

# Two ETBU freshmen student-athletes drown

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MARSHALL—Two East Texas Baptist University freshmen student-athletes drowned April 28 in an off-campus pond in Marshall.

✖ The jerseys of East Texas Baptist University football players Norvontre Harrison (96) and Darrian McClintok Jr. (12), are displayed at the prayer service held in Baker Chapel. The two freshmen student-athletes drowned April 28 in an off-campus pond in Marshall. (Photo/ETBU/Stacey Hudman) Norvontre “Trey” Harrison, 19, and Darrian “D.J.” McClintock Jr., 20, both were members of the ETBU Tigers football team.

“Our hearts are heavy as we mourn the tragic loss of two members of the university family,” ETBU President Blair Blackburn said. “Looking forward to the end of a successful year, they were surrounded by their Tiger football brothers and other ETBU students as they enjoyed the beautiful spring day.”

✖ Norvontre “Tre” Harrison Harrison, who was studying criminal justice at ETBU, graduated from C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, La. He was youth minister at New Greenwood Baptist Church in Greenwood, La.

McClintock graduated from Spring High School in Spring and played wide receiver for the ETBU Tigers. He also mentored students at Carver Elementary School in Marshall.

✖ Darrian “D.J.” McClintock “As a Christ-centered community, we rely on our faith in God and hope in Jesus to carry us through this difficult time,” Blackburn said.

In an email to students, faculty and other friends of ETBU, Blackburn requested prayers for the families of the two students. "Ask the Lord to grant peace and comfort to the families that can only come from the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit."

☒ Members of the East Texas Baptist University football team gather to pray at the altar during a prayer service held in Baker Chapel. Norvontre Harrison and Darrian McClintock both were members of the ETBU Tiger football team. (Photo/ETBU/Stacey Hudman) Students and others gathered on the east lawn of Marshall Hall on the ETBU campus late evening April 28 for a candlelight vigil in remembrance of Harrison and McClintock and the next morning in Baker Chapel for a prayer service.

ETBU made available grief counseling to any students who requested it, as well as providing prayer and spiritual guidance from the university's ministry support team.