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Seven of these athletes come from football

Student-Athlete Services

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**STATESBORO** - Twelve Georgia Southern student-athletes will be competing this season as college graduates after completing their undergraduate studies with eligibility still remaining.

"We talk about rings, diplomas and leaders here and having twelve student-athletes who will be playing this upcoming season as college graduates shows how serious we are about this mantra," said athletics director [Tom Kleinlein](#). "[Reggie Simpkins](#) and his staff have done a great job of getting these young men and women on the right track early on in their careers here and I hope this number continues to rise as we move forward."

The ten student-athletes who have graduated are:

[Matt Anderson](#) - Baseball

[Amira Atwater](#) - Women's Basketball

[Tyler Bass](#) - Football

[Jay Bowdry](#) - Football

[Lane Ecton](#) - Football

[Jake Edwards](#) - Football

[Nakol Franks](#) - Women's Basketball

[Colby Ransom](#) - Football

[Alex Smith](#) - Football

[Donald Rutledge Jr.](#) - Football (Savannah State)

Jack Philp - Men's Soccer (Hartwick)

Nikki McDonald - Women's Basketball (Louisiana Tech)

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