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FOOTBALL ANNOUNCES RECRUITING CLASS Student-athletes from 13 states among the Class of 2011

TROY, N.Y. - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) head football coach Joe King has announced the program's Class of 2011. Among the group of 50 student-athletes who have decided to play for the Engineers beginning this fall are 21 from New York and eight from Massachusetts. Others are from Colorado (1), Florida (2), Georgia (1), Maryland (1), New Hampshire (4), New Jersey (5), Oregon (1), Pennsylvania (2), Rhode Island (1), Texas (1) and Vermont (2).

Below is an alphabetical list of Rensselaer's recruits:

Sean Austin DB 5-11 180 Castleton, NY/The Albany Academy

Luke Bartnik RB 5-8 175 East Longmeadow, MA/East Longmeadow
Captain ... Team MVP ... All-League ... All-Western Mass.

Aric Beece OL 5-11 250 Carmel, NY/John F. Kennedy

Nicholas Bell OL 6-1 220 Cambridge, NY/Cambridge
Captain ... Two-time All-League.

Matthew Bennett DL 6-1 230 Centennial, CO/Littleton
All-League.

Jeffrey Betts OL 6-4 305 Peachtree, GA/McIntosh
All-League.

Matt Billington FB6-1 210 Portsmouth, RI/Portsmouth
Captain ... All-League running back ... All-State punter.

Mike Bonavita DE 6-3 240 Jacksonville, FL/Jacksonville Bolles
Three-year starter ... 2006 5A State Champions.

Darryl Brown DE 6-3 230 Saint Albans, NY/Bayside
Two-time All-League.

Kevin Carroll TE6-0 200 Kings Park, NY/Kings Park
Captain.

Marc Casale OL 5-10 180 Waterford, NY/LaSalle Institute
All-League Second Team.

Daniel Cody WR 6-3 210 Binghamton, NY/Binghamton
All-League First Team.

Nick Costa RB 5-6 180 Yonkers, NY/Iona Prep
Captain ... Three-year starter ... All-League ... Senior Bowl ... Golden Dozen Honorable Mention ... Two-year track captain ...
Four-time track All-American ... National Honor Society.



- Ray Davis** **WR 6-2 180 Worcester, MA/South**
Captain ... Three-year starter ... Team's Offensive MVP ... Division MVP ... All-Star Super Team ... Shriner's All-Star Game ... National Honor Society.
- Eric Dinarello** **OL 6-1 235 Topsfield, MA/Topsfield**
Three-year starter ... All-League.
- Jessey Embley** **QB 6-2 220 Stockton, NJ/Hunterdon Central**
Two-year starter ... All-League.
- Jacob Fiorino** **DL 6-0 225 Seabrook, NH/Winnacunnet**
- Derek Foster** **DE 6-3 210 Waterford, NY/The Albany Academy**
All-League.
- Jon Gagliano** **LB6-0 200 Westbury, NY/WT Clark**
Three-year starter ... Scholar-Athlete Award.
- Peter Gillooly** **DE 6-0 195 Windsor, MA/Wahconah**
- Jake Gordon** **DL 6-2 200 Johnstown, NY/Johnstown**
- Kevin Greenhalge** **K 6-0 205 Worcester, MA/Bartlett**
Two-year starter.
- Patrick Harris** **DL 6-0 240 Riverhead, NY/Riverhead**
Captain ... All-County.
- Justin Hasselkus** **DB 6-1 180 Rochester, NY/Churchville-Chili**
Captain ... Two-time All-League ... Greater Rochester Second Team.
- Brian Jones** **OL 6-1 300 Syracuse, NY/George W. Fowler**
All-Central New York.
- Matt Kelley** **OL 6-6 350 Nashua, NH/Nashua North**
Three-year starter ... All-State First Team.
- Daniel Koerner** **OL 6-2 285 Kingwood, TX/Kingwood**
All-League.
- Michael Kukesh** **QB/DB6-1 180 Exeter, NH/Exeter Area**
Captain ... All-League ... All-State First Team.
- Nicholas Lalumia** **K/P 6-2 180 Maywood, NJ/St. Peters Prep**
All-League ... All-State Second Team.
- Lianchao Liu** **RB 5-11 200 Rochester, NY/Brighton**
Captain ... All-League.
- Ed Manning** **OL 6-1 250 Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo**
All-Northern New Jersey ... All-League.



Brandon Marshall OL 6-3 250 Boca Raton, FL/North Broward Prep
Captain ... Three-year starter ... *Miami Herald* All-Broward County Honorable Mention ... *Sun Sentinel* All-Broward County
Second Team ... Broward Bowl All-Star.

Patrick McCarthy WR/DB 5-10 165 Strafford, NH/Spaulding
Captain ... Two-time All-League.

Jeffrey McCormick TE/LB 5-11 195 Schodack, NY/Columbia
All-League ... All-Area.

Michael Morabito LB5-11 185 Lansdale, PA/Methacton

Bob Munier RB 5-7 175 Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo
All-League.

Evan O'Brien OL 5-10 270 Wilbraham, MA/Minnechaug
Captain ... All-League ... All-Western Mass. ... All-Academic.

Dan Olimpio WR 6-1 185 Yonkers, NY/Iona Prep
Two-year starter ... All-League ... Senior Bowl ... Basketball captain.

Chris O'Neil DB 6-1 180 Foxboro, MA/Bishop Feehan

Peter Pace RB 5-11 185 Patterson, NY/Carmel
All-League.

Anthony Pecora LB5-10 195 Carmel, NY/Carmel
All-League.

Justin Pringle K/P 5-11 175 Eastampton, NJ/Rancocas Valley Regional
All-League.

Sam Reynolds QB 6-2 185 Rutland, VT/Rutland

Carl Saunders RB/DE 6-0 195 Hillsboro, OR/Liberty
All-League.

Ryan Scott LB5-10 210 Rhinebeck, NY/Rhinebeck
Two-year starter ... All-League.

Francis Paul Spera LB5-11 190 Pleasant Valley, NY/Our Lady of Lodes
Scholar-Athlete Award.

Christopher Stabler LB5-11 195 Cochranville, PA/Oxford Area
All-League First Team.

Matthew Thieken FB 6-0 215 St. Albans, VT/Bellows Free Academy

Jamar Watson OL/DL 6-1 250 Ellicott City, MD/Glenelg Country School
All-League defensive end.

Jeffry Wessell RB/LB 5-11 200 Sturbridge, MA/Tantasqua Regional
All-League.