



FRESNO STATE FOOTBALL

- NATIONAL SIGNING DAY -

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2020 SIGNING CLASS

OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
QB	Logan Fife [^]	6-0	200	Tracy, Calif. (Tracy HS)	DL	Da'Marcus Johnson [^]	6-4	230	Sacramento, Calif. (American River College)
RB	Malik Sherrod [^]	5-8	165	Oxnard, Calif. (Pacifica HS)	LB	Tyler Mello [^]	6-3	215	Hanford, Calif. (Hanford HS)
WR	Mac Dalena [^]	5-10	165	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS)	DB	CJ Jones [^]	5-11	175	Fresno, Calif. (Buchanan HS)
TE	Matt Lowe [^]	6-5	245	Hesperia, Calif. (Serrano HS)	DB	Kamron Forest [^]	5-10	165	Fontana, Calif. (Cajon HS)
TE	Rory Hanson [!]	6-5	250	Tracy, Calif. (Modesto Christian HS/Modesto JC)	DB	Dupree Williams [^]	6-2	175	Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)
OL	Joseph Church [^]	6-5	285	Fontana, Calif. (Upland HS)	ATH	Kosi Agina [^]	6-0	185	Fresno, Calif. (Sanger HS)
OL	Julian Polendo [^]	6-5	325	Palm Springs, Calif. (Palm Springs HS)	[^] signed during early period - Dec. 18				
OL	Mose Vavao	6-2	313	Mountain View, Calif. (St. Francis HS)	* signed Jan. 7 (midyear JC Transfer)				
					! enrolled in school for 2020 spring semester				

SIGNING DAY NOTES

- Fresno State received one National Letter of Intent on Feb. 5, 2020, which increased their 2020 class to 14.
- Fresno State received 12 National Letters of Intent during the 2020 Early Signing Day period on Dec. 18, 2019.
 - the Bulldogs added Rory Hanson on Jan. 7 during the midyear JC transfer period (Dec. 18 - Jan. 15)
- All 14 signees are California recruits.
- Four signees are Valley products, including two from the immediate Fresno area.
 - four claim hometowns from the Valley, five played HS football in the Valley.
- Fresno State signed 12 high school players and two Juco players.
- Fresno State signed eight offensive players, five defensive players and one classified as an athlete.
- The largest number of NLI's dedicated to one position group was three.
 - the Bulldogs signed three offensive linemen and three defensive backs.

2020 FRESNO STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Opponent Ranking*	Time/Result	Opp. '19 Record	Series	Note
Sept. 5	Idaho State	-	TBA	3-9	1-2	Fresno State-Idaho State set for first contest since 1977
Sept. 12	at Colorado	-	TBA	5-7	4-2	Last pairing resulted in 69-14 drubbing of the Buffs in '12 at Bulldog Stadium
Oct. 10	at Texas A&M	-	TBA	8-5	1-0	'Dogs set for return to College Station after 47-45 triple OT heartbreaker in '07
Oct. 17	New Mexico State	-	TBA	2-10	18-1	'Dogs look to continue all-time series dominance of NMST in home bout
TBA	Air Force [^]	#22/#23	- TBA	11-2	3-6	Fresno State seeks to end three-game losing skid to Air Force in 2019
TBA	Hawai'i [^]	--/RV	- TBA	10-5	29-22-1	The Bulldogs own a 7-1 edge in MW games versus the Rainbow Warriors
TBA	San Diego State [^]	RV/RV	- TBA	10-3	25-30-4	Winner of the FS-SDSU game has participated in the MWC six of last seven years
TBA	San Jose State [^]	-	TBA	5-7	42-38-3	Fresno State to face its longest-running rival SJSU for 84th time
TBA	at Colorado State [^]	-	TBA	4-8	5-10	Rams to host Fresno State at Canvas Stadium for first time
TBA	at Nevada [^]	-	TBA	7-6	29-21-1	Fresno State hold 5-3 series advantage in Mountain West games
TBA	at UNLV [^]	-	TBA	4-8	15-7	Bulldogs to play in inaugural season at Allegiant Field
TBA	at Utah State [^]	-	TBA	7-6	17-13-1	Aggies' knocked off FS with game-winning FG in 2018, look to avenge in 2019

Key: [^] MW Game ; *AP Poll/USA Today Coaches Poll (final rankings)

REFERENCE: "Fresno State" (never: FSU, FRES, CSUF, Fresno State University or just "Fresno"); ABBREVIATIONS: Fresno St. or FS

**KOSI AGINA****Athlete****6-0 | 185****Fresno, California****Sanger High School (Class of 2020)**

- Helped lead Sanger High School to a 7-4 record and an appearance at the first round of the CIF sac-Joaquin Section Playoffs.
- Had 90 carries for 1,054 yards and 17 touchdowns, and seven receptions for 130 yards and one touchdown as a senior in 2019.
- Agina earned First Team All-League running back honors and finished fourth in CIF Track and Field State Championship (Triple Jump) in 2019.
- Agina was named the CMAC Offensive Player of The Year, a First Team All-League Defensive Back, and placed sixth in CIF Track and Field State Championships (Triple Jump) in 2018.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON AGINA....

"We are signing him as an athlete because he is a guy we can see doing a ton of stuff on the field. He is a very high character kid from a great family. We see him in a lot of spots out there for us. Kosi is a good football player, and he is right in our backyard. We were not going to let him slip."

**JOSEPH CHURCH****Offensive Line****6-5 | 285****Fontana, California****Upland High School (Class of 2020)**

- Helped Lead his team to a 6-6 record and a Berth in the 2nd Round of the CIF Southern Section Playoffs.
- Church is a two time CIF Southern Section Champion, 2018 CIF Honorable Mention OL, 2019 2nd Team All-League Selection OL.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON CHURCH....

"Church is very raw, athletic and powerful. He is going to be a big kid with wide hips and quick feet. He was one of the most hidden offensive linemen in the state of California. I really believe that. Seeing his athleticism and raw power, he is extremely strong. He reminds me a lot of Syrus Tuitele out of high school. He will be physically different from a lot of kids. Joseph comes from an unbelievable family, high character. They committed to the feeling of family here and that came from our players."

**MAC DALENA****Wide Receiver****5-10 | 165****Fresno, California****San Joaquin Memorial High School (Class of 2020)**

- Dalena is rated as three star recruit by 247 sports and ESPN.
- As a three year varsity wide receiver, Dalena accumulated 2,696 receiving yards, averaging 18.1 yards per catch and 65.8 yards per game in his career. He had 149 career receptions and 39 receiving touchdowns, plus one rushing.
- Added a team-high seven interceptions which were returned 84 yards in 2019.
- Was a senior team captain.
- Dalena helped San Joaquin Memorial to its fifth-most receiving yards in program history (394 yards) with 126 yards of his own in a 28-21 win against Garces Memorial in 2019 - his second most receiving yards of the season.
- Dalena had nine 100-yard receiving games at San Joaquin Memorial - one as a sophomore and four in his junior and senior years. He had a career-best 203 receiving yards on eight catches in the Panthers' 42-13 win against Stockdale in 2019. Dalena scored two touchdowns that night.
- Dalena scored a career-best three receiving touchdowns on 11 receptions for 189 yards in SJM's in-town rivalry game against Bullard High School. Memorial won, 33-31, with 18 points from Dalena.
- Helped San Joaquin Memorial to a 12-2 record in 2019 - lead the Central Section Division II teams, third in all of the Central Section behind Central High School and Buchanan.
- Dalena finished his senior year with single season career-bests in receiving yards (1,212), receptions (69), yards per game (86.6) and touchdowns (19).
- Helped San Joaquin Memorial to two football Valley championship titles and two baseball Valley championship titles. Dalena was the 2018 County/Metro Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year in baseball.
- Helped SJM to 2017, 2018 and 2019 Valley championship titles along with a CMAC and NorCal State Championship in 2018.
- Dalena made the 2018 All-Central Section Super 70 All Star team, the 2019 Cal-hi preseason Central Section Football Team and the Preseason Pagmeter All Star team.
- Dalena was the MaxPreps leading touchdown scorer by a receiver in the Central Section with 19 touchdowns.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON DALENA....

"The biggest thing with him is that he is very productive. It didn't matter what role or grade he was in, he was a productive player. He always found a way to get open and get it done. In the end, you need a guy who will do that. Size doesn't matter, he competes, and he is physical. Mac is truly a dog wired dude."

**LOGAN FIFE****Quarterback****6-0 | 200****Tracy, California****Tracy High School (Class of 2020)**

- Dual threat quarterback with a powerful arm and quick legs, Fife threw for 2,230 as a senior quarterback at Tracy High School.
- Fife was 129-of-258 in his senior season, finishing with a .500 completion percentage. He threw 22 touchdowns and averaged 202.7 yards per game. On his feet, he rushed for 362 yards and seven touchdowns in 2019.
- In his three year varsity career, Fife threw for 6,326 total yards and 67 touchdowns with his best passing performance coming in his junior season with 2,315 yards and 28 touchdowns.
- In the run game, he added 702 rushing yards and 20 rushing touchdowns in his varsity career. As a sophomore in 2017, his first season as a starting quarterback, Fife ran for 455 yards and five touchdowns.
- Fife is rated the 40th best dual-threat prospect in the class by 247Sports.
- Rated a three star quarterback by ESPN.
- Was also recruited by and received an offer from Cal Poly.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON FIFE....

"Fife has a good arm, quick feet and he is athletic. He did very well here at our camp - he was extremely accurate and delivered the ball. He had great demeanor around Coach Tedford and the other quarterbacks. He has great intangibles - he is a great kid who can play the next play no matter how good or bad. We are really excited about him. He is a local guy and we knew he wanted to be here."

**RORY HANSON****Tight End****6-5 | 250****Tracy, California****Modesto Christian High School (Class of 2018)
Modesto Junior College**

Will have three years to compete in two seasons as a transfer

- Hanson is a high school quarterback turned collegiate tight end.
- Had nine receptions for 202 yards and two touchdowns in 2019 and was also utilized at fullback to help block for an MJC running game that averaged over 200 yards per game.
- Was a first team all-league selection as a high school senior.
- Helped lead his team to a section playoff appearance his senior season.
- Rated as a 3-Star TE by 247Sports
- Also recruited by Sam Houston State, UTEP and UMass, and received interest from UCLA and Texas Tech following his two seasons at Modesto JC.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON HANSON....

"Rory Hanson played quarterback in high school, then transitioned to tight end at Modesto Junior College. He is just a big kid that grew out of playing quarterback. He is built and can play very physically, and he is athletic enough to stretch the field. He is still learning, and we expect him to really grow into the spot. Whatever they needed him to do, he could do. We are excited for him to be here. He is from Tracy, and has played ball in Modesto so for him to be able to come home and play as a Bulldog is a big deal for him. He is a very versatile, tough and intelligent kid. He is dedicated to being an awesome student-athlete. He was a shoe-in for us."

**MATT LOWE****Tight End****6-5 | 245****Hesperia, California****Serrano High School (Class of 2020)**

- Helped Serrano High School to a 12-1 record in 2019 as it went 10-0 through league games before winning its first two playoff games and falling to Cypress High School to end its season.
- Lowe was a three year varsity two-way player as a tight end and defensive end.
- 2018 & 2019 All-Section tight end
- His senior year, Lowe accounted for seven touchdowns on 21 receptions for 417 yards. He was second on the team in receptions (21), yards (417) and yards per game (32.1).
- Lowe had a career-long 82-yard reception in Serrano High School's 53-15 win over Burroughs in 2019.
- Lowe recorded 835 career receiving yards as a tight end, and scored 10 receiving touchdowns. He averaged 19.4 yards per reception in his career.
- As a defensive end, Lowe picked up 59 total tackles, eight sacks, two interceptions, three fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles in his career.
- Lowe was also recruited by and received offers from Arizona State, Boise State, San Diego State, San Jose State, New Mexico, UNLV, Utah State and UTEP.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON LOWE....

"Lowe is a legitimate 6-5, 245 pound big, natural guy. He is going to be a great player in this league. He has all of the tools. They didn't throw to him all the time in high school, but when they did, he made the plays. He is going to develop and be a big and powerful kid. He has unbelievable character and he wants to succeed. Again, a real dog wired dude and we are very excited about him."

**JULIAN POLENDO****Offensive Line****6-5 | 335****Palm Springs, California****Palm Springs High School (Class of 2020)**

- Helped lead Palm Springs to a 7-5 record and the second Round of the CIF Southern Section Playoffs.
- Polendo anchored the offensive line at both tackle and guard with 66 Tackles, 8.0 TFL in 2019.
- Polendo was named a First Team All-Desert Sun selection and a First Team All-League on both offense and defense in 2019.
- Was a First Team All-Desert Sun selection, named to the All-League defense first team, was on the Principal's Honor Roll, earned a second place finish in Desert Empire League Shot Put Finals (43'6.75") in 2018.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON POLENDO....

"Julian is massive. You watch his film and he is playing 170 snaps a game on both sides of the football. His feet are really good. I think he is going to be a good one on the inside at guard. He is a mid-year guy, he will have all winter to work with our guys and get in at spring ball. He is a fiery kid. Tough, physical and nasty. We are fired up about him."

**MALIK SHERROD****Running Back****5-8 | 165****Oxnard, California****Pacifica High School (Class of 2020)**

- Sherrod helped lead Pacifica High School to a 15-1 record in 2019 with 1,754 rushing yards on 189 carries while leading Pacifica to the CIF State Championship. Pacifica is the first Ventura County HS to win a CIF State Championship Bowl Game.
- He scored 24 rushing touchdowns and seven receiving touchdowns as a senior. Sherrod scored in 14 of Pacifica High School's 15 games in 2019. The only game he did not score a touchdown in was the Triton's only loss of the season.
- Sherrod had nine 100+ yard rushing games in 2019 - finishing his season with four consecutive 100+ yard games. In those nine games, two were 200+ yard games.
- Sherrod averaged 114.9 rushing yards per game in 2019 and led the team by more than double in rushing yards, touchdowns and carries.
- Sherrod was the primary kick returner for the Triton's in 2019 with eight returns for 224 yards.
- Scored 35 touchdowns as a senior - 24 rushing, seven receiving, one fumble recovery return, two interception returns and one kickoff return.
- Added 75 total tackles and 8 interceptions as a safety in 2019. Returned his 8 interceptions for a total of 187 yards.
- Three star recruit by 247 Sports.
- Is Pacifica High's leader in career rushing yards (3,206) and interceptions (13).
- Was named the league's Player of the Year, a first team selection on offense and defense as a senior.
- Sherrod was also recruited by and received offers from Air Force, Middle Tennessee State University, Montana, Montana State, Hawai'i, North Dakota, Sacramento State, San Jose State, South Dakota, Texas State, UC Davis, Utah State and Yale.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON SHERROD....

"I am fired up about this guy, he is electric. There is nothing on the field he can't do. You want to talk about high character, it's him. You talk to this guy and he is phenomenal, he is a leader. When things break down, Malik can get you yards. He reminds me a lot of Ronnie Rivers. I couldn't be more fired up about him. I think some people got scared of his size, but as he develops he will get really good. He is a high character kid, we can't say enough."

**MOSE VAVAO****Offensive Line****6-2 | 313****Mountain View, California****St. Francis High School (Class of 2020)**

- Back-to-back first-team All-WCAL (West Catholic Athletic League) selection in 2018-19.
- S.F. Chronicle All-Metro offense second-team pick.
- Invited to 2020 Polynesian Bowl.
- Vavao comes from the same high school current defensive back Evan Williams played for - St. Francis also produced former Bulldog basketball player and current member of the Phoenix Suns Tyler Johnson.
- Was a three-year varsity starter.
- Rated a 3-star recruit by 247sports.com.
- Recruited by Air Force, Columbia, Harvard, Hawaii, San Jose State, UNLV, Utah State and Yale.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON VAVAO....

"He is a tough, smart and productive football player. He is a leader, and comes from a great program over at St. Francis. The coach up there does a phenomenal job in developing players and we knew for a long time he was who we wanted. We waited for a long time for him to sign. He is smart and physical, and can play everywhere. That speaks a lot. He can do that at a high level, he is very serious about his education, he had some Ivy league offers. He comes from a great family. He is very bright, not just from the book standpoint but from the football side of things as well."

**KAMRON FOREST****Defensive Back****5-10 | 165****Fontana, California****Cajon High School (Class of 2020)**

- Rated a three star recruit by 247 Sports and ESPN.
- Forest was a key member of the top defense in the Citrus Belt League as a four year varsity defensive back at Cajon High School.
- Totaled 33 tackles in his senior season; 25 solo. Forest also added 2.0 TFL, one interception and 17 passes defended.
- Forest helped Cajon High School reach the CIF championship playoffs all four years.
- Forest received an invitation to play in the fourth annual Makasi Bowl that is set for Dec. 21.
- Forest was also recruited by and received offers from Nevada, New Mexico, San Diego State, San Jose State, UNLV, Yale, Portland State and Southwest Minnesota State.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON FOREST....

"Kamron is very competitive. For a young guy, his coverage skills are outstanding. I know JD Williams (defensive backs coach) is very high on him and will get him to develop quickly. He was a fun kid to have on the visit, and we are excited to get him here."

**TYLER MELLO****Linebacker****6-3 | 215****Hanford, California****Hanford High School (Class of 2020)**

- Helped Hanford High School to an 11-1 record in 2019 - making it to the second round of the CIF Central Section championships.
- Led the team with 145 tackles (84 solo stops), averaging 13.2 per game in 2019.
- Recorded 13.0 TFL, 9.0 sacks for a loss of 42 yards, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery during his senior season.
- As a tight end, Mello had four touchdown receptions.
- Mello is rated a three star recruit by 247 Sports.
- 2019 WYL Defensive Player of the Year
- Mello helped Hanford High School to back-to-back League Championship titles in 2018 and 2019.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON MELLO....

"Mello, he is a local guy. He is a true inside linebacker. He is a physical kid and he will strike you as smart. He is the kind of guy you want in your football program. You can't say enough about him. We needed a good guy to come in and take that scholarship spot for when some of our older guys like Mosby and Rice are gone. We think he will fit that spot."

**DA'MARCUS JOHNSON****Defensive Line****6-4 | 230****Sacramento, California****Burbank High School (Class of 2019)****American River College**

Will have four years to compete in three seasons as a transfer

- At American River College, Johnson racked up 27 total tackles in 2019 in helping the Beavers to a 8-3 record (5-0 conf.).
- Johnson added one forced fumble and two broken up passes in 2019.
- American River opponents averaged 19.1 points per game a season ago.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON JOHNSON....

"Da'Marcus is a guy that we recruited out of high school, but some injuries led him to go the JC route. The coaches at American River College couldn't say enough about him. He has a great demeanor and he has energy. He shows this is a big deal to him and he will be an impact in the Mountain West."

**CJ JONES****Defensive Back****5-11 | 163****Fresno, California****Buchanan High School (Class of 2020)**

- Had three non-offensive touchdowns in the Bears' rival game with Clovis North - one kickoff return for a touchdown and two interceptions returned for touchdowns.
- Jones helped Buchanan High School to a 10-3 overall record (4-1 league)
- All-League Selection as a SR.
- Son of Former Bulldog Great Charlie Jones

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON JONES....

"His dad played here, so getting a guy like CJ is a big deal. People will think about his father Charlie, but we recruited CJ for CJ. He is a phenomenal football player in his own. He was committed early and he stuck with us through this coaching transition. He is Bulldog proud and he is excited to be here, and we are excited to have him."

**DUPREE WILLIAMS****Cornerback****6-2 | 175****Compton, California****Dominguez High School (Class of 2020)**

- 2018 & 2019 All-League Selection as a Corner.
- All-San Gabriel Valley Selection as a Corner.

ASSOC. HC/OC RYAN GRUBB'S REMARK ON WILLIAMS....

"A long corner that is super raw. He played a lot of receiver as a junior, then was exclusively at cornerback as a senior. He is a fluid athlete and the sky's the limit for him. Physically, he has a skillset that is not common. We were super excited when he took his visit and he was super engaged in the process - he took it very seriously. He is competitive and he wants to be the best and play for the best."