RECRUITING TIPS FROM A COLLEGE COACH Joseph Susan, Head Football Coach Bucknell University

- 1. Recruiting is not a race, don't worry about the offers someone else has
- 2. Don't worry about how many "stars" you have on the recruiting sites I assure you we don't
- 3. Do work for yourself, make phone calls, send emails and create video or video links, it shows us responsibility
- 4. Your high school coach will not get you a scholarship, your talent as a student athlete will
- 5. Your high school coach will be honest with you and with college coaches, he wants what is best for you
- 6. The more game footage we see the better we feel about our evaluation
- 7. Highlight film is important but try to back it up with game footage
- 8. Music on a highlight film is up to you, we turn down the volume
- 9. Be the best student you can be, challenge yourself
- 10. Test the sat and or act early and often
- 11. Don't jump between tests take one or the other
- 12. Sign a transcript release form in guidance so we can access your unofficial transcript
- 13. Many schools do not include sat/act info on transcripts, have copies that you can provide to us
- 14. See as many schools as you can especially in the spring, understand these are unofficial visits
- 15. Call the schools you are visiting so we know you are coming
- 16. Be selective about your camp schedule, one day camps are the best for rising seniors
- 17. Understand we only trust a 40 time we get on our own watches
- 18. Compete in camps, one on ones are a great indicator of who you are
- 19. Be first in line in camps, that means a lot
- 20. Remember an offer is an offer if it is in writing
- 21. Remember that the word "commitment" has special meaning, we take it seriously, "soft, silent, partial" really do not fit with a word as strong as commitment
- 22. Use the knowledge and experience of your parents, your siblings and your coaches and teachers; they have the advantage of being there already
- 23. Enjoy the process, don't let it overwhelm you
- 24. Pick the school where you will thrive
- 25. Be thorough in your search ask questions, the only question that is a bad question is the one you don't ask.