

2012 SIGNEE ZAK BROWNING



SUU FOOTBALL 2013 SIGNING DAY
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T-Birds Ink 24 For Football

CEDAR CITY, Feb. 6, 2013 – Southern Utah University has received commitments from 24 football players during the 2012-13 signing periods, Thunderbird head coach Ed Lamb announced Wednesday.

"Our 2013 signing class represents a banner year for us in recruiting the Utah high schools," Lamb said. "The talent and character of the in-state prospects this year blew me away.

"I'm so appreciative of all the help that we received from the Utah high school coaches. As needed, we also supplemented our class with a few excellent signees from out of state," he continued. "I can't wait to get all these great young men on campus!"

The list includes 22 players from the high school ranks, including 18 from Utah, two from California and one from Colorado and Arizona. In addition to the prep signees the list includes one Division I transfer and one junior college transfer who signed during the early period.

SUU signed four local products, including two each from Desert Hills and Pine View High Schools. Signing from Desert Hills were 3A first-team all-state quarterback Ty Rutledge and offensive lineman Josh Anderson, while Pine View defensive linemen Weslee Moeai (another first-team all-stater) and Wesley Kouvaka, son of former SUU fullback Wilson Kouvaka, also committed to the Thunderbirds.

In addition to Kouvaka the Thunderbirds signed another player with a family tie to the team, as Zach Larsen, the younger brother of SUU all-American defensive tackle Cody Larsen and another first-team all-stater, signed with the Thunderbirds out of Jordan High School.

SUU signed three players from Kearns High School, brothers Lehi and Toa Afatasi and first-team all-state running back James Felila. Lehi Afatasi is a defensive lineman who will graduate from KHS this spring while Toa is a fullback who has recently returned from an LDS church mission to the Dominican Republic.

The Thunderbirds also received commitments from Chinedu Ahanonu, an honorable mention all-state linebacker from West Jordan High; Greg Aspinal, a second-team all-state fullback from Timpview High; Dorien Banks, a linebacker from Cottonwood High; and Pat Baker, a second-team all-state selection at linebacker from South Sevier High.

Wrapping up the list of signees from Utah, Malcolm Card-Turner, a first-team all-state selection at wide receiver from Salt Lake City's Highland High also signed with the Thunderbirds, as did defensive lineman Collin Greenhill, a second-team all-stater from Layton Christian. P.J. Nu'usa, a second-team all-state offensive lineman from East High; Junior Vailolo, an honorable mention all-state linebacker from Woods Cross; Mason Woodward, a first-team all-region five linebacker from Syracuse; and Sialao Mobley, a first-team all-Region seven linebacker from Herriman.

The prep signees from California are Dashaun Cosby, a defensive lineman from Oakland-area Tennyson High; and Tyler Fenton a first-team all-CIF prep league quarterback from The Webb School.

Signing from Colorado was Pete Williams, an honorable mention all-state running back from Denver South High and from Arizona was Chandler Dowell, a long snapper from Desert Vista High where he earned his school's scholar athlete award.

SUU also received a commitment from offensive lineman Daniel Fleischman, who will join the Thunderbirds after leaving the program at Wyoming.

During the early signing period SUU inked quarterback Aaron Cantu out of East Los Angeles College. Cantu led the NJCAA with 3,358 passing yards last year.

SUU's 2012-13 Signing Class

Name	Pos*	Ht	Wt	Hometown	Previous School
Lehi Afatasi	DL	6-1	280	Kearns, Utah	Kearns HS
Toa Afatasi	FB	5-9	190	Kearns, Utah	Kearns HS
Chinedu Ahanonu	LB	6-0	215	West Jordan, Utah	West Jordan HS
Josh Anderson	OL	6-3	245	St. George, Utah	Desert Hills HS
Greg Aspinall	FB	5-11	205	Orem, Utah	Timpview HS
Dorien Banks	LB	5-10	210	Salt Lake City, Utah	Cottonwood HS
Pat Baker	LB	6-2	190	Monroe, Utah	South Sevier HS
Aaron Cantu	QB	6-3	215	Montebello, Calif.	East Los Angeles College
Malcolm Card-Turner	WR	6-1	180	Salt Lake City, Utah	Highland HS
Dashaun Cosby	DL	6-6	200	Oakland, Calif.	Tennyson HS
Chandler Dowell	LS	5-11	210	Phoenix, Ariz.	Desert Vista HS
James Felila	RB	6-1	190	Kearns, Utah	Kearns HS
Tyler Fenton	QB	6-2	190	Claremont, Calif.	The Webb School
Daniel Fleischman	OL	6-6	300	Issaquah, Wash.	Issaquah HS
Collin Greenhill	DL	6-2	260	Layton, Utah	Layton Christian
Wesley Kouvaka	DL	6-4	275	St. George, Utah	Pine View HS
Zach Larsen	DL	6-1	270	Draper, Utah	Jordan HS
Weslee Moeai	DL	6-3	280	St. George, Utah	Pine View HS
Sialao Mobley	LB	6-1	195	Herriman, Utah	Herriman HS
P.J. Nu'usa	DL	6-1	275	Salt Lake City, Utah	East HS
Ty Rutledge	Ath	6-1	180	St. George, Utah	Desert Hills HS
Junior Vailolo	LB	5-11	205	Woods Cross, Utah	Woods Cross HS
Pete Williams	RB	5-9	180	Denver, Colo.	Denver South HS
Mason Woodward	LB	5-10	190	Syracuse, Utah	Syracuse HS

*Projected Position



Quick Bios On SUU's 2013 Signing Class

Lehi Afatasi

6-1, 280, Defensive Lineman

Kearns, Utah/Kearns HS

Tallied 80 tackles, including eight sacks, forced five fumbles and had an interception during his career at KHS. Helped the Cougars to a second-place finish in Region Two and a state playoff berth.

Toa Afatasi

5-9, 190, Fullback

Kearns, Utah/Kearns HS

Departed on an LDS church mission following his high school career at Kearns High.

Chinedu Ahanonu

6-1, 215, Linebacker

West Jordan, Utah/West Jordan HS

Earned first-team all-Region three and 5A honorable mention all-state honors at West Jordan.

Josh Anderson

6-3, 245, Offensive Lineman

St. George, Utah/Desert Hills HS

Earned first-team all-state honors at tight end after helping Desert Hills to a Region Nine championship and a state semi-final berth.

Greg Aspinall

5-11, 205, Linebacker

Orem, Utah/Timpview HS

Helped Timpview to a state championship last year when he earned second-team all-state honors.

Dorien Banks

5-10, 210, Linebacker

Salt Lake City, Utah/Cottonwood HS

Tallied 125 tackles with six sacks, also had two interceptions and forced a fumble during his career, helping the Colts to playoff appearances every season.

Aaron Cantu

6-3, 215, Quarterback

Montebello, Calif./East Los Angeles College

Led the NJCAA in passing last year when he threw for 3,358 yards and 32 touchdowns with a 62.3 percent completion rate. Earned his team's MVP award.

Malcolm Card-Turner

6-1, 180, Wide Receiver

Salt Lake City, Utah/Highland HS

Earned first-team all-Region Six and first-team all-state honors last year after helping the Rams to a an appearance in the state semi-finals.

Dashaun Cosby

6-6, 200, Defensive Line

Oakland, Calif./Tennyson HS

Tallied 60 tackles with six sacks and nine tackles for loss last year.

Chandler Dowell

5-11, 210, Long Snapper

Phoenix, Ariz./Desert Vista HS

Earned the Desert Vista Scholar Athlete Award with the Thunder advancing to the quarterfinals of the Arizona State Championships.

James Felila

6-1, 190, Running Back

Kearns, Utah/Kearns HS

Earned first-team all-state and Region Two MVP honors after averaging 86.3 rushing yards per game and leading Kearns to a second place region finish and a state playoff berth last year.

Tyler Fenton

6-2, 190, Quarterback

Claremont, Calif./The Webb School

Earned first-team all-CIF Prep League and his team's MVP honors last year.

Daniel Fleischman

6-6, 300, Offensive Line

Issaquah, Wash./Wyoming

Transfer from Wyoming. Earned all-conference and all-region honors at Issaquah High where he served as a team captain his senior year. Helped his team to state finals his junior season.

Collin Greenhill

6-2, 260, Defensive Line

Layton, Utah/Layton Christian Academy

Earned second-team all-state, first-team all-area and his team's defensive MVP honors last season.

Wesley Kouvaka

6-4, 275, Defensive Line

St. George, Utah/Pine View HS

Earned first-team all-Region Nine honors after helping Pine View to a state playoff appearance last season. Son of former SUU standout Wilson Kouvaka.

Zach Larsen

6-2, 270, Defensive Line

Draper, Utah/Jordan HS

Earned first-team all-state and first-team all-Region Three honors last year after helping the Beetdiggers to a region three title and a Utah 5A state championship.

Sialao Mobley

6-1, 195, Linebacker

Herriman, Utah/Herriman HS

Earned first-team all-Region Seven honors and helped the Mustangs to a region title in only the program's third year.

Weslee Moeai

6-3, 280, Defensive Line

St. George, Utah/Desert Hills HS

Earned first-team all-state honors last year when he helped Desert Hills to a Region Nine title and an appearance in the state 3A semi-finals.

P.J. Nu'usa

6-1, 275, Defensive Line

Salt Lake City, Utah/East HS

Earned second-team all-state honors as an offensive lineman at East High last year when he helped the Leopards to an appearance in the state championship semi-finals.

Ty Rutledge

6-1, 180, Athlete

St. George, Utah/Desert Hills HS

Earned first-team 3A all-state honors at quarterback and southern Utah's Offensive Player of the Year honors after leading the Thunder to a Region Nine title and an appearance in the state semi-finals.

Junior Vailolo

5-11, 205, Linebacker

Woods Cross, Utah/Woods Cross HS

Earned first-team all-Region Six and honorable mention all-state honors last year after helping Woods Cross to a region championship and an appearance in the state quarterfinals.

Pete Williams

5-9, 180, Running Back

Denver, Colo./South HS

Earned first-team all-region and 4A all-state honorable mention honors last year after leading South High to a runner-up finish at the Colorado state championships.

Mason Woodward

5-10, 190, Linebacker

Syracuse, Utah/Syracuse HS

Earned first team all-Region One honors last year when he helped lead Syracuse to a runner-up finish at the Utah 5A state championships.