

81 ALBERT OKWUEGBUNAM

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CLASS Redshirt Junior

HOMETOWN Springfield, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL Sacred Heart Griffin

2018 John Mackey Award Finalist

2018 Preseason All-SEC First Team (Media)

2018 John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List

2017 All-SEC Second Team (AP, Coaches)

2017 Freshman All-SEC Team (Coaches)

2019 SEASON

Led all Mizzou receivers in touchdown catches during his redshirt junior season, hauling in six scores among his 26 catches over 11 games (nine starts) ... His 26 catches went for six scores and he averaged 11.8 yards per catch ... Finished his Mizzou career with 23 receiving TDs in just 33 games, posting 98 catches and 1,187 yards over three seasons ... Averaged 12.1 yards per catch and one touchdown per every 4.2 receptions, the best mark in school history ... His 23 receiving TDs are the second-most in Mizzou history, trailing only TE Chase Coffman (30 from 2005-08) ... Posted a pair of touchdowns against West Virginia (9/7), his sixth career game with multiple touchdowns, the most-ever among Mizzou tight ends, passing Coffman ... The two-touchdown game against West Virginia began a streak of four consecutive games with a score, posting one each against Southeast Missouri (9/14), South Carolina (9/21), and Troy (10/5) ... Mizzou was 4-1 in games that he scored a touchdown and just 2-4 in games he did not (he did not play against Tennessee (11/23) ... Five of his six scores on the season came in the redzone.

2018 SEASON

Game-changing tight end who had a potentially award-winning season cut short by what proved to be a season-ending injury in game nine at Florida ... Prior to the injury, had proved to be among the top pass-catching tight ends in the nation, and was even named a finalist for the John Mackey Award, given annually to the nation's top player at the position ... Ended the year with 43 catches for 466 yards (both career highs) and six touchdowns in his nine games ... Had a monster game with a career-best performance in MU's Homecoming win over Memphis (10/20), when he caught six passes for 159 yards and three touchdowns ... The multi-score game was the fifth of his young career, which tied him with former All-American Chase Coffman for most multiple-touchdown games by a Mizzou tight end ... Prior to the injury at Florida, caught four passes for 46 yards and the touchdown ... Caught two passes for 14 yards in the season-opener vs. UT Martin (9/1) ... Posted seven catches for 50 yards and his first TD of the season vs. Wyoming (9/8) ... Posted five catches for 36 yards and his second TD of the season at Purdue (9/15) ... Caught a career-high nine passes for 81 yards against Georgia (9/22) and also hauled in a catch through traffic for a two-point conversion ... Posted four catches for 13 yards at South Carolina.

2017 SEASON

Saw the field for the first time as a collegian, and set the standard for freshman tight ends, turning in a breakout season with 29 catches for 415 yards and a whopping 11 touchdowns ... Made such a big impression that he earned second-team All-SEC acclaim, as well as a spot on the freshman All-SEC squad ... His 11 receiving scores most in the SEC and ranked 11th in the nation - and were the most among all tight ends in the country, as well as the most by any freshman receiver ... Was lethal in the red zone for the high-scoring Tiger offense, and his delay route down the seam near the goal line became a staple for

QB Drew Lock and company ... Had four games with at least two touchdowns, including a personal-best three scores in the Homecoming win over Idaho ... All three of those touchdowns came in the first quarter as Mizzou raced out to an early lead on the way to a 68-21 win that jump started MU's six-game win streak ... The next week at UConn, he had two more first-quarter touchdown receptions, and ended that game with four catches for 34 yards and the two scores ... Hauled in five catches for a career-best 116 yards with two touchdowns at Vanderbilt (11/18), including a career-long grab of 57 yards for a score that put the game away in the fourth quarter as the Tigers locked up bowl eligibility ... Recorded his first career reception, his first career receiving touchdown and a career-high 51 receiving yards against Missouri State (9/2) ... Set a career-high in receptions with two against Missouri State (9/2) and matched that career high against Auburn (9/23).

2016 SEASON

Redshirt season.

PERSONAL

Parents: Albert Okwuegbunam and Lisa Raehl ... Cited the hospitality of Mizzou's players and coaches and the family-like atmosphere around the program as key contributors to his signing ... Also noted Mizzou's great academic reputation ... Majoring in Health Science at Mizzou ... Enjoys fishing and playing all sports when away from football ... Origin of his last name is Nigerian ... Chose Mizzou over offers from Cincinnati, Indiana, Iowa, Iowa State, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, Toledo and West Virginia.

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