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Aztec Football Adds Kenneth Jiles Jr. for 22nd Signee *SDSU's signing class now stands at 22*

SAN DIEGO -- San Diego State football head coach Brady Hoke has announced that Kenneth Jiles Jr. (Springfield, Ohio (Springfield High/Hocking College)) has signed a Grant-in-Aid to join the program. Along with the 18 who signed during the early signing period in December and three recent FBS transfers, the Aztec signing class is now at 22.

Jiles Jr. comes to SDSU after spending one season at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. Jiles Jr. played in nine games in 2022, logging 17 tackles (12 solo), including three sacks and four tackles for loss, while adding three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and two pass breakups. At Springfield High School in Ohio, he helped lead the program to a 13-2 record as a senior in 2021, including a 6-1 mark in the Greater Western Ohio league. Jiles Jr., who also competed on the basketball and track & field team at Springfield HS, is a three-star recruit by 247sports and the No. 6 edge rusher from JUCO.

San Diego State's signing class now has eight offensive players and 14 on defense.

The Aztecs finished the 2022 season with a 7-6 record, making it 13 straight years of being at least .500 with 12 of those being winning campaigns.

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Name	Position	Height	Weight	Fall '23 Class	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Tupu Alualo	Defensive Line	6-1	285	Junior	Honolulu, Hawaii (Moanalua High/Mt. SAC)
Briley Barron	Offensive Line	6-4	310	Freshman	Texarkana, Texas (Texas High)
Tyson Berry	Wide Receiver	5-8	170	Freshman	Tyler, Texas (Chapel Hill High)
Sinn Brennan	Defensive Line	6-5	215	Freshman	Honolulu, Hawaii (Los Alamitos High (Calif.))
Baylin Brooks	Wide Receiver	6-2	195	Freshman	Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena High)
JD Coffey III	Safety	6-0	190	Junior	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale High/Texas)
Sam Dunnell	Defensive Back	6-4	195	Freshman	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (St. Margaret's Episcopal School)
Chris Fewell	Linebacker	6-2	195	Freshman	San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln High)
Kenneth Jiles Jr.	Defensive Line	6-5	235	Sophomore	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield High/Hocking College)
Jelani McLaughlin	Safety	6-0	190	Freshman	San Jacinto, Calif. (Citrus Valley High)
Cody Moon	Linebacker	6-3	205	Junior	Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista/New Mexico)
Jordan Napier	Safety	6-1	195	Freshman	Fontana, Calif. (Jurupa Hills High)
Brady Nassar	Defensive Line	6-5	240	Freshman	Pleasanton, Calif. (Amador Valley High)
Caleb Otlewski	Linebacker/Edge	6-4	225	Freshman	Melissa, Texas (Melissa High)
Marcus Ratcliffe	Safety	6-3	190	Freshman	Chula Vista, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)
Jonah Rodriguez	Offensive Line	6-4	275	Freshman	San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)
Talib Salahuddin	Defensive Line	6-5	235	Junior	Philadelphia, Pa. (Chaminade College Prep/Riverside City College)
Ryan Silver	Offensive Line	6-4	290	Freshman	San Francisco, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)
Kyle Stanback	Offensive Line	6-7	265	Junior	Inland Empire, Calif. (Newbury Park High/Ventura College)
Samuela Tuihalamaka	Defensive Line	6-1	305	^Senior	Riverside, Calif. (Mater Dei High School/Oklahoma State)
Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson	Quarterback	6-4	205	Freshman	Oakland, Calif. (Chaminade High)
Raphael Williams Jr.	Wide Receiver	5-10	165	Junior	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard High/Western Carolina)



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Tupu Alualu

Defensive Line

6-1, 285

Honolulu, Hawai'i (Moanalua High/Mt. SAC)

Played one season at Mt. San Antonio College in 2021, starting at defensive line for the Mounties ... Had 46 total tackles (29 solo) and 5.5 sacks during the 2021 season ... Had eight or more total tackles three times during the 2021 season and had two games with two-plus sacks ... In a 45-21 win over Bakersfield CC had five solo tackles, a season-high 2.5 sacks and five tackles for loss ... Posted a season-high nine tackles - four solo - and 2.5 tackles for loss in a 30-24 loss to El Camino College early in the season ... In the Mounties' season finale 34-28 win over Fullerton CC, he had two sacks, two tackles for loss and four solo tackles.

Briley Barron

Offensive Line

6-4, 310

Texarkana, Texas (Texas High)

Played at Texas High School in Texarkana, Texas ... Helped the Tigers post a 37-11 record (.771) over his four years at Texas HS ... Played everywhere along the offensive line throughout high school, making appearances at

center, guard and tackle showing off his versatility ... During his time with the Tigers was named offensive lineman of the year, was an academic all-state honoree in the classroom, and played basketball, baseball, ran track and powerlifted in high school.

Tyson Berry

Wide Receiver

5-8, 170

Tyler, Texas (Chapel Hill High)

Starred at Chapel Hill High School in Tyler, Texas ... Helped lead the Bulldogs to a 12-3 record in 2022 and a Texas Conference 4A Division I state semifinal appearance ... Also helped lead Chapel Hill HS to the Texas Conference 4A Division I state semifinals and an overall 11-4 record in his junior season ... Was a three-time all-district honoree, the teams' newcomer of the year in 2019 and 2020, and was a two-time all-East Texas wide receiver ... According to MaxPreps, amassed 149 catches, 2,112 receiving yards and 24 touchdowns over his four years as a starter on the varsity team ... During his senior season he caught 34 passes for 411 yards over nine games, and rushed for another 158 yards and four touchdowns ... In his junior season he hauled in 46 passes for 850 yards and nine touchdowns ... Had a season-high 144 yards and a touchdown in a 57-21 over Athens HS ... Also played both baseball and ran track in high school ... Was an A/B honor roll student through-



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out high school ... Is a three-star recruit according to 247sports and a two-star prospect according to Rivals ... Picked the Aztecs over offers from Houston Christian University and Texas Southern, and received interest from Arkansas, Kansas State, Lamar, Louisiana Tech, Sam Houston and UTSA.

Sinn Brennan

Defensive Line

6-5, 215

Honolulu, Hawai'i (Los Alamitos High (Calif.))

Prepped at Los Alamitos High School in Los Alamitos, California ... Helped lead the Griffons to three consecutive undefeated Sunset League seasons, going 15-0 in league play, and helped the team to a 24-5 overall record (.828) ... According to MaxPreps, appeared in 29 games, recording 15 sacks, 84 solo tackles, 27.0 tackles for loss and 134 total tackles during his three years as a varsity player ... Also scored four rushing touchdowns on offense ... During his senior season in 2022, he had 13.0 tackles for loss, 38 solo tackles and seven sacks in 12 games ... Also added two offensive rushing touchdowns ... Earned all-Sunset League honors for his performance his senior season ... Appeared in 11 games his junior season and made 29 solo tackles, eight tackles for loss and two sacks ... During the COVID-shortened 2020 season he appeared in six games, making 17 solo tackles, six tackles for loss, six sacks and 30 total tackles ... Also played basketball throughout high school ... Picked SDSU over offers from Colorado State, Nevada and San Jose State ... Plans to major in business/entrepreneurship.

Baylin Brooks

Wide Receiver

6-2, 195

Pasadena, Calif. (Pasadena High)

Starred at Pasadena High School in Pasadena, California ... Helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 record during the 2022 campaign ... Earned offensive league MVP honors for his standout performance as a senior ... According to MaxPreps, as a senior he totaled 1,283 all-purpose yards, including 903 receiving yards, 194 return yards and 141 rushing yards ... Totaled 13 touchdowns during his senior campaign, including 11 touchdown catches, one rushing and another passing touchdown ... Averaged 90.3 receiving yards per game and a whopping 10.8 yards per carry rushing the ball ... Had six games with at least 100 receiving yards, including a season-high 128 yards on five catches and three touchdowns in a 51-7 win over Arcadia HS ... Had three touchdown catches in the Bulldogs' 47-0 win over Muir HS, a game in which he had five catches for 118 yards ... As a junior at Loyola High School in Los Angeles, he played in 12 games, catching 39 passes for 549 yards and seven touchdowns ... In the classroom, he earned honor roll status while also playing baseball throughout high school ... Ranked by 247sports as a three-star recruit with a scout grade of 86 ... Also ranked by ESPN as a three-star recruit with a scout grade of 76, and earned two stars from Rivals ... Picked the Aztecs over offers from Arizona, Nevada, Portland State and San Jose State.



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JD Coffey III

Safety

6-0, 190

Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale High/Texas)

Comes to The Mesa after spending the last two seasons at Big 12 power Texas ... Totaled 11 tackles over his two years in 12 appearances ... Had six tackles (three solo) in six games as a sophomore in 2022 ... Best game was the Sept. 3 opener vs. ULM, when he logged five stops (two solo) ... Played in six games as a true freshman in 2021, making five tackles (three solo) ... Had a then career-high three tackles against West Virginia on Nov. 20 ... Was an All-America and three-time all-state honoree and district MVP at Kennedale High School, the same school as former Aztec standout running back Juwan Washington ... Selected for the 2021 Under Armour All-America Game ... Named a finalist for the 2020 SI All-American team ... Finished his career with 313 tackles, 28 tackles for loss, 19 interceptions, 25 pass breakups and 10 touchdowns ... Ranked No. 123 nationally, No. 7 at safety and No. 18 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... Slotted No. 9 at his position and No. 30 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... Ranked as the No. 16 at safety and No. 35 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... Listed No. 32 on the Austin American-Statesman's Fab 55 ... Chosen as the top safety in the area and No. 9 overall by the Dallas Morning News ... Ranked the No. 2 safety and No. 43 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... Selected to the Texas MaxPreps All-State first team in 2020 ... Tabbed District MVP and first-team All-District 6-4A ... A PrepStar Top 350 All-American ... Recorded 104 tackles, 10 tackles for loss and five interceptions as a senior ... Part of defense that allowed just 11.6 points per game, including three consecutive shutouts and three other games of just seven points ...

Helped Kennedale to a 10-1-1 overall record, including a 7-0 district mark and title, and an appearance in the 4A area playoffs in 2020 ... A first-team honoree on Dave Campbell's Texas Football Super Team in 2020 ... Selected first-team 4A All-State as a defensive back by the Associated Press in 2019 ... Also tabbed second-team all-state as a kick returner and third team as a defensive back by the Texas Sports Writers Association ... Named defensive MVP and first-team All-District 6-4A Division 1 ... Recorded 82 tackles, six tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown, six pass breakups, and four total touchdowns as a junior ... Part of a defense that registered four consecutive shutouts ... Helped Kennedale to a 7-4 overall record, including a 6-0 district mark and title, and an appearance in the bi-district playoffs in 2019 ... Chosen honorable mention 4A All-State as a defensive back by the Texas Sports Writers Association in 2018 ... Selected first-team All-District 6-4A Division 1 as both a safety and kick returner ... Posted 39 tackles and six interceptions as a sophomore ... Received first-team 4A All-State honors as a defensive back in 2017 ... Named Defensive Newcomer of the Year in District 5-4A Division 1 ... Registered 88 tackles, six interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown, 11 tackles for loss and two pass breakups as a freshman ... Chose Texas out of high school over offers from Michigan, Penn State, LSU, Notre Dame, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss, Florida, Washington State, Baylor, Kansas State, Kansas, Minnesota, Texas Tech, Michigan State, Auburn, Virginia Tech, Missouri, Arizona State, California, Colorado, Duke, Georgia Tech, Houston, Boise State, Utah State, SMU and Tulsa.



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Sam Dunnell

Defensive Back

6-4, 195

San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (St. Margaret's Episcopal School)

Prepped at St. Margaret's Episcopal School in San Juan Capistrano, California ... Also played on the basketball team at SMES ... Was labeled an "athlete" by 247sports in the recruiting process ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Oregon State and Washington State.

Chris Fewell

Linebacker

6-2, 195

San Diego, Calif. (Lincoln High)

Prepped locally at Lincoln High School in San Diego ... Helped lead the Hornets to a 13-1 record in 2022 and a California Division 1-AA state championship ... Lincoln High School finished third in the final MaxPreps state rankings ... Earned all-Western League honors and third team all-CIF during his junior season (2021) ... According to MaxPreps, he recorded 92 total tackles in his high school career (60 solo), including 7.5 sacks and 21 tackles for loss ... This past season (2022) recorded 25 solo tackles, 6.5 sacks and nine tackles for loss over 12 games played ... During his junior campaign (2021) he played in nine contests, logging 50 total tackles (30 solo), nine tackles for loss and three interceptions ... Returned all three of his interceptions for touchdowns during the 2021 season for a total

of 128 yards and three scores ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports, and received two stars from both ESPN and Rivals ... Picked the Aztecs over offers from Colorado, Colorado State, Utah State, Montana State and New Mexico State ... Earned principals honor roll for his work in the classroom and played basketball throughout high school.

Kenneth Jiles Jr.

Defensive Line

6-5, 235

Springfield, Ohio (Springfield High/Hocking College)

Comes to SDSU after spending one season at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio ... Played in nine games, logging 17 tackles (12 solo), including three sacks and four tackles for loss, while adding three forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and two pass breakups ... Helped lead Springfield High School to a 13-2 record as a senior in 2021, including a 6-1 record in the Greater Western Ohio league ... Was a two-time honor roll student ... Also competed on the basketball and track & field team at Springfield High ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports and the No. 6 edge rusher from JUCO.



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Jelani McLaughlin

Safety

6-0, 190

San Jacinto, Calif. (Citrus Valley High)

Lettered four years at Citrus Valley High School in Redlands, California ... Led the Blackhawks to a 30-11 record over his four years, including a 9-3 mark in 2022 and 4-1 record in Citrus Belt League play ... Was the co-defensive player of the league and a first-team pick as a senior ... Also garnered all-Inland Empire honors multiple years ... According to MaxPreps, totaled 287 tackles over his four years (192 solo), including 19 tackles for loss, eight interceptions, 13 pass deflections, three forced fumbles and a blocked kick ... Also was used in the return game with 11 career kick returns for 268 yards (24.4 avg.) and two punt returns for 20 yards (10.0 avg.) ... Logged 87 tackles as a senior in 2022 and 92 as a junior in 2021 ... Also played basketball at CVHS ... Is a consensus three-star recruit by 247sports, Rivals and ESPN ... Owns a 247sports composite rating of 83.67 ... Received a scout grade of 83 from 247sports and 73 from ESPN ... Picked San Diego State over offers from Washington, Oregon State, Washington State, Arizona, Colorado, Utah State, UNLV, New Mexico and many FCS schools.

Cody Moon

Linebacker

6-3, 205

Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista High/New Mexico)

Spent the last three seasons at New Mexico, which runs the same 3-3-5 defense as the Aztecs ... Totaled 149 tackles (69 solo) over the last two years after redshirting in 2020, including 11 tackles for loss, five sacks, one forced fumble, one interception and six pass breakups ... Was an honorable-mention all-Mountain West selection as a sophomore in 2022, registering team highs of 105 tackles, 9.5 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks ... Had 44 tackles, 0.5 sacks, 1.5 tackles for loss, an interception, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery as a redshirt freshman in 2021 ... Prior to joining UNM, he prepped at Volcano Vista High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico ... As a senior, Moon totaled 61 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and six sacks, four fumble recoveries and one forced fumble for VCHS, which won its league and went 11-1 on the season.

Jordan Napier

Safety

6-1, 195

Fontana, Calif. (Jurupa Hills High)

Was a three-year letter winner at Jurupa Hills in Fontana, California ... Led the Spartans to a 18-7 record over his three years with three league titles ... Was an all-CIF selection ... According to MaxPreps, totaled 59 tackles as a senior in 2022 (41 solo) with an interception, five pass deflec-



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tions, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery ... On the offensive side of the ball caught 30 passes for 600 yards (20.0 avg.) with 10 touchdowns, while rushing for 158 yards and five more scores on 26 carries (6.1 avg.) ... Is a consensus three-star recruit by 247sports (wide receiver), Rivals (athlete) and ESPN (athlete) ... Received a 247sports composite rating of 86.78 by 247sports ... Received a scout grade of 84 from 247sports and 76 from ESPN ... Chose the Aztecs over offers from Washington, Oregon, Arkansas, Texas A&M, Colorado, San Jose State, UNLV and Nevada.

Brady Nassar

Defensive Line

6-5, 240

Pleasanton Calif. (Amador Valley High)

Starred at Amador Valley High in Pleasanton, California ... Played on both sides of the ball throughout his high school career, but focused primarily on the defensive side ... During his junior season in 2021, he recorded 33 total tackles, 11 tackles for loss and six sacks, in addition to making 10 catches for 172 yards and a touchdown on offense ... Is a three-star recruit on 247sports, ESPN, and Rivals ... Has a scout grade of 77 from ESPN ... Chose the Aztecs over offers from Arizona State Colorado, California, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State, Air Force, San Jose State, Utah State and Nevada, among others.

Caleb Otlewski

Linebacker/Edge

6-4, 225

Melissa Texas (Melissa High)

Starred at Melissa High School in Melissa, Texas ... Helped lead the Cardinals to a 11-3 record in 2022, a perfect 7-0 in district play, and quarterfinal state playoff appearance ... During his junior campaign helped Melissa to an 11-3 record and another perfect record in league play at 6-0 ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports and ESPN, and has a scout grade of 75 by ESPN ... Is a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Chose the Aztecs over offers from Nebraska, Minnesota, SMU, North Texas, Tulsa, Utah State, Jackson State among others.

Marcus Ratcliffe

Safety

6-3, 190

Chula Vista, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic High)

Earned three letters at nearby Cathedral Catholic High School in Chula Vista, California ... Will join three current Aztecs who attended Cathedral Catholic, including offensive lineman Rambo Mageo, quarterback DJ Ralph and running back Lucky Sutton ... The Dons were 12-2 in 2021 and captured the state championship ... Was at three-time first-team all-league selection at defense and once at offense ... Also was all-CIF ... Was a 2-Way Player of the Year nominee ... Also competes on the basketball team and on the track & field squad ... Is a scholar-athlete ... A con-



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sensus three-star recruit by 247sports (safety), Rivals (defensive back) and ESPN (outside linebacker) ... Received a 247sports composite rating of 86.56 by 247sports ... Received a scout grade of 87 from 247sports and 75 from ESPN ... Selected the Aztecs over offers from Brigham Young, Arizona, California, Colorado, Air Force and Utah State.

Jonah Rodriguez

Offensive Line

6-4, 275

San Diego, Calif. (Madison High)

Prepped locally at nearby Madison High School in San Diego ... Helped the Warhawks post a 27-13 record during his four years on the varsity squad ... Helped lead the team to three different high school playoff appearances in his four years ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports with a scout grade of 88 ... Ranked by 247sports as the 53rd-best player at his position and the 58th-best recruit in the state of California ... Is also a three-star recruit by ESPN with a scout grade of 76 ... Also had offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Boise State Colorado, Syracuse among others.

Talib Salahuddin

Defensive Line

6-5, 235

Philadelphia, Pa. (Chaminade College Prep/Riverside City College)

Played two seasons at Riverside City College in Riverside, California ... Appeared in 22 games a program that went 22-4 over his two seasons ... Helped the Tigers to the 2022 CCCAA Football State Championship game as the Tigers went 12-1 ... Over his two seasons, totaled 65 tackles, 4.5 sacks and 8.5 tackles for loss ... Posted five or more total tackles in four games during the 2022 season ... Prepped at Chaminade High School in West Hills, California ... According to MaxPreps, he appeared in 27 games for the Eagles, and totaled 113 tackles (45 solo) and seven sacks ... Despite playing in just six games in his senior season in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic, he totaled 42 tackles and 7.0 tackles for loss.

Ryan Silver

Offensive Line

6-4, 290

San Francisco, Calif. (Junipero Serra High)

Played at Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, California ... Helped lead the Padres to a 13-1 record in 2022 and a spot in the California Open Division championship game ... Serra finished the 2022 season as the seventh-best team in California according to MaxPreps ... Was a three-year starter for the Padres and helped the team to



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a 29-3 record (.906) over his three years ... Had a 3.0 GPA or better in all four years of high school, while also playing rugby in addition to football ... Is a three-star recruit according to 247sports and ESPN with a scout grade of 75, and a two-star recruit by Rivals ... Picked SDSU over offers from Army, Colorado State, Fresno State, Nevada, San Jose State, and UNLV.

Kyle Stanback

Offensive Line

6-7, 265

Pasadena, Calif. (Newbury Park High/Ventura College)

Spent the 2021 season at Ventura College ... Had 19 tackles in six games, including three tackles for loss, a ½ sack and a forced fumble ... Earned second-team all-conference honors ... Moved to offensive line late in his playing career ... Enters 2023 with two seasons of eligibility remaining ... Spent 2019 at North Carolina AT&T, but did not play ... Lettered four years at Newbury Park High School ... Garnered all-Marmonte League accolades ... Also competed on the basketball team at NPHS and the track & field squad ... Was a scholar-athlete.

Samuela Tuihalamaka

Defensive Line

6-1, 305

Riverside, Calif. (Mater Dei High/Oklahoma State)

Comes to the Aztecs after spending five seasons at Power 5 power Oklahoma State ... Appeared in 32 games over his career, logging 48 tackles (25 solo), eight tackles for loss, two sacks and a forced fumble ... Had 23 tackles in 2022, including four tackles for loss and a sack ... Saw action in four games in 2021 with six tackles (five solo) ... Was a first-team Academic All-Big 12 selection in 2020 as a sophomore, making two tackles in four games ... Started three times and played in 12 games as a redshirt freshman in 2019, coming up with 20 tackles (10 solo), a sack, two tackles for loss and a forced fumble ... Redshirted in 2018 as a true freshman ... Prepped at Mater Dei High School, leading the team to a 15-0 state championship season as a senior ... Finished his last high school season with 41 total tackles, including 25 solo stops, 8.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, a fumble return for a touchdown and a pass breakup Also competed in wrestling ... Was listed as a three-star prospect by 247Sports and ESPN ... Chose Oklahoma State out of high school over offers from Louisiana among other schools.



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Javance Tupou'ata-Johnson

Quarterback

6-4, 205

Oakland, Calif. (Chaminade High)

Prepped at Chaminade College Prep in West Hills, California ... Led the Eagles to a 10-3 record this past season and a California Division 2 semifinal playoff run ... Chaminade finished 19th in the state in the final MaxPreps rankings ... Captured first-team all-Mission League honors as a senior ... According to MaxPreps, he threw for 1,679 yards and 15 touchdown passes, and rushed for 803 yards and 13 touchdowns in his senior campaign ... Had four games with at least two touchdown passes and another four games of at least two rushing touchdowns in his senior season ... Threw for 280 yards and rushed for a score in the Eagles 59-7 win over Crespi HS early in the 2022 season ... Threw for a season-high 292 yards, rushed for 111 yards, and totaled five touchdowns, four passing and one rushing, in a 65-34 win over Notre Dame HS midway through the 2022 season ... In the 2022 California Division 2 state semifinal he was 10-for-15 passing, and rushed for an additional 170 yards and three touchdowns in a 41-38 loss ... Earned honor roll recognition for his work in the classroom ... Also played basketball in high school ... Spent his first three years of high school at Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, California ... Is a three-star recruit by 247sports with a scout grade of 77 ... Ranked by ESPN as the 16th-best dual threat quarterback in his class in the country, and the 79th best player from California with a scout grade of 77 ... Chose the Aztecs over offers from Arizona State, BYU, Florida State, Kansas, Oregon, Pittsburgh, Nevada, and San Jose State.

Raphael Williams Jr.

Wide Receiver

5-10, 165

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard HS/Western Carolina)

Comes to The Mesa with two years of collegiate eligibility remaining ... Played two seasons at FCS program Western Carolina, logging 120 catches for 1,617 yards (13.5 avg.) and 15 touchdowns ... Had eight 100-yard games at WCU (and another 99-yard game) and four games with at least 10 catches ... Came up with 47 receptions for 658 yards (14.0 avg.) and six touchdowns in 2022 ... Best game in 2022 was a 10-catch, 112-yard, 1-touchdown effort in the opener vs. Charleston Southern on Sept. 3 ... Was named a first-team all-Southern Conference selection in 2021 by both the league's head coaches and SoCon Sports Media Association ... Also was tabbed the SoCon Freshman of the Year by Phil Steele ... Was named a Freshman All-America selection by both HERO Sports and Phil Steele ... Had five 100-yard games in 2021 with a massive 16-catch, 177-yard, 2-touchdown outing at Wofford on Oct. 30 ... Joined Western Carolina after a season at Division II Tusculum in the 2021 spring season, when he caught 13 passes for 194 yards and a touchdown in five games ... Was a first-team all-Broward selection and a second-team all-state honoree in high school ... Was considered one of the best route runners in South Florida ... Selected to the Broward all-star team ... Named his high school's team MVP ... Had 31 catches for 800 yards and 12 touchdowns in his senior campaign ... Also was an honors student.