



## FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES RECRUITING CLASS

### Thirteen local student-athletes among the Class of 2010

TROY, N.Y. - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) head football coach Joe King has announced the program's Class of 2010. Among the group of 41 student-athletes who have decided to play for the Engineers beginning this fall are 13 of the top Capital District high school players.

Below is an alphabetical list of Rensselaer's recruits:

**Tim Acker**            **DB**   **5-10**   **175**   **Arlington, WA/Arlington**  
Capt. ... Washington Prep. 4A All-State ... Wesco League Player of the Year ... All-League First Team (wr & db) ...  
Snohomish County Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award ... Valedictorian

**Joe Albano**            **DB**   **6-4**   **180**   **Dalton, MA/Wahconah Regional**  
Capt. ... All-Berkshire First Team ... Western Mass. National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame All-  
Academic Team ... Shrine Chowder Bowl Classic Senior All-Star Game

**Ben Barton**            **OL**   **6-3**   **270**   **Brockport, NY/Brockport**  
Two-time All-County ... Monroe County National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Award

**Tim Bender**            **DL**   **6-0**   **215**   **Mount Vernon, NH/Souhegan**  
All-Division First Team

**Brian Bessen**            **LB**   **5-10**   **195**   **Queensbury, NY/Lake George**  
Capt. ... Two-time All-League

**Kyle Blackman**            **RB**   **5-7**   **185**   **Fort Montgomery, NY/James O'Neill**  
Two-time capt. in football and lacrosse ... All-State Third Team ... Team MVP ... All-Section First Team

**Chris Blevins**            **WR**   **6-2**   **185**   **Hampton Bays, NY/Hampton Bays Secondary**  
Capt. ... All-Suffolk County ... All-Division 4 ... Suffolk County National Football Foundation and College Hall of  
Fame honoree

**Mike Booth**            **WR**   **5-11**   **170**   **Stillwater, NY/Schuylerville**  
Capt. ... All-League First Team WR... All-Section II DB

**Will Drake**            **OL**   **6-1**   **250**   **Albany, NY/CBA**  
All-Section II Second Team ... All-League First Team

**Nick Duncan**            **WR**   **6-5**   **190**   **Voorheesville, NY/Clayton A. Bouton**  
Captain ... All-League First Team

**Howard Eddy**            **DL**   **6-2**   **240**   **Scotia, NY/Scotia-Glenville**  
Capt. ... All-Section First Team ... Section II National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-  
Athlete Nominee



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- Colin Elliott** LB 6-0 210 **East Hampton, MA/Williston Northampton Prep.**  
Capt. ... All-NE ... All-Colonial League ... Dr. Frank L. Boyden Scholar-Athlete Award Winner presented by the National Football Foundation to the top scholar-athlete to all the Western Mass. Prep Schools
- Joseph Evangelista** DB 6-0 185 **Staten Island, NY/Staten Island Tech.**  
Capt. ... Coaches Award ... Senior Bowl participant
- Brian Farrington** QB 6-1 190 **Dobbs Ferry, NY/Dobbs Ferry**  
Capt. ... All-League First Team ... All-Section First Team ... All-State Second Team
- Michael Fil** WR 5-8 170 **Averill Park, NY/Averill Park**
- Trevor Flynn** LB 5-9 180 **Ballston Spa, NY/Burnt Hills**  
Capt. ... All-Section II Second Team
- Justin Foglia** DB 5-10 165 **Watervliet, NY/Catholic Central**  
All-League First Team
- Richard Forney** OL 6-2 240 **Gales Ferry, CT/Ledyard**  
Southeast Conn. National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Award Winner ... All-Section
- Eric Geisel** DL 6-2 235 **Ticonderoga, NY/Ticonderoga**  
Capt. ... All-Conf. First Team ... All-State Second Team ...
- Will Gottschalk** QB 6-3 210 **Calabasas, CA/Crespi Carmelite**  
All-League
- Garth Grillo** DL 6-0 230 **North Babylon, NY/Chaminade**  
Capt. ... All-League First Team ... MVP of Long Island Senior Bowl
- Brian Hall** OL 6-2 230 **Penn Yan, NY/Penn Yan Academy**  
All-League First Team ... National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame honoree
- Colton Hill** FB 6-1 220 **Troy, NY/Tamarac**  
Two-time Capt. ... All-League Second Team ... All-Class D First Team ... Offensive/Defensive MVP ... All-Section II ... Section II National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete Nominee
- Allen Iannacone** DB 5-7 155 **Sparta, NJ/Pope John XXIII Regional**  
All-Western New Jersey Honorable Mention
- Chad Kelsey** OL 5-11 245 **Gray, ME/Gray-New Gloucester**  
Capt. ... All-League First Team ... Lobster Bowl (west team)
- Colin King** LB 6-0 205 **Glenmont, NY/Ravena-Coeymons-Selkirk**  
Capt. ... All-League First Team ... All-State First Team
- William McCormick** TE 6-1 180 **Warwick, NY/Warwick Valley**  
Two-time Capt. ... New York State Scholar-Athlete ... Rensselaer Medal



**Ryan Michaels**      **LB**    **6-0**    **185**    **Pottstown, PA/Pottsgrove**

All-Pac-10 First Team ... PAC-10 Defensive Player of the Year ... Multiple PAC-10 Scholar-Athlete ... National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete ... Invited to play in Montgomery All-Star Game

**Tom Montano**      **LB**    **6-0**    **220**    **Gloversville, NY/Gloversville**

Capt. ... Two-time All-League ... All-State Second Team

**Jason Neville**      **DB**    **6-0**    **175**    **Cold Spring, NY/Haldane**

Two-time Capt. In football and baseball ... All-Section Second Team ... Exceptional Senior Game

**Peter Nilson**      **K/P**    **6-0**    **170**    **Appleton, WI/Kimberly**

Two-time Scholar-Athlete ... All-Conference First Team ...

**Randy Platter**      **K**      **6-0**    **145**    **Fairlawn, NJ/Fairlawn**

All-League Second Team ... will play in Bergen County All-Star Game (north team)

**Matt Rissi**      **DL**    **6-3**    **210**    **Scottsdale, AZ/Pinnacle**

All-League First Team

**Charles Salvo**      **WR**    **6-1**    **200**    **Pittston Township, PA/Pittston Area**

Capt. ... Two-time All-League ... Valedictorian.

**David Schepperly**    **DB**    **6-0**    **195**    **Hopewell Junction, NY/Carmel**

Capt. ... All-Section ... Section All-Star Game ... Two-time All-League

**Stefan Schulz**      **LB**    **6-0**    **220**    **Haverhill, MA/Haverhill**

All-Conference First Team ... Haverhill Gazette Scholar-Athlete ... Golden Domer Award winner

**Jason Sgarlata**      **RB**    **5-10**    **175**    **Canastota, NY/Canastota**

Capt. ... All-League First Team ... All-Section III ... All-State Third Team ... New York State Class C Scholar-Athlete of the Year

**Barry Spaulding**    **RB**    **5-10**    **170**    **Little Falls, NY/Little Falls**

Capt. ... All-League First Team

**Robert Stutz**      **RB**    **5-8**    **170**    **Dobbs Ferry, NY/Dobbs Ferry**

Capt. ... All-State First Team ... Golden Dozen Honorable Mention ... All-Section Honorable Mention ... MVP of state semi-final game

**Eric Vandevanter**    **K**      **6-1**    **190**    **North Attleboro, MA/North Attleboro**

School record holder for field goals in a season and points by a kicker ... Scholar-Athlete Award

**Erik Whiting**      **DL**    **6-1**    **215**    **Fultonville, NY/Fonda-Fultonville**

Capt. ... All-League