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here's our annual request to remember to send us your prep football all-american issue so we can include prepstar honorees in our recruit bios on signing day!

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UCLA Football Letters Of Intent
 22 prep seniors and one JC sign with Bruins

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Twenty-two outstanding high school seniors have signed letters-of-intent to play football at UCLA, Bruin head coach Rick Neuheisel announced today. The class also includes one junior college transfer who has signed a written offer of financial aid.

"This is an outstanding class, one that will help us elevate our program," said Neuheisel. "This class is particularly gifted at the skill positions, such as running back, wide receiver, defensive back and quarterback. I am really excited that these young men, who are quality individuals on and off the field, have decided to become Bruins. I think the future, both theirs and ours, is very bright.

"I would be remiss if I did not credit Karl Dorrell and his staff for assembling this class. Most of these young men committed to this institution when he was the head coach and our staff, especially DeWayne Walker, was able to convince them that UCLA was still the right choice. Together, we are going to build something special."

Fourteen of the new Bruins earned All-America honors from one publication or another. Running backs Aundre Dean and Milton Knox and kicker Jeff Locke were named to the Parade All-America team. Locke and defensive back Rahim Moore were named to the Scout.com All-America squad while Locke (first team), Knox (second team), Dean and Moore (third team) made the EA Sports All-America squad. Knox was also a second-team USA Today All-America selection.

Eight were selected to the PrepStar Dream Team (running back Derrick Coleman, quarterback Nick Crissman, Dean, defensive back Anthony Dye, defensive back Aaron Hester, defensive end Datone Jones, Moore and defensive back E.J. Woods) and six more signees were named to the PrepStar All-America squad (offensive lineman Jeff Baca, defensive end Damien Holmes, Knox, Locke, wide receiver Antwon Moutra and wide receiver Nelson Rosario). In addition, eight were All-Regional selections (offensive lineman Connor Bradford, linebacker Donovan Carter, athlete Johnathan Franklin, tight end Cory Harkey, wide receiver Jerry Johnson, linebacker Patrick Larimore, quarterback Kevin Prince and linebacker Sean Westgate).

Fifteen of the signees were named to the Tacoma News Tribune's Western 100. Fourteen Bruins were named All-State by Cal Hi Sports team, including five first team selections (Hester, Knox, Moore, Moutra and Woods).

BIOS

- Jeff Baca**
 OL - 6-4, 280
 Mission Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo)
 PrepStar All-American. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 25 offensive guard nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 51 player in California by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 36 nationally and No. 4 in California at offensive guard by Scout.com. Rated No. 80 player in California by Scout.com. SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection. Rated No. 72 offensive guard by ESPN. Named All-State third team by Cal Hi Sports. Named to CIF-SS Pac-5 Division team.
- Connor Bradford**
 OL - 6-5, 270
 Palmdale, CA (Palmdale)
 PrepStar All-Region selection. SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection. L.A. Daily News All-Area team as offensive lineman. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No.64 offensive tackle nationally by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 81 nationally at offensive tackle by Scout.com. Rated No. 9 offensive guard in California by Scout.com. Named to CIF-SS Western Division team.
- Donovan Carter**
 LB - 6-1, 227
 Lake Balboa, CA (Birmingham)
 PrepStar All-Region selection. SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection (No. 30 player). Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 19 inside linebacker nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 45 player in California by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 18 nationally at strongside linebacker by Scout.com. Rated No. 1 strongside linebacker in the West and in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 36 player in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 45 inside linebacker by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State second team by Cal Hi Sports. L.A. Daily News All-Area team as linebacker. Helped lead Birmingham (13-1) to second straight City Section championship. Made 132 tackles as a senior, 6.5 sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery. As a junior, he made 128 tackles (90 unassisted), including five sacks.
- Derrick Coleman**
 RB - 6-0, 218
 Fullerton, CA (Troy)
 PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 80 prospect nationally by PrepStar. Rated No. 2 fullback nationally by ESPN. Ranked No. 3 nationally at fullback by Scout.com. Ranked No. 1 among fullbacks in the West and in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 48 player in California by Scout.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Rated No. 5 fullback nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 67 player in California by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State third team by Cal Hi Sports. Named to CIF-SS Southeast Division team. MVP of Freeway League. In 2007, he ran for 1,084 yards and 19 touchdowns on 230 carries. Also scored two touchdowns on receptions. As a junior, rushed for 2,464 yards (11.1 average) and 38 touchdowns. Rushed for 5,200 yards and 78 touchdowns during his career.
- Kevin Craft**
 QB - 6-4, 220
 Valley Center, CA (Mt. SAC)
 Named first-team All-America/California and State Offensive Player of the Year by JC Athletic Bureau - California Community College Football Coaches Assn. Named California Region

IV Offensive Player of the Year by JC Athletic Bureau. Earned five stars from Scout.com, one of just five quarterbacks, high school or junior college, with that rating. Rated No. 1 junior college quarterback nationally by Scout.com. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 61 junior college prospect by Rivals.com. Craft has two seasons of eligibility remaining. In 2007, he completed 313 of 511 passes (61.3%) for 4,231 yards, 44 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Led his team to a 10-3 record. Father Tom is an assistant at Mt. SAC and was head coach at San Diego State.

Nick Crissman

QB - 6-3, 193

Huntington Beach, CA (Edison)

SuperPrep All-American. Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 9 nationally at quarterback by Scout.com. Also rated No. 2 quarterback in the West and in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 18 player in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 10 quarterback nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 23 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. **PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 77 prospect nationally by PrepStar.** Ranked No. 10 quarterback and No. 111 player by ESPN. Selected for Under Armour All-America Game. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 11 pro-style quarterback nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 41 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of the Rivals.com 250 (No. 152). Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State third team by Cal Hi Sports. Named to CIF-SS Pac-5 Division team. Sunset League MVP as senior. Selected to participate in the Elite 11 Quarterback Camp. In 2007, he completed 141 for 234 and 1,922 yards. He also threw 12 TDs. As a junior, he threw for 3,094 yards, completing 232 of 368 passes, 27 touchdowns, and 10 interceptions.

Audre Dean

RB - 6-1, 210

Katy, TX (Katy)

Parade All-American. **PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 46 prospect nationally by PrepStar.** Ranked No. 7 running back and No. 46 player by ESPN. EA Sports third-team All-American. Selected for Under Armour All-America Game. Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 6 nationally and No. 3 in the Southwest and in Texas at running back by Scout.com. Rated No. 11 player in Texas by Scout.com. Ranked No. 78 player nationally by Scout.com. Rated No. 10 running back nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 24 player in Texas by Rivals.com. Member of the Rivals.com 250 (No. 178). Earned four stars from Rivals.com. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 14 running back nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 23 player in Texas by SuperPrep. Helped lead team to Class 5A Division II championship. Ran for 220 yards, including 66-yard touchdown, in title contest. As a senior, rushed for 2,498 yards (7.4 average) and 26 touchdowns. Class 5A All-State honorable mention. As a junior, he ran for 2,111 yards (6.9 average) and 27 touchdowns and also caught two touchdown passes. As a sophomore, he ran for 866 yards and eight scores.

Anthony Dye

DB - 5-11, 185

Corona, CA (Santiago)

PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 118 prospect nationally by PrepStar. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 12 defensive back nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 12 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 12 cornerback and No. 135 player by ESPN. Selected for Under Armour All-America Game. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 18 cornerback nationally by Rivals.com. Ranked No. 38 player in California by Rivals.com. Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 9 nationally at cornerback by Scout.com. Also rated No. 2 cornerback in the West and California by Scout.com. Rated No. 11 player in California by Scout.com. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State second team by Cal Hi Sports. Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention. L.A. Times All-Star team at defensive back. On defense, he made 161 tackles (109 solos). On offense, he rushed for 759 yards and 11 touchdowns on 98 attempts. He also made 25 receptions for 331 yards. As a junior, he made 90 tackles, one sack and six interceptions.

Johnathan Franklin

ATH - 5-10, 181

Los Angeles, CA (Dorsey)

Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 16 athlete nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 25 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 185). SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection (No. 47 player). **PrepStar All-Region selection.** Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 54 nationally at running back by Scout.com. Rated No. 7 running back in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 39 player in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 82 running back by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State third team by Cal Hi Sports. Rushed for 1,732 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior.

Cory Harkey

TE - 6-4, 240

Chino Hills, CA (Chino Hills)

Ranked No. 10 tight end by ESPN. **PrepStar All-Region selection.** SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 33 tight end nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 73 player in California by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 46 nationally at tight end by Scout.com. Also rated No. 8 tight end in West and No. 5 in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 59 player in California by Scout.com. Named to CIF-SS Inland Division team on defense. As a senior, he made 30 receptions for 473 yards (15.8 average) and three touchdowns. On defense, he made 38 tackles, including 6.5 sacks, as a defensive end. As a junior, he caught 21 passes for 329 yards and four scores on offense and made 51 tackles, including seven sacks.

Aaron Hester

DB - 6-0, 180

Compton, CA (Dominguez)

PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 58 prospect nationally by PrepStar. Ranked No. 19 cornerback by ESPN. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 7 cornerback nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 8 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 100 (No. 63). Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 19 nationally at cornerback by Scout.com. Also rated No. 3 cornerback in the West and in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 26 player in California by Scout.com. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 32 defensive back nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 32 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State first team by Cal Hi Sports. Member of Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West squad. Named to CIF-SS Western Division team. As a senior, he made 89 tackles and eight interceptions and recovered four fumbles. As a junior, he made 45 tackles and three interceptions. On offense, he caught 20 passes for 550 yards and five scores.

Damien Holmes

DE - 6-3, 250

Colton, CA (Colton)

PrepStar All-American. Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 6 nationally at defensive end by Scout.com. Also rated No. 2 defensive end in the West and No. 1 in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 9 player in California by Scout.com. Ranked No. 32 player nationally by Scout.com. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 11 defensive lineman nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 9 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 12 strongside defensive end nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 33 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 237). Ranked No. 30 defensive end by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State third team by Cal Hi Sports. Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention. Named CIF-SS Central Division Defensive Player of the Year. He made 99 tackles (69 solos), including 17.0 sacks, as a senior. As a junior, he made 72 tackles, including 14 sacks, and recovered two fumbles.

Jerry Johnson

WR - 6-3, 187

Venice, CA (Venice)

Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 33 wide receiver nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 32 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 234). SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection (No. 51 player). **PrepStar All-Region selection.** Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 57 nationally at wide receiver by Scout.com. Also ranked No. 7 in California and No. 9 in the West among wide receivers by Scout.com. Rated No. 44 player in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 90 wide receiver by ESPN. Made 31 receptions for 714 yards (23.0 average) and 10 touchdowns. As a junior, he made 24 receptions for 613 yards (25.5 average) and four touchdowns.

Datone Jones

DE - 6-5, 250

Compton, CA (Compton)

PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 124 prospect nationally by PrepStar. Ranked No. 15 defensive end by ESPN. L.A. Times All-Star team at defensive line. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 8 strongside defensive end nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 16 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 125). Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 23 nationally at defensive end by Scout.com. Also ranked No. 2 in California and No. 4 in the West among defensive ends by Scout.com. Rated No. 29 player in California by Scout.com. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 34 defensive lineman nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 27 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State second team by Cal Hi Sports. Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention. Named to CIF-SS Pac-5 Division team. Long Beach Press-Telegram Dream Team member. Moore League co-Defensive Player of the Year. As a senior, he made 91 tackles, seven sacks, two fumble recoveries, nine hurries and three pass deflections. As a junior, made 60 tackles, including four sacks.

Milton Knox

RB - 5-9, 200

Lake Balboa, CA (Birmingham)

Parade All-American. EA Sports second-team All-American. USA Today second-team All-American. **PrepStar All-American.** Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 12 running back nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 28 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 205). SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 20 running back nationally by

SuperPrep. Ranked No. 21 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 30 nationally and No. 4 in the West and in California at running back by Scout.com. Rated No. 24 player in California by Scout.com. Ranked No. 47 running back by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Cal-Hi Sports California Player of the Year and also All-State first team. Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention. L.A. Daily News Player of the Year. L.A. Times Back of the Year. L.A. Times All-Star team at running back. Rushed for 2,210 yards and 39 touchdowns while leading Birmingham Patriots (13-1) to second straight City Section championship. Ran for 832 yards and 13 touchdowns in playoffs. In City title game against Carson, ran for 179 yards and three touchdowns, including one for 89 yards. In his career, he rushed for 6,695 yards and 103 touchdowns - both City Section records. As a junior, rushed for 2,374 yards (7.4 average) and 29 touchdowns. As a sophomore, rushed for 1,700 yards and 28 touchdowns and scored six TDs on pass receptions.

Patrick Latimore

LB - 6-3, 230

Newhall, CA (Hart)

SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection (No. 41 player). **PrepStar All-Region selection.** Named All-State second team by Cal Hi Sports. L.A. Times All-Star team at linebacker. L.A. Daily News All-Area team as linebacker. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 22 inside linebacker nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 54 player in California by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 18 nationally, No. 2 in California and No. 3 in the West at middle linebacker by Scout.com. Rated No. 37 player in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 42 inside linebacker by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named to CIF-SS Northern Division team. Despite missing two playoff games (three overall) following thumb surgery, Larimore made 117 tackles, including three sacks. As a junior, he recorded 138 tackles, including two sacks.

Jeff Locke

P/PK - 6-1, 185

Glendale, AZ (Mountain Ridge)

Parade All-American. EA Sports first-team All-American. Scout.com first-team All-American. Ranked No. 1 kicker by ESPN. **PrepStar All-American.** SuperPrep All-American. Ranked No. 5 player in Arizona by SuperPrep. Selected for Under Armour All-America Game. Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 1 nationally at punter by Scout.com. Rated No. 11 player in Arizona by Scout.com. Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 2 kicker nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 19 player in Arizona by Rivals.com. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. As a senior, he made 11 field goals, including a long of 63 yards, did not miss a PAT and put 87 percent (47 of 54) of his kick-offs into the end zone as a junior. He also averaged 43.3 yards per punt - with a long of 71 yards - and has a superb hang time. As a junior, he made all seven of his field goals and averaged 43 yards per punt.

Rahim Moore

DB - 6-2, 185

Los Angeles, CA (Dorsey)

PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 33 prospect nationally by PrepStar. SuperPrep All-American. Scout.com first-team All-American. EA Sports third-team All-American. Rated No. 4 defensive back nationally by SuperPrep. SuperPrep Far West Defensive Player of the Year. Ranked No. 4 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Earned five stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 2 nationally and No. 1 in the West and in California at safety by Scout.com. Rated No. 4 player in California by Scout.com. Ranked No. 32 player nationally by Scout.com. Ranked No. 9 safety by ESPN. L.A. Times All-Star team at defensive back. Played in Army All-Star Game. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 3 safety nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 9 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 100 (No. 71). Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State first team by Cal Hi Sports. Member of Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West squad (No. 4). Helped Dorsey reach City Section semifinals. Can play cornerback or safety. Made 112 tackles, six interceptions, 10 deflections and three fumble recoveries as a senior. Also played receiver, making 15 catches for 339 yards and six touchdowns. As a junior, recorded 100 tackles and seven interceptions. Made 89 tackles and eight interceptions in 2005.

Antwon Moutra

WR - 6-3, 187

Culver City, CA (Culver City)

PrepStar All-American. SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection (No. 35 player). Named All-State first team by Cal Hi Sports. L.A. Times All-Star team at wide receiver. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 27 wide receiver nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 27 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 198). Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 43 nationally at wide receiver by Scout.com. Also rated No. 5 in California and No. 7 in the West among wide receivers by Scout.com. Rated No. 32 player in California by Scout.com. Ranked No. 60 wide receiver by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named to CIF-SS Western Division team. Made 74 receptions for 1,448 yards and 13 TDs. In Western Division first round win over Leuzinger, he made a school-record 11 receptions for 232 yards. Also made 66 tackles and three interceptions. As a junior, he made 74 catches for 830 yards and 11 touchdowns. Scored a school-record 33 receiving touchdowns in his career. Also made 14 career interceptions.

Kevin Prince

QB - 6-2, 185

Encino, CA (Crespi)

Injured his knee in the season's first game and missed the remainder of the year. **PrepStar All-Region selection.** Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Ranked No. 25 quarterback nationally by Rivals.com. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 40 quarterback by Scout.com. Rated the No. 6 quarterback in California and in the West by Scout.com. As a junior, he completed 112 of 197 passes (56.0%) for 1,422 yards, 12 touchdowns and just five interceptions.

Nelson Rosario

WR - 6-4, 202

Oceanside, CA (El Camino)

PrepStar All-American. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 29 wide receiver nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 29 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 214). Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 41 nationally at wide receiver by Scout.com. Also ranked No. 4 in California and No. 6 in the West at wide receiver by Scout.com. Rated No. 28 player in California by Scout.com. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 44 wide receiver by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 26 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Rated No. 69 wide receiver by ESPN. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State third team by Cal Hi Sports. As a senior, he caught 53 passes for 997 yards and scored 10 touchdowns.

Sean Westgate

LB - 5-11, 205

Oak Park, CA (Oak Park)

SuperPrep All-Region (California, Hawaii, Nevada) selection. **PrepStar All-Region selection.** Earned three stars from Rivals.com. Ranked No. 34 nationally among safeties by Rivals.com. Rated No. 48 prospect in California by Rivals.com. Rated No. 66 safety by ESPN. Earned three stars from Scout.com. Listed No. 82 among safeties by Scout.com. Rated No. 10 safety in California by Scout.com. Rated No. 96 player in California by Scout.com. Named All-State Medium Schools first team by Cal Hi Sports. Named CIF-SS Northwest Division Defensive Player of the Year. As a senior, he made 130 tackles, 27 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles, three blocked kicks, two safeties and one interception. As a junior, made 118 tackles and earned all-state underclass honors and all-CIF honors after helping Oak Park to the CIF-SS finals. Added seven sacks, three interceptions, recovered a fumble and blocked a punt. On offense, rushed for 543 yards and scored five touchdowns and had 14 receptions for 140 yards.

E.J. Woods

DB - 6-1, 205

Culver City, CA (Crespi)

PrepStar Dream Team selection. Rated No. 83 prospect nationally by PrepStar. Ranked No. 6 safety and No. 101 player by ESPN. Earned four stars from Rivals.com. Rated No. 8 safety nationally by Rivals.com. Rated No. 17 player in California by Rivals.com. Member of Rivals.com 250 (No. 135). Earned four stars from Scout.com. Ranked No. 9 nationally and No. 3 in the West and in California at safety by Scout.com. Rated No. 13 player in California by Scout.com. SuperPrep All-American. Rated No. 24 defensive back nationally by SuperPrep. Ranked No. 16 player in his region (California/Hawaii/Nevada) by SuperPrep. Selected for Under Armour All-America Game. Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100. Named All-State first team by Cal Hi Sports. Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention. Named to CIF-SS Pac-5 Division team. L.A. Daily News All-Area team as defensive back. L.A. Times All-Star team at defensive back. Led Crespi to Pac-5 Division final. On offense, rushed for 706 yards and scored nine touchdowns. On defense, he made 50 tackles, four sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Returned one fumble 98 yards. As a junior in 2006, he recorded 95 tackles, four sacks, and one interception on defense and ran 70 times for 460 yards (6.6 average) and five touchdowns on offense.



Mark Dantonio Introduces 2008 Michigan State Football Recruiting Class

Dantonio signs 21 players from four states, including 13 from Michigan.

Feb. 6, 2008

CHARLES BURRELL

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Detroit, Mich. (Southeastern High School)

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: [PrepStar All-American](#) . . . ranked among the nation's top safeties by Rivals.com (No. 28) . . . rated among the country's top athletes by Scouts, Inc. (No. 32) . . . rated among the Midwest's top prospects by Scouts, Inc. (No. 45) and SuperPrep (No. 64) . . . ranked among the state's top seniors by the Detroit Free Press (No. 5), Scouts, Inc. (No. 8), Rivals.com (No. 10), The Detroit News (No. 14), Scout.com (No. 14) and Lansing State Journal (No. 15) . . . named to the All-Detroit Team by The Detroit News . . . three-year starter for Coach Donshell English at Southeastern High School in Detroit, Mich. . . . accounted for 2,443 total yards and 23 touchdowns in 2007 . . . completed 107-of-215 throws (.498) for 1,817 yards, 14 TDs and 12 interceptions as a senior . . . rushed 74 times for 626 yards (8.5 avg.) and nine TDs in 2007 . . . also registered 33 tackles (23 solos, 10 assists) as a senior . . . recorded five 200-yard passing games in 2007 . . . accounted for a career-best 375 total yards and six scores vs. Central . . . completed 14-of-33 passes for 345 yards, five TDs and one interception vs. Central . . . produced three 100-yard rushing games as a senior . . . gained a career-best 157 yards on 17 carries vs. Crockett Tech and scored two rushing TDs . . . made five solo tackles vs. Central . . . posted a season-high seven tackles vs. Denby Tech Prep . . . recorded six stops, including five solo hits, vs. Catholic Central in the 2007 season opener . . . accounted for 1,971 total yards and 23 TDs as a junior . . . hit 91-of-187 passes (.487) for 1,552 yards, 17 TDs and 10 interceptions in 2006 . . . ran 56 times for 419 yards (7.5 avg.) and six TDs as a junior . . . had four 200-yard passing games in 2006 . . . threw for 145 yards (9-of-19 passing) and five TDs vs. Douglass . . . accounted for 311 total yards and three scores vs. Chadsey . . . connected on 10-of-20 passes for 231 yards and five scores vs. Western International . . . accounted for 372 total yards and two TDs vs. Ford . . . recorded three solo tackles and returned an interception 46 yards for a TD in the 2006 season opener vs. Murray-Wright . . . high school teammate of Spartan football signee Fred Smith . . . son of Charles and Wanda Boyd . . . born March 12, 1990 . . . plans to major in business.

JOHN DEYO

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Battle Creek, Mich. (Gull Lake High School)

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: [Named to PrepStar's All-Midwest Team](#) . . . ranked among the state's top 30 seniors by Rivals.com (No. 26), Detroit Free Press (No. 27), The Detroit News (No. 28) and Scout.com (No. 28) . . . selected to represent the West in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game, scheduled for July 19 in Spartan Stadium . . . first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press (Division 3-4), The Detroit News (Division 3-4) and Detroit Free Press (Division 3) as a senior . . . all-area pick by both the Kalamazoo Gazette and Battle Creek Enquirer in 2007 . . . also earned first-team all-league honors as a senior . . . started 23 consecutive games for Coach Mark Blaesser at Gull Lake High School in Richland, Mich. . . . right guard graded out 80 percent or higher seven times during the 2007 season, including three games at 90 percent or higher . . . four-year starter for Coach Gary Sprague on the Blue Devils' basketball team . . . leads the team in scoring (9.7 points per game) and rebounding (5.2 rpg.) as a senior while shooting 60.2 percent from the floor . . . son of John and Pam Deyo . . . born Dec. 17, 1989 . . . plans to major in business.

CHRIS McDONALD

TE/DE • 6-5 • 271

Sterling Heights, Mich. (Henry Ford II High School)

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: [Named to PrepStar's All-Midwest Team](#) . . . ranked among the state's top seniors by The Detroit News (No. 17), Rivals.com (No. 19) and Detroit Free Press (No. 20) . . . all-state selection as a senior by both The Detroit News (Division 1-2) and Detroit Free Press (Division 1) . . . selected to The Detroit News All-Metro and All-Metro East Teams in 2007 . . . earned All-East honors from the Detroit Free Press as a senior . . . three-year starter for Coach Jay Anthes at Henry Ford II High School in Sterling Heights, Mich. . . . anchored an offensive line that helped the Falcons rush for more than 2,000 yards in 2007 while the backs averaged 6.3 yards per carry . . . recorded 32 tackles as a senior, including three sacks . . . became the Falcons' all-time leader in sacks (22) in 2007 . . . produced 45 tackles as a junior, including 10.5 sacks . . . registered 8.5 sacks as a sophomore . . . also participates in track and field . . . son of Dan and Celeste Serwick . . . born Nov. 13, 1989 . . . plans to major in education.

CAULTON RAY

RB • 5-9 • 197

Southfield, Mich. (Brother Rice High School)

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Rated among the nation's top running backs by Rivals.com (No. 43), Scouts, Inc. (No. 65) and Scout.com (No. 87) . . . [named to PrepStar's All-Midwest Team](#) . . . ranked among the state's top seniors by Scouts, Inc. (No. 10), Lansing State Journal (No. 14), Rivals.com (No. 17), Detroit Free Press (No. 19), Scout.com (No. 19) and The Detroit News (No. 23) . . . selected to represent the East in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star Game, scheduled for July 19 in Spartan Stadium . . . all-state (Division 2) selection by the Detroit Free Press in 2007 . . . second-team All-North pick by The Detroit News as a senior . . . two-year starter for Coach Al Fracassa at Brother Rice High School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. . . . rushed 195 times for 1,150 yards (5.9 avg.) and 15 touchdowns as a senior . . . led the Warriors in all-purpose yards for the second year in a row, with 1,265 yards (115.0 ypg.) . . . returned five kickoffs for 112 yards (22.4 avg.) . . . recorded six 100-yard rushing games in 2007 . . . closed out his senior year with three straight 100-yard rushing games, including a career-best 200 yards and two scores on 24 attempts vs. Adams . . . scored 13 rushing TDs over the last seven games . . . carried 23 times for 156 yards and two TDs vs. St. Mary Prep . . . rushed for 128 yards and three scores on 14 attempts vs. University of Detroit Jesuit . . . gained 1,039 yards on 215 carries and scored 11 TDs as a junior . . . accounted for a team-best 1,211 all-purpose yards in 2006 . . . returned seven kickoffs for 178 yards (25.4 avg.) . . . posted four 100-yard rushing games as a junior, including 23 carries for a season-high 161 yards and a TD vs. Traverse City West . . . scored three rushing TDs in the 2006 season finale vs. Ford . . . son of Mildred Ray . . . born Dec. 20, 1989 . . . plans to major in business.

BRYNDEN TRAWICK

S • 6-3 • 218

Marietta, Ga. (Sprayberry High School)

HIGH SCHOOL AND PERSONAL DATA: Ranked among the nation's top safeties by Scouts, Inc. (No. 40), Rivals.com (No. 64) and Scout.com (No. 68) . . . named to SuperPrep's All-Dixie Team and [PrepStar's All-Southeast Region](#) . . . rated among Georgia's top seniors by SuperPrep (No. 50) . . . intercepted a pass in the 2008 Cobb All-Star Senior Bowl . . . three-year starter at Sprayberry High School in Marietta, Ga., including one season for Coach Billy Shackelford (2007) and two years for Coach Wade Beale (2005-06) . . . honorable mention all-state pick as a senior . . . two-time all-league and all-county selection . . . selected Sprayberry's Defensive Player of the Year after recording 69 tackles (51 solos, 18 assists) and an interception as a senior . . . also recovered two fumbles and blocked two extra-point attempts in 2007 . . . accounted for more than 600 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns as a senior . . . caught 15 passes for 195 yards (13.0 avg.) . . . rushed 17 times for 156 yards (9.2 avg.) . . . had a 66-yard kickoff return vs. Walton . . . returned a kickoff 94 yards for a score vs. Milton . . . registered 78 tackles and three interceptions as a junior, returning two picks for TDs . . . had eight receptions for 278 yards (34.8 avg.) in 2006 . . . started at linebacker as a sophomore and intercepted two passes . . . also participates in track and field for the Yellow Jackets . . . finished third in the long jump (20-10.5) in Region 6AAAAA as a junior . . . son of George and Bridget Trawick . . . born Oct. 23, 1989 . . . plans to major in business.



2008 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNEES

Antwon Bailey

Athlete • 5-8 • 196

Washington D.C. • St. Johns College HS

High School: Gatorade Player of the Year in the Washington D.C. area and first-team All-Met selection ... **2007 Prep Star All-Atlantic Region selection** ... Named Examiner Scholar Athlete of the Year ... First-team all-conference for two consecutive years ... Three-time St. Johns College MVP ... As a senior, gained 1,246 yards on 175 carries and scored 23 touchdowns, in addition to averaging 33.4 yards per punt return and scoring a touchdown on a punt return ... As a junior, recorded 751 yards rushing and scored 12 touchdowns ... High School coach: Joe Patterson ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... Personal: Antwon Bailey ... Son of Bernice Bailey ... Highest GPA on team.

Cory Boatman

Defensive End • 6-2 • 260

Olney, Md. • Good Counsel HS

High School: **2007 Prep Star All-Atlantic Region selection** ... Listed as the 19th-best prospect in the Mid-Atlantic region by Scout.com ... Earned 2007 honorable mention All-Met defensive honors ... As a senior, registered 60 tackles, five sacks, three forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and a defensive touchdown to help lead his team to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship game ... High school coach: Bob Milloy ... Also played basketball and competed in track & field ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... Personal: Cory Boatman ... Son of Cedric and Wanda Boatman.

Tyrell Harris

Cornerback • 6-1 • 190

Harrisburg, Pa. • Bishop McDevitt HS

High School: **2007 Prep Star All-East Region selection** ... As a senior, had four interceptions and caught five passes for 166 yards and three touchdowns ... High school coach: Jeff Weachter ... Attended same high school as current SU football student-athlete Tucker Baumbach ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris Wiesehan ... Personal: Tyrell Harris.

Michael Jones

Running Back/Cornerback • 5-11 • 205

Middleton, Pa. • Bishop McDevitt HS

High School: **2007 Prep Star All-East Region selection** ... Rated the 35th-best cornerback nationally by Rivals.com ... Rated the 28th-best prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... As a senior, led his team with 173 carries for 1,390 yards and 17 touchdowns and had 18 receptions for 337 yards and four touchdowns ... As a junior, rushed for 800 yards and 14 touchdowns and had four interceptions and three kickoff returns for touchdowns in six games ... High school coach: Jeff Weachter ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris Wiesehan ... Personal: Mike Jones ... Son of John Jones

Shane Kimmel

Linebacker • 6-1 • 238

Ivyland, Pa. • Council Rock HS

High School: **2007 Prep Star All-East Region selection** ... Rated the 54th-best middle linebacker in the country by Scout.com ... High school coach: Tim Coates ... Recruited by assistant coach Phil Earley ... Personal: Shane Kimmel ... Son of Jon and Sharon Kimmel ... Cousin, Jared, is a defensive end for the Orange ... Uncles, Jamie '85, and Jerry '86, played for Syracuse.

Nick Lepak

Offensive Tackle • 6-4 • 318

Auburn, N.Y. • Auburn HS

High School: **2007 Prep Star All-East Region selection** ... 2007 SuperPrep All-Northeast selection and rated the 13th top prospect in New York ... Rated seventh among New York prospects by Rivals.com ... Selected to 2007 Football NYSSWA All-State Class AA First Team Offense ... Named first-team all-state defensive tackle as a junior ... High school coach: Dave Moskov ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris Wiesehan ... Personal: Nick Lepak ... Son of Christine and Manfred Lepak.



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Feb. 6, 2008

PITTSBURGH - Boasting a recruiting class considered one of the finest in the country and the best in the Big East, Pitt head coach **Dave Wannstedt** announced today the signing of 19 prospects to National Letters of Intent.

Wannstedt made the announcement from the Panthers' locker room at Heinz Field, which was adorned with the jerseys of members of Pitt's recent recruiting classes, including All-America linebacker **Scott McKillop** and tailback **LeSean McCoy**, this past season's Big East Rookie of the Year.

"We felt it was appropriate to introduce our 2008 recruiting class in the place where they will spend their Saturdays over the next four years," Wannstedt said. "Looking at the jerseys in these lockers, we have been fortunate to recruit some outstanding young men to the University of Pittsburgh. We believe this year's class fits that same exceptional mold.

"We recruited with specific positional needs in mind and I'm very pleased with the end result. This was a total team effort by our coaching staff, players and campus community. They all do a great job when it comes to recruiting student-athletes to Pitt and our 2008 class is a prime example."

The Panthers' last two recruiting classes were rated among the nation's top 20 by most scouting services. The 2008 class figures to receive similar acclaim as it includes:

- Three U.S. Army Bowl All-Americans, including receiver **Jonathan Baldwin**, linebacker **Shayne Hale** and offensive lineman **Lucas Nix**. Baldwin, Hale and Nix are widely considered three of the top 50 overall prospects in the country.
- Thirteen players who were named to The Associated Press All-State Team in Pennsylvania.
- **PrepStar All-American** and two-time all-state honoree **Chris Burns**, considered the top running back in Pennsylvania this year.
- Pennsylvania's top cornerback, **Jarred Holley**, a two-time first team all-state selection and **PrepStar** and *SuperPrep* All-American.
- One of the greatest kick returners in WPIAL history and a national-caliber all-purpose back in **Cameron Saddler**.
- Two members of Pittsburgh Central Catholic's undefeated state championship team in **PrepStar All-America** quarterback **Tino Sunseri** and defensive back **Andrew Taglianetti**, the WPIAL Class AAAA Player of the Year.
- One of the country's elite specialists in **Kevin Harper**, rated among the top five high school placekickers nationwide.



Greg Shaw

POSITION: Offensive Line
HEIGHT: 6-5
WEIGHT: 285
CLASS: Freshman
EXPERIENCE: HS
HIGH SCHOOL: Edward Pace HS
HOMETOWN: Hialeah, Fla.

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PrepStar All-American

ESPN.com Top 20 offensive tackle

HIGH SCHOOL

One of the top offensive linemen in the state of Florida ... Displays solid footwork and excellent upper body strength ... Named to the Rivals 250 with a four star rating ... Ranked the No. 35 prospect in the state of Florida by Rivals.com ... **Listed as a PrepStar All-American** ... Rated the nation's No. 16 offensive tackle by ESPN.com ... Earned Class 3A all-state honors as both a junior and a senior ... Increased his stock with an excellent showing at the Nike camp in Athens, Ga. ... Registered 79 pancake blocks as a junior and 65 pancake blocks as a senior ... Plans to major in business ... Coached by Alvin Slaughter ... Born Jan. 27, 1990.

Matt Branch

POSITION: Tight End
HEIGHT: 6-5
WEIGHT: 240
CLASS: Freshman
EXPERIENCE: HS
HIGH SCHOOL: Sterlington HS
HOMETOWN: Monroe, La.

Updated 02/05/2008

PrepStar Top 135 Dream Team

Rivals.com Top 10 tight end

HIGH SCHOOL

A blue-chip tight end rated among the best in the nation at his position ... A big target who flashes soft hands and creates mismatches in the passing game ... Uses his active feet to sustain blocks ... Has the frame to add bulk and play offensive tackle ... Named to the Rivals.com 250 and ranked as the nation's No. 6 tight end ... Member of the Baton Rouge Advocate Super Dozen, New Orleans Times-Picayune Top 25 Blue Chip List and Atlanta Journal Constitution Super Southern 100 ... Earned Class 2A all-state honors in both his junior and senior years ... Caught 32 balls for 312 yards and one touchdown as a senior ... Racked up another 234 yards and helped pave the way for a pair of 1,000 yard rushers his junior year ... Coached by Mike Collins ... Plans to major in finance ... Born March 1, 1989.

Ryan St. Julien

POSITION: Defensive Back
HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 170
CLASS: Freshman
EXPERIENCE: HS
HIGH SCHOOL: Catholic-New Iberia HS
HOMETOWN: St. Martinville, La.

Updated 02/05/2008

Prep Star Magazine's All-Southeast Region Team

ESPN.com Top 30 cornerback

HIGH SCHOOL

Talented defensive back that has a knack for making big plays ... Has great hands and also doubles as a kick returner ... Can play any position in the secondary ... Rated as the No. 30 cornerback in the nation by ESPN.com and as the No. 20 overall prospect in the state of Louisiana by Rivals.com ... Member of New Orleans Times Picayune's Blue-Chip List, Mobile Press-Register's Super Southeast 120, Prep Star Magazine's All-Southeast Region Team and Baton Rouge Advocate's 2008 Super Dozen... Named first-team 3A all-state as a return specialist in 2007... Started at quarterback his senior year while also seeing action in the secondary ... As a senior, scored 23 total touchdowns rushing, passing and returning... Rushed for 914 yards and 15 touchdowns on 117 carries as a senior while throwing for 177 yards and 4 touchdowns on only 19 completions throughout the season... Named first-team all-district as a junior after recording 57 tackles, five interceptions and two fumble recoveries ... A multi-sport athlete in high school, he won the Division II state indoor high jump title as a junior as well as being named to the all-district basketball team... Set school record in the high jump with a leap of 6-foot-7... Coached by Craig Brodie ... Born Jan. 19, 1990



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2008 Georgia Football Signees

XAVIER AVERY

ATH, 6-0, 185

Ellenwood, Ga., Cedar Grove HS

XAVIER AVERY...Born: January 1, 1989...**High School:** Cedar Grove... **PrepStar All-Southeast Region**... 2008 *SuperPrep* All-Dixie team...Scout.com three-star prospect, #40 prospect in Georgia... 2008 Rivals.com Athletes (25), Georgia Top 50 (21)...

UGASports Georgia Top 50 (19)...as a senior in 2007, caught 20 passes for 256 yards and one TD and recorded 38 tackles and seven tackles-for-loss...also rushed 18 times for 107 yards in one game vs. Mays...named All-County as a junior in 2006 when he tallied 1,115 rushing yards, eight rushing TDs, 18 receptions for 193 yards, 49 tackles and one interception...as a soph in 2005, had 52 carries for 367 yards and two TD's and recorded 41 tackles, three tackles-for-loss, and one interception...played baseball and ran track...participant at the 2007 Aflac All-American Baseball Classic where he scored the winning run for the East squad...named "Top Running Prospect" by Perfect Game USA, the world's largest scouting report service for baseball, after clocking a 6.17 60-yard dash time, the fastest time ever recorded by Perfect Game USA... ranked #25 among Baseball America's Top 100 High School Prospects for 2008...as a junior, batted .668 and was 47-for-47 on stolen bases...set personal-best track times of 10.67 in 100m dash and 21.82 in 200m dash...High School Coach: Ray Bonner.

BRANDON BOYKIN

CB, 5-10, 171

Fayetteville, Ga., Fayette County HS

BRANDON BOYKIN... Born: July 13, 1990... **High School:** Fayette County... *SuperPrep* All-America and All-Dixie

Teams...**PrepStar All-Southeast Region**...2007 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100 and Class AAAA All-State ... Georgia Sports Writers Association Class AAAA All-State...2007 *Georgia Football Magazine* All-State second team ... 2008 Rivals.com Rivals 250, cornerbacks (15), Georgia Top 50 (18)... UGASports Georgia Top 50 (8)... Scout.com four-star prospect, Top 150, #161 player in America, #14 CB in America, #91 player in the South, #14 player in Georgia... as a senior in 2007, recorded 23 tackles, recorded five interceptions and nine pass breakups ...he also appeared on offense at quarterback, completing 33 of 43 passes for 416 yards and three touchdowns, rushed 94 times for 600 yards and six touchdowns...High School Coach: Tommy Webb.

SANDERS COMMINGS

DB, 6-2, 195

Augusta, Ga., Westside HS

SANDERS COMMINGS...Born: March 8, 1990...**High School:** Westside... **PrepStar All-Southeast Region**... 2008 *SuperPrep* All-Dixie team... Scout.com three-star prospect, #34 prospect in Georgia... 2008 Rivals.com Athletes (72), Georgia Top 50

(47)... UGASports Georgia Top 50 (23)...named All-Region Class AA first team defense... 2007 *Augusta Chronicle* Dream 16 selection...2006 *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Class AA All-State first team defense... 2007 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association All-Star...as a senior in 2007, missed five games with a cracked fibula but still tallied three interceptions, 41 tackles, 109 rushing yards, 248 receiving yards and four receiving touchdowns...as a junior, recorded seven interceptions...also played baseball where as a junior he batted .406 with six home runs, 27 runs batted in and 18 stolen bases...High School Coach: Gerald Barnes.

MARCUS DOWTIN

LB, 6-2, 215

Fork Union, Va., Fork Union Military Academy

MARCUS DOWTIN...Born: Jan. 22, 1989...**High School:** Fork Union... **PrepStar All-Atlantic Region**...2008 *SuperPrep* All-Mid-Atlantic team...Scout.com four-star prospect, Top 150, #111 player in America, #7 WLB in nation...2008 Rivals.com Rivals250, outside linebackers (16), No. 10 on Virginia Top 30 list... Scout.com No. 7 weakside linebacker in the nation... *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100...as a senior in 2007, registered 76 tackles, nine for loss, three fumble recoveries, two sacks and one interception to go along with 1,202 yards rushing and 15 touchdowns on 121 carries (9.9 yards per carry)...as a junior at Georgetown Prep, finished with 92 tackles and rushed for 1,132 yards and as a sophomore Bishop O'Connell, tallied 126 tackles and two interceptions...High School Coach: Micky Sullivan.