

# 2021 STARTERS BY POSITION

## OFFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
QB	18	Brandon Peters	7
	9	Artur Sitkowski	3
RB	2	Chase Brown	7
	26	Mike Epstein	1
	3	Jakari Norwood	1
	0	Josh McCray	1
WR	11	Carlos Sandy	5
	14	Casey Washington	3
	1	Isaiah Williams	3
	13	Pat Bryant	3
	86	Donny Navarro	2
	19	Dalevon Campbell	1
	7	Brian Hightower	1
	85	Miles Scott	1
TE	82	Luke Ford	10
	87	Daniel Barker	5
	89	Tip Reiman	3
OL	79	Vederian Lowe	10
	63	Alex Palczewski	10
	65	Doug Kramer	10
	54	Julian Pearl	9
	75	Alex Pihlstrom	5
	72	Jack Badovinac	5
	55	Blake Jeresaty	4
	68	Zach Barlev	1

## DEFENSE

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
OLB	99	Owen Carney	10
	92	Isaiah Gay	5
	49	Seth Coleman	3
DT	94	Jer'Zhan Newton	9
	96	Roderick Perry	8
	88	Keith Randolph	5
	91	Jamal Woods	1
	44	Tarique Barnes	8
LB	45	Khalan Tolson	6
	35	Jake Hansen	5
	5	Calvin Hart	1
46	Alec McEachern	1	
	CB	6	Tony Adams
31		Devin Witherspoon	8
10		Tahveon Nicholson	2
7	Kendall Smith	1	
	S	30	Sydney Brown
21		Jartavius Martin	8
25		Kerby Joseph	8

## SPECIAL TEAMS

Pos.	#	Player	Starts
K	17	James McCourt	10
P	14	Blake Hayes	10
LS	56	Ethan Tabel	10

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Lucas Althaus	all-THAUSE
Jafar Armstrong	juh-FAR
Jack Badovinac	buh-DOH-VI-nack
Tarique Barnes	ta-REEK
Christian Bobak	bo-BACK
Matt Bobak	bo-BACK
Verdis Brown	VUR-diss
Dalevon Campbell	DALE-von
Mike Cerniglia Jr.	Sher-nell-lee-uh
Sean Coghlan	COG-lan
Samari Collier	Suh-MAR-ee
Shammond Cooper	SHUH-mond
Tommy Cronin	CROW-nin
Kionte Curry	KEE-on-tay
Preston Engel	EN-gull
Mike Epstein	ep-STEEN
Nick Fedanzo	fa-DON-zo
Josh Gesky	guess-KEE
Ezekiel Holmes	Eh-ZEE-kee-ul
Prather Hudson	PRAY-thur
Blake Jeresaty	jair-uh-sot-ee
Josh Kreutz	krew-tz
Tailon Leitzsey	TAY-lon LIT-see
Ty Lindenman	Lind-uh-man
Vederian Lowe	vuh-DARE-ee-an
Michael Marchese	mar-CASE
Jartavius Martin	jar-TAY-vee-us
Alec McEachern	Mc-CARE-un
Tahveon Nicholson	tah-VEE-ohn
Jakari Norwood	juh-CAR-ee
Kenenna Odeluga	Kuh-nen-uh Oh-duh-loo-guh
Moses Okpala	oak-PAH-la
Alex Palczewski	pal-CHESS-key
Alex Pihlstrom	PILL-strum
Josh Plohr	plor
Marko Rajkovic	RAY-koh-vitch
Dylan Rosiek	ROH-see-ek
Artur Sitkowski	Sit-kow-skee
Deuce Spann	span
Ethan Tabel	tuh-BELL
Coran Taylor	kor-AHN
KhMari Thompson	Kuh-MAR-ee
Khalan Tolson	KAY-lahn
Peyton Vining	VINE-ing
Joriell Washington	jur-EE-el
Devon Witherspoon	DEV-in

## 2021 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	ELIG.*	HOMETOWN/LAST SCHOOL
0	Josh McCray	RB	6-1	240	Fr.	Enterprise, Ala./Enterprise
1	Kionte Curry	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	Mims, Fla./Cocoa
1	Isaiah Williams	WR	5-10	180	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
2	Chase Brown	RB	5-11	205	So.	London, Ontario/Western Michigan
2	Daniel Edwards	DB	5-11	160	Fr.	Winter Park, Fla./Winter Park
3	Jakari Norwood	RB	5-10	185	So.	Pompano Beach, Fla./Deerfield Beach
3	DD Snyder II	DB	6-0	175	Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Tampa Catholic
4	KhMari Thompson	WR	6-1	210	So.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Central Gwinnett
5	Caleb Griffin	K/WR	6-3	225	So.	Danville, Ill./Danville
5	Calvin Hart Jr.	LB	6-1	230	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./American Heritage/North Carolina State
6	Tony Adams	DB	6-0	205	Sr.	Belleville, Ill./St. Louis University HS
6	Deuce Spann	WR	6-4	195	R-Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Lakewood
7	Brian Hightower	WR	6-3	215	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif./IMG Academy (Fla.)/Miami (Fla.)
7	Kendall Smith	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook
8/10	Jafar Armstrong	WR	6-1	220	Jr.	Lee's Summit, Mo./Bishop Miege/Notre Dame
8	Eddie Smith	DB	6-0	200	So.	Slidell, La./Salmen/Alabama
9	Artur Sitkowski	QB	6-5	225	So.	Old Bridge, N.J./IMG Academy (Fla.)/Rutgers
9	Coran Taylor	DB	6-2	200	So.	Peoria, Ill./Peoria
10	Desmond Dan Jr.	WR	6-3	195	Sr.	Checotah, Okla./Checotah/New Mexico State
10/9	Tahveon Nicholson	DB	5-11	175	R-Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Lee
11	Carlos Sandy	WR	5-9	185	So.	Dania Beach, Fla./Cardinal Gibbons
12	Matt Robinson	QB	6-1	190	So.	San Clemente, Calif./J Serra Catholic
13	Pat Bryant	WR	6-3	195	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Atlantic Coast
14	Blake Hayes	P	6-6	225	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia/Brighton
14	Casey Washington	WR	6-2	190	So.	Round Rock, Texas/Pflugerville
15	Prince Green	DB	6-3	205	Fr.	Griffin, Ga./Griffin
15	Ty Lindenman	WR	5-6	165	R-Fr.	Shawnee, Kan./Shawnee Mission Northwest
16	Samari Collier	QB	6-2	230	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/DeSoto
17	James McCourt	K	6-1	215	Sr.	Parkland, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
17	Ryan Johnson	QB	6-4	200	Jr.	Green Bay, Wis./Ashwaubenon/Northern Michigan
18	Brandon Peters	QB	6-5	230	Sr.	Avon, Ind./Avon/Michigan
19	Dalevon Campbell	WR	6-4	215	So.	Missouri City, Texas/Fort Bend Marshall
19	Hugh Robertson	P	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Melbourne, Australia/Assumption College Kilmore
20	Tyler Strain	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	Pace, Fla./Pace
21	Jartavius Martin	DB	6-0	195	Jr.	Lehigh Acres, Fla./Lehigh Acres
22	Chase Hayden	RB	5-10	205	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn./Saint George's Independent/Arkansas/East Carolina
23	Reggie Love III	RB	5-11	195	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
24	Nick Fedanzo	RB	6-0	205	R-Fr.	Lombard, Ill./Montini Catholic
24	Prather Hudson	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone/Georgia
25	Kerby Joseph	DB	6-1	200	Jr.	Orlando, Fla./Jones
26	Mike Epstein	RB	6-0	205	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./St. Thomas Aquinas
26	DJ Johnson	OLB	6-4	225	Fr.	Snellville, Ga./South Gwinnett
27	Matthew Bobak	RB	5-11	190	R-Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central
27	Mike Manning	DB	5-8	190	So.	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way East/Butler
28	Dylan Rosiek	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	East Lake, Fla./East Lake
29	Christian Bobak	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central
30	Sydney Brown	DB	6-0	200	Jr.	London, Ontario/St. Stephens Episcopal School (Fla.)
31	Devon Witherspoon	DB	6-0	180	So.	Pensacola, Fla./Pine Forest
32	Tailon Leitzsey	DB	6-0	185	Sr.	Laurel, Md./Riverside/Missouri Baptist University
33	Ezekiel Holmes	OLB	6-5	245	So.	Wichita Falls, Texas/Hirschi
34	Ryan Meed	LB	6-1	225	R-Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y./Canarsie
35	Jake Hansen	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla./East Lake
36	Lane Hansen	LS	6-0	220	Fr.	East Lake, Fla./East Lake
36	Ben Schultz	OLB	6-3	230	R-Fr.	Champaign, Ill./Central
37	Jaden Jones-Watkins	DB	6-0	185	So.	Fisher, Ill./Fisher
38	Isaac Darkangelo	LB	6-1	235	R-Fr.	Brighton, Mich./Detroit Catholic Central
39	Aidan Hall	LS	6-2	205	R-Fr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Benet Academy
39	Kenenna Odeluga	LB	6-1	225	Fr.	South Holland, Ill./Mount Carmel

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40	Shammond Cooper	OLB	6-2	220	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Trinity Catholic
40	Lucas Althaus	TE	6-6	230	Fr.	Alpha, Ill./Alwood
41	Preston Engel	TE	6-0	260	So.	Normal, Ill./Normal Community
41	Joriell Washington	DB	6-2	200	Fr.	Fort Myers, Fla./Fort Myers Senior
42	Michael Marchese	TE	6-4	235	Sr.	Vernon Hills, Ill./Stevenson
42	Luke Zardzin	LB	6-0	205	Fr.	Mount Prospect, Ill./Prospect
43	Griffin Moore	TE	6-4	245	R-Fr.	Bloomington, Ill./Bloomington
43	Marko Rajkovic	OLB	6-4	235	Fr.	Franklin, Wis./Franklin
44	Tarique Barnes	LB	6-1	230	So.	Memphis, Tenn./Cordova
45	Khalan Tolson	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Admiral Farragut Academy
46	Alec McEachern	LB	6-1	225	Jr.	Plainfield, Ill./Benet Academy
48	Bryce Barnes	OLB	6-2	255	So.	Gibson City, Ill./Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley
48	Mike Cerniglia Jr.	TE	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Madison, Wis./Memorial/Northern Illinois
49	Seth Coleman	OLB	6-5	235	R-Fr.	Melbourne, Fla./Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy
49	Max Rosenthal	TE	6-2	260	Jr.	Glencoe, Ill./New Trier/Michigan State
51	Sean Coghlan	LB	6-0	220	Jr.	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita
52	Verdis Brown	DL	6-4	345	So.	Chicago, Ill./IMG Academy (Fla.)
53	Devin Hale	OL	6-0	310	Fr.	Springfield, Ill./Sacred Heart-Griffin
54	Julian Pearl	OL	6-6	310	So.	Danville, Ill./Danville
54	Kalen Villanueva	LB	6-1	210	Fr.	Falls Church, Va./Justice
55	Blake Jeresaty	OL	6-2	305	Sr.	Charleston, S.C./Bishop England/Wofford
55	Sed McConnell	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westlake
56	Ethan Tabel	LS	6-0	230	Sr.	Barrington, Ill./Barrington
57	Evan Kirts	OL	6-5	300	R-Fr.	Evergreen Park, Ill./Brother Rice
59	Josh Plohr	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Christian Brothers College HS
62	Terry Zapf	OL	6-6	310	So.	Winnetka, Ill./New Trier/Williams (Mass.)
63	Alex Palczewski	OL	6-6	315	Sr.	Mount Prospect, Ill./Prospect
64	Josh Kreutz	OL	6-2	280	Fr.	Bannockburn, Ill./Loyola Academy
65	Doug Kramer	OL	6-2	305	Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central
66	Jordyn Slaughter	OL	6-5	320	So.	Belleville, Ill./Althoff Catholic
67	Brody Wisecarver	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Chesterfield, Mo./Osage
68	Zachary Barlev	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Plainfield East
69	Moses Okpala	OL	6-7	295	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Ladue Horton Watkins
70	Tommy Cronin	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Oak Park, Ill./Oak Park River Forest
72	Jack Badovinac	OL	6-1	300	Sr.	Wilmette, Ill./Loyola Academy/Colgate
73	Josh Gesky	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Manteno, Ill./Manteno
75	Alex Pihlstrom	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
79	Vederian Lowe	OL	6-6	320	Sr.	Rockford, Ill./Auburn
80	Peyton Vining	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	Bradenton, Fla./Saint Stephens/Denison
82	Luke Ford	TE	6-6	260	Jr.	Cartersville, Ill./Cartersville/Georgia
83	Keion Battle	WR	6-1	190	R-Fr.	Plainfield, Ill./Oswego East/Northern Illinois
84	Owen Hickey	WR	6-2	180	R-Fr.	Des Plaines, Ill./Saint Viator
85	Miles Scott	WR	5-11	195	Fr.	Dolton, Ill./Thornton Fractional North
86	Donny Navarro III	WR	5-11	185	Jr.	Naperville, Ill./Neuqua Valley/Valparaiso
87	Daniel Barker	TE	6-4	250	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla./Deerfield Beach
88	Keith Randolph Jr.	DL	6-5	270	R-Fr.	Belleville, Ill./Belleville West
89	Tip Reiman	TE	6-5	250	R-Fr.	Rapid City, S.D./O'Gorman
90	Alec Bryant	OLB	6-3	240	R-Fr.	Pearland, Texas/Shadow Creek
91	Jamal Woods	DL	6-2	290	Sr.	Hueytown, Ala./Hueytown
92	Isaiah Gay	OLB	6-3	245	Sr.	Nashville, N.C./Northern Nash
93	Calvin Avery	DL	6-2	335	Jr.	Dallas, Texas/Bishop Dunne
94	Jer'Zhan Newton	DL	6-2	290	R-Fr.	St. Petersburg, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic
96	Roderick Perry II	DL	6-2	315	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C./Cary/South Carolina State
98	Deon Pate	DL	6-2	265	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Trinity Christian Academy
99	Owen Carney Jr.	OLB	6-3	275	Sr.	Miami, Fla./Miami Central

\* - Denotes eligibility ... Fr. and R-Fr. differentiates between true and second- or third-year freshmen

NOTE: Pronunciations are listed on page 29