

# MICHIGAN TECH FOOTBALL SIGNS 15 PLAYERS FOR 2009

Michigan Tech head football coach Tom Kearly today announced the addition of 15 student-athletes to the Huskies' roster for the 2009 season.

Tech's incoming class includes six offensive players, eight defensive players and a kicker. Of the 15 student-athletes, 11 are from Michigan, including five from the Upper Peninsula. The other four players hail from Wisconsin.

"With only seven seniors departing from last year's team, this was not going to be a large class," said Kearly, who has accumulated a 20-12 record in three seasons as the Huskies' head coach. "We put a lot of emphasis on the trenches and improving the depth of our lines on both sides of the ball. I think we did that.

"I'm confident these players will represent Michigan Tech and the football program well both on and off the field."

Five of the 15 recruits were Detroit Free Press All-State First Team selections last year. All five were linemen.

Michigan Tech will enter the 2009 season coming off its fifth straight winning season and a third-place finish in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Huskies were 8-3 overall and 7-3 in league play in 2008.

Listed below are the 15 student-athletes that will attend Michigan Tech and play football this fall. A brief biography on each is also available below.

Notes: The current team has been conditioning and lifting weights since returning from the semester break. Spring practices for Michigan Tech will begin March 27, with the annual spring game to be played at Sherman Field on April 18.

## 2009 MICHIGAN TECH FOOTBALL RECRUITS

Name	Position	Height	Weight	Hometown/High School
Aaron Brandt	OL	6-3	250	Flint, Mich./Carman-Ainsworth
Jared Case	DL	6-1	270	Kingsley, Mich.
Brandon Cathey	DL	5-11	290	Roseville, Mich./Chippewa Valley
Jake Daling	OL	6-5	280	Coppersville, Mich.
<b>Adam Kent</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Iron Mountain, Mich.</b>
Nick LaPorte	K	6-1	170	Ringle, Wis./D.C. Everest
Jordan Ledvina	WR	5-10	160	Kewaunee, Wis.
<b>Dan Perrault</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>L'Anse, Mich.</b>
<b>Justin Plimpton</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>Rapid River, Mich.</b>
Buddy Poljan	OL	6-4	245	Hillsdale, Mich.
Ben Potter	LB	6-0	205	Niagara, Wis./Northern Elite
David Russek	DE	6-2	215	Ovid, Mich./Ovid-Elsie
Tyler Sierakowski	DB	6-0	170	Weston, Wis./D.C. Everest
<b>Matt Waters</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>Ishpeming, Mich.</b>
<b>Nelson Wienke</b>	<b>DE</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>Kingsford, Mich.</b>

**Adam Kent** DL 6-0 250 Iron Mountain, Mich.

Played at Iron Mountain High School ... Named to Detroit Free Press All-State First Team and All-Upper Peninsula Dream Team as a senior offensive lineman ... Was the Mid-Peninsula Conference Lineman of the Year in both 2007 and 2008 ... Helped Iron Mountain to Mid-Peninsula titles in 2006, 2007 and 2008 ... Won the U.P. heavyweight championship in wrestling in 2009 ... Plans to major in pre-medicine biological sciences.

**Dan Perrault** LB 6-2 210 L'Anse, Mich.

Played at L'Anse High School ... Named All-Upper Peninsula Dream Team at running back in 2008 ... Tallied 49 career touchdowns and more than 3,300 career rushing yards ... Posted 122 tackles as a senior ... Was a two-time selection to the All-Western Peninsula Athletic Conference First Team ... Helped L'Anse to first playoff win in school history in 2007 ... Plans to major in exercise science.

**Justin Plimpton** OL 6-1 285 Rapid River, Mich.

Played at Rapid River High School ... Earned All-Upper Peninsula Class D and All-Mid-East Conference accolades as a senior ... Placed third in the shot put and fifth in the discus at the 2008 U.P. Track and Field Championships ... Plans to major in chemical engineering.

**Matt Waters** OL 6-1 285 Ishpeming, Mich.

Played at Ishpeming High School ... Picked to Detroit Free Press All-State Division 7 squad ... Was a two-time All-U.P. Dream Team selection at offensive line ... Named All-Mid-Peninsula Conference on both sides of the line as a senior ... Plans to major in forestry.

**Nelson Wienke** DE 6-3 230 Kingsford, Mich.

Played at Kingsford High School ... Named All-U.P. Dream Team as a senior defensive end ... Selected as Great Northern Conference Lineman of the Year ... Helped Flivvers to the state semifinals in 2007 and regional in 2008 ... Plans to major in civil engineering.