

# Several former GCHS Wildcats competing at collegiate level this fall



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Greene County's Jordan Chapman is impressing coaches at JCJC and pressing for quality playing time as a freshman offensive lineman for the Bobcats. Chapman (Shown, second from right) is shown with JCJC Offensive Line Coach/Offensive Coordinator Grant Garner (Kneeling) and teammates (L-R) Alex Galle, Bryce Wade, Logan Canerdy, Christian Barnes, Thaddeus King, Kordel Watts, Nick Rose, Malcolm Miller, Cru Birdyshaw, Lamarcus Logan, and student assistant Caedon Malone.

Multiple players, coaches with local ties at juco, 4-year schools

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Greene County football fans will have plenty of options for enjoying the game this year with varsity and JV action at Wildcat Stadium and several former players on rosters at the collegiate level.

Jordan Chapman was a stand-out offensive lineman for Greene County last year. He drew offers from multiple schools and chose to continue his education and playing career for the JCJC Bobcats in Ellisville. Chapman is listed as the backup right tackle, but is impressing his coaches and pushing for playing time.

"I wish we could sign six Jordan Chapmans every year," JCJC Offensive Coordinator / Offensive Line Coach Grant Garner said. "He's got it all. He is smart, athletic, tough, works hard and comes from a great family."

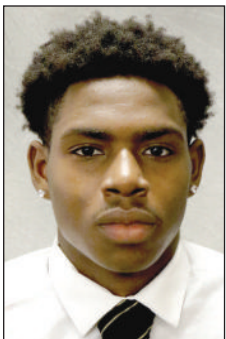
"I am really excited about Jordan and he can play all five positions up front."

JCJC opens the season at Bobcat Stadium/Sim Cooley Field at 7 p.m. on Aug. 30 vs. Coahoma. The game will air on www.jcjc.tv and WLAU-FM, 99.3 with Mark Easley and Ed Smith on the call.

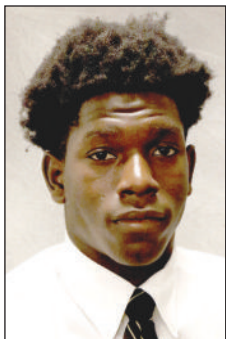
Up the road at East Central Community College in Decatur, two of Chapman's former GCHS teammates are on the roster for the Warriors. Fred McGee and Anthony Blakely are hoping to earn playing time as freshmen and help ECCC Head Coach Ken Karcher improve on his team's disappointing 1-8 record from a year ago.

In Jackson, 2018 GCHS graduates Kyemonte Walker and Dylan Lawrence have made the roster at Belhaven University and look to compete for playing time this fall for the Blazers.

Along with these players, two 2013 GCHS graduates are coaching at the collegiate level this fall. Lamarcus 'Marko' Franks, an All-State running back at GCHS and standout at ECCC and the University of West George, is back home in Mississippi as the newest mem-



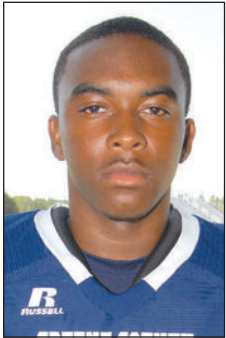
**Fred McGee**  
Freshman  
East Central CC



**Anthony Blakely**  
Freshman  
East Central CC



**Dylan Lawrence**  
Freshman  
Bellhaven Univ.



**Kyemonte Walker**  
Freshman  
Belhaven Univ.



**Lamarcus Franks**  
Asst. Coach  
East Central CC



**Perry Turner**  
Strength and Conditioning  
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ber of the East Central Community College football coaching staff.

The State Line native will serve as a student services assistant and assistant football coach on the Warrior staff in 2018. He will help coach linebackers and defensive line.

"I am extremely blessed for the opportunity to start my coaching career at ECCC," Frank said. "I want to thank the coaching staff and EC community for the opportunity and welcoming me back with open arms."

"I am very excited to coach the sport I love so dearly. I hope that I can help impact young men's lives just like my coaches had done for me. I am excited to be back, for this season, and for the future ahead of me."

After starring at GCHS and leading the Wildcats to the 2012 State Championship Game, Franks went on to be an all-state running back for East Central in 2014. He served as offensive captain for the Warriors both seasons at the school and was named the team's most valuable player both his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Franks went on to play for the University of West Georgia Wolves, where he was a two-year starter and a First Team All Gulf South Conference selection. He received his associate degree from East Central and his bachelor's degree in community health and wellness from the University of West Georgia.

Perry Turner, who starred on the baseball diamond for GCHS, is in his second year as a member of the strength and conditioning coaching staff at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Leakesville resident played collegiate baseball for four years at JCJC and Mississippi College and is now helping collegiate student athletes reach their

goals as a member of the USM staff. Turner spends the majority of his time during the summer and fall working closely with the Golden Eagle football team, but also works with other sports, from golf and tennis to baseball and softball.

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