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## ***LOBOS INK 24 ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY***

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — University of New Mexico head football coach Danny Gonzales had to put a staff together quickly, and they in turn had to hit the pavement to make the 2020 signing day class a reality.

Reality is an understatement. The staff hit the ground running and turned two tremendous official visit weekends into a signing day class of 24 on National Letter of Intent Day. True to his word, Gonzales went heavy on high school recruits, bringing in 22, along with one junior college recruit that has four years to play three, and a graduate transfer on the offensive line.

The Lobos were able to sign 11 student-athletes on offense and 12 on defense along with one athlete. On offense, Gonzales inked five to the offensive line, three receivers, two tight ends and a running back. Defensively, there are five linebackers, four defensive backs and three defensive linemen.

UNM did not sign anyone to the class in the early signing period of December 18-20. Gonzales was officially announced as head coach on December 17 at halftime of the Lobo-Grand Canyon basketball game and he was formally introduced to a packed press conference the next day on December 18.

Gonzales stated in that opening presser, and again in other interviews, that his goal was to build the program and classes back up with high school graduates, and he did just that with 22 prep students, including several from state title teams. He also felt that due to numbers, UNM would have to go heavy on young linemen on both sides of the ball, and eight of the 24 in the class (33%) are linemen, including both non-freshman signees.

“I’m really excited for this class of Lobos,” said Gonzales. “In proud of the hard work of our coaches and everyone at UNM. Our recruiting weekends were very positive for us, and there were a lot of people that helped make our new student-athletes feel at home and a part of our family. It’s a great day for Lobo Football, and for our school, city and state!”

Below are capsules of the complete 2020 signing class:

### ***LEKE ASENUGA***

**OL | 6-2 | 306 | Fr | HS**

Richmond, Texas | George Bush HS

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football at George Bush High School for coach Allen Aldridge.
- Prior to Bush he played at Foster High School
- Named 20-6A First Team All-District as an offensive lineman in 2019 and 2018.
- Named to VYPE Houston’s Top 100 Collegiate Prospects List.
- Listed by The Houston Chronicle as the No. 30 OL prospect in Texas.





## JER'MARQUES BAILEY

**OL | 6-6 | 320 | Fr | HS**

Humble, Texas | Atascocita HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Atascocita High School for coach Craig Stump.
- Helped Atascocita to a No. 51 national ranking in 2019, No. 12 in the state of Texas, going 12-2, 8-0 in district play.
- Also played his first two years at Aldine Nimitz (Soph.) and Cedar Hill (Fr.)
- Earned votes for VYPE Houston's Preseason Offensive Lineman of the Year.
- Earned First Team 22-6A All-District as a senior and Second Team 22-6A All-District as a junior.

## OJ BARTLEY

**DT | 6-2 | 275 | Fr | HS**

Stockton, Calif. | Edison HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Lathrop High School for coach Booker Guyton.
- Helped Lathrop go 9-2, including a league title with an undefeated 4-0 record.
- Recorded 60 tackles (31 solo) as a senior, including 3.0 sacks.
- Also carried the ball in short-yardage situations, scoring three times on three carries.
- Named Blackhat Athlete of the Week after scoring three TDs in the section D1 quarterfinal.

## GREG BROWN II

**OL | 6-1 | 283 | Fr | HS**

Pearland, Texas | Shadow Creek HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Shadow Creek High School for coach Brad Butler.
- Helped Shadow Creek to a 16-0 record and the 5A Division 1 state title in just its second year of varsity football.
- As a junior Shadow Creek went 15-1, losing in the state title game.
- Named First Team All-District 10 as an offensive lineman.



## TAVIAN COMBS

S | 6-2 | 190 | Fr | HS

Amarillo, Texas | Randall HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Amarillo High School for coach Gaylon Selmon.
- Named First Team All-District 5-5A as a safety and All-District 3-5A by Amarillo.com
- Bounced back his senior year after suffering a season-ending injury on the opening kickoff of his junior year.
- Also lettered in track and field.



## BEN DAVIS

OL | 6-3 | 317 | Sr | TR

Elk Grove, Calif. | Minnesota | American River College | Elk Grove HS

### JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played at Minnesota for three seasons under head coach P.J. Fleck, playing in 2018 and 2019, and redshirting in 2017.
- Saw action in nine games over his career at Minnesota.
- Lettered for one season at American River College, where he was a starter and helped ARC to a state title game.

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Elk Grove High School for coach Chris Nixon.
- Helped Elk Grove to a 13-1 record as a senior and a state ranking of No. 13.



## ISAAK GUTIERREZ

OL | 6-2 | 317 | So | JC

Chico, Calif. | Butte College | Eureka HS

### JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played at Butte College for one season for head coach Brian Snelling.
- Helped Butte go 8-3 and win the Gridiron Classic Bowl 38-28 over College of the Sequoias.
- Started at center and was named first team all-league.

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Eureka High School for coach Jason White.
- Helped Eureka to back-to-back undefeated regular seasons his final two years, including a trip to the state semifinals as a senior.
- Earned all-conference honors as a senior.





## ***DION HUNTER***

**LB | 6-2 | 220 | Fr | HS**

Rio Rancho, N.M. | Cleveland HS



### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered at Cleveland High School for coach Heath Ridenour.
- Named First Team All-State by the NMHSCA and First Team All-Metro by the Albuquerque Journal.
- Also named First Team All-State by USA Today.
- Helped Cleveland High to a state title as a freshman in 2015 and to a finals appearance in 2018 as a senior, going 12-1.

## ***DONALD JONES***

**CB | 6-0 | 163 | Fr | HS**

Baton Rouge, La. | Broadmoor HS



### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football at Broadmoor High School for coach Elliott Wilkins.
- Also lettered in men's basketball and track and field.
- Was named honorable mention both as a receiver and a corner in District 5-5A.
- A three-time state champion in the triple jump.

## ***NATHANIEL JONES***

**RB | 5-11 | 205 | Fr | HS**

Bellflower, Calif. | St. John Bosco HS



### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football at St. John's Bosco High School for coach Jason Negro, helping it to a 13-1 record and a No. 1 state ranking.
- Played at prep powerhouse that won state title, with nine of 13 wins coming against Top 100 ranked schools.
- Rushed for 598 yards on 103 carries, scoring 5 touchdowns with a long run of 63 yards as a senior.
- Named Second Team All-Orange County by the Orange County Register.



## CONNOR KINSLOW

TE | 6-4 | 226 | Fr | HS

Fulshear, Texas | Obra D. Tompkins HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Obra D. Tompkins High School for coach Todd McVey.
- Caught 13 passes for 250 yards and three touchdowns.
- Named First Team All-District 19-6A at tight end.



## ELIJAH LASH

LB | 6-3 | 253 | Fr | HS

Walnut Creek, Calif. | Las Lomas HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Las Lomas High School for coach Doug Longero.
- Was named first team all-league as both a defensive end and a running back.
- Recorded 16.5 sacks as a senior as Las Lomas went 11-2.
- Named Sportsmag.com's Player of the Week after scoring two touchdowns on offense and recording eight on defense with a sack.



## RAY LEUTELE

LB | 5-11 | 214 | Fr | HS

Anaheim, Calif. | Mater Dei HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Mater Dei for coach Bruce Rollinson.
- Helped Mater Dei to a 12-1 record and a national ranking of No. 2
- Recorded 72 tackles, 6.0 sacks, 6 QB hurries and three interceptions as a senior.
- Named second team all-state as a linebacker by MaxPreps as well as Second Team All-Southern Section.







## DARIUS McCRAY

**ATH | 5-11 | 180 | Fr | HS**

Fresno, Calif. | Washington Union HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Washington Union High School for coach Art Francis.
- Helped Washington Union to a 11-2 record and a perfect 4-0 district mark.
- Rushed for 542 yards on just 55 carries, averaging 9.9 yards a carry as a senior with six rushing TDs and 16 total TDs.
- Also caught 26 passes for 631 yards and 19 touchdowns.
- Also lettered in track at Washington Union, specializing in the 100-meter.

## AJ ODUMS II

**CB | 5-11 | 150 | Fr | HS**

Houston, Texas | Westfield HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Westfield High School for coach Matt Meekins, helping it to a 13-2 record.
- Part of a defense that allowed just 172 points in 15 games in winning the District 16-6A title with an undefeated record.
- Named First Team All-District 16-6A as a senior.
- Was also named Academic All-District.

## QUINN POTTS

**S | 6-0 | 208 | Fr | HS**

Compton, Calif. | Dominguez HS



### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Dominguez High School for coach Deon Toliver.
- Recorded 60 tackles (37 solo) with 1.0 sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.
- Also lettered in track and has the No. 3 time in the state in the 100-meter.
- Earned an all-CIF district nod at defensive back.



## SYAIRE RILEY

**LB | 6-0 | 235 | Fr | HS**

Inglewood, Calif. | Palisades HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Palisades Charter High School for coach Tim Hyde.
- Recorded 118 tackles (55 solo) with 0.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and one interception, helping Palisades to a 9-2 record.
- Earned MaxPreps Player of the Game after recording 18 tackles and forcing a fumble against Banning in the state playoffs.
- Earned Six MaxPreps Player of the Game honors as a senior.



## ELIJAH QUEEN

**WR | 6-5 | 191 | Fr | HS**

Carson, Calif. | Narbonne HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Norbonne High School for coach Manuel Douglas.
- Recorded 28 receptions for 426 yards with five touchdowns and a long of 78 yards as a senior.
- Helped Norbonne to the CIF Southern California Regional Division I-AA final.
- Also lettered in basketball at Norbonne.



## BRYCE SANTANA

**DE | 6-3 | 260 | Fr | HS**

Los Lunas, N.M. | Los Lunas HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Los Lunas High School for coach Jeremy Maupin.
- Named First Team All-State at defensive line and First Team All-Area by the Albuquerque Journal.
- Recorded 59 tackles, 10.0 sacks and forcing a fumble, as well as throwing a touchdown pass.
- Also lettered in basketball and track and field.





## IAN SHEWELL

**DL | 6-3 | 236 | Fr | HS**

Gilbert, Ariz. | Williams Field HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Williams Field High School for coach Steve Campbell.
- Recorded 32 tackles, 6.0 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery as a senior.
- Named Second Team All-Region 5A San Tan by AZPreps.com.



## SEMAJ SIMS

**LB | 6-1 | 211 | Fr | HS**

Oakland, Calif. | McClymonds HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at McClymonds High School for coach Michael Peters, helping them to a 11-1 record.
- Won a state title as a sophomore and junior and lost in the finals as a senior.



## JACE TAYLOR

**WR | 6-5 | 197 | Fr | HS**

Lake Havasu, Ariz. | Lake Havasu HS

### HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Lake Havasu High School for coach Karl Thompson.
- Recorded 68 receptions for 1,034 yards with eight touchdowns, averaging 129.3 yards per game.
- Named Second Team All-Region 4A West Valley by AZPreps.com.
- Named 4A Breakout Player of the Year finalist and 4A Receiver of the Year finalist.







## **CONNOR WITTHOFT**

**TE | 6-3 | 212 | Fr | HS**

Tucson, Ariz. | Salpointe Catholic HS



### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football at Salpointe High School for coach Dennis Bene, helping them to a 10-1 record and a No. 2 state ranking.
- Recorded 18 receptions for 265 yards with three touchdowns as a senior.
- Also recorded 20 tackles on defense with one interception and 2.0 sacks.
- Named Second Team All-Region by AZPreps.com and First Team All-4A Kino as well.

## **BOBBY WOODEN**

**WR | 5-11 | 179 | Fr | HS**

Pearland, Texas | Dawson HS



### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football at Dawson High School for coach Mike Allison, helping them to a 10-2 record.
- Rushed for 529 yards with three touchdowns as a senior, rushing for seven touchdowns and scoring 15.
- Was named the 23-6A Utility Player of the Year as well as First Team All-District at receiver.
- Was also named to the District 23-6A All-Academic Team.



## 2020 SIGNING CLASS

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (School)
Leke Asenuga	OL	6-2	306	Fr.	HS	Richmond, Texas (George Bush HS)
Jer'Marques Bailey	OL	6-6	320	Fr.	HS	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
OJ Bartley	DT	6-2	275	Fr.	HS	Stockton, Calif. (Edison HS)
Greg Brown II	OL	6-1	283	Fr.	HS	Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek HS)
Tavian Combs	S	6-2	190	Fr.	HS	Amarillo, Texas (Randall HS)
Ben Davis	OL	6-3	317	Sr.	TR	Elk Grove, Calif. (Minnesota/American River College/Elk Grove HS)
Isaak Gutierrez	OL	6-2	317	So.	JC	Chico, Calif. (Butte College/Eureka HS)
*Dion Hunter	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Cleveland HS)
Donald Jones	CB	6-0	163	Fr.	HS	Baton Rouge, La. (Broadmoor HS)
Nathaniel Jones	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	HS	Bellflower, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS)
Conner Kinslow	TE	6-4	226	Fr.	HS	Fulshear, Texas (Obra D. Tompkins HS)
Elijah Lash	LB	6-3	253	Fr.	HS	Walnut Creek, Calif. (Las Lomas HS)
Ray Leutele	LB	5-11	214	Fr.	HS	Anaheim, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
Darius McCray	ATH	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Fresno, Calif. (Washington Union HS)
AJ Odums II	CB	5-11	150	Fr.	HS	Houston, Texas (Westfield HS)
Quinn Potts	S	6-0	208	Fr.	HS	Compton, Calif. (Dominguez HS)
Elijah Queen	WR	6-5	191	Fr.	HS	Carson, Calif. (Narbonne HS)
Syaire Riley	LB	6-0	235	Fr.	HS	Inglewood, Calif. (Palisades HS)
Bryce Santana	DE	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	Los Lunas, N.M. (Los Lunas HS)
Ian Shewell	DL	6-3	236	Fr.	HS	Gilbert, Ariz. (Williams Field HS)
Semaj Sims	LB	6-1	211	Fr.	HS	Oakland, Calif. (McClymonds HS)
Jace Taylor	WR	6-5	197	Fr.	HS	Lake Havasu, Ariz. (Lake Havasu HS)
Connor Witthoft	TE	6-3	212	Fr.	HS	Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic HS)
Bobby Wooden	WR	5-11	179	Fr.	HS	Pearland, Texas (Dawson HS)

\*2019 signee, greyshirted and now enrolled

## SIGNEE BREAKDOWN

### By Position:

Offensive Line 5, Linebacker 5, Defensive Back 4, Wide Receiver 3, Defensive Line 3, Tight End 2, Running Back 1, Athlete 1

### By State:

California 11, Texas 7, Arizona 3, New Mexico 2, Louisiana 1