

Ohio State To Hire Former Safety C.J. Barnett As Director Of Player Development



As first reported by Buckeye Scoop's Tony Gerdeman, Ohio State is set to hire former safety C.J. Barnett as its new director of player development.

Barnett, who played from the Buckeyes from 2010-13, will replace Ryan Stamper, who spent nine seasons at Ohio State before leaving last month to join former head coach Urban Meyer's staff with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Barnett recorded 224 tackles, 12 pass break ups, four interceptions and four tackles for a loss in his career with the Buckeyes. He was named a team captain as a senior.

After a brief training camp stint with the NFL's New York Giants, Barnett worked as a sales consultant for Byers Mazda in Dublin, Ohio. He then became a Columbus Police officer in July 2018, where he's spent the last two years.

Now, Barnett will be tasked with handling Ohio State's community outreach and preparing players for life after football through the Buckeyes' "Real Life Wednesdays" program.

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