

PLAYMAKER

of the month

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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE POWER OF SPORT

AMANI JOHNSON



Amani Johnson, senior, Women's Basketball, at Kennesaw State University (KSU), is a leader on and off the court for the entire Owl community. Johnson has a passion for government and social justice, having served on the KSU's student government as the Senator for Women & Gender Issues. She has also worked as the Director for Diversity & Inclusion. For her senior year, Johnson decided to run for SGA President on a platform of "Students Supporting Students." In April (2021), she was named KSU's Student Body President.

Johnson also serves as the Financial Secretary & Fundraising Chair for the Sigma Alpha Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Johnson carries the honor being named to the ASUN Conference "Winners for Life" team. The ASUN Winners for Life team is composed of one student-athlete from each of the nine institutions, honoring those who display excellence on and off the playing surface and who demonstrate the ASUN Core Values.

Johnson has served as team captain since her freshman year. She currently holds a 3.89 GPA and is scheduled to graduate this May with a degree in Accounting and minor in Spanish.

JESSIE MALIT



Jessie Malit, senior, Football, at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), is a strong civic leader within the athletic department, on campus, and within the Durham, N.C. and Concord, N.C. communities. Malit spearheaded the NCCU SAAC's E.A.G.L.E.S. (Educated Actions Generate Lifelong Empowerment & Success) voting initiative resulting in 92% of all eligible student-athletes registering to vote. 100% of the football team registered. Malit has organized a book drive to create a library in his mother's home village in Kenya. More than 2,000 books were donated, with a surprise donation coming from Good Morning America. Malit has also participated in reading programs for local elementary students, volunteered at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina, prepared meals at a battered women's shelter in Concord, N.C., and led a church youth group to provide housing for the homeless in Concord, N.C.

As a student leader, Malit serves as the Vice President for NCCU's SAAC, serves on the NCCU Football Leadership Council, and was chosen by the Chancellor as the NCCU's representative for Campus Compact's Newman Civic Fellowship.

Malit is carrying a 3.305 GPA and majoring in Political Science.