

LOBOS ANNOUNCE 21 ON NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. --- University of New Mexico head football coach Bob Davie has announced 21 commitments to the Lobo football program on National Signing Day. The total includes three players that are currently enrolled for the spring semester that were announced previously.

The Lobos, which returns 25 lettermen on defense, 24 on offense and three on special teams, added 12 players on offense, eight on defense and one on special teams. The 2016 recruiting class features six junior college transfers, and 15 high school players.

Below are capsules of the 2016 recruiting class.



STANLEY BARNWELL, JR., DB, 6-1, 185, SO., JC OPA-LOCKA, FLA. (COFFEYVILLE CC/MONSIGNOR PACE)

NEW MEXICO:

*Will have three seasons of eligibility with UNM

JUNIOR COLLEGE:

*Lettered for one season at Coffeyville Community College, where he played for coach Aaron Flores

*As a sophomore, he recorded 55 tackles, 2.5 for loss, with four passes broken up and two fumble recoveries

*Had two pass break ups in a 49-48 win over Ellsworth Community College

*Had seven tackles, including a 26-yard touchdown on a fumble recovery in a 79-21 win over Independence Community College

*Recovered a fumble against Butler Community College

*Had a career-high 11 tackles in a 41-34 loss to Highland Community College

HIGH SCHOOL:

*Lettered in football at Monsignor Pace for coach Mario Smith

*Played both receiver and cornerback

*Sure tackler who had a pick six on defense as a senior with a pair of receiving touchdowns as well

PERSONAL:

*His parents are Stanley and Bobbie Barnwell

*Has two sisters, Angelica and Annika

*Birthday is April 25, 1996

*plans on majoring in biology



RAYMOND BAYLOR III, OL, 6-1, 299, JR., JC HOUSTON, TEXAS (ASA COLLEGE-BROOKLYN/HIGHTOWER HS)

NEW MEXICO:

*Early signee in December of 2015

*Will get the benefit of spring practice with UNM before the 2016 season

JUNIOR COLLEGE:

- *Lettered for two seasons at ASA College-Brooklyn, where he played for coach Chris Boden
- *Rated the No. 2 center in the country by 24/7 Sports
- *Started for an Avengers team that averaged nearly 400 yards of offense per game

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered in football for three years at Hightower High School for coach Padriac McGinnis
- *A two-time First Team All-District selection at offensive line
- *Rated in the top 30 in the state at the time of graduation

PERSONAL:

- *His parents are Raymond II and Ebony Baylor
- *Has a sister, Lorayia
- *Birthday is March 15, 1995
- *Majoring in liberal arts



***COREY BOJORQUEZ, P, 6-0, 227, JR., JC
BELLFLOWER, CALIF. (CERRITOS COLLEGE/MAYFAIR HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Junior college punter who will battle with returning back-up punter Sam Gentry for playing time
- *Is a left-footed punter (but is right-handed)
- *An ordained minister

JUNIOR COLLEGE:

- *Averaged 43.8 yards per punt (national leader) as a sophomore on 44 punts, with a long of 61 yards at

Cerritos College

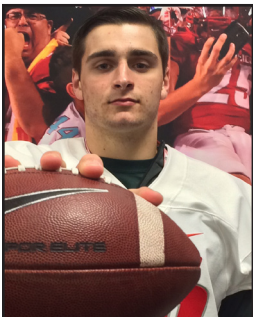
- *Forced eight fair catches and had 14 punts pinned inside the 20 with just two touchbacks
- *Named First Team All-America, First Team All-State and First Team All-Conference
- *Averaged 37.6 yards per punt as a freshman, with nine fair catches, eight pins and just one touchback on 37 punts

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Mayfair High School where he played football for coach Mike Fitch as well as soccer
- *Averaged 46.5 yards per punt as a senior with a long of 80 yards
- *Put nine of his 31 punts inside the 20-yard line
- *Averaged 48.2 yards per punt on 18 boots as a junior, with a long of 67
- *Named Second Team All-Suburban League as a senior
- *Also named Second Team All-State
- *Also named to the All-League academic team

PERSONAL:

- *His parents are Ivan and Brandy Bojorquez
- *Has three siblings: Levi, Moz and Bela
- *Birthday is September 13, 1996
- *Wants to major in mechanical engineering



***JONATHAN BRYs, TE, 6-5, 229, FR., HS
JACKSON, MICH. (LUMEN CHRISTI HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Strong tight end that can garnered plenty of accolades in the Detroit area

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Jackson Lumen Christi Catholic High School under coach Herb Brogan
- *Also lettered in basketball
- *Earned all-conference, all-area Dream Team honors

- *Was named Detroit Free Press All-State.

- *Was named a MaxPreps All-American
- *Named one of the top five most disruptive linemen in Jackson County as a defensive lineman

PERSONAL:

- *Full name is Jonathan Paul Brys
- *His parents are Kevin Brys and Erin Bohlen
- *Birthday is February 14, 1998
- *Wants to major in business



***RHASHAUN EPTING, RUSH, 6-2, 220, FR., HS
BERKELEY, ILL. (PROVISO WEST HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Talented linebacker with a knack for being around the ball that comes to UNM from the Chicago area that originally committed to Western Michigan

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Proviso West High School where he played both football for coach Famous Hulbert, as well as soccer

- *Named both all-conference and all-state as a senior and also all-area
- *Recorded 40 tackles his senior year along with an interception and a tackle for loss
- *Also scored four touchdowns on offense, three rushing and one receiving
- *Caught 11 passes for 152 yards and rushed for 264 yards and three more scores
- *Also was a top prep basketball player, breaking the 1,000-point barrier for his career when he was just a junior

PERSONAL:

- *His father is Rico Epting, and his grandfather is Pedro Epting
- *Birthday is February 14, 1998
- *Would like to major in accounting



***NAHJE FLOWERS, DL, 6-3, 259, FR., HS
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (DORSEY HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Highly recruited defensive end that provides speed and strength

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered in football, wrestling and track at Dorsey High School
- *Named First Team All-Coliseum League and First Team All-City for Los Angeles as a senior and as a junior
- *Was also an All-City wrestler as a junior

- *Named First Team All-City in the shot put, finishing third in Los Angeles
- *Was named all-league in both wrestling and football as a sophomore

PERSONAL:

- *His mother is Vickie Gilmore



***BLAISE FOUNTAIN, OL, 6-0, 280, JR., JC
WICHITA, KAN. (BUTLER CC/MAIZE HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Early signee in December of 2015
- *Will get the benefit of spring practice with UNM before the 2016 season

JUNIOR COLLEGE:

- *Lettered for two seasons at Butler Community College, where he played for coach Troy Morrell
- *Named First Team All-Jayhawk Conference as a center in 2015

- *Also named all-region as a center in 2015
- *Honorable Mention All- Jayhawk Conference as a freshman while playing guard

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Maize High School for Victor Mercado and J.J. Milanovich
- *Named First Team All-Conference as a senior in 2012
- *Named honorable mention All-Conference as a junior in 2011

PERSONAL:

- *Full name is Blaise Taylor Fountain
- *His parents are Lance and Stephanie Fountain
- *Has a brother, Braden
- *Birthday is December 27, 1994
- *Majoring in biology



JAY GRIFFIN IV, WR, 5-10, 158, FR., HS HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS (HUNTSVILLE HS)

NEW MEXICO:

- *A high school teammate of fellow 2016 signee Corey Hightower

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Huntsville High School for coach Rodney Southern
- *Also lettered in basketball and track
- *Was listed at No. 22 on the Houston Chronicle's Area Top 100
- *Earned first team all-district honors as a wide receiver in 2015 and 2016, and second team honors as a kick returner in 2016
- *Had 37 catches for 409 yards and 3 receiving touchdowns as a senior
- *Added 482 yards on the ground with 10 touchdowns, and he also had a pair of kickoff return touchdowns
- *Had 24 catches for 367 yards and five touchdowns as a junior, adding one rushing touchdown as well with 226 yards on the ground
- *His one rushing TD as a junior was on a 72-yard run
- *Was the 200-meter district champion as well as area runner-up with a best time of 21.17

PERSONAL:

- *Full name is Jay Vance Griffin IV
- *His father is Jay Vance Griffin III
- *Birthday is August 1, 1998
- *Would like to major in criminal justice
- *His grandfather Jay Vance Griffin II played football at Southern



EMMANUEL HARRIS, WR, 5-9, 196, JR., JC DALLAS, TEXAS (TRINITY VALLEY/SKYLINE HS)

NEW MEXICO:

- *Quick receiver with speed but good size for a slot receiver

JUNIOR COLLEGE:

- *Lettered at Trinity Valley Community College as a receiver for head coach Brad Smiley
- *Caught 32 passes as a sophomore for 509 yards and five TDs
- *Was third on the team in receiving yards for a team that averaged 57.7 points per game
- *Had a career-best 10 catches for 127 yards and two touchdowns against Nassau Community College
- *Was named honorable mention all-conference

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Skyline High School for coach Reginald Samples

PERSONAL:

- *His mother is Stephanie Harris

- *Birthday is August 4, 1995
- *Wants to major in kinesiology



***COREY HIGHTOWER, DB, 5-11, 171, FR., HS
HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS (HUNTSVILLE HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *A high school teammate of fellow 2016 signee Jay Griffin

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Huntsville High School for coach Rodney Southern
- *Recorded three interceptions as a senior, and returned those for 99 yards
- *Also served as his teams' kickoff returner

- *Three-year starter
- *Named to the Dave Campbell Super Team Top Defensive Backs (one of four on the squad)
- *Named First Team All-District at Corner as a senior and a junior

PERSONAL:

- *His parents are Corey Freeman and Tinita Hightower
- *Birthday is September 22, 1997
- *Would like to major in business



***AVERY JORDAN, OL, 6-4, 285, JR., JC
PEARLAND, TEXAS (BLINN CC/PEARLAND HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Early signee in December of 2015

JUNIOR COLLEGE:

- *Lettered for two seasons at Blinn Community College, where he played on the offensive line
- *Second Team All-Conference as a sophomore

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Pearland High School for one season
- *Helped Pearland to the state title game as a senior
- *Named Second Team All-Conference

PERSONAL:

- *Full name is Avery Anderson Jordan
- *His mother is Stephanie Jordan
- *Birthday is October 7, 1994
- *His brother DeAndre currently plays in the NBA for the Los Angeles Clippers
- *Wants to major in criminal justice



***EMMANUEL JOSEPH, DL, 6-3, 254, FR., HS
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (ALEXANDER HAMILTON HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Strong defensive lineman who comes out of talent-rich Southern California

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Alexander Hamilton High School and coach Ernest King
- *Participated in both football and wrestling
- *Two-time All Western League as a defensive end as well as two-time Defensive Lineman of the Year

- *Was also twice named all-city for CIF Los Angeles
- *Recorded 51 tackles as a senior with 6.0 sacks for 47 yards in losses

- *Recorded 20 tackles as a junior with 6.0 sacks for 77 yards in losses, including two forced fumbles and an interception
- *Finished third in his conference in wrestling as a freshman

PERSONAL:

- *His mother is Bethlehem Haile
- *His birthday is December 4, 1997
- *plans on majoring in engineering



***KAMERON MILLER, QB, 6-2, 185, FR., HS
LAS CRUCES, N.M. (LAS CRUCES HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Talented quarterback who comes from a state powerhouse program in Las Cruces

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Las Cruces High School and coach Jim Miller in football
- *Also was a three-year letterman in baseball
- *Was the 2015 Gatorade Player of the Year in New Mexico
- *Was named First team All-District for three seasons, and he was the 2013 Offensive Newcomer of the Year
- *Was named Second Team All-State in 2015 and was a two-time MVP by NMPreps.com
- *Threw for 2,199 yards, completing 62.1% of his passes with 17 touchdowns and just three interceptions as a senior, leading Las Cruces to the state semifinals
- *Also ran for 1,542 yards and 26 touchdowns, averaging 128.5 yards per game on the ground with five 100-yard games.
- *Threw for 1,960 yards and 20 touchdowns as a junior, completing 63.4% of his passes
- *Also rushed for 724 yards and five touchdowns with five 100-yard games
- *Sported career numbers of 6,069 yards with 63 touchdowns and a completion rate of 62% to go with 3,340 yards rushing and 36 touchdowns
- *A four-time academic achievement winner (3.5 GPA or better) and took part in community service initiative such as reading at Las Cruces elementary schools and working with local veterans groups

PERSONAL:

- *Lettered at Las Cruces High School and coach Jim Miller
- *Parents are Jim and Amy Miller
- *Date of birth is February 16, 1998
- *Would like to major in physical therapy



***GABE ORTEGA, ATH, 6-0, 188, FR., HS
RIO RANCHO, N.M. (CLEVELAND HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

- *Local product who quarterbacked Cleveland to a state title

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Cleveland High School and coach Heath Ridenour
- *Threw for 2,486 yards and 25 touchdowns with just five interceptions, completing 65.2% of his passes
- *Additionally rushed for 912 yards and nine touchdowns
- *Had a long pass of 76 yards and a long rush of 73, and also caught a 68-yard touchown
- *Also recorded 41 tackles as a defensive back with three interceptions
- *As a junior he threw for 1,639 yards and 14 touchdowns with four interceptions
- *Rushed for 729 yards and seven touchdowns
- *Had an 86-yard rushing touchdown

PERSONAL:

- *Parents are Gabe and Annette Ortega
- *Has a sister, Kyla
- *Date of birth is August 30, 1997



***PATRICK PEEK, DB, 5-11, 193, FR., HS
ALEDO, TEXAS (ALEDO HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

*Skilled athlete that has good size and excelled in coverage

HIGH SCHOOL:

*Lettered at Aledo High School and coach Steve Wood

*Team went 13-2 in 2015

*Named First Team All-District

PERSONAL:

*Parents are Reggie Peek, Sr. and Daphne Peek



***TETON SALTES, RUSH, 6-4, 250, FR., HS
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (VALLEY HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

*Talented local player who was highly recruited and has tremendous potential having only two years of organized football

*Extremely well rounded individual who is self-taught in several musical instruments (guitar, piano and saxophone)

*Spends each summer traveling to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to take part in the Ogala Sioux ceremony

HIGH SCHOOL:

*Lettered at Valley High School and coach Enrico Marcelli

*Also lettered in basketball and track (100m, 200m, 400m, shot put and discus)

*Named Second Team 6A All-State for defensive line

*Won a state title in basketball as a sophomore

PERSONAL:

*His parents are Fontaine Saltes and Laticia DeCory

*His great uncle is former NBA star World B. Free

*Father played basketball at Weber State and mother played basketball at BYU and ran track at Utah State



***KAMERON SMITH, OL, 6-7, 317, FR., HS
TACOMA, WASH. (LINCOLN HS)***

NEW MEXICO:

*Extremely tall lineman who already looks the part of a college offensive lineman

HIGH SCHOOL:

*Lettered at Lincoln High School and coach Ben Cochran

*Also played for NFL quarterback Jon Kitna

*Helped Lincoln go 21-2 over his junior and senior years while playing right tackle

*Also lettered in track and field, where he competed in the shot put (45-3), discus (109-1) and the javelin (114-8)

PERSONAL:

*His mother is Jennifer White

*Has a sister, Samantha

*Date of birth is January 18, 1998



**DAVID SWABY, OL, 6-8, 305, FR., HS
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. (BISHOP MORA SALESIAN HS)**

NEW MEXICO:

- *At 6-8 he will be the tallest player on the team
- *Originally from Nassau, The Bahamas

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Bishop Mora Salesian High School for coach Angelo Jackson
- *Helped his team to the 2014 FHSAA 7A State title with Bishop Mora Salesian defeated St. Thomas Aquinas

PERSONAL:

- *Full name is David Joshua Swaby
- *Plans on majoring in criminal justice
- *Parents are Brendan and Julie Swaby
- *Date of birth is June 10, 1998



**TEVAKA TUIOTI, QB, 6-0, 177, FR., HS
LA MIRADA, CALIF. (LA MIRADA HS)**

NEW MEXICO:

- *Talented do-everything player in high school

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at La Mirada High School and coach Mike Moschetti
- *Multi-threat option for La Mirada, playing quarterback, receiver and punter while serving as a kick returner and punt returner

- *Named Suburban League MVP
- *Was Named Daily News First Team All-Area and First Team All-CIF

PERSONAL:

- *Parents are Faafoi and Jackie Tuioti



**DAEVON VIGILANT, RB, 5-7, 184, FR., HS
DOWNEY, CALIF. (DOWNEY HS)**

NEW MEXICO:

- *Talented and quick running back who adds to UNM's stable of runners

HIGH SCHOOL:

- *Lettered at Downey High School for coach Jack Williams
- *Named Offensive MVP of the San Gabriel Valley League
- *Also named All-CIF and was named Second Team All-State

- *Named to the California Dream Team
- *Rushed for 1,201 yards in just 10 games as a senior, averaging 120.1 yards per game
- *Scored 13 rushing touchdowns and had five 100-yard games
- *Added eight catches for 156 yards
- *As a junior he rushed for 1,873 yards in 14 games, averaging 133.8 yards per game
- *Averaged 8.8 yards per carry as a junior and scored 12 touchdowns and he had 11 100-yard games
- *Also caught 12 passes for 193 yards

PERSONAL:

- *Mother is Luciana Stevens



MARCUS WILLIAMS, WR, 6-2, 194, FR., HS RIO RANCHO, N.M. (CLEVELAND HS)

NEW MEXICO:

*High school teammate of fellow Lobo recruit Gabe Ortega

HIGH SCHOOL:

*Lettered at Cleveland High School for coach Heath Ridenour

*Caught a team-best 49 passes for a team-high 872 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior

*Recorded 55 tackles as a defensive back with six interceptions for 142 yards

*Caught a team-best 35 passes for a team-high 639 yards and nine touchdowns as a junior

*Recorded 39 tackles as a defensive back with 4.0 tackles for loss with two interceptions

PERSONAL:

*Parents are Michael and Diedra Williams

*Has two sisters, Courtney and Bailey

*Date of birth is March 25, 1998

2016 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY CLASS

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Class	Exp.	Hometown/School
*Stanley Barnwell, Jr.	DB	6-1	185	So.	JC	Opa-locka, Fla. (Coffeyville CC/Monsignor Pace)
*Raymond Baylor III	OL	6-1	299	Jr.	JC	Houston, Texas (ASA College-Brooklyn/Hightower HS)
Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	227	Jr.	JC	Bellflower, Calif. (Cerritos College/Mayfair HS)
Jonathan Brys	TE	6-5	229	Fr	HS	Jackson, Mich. (Lumen Christi HS)
Rhashaun Epting	RUSH	6-2	220	Fr.	HS	Berkeley, Ill. (Proviso West HS)
Nahje Flowers	DL	6-3	259	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey HS)
*Blaise Fountain	OL	6-0	280	Jr.	JC	Wichita, Kan. (Butler CC/Maize HS)
Jay Griffin IV	WR	5-10	158	Fr.	HS	Huntsville, Texas (Huntsville HS)
Emmanuel Harris	WR	5-9	196	Jr.	JC	Dallas, Texas (Trinity Valley CC/Skyline HS)
Corey Hightower	DB	5-11	171	Fr.	HS	Huntsville, Texas (Huntsville HS)
Avery Jordan	OL	6-4	285	Jr.	JC	Pearland, Texas (Blinn College/Pearland HS)
Emmanuel Joseph	DL	6-3	254	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Alexander Hamilton HS)
Kameron Miller	QB	6-2	185	Fr.	HS	Las Cruces, N.M. (Las Cruces HS)
Gabriel Ortega	ATH	6-0	188	Fr.	HS	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Cleveland HS)
Patrick Peek	DB	5-11	193	Fr.	HS	Ft. Worth, Texas (Aledo HS)
Teton Saltes	RUSH	6-4	250	Fr.	HS	Albuquerque, N.M. (Valley HS)
Kameron Smith	OL	6-7	317	Fr.	HS	Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS)
David Swaby	OL	6-8	305	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Bishop Mora Salesian HS)
Tevaka Tuioti	QB	6-0	177	Fr.	HS	La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada HS)
Daevon Vigilant	RB	5-7	184	Fr.	HS	Downey, Calif. (Downey HS)
Marcus Williams	WR	6-2	194	Fr.	HS	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Cleveland HS)

*Currently enrolled

By State:

Texas 6, California 6, New Mexico 4, Illinois 1, Kansas 1, Washington 1, Florida 1, Michigan 1

By Position:

Offense (12): Offensive Line 5, Wide Receiver 3, Quarterback 1, Tight End 1, Running Back 1

Defense (8): Defensive Line 2, Defensive Backs 3, Rush Linebackers 2, Athlete 1,

Special Teams (1): Punter 1