



2024 UTSA ROADRUNNERS SEASON PREVIEW

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2024 AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE KICKOFF JULY 22-23 ARLINGTON, TEXAS



Jeff Traylor
Head Coach



Oscar Cardenas
Tight End



Jamal Ligon
Linebacker

« OPENING DRIVE »

« SCHEDULE & RESULTS »

Overall 0-0 • Home 0-0 • Road 0-0 • AAC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Time
8.31	Kennesaw State (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
9.7	at Texas State (ESPNU)	3 p.m.
9.14	at Texas (ESPN)	6 p.m.
9.21	Houston Christian (ESPN+)	2:30 p.m.
9.28	at East Carolina*	TBA
10.12	at Rice*	TBA
10.19	Florida Atlantic*	TBA
10.26	at Tulsa*	TBA
11.2	Memphis*	TBA
11.15	North Texas* (ESPN2)	8 p.m.
11.22	Temple* (ESPN2)	6 p.m.
11.30	at Army* (CBS Sports Network)	11 a.m.
12.6	American Championship (ABC)	7 p.m.

all times Central • * American Athletic Conference game

- UTSA finished the 2023 season with a 9-4 overall record, including a 7-1 mark to finish third in its debut campaign in the American Athletic Conference.
- The Roadrunners registered their first bowl win in school history with a 35-17 victory over Marshall in the 2023 Scooter's Coffee Frisco Bowl on Dec. 19 in Frisco, Texas.
- UTSA has won nine or more games in each of the past three seasons.
- Head coach Jeff Traylor is entering his fifth season at the helm and he owns a 39-14 overall record, the most wins and best winning percentage (.736) in program history.
- During the Jeff Traylor era, the Roadrunners are 27-4 (.871) in regular season conference games and 29-4 (.879) against league competition when including the 2021 and 2022 Conference USA Championship Games.
- UTSA is 23-3 at the Alamodome under Jeff Traylor, the third-most victories and seventh-best winning percentage among FBS teams for home games since 2020.
- The Roadrunners return 49 lettermen, including 16 starters, eight on offense, six on defense and a pair of specialists.
- UTSA will face all four FBS teams that use Owls as their nickname: Kennesaw State, Rice, Florida Atlantic and Temple.

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General Information

Name _____ The University of Texas at San Antonio
 Nickname _____ Roadrunners
 Colors _____ Orange (PMS 1665), Navy Blue (289) and White
 Founded _____ 1969
 Enrollment _____ 34,864
 President _____ Dr. Taylor Eighmy (Tufts '80)
 Athletics Director _____ Dr. Lisa Campos (Colorado State)
 Athletics Department Phone _____ (210) 458-8149
 Ticket Office Phone _____ (210) 458-8872
 Affiliation _____ NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision
 Conference _____ American Athletic Conference
 Stadium (Capacity) _____ Alamodome (34,984)
 Playing Surface _____ FusionH XP2 Synthetic Turf
 Press Box Phone _____ (210) 704-6200

Coaching Staff

Head Coach _____ Jeff Traylor (Stephen F. Austin '90)
 Career Record (Years) _____ 39-14 (4)
 Assistant Coaches _____ Justin Burke (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks),
 Jess Loepp (Defensive Coordinator/Safeties), Zach Brown (Special
 Teams Coordinator/Nickels), Nick Graham (Assistant Head Coach/
 Cornerbacks), Julian Griffin (Running Backs/NFL Liaison), Siddiq Haynes
 (Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Defensive Line), Joe Price III (Associate
 Head Coach/Pass Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers), Hunter Rittimann
 (Tight Ends), Galen Scott (Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Linebackers),
 Kurt Traylor (Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line)
 Senior Analyst (Offense) _____ Pavit Patel
 Analysts (Offense) _____ Aaron Green, Luke Turner
 Analyst (Defense) _____ Malik Walker
 Analyst (Special Teams) _____ Chris Roberts
 Graduate Assistants _____ Colyn Givens (Defense), Peter Gray (Offense), Tyler
 Preston (Offense), Jack Swensen (Defense)
 Assistant _____ Dylan Sams (Special Teams)
 Chief of Staff _____ Matt Turner
 General Manager _____ Mike Giglio
 Director of Football Operations _____ Andrew Acosta
 Director of High School Relations _____ Jermial Ashley
 Director of Player Personnel _____ Corey Jordan
 Assistant Director of Player Personnel _____ Sean Davis
 Director of Scouting _____ Parker Curdoff
 Director of Recruiting _____ Jenna Learn
 Director of Football Relations & Player Engagement _____ Damon Williams
 Player Development Coordinator _____ Tim Yoder
 Video Coordinator _____ Alex Nicasio
 Video Production Assistants _____ Joshua Guerra, Allison Maguire
 Administrative Associate _____ Alexis Dawson
 Assistant AD/Equipment Operations _____ Dan Stinson
 Senior Associate Director/Sports Performance _____ Esteban Doria
 Head Football Trainer _____ Brian Benitez
 Football Office Phone _____ (210) 458-5011

Team Information

2023 Record _____ 9-4 (.692)
 2023 AAC Record/Finish _____ 7-1 (.875)/3rd
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost _____ 49/27
 Starters Returning (O/D/ST) _____ 16 (8/6/2)
 Starters Lost (O/D/ST) _____ 11 (5/5/1)
 Offensive Formation _____ Multiple
 Defensive Formation _____ 3-4

Program History

First Year _____ 2011
 All-Time Record _____ 84-75 (.528)
 All-Time Home Record _____ 49-30 (.620)
 All-Time Road Record _____ 34-42 (.447)
 All-Time Neutral Record _____ 1-3 (.250)
 All-Time Conference Record _____ 55-38 (.591)
 WAC: 3-3 (.500), 2012
 C-USA: 45-34 (.570), 2013-22
 AAC: 7-1 (.875), 2023-present
 Conference Championships _____ 2021, 2022 (Conference USA)

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UTSA SET FOR SECOND SEASON IN THE AMERICAN

UTSA will enter its second season as a member of the American Athletic Conference in 2024. Under the direction of fifth-year head coach Jeff Traylor, the Roadrunners welcome back 50 lettermen — including 16 starters — for what will be the 14th season in program history. UTSA finished with a 9-4 record last year, including a 7-1 league mark in its debut campaign in The American. The Roadrunners capped the season with a 35-17 victory over Marshall in the Scooter's Coffee Frisco Bowl for the school's first-ever bowl win.

SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

UTSA's 12-game regular season schedule in 2024 features four non-conference contests to kick off the campaign. The Roadrunners will host Kennesaw State on Saturday, Aug. 31, in the season opener before they play back-to-back road tilts at Texas State (Sept. 7) and Texas (Sept. 14). UTSA will close out the non-league slate at home against Houston Christian on Sept. 21. American Athletic Conference play will get underway for UTSA on Sept. 28 with a road date with East Carolina. Following the first of two idle weeks, the Roadrunners will make the short drive over to Houston to race Rice on Oct. 12 and then host Florida Atlantic on Oct. 19. UTSA will wrap up the month of October at Tulsa on the following Saturday before opening up a three-game home stand on Nov. 2 against Memphis. After a second off week, the Roadrunners will welcome North Texas (Nov. 15) and Temple (Nov. 22) to the Alamodome for back-to-back Friday night matchups. The regular season finale is scheduled for Nov. 30 at Army in West Point, New York.

FIRST-TIME FOES

UTSA will face a pair of first-time opponents in 2024. The Aug. 31 season opener against Kennesaw State, which is entering its first season as a member of Conference USA, will mark the first time the Roadrunners and Owls have met on the gridiron. UTSA also will meet Houston Christian, a member of the Southland Conference, for the first time on Sept. 21 at the Alamodome. UTSA was a previous member institution of both leagues, the Southland Conference from 1991 through 2012 and Conference USA from 2013 through 2023. The Roadrunners captured back-to-back Conference USA Football Championships in 2021 and 2022 but never actually competed in the Southland in that sport, as their inaugural season in 2011 was as an FCS Independent before they joined the Western Athletic Conference for the 2012 campaign.

FACING FOUR FBS OWLS

The Roadrunners will face all four FBS teams that use the nickname Owls during the 2024 season. UTSA will open the campaign against the Kennesaw State Owls, who are making their debut in Conference USA this year. The Roadrunners also will meet three American Athletic Conference teams who are the Owls: Rice (Oct. 12), Florida Atlantic (Oct. 19) and Temple (Nov. 22).

ROADRUNNERS ON THE TUBE

Seven of UTSA's 12 regular-season games have been selected for traditional linear or digital broadcasts. The Roadrunners will kick off the campaign at home on ESPN+ against Kennesaw State on Aug. 31. ESPNU will televise UTSA's road date with Texas State on Sept. 7, while ESPN will carry the matchup at Texas the following Saturday in primetime. The non-conference finale against Houston Christian on Sept. 21 is designated for ESPN+ live from the Alamodome. The final three regular season contests also were picked up for TV, as the Friday night tilts with North Texas (Nov. 15) and Temple (Nov. 22) can be seen on ESPN2, while the Nov. 30 road game at Army will air on CBS Sports Network. The American Athletic Conference Championship Game is slated for an ABC broadcast on Friday, Dec. 6. Most of the remaining start times and television designations will be made on a weekly basis through the season as part of the conference's 12-day selection process.

CARDENAS IS CLUTCH

Senior tight end Oscar Cardenas, one of two UTSA student-athletes representing the Roadrunners at the American Athletic Conference Kickoff, has developed a reputation for making clutch catches during his career. The San Antonio Brandeis High School product played a role in one of the iconic moments in program history, hauling in the game-winning TD reception after a tipped pass with three seconds left in

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the 34-31 home victory over UAB in 2021. He also had a 28-yard catch on that game-winning drive versus the Blazers to help the Roadrunners clinch the Conference USA West Division title. In 2022, Cardenas caught two balls in the opener against No. 24 Houston, including a key 25-yard reception that set up the game-tying field goal as time expired. He also made a one-handed grab and then hurdled a defender for a 35-yard play on the final drive of the 31-27 victory over North Texas to set up the game-winning touchdown pass on the following play. Last season, he caught 32 passes for 280 yards and a pair of touchdowns en route to third-team All-American Athletic Conference accolades. A sixth-year senior, Cardenas has 82 receptions for 997 yards and six touchdowns in 57 career games as a Roadrunner.

LINEBACKER LEADER

Jamal Ligon, one of two UTSA student-athletes representing the Roadrunners at the American Athletic Conference Kickoff, has been a starter at inside linebacker since he stepped foot on campus in 2020 and he has developed into one of the team leaders. A fifth-year senior from Tyler, Texas, he already owns the UTSA career mark for assisted tackles with 148 and is on pace to become the Roadrunners' all-time leader in total tackles, as he boasts 285 entering the 2024 season, 30 short of Rashad Wisdom's school record. The three-time all-conference selection also is on track to become the program's record holder in starts, as he has 46 entering his final campaign, only 10 shy of the mark held by Joshua Cephus and Wisdom. Additionally, he set the school standard — as a true freshman — for total tackles in a game with 19 in a win over Middle Tennessee in 2020. Last season, Ligon posted 62 total tackles, 35 unassisted stops, seven tackles for loss, five quarterback hurries, one sack, one forced fumble and a pass breakup while earning honorable mention All-American Athletic Conference honors.

TRAYLOR TABBED TOP AAC COACH BY ATHLON SPORTS

Athlon Sports picked UTSA's Jeff Traylor as its top head coach in the American Athletic Conference for the 2024 season. Traylor tops the list of the league's 14 head coaches as selected by senior college football writer and editor Steve Lissan. A two-time conference coach of the year, the Gilmer, Texas, native has led the Roadrunners to a 39-14 record in his first four seasons at the helm, the most wins and best winning percentage (.736) by a coach in program history. UTSA has captured a pair of conference championships, earned four straight bowl berths and made a combined 23 appearances in the three major national polls under his leadership. Under Traylor's guidance, UTSA student-athletes have collected awards and honors at a record-breaking pace. During his time in San Antonio, he has coached seven All-Americans, three national award finalists, 83 all-conference selections and a pair of NFL Draft picks. That success is not limited to just the gridiron. The Roadrunners also have received numerous honors for their work in the classroom during the Traylor tenure, including three College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-Americans, 12 CSC Academic All-District Selections and four conference all-academic team selections. Additionally, UTSA was one only 13 FBS programs to receive the 2023 AFCA Academic Achievement Award for graduation success.

BURKE CHOSEN FOR 40 UNDER 40 LIST

UTSA offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Justin Burke was chosen for the Dave Campbell's Texas Football 40 Under 40, as the publication recognized 40 of the rising stars in the coaching ranks in the state of Texas. This marks the fourth consecutive year a UTSA coach has been honored, as Burke joins running backs coach/NFL liaison Julian Griffin (2021), associate head coach/pass game coordinator/wide receivers coach Joe Price (2023) and former co-offensive coordinator Will Stein (2022). A veteran of the UTSA staff since 2020, Burke is in his second season as the Roadrunners' offensive coordinator and his first coaching the quarterbacks. He served as associate head coach, special teams coordinator and tight ends coach during the 2022 regular season before being promoted to co-offensive coordinator for the Cure Bowl.

UTSA COACHING STAFF UPDATES

Earlier this year, UTSA head coach made several updates to his coaching staff. Justin Burke will enter his second season as offensive coordinator and is moving from coaching the tight ends to the quarterbacks. Zach Brown was promoted to special teams coordinator and nickels coach after serving in various off-field roles since the 2020 season. Nick Graham is now the assistant head coach and will oversee the cornerbacks for his fifth season with the program. Siddiq Haynes will remain with the defensive line and is now the defensive run game coordinator. Hunter Rittmann was elevated to tight ends coach after serving in off-field roles since 2018, while Galen Scott was hired as defensive pass coordinator and inside linebackers coach.

ROADRUNNERS REEL IN PRESEASON HONORS

Several Roadrunners have been received preseason honors from various national publications.

Athlon Sports Preseason All-AAC Team

First Team

RB — Kevorian Barnes
TE — Oscar Cardenas
DL — Brandon Brown
DL — Joe Evans
LB — Jamal Ligon
\$B — Donyai Taylor
PK — Chase Allen

Second Team

WR — Devin McCuin
OL — Venly Tatafu
S — Ken Robinson

Third Team

OL — Cory Godinet
OLB — Jimmori Robinson

Fourth Team

RB — Robert Henry
WR — De'Corian Clark
OL — Makai Hart

Phil Steele Preseason All-AAC Team

First Team

TE — Oscar Cardenas
DL — Joe Evans
PK — Chase Allen

Second Team

WR — Devin McCuin
DL — Brandon Brown

Third Team

S — Ken Robinson

Fourth Team

LB — Jamal Ligon
\$B — Donyai Taylor

Dave Campbell's Texas Football Preseason All-Texas College Team

First Team

OL — Venly Tatafu
DL — Brandon Brown

Second Team

RB — Kevorian Barnes
DL — Joe Evans
PK — Chase Allen



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OSCAR CARDENAS (CAR-den-iss)



Senior | Tight End | 6-4 | 265
San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)

- **Two-time all-conference selection**
- **Two-time John Mackey Award watch list member**
- **Career Stats: 82 receptions, 997 yards, 6 touchdowns**

2023

Third-team All-American Athletic Conference selection at tight end ... caught 32 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns ... hauled in a season-high five passes for 51 yards in the 49-34 road triumph over Temple ... made four grabs for 21 yards and a TD in the 41-27 home victory against East Carolina ... also posted four receptions for 21 yards and a score at No. 18 Tulane ... was on the receiving end of four passes for 37 yards in the 49-21 home win versus South Florida ... had four catches for 31 yards at No. 20 Tennessee ... made a 27-yard reception in the 37-29 win at North Texas.

2022

Honorable mention All-Conference USA performer at tight end ... earned starts in all 14 contests ... caught 31 passes for 438 yards and two touchdowns ... averaged 14.1 yards per reception ... hauled in six passes for 84 yards and a TD in the 48-27 victory over North Texas in the C-USA Championship Game ... had four receptions for 86 yards, including a season-long 54-yard catch, in the 44-38 double-overtime win at UAB ... made five grabs for 62 yards in the Cure Bowl against No. 23 Troy ... had three catches for 57 yards, including a key, one-handed reception on the game-winning drive in the final minute of the 31-27 victory over North Texas ... was on the receiving end of a 16-yard TD pass in the 41-7 road triumph over Rice ... caught two passes for 36 yards in the season opener versus No. 24 Houston ... totaled 28 receiving yards and had a 2-yard rush on a quarterback sneak against No. 20 Texas ... member of the preseason watch list for the John Mackey Award ... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll member.

2021

Appeared in all 14 games and made four starts at tight end ... had 16 receptions for 233 yards and two touchdowns ... hauled in the game-winning TD reception on a tipped pass with three seconds left in the 34-31 victory over UAB ... also had a 28-yard catch on the game-winning drive in the final minute versus the Blazers ... caught two passes for 19 yards including an 11-yard TD in the 52-46 road triumph over WKU ... had a pair of receptions for 33 yards versus San Diego State in the Frisco Bowl ... was on the receiving end of two passes for 24 yards in the 49-41 victory over WKU in the Conference USA Championship Game ... hauled in a 24-yard pass in the 24-17 win against UNLV ... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll member.

2020

Played in all 12 contests and drew one start at tight end ... caught three passes for 46 yards (15.3 avg.), all in the final four games of the season ... was on the receiving end of a 21-yard pass against No. 16 Louisiana in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl ... had an 18-yard reception in the 52-21 win over UTEP ... hauled in a seven-yard pass in the 49-17 rout of North Texas ... also was a key contributor on special teams ... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll member.

2019

Appeared in four games and redshirted the season ... saw action at tight end and on special teams ... played in wins versus UIW and Old Dominion ... C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll member.

Prior to UTSA

Unanimous first-team all-district tight end as a senior for head coach David Branscom at San Antonio Brandeis High School ... helped lead the Broncos to the quarterfinal round of the Class 6A Division II playoffs in 2018 ... recorded 27 catches for 489 yards and five TDs during the regular season ... caught two TD passes for a total of 52 yards in a 59-14 victory against Stevens ... Dave Campbell's Texas Football Top 300 prospect ... played in the San Antonio Sports All-Star Game in January at the Alamodome ... hauled in 24 passes for 374 yards and five TDs as a junior.

Personal

Born on July 25, 2001 ... son of Oscar and Barbara Cardenas ... father played college baseball at Hill College and was selected in the 10th round of the 1979 MLB January draft by the Texas Rangers ... has two sisters who attend UTSA ... earned his bachelor's degree in May 2023 ... currently working toward his master's degree in educational leadership.





JAMAL LIGON (LIGG-in)



Senior | Inside Linebacker | 6-2 | 225
Tyler, Texas (Lee HS)

- **Three-time all-conference selection**
- **UTSA record holder for career assisted tackles (148) and single-game tackles (19)**
- **Career Stats: 285 tackles (137 UA), 21.5 TFLs, 7 sacks, 5 forced fumbles**

2023

Honorable mention All-American Athletic Conference pick at linebacker ... started all 13 contests ... posted 62 total tackles, 35 solo stops, seven tackles for loss, one sack, five quarterback hurries, one pass breakup and a forced fumble ... registered seven tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, one sack and a forced fumble at No. 18 Tulane ... also tallied seven stops — all unassisted — in the 34-14 home win over Rice ... racked up seven tackles, including a half-TFL, in the 41-20 victory over UAB ... had seven stops in the 41-27 home win against East Carolina ... logged six tackles, including a half-TFL, in the 35-17 victory over Marshall in the Frisco Bowl, the program's first-ever bowl win ... made three tackles, including one behind the line of scrimmage, and broke up a pass in the season opener at Houston ... recorded five tackles and 1.5 TFLs in the 36-10 road triumph over Florida Atlantic.

2022

Second-team All-Conference USA selection at linebacker ... led UTSA with 90 total tackles ... posted 43 solo stops, six tackles for loss, one sack, four quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, one pass breakup and a fumble recovery ... opened the campaign with 10 tackles and a pair of pressures versus No. 24 Houston ... registered 10 stops and forced a fumble in the 45-30 road triumph over Middle Tennessee ... produced eight tackles in the 41-38 overtime win at Army ... made nine stops in the 34-31 comeback victory over UTEP ... logged five tackles, including 1.5 TFLs and a sack, against No. 23 Troy in the Cure Bowl ... had seven stops with one behind the line of scrimmage in the 44-38 double-overtime win at UAB ... recorded four tackles, one TFL and two QB hurries in the 31-27 win against North Texas ... tallied six tackles, recovered a fumble and broke up a pass in the 51-7 rout of Louisiana Tech.

2021

Honorable mention All-Conference USA performer ... appeared in 12 games and made 11 starts at inside linebacker ... ranked second on the team with 63 total tackles ... posted 28 solo stops, one sack, two quarterback hurries, an interception and a pass breakup ... logged a season-high nine tackles in the 27-17 win over Southern Miss ... made eight stops, picked off a pass and pressured the QB in the 34-31 home victory against UAB ... had eight tackles and a half-sack versus San Diego State in the Frisco Bowl ... recorded six stops and a half-sack in the 45-16 road triumph over Louisiana Tech ... had six tackles and a QB hurry in the 24-17 win against UNLV ... also had six stops against North Texas ... posted five tackles in each of the first two contests.

2020

Conference USA All-Freshman Team selection ... played in 11 games and made nine starts at inside linebacker ... registered 72 tackles, 7.5 tackles for loss, four sacks, four quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, a pair of fumble recoveries and a pass breakup during his true freshman campaign ... named Athlon Sports Defensive Freshman of the Week and C-USA Defensive Player of the Week after recording a UTSA-record 19 tackles, 1.5 sacks and a pair of hurries in the 37-35 victory over Middle Tennessee ... posted nine stops, including a sack for a 12-yard loss, and forced a fumble in the 23-20 road win over Southern Miss ... also had nine tackles against

Army ... turned in seven tackles, including 1.5 TFL, and deflected a pass in the 27-26 victory against Louisiana Tech ... had seven stops and a QB hurry in the 52-21 rout of UTEP ... recovered a fumble in the 24-10 win over SFA ... posted five tackles and forced and recovered a fumble at UAB.

Prior to UTSA

All-state performer for head coach Kurt Traylor at Tyler Lee High School ... Dave Campbell's Texas Football Top 300 selection ... second-team All-Class 6A and first-team All-East Texas selection on the defensive line as a senior ... 2019 District 11-6A Utility Player of the Year after seeing action at defensive end, tight end and fullback ... registered 78 tackles, 16 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, two forced fumbles and a pass breakup to help the Red Raiders make the playoffs ... also rushed six times for 31 yards and a touchdown and caught four passes for 69 yards and a pair of touchdowns ... 2018 District 11-6A Utility Player of the Year ... posted 70 tackles and six sacks as a junior ... garnered first-team All-East Texas and all-district honors at fullback and second-team All-East Texas accolades at defensive end ... first-team all-district fullback and second-team all-district outside linebacker as a sophomore ... honorable mention academic all-state honoree.

Personal

Born on March 4, 2002, in Lufkin, Texas ... son of Dewayne Ligon and Erika McWilliams ... has two brothers, Dakota and Dalvin ... kinesiology major.



« HEAD COACH JEFF TRAYLOR »



JEFF TRAYLOR



Head Coach
Fifth Season
(Stephen F. Austin '90)
@CoachTraylor

Named UTSA's third head coach on Dec. 9, 2019, Jeff Traylor has had an immediate impact on the program, university and city of San Antonio in a short period of time.

Traylor has turned around the UTSA football program by instilling his 210 Triangle of Toughness culture, which has led to positive results on and off the field. The Gilmer, Texas, native took over a team that won a combined seven games in the two seasons prior to his arrival and has led the Roadrunners to a 39-14 record in his first four years at the helm, the most wins and best winning percentage (.736) by a coach in program history.

In 2023, Traylor has led the Roadrunners to a 9-4 record, a 7-1 mark in their debut campaign in the American Athletic Conference and the program's first bowl win with a 35-17 victory over Marshall in the Frisco Bowl. UTSA, which received votes in both the final Associated Press Top 25 and USA TODAY Sports Coaches Poll for the third consecutive season, now has won at least seven games and advanced to a bowl game in each year of the Traylor era.

A total of 16 Roadrunners collected All-American Athletic Conference honors in 2023, led by five first-team honorees in Defensive Player of the Year and outside linebacker Trey Moore, quarterback Frank Harris, wide receiver Joshua Cephus, cornerback Kam Alexander and safety Rashad Wisdom. Moore was named a second-team All-American by the AFCA, while Harris was chosen as a semifinalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award for the third year in a row and to the Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2023, his fourth career appearance on that annual list. Harris also was named national player of the week by those two organizations, while the Roadrunners hauled in five AAC Player of the Week awards.

In 2022, Traylor guided UTSA to an 11-3 record, a second straight Conference USA title, a top-25 ranking in all three major polls for the second consecutive season and the third bowl appearance in a row with the Cure Bowl matchup against Troy. He repeated as Conference USA Coach of the Year and was chosen as a finalist for the Eddie Robinson and Paul "Bear" Bryant Awards Coach of the Year, as well as a semifinalist for the George Munger College Coach of the Year Award.

Under Traylor's guidance, UTSA collected a school-record 30 league postseason honors, as 27 made the 2022 all-conference teams—including six first-team and five second-team selections

— while 16 received honorable mention and three landed on the Conference USA All-Freshman Team. Harris was voted the league's MVP and Kevorian Barnes was tabbed Conference USA Freshman of the Year. Harris (4) and Jared Sackett (5) combined to earn nine player of the week accolades during the season.

Also in 2022, wide receiver Zakhari Franklin was named an honorable mention All-American by Phil Steele, the sixth Roadrunner to receive All-America accolades in the Traylor era. Additionally, Harris was named a finalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award and a semifinalist for the Davey O'Brien Award.

Under Traylor's tutelage, UTSA enjoyed a record-setting campaign in 2021. The Roadrunners won their first 11 games, were nationally ranked as high as No. 15 for the first time in school history and captured the program's first league title. UTSA capped the season with its second straight and third overall bowl appearance against San Diego State in the Frisco Bowl.

Traylor was honored as the 2021 Conference USA Coach of the Year, the AFCA FBS Regional Coach of the Year for Region 4 and a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, AFCA National Coach of the Year and George Munger College Coach of the Year Award. A member of the Paul "Bear" Bryant Awards Coach of the Year watch list, he was chosen as the 2021 San Antonio Express-News Sportsman of the Year.

A total of 23 Roadrunners received recognition on the all-conference and Conference USA All-Freshman teams in 2021 with

Sincere McCormick earning Offensive Player of the Year accolades for the second straight season.

McCormick garnered All-America accolades from three different organizations in 2021, while Spencer Burford and Clarence Hicks were tabbed honorable mention All-Americans by Phil Steele. McCormick also was an Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award finalist and a semifinalist for the Doak Walker Award for the second straight year. Harris landed on semifinalist lists for the Davey O'Brien and Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Awards, while Hunter Duplessis was a

semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy for the second year in a row. Harris and McCormick each collected Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award National Player of the Week honors, while Harris also was a Manning Award Quarterback of the Week. Additionally, UTSA collected nine league weekly awards.

In his first season at the helm, Traylor guided the Roadrunners to a 7-5 overall record, a runner-up finish in Conference USA's West Division with a 5-2 mark and an appearance in the 2020 First Responder Bowl. The Roadrunners received votes in a national poll (AP Top 25) for the first time in program history after a 3-0 start and the seven wins are the most by a first-year UTSA head coach.

Dean, Duplessis and McCormick received All-America accolades, while McCormick also was a finalist for the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award. Additionally, Duplessis (Campbell Trophy, Lou Groza) and McCormick (Doak Walker) were national



Jeff Traylor was introduced as UTSA's third head football coach on Dec. 10, 2019.

« HEAD COACH JEFF TRAYLOR »



Jeff Traylor led UTSA to the 2021 Conference USA Championship, the first league crown in program history.

award semifinalists, while Harris made the Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2020. Dean was tabbed Conference USA Special Teams Player of the Year and McCormick was named the league's offensive player of the year, while a total of 23 Roadrunners were recognized by the league's head coaches, including 19 as all-conference and four on the all-freshman team. The Roadrunners collected a program-record 11 C-USA Player of the Week certificates and a trio of national player of the week accolades in McCormick (Earl Campbell Tyler Rose National Player of the Week), Dean (Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week) and Rashad Wisdom (Jim Thorpe Award Player of the Week).

During his time in San Antonio, Traylor has overseen the development of several Roadrunners who have moved on to the professional ranks. In April 2022, UTSA doubled the number of NFL draft picks on one afternoon, as the 49ers selected Spencer Burford in the fourth round while the Seahawks picked Tariq Woolen one round later. Burford earned the starting spot at right guard in year one and Woolen has picked off half a dozen passes in his rookie campaign en route to being selected to the Pro Bowl. Additionally, Hicks (Bengals), McCormick (Raiders), Charles Wiley (Ravens, Giants) and Leroy Watson (49ers) all signed free-agent deals in 2022.

UTSA student-athletes have been honored for their work in the classroom under Traylor, as well. In 2023, UTSA was one of 13 schools to receive the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) 2023 Academic Achievement Award for posting the highest graduation rate among FBS programs in the most recent NCAA Graduation Success Rate (GSR) report.

Individually, Ahofitu Maka became the third Roadrunner to be named a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy and the second to be selected as a College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-American when he landed on the first team in 2022. He also earned spots on the CSC Academic All-District Team for a third time and the Conference USA All-Academic Team for the second straight season. Duplessis was a two-time Conference USA Football Scholar Athlete of the Year, a 2021 CSC Academic All-American, a two-time Conference USA All-Academic Team selection and a two-time CSC Academic All-District pick. Dean was a semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy in 2023 and he earned 2021 Conference USA All-Academic Team recognition and CSC Academic All-District Team accolades in 2021-23. Kaedric Cobbs, Cory Godinet, Trey Moore and Tate Sandell also made the 2023 CSC Academic All-District Team.

THE JEFF TRAYLOR FILE

Coaching Experience

- 1990-93:** Big Sandy High School (assistant coach)
- 1994-2000:** Jacksonville High School (assistant coach)
- 2001-2014:** Gilmer High School, (head coach)
- 2015:** Texas, (special teams coordinator/tight ends)
- 2016:** Texas, (associate head coach, offense/receivers)
- 2017:** SMU, (associate head coach/running backs)
- 2018-19:** Arkansas (associate head coach/running backs)
- 2020-present:** UTSA (head coach)

Coaching Record at UTSA

- Overall: 39-14 (.736) | Conference: 27-4 (.871)

Honors

- 2021 & 2022 Conference USA Coach of the Year
- 2021 & 2022 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year finalist
- 2021 AFCA Region 4 Coach of the Year
- 2021 AFCA National Coach of the Year finalist
- 2021 George Munger College Coach of the Year finalist
- 2022 George Munger College Coach of the Year semifinalist
- 2021 San Antonio Express-News Sportsman of the Year
- Scout.com 2016 Big 12 Recruiter of the Year
- East Texas Coaches Association Hall of Honor
- Tyler Morning Telegraph Coach of the Decade (2000s)
- 12-time District Coach of the Year
- Four-time Texas High School Coach of the Year
- Four-time East Texas Coach of the Year
- Four-time Ted Jeffries Award recipient
- Carl Padilla Coach of the Year
- KYKX Coach of the Year
- Old Coach Network Coach of the Year

Playing Experience

- 1986-89: Stephen F. Austin

Education

- Bachelor's degree in education, Stephen F. Austin, 1990
- Master's degree in education, Stephen F. Austin, 2002

Hometown

- Gilmer, Texas

Family

- Wife: Cari
- Children: Jordan, Jacob, Jaci

Traylor has more than 30 years of coaching experience including a highly successful 15-year career as head coach at Gilmer High School, where he led teams to three state championships and two state runner-up finishes and won more than 87% of his games, a winning percentage that ranks 10th all-time in Texas high school history.

Prior to coming to the Alamo City, the Gilmer native served as associate head coach and running backs coach for two seasons at Arkansas, where he helped sign the school's first top-20 recruiting class. Prior to that, he served in the same role at SMU for the 2017 season. He began his collegiate coaching career as the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at Texas in 2015 before becoming the Longhorns' associate head coach for offense and wide receivers coach the following year.

« HEAD COACH JEFF TRAYLOR »

Traylor's impact on the offense was felt immediately in his first season at Arkansas, as his running backs corps racked up 1,721 yards and 11 touchdowns in 2018. The unit was led by Rakeem Boyd, who rushed for more than 100 yards in three different SEC games, including a season-best 113 against Vanderbilt. The Houston Stratford High School product took over the starting tailback role in the fifth game of the season and his most impressive stretch of the season came during a four-game stretch against Alabama, Ole Miss, Tulsa and Vanderbilt, as he topped the century mark three times and totaled 423 yards. His 102 yards against Alabama made him the first Arkansas running back to eclipse 100 yards against the Crimson Tide since Darren McFadden in 2007.

In Traylor's second season coaching the Arkansas running backs, Boyd rushed for 1,133 yards and eight touchdowns on 184 carries (6.2 avg.) to spearhead a ground game that accumulated 1,766 yards. Boyd topped 100 yards in five contests, including a season-best 185 and two scores on just eight attempts against Western Kentucky. He also rushed for 100-plus against Portland State (114), Colorado State (122), Kentucky (134) and Mississippi (114).

Prior to his time at Arkansas, Traylor spent the 2017 season as associate head coach and running backs coach at SMU under Chad Morris. He also served as the Mustangs' interim head coach before joining Morris' staff at Arkansas.

During his one year at SMU, Traylor's running backs piled up 2,223 yards on the ground. Three players rushed for 500-plus yards, with Xavier Jones leading the group at 1,075. The Mustangs topped the 200-yard mark on the ground six times, including a season-best 311 in a win against Arkansas State. SMU ranked in the top 20 nationally in several offensive categories, including 12th in scoring offense and 15th in total offense.

Prior to his time in Dallas, Traylor spent two seasons at Texas. He was the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator in 2015 and then the associate head coach for offense and wide receivers coach in 2016, when the Longhorns boasted the nation's No. 16-ranked offense that averaged 491.3 yards per game. During his time as the lead recruiter, he helped the Longhorns sign the No. 7-ranked recruiting class in the country in back-to-back years and was named Scout.com's Big 12 Recruiter of the Year. He recruited punter Michael Dickson, who went on to earn multiple All-America honors, win Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017 as well as the 2017 Ray Guy Award, and currently punts for the Seattle Seahawks.



Jeff Traylor guided UTSA to the first bowl win in program history with a 35-17 victory over Marshall in the 2023 Frisco Bowl.

Traylor built his hometown program into a prep powerhouse during his 15-year tenure leading the Gilmer Buckeyes.

A four-time Texas High School Coach of the Year, he posted a 175-26 record (.871 winning percentage) and led Gilmer to five state championship game appearances, three state titles (2004, '09, '14) and 12 district crowns. The Buckeyes turned in a pair of perfect 16-0 seasons, won 10-or-more games 11 times and registered seven 13-win seasons and three 15-win campaigns during his career.

In 2014, his undefeated Class 4A Division II state championship team boasted one of the most prolific offenses in Texas prep history. Gilmer scored 950 points, the second-most at that time in state history, averaging 59.4 points and 536.1 yards over the 16-game season. The Buckeyes topped 60 points nine times, including two 80-point performances. Gilmer also averaged 536.1 total yards per game (8,577 yards) behind a balanced 293.9 passing yards and 242.1 rushing yards per contest. The defense was equally dominant, allowing only 276 points (17.3) with five single-digit efforts and two shutouts, while recording 23 interceptions and forcing 17 fumbles. Gilmer closed out the season with a win over West Orange-Stark and had eight different players earn Class 4A All-State honors from either the AP or Texas Sports Writers Association.

Gilmer's two other state titles under Traylor both came in Class 3A in 2004 (Division II) and 2009 (Division I), before the change in class structure in Texas high school football moved the school into Class 4A. After 15 years on its sidelines, Gilmer renamed Buckeye Stadium to Jeff Traylor Stadium to honor his successful career.

Inducted into the East Texas Coaches Association Hall of Honor in 2019, Traylor received numerous honors during his prep coaching career, including being named Coach of the Decade (2000s) by the Tyler Morning Telegraph. He is a 12-time District Coach of the Year, four-time East Texas Coach of the Year and a four-time Ted Jeffries Award winner. He has received the Carl Padilla Coach of the Year, KYKX Coach of the Year and Old Coach Network Coach of the Year awards twice each.

Traylor began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Big Sandy High School in 1990-93 before a seven-year stint (1994-2000) at Jacksonville High School where he served as passing coordinator, defensive backs coach, receivers coach and special teams coordinator. There, he helped coach future NFL quarterbacks Josh McCown and Luke McCown and former Texas A&M standout signal-caller Randy McCown.

A 1986 graduate of Gilmer High School, Traylor earned both undergraduate (1990) and graduate (2002) degrees in education from Stephen F. Austin while playing football as a walk-on.

He and his wife, Cari, have three children: Jordan, Jacob and Jaci.



The Traylor Family

« **UTSA ASSISTANT COACHES** »



**JUSTIN
BURKE**



Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Fifth Season at UTSA
(Louisville '09)



**JESS
LOEPP**



Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
Fifth Season at UTSA
(Central Oklahoma '00)



**ZACH
BROWN**



Special Teams Coordinator/Nickels
Fifth Season at UTSA
(Syracuse '12)



**NICK
GRAHAM**



Assistant Head Coach/Cornerbacks
Fifth Season at UTSA
(Tulsa '13)



**JULIAN
GRIFFIN**



Running Backs/NFL Liaison
Fifth Season at UTSA
(ULM '12)



**SIDDIQ
HAYNES**



Def. Run Game Coord./Defensive Line
Fourth Season at UTSA
(Delaware '11)



**JOE
PRICE III**



Assoc. HC/Pass Game Coord./Wide Receivers
Fifth Season at UTSA
(Harding '09)



**HUNTER
RITTIMANN**



Tight Ends
Seventh Season at UTSA
(Texas Tech '17)



**GALEN
SCOTT**



Def. Pass Game Coord./Linebackers
First Season at UTSA
(Illinois State '01)



**KURT
TRAYLOR**



Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line
Fifth Season at UTSA
(Texas A&M-Commerce '95)

« 2024 UTSA RETURNEES »

Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
Chase Allen	PK	6-2	195	R-Jr.-1L	Colleyville, Texas (Heritage HS/Alabama)
Demetris Allen	OL	6-3	300	R-Sr.-3L	Hattiesburg, Miss. (Hattiesburg HS)
David Amador II	WR	6-0	180	So.-1L	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)
Jackson Anderson	OL	6-4	305	R-Jr.-SQ	Mineola, Texas (Mineola HS/Colorado)
Nnanna Anyanwu	OLB	6-6	240	R-So.-TR	Hampton, Ga. (Lovejoy HS/Coffeyville [Kan.] CC)
Kevorian Barnes	RB	5-9	220	R-Jr.-2L	San Augustine, Texas (San Augustine HS)
Walker Baty	OL	6-3	310	R-Jr.-3L	Liberty Hill, Texas (Liberty Hill HS)
Brandon Brown	DL	6-2	310	Sr.-3L	Katy, Texas (Morton Ranch HS/Tulane)
Kaleb Brown	ILB	6-1	210	R-So.-1L	Austfin, Texas (LBJ HS)
Chris Bryson II	\$B	6-1	185	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
Jameian Buxton	DL	6-1	330	So.-1L	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton HS)
Oscar Cardenas	TE	6-4	265	R-Sr.-4L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
Chris Carpenter	WR	5-11	155	Jr.-2L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville HS/Colorado)
De'Corian "JT" Clark	WR	6-3	215	Sr.-4L	Fort Worth, Texas (Wyatt HS)
Christian Clayton	DL	6-2	340	R-Sr.-4L	Fort Worth, Texas (South Hills HS)
Cade Collenback	LS	6-2	235	R-Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor HS/Tyler JC)
Camron Cooper	ILB	6-2	255	R-So.-1L	Dayton, Texas (Dayton HS)
Mason Culton	RB	5-7	205	R-Fr.-SQ	Cypress, Texas (Bridgeland HS)
Elliott Davison	S	6-1	180	Sr.-1L	Tyler, Texas (Lee HS/UIW)
Dan Dishman	TE	6-5	245	R-Jr.-3L	Seabrook, Texas (Clear Falls HS)
Syrus Dumas	CB	5-10	175	Sr.-1L	Columbus, Miss. (Birmingham Prep HS/New Mexico State)
Joe Evans	DL	6-3	340	Sr.-2L	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS/LSU)
Zah Frazier	CB	6-3	180	R-Jr.-2L	Cedartown, Ga. (Cedartown HS/Coffeyville [Kan.] CC)
Martavius French	ILB	6-3	225	Sr.-2L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven HS/Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
Jackson Gilkey	QB	6-3	220	Fr.-RS	Ennis, Texas (Ennis HS)
Cory Godinet	OL	6-5	350	R-Jr.-1L	Leone, American Samoa (Leone HS/Trinity Valley CC)
Bryce Grays	\$B	5-11	200	R-So.-1L	Richmond, Texas (Fort Bend Christian Academy/Washington State)
Rocko Griffin	RB	5-10	205	R-Jr.-1L	Rincon, Ga. (South Effingham HS/Vanderbilt)
Mason Hall	ILB	5-11	215	R-So.-SQ	Missouri City, Texas (Ridge Point HS)
Jamel Hardy	WR	6-2	185	Fr.-RS	Dallas, Texas (Lincoln HS)
Makai Hart	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.-2L	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton HS/Trinity Valley CC)
Robert Henry	RB	5-10	190	Sr.-1L	Lumberton, Miss. (Lumberton HS/Jones [Miss.] College)
Brandon High Jr.	RB	5-11	215	Fr.-RS	Spring, Texas (Grand Oaks HS)
Timothy Huff Jr.	DL	5-11	240	R-So.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (East Central HS)
Justice Hurt	WR	6-0	180	Fr.-RS	San Antonio, Texas (Taft HS)
Amare Johnson	ILB	6-1	220	Fr.-RS	Del Valle, Texas (Del Valle HS)
Alpha Khan	WR	6-1	170	R-So.-1L	Katy, Texas (Mayde Creek HS/Houston Christian)
Buffalo Kruize	OL	6-6	310	Sr.-1L	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Moanalua HS/City College of San Francisco)

« 2024 UTSA RETURNEES »

Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
Ethan Laing	RB	5-11	195	R-Jr.-SQ	Boerne, Texas (Champion HS)
Luke Lapeze	OL	6-4	330	R-Jr.-2L	Humble, Texas (Summer Creek HS)
Tai Leonard	DL	6-4	275	Jr.-2L	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS)
Jamal Ligon	ILB	6-2	225	Sr.-4L	Tyler, Texas (Lee HS)
Ronald Link-Milam Jr.	S	6-2	200	R-Sr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Reagan HS)
Eddie Lee Marburger	QB	6-1	205	R-Jr.-2L	McAllen, Texas (Sharyland Pioneer HS)
Deandre Marshall	OL	6-7	315	R-So.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS)
Davin Martin	CB	6-2	160	Fr.-RS	Houston, Texas (Klein Cain HS)
Owen McCown	QB	6-2	175	R-So.-1L	Rusk, Texas (Rusk HS/Colorado)
Willie McCoy	WR	6-0	175	Jr.-1L	Houston, Texas (Bellaire HS/Kilgore College)
Devin McCuin	WR	6-0	185	So.-1L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville HS)
Patrick Overmyer	TE	6-5	230	Fr.-RS	Kingwood, Texas (Kingwood Park HS)
Michael Petro	PK	5-8	175	Fr.-RS	Flower Mound, Texas (Marcus HS)
Owen Pewee	\$B	6-2	200	R-So.-1L	Katy, Texas (Cypress Park HS)
Austin Phillips	LS	6-3	220	Fr.-RS	Sachse, Texas (Sachse HS)
Donald Quaiter Jr.	DL	6-6	360	Fr.-RS	Dallas, Texas (Bishop Dunne HS)
Jaren Randle	WR	6-2	180	R-Jr.-1L	San Antonio, Texas (Johnson HS)
Ben Rios	OL	6-6	295	R-So.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Central Catholic HS)
Jimori Robinson	OLB	6-6	235	R-Sr.-2L	Alexandria, Va. (Hayfield Secondary HS/Monroe [N.Y.] College)
Ken Robinson	S	5-11	185	R-Sr.-4L	Grand Prairie, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS)
Jakevian Rodgers	CB	6-1	150	Fr.-RS	Daingerfield, Texas (Daingerfield HS)
Justin Rodriguez	RB	5-7	185	R-Sr.-SQ	San Antonio, Texas (Johnson HS)
Ezekiel Saldana	WR	5-9	180	Fr.-RS	Pecos, Texas (Pecos HS)
Tate Sandell	PK	5-10	175	R-So.-1L	Port Neches, Texas (Port Neches-Groves HS)
Anthony Santoscoy	DL	6-5	260	R-So.-SQ	San Juan, Texas (Pharr-San Juan-Alamo HS)
Devin Scura	TE	6-5	260	Fr.-RS	Manor, Texas (Manor HS)
Vic Shaw	OLB	6-3	230	Fr.-RS	Texarkana, Texas (Pleasant Grove HS)
Asyrus Simon	DL	6-4	250	Sr.-4L	Humble, Texas (Atascocita HS)
Travon Sylvester	DL	6-1	285	R-So.-1L	St. Johns, Fla. (Bartram Trail HS)
Venly Tatafu	OL	6-4	325	R-Sr.-2L	Portland, Ore. (Cleveland HS/Independence [Kan.] CC)
Donyai Taylor	\$B	6-1	205	Sr.-4L	Shiner, Texas (Shiner HS)
Brandon Tennison	QB	5-10	200	Fr.-RS	Gilmer, Texas (Gilmer HS)
Houston Thomas	TE	6-6	240	R-So.-1L	College Station, Texas (College Station HS)
Ronald Triplette	DL	6-2	240	R-Jr.-2L	Houston, Texas (Shadow Creek HS/Kansas State)
James Walley Jr.	OLB	6-2	240	Fr.-RS	Missouri City, Texas (Ridge Point HS)
Marcellus Wilkerson	\$B	6-1	200	Jr.-1L	Fort Worth, Texas (Boswell HS/Garden City [Kan.] CC)
Jace Wilson	WR	6-4	205	R-So.-1L	Denton, Texas (Guyer HS)

« 2024 UTSA NEWCOMERS »

Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School[s])
Shea Adams	TE	6-4	215	Fr.-HS	Port Neches, Texas (Port Neches-Groves HS)
David Adedoyin	OLB	6-2	210	So.-HS	Mansfield, Texas (Legacy HS)
DJ Allen	WR	6-0	205	R-So.-TR	Gladewater, Texas (Gladewater HS/TCU)
Daniel Alonso	OL	6-4	270	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Holy Cross HS)
Andrew Alvarado	OL	6-5	280	R-Jr.-TR	Edinburg, Texas (Vela HS/Houston Christian)
Mekhi Anderson	WR	5-11	170	Fr.-HS	Tampa, Fla. (Armwood HS)
Frankie Arthur	RB	5-11	205	Fr.-HS	Conroe, Texas (Oak Ridge HS)
Kendrick Blackshire	ILB	6-2	235	Sr.-TR	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville HS/Alabama)
Johnny Bowens III	DL	6-3	290	R-Fr.-TR	Converse, Texas (Judson HS/Oregon)
Elliott Brow	WR	5-7	150	Jr.-HS	League City, Texas (Clear Springs HS)
Errionn Brow	CB	5-8	150	Jr.-HS	League City, Texas (Clear Springs HS)
Briley Brown	OL	6-4	280	Fr.-HS	Helotes, Texas (O'Connor HS)
Demetrius Davis Jr.	QB	5-11	205	R-Jr.-TR	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS/Alabama State)
Bryson Donnell	RB	5-11	210	So.-TR	Tyler, Texas (Legacy HS/Texas Tech)
Jaylen Garth	OL	6-5	310	R-Jr.-TR	Port Neches, Texas (Port Neches-Groves HS/Houston)
Denver Harris	CB	6-1	190	Jr.-TR	Houston, Texas (North Shore HS/LSU)
Will Henderson III	RB	5-10	175	Fr.-HS	Gilmer, Texas (Gilmer HS)
Caile Hogan	P	6-1	210	Jr.-HS	Eltham North, Australia (Marcellin College)
Preston Huneycutt	OL	6-3	295	Fr.-HS	Hutto, Texas (Hutto HS)
Davion Hurth	OL	6-5	275	Fr.-HS	Mesquite, Texas (Horn HS)
Ian Jackson	ILB	6-2	225	R-Jr.-TR	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville HS/Alabama)
CJ James	OL	6-4	295	R-Sr.-TR	Springfield, Mass. (Central HS/New Mexico)
Kenyan Kelly	S	6-1	175	Fr.-HS	Denison, Texas (Denison HS)
Matthew Lambert	OLB	6-0	220	So.-HS	Richmond, Texas (George Ranch HS)
Fred Lewis	ILB	6-1	220	Sr.-TR	Summit, Miss. (North Pike HS/Southwest Mississippi CC/Henderson State)
Jermarius Lewis	S	5-11	185	Jr.-TR	Summit, Miss. (North Pike HS/New Mexico)
Nate Markiewicz	TE	6-4	250	Fr.-HS	McKinney, Texas (North HS)
Jonah Miller	OL	6-8	285	R-Jr.-TR	Tucson, Ariz. (Salpointe Catholic HS/Santa Rosa [Calif.] JC)
Tyan Milton	CB	5-11	185	Jr.-TR	Lawrenceville, Ga. (Central Gwinnett HS/Fullerton [Calif.] College)
Kamar Missouri	OL	6-6	305	R-Jr.-TR	Baltimore, Md. (Mergenthaler Vo-Tech HS/Rutgers)
Zach Morris	CB	6-1	190	Jr.-TR	Highland Village, Texas (Flower Mound Marcus HS/New Mexico)
Elijah Newell	S	5-11	180	Fr.-HS	Maumelle, Ark. (Maumelle HS)
Chidera Otutu	DL	6-1	280	Fr.-HS	Pflugerville, Texas (Weiss HS)
Michael Owoeye	ILB	5-10	220	So.-HS	Cypress, Texas (Cy Park HS)
Kenny Ozowalu	DL	6-3	250	Fr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Reagan HS)
Alan Pruneda	S	5-8	180	Jr.-HS	San Antonio, Texas (Brackenridge HS)
Brevin Randle	ILB	6-0	225	R-Sr.-TR	Marshall, Texas (Marshall HS/Louisiana Tech)
Zechariah Robinson	DL	6-3	265	Fr.-HS	Brookshire, Texas (Royal HS)
JJ Sparkman	WR	6-4	225	Sr.-TR	Longview, Texas (Pine Tree HS/Texas Tech)
Joseph Ugwu Jr.	OL	6-4	285	Fr.-HS	Katy, Texas (Paetow HS)
Daemian Wimberly	DL	6-4	260	R-Fr.-TR	Austin, Texas (Vandegrift HS/SMU)
Jimmy Wyrick	S	5-10	185	R-So.-TR	Dallas, Texas (South Oak Cliff HS/Stanford)

« 2024 UTSA STARTERS BREAKDOWN »

STARTERS RETURNING (16)

OFFENSE (8)

Pos.	#	Name (2023 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Year-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
RB	4	Kevorian Barnes (12/11)	5-9	220	R-Jr.-2L	San Augustine, Texas (San Augustine HS)
WR	1	De'Corian Clark (9/9) [^]	6-3	210	Sr.-4L	Fort Worth, Texas (Wyatt HS)
WR	14	Devin McCuin (12/7)	6-0	185	So.-1L	Jacksonville, Texas (Jacksonville HS)
TE	9	Oscar Cardenas (14/14)	6-4	285	R-Sr.-4L	San Antonio, Texas (Brandeis HS)
C	76	Luke Lapeze (12/11)	6-4	330	R-Jr.-2L	Humble, Texas (Summer Creek HS)
OL	53	Cory Godinet (13/10)	6-5	350	R-Jr.-1L	Leone, American Samoa (Leone HS/Trinity Valley CC)
OL	75	Venly Tatafu (13/13)	6-4	325	R-Sr.-2L	Portland, Ore. (Cleveland HS/Independence [Kan.] CC)
OL	77	Makai Hart (12/12) [*]	6-4	305	R-Sr.-2L	Clinton, Iowa (Clinton HS/Trinity Valley [Texas] CC)

DEFENSE (6)

Pos.	#	Name (2023 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Year-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DL	2	Brandon Brown (13/13)	6-2	305	Jr.-2L	Katy, Texas (Morton Ranch HS/Tulane)
DL	5	Joe Evans (13/13)	6-3	340	Sr.-2L	Haynesville, La. (Haynesville HS/LSU)
ILB	8	Jamal Ligon (13/13)	6-2	220	Sr.-3L	Tyler, Texas (Lee HS)
ILB	10	Martavius French (13/9)	6-3	225	Sr.-2L	Memphis, Tenn. (Whitehaven HS/Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
OLB	7	Donyai Taylor (13/13)	6-1	205	Sr.-4L	Shiner, Texas (Shiner HS)
S	21	Ken Robinson (12/12)	5-11	185	R-Sr.-4L	Grand Prairie, Texas (South Grand Prairie HS)

SPECIAL TEAMS (2)

Pos.	#	Name (2023 games)	Height	Weight	Year-Exp.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
PK	82	Chase Allen (12)	6-2	195	Sr.-1L	Colleyville, Texas (Heritage HS/Alabama)
LS	52	Cade Collenback (13)	6-2	235	R-Sr.-3L	San Antonio, Texas (O'Connor HS/Tyler JC)

STARTERS LOST (11)

OFFENSE (5)

Pos.	#	Name (2023 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
QB	0	Frank Harris (10/10)	6-0	205	Schertz, Texas (Clemens HS)
WR	2	Joshua Cephus (13/13)	6-3	185	Houston, Texas (Dekaney HS)
WR	11	Tykee Ogle-Kellogg (13/13)	6-5	225	Alcoa, Tenn. (Alcoa HS)
OL	58	Terrell Haynes (13/11)	6-3	345	Arlington, Texas (Seguin HS)
OL	64	Ernesto Almaraz (13/13)	6-2	295	Los Angeles, Calif. (Salesian HS/East Los Angeles College)

DEFENSE (5)

Pos.	#	Name (2023 games/starts)	Height	Weight	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DL	15	Trumane Bell II (13/13)	6-2	275	Dallas, Texas (Lake Highlands HS)
OLB	31	Trey Moore (12/12)	6-3	235	San Antonio, Texas (Smithson Valley HS)
S	0	Rashad Wisdom (13/13)	5-9	210	Converse, Texas (Judson HS)
CB	10	Nickroy Fortune (13/12)	6-0	190	Roswell, Ga. (Central Gwinnett HS/West Virginia)
CB	18	Kam Alexander (13/9)	5-11	175	Manvel, Texas (Manvel HS/Sam Houston)

SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

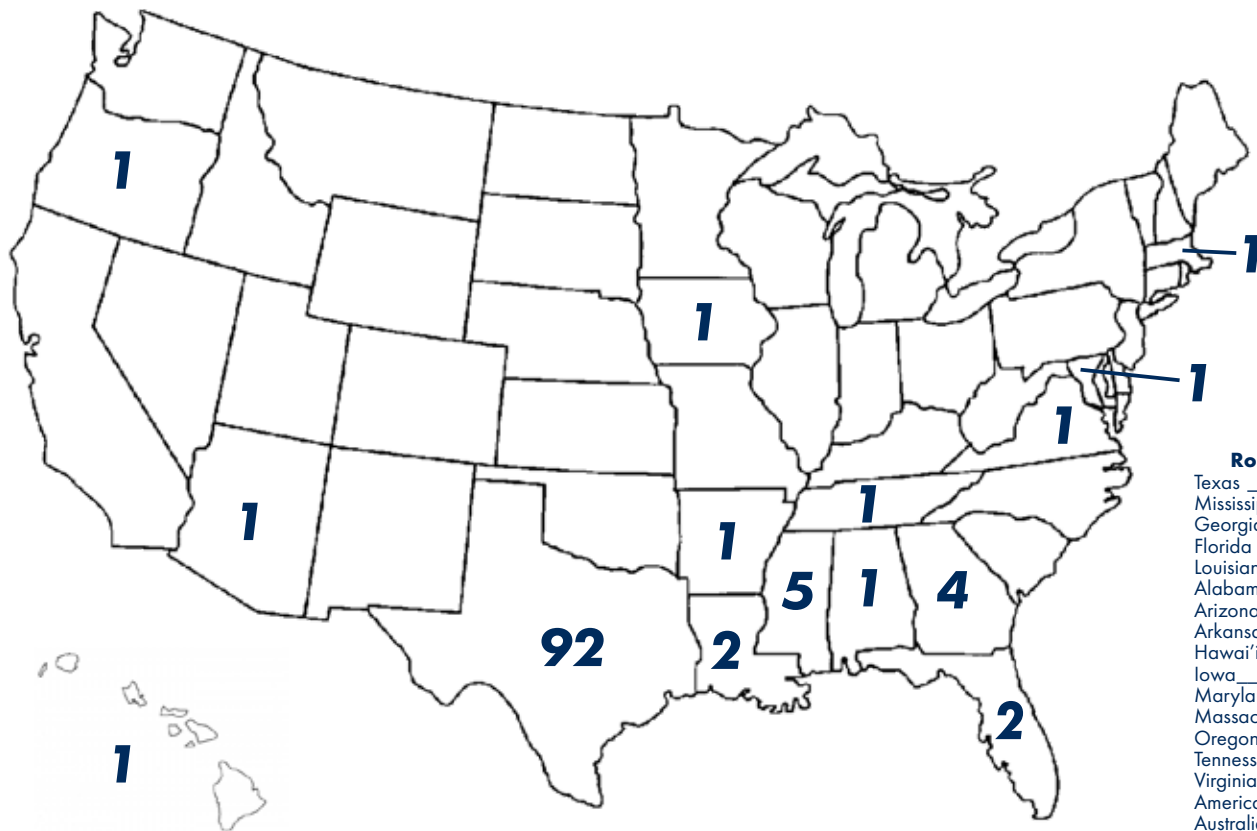
Pos.	#	Name (2023 games)	Height	Weight	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
P	5	Lucas Dean (14)	6-2	220	Dunsborough, Australia (St Mary MacKillop College)

2023 roster numbers used

[x/x][^] denotes 2022 games/starts

[x/x]^{*} denotes 2021 games/starts

« 2024 UTSA ROSTER BREAKDOWN »



Roster By State	
Texas	92
Mississippi	5
Georgia	4
Florida	2
Louisiana	2
Alabama	1
Arizona	1
Arkansas	1
Hawai'i	1
Iowa	1
Maryland	1
Massachusetts	1
Oregon	1
Tennessee	1
Virginia	1
American Samoa*	1
Australia*	1
Total	117

- Seniors (26)**
 Demetris Allen
 Kendrick Blackshire
 Brandon Brown
 Oscar Cardenas
 De'Corian Clark
 Christian Clayton
 Cade Collenback
 Elliott Davison
 Syrus Dumas
 Joe Evans
 Martavius French
 Makai Hart
 Robert Henry
 CJ James
 Buffalo Kruize
 Fred Lewis
 Jamal Ligon
 Ronald Link-Milam
 Brevin Randle
 Jimmori Robinson
 Ken Robinson
 Justin Rodriguez
 Asyrus Simon
 JJ Sparkman
 Venly Tatafu
 Donyai Taylor

- Juniors (31)**
 Chase Allen
 Andrew Alvarado
 Jackson Anderson
 Kevorian Barnes
 Walker Baty
 Elliott Brow
 Errionn Brow
 Chris Carpenter
 Demetrius Davis Jr.
 Dan Dishman
 Zah Frazier
 Jaylen Garth
 Cory Godinet
 Rocko Griffin
 Denver Harris
 Caille Hogan
 Ian Jackson
 Ethan Laing
 Luke Lapeze
 Tai Leonard
 Jermarius Lewis
 Eddie Lee Marburger
 Willie McCoy
 Jonah Miller
 Tyan Milton
 Kamar Missouri
 Zach Morris
 Alan Pruneda
 Jaren Randle
 Ronald Triplette
 Marcellus Wilkerson

- Sophomores (25)**
 David Adedoyin
 DJ Allen
 David Amador II
 Nnanna Anyanwu
 Kaleb Brown
 Jameian Buxton
 Camron Cooper
 Bryson Donnell
 Bryce Grays
 Mason Hall
 Timothy Huff Jr.
 Alpha Khan
 Matthew Lambert
 Deandre Marshall
 Owen McCown
 Devin McCuin
 Michael Owoeje
 Owen Pewee
 Ben Rios
 Tate Sandell
 Anthony Santoscoy
 Travon Sylvester
 Houston Thomas
 Jace Wilson
 Jimmy Wyrick

- Freshmen (35)**
 Shea Adams
 Daniel Alonso
 Mekhi Anderson
 Frankie Arthur
 Johnny Bowens III
 Briley Brown
 Chris Bryson II
 Mason Culton
 Jackson Gilkey
 Jamel Hardy
 Will Henderson III
 Brandon High Jr.
 Justice Hurt
 Davion Hurth
 Preston Huneycutt
 Amare Johnson
 Kenyan Kelly
 Nate Markiewicz
 Davin Martin
 Elijah Newell
 Chitera Otutu
 Patrick Overmyer
 Kenny Ozowalu
 Michael Petro
 Austin Phillips
 Donald Quaite Jr.
 Zechariah Robinson
 Jakevian Rodgers
 Ezekiel Saldana
 Devin Scura
 Vic Shaw
 Brandon Tennison
 Joseph Ugwu Jr.
 James Walley Jr.
 Daemian Wimberly