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2020 Iowa Football Recruits by Position

**Defensive Back (3)**
- Reggie Bracy
- Brenden Deasfernandes
- AJ Lawson

**Defensive Line (6)**
- Yahya Black
- Isaiah Bruce
- Deontae Craig
- Ethan Hurkett
- Logan Jones
- Lukas Van Ness

**Linebacker (1)**
- Jay Higgins

**Quarterback (1)**
- Deuce Hogan

**Offensive Line (3)**
- Tyler Elsbury
- Mason Richman
- Josh Volk

**Running Back (2)**
- Gavin Williams
- Leshon Williams

**Wide Receiver (2)**
- Quavon Matthews
- Diante Vines

**Tight End (2)**
- Luke Lachey
- Elijah Yelverton

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2020 Iowa Football Recruits by State

**Alabama (1)**
- Reggie Bracy

**Connecticut (1)**
- Diante Vines

**Florida (1)**
- Quavon Matthews

**Illinois (5)**
- Isaiah Bruce
- Tyler Elsbury
- AJ Lawson
- Lukas Van Ness
- Leshon Williams

**Indiana (2)**
- Deontae Craig
- Jay Higgins

**Iowa (4)**
- Ethan Hurkett
- Logan Jones
- Josh Volk
- Gavin Williams

**Kansas (1)**
- Mason Richman

**Michigan (1)**
- Brenden Deasfernandes

**Minnesota (1)**
- Yahya Black

**Ohio (1)**
- Luke Lachey

**Texas (2)**
- Deuce Hogan
- Elijah Yelverton
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Yahya Black (WHY-yay)
Defensive Line
6-5, 260, Freshman
Marshall, Minn. (Marshall HS)

High School Honors - - Earned all-state honors as a senior while being named district Defensive Player of the Year . . . district Defensive Lineman of the Year as a junior . . . Career - - Earned three letters while playing defensive end and tackle . . . helped prep team reach state playoffs as a sophomore and junior, as team posted a three-year record of 29-4 . . . holds school record for career sacks (17.5) . . . team captain as a senior . . . also earned four letters in track and three in basketball.

Personal - - Born 4/21/02 . . . education and mathematics major . . . parents are Wendy and Richard Black . . . high school coach was Terry Bahlmann.

Reggie Bracy
Defensive Back
6-0, 190, Freshman
Mobile, Ala. (St. Paul’s Episcopal HS)

High School Honors - - First-team all-state and all-region as a senior . . . second-team all-state as a junior . . . first-team all-region as a junior . . . first-team all-region as a sophomore . . . Career - - Lettered in football, track, and basketball . . . led team in tackles as a sophomore and senior . . . team reached state playoffs four straight years, winning state title as a sophomore while posting four-year record of 41-11 . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 89 tackles as a senior, with six tackles for loss, three sacks, seven pass break-ups, and one interception.

Personal - - Born 11/6/01 . . . given name is Harry Reginald Bracy, II . . . open major . . . Honor Roll student for three years . . . parents are Lanesha and Harry Bracy . . . high school coach was Steve Mask.

Isaiah Bruce
Defensive Line
6-2, 265, Freshman
Lena, Ill. (Lena-Winslow HS)

High School Honors - - First-team all-state and all-conference as running back and defensive end as a junior and senior . . . conference MVP as a junior and senior . . . first-team all-conference as tight end and defensive end as a sophomore . . . Career - - Three-year football letterman as running back and defensive end . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs four straight years, while winning state title as a sophomore and junior . . . four-year record of 47-5, including two 14-0 seasons . . . first player in school history to win consecutive MVP honors . . . team captain as a senior . . . rushed 84 times for 1,052 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior, while recording 38 tackles on defense with 16 tackles for loss . . . rushed 66 times for 907 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior, and had 37 tackles and 11 tackles for loss . . . 15 receptions for 413 yards and nine touchdowns as a sophomore, while collecting nine tackles and five tackles for loss . . . also lettered in track.

Personal - - Born 10/29/01 . . . sports management major . . . parents are Karmen Chambers and Will Bruce . . . high school coach was Ric Arand.

Deontae Craig (dee-AUHN-tae)
Defensive Line
6-3, 240, Freshman
Ft. Wayne, Ind. (Culver Academies)

High School Honors - - Named to IFCA Top 50 as a junior and senior . . . named to Indiana Digest Prime Time 25 as a junior . . . Class 4A all-state as a junior . . . Career - - Earned four letters as defensive end . . . helped prep team post 29-14 four-year record . . . team captain as a senior . . . holds school records for career tackles, career and season sacks, and tackles for loss in a season and career . . . also earned four letters in basketball, including winning a state championship.

Personal - - Born 10/29/01 . . . sports studies major . . . Silver A recognition as a senior . . . parents are Shanette and Deon Craig . . . high school coach was Andrew Dorrel.
2020 Newcomer Bios

Brenden Deasfernandes (dee-EZ-fur-nan-dez)
Defensive Back
6-0, 170, Freshman
Belleville, Mich. (Belleville HS)

High School Honors - - Earned Division 1 first-team all-state honors as a senior . . . Career - - Played defensive back and wide receiver as a prep . . . team captain as a senior . . . prep team won back-to-back conference titles as a junior and senior . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs three straight years, including state semifinals as a junior and senior, while compiling a three-year mark of 34-3 . . . 30 tackles, nine pass break-ups, and one interception as a senior . . . 11 tackles and three pass break-ups as a junior . . . also lettered in track.

Personal - - Born 8/21/02 . . . sports medicine major . . . parents are Sirfornia and Thomas Deasfernandes . . . high school coach was Jermain Crowell.

Tyler Elsbury
Offensive Line
6-5, 290, Freshman
Byron, Ill. (Byron HS)

High School Honors - - Earned first-team all-state, all-conference and all-area honors as a junior and senior . . . honorable mention all-state as a sophomore . . . first-team all-conference and all-area as a sophomore . . . nominated for Player of the Year and Male Athlete of the Year as a senior . . . Career - - Three-year football letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . team captain as a senior . . . prep team reached state semifinals as a sophomore and state championship game as a junior and senior, posted a three-year record of 37-4 . . . also lettered in wrestling (4) and baseball (2).

Personal - - Born 7/14/02 . . . sports management major . . . earned academic all-state recognition . . . parents are Cyndi and Mike Elsbury . . . high school coach was Jeff Boyer.

Jay Higgins
Linebacker
6-2, 220, Freshman
Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit Prep)

High School Honors - - Named to All-State Top 50 as a junior and senior . . . first-team all-state, all-conference, and all-county as a junior and senior . . . earned all-state and all-conference honors as a sophomore . . . Career - - Four-year football letterman as linebacker and tight end . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . helped prep team reach state championship game as a sophomore and state regions as a junior . . . three-year prep record of 27-11 . . . ranked in the top 10 nationally in tackles as a senior . . . holds school record with 471 career tackles . . . led conference in tackles for three consecutive seasons . . . had 151 tackles, five pass break-ups, and three forced fumbles as a senior . . . finished with 145 tackles, three pass break-ups, three forced fumbles, and an interception return for a touchdown as a junior . . . had 158 tackles and four forced fumbles as a sophomore . . . had 17 tackles as a freshman . . . also earned three letters in basketball.

Personal - - Born 2/14/02 . . . animal science major . . . parents are Shelley and Roy Higgins . . . high school coach was Mic Roessler.

Deuce Hogan
Quarterback
6-4, 200, Freshman
Southlake, Texas (Faith Christian HS)

High School Honors - - Earned all-state and all-district honors as a senior . . . named all-district as a sophomore and junior . . . named Newcomer of the Year as a freshman . . . Career - - Four-year letterman in football . . . prep team advanced to state playoffs four straight years, winning state title as a freshman and reaching semifinals as a senior . . . four-year prep record of 36-11 . . . team captain as a sophomore, junior, and senior . . . holds school records for career wins, touchdowns, yards, and completions . . . passed for 8,192 yards and completed 52.8 percent of his pass attempts, with 100 career touchdown passes and 30 interceptions.

Personal - - Born 10/20/00 . . . given name is Kristopher Joseph Hogan, II . . . open major . . . parents are Amy and Kris Hogan . . . high school coach was his father, Kris Hogan.
Ethan Hurkett (HERK-it)
Defensive Line
6-3, 245, Freshman
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier HS)

High School Honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior . . . district Defensive Player of the Year as a senior . . . first-team all-metro, all-district, and all-area as a senior . . . first-team all-state as a junior . . . first team all-metro and all-district as a junior . . . Career - - Three-year football letterman as inside linebacker and fullback . . . team captain and MVP as a senior . . . prep team won Class 3A state title as a sophomore and junior and reached state playoffs as a senior . . . four-year record of 43-2 . . . had 53.5 tackles as a senior, with 14.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, one interception, and one fumble recovery . . . had 64 tackles as a junior, with 10 tackles for loss and two sacks . . . had 34.5 tackles as a sophomore . . . also lettered in track.

Personal - - Born 9/19/01 . . . business administration major . . . Honor Roll student four straight years . . . named to all-district academic team as a junior and senior . . . parents are Janelle and Edward . . . high school coach was Duane Schulte.

Logan Jones
Defensive Line
6-3, 260, Freshman
Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central HS)

High School Honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior, along with first-team all-district and all-city honors, while being named Lineman of the Year . . . named to first-team Elite all-state team as a junior . . . first-team all-district and all-city while being named Lineman of the Year . . . first-team all-district and all-city as a sophomore . . . honorable mention all-district as a freshman . . . Career - - Four-year football letterman as defensive end, defensive tackle, and offensive tackle . . . prep team reached state playoffs four straight seasons, reaching semifinals as a junior and senior . . . 21-3 record as a junior and senior . . . team captain as a senior . . . had 30 tackles as a senior, with 14 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks . . . had 52 tackles as a junior, with 22.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks . . . had 18.5 tackles as a sophomore, with 13 tackles for loss and five sacks . . . also lettered in track (4) and basketball (3) . . . won state title in shot put and discus as a junior.

Luke Lachey (luh-SHAY)
Tight End
6-6, 215, Freshman
Columbus, Ohio (Grandview HS)

High School Honors - - Earned first-team all-state, all-conference, and all-district honors as a senior . . . named to all-metro team as a senior . . . second-team all-state as a junior, as well as honorable mention on Super 25 team . . . first-team all-conference and all-district as a junior and sophomore . . . honorable mention all-state as a sophomore . . . two-time Back of the Year at Grandview and conference Most Outstanding Player . . . Career - - Four-year football letterman as wide receiver, tight end and defensive back . . . helped prep team reach state playoffs as a junior and senior . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . had 57 receptions for 741 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior, along with 43 rushing attempts for 357 yards and three touchdowns . . . had five interceptions on defense as a senior . . . had 45 receptions for 763 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior, with three interceptions on defense and 13 kickoff returns for 387 yards and two touchdowns . . . had 15 receptions for 416 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore . . . had three interceptions on defense and eight punt returns for 76 yards and one touchdown . . . had one reception for 28 yards and a touchdown as a freshman . . . also earned four letters in basketball and two letters in track.

Personal - - Born 6/29/01 . . . open major . . . National Honor Society and Honor Roll as a prep . . . earned Academic All-Ohio recognition . . . parents are Ann and Jim Lachey . . . father played college football at Ohio State . . . high school coach was Jason Peters.
AJ Lawson
Defensive Back
6-0, 175, Freshman
Decatur, Ill. (MacArthur HS)

High School Honors - First-team all-conference as a junior and senior . . . first-team all-county as a junior . . . Career - Four-year football letterman as defensive back and wide receiver . . . helped prep team reach state playoffs three straight seasons, posting three-year mark of 20-12 . . . team captain as a senior . . . had 39 receptions for 681 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior, with 25 tackles, two interceptions, and one touchdown on defense . . . had 45 receptions for 843 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior, with 33 tackles, five interceptions and two touchdowns on defense . . . had 16 tackles and two interceptions as a sophomore . . . earned two letters in basketball and track . . . placed in state track meet in high jump, while also competing in long jump and sprints.

Personal - Born 4/12/02 in Atlanta, Georgia . . . sports management major . . . parents are Leshaun Anderson and Alphonzo Lawson, Sr. . . . high school coach was Derek Spates.

Quavon Matthews (QWAY-vohn)
Wide Receiver
5-11, 170, Freshman
Largo, Fla. (Largo HS)

High School Honors - Missed entire junior season due to injury . . . Career - Three-year letterman as wide receiver and punt and kick return specialist . . . played on three teams that advanced to state playoffs, posting 24-10 record . . . team captain as a senior . . . had 22 receptions for 449 yards and two touchdowns as a senior . . . had nine receptions for 164 yards and three touchdowns as a sophomore, along with two punt return touchdowns.

Personal - Born 10/7/01 . . . sports medicine major . . . parents are Tyronda Bascomb and Dartavious Small . . . high school coach was former Iowa defensive back Marcus Paschal.

Mason Richman
Offensive Line
6-6, 260, Freshman
Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley HS)

High School Honors - Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior . . . first-team all-conference and named to Elite 81 . . . finalista for Class 6A Defensive Player of the Year . . . second-team all-conference as a junior . . . Career - Earned three letters in football while helping team advance to state playoffs three straight seasons . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 48 tackles in nine games as a senior, with 12 tackles for loss, three sacks and 12 pressures . . . also recorded five blocked kicks and recorded one safety . . . had 45 tackles in seven games as a junior, with nine tackles for loss and five sacks . . . had nine tackles in three games as a sophomore . . . also lettered in basketball.

Personal - Born 5/7/02 . . . sports management major . . . three-time member of prep Honor Roll . . . parents are Kathryn Richman Wallace and John Richman . . . high school coach was Allen Terrell.

Lukas Van Ness
Defensive Line
6-5, 240, Freshman
Barrington, Ill. (Barrington HS)

High School Honors - Named MSL Conference Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-conference as a senior . . . named first-team all-state by Champaign News Gazette . . . first-team all-area as a senior by Daily Herald and Pioneer Press . . . Career - Two-year football letterman, helping prep team advance to state playoffs as a junior and senior . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 67 tackles as a senior, with 17 quarterback pressures, eight tackles for loss, five sacks, one forced fumble, and one blocked punt . . . also earned three letters in hockey.

Personal - Born 7/6/01 . . . business major . . . member of National Honor Society as a prep . . . earned academic all-state recognition . . . parents are Leanna and Jason Van Ness . . . high school coach was Joe Sanchez.
Diante Vines (dee-AUHN-tae)
Wide Receiver
6-0, 190, Freshman
Danbury, Ct. (The Taft School)

**High School Honors** - Earned All-New England and Erickson League first-team honors as a wide receiver and defensive back as a junior at Danbury High School and senior at Taft . . . back-to-back Player of the Week honors as a senior . . . earned all-conference honors as a defensive back as a sophomore . . . **Career** - Earned eight varsity letters while competing as a prep in football, basketball, and track . . . played wide receiver, quarterback, defensive back as a prep, along with kick returns . . . prep team won Erickson League championship and Todd Marble Bowl as a junior . . . two-year record of 13-4 . . . set school record with 100-yard interception return . . . holds career records at Taft for receiving yards, receptions, and touchdown receptions . . . team captain as a junior . . . had 48 receptions and eight receiving touchdowns as a senior, with three rushing touchdowns, one kickoff return touchdown, and two defensive touchdowns (interception and fumble return) . . . recorded 14 tackles and four interceptions on defense, with two recovered fumbles and one forced fumble . . . had 184 yards on three kickoff returns . . . as a junior recorded 51 receptions for 602 yards and 12 touchdowns at Taft . . . at Danbury as a junior recorded 68 tackles, four interceptions, three forced fumbles, and three recovered fumbles . . . had 58 tackles as a sophomore, with four interceptions, four forced fumbles, and four recovered fumbles.

**Personal** - Born 2/5/01 . . . dermatology major . . . earned Academic High Honors two years . . . parents are Joyce Russoti and Marshall Vines . . . high school coach was Tyler Whitley.

Josh Volk
Offensive Line
6-4, 305, Freshman
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier HS)

**High School Honors** - Earned Class 3A first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior by Des Moines Register and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . earned first-team all-district and all-metro honors as a senior . . . named Class 3A Elite all-state offensive lineman as a junior . . . first-team all-district and all-metro as a junior . . . named Class 3A first-team all-state by Des Moines Register as a sophomore . . . **Career** - Three-year football letterman as offensive lineman . . . prep team won state titles as a sophomore and junior and reached state playoffs as a senior . . . four-year record of 43-2 . . . team captain as a senior . . . also lettered in basketball and track.

**Personal** - Born 10/11/01 . . . business major . . . member of prep Honor Roll as a junior . . . parents are Carrie and Ed Volk . . . high school coach was Duane Schulte.

Gavin Williams
Running Back
6-0, 200, Freshman
Altoona, Iowa (Dowling Catholic HS)

**High School Honors** - First-team all-state, all-conference, and all-district as a senior . . . second-team all-state as a junior . . . first-team all-district and all-conference as a freshman, sophomore, and junior . . . **Career** - Four-year football letterman . . . member of state championship team as a senior with 13-1 record . . . prep team reached state semifinals as a junior . . . state playoff participant as a freshman and sophomore . . . rushed for 1,263 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior . . . rushed for 1,309 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior . . . had 732 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns as a sophomore, with 421 receiving yards and two touchdowns . . . rushed for 805 yards and seven touchdowns as a freshman, along with 242 receiving yards and one touchdown . . . also lettered three years in track.

**Personal** - Born 2/20/02 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Kori and Byron Williams . . . high school coach was Tom Wilson.
Leshon Williams
Running Back
5-10, 200, Freshman
Chicago, Ill. (Richards HS)

High School Honors - - Earned honorable mention all-state honors as a junior and senior . . . earned all-conference honors as a junior and sophomore . . . Career - - Helped prep team post 30-6 record over final three prep seasons, with three straight playoff appearances . . . advanced to state semifinals as a junior . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . rushed 121 times for 1,001 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior . . . had 2,115 rushing yards and 26 rushing touchdowns as a junior . . . rushed 53 times for 450 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore . . . also lettered in basketball and track.

Personal - - Born 12/26/01 . . . sports science major . . . parents are Tiara Young and Cheri Marion . . . high school coach was Tony Sheehan.

Elijah Yelverton (YELL-ver-ton)
Tight End
6-4, 220, Freshman
Royse City, Texas (Trinity Christian HS)

High School Honors - - Earned All-America recognition as a senior . . . earned first-team all-district honors as a sophomore and senior . . . Career - - Three-year letterman as a tight end . . . led prep team to state title as a junior (Bishop Dunne High School) and senior (Trinity Christian) . . . two-year team record of 24-4 . . . team captain as a senior . . . collected 62 receptions for 595 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior, along with six rushing attempts for 45 yards and one touchdown.

Personal - - Born 2/7/02 . . . open major . . . parents are Chandra and Ben Yelverton . . . high school coach was Andre Hart.