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## Bearcats Ink 22 on First Day of Signing Period

**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — Sixty-five days after being named head football coach at the University of Cincinnati, Brian Kelly has signed 22 student-athletes to national letters of intent on the initial day of the 2007 signing period.

"We looked at kids that we felt strong about character-wise. We would not take athletes that we didn't feel met the criteria of character and academics," Kelly said.

Kelly added, "We inherited a great foundation for our program. This group provides us with an opportunity to continue to advance the program."

There are more offensive linemen than any other position. The average size of the six projected blockers is 6-5, 270 pounds.

Kelly stated, "We needed to take offensive linemen, and some of the linemen available to us were the kind of kids we like taking anyway."

The 22 are divided 13 on offense and nine on defense, though quite a few have the ability to play on either side of the line of scrimmage.

The group emphasizes local, regional and BIG EAST recruiting. Eleven are from Ohio, with seven Southwest Ohio products choosing to stay close to home. Five are from Northern New Jersey, two are from Michigan and two others are from Indiana. One is from California and another is from Tennessee.

Headlining the offensive signees is the quarterback duo of Chazz Anderson from Pickerington and Zach Collaros of Steubenville. Anderson was honored as Ohio's Division II Player of the Year while Collaros received the state's Division III Player of the Year award.

Kelly and the Bearcats begin spring practices on March 26, with BEARCAT BOWL I wrapping up the non-traditional practice season on April 21.

Season tickets for the 2007 season go on sale beginning Monday, March 5. Deposits for season tickets can be made now for only \$50.

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Chazz Anderson	6-2	200	QB	Pickerington, Ohio Pickerington H.S. Central
Frank Becker	6-3	270	OL	Cincinnati, Ohio Moeller H.S.
Armon Binns	6-4	190	WR	Pasadena, Calif. Pasadena H.S.
Zach Collaros	6-1	190	QB	Steubenville, Ohio Steubenville H.S.
Alex Delisi	6-2	220	LB	Clarkston, Mich. St. Mary's Prep H.S.
T.J. Franklin	6-5	265	OL	Maryville, Tenn. Knoxville Catholic H.S.
Drew Frey	6-3	200	DB	Wilmington, Ohio Clinton-Massie H.S.
Sam Griffin	6-5	240	OL	Englewood, N.J. Don Bosco Prep H.S.
Tomaz Hilton	6-3	200	WR	Youngstown, Ohio Rayen H.S.
Alex Hoffman	6-7	265	OL	Indianapolis, Ind. Cathedral H.S.
John Hughes	6-3	265	DL	Gahanna, Ohio Lincoln H.S.
Scott Johnson	5-10	195	DB	Middletown, Ohio Middletown H.S.
Randy Martinez	6-2	245	DL	Teaneck, N.J. Teaneck H.S.
Blake McCroskey	6-5	300	OL	Dayton, Ohio Chaminade-Julienne H.S.
Tahree McQueen	5-10	190	DB	Patterson, N.J. Eastside H.S.
Craig Parmenter	6-6	280	OL	Ringwood, N.J. Lakeside Regional H.S.
Montez Patterson	6-1	200	RB	Cincinnati, Ohio Hughes H.S.
Deon Reed	6-0	200	DB	Flint, Mich. Hamady H.S.
Adrien Robinson	6-5	225	WR	Indianapolis, Ind. Warren Central H.S.
Ricardo Thompson	6-2	225	LB	Cincinnati, Ohio Withrow H.S.
Rob Trigg	6-3	260	DL	Dayton, Ohio Chaminade-Julienne H.S.
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**Chazz Anderson 6-2 200 QB Pickerington, Ohio**  
**Pickerington H.S. Central**

Named Ohio's Division II Player of the Year after leading the Tigers to the state finals...the Ohio Capital Conference Player of the Year guided coach Jay Sharrett's squad to a 13-2 record as a senior...compiled a 39-6 record as a starting quarterback...amassed more than 6,000 career passing yards, including 50 touchdowns to go with 1,000 career rushing yards and 30 rushing TDs...three-time All-OCC and All-Ohio quarterback...**Timothy Chazz Anderson**...born Feb. 14, 1989...son of Rochelle and Timothy Anderson...has a younger sister...intends to major in architecture.

**Frank Becker 6-3 270 OL Cincinnati, Ohio**  
**Archbishop Moeller H.S.**

Captained head coach Bob Crable's squad to a Greater Catholic League South Division title as a senior...twice honored as the GCL Defensive Lineman of the Year...three-time All-GCL choice...invited to play in the Big 33 All-Star Game...three-sport athlete...has garnered nine varsity awards...twice finished among the top eight wrestlers in the state's heavyweight division...established school's season and career pinfall records...**Francis John Becker**...born Feb. 17, 1989...son of Joan and Doug Becker...father played linebacker for four years at Notre Dame and was selected by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1978 NFL Draft...recently received his Eagle Scout award...has two younger sisters...undecided on a major.

**Armon Binns 6-4 190 WR Pasadena, Calif.**  
**Pasadena H.S.**

Twice honored as an all-area and All-Pacific League pick...led the Bulldogs with 39 receptions for approximately 800 yards and 11 touchdowns last fall...caught 20 passes for 350 yards and three scores as a junior for coach Kevin Mills...three-sport standout...league champion in the high jump, long jump, and triple jump...**Armon T. Binns**...born Sept. 8, 1989...son of Othella Kennedy and Mark Binns...has two older brothers, and a younger sister...brother Marques played collegiately at Oregon and Grambling State...intends to major in fine arts.

**Zach Collaros 6-1 190 QB Steubenville, Ohio**  
**Steubenville H.S.**

Compiled a 41-1 record in three years as the starting signal caller for coach Reno Soccoccia...Ohio's Division III Player of the Year...named to the EA Sports All-America Third Team after completing 68 percent (136-of-201) of his pass attempts for 2,550 yards and 30 TDs and only four interceptions...also accrued 720 rushing yards, including 15 scores...two-way player compiled three returns for touchdowns...broke every Red Storm passing record on his way to a 30-0 record and back-to-back state titles over his final two years...**Zachary J. Collaros**...born Aug. 27, 1988...son of Michelle and Dean Collaros...has both a younger sister and a younger brother...plans to major in health sciences.

**Alex Delisi 6-2 220 LB Clarkston, Mich.**  
**St. Mary's Preparatory H.S.**

Named Division II All-State by both the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News*...totaled 163 tackles, 12 for loss, seven sacks, four forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries in his senior season...listed on the *Detroit News*' Blue Chip List...three-year letterwinner for coach George Porritt...member of state finalist squad as a sophomore...**Alexander C. Delisi**...born April 1, 1989...son of Sandra and Robert Delisi...member of the National Society for High School Scholars...has a younger sister...intends to major in finance.

**T.J. Franklin 6-5 265 OL Maryville, Tenn.**  
**Knoxville Catholic H.S.**

Selected all-state by both the coaches and sportswriters...invited to play in the Tennessee vs. Kentucky all-star game...named to the Knoxville Football League first team...twice recognized with all-region mention...four-year letterwinner...Fighting Irish teams finished 45-5 over his prep career...advanced to the state quarterfinals three times...three-sport standout...**Thomas Joel Franklin**...born Dec. 27, 1988...son of Mary and Stephen Franklin...older brother Chris competed on the Tennessee swimming and diving team...mother was a member of the swim team at Texas Tech.

**Drew Frey** 6-3 200 DB **Wilmington, Ohio**  
**Clinton-Massie H.S.**

Compiled 3,455 yards rushing and receiving and accounted for 354 points over his final two seasons for coach Dan McSurley...rushed for 1,493 yards as a senior after totaling 1,574 yards on the ground the previous year...set school records for most all-purpose yards in a game (347) and single-season scoring with 187 points (25 TDs, 31 PATs and 2 FGs)...owns four school track and field records...has been honored as an All-Ohio track athlete four times...**Andrew William Frey**...born Feb. 22, 1989...son of Sheila and Doug Frey...set to be class Valedictorian...National Honor Society member...father played four years of basketball at Wilmington College...has a younger sister...intends to major in engineering.

**Sam Griffin** 6-5 240 OL **Englewood, N.J.**  
**Don Bosco Prep H.S.**

Instrumental in the Ironmen's 12-0 record and 2006 state title run...twice named to the All-North New Jersey Interscholastic League first team...second-team all-county as a senior after receiving third-team all-county honors as a junior...member of the league championship squad in each of his final three seasons... three-year varsity letterwinner for head coach Greg Toal...**Samuel E. Griffin**...born Aug. 4, 1989...son of Betty Hannah-Griffin...has an older brother...plans to major in engineering.

**Tomaz Hilton** 6-3 200 WR **Youngstown, Ohio**  
**The Rayen H.S.**

Hauled in 40 passes for 900 receiving yards and nine TDs in two years for the Tigers...totaled 63 tackles and four punt returns for touchdowns over his career...twice named all-league for coach Brian Shaner. **Tomaz Daniel Hilton**...born Sept. 27, 1989...son of Janice and Thomas Hilton...intends to major in graphic design.

**Alex Hoffman** 6-7 265 OL **Indianapolis, Ind.**  
**Cathedral H.S.**

Major cog for coach Jim O'Hara's Division 4A state champions...keyed Fighting Irish's back-to-back city championships...garnered All-State honors as a junior and again as a senior...named top offensive lineman in Indiana as a junior...**Alex Edward Hoffman**...born Aug. 8, 1988...son of Kathy and Gene Hoffman...received high academic honors all four years of high school...has two older brothers...intends to major in pre-pharmacy.

**John Hughes** 6-3 265 DL **Gahanna, Ohio**  
**Lincoln H.S.**

Received All-Ohio, All-Ohio Capital Conference, all-district and all-metro honors after his senior season...averaged 18.2 yards per catch during his final campaign for the Golden Lions...team captain totaled 58 stops for coach Mike Lanza's squad in 2006...selected to play in the Big 33 All-Star Game...three-sport athlete...has two top-eight showings in the state shot put competition...**John L. Hughes**...born April 27, 1988...grandson of Esther Hughes...oldest of five brothers...intends to major in education.

**Scott Johnson** 5-10 195 DB **Middletown, Ohio**  
**Middletown H.S.**

Totaled 940 yards rushing and 327 yards receiving during his final year for coach Ron Johnson...scored 14 touchdowns for the Middies...recognized on the All-Greater Miami Conference second team...also runs for the track and field team...**Scott S. Johnson**...born June 24, 1989...son of Keith Johnson...brother Marc runs track at Kent State...in undecided on a major.

**Randy Martinez** 6-2 245 DL **Teaneck, N.J.**  
**Teaneck H.S.**

Second Team All-State pick after carding 82 stops and nine sacks as a senior...keyed Highwaymen to a 9-2 finish in 2006...totaled 356 tackles, including 27 sacks for his career under coach Dennis Heck...earned four all-league awards on the gridiron...posted a career record of 72-19 as a wrestler in the heavyweight division, highlighted by a 33-2 mark as a junior...three-sport letterwinner...**Randy Dale Martinez**...born Aug. 13, 1989...son of Sharon and Geoffrey Martinez...brother Ryan plays football at Florida International...has a younger sister...intends to major in business management.

**Blake McCroskey** 6-5 300 OL **Dayton, Ohio**  
**Chaminade-Julienne H.S.**

A two-time All-Greater Catholic League North Division selection...performance helped the Eagles boast the top passer and receiver in the GCL North in 2006...finished his prep career under the direction of head coach Andy Helms...**Blake Lee McCroskey**...born Dec. 20, 1988...son of Jana and Chris Watson...plans to major in business.

**Tahree McQueen 5-10 190 DB Patterson, N.J.  
Eastside H.S.**

2006 *Herald News* Offensive Player of the Year...accounted for 2,668 yards of total offense for coach Donald Davis in 2006...threw for 1,939 yards and 20 touchdowns— both tops in Passaic County— against eight interceptions and rushed for 729 yards and seven scores...guided the Ghosts to their first state championship game...earned all-league mention as a wide receiver as a sophomore...received AP second-team all-state at quarterback...member of two state runner-up relay teams...finished second in the state last spring in the 100-meter dash...**Tahree F. McQueen**...born Nov. 9, 1988...son of Kym Thomas and Leroy McQueen...member of the Passaic County Academic Hall of Fame...plans to major in communications.

**Craig Parmenter 6-6 280 OL Ringwood, N.J.  
Lakeside Regional H.S.**

Twice received first-team North Hills Skyline Conference plaudits...finished his career with first-team Passaic County recognition...a four-year letterwinner for the Lancers...played for his father...member of a state champion team as a sophomore...**Craig John Parmenter**...born Jan. 26, 1989...son of Suzanne and Harold Parmenter...father played at Massachusetts before spending time with the Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns...brother plays baseball at UMass...undecided on a major.

**Montez Patterson 6-1 200 RB Cincinnati, Ohio  
Hughes H.S.**

Rushed for 1,449 yards and 13 touchdowns and added a TD reception during the 2006 season for coach George Kontsis...earned All-Southwestern Ohio Public School League honors at linebacker with 89 hits as a sophomore before moving to running back where he received All-SWOPL honors the past two years...two-sport athlete...competes in the 100- and 200-meter dash...**Montez Deonte Patterson**...born Jan. 30, 1989...son of Mabel and Kevin McLean... has an older brother... intends to major in engineering.

**Deon Reed 6-0 200 DB Flint, Mich.  
Hamady H.S.**

Played running back and defensive back for coach Nate Williams...tallied 53 points for the Hawks as a senior...received Genesee Area Conference honors as a junior...**Deon Antionne Reed**...born Jan. 25, 1989...son of Lisa Reed and Deon Hall...plans to major in business.

**Adrien Robinson 6-5 225 WR Indianapolis, Ind.  
Warren Central H.S.**

Played for first school in Indiana history to win four-consecutive state crowns...caught 39 passes for 563 yards and five TDs over his final two years...**Adrien Rashaun Robinson**...born Sept. 23, 1988...son of Ambret and Leroy Robinson...has a younger brother...intends to major in computer science.

**Ricardo Thompson 6-2 225 LB Cincinnati, Ohio  
Withrow H.S.**

Totaled 56 tackles, six sacks and two fumble recoveries for coach Doc Gamble's squad in 2006...helped the Tigers to three Southwest Ohio Public Schools League titles...earned three All-SWOPL awards...first-team All-Southwest District and a *Cincinnati Enquirer* honorable mention selection as a senior... **Ricardo Solomon Thompson**...born Oct. 25, 1987...son of Victoria Prince...plans to major in criminal justice.

**Rob Trigg 6-3 260 DL Dayton, Ohio  
Chaminade-Julienne H.S.**

A first-team All-Ohio choice in 2006 for coach Andy Helms...two-time All-Greater Catholic League North and All-Southwestern Ohio honoree for the Eagles...named to the Miami Valley Top 22...**Robert Stephen Trigg**...born Dec. 27, 1988...son of Nicole and Cortez Trigg...intends to major in psychology.

**O.J. Woodard 6-3 200 WR Pompton Lakes, N.J.  
Pompton Lakes H.S.**

Totaled 73 career receptions for 1,465 yards over his career for the Cardinals...averaged 36.7 yards per punt and scored 153 points over his four years as a prep...collected nine interceptions and two fumble recoveries as a defensive stalwart...three-time all-league and all-county pick for coach Scott Mahoney...state champion track athlete, winning both the 2006 100- and 200-meter dash...clocked a time of 10.8 in the 100m... **Orion Jelanni Woodard**...born Oct. 12, 1988...son of Pauline and Donald Woodard...youngest of five children, having two older brothers and a pair of older sisters...plans to major in health sciences.