

2017-18 GEORGIA STATE FOOTBALL SIGNEES



FEB. 7, 2018 SIGNEES

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Destin Coates	RB	5-10, 180	Tallahassee, Fla.	Rickards
Zachary Dixon	ILB	6-0, 210	Hollywood, Fla.	Chaminade-Madonna
Mario Dungy	NG-DE	6-3, 285	Mobile, Ala.	Blount/Highlands (Kan.) C.C.
Travis Glover	OL	6-5, 310	Vienna, Ga.	Dooly County
Jontrey Hunter	OLB	6-2, 195	Tampa, Fla.	Sickles
Swift Lyle	QB	6-3, 195	Mobile, Ala.	St. Paul's Episcopal
Seth Paige	RB	5-10, 180	Glen St. Mary, Fla.	Baker County
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Blake Carroll	ILB	6-2, 219	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Mountain View
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Jacorey Crawford	S	6-1, 205	Thomson, Ga.	Thomson
Dan Ellington	QB	6-2, 192	Olive Branch, Miss.	Center Hill/Itawamba (Miss.) CC
Tyler Gore	CB	5-10, 170	North Myrtle Beach, S.C.	North Myrtle Beach, S.C.
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Herman McCray	TE	6-4, 230	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Oxbridge Academy
Tre Moore	DE	6-2, 230	Johnston, S.C.	Strom Thurmond
Akeem Smith	NG	6-0, 292	Virginia Beach, Va.	Bishop Sullivan Catholic
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DESPELADO ALEXANDRE

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Offensive lineman from Deerfield Beach (Fla.) High School, which was ranked No. 1 in the state of Florida in Class 8A during the season ... Three-star prospect by 247 Sports ... Helped Deerfield Beach reach Class 8A state semifinals in 2016 ... Ranked among Top 100 recruits in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties by the Miami Herald ... One of five December signees who enrolled in January and will participate in spring practice.



JOHNATHAN BASS

T | 6-4, 270 | Marietta, Ga. | Kell HS

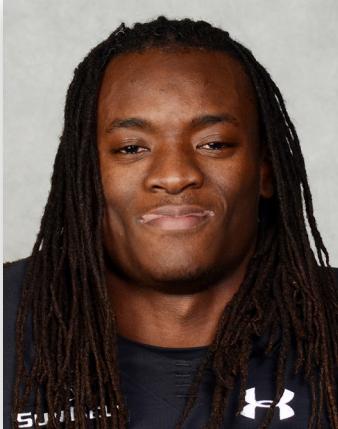
Offensive line prospect from Kell High School ... Honorable mention all-state in Class AAAA by Recruit Georgia ... All-Metro/Cobb County by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution ... He and his linemates twice earned the “Line of Distinction” Award from Georgia High School Football Daily: after paving the way for 365 yards rushing vs. Lassiter and again after a 516-yard offensive effort - 326 rushing, 190 passing - in a 58-46 victory over Paulding County ... Chosen to play in the Cobb Senior Bowl ... Coached by Brett Sloan.



BLAKE CARROLL

ILB | 6-2, 219 | Lawrenceville, Ga. | Mountain View HS

Two-way standout at Mountain View High School who projects as an inside linebacker ... Three-star prospect by 247 Sports ... First-team all-county by the Touchdown Club of Gwinnett in 2017 after earning honorable mention recognition as a junior ... All Region 6-AAAAAAA in 2016 ... Honorable mention all-state by Recruit Georgia ... Senior stats included 65 tackles with 14 tackles for loss, 10.5 sacks, three interceptions, two caused fumbles and two fumble recoveries ... Returned all three of his interceptions for touchdowns ... Also played running back and led his team with 597 yards and seven touchdowns on 57 carries ... Helped the program break school records for wins each year with eight in 2016 and nine this past season, making the state playoffs both seasons ... His 86-yard interception return for a touchdown led Mountain View to an upset win over No. 6 South Forsyth for the school's first playoff win ever ... Chosen for the Rivalries of Gwinnett All-Star Game.



DIONDRE CHAMPAIGNE

WR | 6-3, 195 | North Charleston, S.C. | Fort Dorchester HS / Jones County (Miss.) C.C.

Big receiver from Jones County (Miss.) C.C. who enrolled in January ... Averaged 15.1 yards per catch as a freshman, when he had eight receptions for 121 yards and one touchdown in a run-oriented offense ... Added five catches for 33 yards and one TD in 2017 ... Helped Fort Dorchester High School in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., to 2015 state title.



DESTIN COATES

RB | 5-10, 180 | Tallahassee, Fla. | Rickards HS

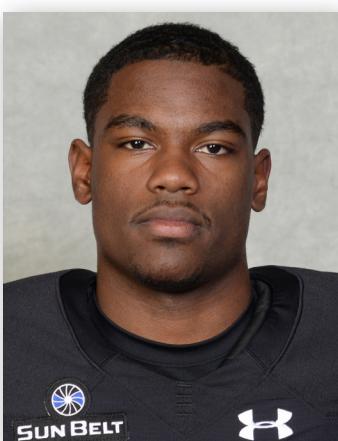
Three-star (by 247 Sports) running back from Rickards High School ... Rushed for 184 yards and four touchdowns vs. North Marion ... Then vs. Leon, in just 14 carries in just over a half of action, he rushed for 314 yards and three touchdowns, scoring on runs of 82, 80 and 27 yards ... As a junior had over 1,300 yards, 200 plus in receiving and had 19 touchdowns.



JACOREY CRAWFORD

S | 6-1, 205 | Thomson, Ga. | Thomson HS

Two-time, first-team All-Region 3-AAAA selection ... Two-time, second-team All-Area by the Augusta Chronicle ... One of five December signees who enrolled in January ... Helped Thomson High School reach the Class AAAA state finals in 2016 with a 14-1 record and the quarterfinals in 2017 before falling to eventual champion Blessed Trinity ... As a junior had four interceptions and more than 70 tackles ... Coached by Rob Ridings.



ZACHARY DIXON

ILB | 6-0, 205 | Hollywood, Fla. | Chaminade-Madonna Prep

Two-way athlete who projects as an inside linebacker ... Helped Chaminade-Madonna Prep to the 2017 Florida Class 3A state title. Had two sacks in the title game victory over Oxbridge Academy ... Collected 89 tackles as a senior, including 25 tackles for loss and 13 sacks.



MARIO DUNGY

NG-DE | 6-3, 285 | Mobile, Ala. | Blount HS /Highland (Kan.) CC

Versatile defensive lineman from Highland (Kan.) C.C. who could play inside or outside ... Collected 13 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack, one pass breakup, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble in 2017 ... Attended Blount High School in Mobile, Ala.



DAN ELLINGTON

QB | 6-2, 192 | Olive Branch, Miss. | Center Hill HS / Itawamba (Miss.) CC

Talented dual-threat quarterback from Itawamba (Miss.) C.C. who enrolled in January and will participate in spring practice ... Passed for 3,211 yards and 27 touchdowns in 2017 ... NJCAA second-team All-American ... Ranked second in NJCAA with 356.8 passing yards per game and fifth in touchdown passes ... Completed 65 percent of his passes (230-for-353) with just seven interceptions ... Also rushed for 392 yards and eight touchdowns ... Three-star prospect by 247 Sports ... Named Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) Offensive Player of the Week after throwing for 494 yards and two TDs against No. 1 East Mississippi Community College. Completed 41 of 59 passes while rushing for 57 yards and another touchdown on 18 carries ... Sharing time in 2016, he passed for 765 yards on just 58 completions with eight touchdowns and one interception ... Team's second-leading rusher in 2016 with 406 yards and seven scores on 60 attempts (6.8 yards per carry) ... Played for Center Hill High School in Olive Branch, Miss.



TRAVIS GLOVER

OL | 6-5, 310 | Vienna, Ga. | Dooly County HS

First-team All-State (Class A) selection by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Georgia Sportwriters Association ... Massive offensive lineman who helped Dooly County reach the state playoffs ... At 6-5 and 310 pounds, he is the largest member of the 2018 recruiting class ... First-team All-Region 4-A ... Played in the Georgia Elite Classic all-star game following his junior season.



TYLER GORE

CB | 5-10, 170 | North Myrtle Beach, S.C. | North Myrtle Beach HS

Secondary prospect who played cornerback and wide receiver at North Myrtle Beach High School ... Enrolled in January ... Named All-Region and Region Defensive Player of the Year ... All-state defensive back by High School Sports Report ... Named to the American Family Insurance ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team by USA TODAY High School Sports ... Grabbed five interceptions as a senior, along with nine pass breakups, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks ... Caught 37 passes for 414 yards and seven touchdowns and rushed 20 times for 151 yards and two TD. Also had a kickoff return for a touchdown ... Helped North Myrtle Beach set a new program record for wins (12) and capture the Region 7-4A in 2017 ... Played in the North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine Bowl and had two tackles and a pass breakup ... Led his team in receiving during his junior season with nine touchdown receptions and also had two rushing touchdowns, while making 35 tackles with three interceptions ... ABC 15 All-Zone selection as a junior.



DAWSON HILL

RB | 5-11, 190 | Plantation, Fla. | South Plantation HS

Three-star (247 Sports) running back from South Plantation High School ... Chosen for the Broward County North-South All-Star Game ... Ranked among Top 100 recruits in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties by the Miami Herald ... Piled up 908 all-purpose yards and seven touchdowns as a junior.



JONTREY HUNTER

OLB | 6-2, 195 | Tampa, Fla. | Sickles HS

Defensive standout at Sickles High School who projects as an outside linebacker ... Named to the All-Hillsborough team by the Tampa Bay Times, which rated among the Top 100 prospects in the Tampa area in its preseason rankings.



BRANDON JOSEPH

C | 6-2, 280 | Lawrenceville, Ga. | Central Gwinnett HS

Offensive lineman from Central Gwinnett High School ... Earned all-county recognition from the Touchdown Club of Gwinnett ... Named first-team All-Region 7-AAAAAAA in Georgia's largest classification as a junior ... Played in the Georgia Elite All-Star Classic junior game in 2016 ... Coached by Todd Wofford.



D'ANGELO KNIGHT

OLB | 6-1, 215 | North Charleston, S.C. | Fort Dorchester HS

Defensive standout who could play strong safety or outside linebacker ... Named to the American Family Insurance ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team by USA TODAY High School Sports ... Helped Fort Dorchester High School to the Class 5A Lower State finals the last two years ... Grabbed two interceptions and threw a touchdown pass in Class 5A state quarterfinals win over Spring Valley in 2017 ... Had eight interceptions on the season, along with nine pass breakups, three forced fumbles and 47 tackles ... Scored three touchdowns on defense ... Also saw time at running back and receiver during his career ... Chosen for the 2017 Touchstone Energy North-South All-star Football Game.



SWIFT LYLE

QB | 6-2, 185 | Mobile, Ala. | St. Paul's Episcopal

Pro-style quarterback who led St. Paul's Episcopal to the Alabama Class 5A state title ... Four-star prospect by ESPN.com, while earning three stars from 247 Sports ... One of three finalists for Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 5A Back of the Year. Completed 60 percent of his passes for 2,000 yards and 22 touchdowns and just five interceptions ... Rallied his team from a 14-3 second half deficit to a 17-14 victory over No. 1 Briarwood Christian in the state title game. On game-winning drive, he completed a 56-yard pass on 4th-and-14, then threw the winning touchdown on another fourth-down play with 1:54 remaining. Finished 14-for-22 for 236 yards and two touchdowns ... First-team All-Coastal Alabama and Class 5A All-State selection who St. Paul's to a 23-5 record in his two years as a starter. In his first year as a starter in 2016, he completed 169-of-304 passes for 2,151 yards and 11 touchdowns while leading the Saints to a 9-4 record and the Class 5A quarterfinals.



CORNELIUS McCOY

WR | 5-10, 170 | Deerfield Beach, Fla. | Deerfield Beach HS

Three-star prospect as a receiver from Deerfield Beach (Fla.) High School, which was ranked No. 1 in the state of Florida in Class 8A during the season ... Helped Deerfield Beach reach Class 8A state semifinals in 2016 ... One of two signees in this class from Deerfield Beach.



HERMAN McCRAY

TE | 6-4, 230 | West Palm Beach, Fla. | Oxbridge Academy

Two-way standout at Florida's Oxbridge Academy as a tight end and defensive end ... Helped lead Oxbridge to the FHSAA Class 3A State Championship game. Caught a 17-yard touchdown pass in 31-28 loss to Chaminade-Madonna.



TRE MOORE

DE | 6-2, 230 | Johnson, S.C. | Strom Thurmond HS

Defensive end from Strom Thurmond High School ... Two-time All-Area selection by the Augusta Chronicle Chosen for the North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine Bowl and the Border Bowl V (South Carolina-Georgia) all-star game ... Preseason selection to the Augusta Chronicle Dream 16 ... Finished his junior season with 71 tackles, seven sacks and a fumble recovery ... Honorable mention all-area choice in basketball by the Aiken Standard.



SETH PAIGE

RB | 5-10, 180 | Glen St. Mary, Fla. | Baker County HS

Talented running back from Baker County (Fla.) High School ... All-First Coast by the Florida Times Union ... Led Baker County to the best season in school history with a berth in the Class 5A state championship game ... Rushed for four touchdowns on runs of four, nine, 26 and 85 yards in win over West Florida the semifinals ... Team fell to nationally-ranked American Heritage in the state finals, but Paige accounted for two touchdowns ... Rushed for 1,836 yards and 22 TDs during the season, including 840 yards and 10 scores in the playoffs ... Coached by Jamie Rodgers.



SAM PINCKNEY

WR | 6-4, 210 | Greenwood, S.C. | Greenwood HS

Receiver with very good size who was rated the No. 18 prospect in South Carolina ... Three-star prospect by 247 Sports ... All-region honoree ... Had 58 receptions for 752 yards and six touchdowns as a senior at Greenwood High School ... Career totals of 2,678 yards and 26 touchdowns ... Chosen for the Shrine Bowl.



AKEEM SMITH

NG | 6-0, 292 | Virginia Beach, Va. | Bishop Sullivan Catholic

All-state defensive lineman from Bishop Sullivan Catholic, a nationally-ranked program in Virginia Beach, Va. ... First-team All-State (Group 5A) and first-team 5A All-South Region ... Rated the No. 30 prospect in Virginia by the Roanoke Times and the No. 14 prospect in South Hampton Roads by the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot ... Three-star prospect by 247 Sports ... Played for Henrico High School as a junior, when he was named Conference 11 defensive player of the year and first-team All-Metro ... Made 54 tackles, 20 tackles for loss and 12 sacks as a junior.



T.J. SMITH

DE | 6-3, 242 | Laurinburg, N.C. | Scotland HS

Defensive end from Scotland High School, the state runner-up in North Carolina's Class 4A ... Led the team with 15 quarterback sacks to go along with 54 solo tackles, 24 of which were tackles for loss ... First-team All-Sandhills Athletic Conference ... Had an interception in second-round playoff victory.



QUAVIAN WHITE

CB-KR-PR | 5-9, 178 | Greer, S.C.

Versatile athlete who projects as a cornerback and return specialist ... Three-star prospect by 247 Sports ... Named to the American Family Insurance ALL-USA South Carolina Football Team by USA TODAY High School Sports ... First-team All-Region II-AAAA as a defensive back ... Led Greer High School in receiving as well as punt and kickoff returns ... Had over 1,700 total yards and 23 touchdowns, including two punt return and two kickoff return scores ... One of his top games was in a win over Greenville, when he caught two touchdown passes and returned a kickoff for another score ... Helped Greer reach the Class AAAA Upper State final ... Chosen for the North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine Bowl.

**COURTNEY WILLIAMS****S | 6-2, 180 | Hogansville, Ga. | Callaway HS**

All-state safety from Callaway High School ... Three-star rating from 247 Sports ... Earned second-team all-state honors in Class AA by the Georgia Sportswriters Association ... Helped Callaway reach the state quarterfinals in Class AA ... Made a potential game-saving play vs. Rockmart in the state playoffs. With Callaway leading by six with three minutes left, he intercepted a pass at the goal line and returned it the length of the field for a touchdown. Also recovered a fumble in the game ... All-Region 5-AA.

**MARLON YOUNG****DE | 6-3, 245 | Opelousas, La. | Opelousas HS**

Defensive end from Opelousas (La.) High School ... Two-time all-district performer as well as a two-time Daily World All-Parish first-team selection ... No. 40 prospect on the Louisiana Nifty 50 by NOLA.com.