

PLAYMAKER

of the month

JALEN TRAVIS



Jalen Travis, sophomore, Football, at Princeton University is only in his second year in college, but he has established himself as a social justice activist among his peers. Travis displays a strong background in organization, leadership, communication, and policy development. He has been described by many in the Princeton athletic community as being “impactful, influential, beyond his years in perception, and an effective motivator of his peers.”

Travis is the founder of “THE JUST ACTION COALITION,” (TJAC) a youth for youth nonprofit. The focus of TJAC is to engage, educate, and empower youth and young adults in social justice activism. As an example of social justice activism, Travis is a leader in his hometown of Minneapolis’ fight for community-based transparency and accountability for peace officers and public safety personnel.

Travis also displays his leadership on the Princeton campus. He is a trained Student-Athlete Wellness Leader, co-chair of Advocacy and Activism, advisory board member for Programs for Community-Engaged Scholarship (ProCES), and a former John C. Bogle Civic Service Fellow. Travis has inspired critical thought, a sense of justice, and reflection about social justice issues in the Princeton athletic community.

Travis has a 3.13 GPA and majoring in multiple subjects; Anthropology-Law, Politics, and Economics with a Certificate in African-American Studies.

GRACE STONE



Grace Stone, junior, Women’s Basketball, at Princeton University is an impactful leader, focused on social justice activism, justice, and community building. She has a strong passion for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

Stone is an Executive Committee member of “Tigers Together,” “a collaboration of student leaders, coaches, alumni, and athletic administrators to create and maintain a culture of mutual respect, diversity, equity and inclusion. . . to promote justice related to gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, race and all other marginalized identities.” She is the founding leader and current president of the Black Student-Athlete Collective, as well as being an influential member of the Task Force on Black Student-Athlete Experience. Stone was also an advisory committee member for “To Be Known and Heard,” an exhibit on systemic racism on the Princeton campus.

Stone was a content creator for “Poll Heroes.” Specifically, she created a 15-part multimedia journey to assist youth poll workers in understanding the processes necessary to maximize Election Day turnout.

Stone has also used her talents to produce a podcast focused on Olympic hopefuls and served as a legal intern for Athletic Blacks In Sports (ABIS). At ABIS, she conducted research on racial diversity in Division I, II, and III collegiate athletics.

Stone has a 3.46 GPA and majoring in African-American Studies.