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## ***LOBOS ANNOUNCE 10 MORE SIGNEES ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY***

*New Mexico football signed 22 players total to its 2018 class*

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** — After signing 12 Lobos in the early signing period in December, head coach Bob Davie has announced the completion of the 2018 signing class with 10 additional student-athletes.

The Lobos added four players on offense, five on defense and one on special teams.

Below are capsules of the 10 members of the 2018 recruiting class that were signed on Wednesday. The previous December signee capsules are included as well.

### ***TRAE HALL***

**QB | 6-2 | 181 | Fr | HS**

Henderson, Texas | Henderson HS

Talented prep quarterback who is a true dual threat

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered at Henderson High School for coach Phil Castles, and also lettered in basketball
- Led the Lions to an 11-3 mark as a senior, where he played as both a quarterback and a safety
- Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports
- Was named District 9-4A Offensive MVP
- One of his top games came against rival Kilgore, totaling 402 yards of offense, throwing for one touchdown and rushing for four others, accounting for all of his teams' points



# ***DYLAN HORTON***

**LB | 6-4 | 222 | Fr | HS**

Frisco, Texas | Frisco HS

Physical high school safety that projects as a linebacker at UNM

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football and basketball at Frisco High School
- Earned First Team All-District 13-5A honors as a junior safety
- Earned All-District 13-5A Honors in basketball
- Also competed in the long jump and high jump in track



# ***JEFFREY JONES, JR.***

**TE | 6-3 | 212 | Jr | JC**

St. Louis, Mo. | Bakersfield College/Eastern Illinois/O'Fallon Township HS

Physical tight end who has played both receiver and defensive line in college

## **JUNIOR COLLEGE**

- Lettered one season at Bakersfield College for coach Jeff Chudy
- As a sophomore he played in just four games but had five catches for 113 yards and two touchdowns
- Had two catches against Riverside, including a 68-yard touchdown
- Also had a 16-yard touchdown against Long Beach

## **EASTERN ILLINOIS**

- Spent two seasons at Eastern Illinois, redshirting in 2015 and playing in 2016
- Played in three games as a freshman defensive lineman, recording one tackle

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football at O'Fallon Township HS for coach Brandon Joggerst
- Named first team All-Southwestern Conference



# ***DONTE MARTIN***

**DB | 5-9 | 167 | Fr | HS**

Oxnard, Calif. | Rio Mesa HS

Speedy defensive back who also ran track in high school

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football and track at Rio Mesa High School
- As a senior he caught 56 passes for 1,079 yards and 17 TDs, including an 88-yard in the state semifinals
- Added 83 yards rushing with three more TDs
- Also averaged 41.8 yards per kickoff return with two touchdowns, and he added a touchdown on an interception return
- Had 38 tackles on defense with three interceptions and 10 passes broken up
- Runs the 60, 100 and 200-meter, and ran a personal-best of 21.95 in the 200 last year



# ***CEDRIC PATTERSON III***

**WR | 5-11 | 168 | Fr | HS**

Crosby, Texas | Crosby HS

Receiver that show great big play ability

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered in football and track at Crosby High School for coach Jeff Riorden
- Caught 54 passes for 1,047 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior
- Averaged 116.3 yards receiving per game
- Earned Area 21-5A All-District honors
- Had a PR in track of 10.90 in the 100-meters in the Spring of 2017



# DEJOHN ROGERS

DB | 5-9 | 161 | Jr | JC

Paramus, N.J. | Monroe College/Paramus Catholic HS

Enrolled in January 2018 and will get the benefit of an extra spring practice

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered two seasons at Monroe College
- As a sophomore he recorded 27 tackles, 1.5 TFLs for eight yards, 1.0 sacks for six yards, one fumble recovery, three interceptions and two pass breakups
- Also returned 13 kickoffs for an average of 26.3 yards per return, including an 87-yard touchdown ... also had a non-scoring 79-yard return
- Returned 17 punts for an average of 15.0 yards per return, including an 82-yard touchdown
- As a freshman had 19 tackles, 4.0 TFLs, one interception for 56 yards, three pass breakups, and one fumble recovery
- He was named All-NEFC as both a defensive back and a return specialist

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Played four years of football at Paramus Catholic High School
- Also lettered in basketball
- Named All-Division and All-County for football



# STEPHEN RUIZ

K | 6-3 | 228 | Fr | HS

Naperville, Ill. | Neuqua Valley HS

Strong legged kicker who kicks with power and accuracy

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football and basketball at Neuqua Valley, playing football for coach Bill Ellinghaus
- DVC All-Conference and DVC Academic All-Conference
- IHSA Academic All-State
- Attended the prestigious Kohl's Kicking Camp, where he earned high marks, earning a 4.5 kicker rating.
- Carries a 4.1 GPA at Neuqua Valley



# ADEBAYO SOREMEKUN

DL | 6-2 | 298 | Jr | JC

Los Angeles, Calif. | Long Beach City College/Dorsey HS



Very quick defensive lineman who has proven to be a disruptive force

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football for two seasons at Long Beach City College for coach Brett Peabody
- As a sophomore recorded 45 tackles and 9.5 sacks, 16.5 TFLs and two fumble recoveries
- As a freshmen recorded 37 tackles and 5.5 sacks, 10.0 TFLs and a forced fumble
- Earned First Team All-SFCA honors as a sophomore, and he was also conference defensive player of the week

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football and track at Dorsey High School
- Won the CIF L.A. City Section shot put title

# KYLE STAPLEY

OL | 6-3 | 307 | So | JC

Morgan, Utah | Snow College/Morgan HS



Powerful offensive lineman who has three years to play three and can play multiple positions

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Spent two seasons at Snow College for coach Paul Peterson
- Redshirted in 2016 and lettered in 2017
- Blocked for a team that averaged 452.4 yards of offense, averaging 37.2 points per game
- Stapley helped block for NJCAA All-America running back D'Arman Notoa
- Led Snow to the El Toro Bowl and a No. 6 national ranking

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Morgan High School for coach Kovi Christensen
- A Two-time all-conference lineman who graduated in 2014
- Named to the Utah 3A All-State team

# ALEXANDER "MOANA" VAINIKOLO

LB | 5-11 | 250 | Jr | JC

Kihei, Hawaii | Mt. San Antonio JC/Maui HS



Versatile linebacker who will get the benefit of Spring Practice

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered for two seasons at Mt. San Antonio Junior College
- Recorded 45 tackles as a sophomore with 5.5 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles
- Had a season-high eight tackles with two tackles for loss and two forced fumbles
- Added seven tackles with a half-tackle for loss against Long Beach
- As a freshman he recorded 14 tackles with 2.0 sacks

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football and track and field at Maui High School
- Teamed with his brother Atunasia "Leka" Vainikolo

# ERIN AUSTIN

DL | 6-2 | 278 | Jr | JC

Vallejo, California | Laney College/Heritage HS



Defensive Lineman who has two years to play two

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played two seasons at Laney College for coach John Beam
- Recorded 47 tackles, 29 solos, with five sacks for 28 yards 16.5 TFLs and one fumble recovery as Laney went 9-2 in 2017
- Recorded 28 tackles, 21 solos, with three sacks, 6.5 TFLs and an interception as Laney also went 9-2 in 2016
- Named a member of the 2017 All-America Junior College team

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Heritage High School for coach Don Sanders
- Named First Team All-Conference

# TRE BLAND

**OL | 6-3 | 267 | Jr | JC**

Ontario, California | Riverside CC/Colony HS

Athletic offensive lineman with three years to play two

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played two seasons at Riverside Community College for coach Tom Craft
- Led Riverside to a 10-2 season and a berth in the SCFA Championship game
- His squad averaged 458.9 yards per game and 38.6 points per game
- As a sophomore captain he was named First Team All-Southern California Football Association as the line he anchored led the league in total offense, rushing yards, rushing yards per game, rushing yards per carry and rushing touchdowns

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Colony High School for coach Steve Randall
- Named First Team All-Conference



# AHMARI DAVIS

**RB | 5-10 | 182 | Jr | JC**

Oakland, Calif. | Laney College/James Logan HS

Running back who put up big numbers in junior college with a nose for the end zone

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played two seasons at Laney College for coach John Beam
- In 2017, he rushed for 1,359 yards in 11 games, averaging 123.5 yards per game and averaging 6.86 yards per carry and scoring 17 touchdowns
- Added seven catches for 63 yards and averaged 20.8 yards per kickoff return on 20 returns
- Had six 100-yard games and scored a touchdown in 10 of his 11 games
- In 2016, he rushed for 684 yards in 10 games, averaging 68.4 yards per game and averaging 7.2 yards per carry and scoring seven touchdowns
- Named First Team All-America CCCAA

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at James Logan High School for coach George Zuber
- Played receiver and also returned kickoffs
- Had a 96-yard kickoff return touchdown against San Ramon
- Was a team captain



# **TYSON DYER**

**P | 6-2 | 198 | So | JC**

Queensland, Australia | L.A. Valley College/Highland HS

First Australian punter in program history with four years to play three

## **JUNIOR COLLEGE**

- Played one season at Palomar College for coach Joe Early
- Punted 65 times for a 39.9 yard average with 23 of his 65 punts pinned inside the 20 with just one touchback
- Averaged 41.4 over last eight games and 42.5 over last four
- Had at least one 50-yarder in six of last seven games, and at least one 60-yarder in each of his last two, including a career-long 70 yard punt
- Was named First Team All-Southern California Football Association



# **BLAKE FEHRMANN**

**LB | 6-4 | 221 | Fr | HS**

Brookfield, Wisc. | Brookfield HS

Strong linebacker who garnered a lot of attention in the midwest

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- Lettered at Brookfield High School for coach Jed Kennedy
- Was named First Team All-State by the Wisconsin Journal Sentinel as a senior
- After his junior season he was rated the No. 3 defensive end in Wisconsin by Wissports.net after earning first team all-conference honors
- Helped Brookfield Central to six shutouts his senior season in leading BCHS to the state title game, where he played against fellow singing Lawrence "L.O." Johnson





# A.J. GREELEY

DB | 5-9 | 216 | Jr | JC

Fresno, Calif. | College of the Sequoias/Edison HS

Physical corner who was a highly touted recruit out of Fresno Edison

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played one season each at College of the Sequoias (2017) for coach Irv Pankey and at Fresno City College (2016) for Tony Caviglia
- Played in eight games, recording 13 tackles, one TFL, four breakups and an interception at College of the Sequoias
- Averaged 20.5 yards on six kickoff returns
- Played in nine games, recording 17 tackles and on interception at Fresno City
- Also returned three punts for a 7.7-yard average

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Edison High School for coach Matt Johnson
- Led Edison to a 12-2 record as a senior and the school's first section title in 39 years
- Named to the Fresno Bee's "Fab 50" players in the Central Section
- Ranked with three stars out of high school, he originally committed to Fresno State before going to junior college



# LAWRENCE "L.O." JOHNSON

RB | 5-9 | 195 | Fr | HS

Waunakee, Wisc. | Waunakee HS

Speedy running back who was a state titlist in track as well

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Waunakee High School for coach Pat Rice
- As a senior he rushed for 595 yards on 102 carries with 10 touchdowns and added 205 yards receiving with two touchdowns on 15 receptions
- Was named First Team All-Badger North Conference and honorable mention Wisconsin State Journal/Wisconsin Prep Zone all-area
- Helped Waunakee finish 14-0 and win the WIAA Division 2 state championship
- Also was the WIAA Division 1 state champion in track in the 100-meter with a time of 10.99



# SHERIRON JONES

QB | 6-3 | 196 | Jr | JC

Moreno Valley, Calif. | Mt. San Jacinto/Tennessee/Rancho Verde HS

One of the top dual-threat QBs in junior college, he was a four-star prospect from four services out of high school

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played one season at Mt. San Jacinto for Casey Mazzotta
- Was 208 for 393 passing for 2,162 yards and 17 touchdowns
- Also rushed for 345 yards and five touchdowns
- Had a magnificent game against L.A. Valley in a 47-33 win with 272 yards passing and five touchdowns with no interceptions and 68 yards rushing

## TENNESSEE

- Played two seasons for coach Butch Jones, redshirting in 2015

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Rancho Verde High School for coach Pete Duffy
- Threw for over 2,000 yards with 24 TDs as a senior
- Led Rancho Verde to a 10-3 mark and the second round of the state playoffs
- Played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl
- Rated a four-star recruit by ESPN, Rivals, 247 Sports and Scout, and he was named to the ESPN 300



# PATRICK PEEK

DB | 5-10 | 199 | Jr | JC

Ft. Worth, Texas | Trinity Valley JC/Aledo HS

Skilled athlete who originally committed to UNM in 2015 ... will have three years to play two

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played for Brad Smiley at Trinity Valley Junior College
- Helped Trinity Valley go 20-4 over the past two seasons, playing in all 24 games
- Recorded 63 tackles in 2017, including 57 solos, with 3.0 TFLs for 10 yards, one sacks, one interception, one forced fumble and five pass breakups
- Recorded 63 tackles as well in 2016, including 27 solos, with one sack, two forced fumbles, six pass breakups and five fumble recoveries
- Returned a fumble 47 yards for a touchdown against Northeast Oklahoma A&M

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Aledo High School for coach Steve Wood
- Team went 13-2 in 2015
- Named First Team All-District



# TRENT SELLERS

DL | 6-5 | 265 | Jr | JC

Fayetteville, Ga. | Coffeyville CC/Georgia Tech/Sandy Creek HS

Strong lineman who has two years to play two

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played for Aaron Flores at Coffeyville Community College
- Played in 11 games, recording 40 tackles including 8.5 tackles for a loss with two forced fumbles
- Named Honorable Mention All-Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference

## GEORGIA TECH

- Spent two seasons at Georgia Tech, redshirting in 2015

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Sandy Creek High School for coach Chip Walker, playing varsity all four seasons
- As a senior he was a team captain as well as being named first team all-region and honorable mention all-state
- Played in the Florida/Georgia All-Star Game
- Recorded 81 tackles, 8.5 sacks and 29 hurries as a senior



# JARRED SYLVESTER

OL | 6-4 | 315 | Jr | JC

CLayton, N.J. | Dodge City CC/Clayton HS

Talented offensive lineman who has two years to play two, can play multiple positions

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played one year for Gary Thomas at Dodge City Community College
- Named GridironRR.com Second Team All-America
- Named First Team All-KJCCC and top voted offensive lineman in the KJCCC

## PACE UNIVERSITY

- Played one season for Andrew Rondeau at Pace University
- Played in eight games as a true freshman and was named to the NEC-10 All-Rookie Team
- Also named to the ECAC All-Star Team
- Helped Pace to finish fifth in the conference in rushing and allow nine fewer sacks than the year previous

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Clayton High School for coach Corey Harvey
- Earned First Team Tri-County Conference at both offensive line and defensive line
- Named Second Team NJ Group 1 at offensive line
- Named South Jersey Playoff Player of the First Round in Group 1
- His team went 13-2 in 2015 and he was named All-District



# DAVID ZAVALA

OL | 6-2 | 307 | Jr | JC

Lakewood, Calif. | Cerritos College/Nevada/Lakewood HS



Skilled offensive lineman, also an All-American wrestler who has two years to play two

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Played one season at Cerritos College for coach Frank Mazzotta
- Named unanimous First Team All-National Division Northern League honors as a sophomore, playing in 10 games
- Went 25-7 and was named a junior college all-America in wrestling, placing fourth at the CCCAA state championships
- Named a scholar all-America

## NEVADA

- Redshirted at Nevada

## HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Lakewood High School and coach Jimmy Nolan
- Named First Team offensive lineman from the Long Beach Press-Telegram
- Was named Moore League Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2014
- Earned First Team All-Moore League in 2013 and 2014
- Was a heavyweight wrestler at Lakewood
- Inducted into the Lakewood Hall of Fame in both football and wrestling

## ***FEBRUARY 7 SIGNINGS***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Ht</b>	<b>Wt</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown/School</b>
Trae Hall	QB	6-2	181	Fr.	HS	Henderson, Texas (Henderson HS)
Dylan Horton	LB	6-4	222	Fr.	HS	Frisco, Texas (Frisco HS)
Jeffrey Jones, Jr.	TE	6-3	212	Jr.	JC	St. Louis, Mo. (Bakersfield College/Eastern Illinois/O'Fallon Township HS)
Donte Martin	DB	5-9	167	Fr	HS	Oxnard, Calif. (Rio Mesa HS)
Cedric Patterson III	WR	5-11	168	Fr	HS	Crosby, Texas (Crosby HS)
Dejohn Rogers	DB	5-9	161	Jr	JC	Paramus, N.J. (Monroe College/Paramus Catholic HS)
Stephen Ruiz	K	6-4	228	Fr	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley HS)
Adebayo Soremekun	DL	6-2	298	Jr	JC	Los Angeles, Calif. (Long Beach City College/Dorsey HS)
Kyle Stapley	OL	6-3	307	So	JC	Morgan, Utah (Snow College/Morgan HS)
Alexander "Moana" Vainokolo	LB	5-11	250	Jr	JC	Kihei, Hawai'i (Mt. San Antonio JC/Maui HS)

## ***DECEMBER 20 SIGNINGS***

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Ht</b>	<b>Wt</b>	<b>Cl.</b>	<b>Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown/School</b>
Erin Austin	DL	6-2	278	Jr.	JC	Vallejo, Calif. (Laney College/Heritage HS)
Tre Bland	OL	6-3	275	Jr.	JC	Ontario, Calif. (Riverside CC/Colony HS)
Ahmari Davis	RB	5-10	182	Jr.	JC	Oakland, Calif. (Laney College/James Logan HS)
Tyson Dyer	P	6-2	198	So.	JC	Queensland, Australia (Palomar Coll./Palm Beach Currumbin State HS)
Blake Fehrmann	LB	6-3	221	Fr.	HS	Brookfield, Wisc. (Brookfield HS)
A.J. Greeley	DB	5-9	216	Jr.	JC	Fresno, Calif. (College of the Sequoias/Edison HS)
Lawrence "L.O." Johnson	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	HS	Waunakee, Wisc. (Waunakee HS)
Sheriron Jones	QB	6-3	196	Jr.	JC	Moreno Valley, Calif. (Mt. San Jacinto JC/Tennessee/Rancho Verde HS)
Patrick Peek	DB	5-10	199	Jr.	JC	Ft. Worth, Texas (Trinity Valley JC/Aledo HS)
Trent Sellers	DL	6-5	265	Jr.	JC	Fayetteville, Ga. (Coffeyville CC/Georgia Tech/Sandy Creek HS)
Jarred Sylvester	OL	6-4	315	Jr.	JC	Clayton, N.J. (Dodge City CC/Clayton HS)
David Zavala	OL	6-2	307	Jr.	JC	Lakewood, Calif. (Cerritos College/Nevada/Lakewood HS)

## ***SIGNEE BREAKDOWN***

### **By Country:**

United States 21, Australia 1

### **By State:**

California 8, Texas 4, New Jersey 2, Wisconsin 2, Georgia 1, Hawai'i 1, Illinois 1, Missouri 1, Utah 1, Queensland (Australia) 1

### **By Position:**

Defensive Back 4, Offensive Line 4, Defensive Line 3, Linebacker 3, Quarterback 2, Running Back 2, Wide Receiver 1, Punter 1, Tight End 1, Kicker 1,