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LOBOS ANNOUNCE SEVEN MORE SIGNEES, 25 TOTAL

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — University of New Mexico head coach Bob Davie, who enters his eighth year with the program in 2019, has announced seven more signees for the 2019 football campaign, bringing the total class to 25. The signees represent 13 states and five time zones (Atlantic, Central, Mountain, Pacific and Hawaiian).

Overall, Davie picked up 15 new players on defense, a side of the ball hit hard by graduation as UNM will return just one starter, Aaron Blackwell, although two would-be starters will return from injury in Trent Sellers and Alex Hart. On the defensive side, UNM picked up six defensive backs, five linebackers and four linemen.

On offense, UNM added 10 new players, four linemen, three receivers, one quarterback, one running back and one tight end. UNM returns almost its whole offensive line, and overall the offense only lost four starters.

The February 6 signing day is the traditional one for football, but in 2017, a new December early signing period was implemented. UNM signed 18 over that December 19-21 period with two more student-athletes enrolling in school over the break.

Below are capsules of the complete 2019 signing class:

LETAYVEON BEATON

DB | 5-10 | 204 | Jr | JC

St. Petersburg, Fla. | Hutchinson CC | Boca Ciega HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Hutchinson Community College for coach Rion Rhodes.
- As a sophomore he recorded five interceptions, 12 pass breakups and 39 tackles.
- Recorded 53 yards in returns on his five interceptions, and he added 2.5 TFLs.
- Earned Honorable Mention All-KJCAA honors in helping Hutchinson to a top-10 ranking.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Boca Ciega High School for coach Max Smith.
- Over his final two seasons he recorded 115 tackles, two interceptions (returning one for a touchdown), and he also played on offense, scoring three rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown
- Averaged 28.9 yards per kickoff return.





BEN GANSALLO

DL | 6-2 | 291 | Jr | JC

Missouri City, Texas | Blinn JC | Dulles HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Blinn Junior College as a freshman and sophomore under coach Ryan Mahon.
- As a sophomore he recorded 19 tackles, 7.0 tackles for loss (22 yards), 3.5 sacks and two fumble recoveries.
- As a freshman he played in nine games, recording eight tackles, including one for loss

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Dulles High School for coach J.L. Geist.
- Received honorable mention all-district honors in 2014, second team all-district in 2015 and first team all-district in 2016
- Also lettered in track.

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.



EMMANUEL LOGAN-GREENE

WR | 5-8 | 160 | Jr | JC

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. | Iowa Central CC | UCF | IMG Academy & Coconut Creek HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Iowa Central Community College for coach Kevin Twait.
- In 2018 he led the team with 66 receptions and 766 yards, and he also added five touchdowns.
- Also averaged 11.8 yards per punt return and 19.3 yards per kickoff return.

UCF

- Redshirted in 2016 and played in five games in 2017, recording five receptions for 75 yards

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at IMG Academy and Coconut Creek High School.

JOEY NOBLE

DL | 6-3 | 253 | Jr | JC

Cerritos, Calif. | Fullerton JC | Los Alamitos HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Fullerton Junior College for coach Tim Byrnes.
- SCFA's National Central Conference "Defensive Player of the Year" after registering 12.0 sacks, 51 tackles and two fumble recoveries.
- Also registered 18.5 tackles for loss, totaling 102 yards, and he also had three PBUs.
- Was named First Team All-NCC as a freshman in 2017, recording 39 tackles, 15.0 for loss, 10.5 sacks (for 64 yards), six pass breakups, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at at Los Alamitos High School for coach Ray Fenton.
- Was named Sunset League Defensive Lineman of the Year as a senior along with all-county.



ELMER PAUNI

DL | 6-2 | 302 | Jr | JC

West Valley, Utah | Mt. San Antonio College | Granger HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Mt. San Antonio College for coach Bob Jastrab.
- As a sophomore in 2017 he recorded 26 tackles, 9.0 TFLs for 43 yards, 4.0 sacks, a blocked kick, a pass breakup and a forced fumble in earning First Team All-America and Region III First Team All-CCCAA honors.
- As a freshman in 2016 he recorded 29 tackles, 8.0 TFLs for 24 yards, 4.0 sacks, two pass breakups and one forced fumble.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Granger High School for coach Alex Gehrke.
- Played defensive line, linebacker and tight end.

JUSTICE SPATES

OL | 6-4 | 271 | So | JC

Pacoima, Calif. | College of the Canyons | Chaminade HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at College of the Canyons for one season for coach Ted Iacenda.
- Helped anchor an offensive line that averaged 33.6 points per game and threw for nearly 300 yards per game on the way to a 10-1 record.
- Ranked by GridironRR.com as one of the top 20 JC tackles not signed in the early period.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered at Chaminade High School for coach Ed Croson.
- Helped Chaminade to an 8-4 record as a senior, earning all-conference honors.

ROCKY AITOGI

OL | 6-5 | 354 | So | JC

Kona, Haw. | Fort Scott CC



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Fort Scott Community College for coach Kale Pick.
- Saw action in eight of 10 games.
- Served in the U.S. Army National Guard.
- Is married, and he and his wife Anna have a daughter, Lilo.
- Has only been playing football for one year.

CHAD ALEXANDER

RB | 5-6 | 164 | Fr | HS

New Orleans, La. | Landry-Walker HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Landry-Walker High School for coach Emanuel Powell, and also lettered in track.
- Rushed for 1,084 yards on 118 carries with 17 rushing touchdowns as a senior for Landry-Walker.
- Also had a 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.
- Scored double-digit touchdowns as a junior.
- Helped win a 5A state title as a sophomore in 2016.



CADE BRIGGS

OL | 6-3 | 275 | Fr | HS

Las Vegas, Nev. | Bishop Gorman HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Bishop Gorman HS for coach Kenny Sanchez.
- Named second team All-Southwest League as a guard in 2018.
- Won a state title in all four seasons, including 2018, ending the season on a 10-game winning streak.
- Helped Bishop Gorman rush for 523 yards on 52 carries in the state title game, scoring eight rushing touchdowns.



ERIC CUFFEE

DB | 5-11 | 190 | Jr | JC

Waco, Texas | Trinity Valley CC/Texas/Waco HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE/TEXAS

- Originally played for the Texas Longhorns from 2016-17, redshirting in 2016.
- Lettered one season at Trinity Valley for coach Sherard Poteete.
- Saw action in 10 games with 13 tackles and a pass breakups.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Waco HS for coach Marty Herbst.
- Named all-state as a senior, and he was a three-time all-district selection.
- Participated in the 2016 Under Armour All-America game.
- Was rated among the top 125 defensive backs out of high school by ESPN.
- Also competed in the 100m, 200m, 4x100m and 4x200m at Waco High School.



OMAR DARAME

DL | 6-3 | 238 | Fr | HS

Arlington, Texas | Sam Houston HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Arlington High School for coach Anthony Criss.
- Recorded 63 tackles, 27 solo, with 10 for loss.
- Also recorded a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception.
- Also competed in track at Sam Houston, including the shot put.



RECO HANNAH

LB | 6-2 | 211 | Jr | JC

Wedowee, Ala. | Highland CC/Randolph County HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at Highland Community College for coach Aaron Arnold.
- Named Honorable Mention NJCAA All-America as a sophomore linebacker as well as First Team All-KJCCC honors.
- As a sophomore recorded 90 tackles, 16 for loss, 7.5 sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, one interception (returned 100 yards for a touchdown), six hurries and three breakups.
- In his two-year career he had 153 tackles, 29.5 for loss, 13 sacks, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, six hurries, seven breakups and two interceptions.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Randolph County High School for coach Pat Prestridge.
- As a senior he recorded 102 tackles, five sacks, five interceptions, 11 breakups, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery while also rushing for 2,008 yards on 199 carries with 31 TDs along with 13 catches for 353 yards.



JACOBI HEARN

LB | 5-11 | 237 | Jr | JC

Jackson, Miss. | Mississippi Gulf Coast CC/Clinton HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at Mississippi Gulf Coast for coach Jack Wright.
- Was fourth on the team with 60 tackles, including 16 for loss, eight sacks, a pass break-up and a 48-yard fumble return for a touchdown.
- Named all MACJC South First Team.
- As a freshman recorded 33 tackles, one for loss and a forced fumble.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Clinton High School for coach Judd Boswell.
- Helped Clinton to a 6A state championship as a senior, recording 123 tackles, 20 for loss, seven sacks, four passes defended, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Named to Mississippi Association of Coaches Class 6A First Team and Clarion-Ledger All-State Second Team.



BRANDT HUGHES

QB | 6-2 | 226 | Jr | JC

Chico, Calif. | Butte JC/Pleasant Valley HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered two seasons at Butte Junior College for coach Rob Snelling.
- Led Butte to a 9-2 record, going 136-for-227 (59.9%) for 2,146 yards and 14 touchdowns, while rushing for five more touchdowns.
- Led Butte to a No. 2 ranking during the season, as the Roadrunners went 9-2.
- Played in seven games as a freshman, going 52-102 (51.0%) for 575 yards and five touchdowns, and a rushing TD.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Pleasant Valley High School for coach Mark Cooley.
- Was 147-for-263 passing for 2,064 yards and 26 touchdowns against just five interceptions as a senior.
- Also rushed for three touchdowns.

ANTONIO HUNT

DB | 5-8 | 152 | So | JC

Lancaster, Calif. | College of the Canyons/Paraclete HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at College of the Canyons for coach Ted Iacenda.
- Tied for the team lead as a sophomore with four interceptions, adding 27 tackles, six breakups and a fumble recovery

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Paraclete High School for coach Dean Herrington.
- Played both ways, recording 36 tackles, one interception and 11 pass breakups as a defensive back and seven catches for 166 yards and a touchdown, with a long of 70, on offense during his senior season.

JACOB JANKOVIK

OL | 6-2 | 285 | Jr | JC

Corona, Calif. | Fullerton JC/Centennial HS



JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at Fullerton Junior College for coach Tim Byrnes.
- Was selected First Team All-SCFA National at offensive line.
- Blocked for a team that averaged 43.4 points and 492.4 YPG on offense.
- Played on Fullerton's undefeated national champions in 2017.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Centennial High School for coach Matt Logan.
- Started for one of the top prep programs in Southern California.

KYLE JARVIS

TE | 6-3 | 244 | So | JC

Antioch, Calif. | Contra Costa College/Antioch HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at Contra Costa College for coach Patrick Henderson.
- Played in 10 games with 11 catches and 154 receiving yards.
- Started as a tackle as a freshman, playing every snap.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Antioch High School for coach John Lucido.



MARQUAE KIRKENDOLL

DB | 6-0 | 171 | Fr | HS

Chicago, Ill. | Simeon HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Simeon High School for coach Dante Culbreath
- Lockdown corner who led Simeon to an 11-1 record as a senior.
- Also lettered in track at Simeon.



JORDAN KRESS

WR | 6-0 | 197 | Jr | JC

Loveland, Colo. | Butte JC/Mountain View HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered two seasons at Butte Junior College for coach Rob Snelling.
- Led the team as a sophomore with 44 receptions for 863 yards and five touchdowns.
- Led the team with a 30.9 average on 14 kickoff returns, including an 84-yard TD.
- Led the team as a freshman with 20 receptions, 429 yards and six touchdowns, also picking up 16 yards rushing.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Mountain View High School for coach Bart Mayes.
- Earned All-Area honors from the Reporter-Herald.
- Also placed in the state finals in the 100m and 200m as a senior.



JAMES LEWIS

LB | 5-11 | 215 | Jr | JC

Tulsa, Okla. | Coffeyville JC/Oklahoma State/Tulsa Memorial HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered at Coffeyville Junior College for coach Aaron Flores after a season at Oklahoma State
- As a freshmen a racked up 53 tackles in just nine games, including 4.5 for loss.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Tulsa Memorial High School for coach Ryan Reed.
- Played both linebacker and running back for Tulsa Memorial.
- Helped Tulsa Memorial to four straight winning seasons.



SHADRICK LOWERY

DB | 5-9 | 191 | So | JC

Dania Beach, Fla. | College of the Canyons/American Heritage HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at College of the Canyons for coach Ted Iacenda.
- Earned First Team All-SCFA honors as a sophomore, recording 41 tackles and five pass breakups.
- As a freshman he recorded 38 tackles, two forced fumbles and a pass breakup.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at American Heritage High School for coach Mike Rumph.
- Played both ways, recording 36 tackles, one interception and 11 pass breakups as a defensive back and seven catches for 166 yards and a touchdown, with a long of 70, on offense during his senior season.



TYE MOORE

WR | 5-7 | 150 | Fr | HS

Las Vegas, Nev. | Desert Pines HS

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Desert Pines High School for coach Tico Rodriguez.
- Named Class 3A First Team All-State by the state's coaches, and Honorable Mention All-State by the Las Vegas Review-Journal.
- Led his team in receiving both as a junior and as a senior.
- Also played point guard on the basketball team.



JERRICK REED II

DB | 5-10 | 188 | So | JC

Olive Branch, Miss. | NW Mississippi CC/Olive Branch HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at Northwest Mississippi for coach Benjy Parker.
- Recorded 71 tackles, three for loss, one sack, one fumble recovery, two interceptions and three pass breakups.
- Helped NWMCC to an 8-2 record.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Olive Branch for coach Tyler Turner.
- As a senior had 99 tackles and seven for loss as Olive Branch went 12-2 and advanced to the third round of the 6A state playoffs.
- Also added seven interceptions for 271 yards and eight kickoff returns for 120 yards.
- Named First Team All-State by The Clarion Ledger.



DEVIN SANDERS

LB | 6-2 | 236 | So | JC

San Diego, Calif. | San Diego Mesa CC/Mira Mesa HS

JUNIOR COLLEGE

- Lettered in football at San Diego Mesa for coach Gary Watkins.
- Recorded 40 tackles, three sacks, two pass breakups and three fumble recoveries.
- Originally attended Humboldt State in 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL

- Lettered in football at Mira Mesa for coach Gary Blevins.
- Also lettered in basketball.



2019 SIGNING CLASS

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown/School
Rocky Aitogi	OL	6-5	354	So	JC	Kona, Haw./Fort Scott CC
Chad Alexander	RB	5-6	164	Fr	HS	New Orleans, La./Landry-Walker HS
Letayveon Beaton	DB	5-10	204	Jr	JC	St. Petersburg, Fla./Hutchinson CC/Boca Ciega HS
Cade Briggs	OL	6-3	275	Fr	HS	Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman HS
*Eric Cuffee	DB	5-11	190	Jr	JC	Waco, Texas/Trinity Valley CC/Texas/waco HS
Omar Darame	DL	6-3	238	Fr	HS	Arlington, Texas/Sam Houston HS
Ben Gansallo	DL	6-2	280	Jr	JC	Missouri City, Texas/Blinn JC/Dulles HS
*Reco Hannah	LB	6-2	211	Jr	JC	Wedowee, Ala./Highland CC/Randolph County HS
*Jacobi Hearn	LB	5-11	237	Jr	JC	Jackson, Miss./Mississippi Gulf Coast CC/Clinton HS
*Brandt Hughes	QB	6-2	226	Jr	JC	Chico, Calif./Butte JC/Pleasant Valley HS
Antonio Hunt	DB	5-8	152	So	JC	Lancaster, Calif./College of the Canyons/Paraclete HS
Dion Hunter	LB	6-2	220	Fr	HS	Rio Rancho, N.M./Cleveland HS
*Jacob Jankoviak	OL	6-2	285	Jr	JC	Corona, Calif./Fullerton JC/Centennial HS
*Kyle Jarvis	TE	6-3	244	So	JC	Antioch, Calif./Contra Costa College/Antioch HS
Marquae Kirkendoll	DB	6-0	171	Fr	HS	Chicago, Ill./Simeon HS
*Jordan Kress	WR	6-0	197	Jr	JC	Loveland, Colo./Butte JC/Mountain View HS
*James Lewis	LB	5-11	215	Jr	JC	Tulsa, Okla./Coffeyville JC/Oklahoma State/Tulsa Memorial HS
*Emmanuel Logan-Greene	WR	5-8	160	Jr	JC	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla./Iowa Central CC/UCF/American Heritage HS
*Shaddrick Lowery	DB	5-9	191	So	JC	Dania Beach, Fla./College of the Canyons/American Heritage HS
Tye Moore	WR	5-7	150	Fr	HS	Las Vegas, Nev./Desert Pines HS
*Joey Noble	DL	6-3	253	Jr	JC	Cerritos, Calif./Fullerton JC/Los Altamitos HS
Elmer Pauni	DL	6-2	302	Jr	JC	West Valley, Utah/Mt. San Antonio College/Granger HS
*Jerrick Reed II	DB	5-10	188	So	JC	Olive Branch, Miss./NW Mississippi CC/Olive Branch HS
*Devin Sanders	LB	6-2	236	So	JC	San Diego, Calif./San Diego Mesa CC/Mira Mesa HS
Justice Spates	OL	6-4	271	So	JC	Pacoima, Calif./College of the Canyons/Chaminade HS

*denotes enrolled for Spring 2019 semester at UNM

BOLD indicated February 6 signee

SIGNEE BREAKDOWN

By Position:

Defensive Back 6, Linebacker 5, Defensive Line 4, Offensive Line 4, Wide Receiver 3, Quarterback 1, Running Back 1, Tight End 1

By State:

California 7, Florida 3, Texas 2, Nevada 2, Mississippi 2, New Mexico 1, Hawai'i 1, Louisiana 1, Alabama 1, Illinois 1, Colorado 1, Oklahoma 1, Utah 1