

# 2025 Football Roster



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**Carnell Tate**

**Position:** Wide Receiver

**Height:** 6-3

**Weight:** 195

**Hometown:** Chicago

**Last School:** Marist (Ill.) / IMG Academy

**Year:** Junior

## Bio

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### Ohio State Overview

- Carnell's star at Ohio State continued to rise for three years while he was a member of the team before declaring for the 2026 NFL Draft following the 2025 season, his third with the program

- He played in 39 games between 2023-25, started 26 and finished his Ohio State career with 121 receptions for 1,872 yards and 14 touchdowns
- He ranks 18th in both receptions and yards at Ohio State and 26th in touchdowns
- Had a reception in 37 of the 39 games in which he played
- Despite missing three games in 2025 because of injury, Tate was a force on the playing field with 51 receptions for 875 yards, a 17.2 yards-per reception average with nine touchdowns
- He had four 100-yard receiving games topped by a career-high 183 yards off another career-best nine catches against Minnesota
- He averaged 32.5 yards per touchdown reception with five such scores over 40 yards
- Four major organizations – the American Football Coaches Association, The Sporting News, Associated Press and On3 – named him a second-team All-American as a junior
- Was named first-team all-Big Ten by both the coaches and the media
- Tate was also a force off the field in 2025: he was a first-team Academic All-American as selected by the College Sports Communicators with a 3.50 grade point average while majoring in sport industry
- He is the 33rd Ohio State football player to earn first-team Academic All-America honors
- 15 of Tate's starts came as a sophomore during the Buckeyes' national championship season of 2024
- Playing alongside first-round NFL Draft pick Emeka Egbuka and freshman sensation Jeremiah Smith, Tate caught 52 passes for 733 yards and four touchdowns during the championship season
- Had a memorable and personal homecoming in the Northwestern game at Wrigley Field with four catches for 52 yards and two touchdowns
- Played in all 13 games as a true freshman in 2023 and started in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl
- Caught a pass in his first game as a Buckeye - for 15 yards vs. Indiana - and proceeded to catch passes in 11 of the 13 games he played in
- Finished his freshman campaign with 18 receptions for 264 yards and one touchdown
- His freshman season totals eclipsed the frosh year totals of recent Ohio State greats: Chris Olave (12 receptions in 2018), Marvin Harrison Jr. (11 in 2021), Curtis Samuel (11 in 2014) and Jaxon Smith-Njigba (10 in 2020).
- Had three receptions for 79 yards with a long gain of 55 yards in the win over Purdue
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown vs. Western Kentucky, a 28-yard reception from Devin Brown
- A Big Ten Conference Distinguished Scholar, a two-time Academic All-Big Ten honoree and a two-time OSU Scholar-Athlete

### **Honors & Awards**

**2025:** Second-team All-American (AFCA, The Sporting News, AP and On3), first-team all-Big Ten Conference, first-team Academic All-American, Academic All-Big Ten

**2024:** Big Ten Conference Distinguished Scholar, OSU Scholar-Athlete, Academic All-Big Ten

**2023:** OSU Scholar-Athlete

### **More on Carnell**

- Carnell was rated as the No. 25 player nationally regardless of position by 247Sports as a senior in 2022
- He had a composite ranking of No. 62 overall and No. 10 at wide receiver by 247Sports

- A four-star prospect
- Had eight receptions for 103 yards and two TDs in a 27-16 win over nationally-ranked St. Frances Academy (Md.)
- Averaged 20.3 yards per catch as a senior in 2022
- Began his high school career at Marist High School in Chicago; caught 28 passes for 444 yards and five TDs as a freshman in 2019
- Finished his career at IMG Academy in 2021 and 2022
- Totaled 750 yards receiving and eight touchdowns over eight games in 2022
- Parents are the late Ashley Griggs and Sean Tate