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**74 PLAYERS GRANTED SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR 2015 NFL DRAFT****10 additional players who have graduated also eligible for selection**

The National Football League announced today the names of 74 players who have been granted special eligibility for the 2015 NFL Draft and 10 players who have graduated with college football eligibility remaining and are also eligible for selection in the April 30-May 2 draft at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

The following 10 players have in timely fashion under NFL rules officially notified the league office that they have graduated. Consequently, they are eligible for selection in the 2015 Draft:

1	Deion Barnes	DE	Penn State
2	Sammie Coates	WR	Auburn
3	Zach D’Orazio	WR	Akron
4	Charles Gaines	DB	Louisville
5	Dee Hart	RB	Colorado State
6	Brett Hundley	QB	UCLA
7	Nigel King	WR	Kansas
8	Marcus Mariota	QB	Oregon
9	Donovan Smith	T	Penn State
10	Tacoi Sumler	WR	Appalachian State

Each of the 74 players granted special eligibility has met the league’s three-year eligibility rule and each has submitted a written application in which he renounced his remaining college football eligibility. The deadline for receiving applications was January 15.

The 74 players granted special eligibility is a 24.5 percent decrease from the 2014 total of 98 and represents the first time the number has dropped from the preceding year since 2009.

The players granted special eligibility for the 2015 NFL Draft:

	<b>Player</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>College</b>
1	Nelson Agholor	WR	Southern California
2	Jay Ajayi	RB	Boise State
3	Kwon Alexander	LB	Louisiana State
4	Javorius Allen	RB	Southern California
5	Arik Armstead	DE	Oregon
6	Malcom Brown	DT	Texas
7	Alex Carter	DB	Stanford
8	B.J. Catalon	RB	Texas Christian
9	Tevin Coleman	RB	Indiana
10	Jalen Collins	DB	Louisiana State
11	Landon Collins	DB	Alabama
12	Amari Cooper	WR	Alabama
13	Xavier Cooper	DT	Washington State
14	Christian Covington	DT	Rice
15	DaVaris Daniels	WR	Notre Dame
16	Ronald Darby	DB	Florida State
17	Mike Davis	RB	South Carolina
18	Stefon Diggs	WR	Maryland

19	Lorenzo Doss	DB	Tulane
20	Mario Edwards	DE	Florida State
21	Durell Eskridge	DB	Syracuse
22	George Farmer	WR	Southern California
23	Max Flores	LB	Northern Colorado
24	Ereck Flowers	T	Miami
25	Dante Fowler	DE	Florida
26	Devin Funchess	WR	Michigan
27	Jacoby Glenn	DB	Central Florida
28	Eddie Goldman	DT	Florida State
29	Melvin Gordon	RB	Wisconsin
30	Dorial Green-Beckham	WR	Missouri
31	Deontay Greenberry	WR	Houston
32	Randy Gregory	DE	Nebraska
33	Todd Gurley	RB	Georgia
34	Chris Hackett	DB	Texas Christian
35	Eli Harold	DE	Virginia
36	Chris Harper	WR	California
37	Braylon Heard	RB	Kentucky
38	Gerod Holliman	DB	Louisville
39	D.J. Humphries	T	Florida
40	Danielle Hunter	DE	Louisiana State
41	David Irving	DT	Iowa State
42	Jesse James	TE	Penn State
43	Duke Johnson	RB	Miami
44	Matt Jones	RB	Florida
45	Tyler Kroft	TE	Rutgers
46	Ellis McCarthy	DT	UCLA
47	Benardrick McKinney	LB	Mississippi State
48	Patrick Miller	T	Auburn
49	Tyler Moore	G	Florida
50	Rakeem Nunez-Roches	DT	Southern Mississippi
51	Andrus Peat	T	Stanford
52	Breshad Perriman	WR	Central Florida
53	Marcus Peters	DB	Washington
54	Jordan Phillips	DT	Oklahoma
55	Darius Philon	DT	Arkansas
56	Bradley Pinion	P	Clemson
57	Jaquel Pitts	WR	Trinity International
58	Jeremiah Poutasi	T	Utah
59	Darien Rankin	LB	North Carolina
60	Shane Ray	DE	Missouri
61	Josh Robinson	RB	Mississippi State
62	James Sample	DB	Louisville
63	Jean Sifrin	TE	Massachusetts
64	Jaelen Strong	WR	Arizona State
65	Shaq Thompson	LB	Washington
66	Max Valles	LB	Virginia
67	Easton Wahlstrom	LS	Arizona State
68	Trae Waynes	DB	Michigan State
69	Leonard Williams	DE	Southern California
70	Maxx Williams	TE	Minnesota
71	P.J. Williams	DB	Florida State
72	Trey Williams	RB	Texas A&M
73	Jameis Winston	QB	Florida State
74	T.J. Yeldon	RB	Alabama

The NFL Draft will kick off in primetime for the sixth consecutive year. The first round will be held on Thursday, April 30. The second and third rounds are set for Friday, May 1. Rounds four through seven will be held on Saturday, May 2.

The players granted special eligibility for the NFL Draft the past 10 years:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Players Granted Special Eligibility</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Players Granted Special Eligibility</b>
2015	74	2010	53
2014	98	2009	46
2013	73	2008	53
2012	65	2007	40
2011	56	2006	52

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