season; the punter crushes the ball and our kicker performed very well as a true freshman.

"Between the always-tough Pac-12 opponents and 3 outstanding non-conference teams, this schedule gives us an opportunity to create an unbelievable resume. Each week will be a challenge. We'll need to bring our 'A' game every time we take the field."

\*His 2019 Trojans, with only 4 senior starters and despite being marred by injuries in which 26 starters or key backups missed action, rebounded well from a down 2018 season. USC won 5 of its last 6 regular season games to go 8-5 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12 South, qualifying for the Holiday Bowl. The Trojans gave Utah its only regular season loss. Two of USC's losses were by a field goal, including one in overtime on the road. Troy did this despite starting 3 different quarterbacks and entering games down to a fourth-string tailback or with 4 defensive starters out or missing both starting cornerbacks or starting defensive ends.

\*His 2018 Trojans--which featured young players in key spots--were 5-7 overall, with the last 4 losses all by 7 points or less, and 4-5 in Pac-12 play.

\*In 2017, his Trojans were 11-3 (ranked No. 12) despite playing all 12 regular season games without a bye. He led USC to an 8-1 Pac-12 record (the loss was by 3 points on Friday night on the road on a late field goal) and its first Pac-12 title since 2008 by winning the Pac-12 Championship Game (the first ever by a South Division team). Troy played in the Cotton Bowl Classic. He was the 2017 AP Pac-12 Coach of the Year and Athlon Pac-12 Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award (the second consecutive year he was a finalist). After the 2017 season, Helton had his contract extended through the 2023 season.

\*After his Trojans started off 1-3 in 2016 in his first full season as head coach (all 3 losses were to AP Top 25 teams away from home), USC closed with a 9-game winning streak (its longest since 2008-09) while rising to a final No. 3 national AP ranking (USC's highest since 2008 and the highest ever of any 3-loss team) and earning a berth in the Rose Bowl (finishing second in the Pac-12 South at 7-2) as it played a schedule ranked among the 10 most difficult in the nation. He was named a finalist for the 2016 Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year Award and won the Football Writers First Year Co-Coach of the Year Award.

\*He guided the 2015 Trojans to 5 wins in the last 6 regular-season games (including victories over No. 3 Utah and No. 22 UCLA), the co-championship of the challenging Pac-12 South Division, a berth in the Pac-12 Championship Game and a trip to the Holiday Bowl. He was named the 2015 Los Angeles Sports Council Coach of the Year.

\*After starting the 2015 season as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach, Helton was named USC's permanent head coach on Nov. 30 of that year, dropping the interim head coach title he had held for USC's final 7 regular season games.

\*Helton joined the USC staff in February of 2010 as the quarterbacks coach. He added the passing game coordinator role in 2012 and became the Trojans' offensive coordinator in 2013 (he served as USC's interim head coach in its victory over No. 21 Fresno State in the 2013 Las Vegas Bowl).

\*He began his 10-year (2000-09) Memphis career as the running backs coach for 3 seasons, then coached the Tigers' receivers for the next 4 seasons before becoming the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach the final 3 years. He served as Memphis' interim head coach for several months in early 2006 when head coach Tommie West had off-season heart surgery.

\*Before Memphis, he was the running backs coach at Houston, his alma mater, for 3 seasons (1997-99) under his father, head coach Kim Helton.

\*He began his coaching career at Duke, serving as a graduate assistant in 1995 and then the running backs coach in 1996.

\*He played quarterback at Houston in 1993 and 1994, playing for his father both seasons and captaining the Cougars as a 1994 senior. He spent 1991 and 1992 at Auburn, where he earned 1992 SEC All-Academic honors. He redshirted there in 1990. He prepped at Clements High in Sugar Land (Tex.).

\*He and wife, Angela, have 3 children. Besides being Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, his father, Kim, was an assistant in college, the NFL and CFL. His brother, Tyson, was USC's quarterbacks coach and pass game coordinator (2016-17) and now is the head coach at Western Kentucky.

### ASSISTANT COACHES

\*Clay Helton added two assistants to the fulltime Trojan coaching staff in 2021: **Clay McGuire** takes over as offensive line coach after doing similar work in such Air Raid-style offenses as Texas Tech and Washington State and **Seth Doege** was elevated from offensive quality control analyst to tight ends coach. Cornerbacks coach **Donte Williams**, voted the Pac-12's top recruiter the past 2 seasons, was given the added title of associate head coach. The remainder of USC's assistant coach roster and responsibilities remain intact: **Graham Harrell** (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks), **Todd Orlando** (defensive coordinator/linebackers), **Sean Snyder** (special teams coordinator), **Craig Naivar** (safeties), **Keary Colbert** (wide receivers), **Mike Jinks** (running backs) and **Vic So'oto** (defensive line).

### OFFENSIVE OVERVIEW

\*Eight starters return on offense from 2020: quarterback **Kedon Slovis**, wide receiver **Drake London**, tailback **Vavae Malepeai**, tight end **Erik Krommenhoek** and offensive linemen **Brett Neilon**, **Jalen McKenzie**, **Andrew Vorhees** and **Liam Jimmons**. Other offensive players back with starting experience at USC are tailback **Kenan Christon**, wide receiver **Bru McCoy**, tight end **Josh Faló** and offensive linemen **Justin Dedich** and **Courtland Ford**.

\*USC's Air Raid-style offense averaged 416.7 total yards in 2020 under second-year offensive coordinator **Graham Harrell**, including 319.3 passing to rank 11<sup>th</sup> nationally (Troy's second highest average since 2005). The Trojans scored 33.3 points per outing and ranked in the national Top 20 in completion percentage (.672) and fourth down conversions (.667). USC's leading passer and rusher, 8 players who caught a pass and 4 starting linemen from last year are back. But the rushing average of 97.3 was the program's lowest since 2001 (for the third consecutive year) and was the eighth lowest in the nation last year.

### QUARTERBACKS

\*Junior **Kedon Slovis** (177-of-264, 671%, 1,921 yds, 17 TD, 7 int in 2020), a bull's-eye accurate passer who is a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy, will start for his third season in 2021. In his career, he has hit 70%--above the school record--of his 656 passes for 5,423 yards with 47 TDs and 16 interceptions to rank ninth on USC's all-time completions list and 10<sup>th</sup> in total offense. He was the All-Pac-12 first team signalcaller last fall when he topped the nation in completions (29.5) and was in the Top 20 in passing yards (320.2), total offense (310.7) and completion percentage (.670). In 2020, he calmly led the Trojans to a trio of comeback victories in the games' final 2 minutes and he twice threw 5 TDs in a game.

\*With the graduation of Matt Fink, the backup quarterback the past 4 seasons, there will be a battle for the No. 2 job. Senior **Mo Hasan** has the most experience, having completed 11 passes with a TD while at Vanderbilt in 2018 and 2019 (he started once there, leading the Commodores to a victory), and was likely going to be No. 2, but he tore knee ligaments in 2021 spring practice and will miss the 2021 season. He did not see action last year at USC, sidelined most of the season with a leg injury. Sophomore walk-on **Brendan Costello** transferred to USC this fall from Oklahoma State, where he redshirted in 2019. Walk-ons **Brad Aoki**, a junior who originally was a wideout, and redshirt freshman **Isaac Ward** have yet to play at USC.



\*A pair of gifted freshmen who graduated a semester early from high school and enrolled at USC this spring will jockey for the backup role: **Jaxson Dart** (Corner Canyon High in Draper, Ut.), who was the National High School Player of the Year last season when he threw for 4,691 yards and a state-record 67 touchdowns while completing 69.6% of his aeriels and ran for another 1,195 yards, and **Miller Moss** (Bishop Alemany High in Mission Hills, Calif.), who hit 67.4% of his throws for 3,118 yards and 28 TDs as a prep junior in 2019.

## RUNNING BACKS

\*USC has a full stable of talented running backs, despite the loss of 2020 co-starter Stephen Carr (1,329 career rushing yards with 12 TDs and 57 receptions), who was second on the Trojans last fall with 176 rushing yards and 2 scores along with 10 catches, and power back Markese Stepp (505 career yards with 6 TDs).

\*Senior tailback **Vavae Malepeai** (54 tcb, 238 yds, 4.4 avg, 3 TD in 2020, plus 16 rec, 64 yds, 4.0 avg), the other co-starter in 2020, has 1,503 career rushing yards with 17 TDs along with 49 receptions. He led USC in 2020 with 238 rushing yards, including the late game-winning 8-yard TD at Arizona, and added 16 catches.

\*Junior **Kenan Christon** (10 tcb, 70 yds, 7.0 avg in 2020, plus 2 rec, 0 yds, 0.0 avg) adds blazing speed to the backfield. He is the fastest Trojan (he sprints for USC's track team and has a lifetime best of 10.30 in the 100 meters that he posted when he won at the 2019 California state meet). He has 443 career yards on the ground, including 70 in 2020. He spent the spring of 2021 solely with the track team. Senior **Quincy Jountti** (2 tcb, 4 yds, 2.0 avg in 2020, plus 1 FR) has seen limited action on offense, but contributes on special teams.

\*A pair of walk-ons--senior **Samuel Dram-Jones**, who missed most of last season with a broken leg, and redshirt freshman **Matt Colombo**--have yet to see action.

\*Joining the running back corps this spring were senior **Keaontay Ingram**, who transferred to USC from Texas where in his 3 seasons he rushed for 1,811 yards and 11 TDs and caught 67 passes with 6 scores, and freshman **Brandon Campbell** (Lamar Consolidated High in Rosenberg, Tex.), who graduated a semester early from high school where he totaled 1,555 yards and 23 TDs in 2018 and 2019.

\*Sophomore **Darwin Barlow**, who ran for 428 yards with 4 touchdowns last season at TCU, enters the running back mix this fall as a transfer.

## WIDE RECEIVERS

\*Two of the finest wide receivers in USC history are gone, leaving big shoes to fill in 2021. Amon-Ra St. Brown, who declared for the NFL Draft after his junior campaign (he was a fourth rounder), ended up 11<sup>th</sup> on the USC career receptions ladder with 178 catches, including 16 TDs. He was selected to the 2020 All-Pac-12 first team after leading Troy in receptions (41) and TD catches (7). In the first quarter of last year's Washington State game, he tied an NCAA record with 4 TD grabs. Tyler Vaughns finished his Trojan tenure ranked No. 3 on USC's career receptions list with 222 catches and 20 scores. Last fall, he had 33 receptions with 3 TDs. He signed as an NFL undrafted free agent.

\*Despite these losses, the Trojan wideout room remains deep and talented. Start with ultra-athletic junior **Drake London** (33 rec, 502 yds, 15.2 avg, 3 TD in 2020, plus 1 tac), a 2-year starter who is one of the college game's premier pass catchers. He already has 72 career receptions with 8 TDs, including 33 catches for a team-high 502 yards last fall. He pulled down the game-winning 21-yard TD pass over 2 defenders late in the Arizona State opener and had a highlight reel 65-yard catch-and-run TD at UCLA where he bulled through most of the Bruin defense. He also played basketball as a freshman at USC, but is now focusing solely on the gridiron.

\*A number of tested returnees will battle for starting roles, including sophomores **Bru McCoy** (21 rec, 236 yds, 11.2 avg, 2 TD in 2020, plus 1 FR), **Gary Bryant Jr.** (7 rec, 51 yds, 7.3 avg in 2020, plus 8 KOR, 210 yds, 26.2 avg and 1 tcb, -6 yds, -6.0 avg) and **Kyle Ford** and junior **John Jackson III** (1 rec, 23 yds, 23.0 avg in 2020). McCoy, who sat out the 2019 season, made an immediate impact in his Trojan debut in last year's Arizona State opener when he caught a 26-yard TD off a tipped ball on fourth down with less than 3 minutes to play and then recovered the ensuing onside kick that led to USC's game-winning scoring drive. The elusive Bryant, whose team-best 26.2-yard kickoff return average was 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally, will be remembered for his 56-yard kick runback at UCLA in the game's final minute to put the Trojans in position for the game-winning score. Ford missed last season with a knee injury.

\*There also are 4 walk-on wide receivers--junior **Zach Wilson**, sophomore **Chase Locke** and redshirt freshmen **Danny Ryan** and **Ty Shamblyn**--but none has caught a pass and only Wilson has seen brief action.

\*Senior **K.D. Nixon**, who transferred from Colorado this spring, figures to make an instant and significant contribution to the offense. He caught 104 passes for 1,250 yards with 7 TDs in his 4-year Buffalo career while starting 23 times and he also returned 33 kickoffs for a 23.0 average. He ranks in CU's all-time Top 20 in receptions, receiving yards, kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage. His 96-yard scoring catch against Nebraska in 2019 set a school record.

\*Two other fall transfers who could make an impact are junior **Jake Smith** from Texas and sophomore **Tahj Washington** from Memphis. Smith caught 48 passes with 9 TDs the past 2 seasons. Washington was a 2020 Freshman All-American first teamer after getting 43 receptions for 743 yards with 6 TDs. His receiving yardage was the most by any freshman in the nation last fall (he had a trio of 100-yard receiving games).

\*Three touted freshmen pass catchers will battle for playing time: **Michael Jackson III** (Desert Pines High in Las Vegas, Nev.), a 2020 prep All-American who graduated early from high school to enroll at USC this spring, plus fall enrollees **Joseph Manjack IV** (Tomball Memorial High in Tomball, Tex.) and **Kyron Ware-Hudson** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.). Freshman walk-on **Josiah Zamora** also joins this fall.

## TIGHT ENDS

\*USC has a nice mix of experienced returners and promising newcomers among its tight ends roster.

\*Senior **Erik Krommenhoek** (9 rec, 59 yds, 6.6 avg, 2 TD in 2020), who has 24 catches and 12 starts in his career, returns as the starter. Other veterans here are fellow senior **Josh Falco**, who has 18 career catches with 3 TDs and 5 starts, and sophomore **Jude Wolfe** (2 rec, 5 yds, 2.5 avg in 2020), who is coming off a broken foot late in the 2020 season (he missed 2021 spring drills).

\*Soph **Ethan Rae** has yet to see action at USC due to a lingering knee injury. Also available are walk-ons **Sean Mahoney**, a sophomore, and untested seniors **Kohl Hollinquest** and **Grant Jones**, who played tailback last season after coming to USC as a linebacker (he was slowed in 2021 spring practice due to a knee injury).

\*Junior **Malcolm Epps** transfers in this fall from Texas, where he had 24 catches for 292 yards and 4 TDs in his 3-year career as a wide receiver and tight end. He had 20 receptions for 232 yards and 2 scores as a wideout in 2019, then added 3 grabs for 42 yards with 2 TDs last season as a tight end.

\*Then there is a pair of talented freshmen in **Lake McRee** (Lake Travis High in Lake Travis, Tex.), who enrolled at USC this spring after graduating high school a semester early, and **Michael Trigg** (Carrollwood Day School in Tampa, Fla.), who comes aboard in the fall.

## OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

\*USC's offensive line returns nearly intact. But there are some high-potential players looking to break into the rotation.

\*The one starter who must be replaced was a really good one: Alijah Vera-Tucker, who declared for the NFL Draft as a junior and was a first round selection. He was a 2020 All-Pac-12 first teamer and won the Morris Trophy while starting at left tackle. In 2019 as the left guard, he was ranked as the Pac-12's top guard by Pro Football Focus.

\*The four returning starters are 3-year starting guard **Andrew Vorhees** (he was on the left side in 2020 after previously playing on the right), 2-year starting center **Brett Neilon**, 2-year starter **Jalen McKenzie** (he played right tackle last year after being mostly at right guard in 2019) and **Liam Jimmons**, last year's right guard.

\*Pushing them will be juniors **Justin Dedich** (3 career starts at center), **Liam Douglass** (he has seen action in 8 games in his career) and **AJ Mageo** (he has yet to play at USC) as well as **Frank Martin II** (he has seen brief action at USC, but opted out of the 2020 season), along with sophomores **Jason Rodriguez** (he has appeared in 5 career games) and **Gino Quinones** (he hasn't played yet as a Trojan).

\*Several offensive linemen in last year's large freshman crop gained valuable experience in 2020 and any of them could contend for playing time as redshirt freshmen in 2021. **Courtland Ford** started--and showed well--at left guard against Washington State, while **Jonah Monheim** saw significant action at right guard in that game. **Casey Collier** at tackle and **Andrew Milek** at center also got into the WSU game briefly. **Andres Dewerk** and **Caadyn Stephen** did not play last fall.

\*Three walk-ons who have yet to get onto the field at USC are also available: senior **Damian Lopez** and juniors **Joe Bryson** and **Mark Zuvich**.

\*Three freshmen linemen, who each stand 6-6, will join the Trojans in the fall: prep All-American **Mason Murphy** (JSerra Catholic High in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.), as well as **Ty Buchanan** (Calallen High in Corpus Christi, Tex.) and **Maximus Gibbs** (St. John Bosco High in Bellflower, Calif.).

## DEFENSIVE OVERVIEW

\*USC's defense has starters returning at 8 positions from 2020: outside linebacker **Drake Jackson**, safety **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, cornerback **Chris Steele**, inside linebackers **Kana'i Mauga** and **Ralen Goforth**, defensive linemen **Nick Figueroa** and **Tuli Tuipulatu** and safeties **Greg Johnson** and **Max Williams**, who split starts at nickelback. Other defensive players back with career starts at USC are inside linebackers **Jordan Iosefa** and **Eli'jah Winston**, cornerbacks **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** and **Dorian Hewett**, safety **Chase Williams**, defensive linemen **Brandon Pili** and **Jacob Lichtenstein** and outside linebacker **Hunter Echols**.



\*The Trojan defense in 2020 allowed 369.7 total yards (its third fewest since 2009), including 216.3 passing yards (its second fewest since 2009), and averaged 2.7 takeaways a game (its best since 2005). Its 26.0 scoring defense was its best mark since 2016. The defense, under new coordinator **Todd Orlando**, was dramatically improved from 2019 when it allowed 408.7 total yards (246.2 passing) and 29.4 points. The Trojans' 16 takeaways in the shortened 6-game 2020 season equaled their total in 13 games in 2019. Fifteen of USC's top 19 tacklers from 2020 are back, as are its leaders in sacks, tackles for loss, pass deflections and forced fumbles. However, opponents rushed for more than 150 yards per game against USC for the fourth consecutive year (153.3 in 2020), something before then that had happened only 1 year since 2001.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

\*USC lost an elite defensive lineman from 2020 when Marlon Tuipulotu declared for the NFL Draft as a junior (he was picked in the sixth round). The 3-year starter had 104 tackles in his career and made the All-Pac-12 first team last season when he notched 23 stops.

\*But there are plenty of high-level returnees on the line along with some exciting newcomers.

\*Senior **Nick Figueroa** (20 tac, 7 for loss, 3.5 sack in 2020) had a breakout year in 2020 when he led the Trojans in tackles for loss (7) and sacks (3.5). He missed 2021 spring practice while recuperating from shoulder surgery. Fellow starting lineman **Tuli Tuipulotu** (22 tac, 2.5 for loss, 2 sack in 2020), a sophomore (and Marlon's younger brother), also was impressive in 2020 when he earned Freshman All-American second team acclaim.

\*Senior **Brandon Pili** (5 tac in 2020) and junior **Jacob Lichtenstein** (he did not see action in 2020 after opting out of USC's first 4 games) are tested veterans who have combined for 10 career starts, 85 tackles and 13 tackles for loss. Pili, however, tore his Achilles in 2021 spring practice and will miss the 2021 season. Then there are five underclassmen with promise but who have played sparingly to date: sophomores **De'jon Benton**, **Stanley Ta'ufo'ou** (1 tac in 2020) and **Maninoa Tufono** and redshirt freshmen **Kobe Pepe** (3 tac in 2020) and **Jamar Sekona**.

\*This spring, soph **Ishmael Sopsher** joined the Trojans after transferring from Alabama. A leg injury kept Sopsher out of 2021 spring drills and could limit him in 2021.

\*Bolstering the d-line unit this fall will be incoming freshmen **Korey Freeman** (Centennial High in Corona, Calif.), ranked as the nation's No. 1 recruit, and **Colin Mobley** (DeMatha Catholic High in Hyattsville, Md.).

## OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

\*USC is well-stocked at the outside linebacker spot. In fact, the Trojans sport one of the nation's most dominant pass rushers in junior **Drake Jackson** (20 tac, 5.5 for loss, 2 sack, 1 int in 2020), who has 17 career tackles for loss (with 7.5 sacks).

\*Seniors **Hunter Echols** (15 tac, 0.5 for loss, 1 dfl in 2020), who has appeared in 26 games in his career (with 4 starts), and **Juliano Falaniko**, who has played in 28 games as a Trojan, are plenty experienced.

\*Walk-on junior **Peter Esparza** (he has yet to play at USC) also is available.

\*This fall, highly-regarded **Raesjon Davis** (Mater Dei High in Santa Ana, Calif.) joins the outside linebacker mix as a freshman.

## INSIDE LINEBACKERS

\*Inside linebacker is another position where USC is in good hands. Only Palaie Gaoteote IV, who in his career had 105 tackles and 14 starts (including USC's first 2 contests of 2020), is gone.

\*Both of last year's starters return: 2-year starting senior **Kana'i Mauga** (41 tackles, 3 for loss, 1 sack, 1 int in 2020), who has 116 career tackles and was second on the Trojans in stops (41) last year, and junior **Ralen Goforth** (38 tac, 3 for loss, 2 dfl in 2020).

\*Senior **Jordan Iosefa**, who has 16 career starts at inside and outside linebacker (with 78 tackles), has missed the past 2 seasons with a knee injury. He sat out 2021 spring practice with it and could be slowed in the 2021 season.

\*Also battling for action will be senior **Micah Croom** (1 tac in 2020), a converted safety who played often on special teams in 2020, juniors **Raymond Scott** (7 tac, 1 for loss, 1 sack in 2020), **Eli'jah Winston** (he missed 2020 with a broken ankle), **Solomon Tuliaupupu** (foot and knee injuries have prevented him from playing yet at USC and he missed 2021 spring drills while recuperating from last year's knee injury) and **Taylor Katoa** (he also has not played yet at USC due to a knee injury and a 2-year Mormon mission) and sophomores **Tuasivi Nomura** (4 tac in 2020), a key special teamer in 2020 and soph **Kaulana Makaula** (1 dfl in 2020), a converted safety.

\*Then there are a trio of walk-ons: junior **Spencer Gilbert**, soph **Clyde Moore** and redshirt freshman **Danny Lockhart Jr.** Only Gilbert (on special teams) has seen extended action.

\*Freshman **Julien Simon** (Lincoln High in Tacoma, Wash.) graduated from high school a semester early and joined the Trojans this spring.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS

\*USC lost a pair of standout starters in the secondary, so replacing them will be critical. Safety Talanoa Hufanga was an All-American first teamer, the Polynesian Co-College Player of the Year, the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year and a Lott IMPACT Trophy finalist in 2020 when he led USC in tackles (62), interceptions (4) and forced fumbles (2) to rank in the national Top 20 in those categories. He notched 203 career tackles. Olajiah Griffin was a 2-year starter at cornerback and had 67 tackles and 14 deflections in his career. Both declared for the NFL Draft after their junior seasons, with Hufanga going in the fifth round and Griffin signing as an undrafted free agent.

\*Senior free safety **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (40 tac, 2.5 for loss, 5 dfl, 3 FR, 1 int in 2020), who has 121 tackles and 5 interceptions in his career, is USC's most experienced returning defensive back. The 2-year starter led USC last year in deflections (5) and fumble recoveries (3) while recording 40 tackles.

\*Junior cornerback **Chris Steele** (26 tac, 4 dfl, 1 int in 2020), who has 61 tackles and 9 deflections in his career, is another 2-year starter.

\*Senior **Greg Johnson** (15 tac, 1 for loss, 1 dfl in 2020) and sophomore **Max Williams** (22 tac, 2.5 for loss, 0.5 sack, 1 dfl in 2020), safeties who shared starts at nickelback last fall, both return. However, Williams tore knee ligaments in 2021 spring practice and likely will miss the 2021 campaign.

\*Junior cornerback **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (5 tac in 2020) has started 9 times in his career (including most of 2019) and will look to assume Griffin's spot. Other returnees looking to break into the lineup at corner are juniors **Dorian Hewett** (2 tac in 2020) and **Jayden Williams** (1 tac in 2020), soph **Adonis Otey** and redshirt freshman **Joshua Jackson Jr.** (who converted from wide receiver this spring).

\*Among the returning safeties aiming to fill in Hufanga's position are senior **Chase Williams** (4 tac, 1 FR in 2020), who owns 4 career starts, and junior **Briton Allen** (3 tac in 2020). There also is redshirt freshman walk-on safety **Tommy Maurice**.

\*There is a pair of redshirt frosh safeties who transferred to USC: **Xavion Alford** came this spring from Texas, where he made 4 tackles as a backup last season, while sophomore **Chris Thompson Jr.** joins the squad in the fall from Auburn (he had 8 tackles off the bench in 2020).

\*Three freshmen safeties enrolled at USC this spring after graduating a semester early from high school: **Anthony Beavers Jr.** (St. Bernard High in Playa del Rey, Calif.), **Calen Bullock** (John Muir High in Pasadena, Calif.) and prep All-American **Xamarion Gordon** (Warren High in Downey High in Downey, Calif.). Walk-on sophomore cornerback **Jordan Tollner**, the grandson of former USC head coach Ted Tollner, joined the team in the spring of 2021.

\*Then in the fall, another 3 freshmen come aboard: prep All-American safety **Jaylin Smith** (Bishop Alemany High in Mission Hills, Calif.) and cornerbacks **Prophet Brown** (Monterey Trail High in Elk Grove, Calif.) and **Ceyair Wright** (Loyola High in Los Angeles, Calif.).

## SPECIAL TEAMS OVERVIEW

\*USC brings back all but its punt returner on special teams. The Trojans have their punter (**Ben Griffiths**), placekicker (**Parker Lewis**), long snapper (**Damon Johnson**) and primary kick returner (**Gary Bryant Jr.**) from 2020.

\*USC's special teams last year—under new coordinator **Sean Snyder**—were ranked No. 1 nationally by Football Outsider. Troy was 25<sup>th</sup> in net punting (40.8) in 2020 and its punting average of 46.4 was the highest since 2003. Only 5 of USC's 18 punts and 6 of its 38 kickoffs were returned last fall. The Trojans were 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in kickoff return defense (17.0) in 2020 after ranking last in 2019 and their kickoff return average of 23.5 was the best since 2012. However, Troy's punt return average of 4.3 was its lowest since 1976.

\*Junior **Ben Griffiths** (46.4 P avg in 2020, plus 1 tac), a power punter from Australia who is in his late 20s, is back for his third season as the starter and he is one of the nation's best. His 46.4-yard punting average last year was the highest by a Trojan since 2003. Half of his 18 punts last fall pinned opponents within the 20-yard line, 7 traveled at least 50 yards and only 2 were touchbacks. He twice had career-long 61-yard boots and he averaged 51.0 yards on his 3 punts at UCLA. Behind him are a pair of untested walk-ons in sophomore **Will Rose** and redshirt freshman **Michael McAllister**.

\*Strong-legged sophomore **Parker Lewis** (9-of-13 FG, 23-of-23 PAT in 2020) is back after winning the placekicking job as a true freshman last year when he beat out a pair of veterans no longer on the Trojan roster: Chase McGrath (32 field goals, 118 PATs in his career while starting in 2017 and 2019) and Michael Brown, who filled in when McGrath was hurt early in the 2018 season (he hit 7 field goals and 32 PATs that year). In 2020, Lewis was 20<sup>th</sup> nationally in field goals (1.6), had a long field goal of 48 yards, hit all 23 of his PATs, had touchbacks on nearly 60% of his 38 kickoffs and had a pair of successful onside kicks. He nailed 4 field goals against Utah (1 shy of the USC game record), including 3 that were career longs. The only other kicker on the roster with experience is junior **Alex Stadthaus**. He handled most of USC's kickoffs in 2019 after doing so all of 2018 (he has touchbacks on 48.8% of his 123 career kickoffs), but he did not see action in 2020. He has yet to do any placement kicks as a Trojan. Freshman walk-on **Denis Lynch**, a leftie, enrolls this fall.



\*Senior **Damon Johnson** returns for his fifth season as USC's long snapper, taking advantage of an NCAA rule that permitted players to compete in the pandemic-affected 2020 season without it counting against their eligibility. One of the best and most experienced snappers in the nation (he has snapped in 43 games in his career), he was a Mannelly Award finalist in 2020. Behind him are walk-ons **Jac Casasante**, a junior, and redshirt freshman **Nathan Weneta**, but neither has snapped yet at USC.

\*Junior punter **Ben Griffiths** has been USC's holder the past 2 seasons and should do so again in 2021. Sophomore punter **Will Rose** was his backup last year, but didn't get in.

\*Nobody on USC's 2021 roster has ever fielded a punt as a Trojan now that a pair of tested punt returners—wide receivers Tyler Vaughns and Amon-Ra St. Brown—are gone. Vaughns had 30 career punt returns for an 8.9 average. In 2019, his 10.5 punt return average was 13<sup>th</sup> nationally and he had an 82-yard TD return. St. Brown, who declared for the NFL as a junior, had 19 career punt returns for a 5.6. Cornerback **Olajiah Griffin**, another early entry into the NFL Draft, also had some returns last year, returning 3 kickoffs for 17.3 yards and a punt return. Sophomore wide receiver **Gary Bryant Jr.** (8 KOR, 210 yds, 26.2 avg in 2020) was 22<sup>nd</sup> nationally in kickoff returns last fall with a 26.2 average on his 8 runbacks. His dramatic 56-yard kick return at UCLA in the game's final minute put USC in position for the game-winning score. Bryant was joined deep last year by junior tailback **Kenan Christon**, but he did not field any kicks in 2020 and has only 1 career return. Sophomore cornerback **Adonis Otey** also has lined up deep a few times but has yet to record a return. Senior wide receiver **K.D. Nixon**, the transfer this spring from Colorado, is in the Buffaloes' career Top 20 in kickoff returns (33) and kickoff return yardage (758) while averaging 23.0 yards per runback. He also returned 3 punts while at CU. Sophomore wide receiver **Tahj Washington**, the fall transfer from Memphis, returned 12 kickoffs for a 20.2-yard average last fall, while junior wideout **Jake Smith** had 6 career punt returns at Texas..

### STATS OF NOTE

#### RANKING

\*\*\*USC has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 172 of its past 239 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 10 for 102 of its past 232 games, including a since-snapped school record of 62 consecutive games.  
 \*\*\*USC has been in the AP Top 5 in 69 of the last 224 games.

#### SCORING

\*\*\*USC has scored at least 20 points in 210 of its past 243 contests (including a since-broken NCAA record 63 consecutive games).  
 \*\*\*USC has scored at least 30 points in 147 of its last 233 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has scored at least 40 points 88 times since the start of the 2001 season (including 28 times with at least 50 points).  
 \*\*\*USC has scored touchdowns of 20-plus yards 392 times since 2003.  
 \*\*\*USC has scored in its past 278 games dating to 1997, a school record (not including 15 scoring games later vacated due to NCAA penalty; revised record streak: 293 games).  
 \*\*\*Seven of USC's last 11 victories have been by 8 points or less.

#### OFFENSE

\*\*\*In 2020, USC was 11<sup>th</sup> nationally in passing offense (319.3, first in Pac-12), 13<sup>th</sup> in completion percentage (.672, first in Pac-12) and 20<sup>th</sup> in fourth down conversions (.667, third in Pac-12).  
 \*\*\*USC has had at least 400 yards of total offense in 38 of its past 54 games (including 21 with 500-plus yards).

#### DEFENSE

\*\*\*In 2020, USC was 17<sup>th</sup> nationally in turnover margin (+0.8, third in Pac-12), 22<sup>nd</sup> in fourth down conversion defense (.417, fourth in Pac-12) and 23<sup>rd</sup> in first down defense (126, seventh in Pac-12).  
 \*\*\*USC allowed opponents to convert just 10-of-37 third downs in the second half in 2020 (6-of-23 in the fourth quarter).  
 \*\*\*USC has intercepted a pass in 160 of the last 237 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has held 109 of its last 232 opponents to 100 rushing yards or less.  
 \*\*\*Only 59 opposing runners have rushed for 100 yards against USC in the past 221 games (most recently, Arizona's Gary Brightwell, 112 in 2020).  
 \*\*\*Since the 2001 season, USC is 76-10 when holding foes to 300 yards of total offense or less (the losses were against UCLA in 2006, Stanford in 2007, Washington in 2009, Notre Dame in 2010, Washington State and Notre Dame in 2013, Washington in 2015, Ohio State in 2017, California in 2018 and Oregon in 2020).

#### MISCELLANEOUS

\*\*\*In 2020, USC was 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in kickoff return defense (17.0, first in Pac-12) and 25<sup>th</sup> in net punting (40.8, second in Pac-12).  
 \*\*\*USC has won 38 of its last 54 games.  
 \*\*\*USC has won 32 of its last 41 games against teams from the Pac-12.  
 \*\*\*USC has blocked 42 kicks/punts since 2010.  
 \*\*\*USC has appeared on live national, regional or local telecasts 540 times, including 403 of the past 405 games (Troy's last 244 games have been televised live, a school record).

\*\*\*USC is the only FBS school never to have had surnames on the back of its jerseys.

\*\*\*USC is one of only 3 NCAA FBS (formerly Division I-A) schools that has never played an FCS (formerly non-Division I-A) opponent since the divisions were established in 1978. The other schools are UCLA and Notre Dame, both Trojan opponents nearly every season.

\*\*\*USC's 626 games played in the Coliseum (including 6 wins vacated by NCAA penalty) are the third most that any FBS school has played in its home stadium, behind Georgia Tech's 706 in Bobby Dodd Stadium and Tennessee's 628 in Neyland Stadium.

\*\*\*Some 2021 schedule notes:

--For the first time since 2009, USC will play all its regular season games on Saturdays.

--USC's 7 home games is its most since 2017 (also 7).

--USC will host San Jose State on Sept. 4, the teams' first meeting since 2009.

--USC's Sept. 11 home game against Stanford is the first Pac-12 game of the 2021 campaign.

--USC's game at Washington State on Sept. 18 will be its first trip there since 2017.

--USC's home game against Oregon State on Sept. 25 is the Zero Waste Game, part of the Pac-12's Zero Waste Challenge.

--When USC hosts Oregon State on Sept. 25, it will be their first meeting since 2018 (and first in the Coliseum since 2017).

--USC's home game against BYU on Nov. 27 will be the first time since 2009 (when it hosted Arizona) that Troy will end its regular season against a team other than UCLA or Notre Dame and the first since 1999 (when it hosted Louisiana Tech) doing so against a non-conference foe other than Notre Dame.

\*\*\*USC is 199-62-10 (.753) in seasons that the Summer Olympics have been held. The Trojans won 4 national titles (1928, 1932, 1972, 2004) and played in 11 bowls (winning 8) during those Olympic seasons. (Does not include 2 wins--including 1 bowl appearance and 1 bowl win--vacated by NCAA penalty; original record: 201-62-10, .755.)

\*\*\*Speaking of the Olympics and Tokyo, USC actually played a football game in Tokyo's Olympic Stadium (beating Oregon, 20-6, in the regular season-ending Mirage Bowl in 1985). That stadium was demolished in 2015 and in its place is the new Tokyo National Stadium, home to the 2020 Olympics' opening and closing ceremonies and track and field events. USC has also played in two other stadiums that have hosted Olympics' opening/closing ceremonies: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (1932 and 1984 Summer Games) and Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City (2002 Winter Games).

\*\*\*Two USC football lettermen have won Olympic gold medals: Fred Kelly (1914, 15, 16) in the high hurdles in the 1912 Games (he is USC's first gold medalist) and Ken Carpenter (1934, 37) in the discus in the 1936 Games. Although 2-time gold medalist Quincy Watts (400 meters and 1600 meter relay in the 1992 Olympics) never lettered in football, he was a receiver on the 1990 Trojans (he didn't get into a game).

\*\*\*USC's future non-conference schedule features home games versus BYU (2021, 2023), San Jose State (2021, 2024), Fresno State (2022, 2025), Rice (2022) and Nevada (2023) and Mississippi (2025, 2026). Since 1926, USC has annually (except during World War II and in 2020 because of COVID-19 limitations) played Notre Dame in a home-and-home series that currently runs through 2026. Since 2000, Troy also has had Alabama, Ohio State, Texas, Auburn, Nebraska, Penn State, Arkansas, BYU, Virginia Tech, Kansas State, Syracuse, Boston College, Hawaii, Minnesota, Virginia, Fresno State, UNLV, Utah State, Western Michigan, Idaho and Arkansas State on its regular season non-conference slate.

### USC AT THE 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

\*USC will be represented by an astounding 66 past, present and future students competing at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, far more than any school in the nation this Olympics and the Trojans' most ever in a single Olympics. USC's current total is more than 164 of the 205 National Olympic Committee delegations competing in Tokyo. It is the sixth consecutive Summer Games with at least 40 Trojan Olympians.

\*Coming into the 2020 Games, USC has sent more athletes to the Summer and Winter Olympics, and they have won more medals and gold medals, than any other U.S. university. From the 1904 Summer Games through the 2018 Winter Olympics, there have been 472 athletes who attended USC before, during or after their Olympic appearance. They have collected 305 medals (142 gold, 91 silver and 72 bronze), including at least one gold medal in every Summer Olympics since 1912. If USC competed separately, its 305 medals would rank 13<sup>th</sup> most in the world, while its 142 gold medals would be tied for 11<sup>th</sup> most.

\*Go to [olympics.usctrojans.com](http://olympics.usctrojans.com) to follow USC's Tokyo Olympians.



\*\*\*Twenty-one Trojans previously attended other 4-year schools: S **Xavion Alford** (Texas), TB **Darwin Barlow** (TCU), OL **Joe Bryson** (Colorado Mesa), QB **Brendan Costello** (Oklahoma State), ILB **Micah Croom** (Dartmouth), TE **Malcolm Epps** (Texas), DL **Nick Figueroa** (Cal Poly), QB **Mo Hasan** (Syracuse, Vanderbilt), TE **Kohl Hollinquest** (Penn), TB **Keaontay Ingram** (Texas), TB **Quincy Jountti** (Sacramento State), OL **Damian Lopez** (UC Irvine), WR **Bru McCoy** (Texas), ILB **Clyde Moore** (Colorado), WR **K.D. Nixon** (Colorado), TB **Samuel Oram-Jones** (Durham, Vanderbilt), WR **Jake Smith** (Texas), DL **Ishmael Sopsheer** (Alabama), CB **Chris Steele** (Florida), S **Chris Thompson Jr.** (Auburn) and SNP **Nathan Weneta** (Purdue).

\*\*\*USC currently has 31 players who graduated at least a semester early from high school and enrolled in college that spring. OL **Liam Jimmons** enrolled in the spring of 2016. OL **Andrew Vorhees** enrolled in the spring of 2017. OL **Justin Dedich**, ILB **Kana'i Mauga**, ILB **Raymond Scott** and S **Chase Williams** all enrolled in the spring of 2018. S **Briton Allen**, ILB **Ralen Goforth**, OLB **Drake Jackson**, OL **Gino Quinones**, QB **Kedon Slavis**, DL **Stanley Ta'ufo'ou**, S **Max Williams** and TE **Jude Wolfe** all enrolled in the spring of 2019. WR **Gary Bryant Jr.**, CB **Joshua Jackson Jr.**, PK **Parker Lewis** and DL **Kobe Pepe** all enrolled in the spring of 2020. S **Anthony Beavers Jr.**, S **Calen Bullock**, TB **Brandon Campbell**, QB **Jaxson Dart**, S **Xamaron Gordon**, WR **Michael Jackson III**, TE **Lake McRee**, QB **Miller Moss** and ILB **Julien Simon** all enrolled in the spring of 2021. Four other early enrollees: WR **Bru McCoy** enrolled briefly at USC in the spring of 2019 before transferring to Texas (he returned to USC in the summer of 2019), CB **Chris Steele** enrolled at Florida in the spring of 2019 before transferring to USC in the summer of 2019, QB **Brendan Costello** enrolled at Oklahoma State in the spring of 2019 and S **Chris Thompson Jr.** enrolled at Auburn in the spring of 2020. Since 1999, 75 Trojans have graduated at least a semester early from high school and come to USC (2 graduated a full year early).

\*\*\*Who's the fastest among the 2020 Trojans? TB **Kenan Christon** has bests of 10.30 (10.26 wind-aided) in the 100 meters and 20.55 in the 200 meters. At the 2018 CIF San Diego Division 2 meet, he won the 100, was second in the 200 and third in the long jump, then was sixth in the 100 and 200 at the 2018 California state meet. He won 4 events at the 2019 CIF San Diego meet (100, 200, long jump, 400 relay), then was the California state meet champion in the 100 (in a state meet record-tying 10.30) and 200. He was named the 2019 Gatorade California Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year. Christon sprinted for USC's track team in 2020 and 2021. CB **Dorian Hewett** has a best of 10.51 (10.33 wind-aided) in the 100 meters. He was fifth in the 100 at the 2019 Texas 6A State Championship meet and ran legs on the 400- and 800-meter relay teams that placed third and fifth, respectively, in that meet. CB **Ceyair Wright** has a best of 10.84 in the 100 meters and 21.74 in the 200 and he ran on the 2019 state champion 1600-meter relay team. CB **Prophet Brown** was a member of the California state champion 400-meter relay team and has personal bests of 10.90 in the 100 meters and 22.71 in the 200.

\*\*\*Besides TB **Kenan Christon** and CB **Dorian Hewett** (above), a number of other Trojans competed in track and field in high school: CB **Prophet Brown** (sprints, long jump), OL **Ty Buchanan** (discus), TB **Matt Colombo** (sprints), QB **Brendan Costello**, ILB **Micah Croom** (sprints), OL **Liam Douglass**, TE **Malcolm Epps**, ILB **Ralen Goforth**, TB **Keaontay Ingram**, WR **Michael Jackson III** (sprints), TB **Quincy Jountti** (triple jump, long jump), WR **Chase Locke** (sprints, long jump, high jump), WR **Joseph Manjack IV** (sprints, shot put), ILB **Kana'i Mauga** (sprints, hurdles, weights, jumps), S **Tommy Maurice** (sprints, pole vault), OL **Andrew Milek** (shot put, discus), OL **Brett Neilon**, WR **K.D. Nixon**, CB **Adonis Otey** (sprints), DL **Brandon Pili** (shot put, discus), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (sprints, hurdles, long jump, high jump), OL **Jason Rodriguez** (shot put, discus), OL **Jamar Sekona** (shot put, discus), WR **Ty Shamblin** (sprints), OL **Caadyn Stephen** (shot put), CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** (sprints, long jump, triple jump), S **Chris Thompson Jr.**, CB **Jordan Tollner** (long jump, triple jump), WR **Tahj Washington** (sprints, long/triple jump), S **Max Williams** (sprints) and CB **Ceyair Wright** (sprints).

\*\*\*As high schoolers, USC football players also competed in a wide range of other sports. In addition to track and field (above), they played primarily basketball (S **Xavion Alford**, CB **Prophet Brown**, OL **Joe Bryson**, OL **Casey Collier**, QB **Brendan Costello**, TE **Malcolm Epps**, OLB **Peter Esparza**, WR **Chase Locke**, TE **Kohl Hollinquest**, TB **Keaontay Ingram**, WR **Drake London**, ILB **Kaulana Makaula**, TE **Lake McRee**, OL **Brett Neilon**, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, OL **Gino Quinones**, TE **Ethan Rae**, OL **Jason Rodriguez**, WR **Danny Ryan**, WR **Ty Shamblin**, ILB **Julien Simon**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**, S **Chris Thompson Jr.**, CB **Jordan Tollner**, TE **Michael Trigg**, DL **Maninoa Tufono**, QB **Isaac Ward**, TE **Jude Wolfe**) and baseball (TB **Darwin Barlow**, QB **Jaxson Dart**, OL **Liam Douglass**, DL **Nick Figueroa**, WR **John Jackson III**, TE **Grant Jones**, S **Tommy Maurice**, TE **Ethan Rae**, P **Will Rose**, WR **Jake Smith**, QB **Isaac Ward**, CB **Ceyair Wright**, OL **Mark Zuvich**). They also participated in soccer (OL **Justin Dedich**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**, WR **Tahj Washington**), lacrosse (S **Briton Allen**, TE **Sean Mahoney**, WR **Danny Ryan**, WR **Jake Smith**), wrestling (OL **Liam Douglass**, S **Tommy Maurice**, DL **Brandon Pili**) and volleyball (OL **AJ Mageo**).

\*\*\*TB **Kenan Christon** (track), WR **Drake London** (basketball) and TE **Grant Jones** (baseball) are 2-sport athletes at USC. Christon joined the USC track team as a sprinter in the spring of 2020. He had indoor bests of 6.84 in the 60 meters and 21.55 in the 200 meters and an outdoor best of 10.39 in the 100 meters (it was his only outdoor race before the track season was cancelled due to coronavirus concerns). He also ran a leg on a 400-meter relay team that clocked 39.81. London joined the 2020 USC men's basketball team soon after the 2019 football season ended. He saw brief action in 3 games. He did not score, but he grabbed 3 rebounds (1.0 avg). Jones was on the USC baseball team in the fall of 2016 and 2017 as a lefthanded pitcher but did not continue with the team into either spring.

\*\*\*QB **Jaxson Dart** was the 2020 Gatorade National Football Player of the Year, while WR **Jake Smith** won that honor in 2018. They are the sixth and seventh Trojans to have been so honored, joining OL **Jeff Byers** (2004) and QBs **Mitch Mustain** (2005), **Matt Barkley** (2007), **Max Browne** (2012) and **J.T. Daniels** (2017).

\*\*\*CB **Ceyair Wright** has been an actor and model since he was a youngster. He has appeared in movies, television shows (including "2 Broke Girls," "Training Day," "Life in Pieces" and "Instant Mom"), commercials and music videos. He played the son of LeBron James in the 2021 movie, "Space Jam: A New Legacy."

\*\*\*TB **Samuel Oram-Jones** was an award-winning kart and then race car driver from age 8 until 18.

\*\*\*PK **Alex Stadthaus** started kicking after winning a halftime fan field goal kicking contest as a high school sophomore (he nailed a 60-yarder).

\*\*\*QB **Mo Hasan** hosts a college football podcast, Momentum.

\*\*\*PK **Alex Stadthaus** earned his pilot's license in the summer of 2020.

\*\*\*P **Ben Griffiths** played forward for 8 seasons (2010-17) for the Richmond Tigers, a professional Australian rules football team in the Australian Football League. He was the team's second round draft pick in 2009. He played in 63 games in his career, getting 42 goals. He retired in early 2018 because of injuries and concussions. He then trained to punt with Prokick Australia, an Australian-based kicking academy. He is the Trojans' second Australian punter, joining former P **Chris Tilbey** (2016 and 2018).

\*\*\*TE **Kohl Hollinquest** founded a clothing brand, Kholyyghost, in 2017.

\*\*\*DL **Brandon Pili** is USC's first football letterman from Alaska. OL **Caadyn Stephen** spent his sophomore year of high school in Alaska.

\*\*\*OLB **Juliano Falaniko**, who attended Leone High in Pago Pago, American Samoa, is the first Trojan footballer who prepped in American Samoa since **Travis Tofi** (2003-06).

\*\*\*OL **Brett Neilon** grew up in Japan, home of his mother, where he participated in baseball, basketball, soccer and the martial art of aikido.

\*\*\*TB **Samuel Oram-Jones** is from England. He was a running back and special teamer on Durham (England) University's American football team (2017-19), his first seasons playing the sport.

\*\*\*CB **Chris Steele** and OL **Jason Rodriguez** speak Spanish (they recorded videos in Spanish for 2020 Latinx Heritage Month to celebrate their Mexican heritage) and ILB **Micah Croom** speaks Japanese.

\*\*\*WR **John Jackson III's** father, John Jr., who was a 2-time (1988-89) Academic All-American wide receiver and outfielder at USC before playing in the NFL and minor leagues, has recovered well from a massive stroke suffered in early December of 2018. Jackson Jr., whose father (John) was USC's running backs coach when **Charles White** (1979) and **Marcus Allen** (1981) won Heisman Trophies, has been part of the Trojan radio broadcast since 2003 (sideline reporter, then analyst). He continued on the radio team in a limited role at home games last season while he recovered.

\*\*\*Offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** is such a huge WWE fan that he named his son (Herschel Hawk Harrell) in honor of WWE star Triple H. Harrell also presents a WWE-type championship belt weekly to a USC quarterback who wins that week's skills competition.

\*\*\*ILB **Solomon Tuliapupu** cut his long hair in 2017 for the first time since the fifth grade as a show of support of cancer victims and survivors.

\*\*\*While at Vanderbilt, QB **Mo Hasan** founded Second Spoon, a non-profit organization that distributes extra food from the student-athletes' training table to the homeless in Nashville and Miami through the Hunger ReliefMobile (a converted FedEx truck). P **Ben Griffiths** has volunteered with the Australian Working Dog Rescue.

\*\*\*QB **Kedon Slovis**' quarterbacks coach at Desert Mountain High in Scottsdale (Ariz.) was NFL Hall of Famer Kurt Warner.

\*\*\*S **Anthony Beavers Jr.**, OL **Maximus Gibbs** and S **Jaylin Smith** were in the Netflix show "Coach Snoop," about rapper Snoop Dogg and his Snoop Youth Football League.

\*\*\*SNP **Nathan Weneta** plays piano.

\*\*\*OL **Andrew Vorhees** got married in March of 2018 (his wife's name is Samantha).

\*\*\*P **Ben Griffiths** is USC's oldest player (and among the oldest in college football this season), as he turns 30 on Sept. 17 (he is one of the oldest Trojans ever). USC's youngest player is S **Jaylin Smith** (17, born Nov. 5, 2003).

\*\*\*Both of TE **Erik Krommenhoek's** parents attended USC's crosstown rival, UCLA. ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, was an All-American sprinter at UCLA.

\*\*\*WR **K.D. Nixon** has 13 siblings and TB **Keaontay Ingram** has 9 siblings.

\*\*\*ILB **Taylor Katoa**, who spent 2018 and 2019 on a Mormon mission in Virginia, was the first Trojan footballer to serve on a Mormon mission since Faasea Mailo did so in 1997-98 in Japan.

\*\*\*USC's roster features players who are a Jr. (S **Anthony Beavers Jr.**, WR **Gary Bryant Jr.**, CB **Joshua Jackson Jr.**, ILB **Danny Lockhart Jr.**, S **Chris Thompson Jr.**), a II (OL **Frank Martin II**), a III (WR **John Jackson III**, WR **Michael Jackson III**) and a IV (WR **Joseph Manjack IV**). There also are 4 players with hyphenated surnames: S **Isaiah Pola-Mao**, TB **Samuel Dram-Jones**, CB **Isaac Taylor-Stuart** and WR **Kyron Ware-Hudson**.

\*\*\*No USC football letterman in history has a longer non-hyphenated single word surname than the 12-letter last name of DL **Jacob Lichtenstein**. Four former lettermen also have 12-letter surnames: TE Daniel Imatorbhebhe (2016-17), WR Josh Imatorbhebhe (2017), TE Dean Lingenfelter (1973) and P Mike MacGillivray (1998-2001). Also on the Trojan roster are the 11-letter surnamed TE **Erik Krommenhoek** and TE **Kohl Hollinquest**. Fortunately, USC does not put players' last names on the back of its jerseys.

\*\*\*USC has 4 players with the last name of Jackson (OLB **Drake**, WR **John III**, CB **Joshua Jr.**, WR **Michael III**) and 3 named Williams (S **Chase**, CB **Jayden**, S **Max**), as well as 2 players named Johnson (SNP **Damon**, S **Greg**), Smith (WR **Jake**, S **Jaylin**) and Ford (OL **Courtland**, WR **Kyle**), but none are related. However, there's only 1 Jones (TE **Grant**) and Brown (CB **Prophet**)!

\*\*\*ILB **Jordan Iosefa's** real first name is Loveni, SNP **Jac Casasante's** is John, WR **Bru McCoy's** is Horace, QB **Mo Hasan's** is Anthony, WR **K.D. Nixon's** is Kadarrian and head coach **Clay Helton's** is Charles. OL **AJ Mageo's** initials stand for Andrew James. ILB **Solomon Tuliapupu's** full name is Solomon Nokeakua-Stroud Tuliapupu, while his nickname is "Solo," S **Briton Allen's** is "Barn," OL **Maximus Gibbs's** is "Big Max" and CB **Prophet Brown's** is "Peanut Butter." DL **Kobe Pepe** was named after late legendary Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant.

\*\*\*USC has 1 player who "blueshirted," which by a one-time NCAA rule allowed a non-recruited student-athlete to receive athletic financial aid after beginning practice and have that student-athlete count towards the next year's signing class if the school had reached its NCAA-maximum aid limit for the current year. OL **Jalen McKenzie** joined in the fall of 2017.

\*\*\*There are 7 former Texas high school quarterbacks on USC's coaching staff: head coach **Clay Helton** (Clements HS), offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach **Graham Harrell** (Ennis HS), running backs coach **Mike Jinks** (Judson HS), tight ends coach **Seth Doege** (Crane HS, Frenship HS), safeties coach **Craig Naivar** (Taylor HS), offensive line coach **Clay McGuire** (Crane HS) and offensive graduate assistant **Stanton Keane** (Cooper HS).

\*\*\*Seventeen Trojans list their home state as Texas: S **Xavion Alford**, TB **Darwin Barlow**, OL **Ty Buchanan**, TB **Brandon Campbell**, OL **Casey Collier**, TE **Malcolm Epps**, OL **Courtland Ford**, S **Xamarion Gordon**, CB **Dorian Hewett**, TB **Keaontay Ingram**, WR **Chase Locke**, WR **Joseph Manjack IV**, TE **Lake McRee**, WR **K.D. Nixon**, PK **Alex Stadthaus**, S **Chris Thompson Jr.** and WR **Tahj Washington**. That is, by far, the most Texans on a USC roster in a single year. In 1992 and 1993, there were 8 Trojan lettermen from Texas, the previous high. In its history, USC has had 40 football lettermen from Texas.

\*\*\*Head coach **Clay Helton** played for his father, Kim, at Houston (1993-94). In 1993, Clay completed 1-of-3 passes in late duty in the Cougars' 49-7 loss to USC in the Coliseum.

\*\*\*TE **Kohl Hollinquest's** father, Lamont, won Super Bowl XXXI, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** uncle, Troy Polamalu, played in Super Bowls XLIII and XLV with the Pittsburgh Steelers, OL **Jalen McKenzie's** uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, played in Super Bowls XXII and XXVI with the Washington Redskins, DL **Jamar Sekona's** uncle, Haloti Ngata, won Super Bowl XLVII with the Baltimore Ravens and ILB **Ralen Goforth's** brother, Randall, was an injured reserve with the Philadelphia Eagles when they won Super Bowl LII.

\*\*\*Director of football sports performance **Robert Stiner** has competed in amateur mixed martial arts (MMA) events.

\*\*\*Six members of the Trojan coaching and support staff played at USC: assistant coach **Keary Colbert** (2000-03), graduate assistant coach **Toa Lobendah** (2014-15, 17-18), offensive quality control analysts **Viane Talamaivao** (2014-17), **Lenny Vandermade** (2000-03) and **Dane Stevens** (2013) and defensive quality control analyst **Michael Hutchings** (2013-16).

\*\*\*Several Trojan staffers have been part of national championship teams.

- Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** set the since-broken USC career receptions record as a senior on Troy's 2003 national championship team, then was an offensive analyst on Alabama's 2015 national champs.

- Offensive quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** was a starting offensive guard on USC's 2003 national championship team.

- Football executive assistant **Cheryl Taplin** was a sprinter on 7 of LSU's NCAA champion outdoor and indoor women's track and field teams.

- Director of scouting and player relations **Jeff Martin** was the lead personnel analyst/player development at LSU when the Tigers won the 2019 national championship.

\*\*\*Several Trojans have relatives with USC football connections.

- TE **Kohl Hollinquest's** father, Lamont, was a 4-year (1988-89, 91-92) letterman outside linebacker and safety at USC, playing on the Trojans' 1988 and 1989 Pac-10 champions that advanced both seasons to the Rose Bowl. His godfather is former USC star Willie McGinest.

- WR **John Jackson III's** father, John Jr., set USC's career pass receptions record (163 catches) as a 4-year (1986-89) wide receiver, earning All-Pac-10 first team honors as a 1989 senior on the Rose Bowl champion Trojans and also being named a 2-time (1988-89) Academic All-American (he also won an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 1989) before playing in the NFL with the Phoenix Cardinals (1990-92) and Chicago Bears (1996) and also starring in baseball at USC as an outfielder (1988-90), setting the school career mark for stolen bases (54) and leading the team in hitting in 1989 (.356) when he made All-Pac-10 first team before playing minor league baseball (1990-95); he then became a sports broadcaster, including analyst (2012-20) and sideline reporter (2003-11) duties on USC's football radio and high school football coverage on FOX Sports West (in a well-documented story, his announcing was limited in 2019 while recovering from a late 2018 stroke). His grandfather, John Sr., was USC's running backs coach and offensive coordinator for 6 seasons (1976-81), helping Charles White (1979) and Marcus Allen (1981) win Heisman Trophies as the Trojans won 3 Rose Bowls; he also coached at Hofstra (1968-69), Dartmouth (1970), Illinois (1971-75) and UNLV (1999-2004) and worked 17 years with California Sports for Jerry Buss (running Forum Boxing and helping develop the Prime Ticket sports cable network).

- TB **Quincy Jountti's** brother, Corbin, was a tailback at USC in 2017 after transferring in from Northern Arizona (2014-16).

- PK **Parker Lewis's** grandfather, Ben Butler, was set to play football at USC before suffering a career-ending shoulder injury as a 1948 high school senior.

- TB **Vavae Malepeai's** cousin is former USC offensive lineman **Bernard Schirmer**.

- ILB **Clyde Moore's** brother, Grant, was an inside/outside linebacker at USC (2015-17) who earned USC's Joe Collins Walk-on Award in 2016 before earning a scholarship in 2017. His father, Rex, was a 4-year (1984-87) letterman linebacker at USC, leading the Trojans in tackles while earning team Most Inspirational Player accolades in 1986.



•S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** uncle is former USC 2-time All-American safety Troy Polamalu (1999-2002), while his great uncle is former USC fullback (1982-85) and assistant coach (2000-03, 2010-12) Kennedy Polamalu.

•CB **Jordan Tollner's** grandfather is Ted Tollner, the head football coach at USC (1983-86, winning Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors in 1984 when he led the Trojans to a Rose Bowl victory) and San Diego State (1994-2007) who also was a longtime college and NFL assistant coach (including at USC in 1982) after playing quarterback at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (1959-61), while his father, Bruce, was on the baseball and crew teams at USC and then founded sports agency REP 1 Sports and his mother, Lisa, was a Song Girl at USC.

•DL **Tuli Tuipulotu's** brother is former USC defensive lineman Marlon Tuipulotu (2017-21), while his cousins are former USC (2018-20) safety Talanoa Hufanga, the 2020 Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year now with the San Francisco 49ers, and former USC (2005-08) defensive tackle Fili Moala, who played in the NFL with the Indianapolis Colts (2009-14).

•CB **Ceyair Wright's** uncle, Mazio Royster, lettered at tailback at USC in 1990 and 1991 (he led the Trojans in rushing in 1990 and then played in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1993-94).

•Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** is the cousin of former USC wide receiver Earl McCullough (1967), who also ran track at USC (winning a pair of NCAA high hurdles titles and leading off the 1967 world record-setting NCAA champion sprint relay team), and ex-USC defensive lineman Tommie Townsend (who also played at Arizona State).

•Assistant coach **Sean Snyder's** father, Bill (the legendary longtime head coach at Kansas State), was on the USC coaching staff in 1966.

•Assistant coach **Vic So'oto** is a second cousin of USC Athletic and Pro Football Halls of Fame linebacker Junior Seau.

•Assistant coach **Donte Williams'** cousins are former USC defensive backs Kris Richard (1998-2001) and Darnell Lacy (1996-98).

•Graduate assistant coach **Toa Lobendahn's** second cousin is former USC offensive lineman Faasea Mailo (1996-2001).

•Offensive quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** is the brother-in-law of former USC running back Malaefou MacKenzie (1997-2002).

•Director of high school relations **Armond Hawkins Jr.'s** brother, Chris, was a USC defensive back (2014-17) and graduate assistant coach (2019).

•Assistant equipment manager **Travis Hewitt** is the son and grandson, respectively, of former USC equipment managers Todd and Don Hewitt.

•Assistant athletic director/player development **Gavin Morris'** uncle is former USC defensive lineman Willard "Bubba" Scott (1967-69), a member of USC's famed 1969 "Wild Bunch" defensive line.

#### \*\*\*Speaking of genes:

•TB **Brandon Campbell's** father, Kevin, played basketball at Virginia and his mother ran track at Texas San Antonio, while his uncle, Rogerick Green, was a defensive back at Kansas State (1988-91) who played in the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1992, 1994) and Jacksonville Jaguars (1995).

•OL **Casey Collier's** sister, Charli, was a center on the Texas women's basketball team (2019-21) and was the No. 1 pick of the 2021 WNBA Draft when she was chosen by the Dallas Wings, while his late father, Elliott, played basketball at Montana State in the late 1980s and his mother, Ponda (Griggs), played center at Southwestern University (1986-90).

•QB **Brendan Costello's** father, Brian, played football at Lehigh, his mother, Kim, was a diver at Massachusetts, his uncle, Michael Costello, played basketball at Boston University (1997-2000) and his grandfather, Paul Costello, played basketball at St. Anselm's College (1970-73).

•S **Micah Croom's** brother, Larry Jr., was a running back at UNLV and then played for the Arizona Cardinals (2004-05), Tennessee Titans (2005), Detroit Lions (2005), San Diego Chargers (2006) and Pittsburgh Steelers (2007), as well as in Europe with the Hamburg Sea Devils (2005), Amsterdam Admirals (2006), Dresden Monarchs (2011-12) and Berlin Adler (2013-2019).

•QB **Jaxon Dart's** father, Brandon, was a safety at Utah (1994-96, 1999-2000).

•TE **Josh Falo's** brother, Nu'umotu Jr., was an outside linebacker at Colorado (2015-16, 18-19), while brother, Nate, was a defensive tackle at San Jose State (2013-15).

•ILB **Spencer Gilbert's** mother, Caryl Smith Gilbert, is Georgia's director of track and field and was USC's director of track and field from 2014 through 2021 (the Women of Troy won the 2018 and 2021 NCAA outdoor titles) after previously serving as Central Florida's women's head coach (2008-13) and a women's assistant at Tennessee (2003-07), Alabama (2000-02) and Penn State (1998-99) following an All-American sprinting career at UCLA, while his father, Greg Gilbert, is a senior director of development in the USC athletic department who played linebacker at Alabama (1985-88) and in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (1989), Indianapolis Colts (1990), Oakland Raiders (1990-91) and Philadelphia Eagles (1991) before playing in the World League of American Football with the San Antonio Riders (1991) and Barcelona Dragons (1991-92).

•ILB **Ralen Goforth's** brother, Randall, was a cornerback at UCLA (2012-16) who spent 2017 on injured reserve with the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles and then was with the Arizona Hotshots of the Alliance of American Football in 2019.

•QB **Mo Hasan's** father, Anthony, ran track at Florida.

•WR **John Jackson III's** sister, Simone, is a freshman on USC's women's soccer team. His aunt, Tracie, was employed at USC.

•ILB **Taylor Katoa's** father, Fotu, was a tight end at BYU (1985, 1988-90), his mother, Elizabeth, was a distance runner at BYU in 1990, his sister, Eliza, was an outside hitter on Utah's volleyball team (2014-16) and also played on the Utes' beach volleyball team in 2017, his brother-in-law, Rhett Nelson, pitched at Santa Clara (2010) and BYU (2014) and his uncle, Fred Katoa, was a nose guard at BYU (1989-90).

•TB **Vavae Malepeai's** uncles, Silila (1990-94), Pulou (1993-95) and Tasi (1994-96), played football at Oregon.

•WR **Bru McCoy's** father, Horace II, was a tight end at Northern Illinois (1994) and his mother, Shelby, was a record-setting 4-time (1991-94) All-Conference setter for Northern Illinois volleyball.

•OL **Jalen McKenzie's** father, Reggie McKenzie, was a linebacker at Tennessee (1981-84) and then played in the NFL with the Los Angeles Raiders (1985-88), Phoenix Cardinals (1989-90) and San Francisco 49ers (1992) and in the World League of American Football with the Montreal Machine (1992), then was an assistant coach at Tennessee in 1993, worked in the Green Bay Packers' front office from 1994 to 2011, was the general manager of the Oakland Raiders (2012-18) and now is a senior personnel executive with the Miami Dolphins, while his brother, Kahlil, was a defensive lineman at Tennessee (2015-17) who played offensive line with the Kansas City Chiefs (2018) and Seattle Seahawks (2019-20), Cincinnati Bengals (2020) and the NFL's Los Angeles Wildcats (2020) and is now with the Bengals. His uncle, Raleigh McKenzie (Reggie's twin brother), was a center at Tennessee (1981-84) and then played in the NFL with the Washington Redskins (1985-94, where he won 2 Super Bowls), Philadelphia Eagles (1995-96), San Diego Chargers (1997-98) and Green Bay Packers (1999-2000), and then was a scout with the Oakland Raiders.

•ILB **Clyde Moore's** uncle, Rob, was a fullback at Stanford (1980-83) who then attended USC for an MBA. His grandfather, Robin, was the NCAA 50-yard freestyle swimming champion in 1956 for Stanford (he once set a world record) and then participated in team roping in rodeo competitions.

•QB **Miller Moss'** mother, Emily, was a professor in USC's School of Architecture.

•OL **Brett Neilon's** aunts were on the USC golf team (Kim Saiki from 1985-88, who played on the LPGA Tour, and Laura Saiki from 1988-91).

•DL **Brandon Pili's** sister, Alissa, is a junior on the USC women's basketball team (she was the 2020 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year).

•S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** father, Tracey, played football at San Diego State (1988-90, 1992, where he was the 1992 team captain and Most Inspirational Player) and with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers (1994-96).

•DL **Jamar Sekona's** uncle is Haloti Ngata, who played defensive line at Oregon (2003-05, earning All-American honors in 2005) and in the NFL with the Baltimore Ravens (2006-14, including on the XLVII Super Bowl champs), Detroit Lions (2015-17) and Philadelphia Eagles (2018).

•WR **Ty Shamblin's** father, BJ, was a wide receiver at UC Santa Barbara in the early 1990s.

•CB **Jordan Tollner's** uncle, Ryan, was a quarterback at California in the late 1990s and is a founder of sports agency REP 1 Sports.

•TE **Michael Trigg's** cousin, Marcello Trigg, was a quarterback at Bucknell (2006-09).

•DL **Maninoa Tufono's** father, Albert, played inside linebacker at Washington (1983-84, 1987), while his brother, Jack, was an offensive lineman at Idaho State (2018-19) who then was a student assistant coach there in 2020.

•ILB **Solomon Tuliapupu's** father, Turnbull, was an offensive lineman at Southern Utah (2000-01).

•WR **Kyron Ware-Hudson's** brother, Keyon, is a sophomore defensive tackle at Oregon.

•SNP **Nathan Weneta's** brother, Jay, was a long snapper at UCLA (2011-12).

•S **Max Williams'** brother, Macen, is a redshirt freshman defensive back at Arizona State.

•ILB **Eli'jah Winston's** brother, La'Mar, was a linebacker at Oregon (2016-19).

•TE **Jude Wolfe's** father, Mark, played football at Western Michigan (1977-80), his brother, Jakob, was a tight end at Stony Brook (2014), his sister, Jacqueline, played volleyball at Hawaii Pacific (2015) and his cousin, Ryan Gutierrez, was a safety at California (2001-04).

•CB **Ceyair Wright's** father, Claudius Wright, was a cornerback at Arizona and then with the World League of American Football's Amsterdam (1996) and London (1997) franchises, while his cousin, Darick Holmes, was a running back at Portland State and then in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills (1995-98), Green Bay Packers (1998) and Indianapolis Colts (1999) and another cousin, Darnay Holmes, was a cornerback at UCLA (2017-19) who is now with the New York Giants.

•Head coach **Clay Helton's** father, Kim, was Houston's head coach from 1993 to 1999, as well as an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and Alabama Birmingham), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts) following his playing career at Florida. His brother, Tyson, is the head coach at Western Kentucky.



•Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** has 2 cousins who played college football--defensive back Clarence Oliver at San Diego State (1967-68) and tight end Josh Oliver at San Jose State (2015-18)--and 2 who played Major League Baseball: infielder/outfielder Bob Oliver (1965-75) and pitcher Darren Oliver (1993-2013).

•Assistant coach **Graham Harrell's** brother, Clark, played quarterback at Tulsa (2007) and Abilene Christian (2008-10).

•Assistant coach **Clay McGuire's** brother, Cody, played football at Texas Tech.

•Graduate assistant coach **John Bonney's** father, Jerry, played basketball at Houston in the early 1970s, while his brother, Joshua, played basketball at Elon.

•Graduate assistant coach **Toa Lobendahn's** father, Vince, was a lineman at Utah (1990-93) and then in the Arena League with the Albany Firebirds (1994) and St. Louis Stampede (1995) before coaching at BYU as a graduate assistant (1998-99) and as an assistant and head coach at the high school level.

•Defensive quality control analyst **C.J. Ah You's** Charles Sr. (1973-75), and brother, Matt (2003-04, 08), played football at BYU, his uncle, Junior Ah You, played at Arizona State (1969-71) and in the USFL and CFL (he is in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame), his nephew, Chaz Ah You, is a junior linebacker at BYU, his cousins, Kingsley (1992-93) and Harland (1995-97) Ah You, played football at BYU and his brother, Jasen, is the executive coordinator of recruiting and player personnel at BYU.

•Defensive quality control analyst **Brett Arce's** father, Mark, was the athletic director (2015-18) and head men's basketball coach (2001-18) at West Hills Community College in Coalinga (Calif.) after previously serving as an assistant coach at Utah State and Cal State Bakersfield and the head coach at Bakersfield Junior College.

•Offensive quality control analyst **Seth Doege's** brother, Jarret, is a senior quarterback at West Virginia (he spent 2017 and 2018 at Bowling Green), while his cousin, Kyle Herm, played quarterback at Rice (2000-03).

•Assistant director of player personnel **Drew Fox's** father, Derrick, is the president/CEO of the Alamo Bowl.

\*\*\*When Quincy Watts was named USC's new director of track and field and cross country this June, he became the third former Trojan football player to be USC's head track coach. Watts, more noted as a 2-time gold medalist (400 meters and 1600-meter relay) at the 1992 Olympics, was a wide receiver on the 1990 USC football team (he didn't get into a game). Jess Hill and Jess Mortensen (who both lettered in football as running backs in 1928 and 1929, including on the 1928 national champs) guided the Trojan tracksters; Hill did so in 1949-50 and in 1962 (winning 2 NCAA titles), while Mortensen did so from 1951 to 1961 (getting 7 NCAA crowns).

\*\*\*Last fall in preparation for advancements in name, image, and likeness (NIL) rights for student-athletes, USC's football program announced an alliance with J1S to launch BLVD Studios. The innovative in-house creative lab provides resources, education, and strategy to help student-athletes build, promote, and leverage their brands and maximize their market value. J1S is an industry-leading creative agency that helps brands connect to the next generation. The deeply integrated and exclusive partnership between USC, J1S and BLVD Studios is unlike any such NIL program or agency collaboration in college sports. BLVD Studios has developed a comprehensive, 360-degree approach to marketing, branding, and NIL initiatives for USC Football student-athletes that includes education, data and reporting, brand management and brand integration. BLVD Studios directs and produces athlete-driven content elements such as custom graphics and logos, photography, videos, podcasts, and more. The name BLVD Studios is a nod to the pageantry and symbolism of the famous boulevards that define Los Angeles as the epicenter of opportunity and entertainment, possibility and imagination. BLVD Studios encapsulates the unmatched combination of USC's academic and athletic tradition with Los Angeles' business and media opportunities, giving athletes the biggest, best stage to build their brands.

\*\*\*As its student-athletes prepare to capitalize on their name, image and likeness, USC Athletics announced a new partnership in June with leading NIL advisory and education firm Altius Sports Partners to provide strategic guidance, consultation, and wide-ranging educational support in creating the school's NIL program, which will benefit all 21 Trojan men's and women's sports programs and 550-plus student-athletes. Initially, a central component of the partnership included developing a comprehensive education plan to support the program's staff, coaches and student-athletes. USC and ASP's cross-disciplinary team of NIL experts collaborated on educational programming related to several key elements of the upcoming NIL implementation, such as rules and regulatory awareness, revenue opportunity maximization, recruiting best practices, and gender equity and social justice implications, among other considerations related to empowering student-athletes. As the NCAA, congressional, and state legislative processes evolve, the partnership with ASP and its specific NIL focus will allow USC to be agile in response to a new and rapidly changing environment. Long-term, ASP will play a central role in strengthening USC's NIL plan, which launched in October 2020 with the announcement of the athletic department's in-house creative lab, BLVD Studios.

\*\*\*In January, USC Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer was named to the 13-member 2021 College Football Hall of Fame class. He is the 45th inductee with USC ties in the College Football Hall of Fame, including 34 players. A Trojan has been elected into the Hall in 14 of the past 22 years. Palmer will be inducted at a Dec. 7 dinner in Las Vegas and then enshrined at the Hall in Atlanta.

\*\*\*The Trojan Athletic Fund, founded in 1923, provides the funding necessary to sustain USC's athletic excellence. The TAF motto is "Investing In Today's Champions and Tomorrow's Leaders." TAF members form a global group of more than 5,000 alumni, parents, former student-athletes and friends who directly contribute to the success of our student-athletes. TAF members who join the Trojan Club, Cardinal & Gold, Women of Troy, Cardinal & Gold Premier, Committee or Scholarship Club receive a variety of benefits and event invitations. For more information, go to: <http://www.trojanathleticfund.com>.

\*\*\*USC Gameday is the official app for fans following the Trojans. The free app for iOS and Android devices is available for download on iTunes and Google Play. Among the app's features: customized sport selection, countdown to the next games, schedules and scores, live stats (for football and basketball), USC Athletics' social media links, USC Fan Shop and USC videos and photos. The app also incorporates information about USC teams, including rosters, biographical, statistical and historical information and exclusive videos, as well as a virtual tour of USC's athletic facilities, including the McKay Center and the Coliseum. USC merchandise and tickets also are available for purchase within the app, which has new video and elements added throughout the year.

## IN THE NFL

\*Thirteen former Trojan players are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame (most of any school).

\*A Trojan has appeared in all but 7 of the 55 Super Bowls and Trojans have been selected to play in the Pro Bowl 241 times.

\*USC is second behind Notre Dame's 520 for most NFL draft picks (516). USC and Michigan are the only schools with a draftee every year since 1939. There have been 520 USC players who have played in the NFL or its sister leagues.

\*USC (83) is second behind Ohio State (85) for most first round NFL draft picks. USC is tied with Notre Dame and Oklahoma for most players selected as the top pick in the NFL draft (5).

\*Going into 2021 training camp, there were 33 ex-Trojans on NFL rosters.

\*In 2020, there were 23 Trojans on opening day NFL rosters (since records were available, USC has been No. 1 in 20 of the last 45 years). USC players were on the rosters of 16 of the NFL's 32 teams. Most of the Trojans were defensive linemen (6), offensive linemen (4), defensive backs (4), linebackers (3) or defensive backs (3).

\*Among USC's current NFLers are QB Sam Darnold, RB Ronald Jones II, WRs Robert Woods, JuJu Smith-Schuster, Nelson Agholor and Michael Pittman Jr., LBs Devon Kennard and Uchenna Nwosu, DB Adoree' Jackson, DLs Leonard Williams, Rasheem Green and Antwaun Woods and OLs Tyron Smith and Austin Jackson.

\*Two NFL head coaches have USC ties (as former coaches): Seattle's Pete Carroll (Super Bowl XLVIII champion) and Arizona's Kliff Kingsbury.

\*Eleven current USC players have relatives with NFL playing backgrounds: CB **Ceyair Wright** (uncle, Mazio Royster, cousins Darick and Darnay Holmes), TE **Kohl Hollinquest** (father, Lamont, godfather, Willie McGinest), TB **Brandon Campbell** (uncle, Rogerick Green), ILB **Micah Croom** (brother, Larry Jr.), DL **Tuli Tuipulotu** (brother, Marlon, and cousins, Talanoa Hufanga and Fili Moala), S **Isaiah Pola-Mao** (uncle, Troy Polamalu), OL **Jalen McKenzie** (father, Reggie McKenzie, uncle, Raleigh McKenzie, brother, Kahlil), WR **John Jackson III** (father, John Jr.), OL **Jamar Sekona** (uncle, Haloti Ngata), ILB **Ralen Goforth** (brother, Randall) and ILB **Spencer Gilbert** (father, Greg Gilbert). Also, S **Isaiah Pola-Mao's** father, Tracey, played football with the Arena League's Arizona Rattlers. Assistant coach **Keary Colbert's** cousins, Earl McCullough, Josh Oliver and Clarence Oliver, played in the NFL. Assistant coach **Donte Williams'** cousin, Kris Richard, played in the NFL.

\*Some of USC's coaches and staff played pro football. Assistant coach **Vic So'oto** played in the NFL, as did defensive quality control analyst **C.J. Ah You** and assistant football sports performance coach **Zaviar Gooden**. Assistant coach **Graham Harrell** played in the NFL and CFL, as did assistant coach **Seth Doege**. Assistant coach **Keary Colbert** played in the NFL and the United Football League. Offensive quality control analyst **Lenny Vandermade** played in the NFL and NFL Europe. Assistant coach **Donte Williams** played pro indoor football. Assistant director of player personnel **Drew Fox** and director of recruiting strategy **Marshall Cherrington** worked for NFL teams.



## ANNIVERSARIES

\*The 2021 season marks the anniversary of several notable USC football seasons:

--The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's first 10-win season (1921 team went 10-1). USC—under third-year head coach Elmer “Gloomy Gus” Henderson—won its first 7 games by a 306-7 margin, including shutouts in the opening 6 contests. Then, after stumbling on the road to Rose Bowl-bound, co-national champ California, 38-7, the Trojans captured their final 3 games by a combined 49-7 score. The 25,000 fans who viewed the that game at Cal composed the then-largest documented crowd for any Trojans game in program history (dating to 1888).

--The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USC's second national championship (1931 team). The 1931 edition of seventh-year USC head coach Howard Jones' “Thundering Herd” was the team that captured the imagination of college football fans everywhere, and the hearts of the citizens of Los Angeles. More than 300,000 welcomed the Trojans home from a thrilling 16-14 victory over Notre Dame in South Bend. USC trailed the Irish 14-0 at the outset of the fourth quarter, but stormed back behind the running of Gus Shaver and the passing of Orv Mohler. Baker's 33-yard field goal with one minute remaining made the difference. The win snapped Notre Dame's 26-game unbeaten streak and was the Trojans' first-ever victory in South Bend. The season started inauspiciously with a 13-7 loss to St. Mary's. But Troy then proceeded to roll over its next 10 opponents by a combined score of 356 to 39. There were six shutouts. “[USC is] the greatest team I have ever seen,” said Georgia coach Harry Mehre, after his Bulldogs were blanked, 60-0. Jones agreed, calling his team “the greatest offensive machine I have ever coached.” USC capped the season with a 21-12 victory over Tulane in the Rose Bowl. In fact, USC didn't lose another game until Stanford beat them in 1933, a 27-game unbeaten streak. Four Trojans garnered All-American acclaim in 1921: Baker, Shaver, Erny Pinckert and team captain Stan Williamson.

--The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marcus Allen's 1981 Heisman Trophy season. Tailback Marcus Allen, USC's fourth Heisman Trophy winner, was college football's first 2,000-yard rusher. When he captured the award in 1981, Allen set 14 new NCAA records and tied two others, including most yards rushing in a single season (2,342), highest per-game average (212.9), most 200-yard games in a career (11), most 200-yard games in a season (8) and most 200-yard games in a row (5). He also led the Trojans in receiving with 30 and 34 catches in each of his last two seasons. USC went 9-3 that season, with tight wins over No. 2 Oklahoma and traditional rivals Notre Dame and UCLA, and played in the Fiesta Bowl.

--The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of head coach Pete Carroll's first season (2001). Although new coach Pete Carroll's debut season wasn't anything special--his 6-6 Trojans started off 2-5, then won their final 4 regular season games before falling to Utah in the Las Vegas Bowl--it set the stage for USC's dynastic run through the opening decade of the 21st Century. During his nine-year (2001-2009) career, Carroll led Troy to the 2003 and 2004 national championships (USC was 13-0 in 2004), won 83.6% of his games (97-16), captured an unprecedented seven consecutive Pac-10 titles, appeared in an NCAA-record seven consecutive BCS bowls (including a pair of BCS Championship Games) and won 11 games an NCAA record seven straight times (finishing in the AP Top 4 each time). His teams had 35 wins over AP Top 25 teams, went 7-2 in bowls (including 6-1 in BCS games), won an unprecedented three consecutive Rose Bowls and posted a 16-2 record versus Notre Dame and UCLA. Under Carroll, USC won a Pac-10 record 35 straight home games, 34 overall games, 27 Pac-10 games and 24 Pac-10 home games, as well as a USC record 18 straight road games and 13 Pac-10 road games. USC was AP's No. 1 team for a record 33 straight polls (it ranked in the AP Top 10 for a USC-record 63 consecutive games and in the AP Top 25 for 102 straight). His Trojans scored at least 20 points in 63 games in a row. He coached three Heisman Trophy winners, plus Walter Camp, Bednarik, Unitas, Doak Walker and Mackey winners, as well as 35 All-American first teamers and 53 NFL Draft picks (including 14 first rounders, with a No. 1 and No. 2). He twice was the National Coach of the Year and was a three-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

## ACADEMICS

\*The USC football team posted an NCAA Academic Progress Rate of 970, just 3 points off the program's best from two years prior and marked the third consecutive year with at least a 970 APR, according to data released by the NCAA in May of 2020. The 970 exceeded the national average. A team's APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation to generate a measure of academic performance of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR is a multiyear rate based on scores from the 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 academic years. USC Athletics' 21-team multiyear APR of 985 was the seventh year in a row that Troy hit an all-time high. (The NCAA will delay release of the next APR data until the spring of 2023 due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

\*The Trojan football team posted an all-time high NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 84%, according to data released by the NCAA in November of 2020. The GSR measures how many players in the classes of 2010-13 graduated within 6 years of enrollment. The 2020 football rate was a program high for the fifth consecutive year and is 29 points better than its initial figure in 2005. USC Athletics' overall GSR in 2020 was at 91%, an all-time high for the seventh consecutive year.

\*Forty-two Trojans (33.9% of the roster) have cumulative grade point averages of 3.00 or higher, including a dozen with GPAs above 3.50 (through spring 2021 semester). Among the top scholars on the 2021 Trojan squad are: OL **Frank Martin II** (3.96, communications management/project management master's), QB **Miller Moss** (3.96, law, history and culture and international relations/global business), QB **Brad Aoki** (3.81, business administration), SNP **Nathan Weneta** (3.81, philosophy, politics and economics), DL **Nick Figueroa** (3.76, real estate development), ILB **Julien Simon** (3.75, communication), TE **Grant Jones** (3.72, social entrepreneurship master's), ILB **Danny Lockhart Jr.** (3.63), TB **Quincy Jountti** (3.61, applied psychology master's), QB **Jaxson Dart** (3.52, communication), WR **Ty Shamblin** (3.52, political economy), OL **Liam Douglass** (3.49, communication/entrepreneurship and innovation), TB **Vavae Malepeai** (3.49, project management master's), S **Tommy Maurice** (3.49, business administration), S **Xavien Alford** (3.42, non-governmental organizations and social change), OL **Jonah Monheim** (3.41, business administration), P **Ben Griffiths** (3.37, psychology), ILB **Micah Croom** (3.36, communication management master's), S **Calen Bullock** (3.33), S **Xamarion Gordon** (3.32, communication), QB **Kedon Slovis** (3.32, communication), OL **Andrew Dewerk** (3.30), PK **Alex Stadthaus** (3.30, communication), QB **Isaac Ward** (3.30, American popular culture), QB **Mo Hasan** (3.28, entrepreneurship and innovation master's), OL **Joe Bryson** (3.27, communication), TE **Kohl Hollinquest** (3.27, entrepreneurship and innovation master's), TE **Erik Krommenhoek** (3.26, human biology), WR **Kyle Ford** (3.24, communication), WR **Danny Ryan** (3.24, economics), OL **Brett Neilon** (3.22, sociology and business administration), DL **Tuli Tuipulotu** (3.21), TB **Matt Colombo** (3.18, business administration), ILB **Solomon Tuliapupu** (3.18, business administration), WR **Michael Jackson III** (3.13), TE **Lake McRee** (3.13, communication), OL **Damian Lopez** (3.10, political science), ILB **Spencer Gilbert** (3.08, business administration), DL **Jamar Sekona** (3.07, psychology), TE **Sean Mahoney** (3.06, real estate development), OL **Mark Zuvich** (3.01, real estate development) and WR **Gary Bryant Jr.** (3.00, communication).

\*QB **Kedon Slovis** made the 2020-21 CoSIDA Football Academic All-District 8 team.

\*QB **Brad Aoki**, OL **Liam Douglass**, OL **Nick Figueroa**, P **Ben Griffiths**, SNP **Damon Johnson**, TE **Grant Jones**, TB **Quincy Jountti**, PK **Parker Lewis**, TB **Vavae Malepeai**, OL **Frank Martin II** and QB **Kedon Slovis** made the 2020 Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll.

\*Eleven Trojans have already earned their bachelor's degrees. Each wears a “Graduate” patch on their uniform jersey. ILB **Micah Croom** earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Dartmouth in the spring of 2020 and now is working on his master's degree in communication management. QB **Mo Hasan** received his bachelor's degree in economics and history from Vanderbilt in 2020 and now is working on his master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation. TE **Kohl Hollinquest** received his bachelor's degree in philosophy/politics/economics from Penn in 2020 and now is working on his master's degree in entrepreneurship and innovation. SNP **Damon Johnson** received his bachelor's degree in sociology major at USC in the spring of 2020 and is now working on his master's in communication management. TE **Grant Jones** received his bachelor's degree in business administration from USC in the summer of 2020 and now is working on a master's degree in social entrepreneurship. TB **Quincy Jountti** received his bachelor's degree in psychology from USC in the summer of 2020 and now is working on a master's degree in applied psychology. TB **Vavae Malepeai** received his bachelor's degree in communication at USC in the fall of 2019 and is now working on a master's in project management. OL **Frank Martin II** earned his bachelor's degree in real estate management from USC in the fall of 2020 and now is working on a master's in communications management/project management. WR **K.D. Nixon** received his bachelor's degree in strategic communications from Colorado in December of 2020 and is working on his master's degree in gerontology at USC. TB **Samuel Dram-Jones** earned his bachelor's degree in business and management in 2019 from Durham in England and then worked on his master's degree in finance at Vanderbilt. OL **Andrew Vorhees** received his bachelor's degree in business administration at USC in the spring of 2019 and now is working on his master's degree in communications management/sociology.

\*In its history, USC football has produced 22 Academic All-American first teamers (tied for tops in the Pac-12 and among the Top 10 in the nation), 20 NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners, 13 National Football Foundation Scholar-Athletes, 7 NCAA Silver Anniversary Award winners, 4 NCAA Today's Top 10 winners, 1 Rhodes Scholar (Pat Haden) and 2 Academic All-American Hall of Famers (Haden and Dick Nunis).



## 2021 USC ROSTER - ALPHABETICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CL.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
29	ALFORD, Xavion	S	6-0	190	12/20/01	Fr./So.	TR	Pearland, TX (Shadow Creek/Texas)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	195	5/20/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
38	AOKI, Brad	QB	5-9	170	4/24/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
22	BARLOW, Darwin	TB	5-11	205	7/18/01	So./Jr.	TR	Newton, TX (Newton/TCU)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	S	6-1	200	9/24/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Baldwin Hills, CA (St. Bernard)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-2	270	2/21/01	So./Jr.	2V	Pittsburg, CA (Pittsburg)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	6-0	185	2/3/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Sacramento, CA (Monterey Trail)
1	BRYANT JR., Gary	WR	5-11	180	11/19/00	So./So.	1V	Riverside, CA (Centennial)
61	BRYSON, Joe	OL	6-8	295	2/9/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Castle Pines, CO (Rock Canyon/Colorado Mesa)
75	BUCHANAN, Ty	OL	6-6	285	10/19/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Corpus Christi, TX (Calallen)
27	BULLOCK, Calen	S	6-3	180	4/30/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Pasadena, CA (John Muir)
25	CAMPBELL, Brandon	TB	5-11	210	10/7/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (Lamar Consolidated)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	San Diego, CA (Madison)
51	COLLIER, Casey	OL	6-7	300	6/18/02	Fr./So.	1V	Baytown, TX (Barbers Hill)
34	COLOMBO, Matt	TB	5-11	195	11/3/01	Fr./So.	SQ	El Segundo, CA (St. John Bosco)
29	COSTELLO, Brendan	QB	6-0	195	2/27/01	So./Jr.	TR	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente/Oklahoma State)
17	CROOM, Micah	ILB	6-1	225	11/17/97	Sr./Gr.	1V	Cerritos, CA (La Mirada/Dartmouth)
2	DART, Jaxson	QB	6-2	215	5/13/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Kaysville, UT (Corner Canyon)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	OLB	6-1	215	4/11/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Norco, CA (Mater Dei)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	300	4/21/00	Jr./Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	310	2/18/02	Fr./So.	SQ	San Jose, CA (Los Gatos)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OL	6-5	315	9/3/99	Jr./Sr.	2V	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	245	11/1/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
19	EPPS, Malcolm	TE	6-6	245	1/13/00	Jr./Sr.	TR	Houston, TX (Dekaney/Texas)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	230	3/27/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	245	8/10/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	275	8/1/99	Sr./Sr.	2V	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
74	FORD, Courtland	OL	6-6	305	9/6/01	Fr./So.	1V	Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	225	1/20/01	So./Jr.	1V	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
0	FOREMAN, Corey	DL	6-5	265	11/8/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
60	GIBBS, Maximus	OL	6-7	390	10/30/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Norwalk, CA (St. John Bosco)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	Jr./Sr.	1V	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
10	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	235	11/2/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
28	GORDON, Xamarion	S	6-2	205	2/3/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (Warren)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-7	240	9/17/91	Jr./Sr.	2V	Melbourne, Australia
30	HASAN, Mo	QB	6-3	200	4/17/98	Sr./Gr.	SQ	Miami, FL (Dillard/Syracuse/Coffeyville CC/Vanderbilt)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	CB	6-0	180	6/13/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
88	HOLLINQUEST, Kohl	TE	6-4	240	3/7/98	Sr./Gr.	--	Granada Hills, CA (Sierra Canyon/Penn)
28	INGRAM, Keaontay	TB	6-0	215	10/26/99	Sr./Sr.	TR	Carthage, TX (Carthage/Texas)
56	IDSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	240	9/20/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
99	JACKSON, Drake	OLB	6-4	250	4/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-1	210	8/23/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
23	JACKSON JR., Joshua	CB	6-1	195	7/9/01	Fr./So.	1V	Westminster, CA (Narbonne)
13	JACKSON III, Michael	WR	6-0	190	10/21/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, NV (Desert Pines)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OL	6-5	320	1/6/98	Sr./Sr.	4V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	210	10/7/97	Sr./Gr.	4V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
1	JOHNSON, Greg	S	5-11	195	1/12/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
46	JONES, Grant	TE	6-2	220	3/14/98	Sr./Gr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-11	210	9/28/97	Sr./Gr.	2V	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
54	KATO, Tayler	ILB	6-2	240	7/27/98	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-6	250	11/12/98	Sr./Sr.	4V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
48	LEWIS, Parker	PK	6-3	205	6/28/01	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Saguaro)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-6	275	11/6/98	Jr./Sr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-3	195	7/7/00	So./Jr.	SQ	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
57	LOCKHART JR., Danny	ILB	6-0	225	7/21/02	Fr./So.	1V	Redlands, CA (St. John Bosco)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	210	7/24/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OL	6-5	305	9/23/99	Sr./Sr.	SQ	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	185	6/26/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Newbury Park, CA (Newbury Park)
64	MAGED, A.J	OL	6-5	310	11/10/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-6	230	9/12/00	So./Jr.	1V	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
35	MAKAULA, Kaulana	ILB	6-3	220	12/18/99	So./Jr.	2V	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
6	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Sr./Gr.	4V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
14	MANJACK IV, Joseph	WR	6-3	205	11/15/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Tomball, TX (Tomball Memorial)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OL	6-5	320	9/5/97	Sr./Sr.	1V	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	245	1/8/00	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
37	MAURICE, Tommy	S	5-9	185	10/20/01	Fr./So.	SQ	Brookfield, WI (Brookfield Central)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	215	3/3/02	Fr./So.	SQ	Carlsbad, CA (La Costa Canyon)
4	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	220	6/22/00	So./Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)



NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OL	6-5	320	7/10/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	235	9/4/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Austin, TX (Lake Travis)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	305	2/2/01	Fr./So.	1V	Chandler, AZ (Brophy Prep)
90	MOBLEY, Colin	DL	6-4	275	10/7/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Washington, D.C. (DeMatha Catholic)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	295	6/7/02	Fr./So.	1V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
36	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	So./Jr.	1V	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-2	205	3/19/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-6	315	6/21/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Riverside, CA (JSerra Catholic)
62	NEILON, Brett	OL	6-2	295	7/7/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
21	NIXON, K.D.	WR	5-8	190	2/21/99	Sr./Gr.	TR	DeSoto, TX (DeSoto/Colorado)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	ILB	6-1	240	1/23/01	So./Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
26	DRAM-JONES, Samuel	TB	5-8	195	11/2/97	Sr./Gr.	SQ	Milton Keynes, England (Webber Independent/ Durham/Vanderbilt)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	185	3/12/01	So./Jr.	2V	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-2	310	3/31/01	Fr./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
91	PILI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Anchorage, AK (Westview [OR])
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-4	295	4/5/00	So./Jr.	SQ	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	235	7/12/00	So./Jr.	SQ	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OL	6-6	310	3/9/01	So./Jr.	2V	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-2	190	4/30/01	So./Jr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
42	RYAN, Danny	WR	6-2	175	10/22/01	Fr./So.	SQ	Larkspur, CA (St. Ignatius)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	235	4/19/00	Jr./Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Narbonne)
77	SEKONA, Jamar	DL	6-2	295	4/8/02	Fr./So.	1V	Fairfax, CA (Marin Catholic)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	6-0	190	12/16/01	Fr./So.	SQ	Carpinteria, CA (Oaks Christian)
24	SIMON, Julien	ILB	6-2	240	1/22/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Tacoma, WA (Lincoln)
9	SLOVIS, Kedon	QB	6-3	205	4/11/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
82	SMITH, Jake	WR	6-0	200	1/5/01	Jr./Jr.	TR	Scottsdale, AZ (Notre Dame Prep/Texas)
19	SMITH, Jaylin	S	5-11	180	11/5/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Palmdale, CA (Bishop Alemany)
42	SOPSHER, Ishmael	DL	6-4	330	1/24/01	So./Jr.	TR	Amite, LA (Amite/Alabama)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	195	12/13/99	Jr./Sr.	2V	Austin, TX (Vandergriff)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
73	STEPHEN, Caadyn	OL	6-5	305	10/23/01	Fr./So.	SQ	Camas, WA (Camas)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	275	1/30/00	So./Jr.	2V	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	200	10/25/99	Jr./Sr.	3V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
30	THOMPSON JR., Chris	S	6-1	210	9/9/01	So./So.	TR	Duncanville, TX (DeSoto/Auburn)
39	TOLLNER, Jordan	CB	5-10	175	2/16/00	So./Jr.	--	Trabuco Canyon, CA (Santa Margarita)
8	TRIGG, Michael	TE	6-4	245	6/27/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Tampa, FL (Carrollwood Day)
95	TUFONO, Maninoa	DL	6-3	290	6/28/00	So./Jr.	1V	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
49	TUIPULOTU, Tuli	DL	6-4	290	9/3/02	So./So.	1V	Gardena, CA (Lawndale)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	225	3/20/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OL	6-6	320	1/21/99	Sr./Gr.	4V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
31	WARD, Isaac	QB	6-0	185	12/6/01	Fr./So.	SQ	Athens, GA (Clarke Central)
10	WARE-HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-2	215	5/16/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Duarte, CA (Mater Dei)
16	WASHINGTON, Tahj	WR	5-11	175	5/16/01	So./Jr.	TR	Marshall, TX (Marshall/Memphis)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-2	210	6/28/00	Fr./So.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	S	6-2	200	12/9/99	Jr./Sr.	3V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	S	5-9	180	8/28/00	So./Jr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	210	12/4/99	Jr./Sr.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	ILB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Jr./Sr.	2V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-6	245	2/11/01	So./Jr.	2V	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
2	WRIGHT, Ceyair	CB	6-2	180	12/19/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-10	175	11/21/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Monrovia, CA (Mater Dei)
69	ZUVICH, Mark	OL	6-3	245	9/1/99	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Clay HELTON (Houston, 1994), Eighth Year (interim 1 game in 2013, 7 in 2015; permanent 2 games in 2015, all 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** John BONNEY, Defensive Graduate Assistant (Texas, 2018); Keary COLBERT, Wide Receivers (USC, 2006); Seth DOEGE, Tight Ends (Texas Tech, 2011); Graham HARRELL, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, 2007); Mike JINKS, Running Backs (Angelo State, 1995); Stanton KEANE, Offensive Graduate Assistant (Texas Tech, 2018); Toa LOBENDAHN, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2018); Clay McGUIRE, Offensive Line (Texas Tech, 2004); Craig NAIVAR, Safeties (Hardin-Simmons, 1994); Todd ORLANDO, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Wisconsin, 1994); Sean SNYDER, Special Teams Coordinator (Kansas State, 1994); Vic SO'OTO, Defensive Line (BYU, 2010); Aaron WILLIAMS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (Nebraska, 2018); Donte WILLIAMS, Cornerbacks/Associate Head Coach (Idaho State, 2006)

**DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL SPORTS PERFORMANCE:** Robert STINER (Belhaven, 2008)

## 2021 USC ROSTER - NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	BIRTHDAY	CI.(ATH/AC)	EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/JC/COLLEGE)
0	FOREMAN, Corey	DL	6-5	265	11/8/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Corona, CA (Centennial)
1	BRYANT JR., Gary	WR	5-11	180	11/19/00	So./So.	1V	Riverside, CA (Centennial)\
1	JOHNSON, Greg	S	5-11	195	1/12/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Los Angeles, CA (Hawkins)
2	DART, Jaxson	QB	6-2	215	5/13/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Kaysville, UT (Corner Canyon)
2	WRIGHT, Ceyair	CB	6-2	180	12/19/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, CA (Loyola)
4	McCOY, Bru	WR	6-3	220	6/22/00	So.*/Jr.	1V	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Mater Dei/Texas)
4	WILLIAMS, Max	S	5-9	180	8/28/00	So.*/Jr.	2V	Carson, CA (Serra)
6	MALEPEAI, Vavae	TB	6-0	220	1/21/98	Sr./Gr.	4V	Aiea, HI (Mililani)
6	TAYLOR-STUART, Isaac	CB	6-2	200	10/25/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	San Diego, CA (Helix)
7	WILLIAMS, Chase	S	6-2	200	12/9/99	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Corona, CA (Roosevelt)
7	MOSS, Miller	QB	6-2	205	3/19/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Los Angeles, CA (Bishop Alemany)
8	STEELE, Chris	CB	6-1	190	9/27/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco/Florida)
8	TRIGG, Michael	TE	6-4	245	6/27/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Tampa, FL (Carrollwood Day)
9	SLOVIS, Kaden	QB	6-3	205	4/11/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Scottsdale, AZ (Desert Mountain)
9	DAVIS, Raesjon	OLB	6-1	215	4/11/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Norco, CA (Mater Dei)
10	GOFORTH, Ralen	ILB	6-2	235	11/2/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
10	WARE-HUDSON, Kyron	WR	6-2	215	5/16/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Duarte, CA (Mater Dei)
13	OTEY, Adonis	CB	6-1	185	3/12/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Columbia, TN (Blackman)
13	JACKSON III, Michael	WR	6-0	190	10/21/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Las Vegas, NV (Desert Pines)
14	WILLIAMS, Jayden	CB	6-1	195	7/25/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	East Riverside, CA (Centennial)
14	MANJACK IV, Joseph	WR	6-3	205	11/15/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Tomball, TX (Tomball Memorial)
15	LONDON, Drake	WR	6-5	210	7/24/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
15	BEAVERS JR., Anthony	S	6-1	200	9/24/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Baldwin Hills, CA (St. Bernard)
16	WASHINGTON, Tahj	WR	5-11	175	5/16/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	Marshall, TX (Marshall/Memphis)
16	BROWN, Prophet	CB	6-0	185	2/3/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Sacramento, CA (Monterey Trail)
17	CROOM, Micah	ILB	6-1	225	11/17/97	Sr.*/Gr.	1V	Cerritos, CA (La Mirada/Dartmouth)
17	WILSON, Zach	WR	6-1	210	12/4/99	Jr.*/Sr.	1V	Scottsdale, AZ (Saguaro)
18	WOLFE, Jude	TE	6-6	245	2/11/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Laguna Hills, CA (St. John Bosco)
18	SCOTT, Raymond	ILB	6-2	235	4/19/00	Jr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Narbonne)
19	EPPS, Malcolm	TE	6-6	245	1/13/00	Jr.*/Sr.	TR	Houston, TX (Dekaney/Texas)
19	SMITH, Jaylin	S	5-11	180	11/5/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Palmdale, CA (Bishop Alemany)
21	POLA-MAO, Isaiah	S	6-4	205	6/30/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Phoenix, AZ (Mountain Pointe)
21	NIXON, K.D.	WR	5-8	190	2/21/99	Sr.*/Gr.	TR	DeSoto, TX (DeSoto/Colorado)
22	HEWETT, Dorian	CB	6-0	180	6/13/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Houston, TX (North Shore Senior)
22	BARLOW, Darwin	TB	5-11	205	7/18/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	Newton, TX (Newton/TCU)
23	CHRISTON, Kenan	TB	5-10	185	5/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	San Diego, CA (Madison)
23	JACKSON JR., Joshua	CB	6-1	195	7/9/01	Fr.*/So.	1V	Westminster, CA (Narbonne)
24	GRIFFITHS, Ben	P	6-7	240	9/17/91	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Melbourne, Australia
24	SIMON, Julien	ILB	6-2	240	1/22/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Tacoma, WA (Lincoln)
25	ALLEN, Briton	S	6-0	195	5/20/00	Jr./Jr.	2V	Orlando, FL (IMG Academy)
25	CAMPBELL, Brandon	TB	5-11	210	10/7/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (Lamar Consolidated)
26	MAUGA, Kana'i	ILB	6-2	245	1/8/00	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waianae, HI (Waianae)
26	DRAM-JONES, Samuel	TB	5-8	195	11/2/97	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Milton Keynes, England (Webber Independent/ Durham/Vanderbilt)
27	JOUNTTI, Quincy	TB	5-11	210	9/28/97	Sr.*/Gr.	2V	Bakersfield, CA (Liberty/Sacramento State)
27	BULLOCK, Calen	S	6-3	180	4/30/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Pasadena, CA (John Muir)
28	INGRAM, Keaontay	TB	6-0	215	10/26/99	Sr./Sr.	TR	Carthage, TX (Carthage/Texas)
28	GORDON, Xamarion	S	6-2	205	2/3/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Houston, TX (Warren)
29	ALFORD, Xavion	S	6-0	190	12/20/01	Fr.*/So.	TR	Pearland, TX (Shadow Creek/Texas)
29	COSTELLO, Brendan	QB	6-0	195	2/27/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente/Oklahoma State)
30	THOMPSON JR., Chris	S	6-1	210	9/9/01	So./So.	TR	Duncanville, TX (DeSoto/Auburn)
30	HASAN, Mo	QB	6-3	200	4/17/98	Sr.*/Gr.	SQ	Miami, FL (Dillard/Syracuse/Coffeyville CC/Vanderbilt)
31	ECHOLS, Hunter	OLB	6-5	245	11/1/99	Sr.*/Sr.	3V	Los Angeles, CA (Cathedral)
31	WARD, Isaac	QB	6-0	185	12/6/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Athens, GA (Clarke Central)
34	WINSTON, Eli'jah	ILB	6-3	240	4/8/00	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Portland, OR (Central Catholic)
34	COLOMBO, Matt	TB	5-11	195	11/3/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	El Segundo, CA (St. John Bosco)
35	MAKAULA, Kaulana	ILB	6-3	220	12/18/99	So.*/Jr.	2V	Kailua, HI (Punahou)
35	McALLISTER, Michael	P	6-2	215	3/3/02	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carlsbad, CA (La Costa Canyon)
36	MOORE, Clyde	ILB	6-0	225	10/13/99	So.*/Jr.	1V	Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar/Colorado)
36	ROSE, Will	P	6-2	190	4/30/01	So.*/Jr.	SQ	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
37	MAURICE, Tommy	S	5-9	185	10/20/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Brookfield, WI (Brookfield Central)
38	STADTHAUS, Alex	PK	6-2	195	12/13/99	Jr.*/Sr.	2V	Austin, TX (Vandergriff)
38	ADKI, Brad	QB	5-9	170	4/24/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
39	CASASANTE, Jac	SNP	6-0	215	2/6/00	Jr.*/Sr.	SQ	Altadena, CA (Loyola)
39	TOLLNER, Jordan	CB	5-10	175	2/16/00	So.*/Jr.	--	Trabuco Canyon, CA (Santa Margarita)
40	SHAMBLIN, Ty	WR	6-0	190	12/16/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Carpinteria, CA (Oaks Christian)
41	FALANIKO, Juliano	OLB	6-4	230	3/27/99	Sr.*/Sr.	4V	Pago Pago, American Samoa (Leone)
42	SOPSHER, Ishmael	DL	6-4	330	1/24/01	So.*/Jr.	TR	Amite, LA (Amite/Alabama)
42	RYAN, Danny	WR	6-2	175	10/22/01	Fr.*/So.	SQ	Larkspur, CA (St. Ignatius)
44	NOMURA, Tuasivi	ILB	6-1	240	1/23/01	So.*/Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)
44	ZAMORA, Josiah	WR	5-10	175	11/21/01	Fr./Fr.	--	Monrovia, CA (Mater Dei)



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46	JONES, Grant	TE	6-2	220	3/14/98	Sr./Gr.	SQ	Danville, CA (De La Salle)
46	LYNCH, Denis	PK	5-8	185	6/26/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Newbury Park, CA (Newbury Park)
47	TA'UFO'OU, Stanley	DL	6-3	275	1/30/00	So./Jr.	2V	Simi Valley, CA (Grace Brethren)
48	LEWIS, Parker	PK	6-3	205	6/28/01	So./So.	1V	Phoenix, AZ (Saguaro)
48	ESPARZA, Peter	OLB	6-1	210	4/6/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	West Covina, CA (JSerra Catholic)
49	TUIPULOTU, Tuli	DL	6-4	290	9/3/02	So./So.	1V	Gardena, CA (Lawndale)
50	FIGUEROA, Nick	DL	6-5	275	8/1/99	Sr./Sr.	2V	San Bernardino, CA (Cajon/Cal Poly/Riverside CC)
51	COLLIER, Casey	OL	6-7	300	6/18/02	Fr./So.	1V	Baytown, TX (Barbers Hill)
52	GILBERT, Spencer	ILB	6-0	220	1/9/00	Jr./Sr.	1V	Madison, AL (St. John Bosco)
53	WENETA, Nathan	SNP	6-2	210	6/28/00	Fr./So.	SQ	San Diego, CA (Cathedral Catholic/Purdue)
54	KATOA, Tayler	ILB	6-2	240	7/27/98	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Layton, UT (Layton)
56	IOSEFA, Jordan	ILB	6-2	240	9/20/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Waipahu, HI (Saint Louis)
56	DEWERK, Andres	OL	6-7	310	2/18/02	Fr./So.	SQ	San Jose, CA (Los Gatos)
57	DEDICH, Justin	OL	6-2	300	4/21/00	Jr./Sr.	2V	Temecula, CA (Chaparral)
57	LOCKHART JR., Danny	ILB	6-0	225	7/21/02	Fr./So.	1V	Redlands, CA (St. John Bosco)
58	TULIAUPUPU, Solomon	ILB	6-3	225	3/20/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Santa Ana, CA (Mater Dei)
59	JOHNSON, Damon	SNP	6-0	210	10/7/97	Sr./Gr.	4V	Glendora, CA (Glendora/Citrus JC)
60	GIBBS, Maximus	OL	6-7	390	10/30/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Norwalk, CA (St. John Bosco)
61	BRYSON, Joe	OL	6-8	295	2/9/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Castle Pines, CO (Rock Canyon/Colorado Mesa)
62	NEILON, Brett	OL	6-2	295	7/7/98	Sr./Sr.	3V	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)
63	LOPEZ, Damian	OL	6-5	305	9/23/99	Sr./Sr.	SQ	San Pedro, CA (San Pedro/UC Irvine/ Los Angeles Harbor JC)
64	MAGED, AJ	OL	6-5	310	11/10/00	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Mesa, AZ (Red Mountain)
65	MARTIN II, Frank	OL	6-5	320	9/5/97	Sr./Sr.	1V	West Covina, CA (Mater Dei)
66	QUINONES, Gino	OL	6-4	295	4/5/00	So./Jr.	SQ	Ewa Beach, HI (Saint Louis)
68	DOUGLASS, Liam	OL	6-5	315	9/3/99	Jr./Sr.	2V	Topanga, CA (Harvard Westlake)
69	ZUVICH, Mark	OL	6-3	245	9/1/99	Jr./Sr.	SQ	Laguna Hills, CA (Laguna Hills)
70	McKENZIE, Jalen	OL	6-5	320	7/10/99	Sr./Sr.	3V	Concord, CA (Clayton Valley)
71	JIMMONS, Liam	OL	6-5	320	1/6/98	Sr./Sr.	4V	Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)
72	VORHEES, Andrew	OL	6-6	320	1/21/99	Sr./Gr.	4V	Kingsburg, CA (Kingsburg)
73	STEPHEN, Caadyn	OL	6-5	305	10/23/01	Fr./So.	SQ	Camas, WA (Camas)
74	FORD, Courtland	OL	6-6	305	9/6/01	Fr./So.	1V	Cedar Hill, TX (Cedar Hill)
75	BUCHANAN, Ty	OL	6-6	285	10/19/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Corpus Christi, TX (Calallen)
76	MURPHY, Mason	OL	6-6	315	6/21/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Riverside, CA (JSerra Catholic)
77	RODRIGUEZ, Jason	OL	6-6	310	3/9/01	So./Jr.	2V	Oak Hills, CA (Oak Hills)
77	SEKONA, Jamar	DL	6-2	295	4/8/02	Fr./So.	1V	Fairfax, CA (Marin Catholic)
78	MILEK, Andrew	OL	6-5	305	2/2/01	Fr./So.	1V	Chandler, AZ (Brophy Prep)
79	MONHEIM, Jonah	OL	6-5	295	6/7/02	Fr./So.	1V	Moorpark, CA (Moorpark)
79	BENTON, De'jon	DL	6-2	270	2/21/01	So./Jr.	2V	Pittsburg, CA (Pittsburg)
80	JACKSON III, John	WR	6-1	210	8/23/99	Jr./Jr.	2V	Redondo Beach, CA (Serra)
81	FORD, Kyle	WR	6-2	225	1/20/01	So./Jr.	1V	Corona, CA (Orange Lutheran)
82	SMITH, Jake	WR	6-0	200	1/5/01	Jr./Jr.	TR	Scottsdale, AZ (Notre Dame Prep/Texas)
83	FALO, Josh	TE	6-6	245	8/10/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Sacramento, CA (Inderkum)
84	KROMMENHOEK, Erik	TE	6-6	250	11/12/98	Sr./Sr.	4V	Danville, CA (Monte Vista)
85	RAE, Ethan	TE	6-5	235	7/12/00	So./Jr.	SQ	Anaheim Hills, CA (Orange Lutheran)
86	LOCKE, Chase	WR	6-3	195	7/7/00	So./Jr.	SQ	San Antonio, TX (O'Connor)
87	McREE, Lake	TE	6-4	235	9/4/02	Fr./Fr.	--	Austin, TX (Lake Travis)
88	HOLLINQUEST, Kohl	TE	6-4	240	3/7/98	Sr./Gr.	--	Granada Hills, CA (Sierra Canyon/Penn)
89	MAHONEY, Sean	TE	6-6	230	9/12/00	So./Jr.	1V	Los Altos Hills, CA (Archbishop Mitty)
90	MOBLEY, Colin	DL	6-4	275	10/7/03	Fr./Fr.	--	Washington, D.C. (DeMatha Catholic)
91	PILLI, Brandon	DL	6-4	325	4/2/99	Sr./Sr.	4V	Anchorage, AK (Westview (OR))
94	PEPE, Kobe	DL	6-2	310	3/31/01	Fr./So.	1V	Long Beach, CA (St. John Bosco)
95	TUFONO, Maninoa	DL	6-3	290	6/28/00	So./Jr.	1V	Halawa, HI (Punahou)
97	LICHTENSTEIN, Jacob	DL	6-6	270	11/6/98	Jr./Sr.	1V	Weston, FL (Cypress Bay)
99	JACKSON, Drake	OLB	6-4	250	4/12/01	Jr./Jr.	2V	Corona, CA (Centennial)

\*Used up redshirt year

**HEAD COACH:** Clay HELTON (Houston, 1994), Eighth Year (interim 1 game in 2013, 7 in 2015; permanent 2 games in 2015, all 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020)

**ASSISTANT COACHES:** John BONNEY, Defensive Graduate Assistant (Texas, 2018); Keary COLBERT, Wide Receivers (USC, 2006); Seth DOEGE, Tight Ends (Texas Tech, 2011); Graham HARRELL, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (Texas Tech, 2007); Mike JINKS, Running Backs (Angelo State, 1995); Stanton KEANE, Offensive Graduate Assistant (Texas Tech, 2018); Toa LOBENDAHN, Offensive Graduate Assistant (USC, 2018); Clay McGUIRE, Offensive Line (Texas Tech, 2004); Craig NAIVAR, Safeties (Hardin-Simmons, 1994); Todd ORLANDO, Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers (Wisconsin, 1994); Sean SNYDER, Special Teams Coordinator (Kansas State, 1994); Vic SO'OTO, Defensive Line (BYU, 2010); Aaron WILLIAMS, Defensive Graduate Assistant (Nebraska, 2018); Donte WILLIAMS, Cornerbacks/Associate Head Coach (Idaho State, 2006)

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