



## BYU FOOTBALL

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### **BYU Announces 2017 Football Recruiting Class**

PROVO, Utah (February 1, 2017) — Head coach Kalani Sitake today announced BYU's 2017 recruiting class consisting of 24 high school signees, in addition to the six mid-year signees previously announced.

The Cougars will also welcome back to the program 10 scholarship players returning from serving missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 2017.

"We are excited about these young men and have felt like they are already part of our family," Sitake said. "We feel good about our group. Our staff knows these young men better than anyone else and has done a great job along with our fans and alumni."

The class includes 14 defensive players and nine offensive players, with some who could end up on either side of the ball. BYU also added one specialist representing nine different states. There are 12 prospects signing out of Utah with five recruits coming from California and one each from Hawaii, Arizona, Washington, Texas, Tennessee, Georgia and Connecticut.

On defense, BYU added seven defensive linemen and five defensive backs along with two linebackers. Three tight ends, two offensive linemen, two quarterbacks and one wide receiver were signed on the offense. Additionally, the Cougars signed one kicker, Ryan Rehkow. Several recruits signed that could play either offense or defense.

The 2017 BYU recruiting class features 19 players rated with three or four stars, including four-star prospects Chaz Ah You (6-2, 199) and Langi Tuifua (6-3, 225).

Ah You, a defensive back out of Timpview and Westlake High School, was nationally ranked in ESPN's Top 300 and rated the No. 1 safety in Utah. A gifted athlete, Ah You played defensive back, wide receiver, quarterback, kick returner and punter in high school.

Tuifua, from Bingham High School, was ranked as the No. 1 defensive end in Utah. A consensus first-team all-state selection, Tuifua helped the Miners to three state titles in four years. Both Tuifua and Ah You were selected to the Polynesian Bowl.

The tradition and legacy continues for multiple players in the signing class, including Ah You. Ah You is the son of Jasen Ah You, current director of athlete relations for BYU. His grandfather Charles Ah You and several other members of the Ah You family have also played at BYU. Lone Peak defensive back Ammon Hannemann (6-2, 190) and running back Jackson McChesney (6-0, 187) are the younger brothers of current defensive backs Micah Hannemann and Austin McChesney, respectively. Both three-star recruits, they helped the Knights to back-to-back state title games and earned all-state recognition.

Defensive back Tongi Langi (6-1, 180), a three-star recruit from Bingham High School is the younger brother of recently graduated Harvey Langi. Also, tight end Isaac Rex (6-5, 235) is the son of former BYU tight end Byron Rex. The San Clemente High School three-star product led his high school team to its first state championship in 2016. Another three-star tight end, Bentley Hanshaw (6-6, 220), is the son of former Cougar offensive lineman Tim. The younger Hanshaw comes from Moorpark High School, home of former BYU receptions leader, Dennis Pitta.

Another tight end with BYU connections, Donovan Hanna (6-5, 230) comes from Queen Creek, Arizona where he helped the American Leadership Academy to a 14-1 season and state championship. His offensive coordinator was BYU's winningest quarterback in history, Max Hall.

On the defensive line, BYU also added in-state products Lorenzo Fauatea (6-4, 260) and Alden Tofa (6-4, 260). Both three-star recruits, Fauatea and Tofa played in the Polynesian Bowl. Fauatea was his region's defensive



MVP and earned 5A First-Team All-State. Scout rates Tofa as the No. 2 defensive end in Utah along with earning region defensive MVP honors.

Khyiris Tonga (6-4, 300) is another three-star recruit, playing both defense and offense in high school. Seleti Fevaleaki (6-3, 290), Tanner Baker (6-4, 230) and Tyler Batty (6-4, 235) are other defensive linemen joining the 2017 squad.

BYU added more depth and speed to the secondary with Keenan Ellis (6-1, 170) and D'Angelo Gunter (6-1, 180). Both ran the sprints for track in high school and played offense and defense. The three-star prospects could play in the secondary or move to offense for the Cougars.

Another versatile athlete, Tariq Buchanan (6-1, 175) from Texas had 52 receptions for 684 yards and seven touchdowns during his senior season. Buchanan could also play defensive back in addition to wideout.

Linebackers Ben Bywater (6-3, 210), from Olympus High School, and Preston Lewis (6-2, 225), another Lone Peak product, joined the BYU family on Wednesday. Both led their squads to region championships in 2015 and 2016. Bywater earned region MVP honors while Lewis led the state in sacks with 14.5 as a junior.

Two quarterbacks also signed on Wednesday. Joe Critchlow (6-4, 210) out of Franklin, Tennessee and dual-threat athlete Mason Fakahua (6-3, 210) from Cedar City, Utah. Critchlow passed for over 4,400 yards while Fakahua totaled over 3,900 passing yards and 2,300 rushing yards in high school.

Bolstering the offensive line, Paula "Mango" Finau (6-5, 350) and Seth Willis (6-6, 325) joined the 2017 class. Finau was named to the Maui Interscholastic First-Team and selected as a Maui Interscholastic League All-Star. Willis was a first-team all-state selection in Connecticut and a two-time all-conference selection.

Ryan Rehkow (6-5, 205) was the only specialist signed on Wednesday. He is a three-star punter and kicker out of Veradale, Washington. He was rated the No. 1 kicker in the state, and his longest field goal in 2015 was a 57-yarder.

Mid-year additions announced earlier, Ula Tolutau, Wayne, Tei-Kirby, Taipe Vaka, Joe Tukuafu, Austin Lee and AJ Lolohea, also look to make an impact in 2017.

The Cougars also welcome back 10 scholarship players from missions who will join the program for the 2017 season for their freshman seasons. Of those 10 players, four are mid-year additions: Matt Bushman Garrett England, Teancum (Tico) Fuga and Earl Mariner. The other six, Will Sedgewick, Brady Christensen, David Lui, Motekai Langi, Mika Tafua and Kody Wilstead are expected to join in the fall.

**2017 BYU Football Recruiting Class**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>HT</b>	<b>WT</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>	<b>PREVIOUS SCHOOL</b>
Chaz Ah You	DB	6-2	199	Eagle Mountain, Utah	Westlake/Timpview HS
Tanner Baker	DL	6-5	230	Acworth, Georgia	Allatoona HS
Tyler Batty	DL	6-5	235	Payson, Utah	Payson HS
Tariq Buchanan	WR/DB	6-1	175	Elgin, Texas	Elgin HS
Ben Bywater	LB	6-3	210	Salt Lake City, Utah	Olympus HS
Joe Critchlow	QB	6-4	210	Franklin, Tennessee	Franklin HS
Keenan Ellis	DB/WR	6-1	170	Chula Vista, California	Bonita Vista HS
Mason Fakahua	QB	6-3	210	Cedar City, Utah	Cedar City HS
Lorenzo Fauatea	DL	6-4	260	West Valley, Utah	Hunter HS
Seleti Fevaleaki	DL	6-3	290	Corona, California	Centennial HS
Paula "Mango" Finau	OL	6-5	350	Wailuku, Hawaii	Baldwin HS
D'Angelo Gunter	DB	6-1	180	San Diego, California	Del Norte HS
Donovan Hanna	TE	6-5	230	Queen Creek, Arizona	American Leadership Academy
Ammon Hannemann	DB	6-2	190	Highland, Utah	Lone Peak HS
Bentley Hanshaw	TE	6-5	220	Moorpark, California	Moorpark HS
Tongi Langi	DB	6-1	180	South Jordan, Utah	Bingham HS
Preston Lewis	LB	6-2	225	Alpine, Utah	Lone Peak HS
Jackson McChesney	RB	6-0	187	Highland, Utah	Lone Peak HS
Ryan Rehkow	P/K	6-5	205	Veradale, Washington	Central Valley HS
Isaac Rex	TE	6-5	235	San Clemente, Calif.	San Clemente HS
Alden Tofa	DL	6-4	260	West Jordan, Utah	West Jordan HS
Khyiris Tonga	DL	6-5	300	West Valley, Utah	Granger HS
Langi Tuifua	DL	6-3	225	South Jordan, Utah	Bingham HS
Seth Willis	OL	6-6	325	Sandy Hook, Connecticut	Newtown HS

**Midyear Additions (previously announced)**

Austin Lee	DB	6-0	202	Sandy, Utah	Utah/SLCC
AJ Lolohea	DL	6-3	230	Salt Lake City, Utah	West HS
Wayne Tei-Kirby	DL	6-3	305	Pocatello, Idaho	Oregon
Ula Tolutau	RB	6-1	240	Salt Lake City, Utah	East HS
Joe Tukuafu	TE	6-4	275	Salt Lake City, Utah	East HS
Taipe Vaka	OL	6-5	275	Oakland, California	Diablo Valley College

**Returned Missionaries (Midyear)**

Matt Bushman	TE	6-5	235	Tucson, Arizona	Sabino HS
Garrett England	DB	6-4	208	Salt Lake City, Utah	Skyline HS
Teancum (Tico) Fuga	DL	6-1	325	Huntington Beach, Calif.	Edison HS
Earl Mariner	DL	6-4	250	Topeka, Kansas	Washburn Rural HS

**Returned Missionaries (Fall)**

Brady Christensen	OL	6-6	240	Bountiful, Utah	Bountiful HS
Motekiai Langi	DL	6-7	410	Liahona, Tonga	Tonga HS
David Lui	DL	6-4	255	Pittsburgh, California	Pittsburgh HS
Will Sedgwick	LB	6-2	220	Laguna Hills, California	Laguna Hills HS
Mika Tafua	LB	6-3	225	Laie, Hawaii	Kamehameha HS
Kody Wilstead	QB	6-6	215	St. George, Utah	Pine View HS



## 2017 Recruit Bios

Langi Tuifua  
South Jordan, Utah  
Bingham High School  
Defensive lineman  
6-3, 225

Rated a four-star recruit by Scout, Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN ... ranked in the ESPN and Scout Top 300 recruits for 2017 ... rated as the state's No. 1 defensive end prospect and No. 4 in the West ... Deseret News 5A First-Team and Salt Lake Tribune 5A All-State selection ... helped Bingham to state titles in 2016, 2014 and 2013 ... part of a Miners team that won four region championships ... named Region 3 defensive MVP ... totaled 71 tackles, 15 sacks and 22 quarterback hurries as a senior ... Played in the Polynesian Bowl ... coached by John Lambourne ... also recruited by Michigan, Nebraska, Oregon, USC, Utah, Washington, Colorado, Arkansas, Louisville, Oregon State and Washington State.

Seleti Fevaleaki  
Corona, California  
Centennial High School  
Defensive lineman  
6-3, 290

Ranked a three-star prospect by Scout and 247Sports ... helped Centennial High School to an 11-2 record in 2016 and a trip to the CIF Southern semifinals ... team ranked No. 3 in the state of California in 2016 ... had six tackles for loss as a senior... two-time All-CIF defensive lineman ... defensive MVP ... part of Huskies team that won the CIF Southern Section championship and trip the state championship playoffs in California ... coached by Matt Logan.

Jackson McChesney  
Highland, Utah  
Lone Peak High School  
Running back  
6-0, 187

A three-star recruit by Scout ... ranked as the No. 1 running back in the state of Utah by Scout and the No. 8 overall running back in the West ... earned 5A First Team All-State as a senior with over 700 yards rushing and 500 yards receiving ... Second Team All-State by the Salt Lake Tribune as a senior ... had over 1,000 yards of total offense as a junior ... led Lone Peak to back-to-back appearances in the 5A state championship game ... coached by Mike Mower ... also recruited by Alabama, Auburn, Notre Dame, Oregon, Oregon State, Stanford, Utah and Washington.

Chaz Ah You  
Eagle Mountain, Utah  
Westlake HS / Timpview HS  
Safety  
6-2, 199

A consensus four-star prospect by Scout, 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Nationally ranked in the Scout Top 300 (#121), 247Sports Top 247 (#152), Rivals 250 (#174), and ESPN Top 300 (#233)... Ranked the #1 Safety and #2 overall recruit in Utah ... selected to play in the Polynesian Bowl ... a 4-year varsity starter in football... played safety, quarterback, receiver, returner, and punter during his high school career... selected to the Salt Lake Tribune All-Tribune Team, Salt Lake Tribune 5A First Team All-State and 4A First Team All-State, Deseret News 5A First Team All-State, and Daily Herald All-Valley Team ... as a senior at Timpview, totaled 56 total tackles and two interceptions on defense and also had nearly 600 yards and four touchdowns as a receiver on offense ... helped Timpview to a 9-3 record his senior year ... totaled over 1,000 passing yards, 1,000 receiving yards in high school and had 155 total tackles ... coached by Steve Clements at Westlake HS and Cary Whittingham at



Timpview HS ... Eagle Scout ... also lettered in basketball and track ... recruited by Stanford, UCLA, Washington, Notre Dame, Michigan, Oregon, Wisconsin, Utah, California, Washington State, Oregon State, Missouri, Mississippi State, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Kansas, Arizona State, Iowa, Louisville and Oklahoma State.

Tanner Baker  
Acworth, Georgia/Moorpark, California  
Allatoona High School/Moorpark HS (California)  
Defensive line/Tight end  
6-5, 230

As a junior at Moorpark High School in California had 33 tackles, seven sacks and one touchdown ... also played basketball and ran track ... helped Allatoona to the state championship game in basketball in 2016 ... named an All-Coastal Canyon League honorable mention in hoops as a junior ... coached by Gary Varner and Tim Lins ... also recruited by Virginia and Wake Forest.

Tariq Buchanan  
Elgin, Texas  
Elgin High School  
Wide receiver/Defensive back  
6-1, 175

Had 52 receptions, 684 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior and added 32 carries, 216 yards and five rushing scores as well... first-team all-district as a receiver ... 22 receptions, 560 yards and three touchdowns as a junior ... averaged 25.5 yards per reception as a junior ... returned kicks and punts, totaling 442 kick return yards and 135 punt return yards in his high school career ... also played cornerback ... a National Honor Society member ... coached by James Garfield ... a star on the basketball team and was an All-District performer, averaging 17.9 points per game as a junior ... ran track and had a 10.8 100-meter dash time

Ben Bywater  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
Olympus High School  
Linebacker  
6-3, 210

A three-star recruit by Scout, Rivals and 247Sports ... rated by Scout as the No. 2 outside linebacker in Utah ... selected to the Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News 4A All-State First Team ... Region 6 MVP ... played both ways in high school as a linebacker and running back ... led the team in rushing and was second in total tackles ... totaled 95 tackles as a senior with 10.0 tackles for loss ... rushed for 766 yards and nine touchdowns in 2016 ... helped Olympus to region championships in 2015 and 2016 ... also played Rugby at Olympus HS ... coached by Aaron Whitehead ... also recruited by Stanford, Washington, Utah, Arizona State and Washington State.

Paula "Mango" Finau  
Waikulu, Hawaii  
Baldwin High School  
Offensive lineman  
6-5, 350

A three-star recruit by Scout ... named to the Maui Interscholastic First-Team and selected as a Maui Interscholastic League All-Star ... part of Baldwin team that won the league title ... helped Baldwin reach the state quarterfinals ... also went to school at St. Louis High School in Hawaii... also played volleyball in high school... selected to the Polynesian Bowl ... also recruited by Oregon State.



D'Angelo Gunter  
San Diego, California  
Del Norte High School  
Defensive back  
6-1, 180

Rated three stars by Scout, Rivals and 247Sports ... played both ways at Del Norte ... totaled 44 tackles and had one interception as a senior ... also caught 23 balls for 323 yards and one touchdown ... also returned kicks ... coached by Patrick Coleman ... ran track, including the 100, 200 and 400-meter events ... ran an 11.1 in the 100 as a junior and 200 in 21.82 ... also recruited by USC, Washington, Washington State and Vanderbilt.

Donovan Hanna  
Queen Creek, Arizona  
American Leadership Academy  
Tight end  
6-5, 230

A three-star prospect by 247Sports ... totaled 53 receptions, 989 yards and 10 touchdowns ... also had 29 tackles and four sacks on defense ... helped lead team to a 14-1 record and 3A state championship in 2016 ... high school offensive coordinator was Max Hall, former BYU quarterback ... coached by Rich Edwards ... also an all-state basketball player at American Leadership Academy and averaged 15.5 points per game and 12.9 rebounds as a junior and currently averaging 19.6 points and 11.9 rebounds ... also recruited by Utah.

Ammon Hannemann  
Highland, Utah  
Lone Peak High School  
Defensive back  
6-2, 190

Rated a three-star recruit by Scout ... helped Lone Peak to back-to-back state title game appearances ... younger brother of current Cougar safety Micah Hannemann ... totaled 61 tackles, two interceptions including a pick-six, four pass breakups and a fumble recovery as a senior ... had 56 tackles, two interceptions, two pass breakups and two forced fumbles as a junior ... named to Salt Lake Tribune 5A All-State Team and Deseret News 5A All-State Second Team ... coached by Mike Mower ... participated in Nike The Opening Regional Camp.

Bentley Hanshaw  
Moorpark, California  
Moorpark High School  
Tight end  
6-6, 220

A three-star recruit by Scout, Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN ... comes from the same high school BYU's all-time receptions leader, tight end Dennis Pitta ... had 41 receptions for 493 yards and six touchdowns as a senior... his father Tim Hanshaw played offensive line for BYU (1988, 1991-1994) and in the NFL for the San Francisco 49ers (1995-1998)... an all-county and all-league performer ... coached by Tim Lins ... also recruited by UCLA, Utah, Oregon State, Arizona State and Pittsburgh.

Tongi Langi  
South Jordan, Utah  
Bingham High School  
Defensive back  
6-1, 180

A three-star prospect by Scout and ESPN ... younger brother of former BYU linebacker, defensive end Harvey Langi ... rated by Scout as the No. 3 safety in the state of Utah ... totaled 60 tackles and one interception as a



senior on Bingham's 14-1 state championship team ... also helped the Miners to state titles in 2013 and 2014 ... Deseret News 5A Second Team All-State and Salt Lake Tribune honorable mention ... 2015 defensive MVP ... also returned kicks and punts for Bingham ... coached by John Lambourne ... also recruited by Utah and Washington.

Preston Lewis  
Alpine, Utah  
Lone Peak High School  
Linebacker  
6-2, 225

A three-star recruit by Scout ... totaled 22 sacks in his career at Lone Peak ... helped the Knights to back-to-back state title games in 2015 and 2016 ... led the state with 14.5 sacks as a junior ... also had 30.5 tackles for loss in 2015 ... had 7.5 sacks in just eight games as a senior ... also had two career interceptions ... Salt Lake Tribune 5A All-State Second Team and Deseret News 5A honorable mention in 2016 ... two-time Daily Herald All-Valley honorable mention ... coached by Mike Mower ... posted a 107.9 SPARQ rating, rated No. 2 overall at the Los Angeles Nike Combine ... also recruited by Utah.

Ryan Rehkow  
Veradale, Washington  
Central Valley High School  
Kicker/Punter  
6-5, 205

A three-star kicker by Scout ... rated the No. 1 kicker in Washington by Scout ... named to All-Greater Spokane First Team as both kicker and punter ... two-time Class 4A All-State First Team ... earned All-Academic Greater Spokane League honors ... earned first team All-GSL honors in 2014, 2015 and 2016 ... named to the American Family Insurance All-USA Inland Northwest Postseason first-team in 2014 ... hit field goals of 57 and 52 yards in 2015 ... coached by Ryan Butner ... also plays basketball at Central Valley High School ... also recruited by Washington and Washington State.

Isaac Rex  
San Clemente, California  
San Clemente High School  
Tight end  
6-5, 235

Rated a three-star tight end by Scout, Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN ... is the son of former BYU tight end Bryon Rex ... helped San Clemente to its first CIF state title as a senior ... had 24 receptions, 256 yards and three touchdowns in 2016 ... was named All-Seaview League and First-Team All-CIF SW Division as a junior ... played linebacker as well and totaled 44 tackles and two interceptions in 2015 ... coached by Jaime Ortiz ... also recruited by Utah, UCLA, Oregon State, Vanderbilt and Virginia.

Khyiris Tonga  
West Valley, Utah  
Granger High School  
Defensive line  
6-5, 300

A three-star athlete by ESPN ... played both offense and defensive line in addition to tight end ... played rugby ... named All-Region 2 First-Team as a freshman ... coached by Cecil Thomas ... also recruited by Oklahoma, Utah, Arizona State and Oregon State.



Seth Willis  
Sandy Hook, Connecticut  
Newtown High School  
Offensive line  
6-6, 325

Helped Newtown to a 10-1 record as a senior and a trip to the quarterfinals of the state championship ... served as a team captain ... First-Team All-State by the Newhaven Register and USA Today ... a two-time all-conference selection ... went 10-2 his junior season and 12-1 as a sophomore, making it to the state semifinals both years ... coached by Steven George ... competed in the throwing events on the track and field team ... also recruited by UConn and Maryland.

Lorenzo Fauatea  
West Valley, Utah  
Hunter High School  
Defensive line  
6-4 260

A three-star defensive end by Scout, Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN ... named Region 21 Defensive MVP by the Deseret News ... Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune 5A First Team All-State selection ... coached by Scott Henderson ... also recruited by Utah and Oregon State.

Keenan Ellis  
Chula Vista, California  
Bonita Vista High School  
Defensive back/Wide receiver  
6-1, 170

A three-star prospect by Scout ... caught 41 balls for 972 yards and nine touchdowns in just 10 games in 2016 ... averaged 23.7 yards per reception ... also posted 235 kick return yards and one touchdown ... an all-league selection ... helped Bonita Vista to a CIF championship and the D4 state championship ... had 17 receptions, 241 yards as a junior and 269 receiving yards as a sophomore ... coached by Chris Thompson ... also ran track for the Barons and competed at the state championships in the 200-meter and 400-meter ... also recruited by LSU, West Virginia, Arizona State, California, Washington State and Illinois.

Alden Tofa  
West Jordan, Utah  
West Jordan HS  
Defensive line  
6-4, 260

A three-star prospect by Scout, Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN ... rated the No. 2 defensive end in Utah by Scout ... posted 56 tackles and three sacks as a senior ... Deseret News Region 3 First-Team honoree ... defensive MVP ... posted 161 career tackles at West Jordan ... named to the honor roll ... played in the Polynesian Bowl ... coached by Mike Meifu ... also played rugby ... also recruited by Stanford, UCLA, Utah, Oregon, Colorado, Oregon State, Washington State, Arizona, Arizona State, Vanderbilt, Virginia and Notre Dame.

Mason Fakahua  
Cedar City, Utah  
Cedar City High School  
Quarterback  
6-3, 210





In his high school career, he tallied 3,903 passing yards on 368 attempts, 26 passing TDs and just six interceptions... rushing the ball in his career, he had 2,077 yards on 216 carries for five touchdowns... coached by Josh Bennett ... competed in basketball and track at Cedar HS as well.

Tyler Batty  
Payson, Utah  
Payson HS  
Defensive line  
6-5, 230

Three-star defensive lineman by Scout... ranked No. 4 in Utah and No. 22 in the west by Scout... played tight end at Payson HS as well... also received offers from Utah.

Joe Critchlow  
Franklin, Tenn.  
Franklin High School  
Quarterback  
6-4, 190

Rated as a two-star quarterback on 247Sports... over his high school career, he collected 4,427 passing yards and 50 touchdowns... completed 176 of 265 passes for 2,317 yards and 25 touchdowns in his senior season in 2014... received the Admiral William P. Lawrence Awards, which is given to the top high school football scholar-athlete in the Middle Tennessee area based on scholarship, sportsmanship and value to his team... is an Eagle Scout and served as secretary in the National Honor Society... also recruited by Vanderbilt.

(Previously announced mid-year signees)

John Vaka  
Oakland, California  
Diablo Valley College  
Offensive lineman  
Junior  
6-5, 275

A three-star recruit and rated the No. 94 overall JUCO prospect ... named to the All-National Bay 6 conference First-Team ... helped Diablo Valley offense average 465.2 yards of total offense in 2015 ... blocked for pass-game averaging 348.3 yards ... also spent time as tight end and on the defensive line ... prepped at Skyline High School ... an Oakland All-League Second Team selection as a senior ... served an LDS mission to St. Louis, Missouri ... also recruited by Oregon, Colorado, Arizona, Washington State, Iowa State and Cincinnati.

Wayne Tei-Kirby  
Pocatello, Idaho  
University of Oregon  
Defensive lineman  
Sophomore  
6-3, 305

Transfer from Oregon ... totaled 11 tackles in nine games as a true freshman for the Ducks ... also had two pass breakups ... recovered a fumble against Utah ... Rated as the top prospect in the state by ESPN.com coming out of high school... rated the best defensive lineman out of Idaho by Scout... two-time All-Idaho selection... during his senior season, he notched 44 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, four sacks and three forced fumbles... named the defensive line MVP at the All-Poly football camp prior to his senior year... as a junior, he posted 49 tackles and four sacks while helping the Rams to an unbeaten season and the 5A state title... also recruited by Washington, Washington State and Utah.



Austin Lee  
Sandy, Utah  
Utah/SLCC  
Defensive back  
Sophomore  
6-0, 202

Spent the 2015 season on Utah's roster, playing seven games with four tackles on special teams as a freshman... served an LDS mission to Tulsa, Oklahoma... attended SLCC during the 2016 football season... played high school ball at Alta HS in Sandy, Utah... two-time first-team all-state selection in high school... played as a freshman on Alta's 2008 5A state championship team along with the region title teams in 2009 and 2011... as a junior he totaled 101 tackles, two sacks, one interception, 14 pass breakups and two forced fumbles... in his senior year, he led Alta with 41 tackles, an interception, nine pass breakups and a fumble recovery... honor roll student... also recruited by Utah.

Ula Tolutau  
Salt Lake City  
East High School  
Running back  
Freshman  
6-1, 240

Committed to Wisconsin in 2014 before serving an LDS mission to Bakersfield, California... finished his senior year with 2,465 rush yards and 31 touchdowns... in 2013, he led his team to a 13-1 record, reaching the 4A state championship game... earned the title of Deseret News Mr. Football... also recruited by Utah and Oregon State.

A.J. Lolohea  
Salt Lake City  
West High School  
Defensive lineman  
Freshman  
6-3, 230

Recently returned from an LDS mission to Tonga... played both defensive line and linebacker in high school... saw time at quarterback as a junior... in his senior season, he totaled 29 tackles and 5.5 tackles for loss... also played rugby and tennis.

Joe Tukuafu  
Salt Lake City  
East High School  
Tight end  
Freshman  
6-4, 270

Two-way athlete at East HS... gained over 700 receiving yards and caught eight touchdowns in a season while adding 47 tackles and 6.5 sacks... led the Leopards to the 4A state championship game... in 2013, he led his team to a 13-1 record, reaching the 4A state championship game... served an LDS mission in Argentina... also recruited by Utah.