# **2015 Nebraska Football Recruiting Class**

# **Alphabetical Listing:**

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
Lavan Alston	WR	6-0	175	Oxnard, Calif.	St. Bonaventure HS
Avery Anderson*	DB	6-0	175	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Pine Creek HS
Jalin Barnett	OL	6-4	310	Lawton, Okla.	Lawton HS
Mohamed Barry	LB	6-1	215	Grayson, Ga.	Grayson HS
Alex Davis	DE	6-5	230	Riviera Beach, Fla.	Dwyer HS
Carlos Davis	DT	6-2	265	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs HS
Khalil Davis	DT	6-2	265	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs HS
Michael Decker	OL	6-4	285	Omaha, Neb.	North HS
Tyrin Ferguson	LB	6-2	200	New Orleans, La.	Edna Karr HS
Christian Gaylord	OL	6-6	275	Baldwin City, Kan.	Baldwin HS
Eric Lee Jr.*	DB	6-0	180	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	Valor Christian HS
Stanley Morgan	WR	6-0	185	New Orleans, La.	St. Augustine HS
DaiShon Neal	DE	6-7	250	Omaha, Neb.	Central HS
Jordan Ober	LS	6-1	200	Las Vegas, Nev.	Bishop Gorman HS
Devine Ozigbo	RB	5-11	225	Sachse, Texas	Sachse HS
Antonio Reed	DB	6-2	200	Memphis, Tenn.	Southaven (Miss.) HS
Matt Snyder	TE	6-5	245	San Ramon, Calif.	California HS
Adrienne Talan	LB	6-1	200	Davie, Fla.	Flanagan HS
Aaron Williams*	DB	5-11	185	Atlanta, Ga.	Carver HS
Dedrick Young*	LB	6-1	220	Peoria, Ariz.	Centennial HS
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<sup>\*-</sup>enrolled at Nebraska in January

# The Class Breakdown:

By State: Nebraska (2): Decker (Omaha), Neal (Omaha); California (2): Alston (Oxnard), Snyder (San Ramon); Colorado (2): Anderson (Colorado Springs), Lee (Highlands Ranch); Florida (2): Davis (Riviera Beach), Talan (Davie); Georgia (2): Barry (Grayson), Williams (Atlanta); Louisiana (2): Ferguson, Morgan (New Orleans); Missouri (2): C. Davis, K. Davis (Blue Springs); Arizona (1): Young (Peoria); Kansas (1): Gaylord (Baldwin City); Nevada (1): Ober (Las Vegas); Oklahoma (1): Barnett (Lawton); Tennessee (1): Reed (Memphis); Texas (1): Ozigbo (Sachse).

By Position (First Position Listed):

Offense (7): RB-Ozigbo; WR-Alston, Morgan; TE-Snyder; OL-Barnett, Decker, Gaylord.

Defense (12): DL-A. Davis, C. Davis, K. Davis, Neal; LB-Barry, Ferguson, Talan, Young; DB-Anderson, Lee, Reed, Williams

Specialist (1): LS-Ober

## Walk-Ons

Nebraska has secured commitments from eight prospects who plan to join the program as walk-ons for the 2015 season.

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
Fyn Anderson	DL	6-3	260	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Southeast HS
Jared Brugmann	LB	6-2	225	Gretna, Neb.	Gretna HS
Brody Cleveland	LB	6-2	210	Ogallala, Neb.	Ogallala HS
Austin Hemphill	FB	6-0	220	Gretna, Neb.	Gretna HS
Reid Karel	QB	6-3	190	Seward, Neb.	Seward HS
Wyatt Mazour	ATH	5-9	190	Albion, Neb.	Boone Central HS
Jacob Weinmaster	LB	6-0	200	Loveland, Colo.	Loveland HS
Conor Young	ATH	6-1	170	Cozad, Neb.	Cozad HS

## **Lavan Alston**

6-0, 175, WR, Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure HS)

- Ranked as one of the nation's top 50 wide receiver prospects
- > Helped St. Bonaventure High to state playoffs each of past two seasons
- > Played in Semper-Fi All-American Game

Wide receiver Lavan Alston was one of the final pieces to the Huskers' 2015 class, pledging to Nebraska a few days before Signing Day. The 6-0, 175-pound Alston has been a stanout at St. Bonaventure High School in California.

A speedy playmaker, Alston helped Coach Adam Guerra's team to a 6-5 record in the 2014 season. Alston helped St. Bonaventure to a trip to the CIF Southern Section Pac 5 Division playoffs, where St. Bonaventure lost to Norco 71-70 in triple overtime.

As a junior, Alston's play helped St. Bonaventure and Coach John Muller to a trip to the second round of the state playoffs. St. Bonaventure posted an 8-4 overall record, with Alston grabbing 31 receptions for 601 yards.

Alston also excels on the track. As a sophomore, Alston was named Ventura County's Male Track Athlete of the Year after winning the 100 and 200 meters, and being part of the winning 4x100 team at the County Championships.

Alston was a four-star prospect according to Scout.com and was ranked as the No. 47 wide receiver in the country. He was also ranked among the nation's top 50 receivers in the 247 composite rankings and was the No. 53 player in California by 247. Alston participated in the Semper-Fi All-American game in California in December.

Alston also visited California, Oregon State and Washington State and had numerous other offers, including Arizona, Arizona State, Penn State, Utah and Washington.

# **Avery Anderson**

6-0, 175, DB, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek HS)

- Regarded as one of the top 40 defensive backs in the nation
- Led Pine Creek High School to back-to-back Colorado 4A state championships
- Earned first-team all-state honors as both a junior and senior

Avery Anderson is one of four defensive standouts who joined the Nebraska program in January. Anderson was regarded as one of the top prospects from Colorado and among the nation's top defensive back recruits. Anderson helped Pine Creek High School in Colorado Springs to consecutive Class 4A state championships.

Pine Creek posted a perfect 14-0 record in 2014 as Anderson starred in all three areas of the game. As a defensive back, he recorded three interceptions, while making 52 tackles, including six tackles for loss. Anderson also contributed on offense, rushing for 226 yards and a touchdown, while catching 16 passes for 318 yards and one touchdown. He also handled kickoff return duties for Coach Todd Miller.

Anderson was an All-Colorado choice by the Denver Post for his play in 2014, and he was a first-team Class 4A choice by the Colorado High School Activities Association.

In helping the Eagles to the 2013 Class 4A state title as a junior, Anderson was named a first-team all-state free safety by the CHSAA. He also earned all-league and all-region recognition after totaling 53 tackles, one interception and three breakups while leading Pine Creek to its first state championship and a 12-2 record. Offensively, Anderson had 53 carries for 386 yards and eight touchdowns.

Anderson was a consensus four-star prospect, and he was rated as the No. 2 player in Colorado, behind fellow early enrollee Eric Lee Jr. Anderson was a member of the Rivals250, coming in at No. 224 on the list of the nation's top prospects. Additionally, the service ranked Anderson as the nation's No. 24 cornerback, while Scout.com listed him among the top 35 safeties in the country and 247Sports ranked him among the top 40 athletes nationally. In May, Anderson earned defensive back MVP honors at the Rivals Camp Series in Chicago.

Anderson committed to Nebraska in February of 2014, after considering offers from Arizona State, Kansas State and Utah, among others. Anderson is the son of Killian and Angela Anderson, and he was born on Sept. 11, 1996.

#### Jalin Barnett

6-4, 310, OL, Lawton, Okla. (Lawton HS)

- > Two-time first-team All-Oklahoma selection
- Helped Lawton High produce a 2,000-yard rusher each of past two years
- Played at same high school as Husker stars Will Shields and Mike Minter

Oklahoma product Jalin Barnett is regarded as one of the nation's top offensive guard prospects after a standout career at Lawton High School. Barnett is Nebraska's first signee from the state of Oklahoma since Phillip Dillard and Craig Roark in 2005. Barnett played at the same high school that produced former Husker greats Mike Minter and Will Shields.

The 6-4, 310-pound Barnett was a driving force behind one of the state's most potent offenses. Coach Randy Breeze's team averaged better than 460 total yards per game in 2014, and produced a 2,000-yard rusher and a quarterback who threw for more than 2,400 yards. Lawton High finished with an 11-2 record and advanced to the finals of the Class 6A-II state playoffs. In addition to his dominant play on offense, Barnett also saw action on defense, recording 10 tackles and a fumble recovery.

For his play in 2014, Barnett was a first-team All-Oklahoma selection, and he was the No. 3 prospect on the Daily Oklahoman's Super 30.

Lawton High had similar offensive productivity behind Barnett's blocking in 2013. The team averaged 313 rushing yards per game and had a 2,500-yard runner. Lawton recorded an 11-1 record in 2013, advancing to the second round of the state playoffs. Barnett also earned all-state honors from The Oklahoman as a junior.

Barnett, who wears a size 18 shoe, was awarded Lawton's overall Player of the Year honor in 2014 and was an Under Armour All-American. Barnett also excels in the classroom where he carries a 3.8 grade-point average.

Barnett was ranked as the No. 4 offensive guard in the country by ESPN and was also among the top 15 offensive guards by 247Sports and Scout. He was also a consensus choice as one of the top five players in Oklahoma by several recruiting services.

Barnett also visited Arkansas and Oklahoma, and considered Oklahoma State before choosing the Huskers.

# **Mohamed Barry**

6-1, 215, LB, Grayson, Ga. (Grayson HS)

- First-team Georgia Class AAAAAA pick in 2014
- ▶ Helped team to 10-2 record in 2014 season
- > Ranked among state leaders with 16 sacks in junior season

Mohamed Barry committed to Nebraska in late January and is part of a strong defensive presence in the Huskers' 2015 signing class. The 6-1, 215-pound Barry was a strong playmaker from his linebacker spot for Grayson High School in Georgia.

As a senior in 2014, Barry helped Coach Mickey Conn's team to a 10-2 record, and helped the school advance to the second round of the Class AAAAAA playoffs. Barry was a dominant defender for the Rams last fall, patrolling the middle of the field from his linebacker position, while also showing the versatility to be strong in pass coverage.

Barry was honored for his play in 2014, earning first-team Class AAAAAA all-state honors in Georgia.

Barry also was a standout for Grayson High as a junior, ranking among the state's leaders with 16 sacks.

Rivals ranked Barry as a three-star prospect, while the 247 composite rankings listed him as the No. 71 linebacker in the nation. Scout.com ranked Barry among the top 15 linebackers in Georgia. Barry has been regularly trained by former Nebraska and NFL linebacker Eric Johnson.

Barry also visited Kansas State and Miami before choosing the Huskers. Additionally, he had offers from North Carolina State, Syracuse, Wisconsin and Washington State.

#### **Alex Davis**

6-5, 230, DE, Riviera Beach, Fla. (Dwyer HS)

- Emerging defender after just one season of high school football
- Ranked among the top 60 defensive ends in the country
- Standout performer for Dwyer High School basketball team

Alex Davis was one of the final pieces in the Huskers' 2015 signing class, committing to Nebraska in the final week leading to National Signing Day. The 6-5, 230-pound Davis season will bring his raw talent to the defensive end spot at Nebraska.

Davis played football for the first time during his senior season at Dwyer High School in Florida. His play in 2014 helped Coach Jack Daniels' team to a 7-4 record in the Class 7A ranks.

Davis was an unknown on the gridiron heading into his senior season. He began to draw recruiting attention in the summer when he excelled at various camps. He was the Defensive MVP of Florida International's camp and was the Defensive Lineman of the Day at a Miami camp.

Despite his late arrival to the recruiting rankings, Davis was listed as the No. 56 defensive end in the country by 247 Sports, which also ranked him among the top 150 overall players in Florida.

Davis has excelled on the basketball court for Dwyer High and Coach Fred Ross. He first saw varsity action as a sophomore, then averaged 11.4 points and more than seven rebounds per game as a junior. This season, he is averaging 11.4 points and 6.5 rebounds, and has helped Dwyer to a 21-4 record through January.

Davis also visited South Florida and had offers from Pittsburgh, Temple, Florida Atlantic, Florida International and Georgia Southern.

## **Carlos Davis**

6-2, 265, DL, Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Spring HS)

- > Two-time Missouri Class 6 All-State selection
- ▶ Helped Blue Springs to two state championships during high school career
- Totaled a combined 49 tackles for loss during his junior and senior seasons

Carlos Davis joins his twin brother, Khalil, in Nebraska's 2015 signing class, giving Nebraska a pair of dominant defensive tackles. The Davis twins come to Lincoln from Blue Springs High School, one of the top prep programs in Missouri. The Davis brothers are the first set of twins to sign with Nebraska since Courtney and Steven Osborne in 2008.

Carlos Davis finished his senior season with 64 tackles, including an impressive 33 tackles for loss. He had 18 sacks and 21 quarterback pressures and also saw time on the offensive line for Coach Kelly Donohoe's team. Davis' played helped the Wildcats to an 8-4 record and a trip to the third round of the Class 6 state playoffs.

Davis was recognized as the Missouri Coaches Association Class 6 Defensive Player of the Year in 2014. He also earned the prestigous Buck Buchanan Award at the Simone ceremony. Davis was a Class 6 all-state pick for the second straight year and earned All-Metro honors from the Kansas City Star.

As a junior, Davis played a key role in helping Blue Springs to a perfect 14-0 record and a Class 6 state title. Davis had 63 tackles, including 16 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks in 2013. He also had two pass defelections, a forced fumble and a blocked punt. At 6-3 and 270 pounds, Davis also had four rushing attempts and a five-yard touchdown reception. Davis was a first-team Class 6 all-state pick as a junior and earned second-team All-Metro honors.

Davis first saw varsity action as a sophomore for a 13-1 state championship team, making 16 tackles and a sack. An impressive athlete, Davis ran a 4.67 40-yard dash and had a 32-inch vertical jump at the U.S. Army National Combine.

Davis was ranked among the top five players in Missouri and the top 25 defensive tackles in the country by Rivals.com, 247 Sports and Scout. He was rated as the No. 201 overall prospect in the country by Scout. Davis chose Nebraska after also considering Missouri, and he had numerous offers including Oregon, TCU, Arkansas and Kansas State.

Carlos Davis is the older of the twins by five minutes.

## **Khalil Davis**

6-2, 265, DL, Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Spring HS)

- > Ranked as one of the nation's top 25 defensive tackles
- > Part of two Missouri state championship teams at Blue Springs High
- Had a combined 52 tackles for loss over his final two prep seasons

Khalil Davis joins his twin brother, Carlos, in the Huskers' 2015 signing class, giving Nebraska a pair of dominant defensive linemen. The Davis twins come to Lincoln from Blue Springs High School, one of the top prep programs in Missouri. The Davis brothers are the first set of twins to sign with Nebraska since Courtney and Steven Osborne in 2008.

Khalil Davis battled through injuries during his senior season, but tallied 60 tackles, including 26 for loss, and had 9.5 sacks. Davis also doubled as an offensive lineman in the second half of the season, helping Coach Kelly Donohoe's team to an 8-4 record and a trip to the second round of the Class 6 state playoffs.

For his play in 2014, Davis was a first-team Class 6 all-state selection by the Missouri High School Coaches Association and earned All-Metro honors from the Kansas City Star.

As a junior, Davis played a key role in helping Blue Springs to a perfect 14-0 record and a Class 6 state title. Davis had 62 tackles, including 26 tackles for loss and added four sacks. He also forced a fumble, recovered two others and had a pass breakup. Davis' play in 2014 netted him Class 6 all-state honors, as well as an All-Metro selection.

Davis saw action for a 13-1 state championship Blue Springs team as a sophomore in 2012, making four solo tackles for the Wildcats.

Davis ran an impressive 4.63 40-yard dash and had a 33-inch vertical jump at the U.S. Army National Combine. He chose Nebraska over Missouri and had numerous other offers, including TCU, Oregon, Arkansas and Kansas State to name a few.

Davis was ranked as the No. 3 player in Missouri by Rivals.com, while 247Sports ranked him as the No. 6 prospect in the state. Davis was listed among the nation's top 25 defensive tackles by both Rivals and 247Sports.

Khalil Davis is the younger of the twins by five minutes.

## Michael Decker

6-4, 285, OL, Omaha, Neb. (North HS)

- Helped Omaha North to consecutive Class A state titles in 2013 and 2014
- Two-time All-Nebraska (Omaha W-H) and Super State (LJS) selection
- Powered offense that averaged better than 300 yards rushing in 2013 and 2014

Offensive lineman Michael Decker joins the Nebraska program after a highly successful prep career at Omaha North High School. Decker's play helped the North Vikings to three consecutive Class A state championship game appearances, including state titles in 2013 and 2014.

Decker was a powerful blocker for Coach Larry Martin's offense, paving the way for record-setting running back Calvin Strong. In helping North to a 13-0 record in 2014, Decker had 22 pancake blocks as the Vikings averaged nearly 310 rushing yards per game and Strong ran for 2,358 yards. Decker also saw limited action on the defensive line as a senior.

Decker was a first-team All-Nebraska pick by the Omaha World-Herald and a Super State pick by the Lincoln Journal Star.

Decker also paved the way for a powerful running attack in 2013, as North finished 12-1 and captured the state title. Decker had 20 pancake blocks, as the Vikings ran for better than 311 rushing yards per game, and Strong established a state record with more than 3,000 rushing yards. Decker also contributed on defense in 2013, recording 26 tackles, including five tackles for loss, a sack and also caused a fumble and recovered another. Decker also earned All-Nebraska and Super State honors as a junior.

Decker earned honorable-mention all-state honors as a sophomore in 2012. His play helped North to a 10-3 record and a trip to the Class A finals. Decker is strong in the classroom, carrying better than a 3.8 grade-point average.

Decker committed to Nebraska in April, and his only other visit was to Kansas State. He was ranked as the top player in Nebraska by Scout, while he ranked No. 2 in Nebraska by Rivals.com and 247Sports. Decker was ranked among the top 50 offensive guards in the country by several outlets, while Scout listed him as the nation's No. 7 center prospect.

# **Tyrin Ferguson**

6-2, 200, LB, New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr HS)

- Named 2014 Louisiana 4A Defensive Player of the Year
- ▶ Helped Edna Karr High to the Class 4A playoffs the past two seasons
- ▶ Had 23.5 TFL, 10.5 sacks and 29 QB hurries in senior season

Tryin Ferguson comes to the Nebraska program from the talent-rich state of Louisiana. Ferguson was a defensive standout for Edna Karr High School in New Orleans. Ferguson will join fellow Karr products Glenn Irons and Jariah Tolbert on the Nebraska roster for the 2015 season.

As a senior, Ferguson primarily lined up at defensive end for Coach Nathaniel Jones' team. He recorded 104 tackles, including 23.5 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks. He was also credited with 29 quarterback hurries and had three interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. Ferguson also forced two fumbles, recovered one, blocked one kick and recorded a safety.

Ferguson's play helped Edna Karr to an 8-6 record and a trip to the quarterfinals of the Class 4A state playoffs. Ferguson was named the Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association and was also the District 9-4A Defensive MVP.

Ferguson is relatively new to football, playing for Edna Karr for just two seasons. His junior season was cut short by an injury that cuased him to miss the season's first seven games. He made the most of his limited time as a junior, racking up six sacks. His play late in the season helped Edna Karr High to a 13-2 record and a trip to the state championship game.

Ferguson is also a member of Edna Karr's basketball team, which owns a 15-6 record through the month of January.

Ferguson was ranked among the top 40 players in Louisiana by Rivals.com, while Scout listed him as the No. 3 outside linebacker prospect in Louisiana. Ferguson originally committed to Oregon State, before switching to Nebraska following the hiring of Mike Riley and his staff. Ferguson also had offers from California and Washington State.

# **Christian Gaylord**

6-6, 275, OL, Baldwin City, Kan. (Baldwin HS)

- Ranked as one of the top two prospects in state of Kansas
- Four-year starter at Baldwin High, helping team to four playoff appearances
- ▶ Two-time Kansas Class 4A all-state selection

Kansas prep standout Christian Gaylord is part of an impressive group of offensive line talent in Nebraska's 2015 recruiting class. The 6-6, 275-pound Gaylord was regarded as one of the nation's top offensive tackle prospects following his prep career at Baldwin High School.

Gaylord was a standout on both sides of the line for Coach Mike Berg. Gaylord helped Baldwin High to a 6-4 record and a trip to the first round of the 2014 Class 4A state playoffs. Gaylord helped pave the way for Baldwin to rush for nearly 2,900 yards, averaging nearly six yards per carry. On defense, he made 47 tackles and had two sacks.

Gaylord was a first-team Class 4A all-state pick by VarsityKansas.com, was named the Lawrence Journal-World's All-Area team and was an All-Simone Team selection. Gaylord also earned All-Frontier League honors on both sides of the ball.

Gaylord's play as a junior helped Baldwin to an 11-1 record and a trip to the state quarterfinals. Gaylord earned Class 4A all-state honors as an offensive lineman for his play, and he was also a member of the prestigious All-Simone team.

Baldwin High posted a 7-4 record and lost in the second round of the state playoffs in 2012, as Gaylord earned all-conference honors during his sophomore season. Gaylord also started for the Baldwin High varsity as a freshman.

Gaylord was ranked as the top prospect in Kansas by 247 Sports and the No. 2 player in the state by Rivals.com. He was regarded as one of the top 50 offensive tackles in the country by all major recruiting services. Gaylord played in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl at AT&T Stadium in Texas in December. Gaylord is a standout for the Baldwin High basketball team, averaging 19.0 points and 7.3 rebounds through late January.

Gaylord committed to Nebraska last February, prior to 2014 National Signing Day and only visited Nebraska. He had numerous offers including Kansas State, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio State, Oklahoma State and Texas.

## Eric Lee Jr.

6-0, 180, DB, Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Valor Christian HS)

- Listed as top prospect in Colorado by every major recruiting service
- ▶ Helped Valor Christian HS to back-to-back 5A state title appearances
- First-team Class 5A all-state choice as both a junior and senior

Eric Lee Jr. is one of four outstanding defensive prospects to join the Nebraska program in January. Lee joins fellow Colorado standout Avery Anderson in the Huskers' recruiting class, giving Nebraska the top two prospects out of Colorado in the 2015 signing class.

Lee earned first-team all-state honors the past two seasons in helping Valor Christian High to consecutive Class 5A state championship game appearances. The Eagles finished 10-4 in 2014, losing in the state championship game to Cherry Creek High School.

Lee starred on defense for Coach Rod Sherman, while also playing for assistant Coach Brian Dawkins, a former All-Pro NFL safety. Lee had five interceptions and 10 pass breakups in 2014 and also made 59 tackles, including three tackles for loss and a sack. Lee also rushed 36 times for 359 yards and three touchdowns and had 33 catches for 470 yards and four touchdowns. He totaled 1,120 all-purpose yards in his senior season.

Lee was an All-Colorado selection by the Denver Post for his play and also earned first-team 5A all-state honors from the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Lee helped Valor Christian to the 2013 Class 5A state championship and a 13-1 record. As a junior, Lee was honored as a first-team all-state defensive back by the CHSAA. Lee recorded 45 tackles for Valor Christian as a junior, while intercepting two passes and adding five breakups and three fumble recoveries.

A consensus four-star prospect, Lee was ranked as the No. 1 player in Colorado by Rivals.com. He was ranked among the nation's top 150 recruits by several recruiting services. Lee was regarded among the top 20 cornerbacks in the nation by Rivals.com, Scout. ESPN and 247 Sports.

Lee participated in the Semper Fi Bowl in California in early January before enrolling at Nebraska. Lee was also named the top performer at the 2014 Mile High 7-on-7 Camp.

Lee committed to the Huskers in February of 2014, after also considering scholarship offers from Arizona State, Colorado, Colorado State, Kansas State and Oregon State. He was born on Aug. 13, 1996, and is the son of Dana and Eric Lee Sr. Eric Lee Sr. earned his doctorate degree from Nebraska.

# **Stanley Morgan**

6-0, 185, WR, New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine HS)

- Caught more than 170 passes in three seasons at St. Augustine HS
- ▶ Regarded as one of nation's top 30 receiving prospects
- Helped team to two appearances in Class 5A state semifinals

Stanley Morgan is one of two Nebraska signees from Louisiana and gives the Huskers an outstanding perimeter threat in the passing game. The 6-0, 185-pound Morgan was a three-year standout for St. Augustine High School in New Orleans, annually one of the state's top prep programs.

Morgan finished his senior season with 46 catches for 891 yards and eight touchdowns despite missing two games with a shoulder injury. His play helped Coach Cyril Crutchfield's team to a berth in the Class 5A state playoffs. Morgan was chosen as a first-team Class 5A all-state performer for his play as a senior.

Morgan produced big numbers as a junior, helping St. Augustine to a 9-2 record and a trip to the semifinals of the state playoffs. Morgan had 66 receptions for 1,077 yards and 13 touchdowns. For his efforts, he was named a second-team Class 5A all-state pick by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association.

Morgan first showed his play-making ability as a sophomore in 2012. He caught 61 passes for 806 yards and 13 touchdowns, helping St. Augustine to a state semifinal appearance and a 9-4 overall record.

Morgan was ranked among the top 30 receivers in the nation by both Rivals.com and ESPN. Rivals also ranked him as the No. 11 overall prospect in Louisiana, and the 247 composite rankings listed him as the No. 21 recruit in the state.

Morgan only visited Nebraska, but had numerous offers including Clemson, Georgia, Florida, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Ole Miss, Ohio State, Tennessee, Utah and UCLA.

## **DaiShon Neal**

6-7, 250, DE, Omaha, Neb. (Central HS)

- > All-Nebraska and Super State selection as a senior at Omaha Central
- Recorded 11.5 tackles for loss and five sacks during senior season
- Also a member of Omaha Central basketball team past two seasons

DaiShon Neal is one of two in-state prospects in Nebraska's 2015 signing class, coming to the Huskers from Omaha Central High School. Neal is the Huskers' first scholarship signee from Central High since offensive lineman D.J. Jones in 2006.

The 6-7, 250-pound Neal is relatively new to football but has shown his ability to dominate in the past two seasons for Coach Jay Ball. As a senior, Neal recorded 51 tackles, including 39 solo stops for the Eagles' defense. He also had 11.5 tackles for loss, five sacks and six quarterback hurries. He caused one fumble, recovered another and blocked one kick.

Neal showed his versatility and athleticism against Class A state champion Omaha North when he lined up at tight end and caught two touchdown passes. His play helped the Eagles to a 7-4 record and a trip to the second round of the Class A state playoffs. Neal was a first-team All-Nebraska selection by the Omaha World-Herald and a Super State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star. He also earned All-Metro honors from the World-Herald.

Neal saw his first varsity action in 2013 as a junior and quickly showed his raw talent and athleticism. His play helped the Eagles to a berth in the state playoffs. Neal is also a member of the Central basketball team that is ranked among the top 10 in the state, after reaching the state semifinals last season.

Neal was ranked as the top prospect in Nebraska by both Rivals.com and 247 Sports, and both services listed him among the top 40 defensive ends in the nation. Neal chose Nebraska over Michigan, and also visited Oklahoma, with offers from Oregon and Iowa among others.

## **Jordan Ober**

6-1, 200, LS, Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman HS)

- > Part of state championship teams each of past two seasons
- Ranked among nation's top long snappers by RubioLongSnapping.com
- Helped Gorman kickers make more than 90 perent of kicks past two years

Jordan Ober joined the Nebraska scholarship class in the final week before Signing Day. Ober comes to Nebraska regarded as one of the nation's top long snappers, adding an important piece to the Huskers' special teams.

The 6-1, 200-pound Ober was a part of one of the nation's top prep programs at Las Vegas' Bishop Gorman High School. The school has captured the Division I state title the past two seasons for Coach Tony Sanchez, who was recently named the head coach at UNLV.

As a senior, Ober helped Bishop Gorman to a perfect 15-0 record and a top-five national prep ranking. Ober's snapping helped Gorman kickers make 102-of-109 extra points and 4-of-7 field goals. Bishop Gorman also averaged nearly 40 yards per punt. Ober also caught one pass and had two tackles.

During Ober's junior season, Bishop Gorman posted a 13-2 record en route to a state title. Gorman's kickers made 85-of-90 PATs in 2013, and Ober added three tackles. Ober was ranked among the nation's top long snapping prospects according to Chris Rubio of RubioLongSnapping.com.

Ober also drew interest from Arizona State, Boise State and San Jose State before choosing Nebraska.

# **Devine Ozigbo**

5-11, 225, RB, Sachse, Texas (Sachse HS)

- > Two-time all-district selection in Texas Class 5A
- Rushed for more than 2,500 yards, while adding nearly 1,000 receiving yards
- Accounted for 49 touchdowns over the past three seasons

Devine Ozigbo is a versatile running back who joins the Nebraska program following a highly successful prep career at Sachse High School in Texas. The 5-11, 225-pound Ozigbo has shown the ability to dominate a game both as a runner and as a receiver out of the backfield.

Ozigbo played in a prolific offense for Coach Mark Behrens, as the team averaged better than 500 total yards per game, including 321 passing yards per game in 2014. Despite being in a pass-first offense, Ozigbo rushed for 795 yards on 149 carries, while recording four 100-yard rushing games and 15 rushing touchdowns. He also caught 22 passes for 415 yards and four touchdowns. Ozigbo's play helped Sachse to a 6-4 record in 2014. Ozigbo earned first-team All-District 11 honors in the 5A ranks for his outstanding play as a senior.

Ozigbo's play in 2013 helped Sachse to be one of Texas' top teams in the 5A ranks. Sachse finished the year with an 11-1 record before losing in the second round of the 5A Division 1 state playoffs. Ozigbo rushed for 947 yards and 13 touchdowns on 148 carries, while catching 23 passing for 311 yards and two scores. His play netted Ozigbo a spot on the 2013 all-district team.

Ozigbo first made a strong impact as a sophomore in 2012. He rushed 150 times for 802 yards and 12 touchdowns and caught 20 passes, with three touchdown receptions. His play helped his team to an 8-3 record and a trip to the 5A state playoffs.

Ozigbo was ranked among the nation's top 60 running backs by Rivals.com, 247 Sports and ESPN. Rivals and 247 also listed him among the top 100 overall players in Texas. Ozigbo originally committed to Iowa State, before choosing the Huskers. He had dozens of offers including Illinois, Iowa, Kansas State, Miami, Minnesota, Utah and Wisconsin to name a few.

## **Antonio Reed**

6-2, 200, DB, Memphis, Tenn. (Southaven (Miss.) HS)

- Helped Southaven High to Mississippi state semifinals
- Versatile defender who has played multiple positions
- > Ranked among top 40 players in Mississippi

Antonio Reed was part of a late flurry of additions to the Huskers' 2015 signing class, committing to Nebraska on the final weekend before Signing Day. Reed is a versatile defender who could play a variety of positions for the Huskers.

The 6-2, 200-pound Reed was a standout at Southaven High School in the Memphis area. His play as a senior helped Coach Ed Rich's team to an 11-3 record and a trip to the semifinals of the Class 6A state playoffs. Reed lined up in a variety of positions, but was primarily a defensive back. He made 19 tackles, including a tackle for loss and added an interception. He also had a touchdown reception as a receiver for the Chargers.

Reed was also a standout defender for Southaven in 2013, helping his team to a 6-6 record.

Reed was listed among the top 40 players in Mississippi by 247 Sports and was ranked as one of the nation's top 100 safety prospects. Reed also visited Memphis and drew strong recruiting interest from Southern Miss before picking Nebraska.

# **Matt Snyder**

6-5, 245, TE, San Ramon, Calif. (California HS)

- ▶ Helped California High in San Ramon, Calif., to three playoff appearances
- > Averaged nearly 20 yards per reception over the past two seasons
- Made 99 tackles on defense during junior and senior years

Matt Snyder gives Nebraska a versatile tight end in the 2015 recruiting class, joining the Husker program from California. The 6-5, 245-pound Snyder was a standout performer for California High School in San Ramon, helping the team to three consecutive playoff appearances.

As a senior Snyder caught 17 passes for 408 yards, an average of 24 yards per reception. He also had four touchdowns receptions for Coach Eric Billeci's team. Snyder was also a strong contributor on defense, racking up 57 tackles, while adding an interception and seven quarterback hurries. Snyder's play helped his team to a 9-4 record before losing in the semifinals of the CIF Division I state playoffs.

Snyder had 17 receptions in his junior season, good for 259 receiving yards and two touchdowns. He was also a defensive stalwart for the Grizzlies, making 42 tackles, with 1.5 sacks, two breakups and a fumble recovery. Snyder's play helped California High to an 11-3 record, before losing in the CIF North Coast Division I playoffs.

Snyder provided depth on both sides of the ball as a sophomore in 2012, when his team posted a 10-3 record and advanced to the Division I state championship game.

Snyder was ranked among the nation's top 20 tight ends by 247 Sports and ESPN, and 247 ranked him among the top 70 overall players in California. Snyder chose Nebraska after also visiting Oregon State, Michigan and California.

## **Adrienne Talan**

6-1, 200, LB, Davie, Fla. (Flanagan HS)

- ▶ First-team Class 8A Florida all-state selection
- ▶ Helped team to Class 8A playoff appearances past two seasons
- Made more than 90 tackles each of past two seasons

Adrienne Talan joins an impressive group of defensive standouts in the Huskers' 2015 signing class. The 6-1, 200-pound Talan was a key playmaker for Flanagan High School in Florida over the past two seasons.

Talan helped Coach Devin Bush's team to a 12-1 record in 2014, culminated by a trip to the Class 8A state semifinals. Talan was a key part of the success and earned first-team Florida Class 8A all-state honors by the Associated Press.

Talan was also a key playmaker for the Flanagan High defense in 2013. He recorded 96 tackles, including four sacks, and also had three fumbles caused, two fumble recoveries, a blocked punt and a blocked field goal. His efforts helped Flanagan High School to a 9-2 record and a Class 8A playoff appearance.

Talan was regarded as the nation's No. 79 athlete prospect by 247Sports composite rankings, and he was listed among the top 150 players in Florida.

Talan also visited Oregon State, Pittsburgh, TCU and Temple, before picking Nebraska. He also had offers from Arkansas, Indiana, Iowa and Purdue.

## **Aaron Williams**

5-11, 185, DB, Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS)

- Helped Atlanta Carver High to back-to-back state playoff appearances
- > Two-time all-state pick and four-time all-region selection
- > Totaled nearly 300 tackles in his final two high school seasons

Aaron Williams is part of an impressive group of talented defenders who joined the Nebraska program in January. Williams starred at Carver High School in Atlanta, where he was one of the top defensive backs in the Southeast.

As a senior, Williams helped Carver High to an 8-3 record and a trip to the Class AAAAA state playoffs. Williams was a dominant defender from the secondary for Coach Darren Myles, racking up 148 tackles, including 101 solo stops. He also had 10 tackles for loss, six breakups and an interception. Williams was also an explosive threat on offense, catching 13 passes for 283 yards, an average of 21.8 yards per catch, and he ran for 116 yards on 15 carries. Williams was a first-team Class AAAAA all-state selection for his play in 2014.

Williams earned first-team all-region honors each of his four years at Carver High and was also a first-team all-state pick by the Atlanta Journal Constitution in 2013. In his junior season, he helped Carver reach the Class AAAAA plyaoff by racking up 145 tackles, including 109 solo stops. He added six interceptions and four pass breakups.

Williams was regarded as one of the top 75 prospects in Georgia and was ranked among the top 30 safeties in the country by 247Sports. Williams was selected to play in the Rising Senior Bowl in January of 2014, featuring the top 101 college prospects in the state.

Williams committed to Nebraska in May after considering offers from Kansas State, Mississippi State, Cincinnati and Purdue, among others. Williams is the son of Ernest and Felicia Williams, and born on Jan. 1, 1997.

# **Dedrick Young**

6-1, 220, LB, Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial HS)

- > Two-time first-team All-Arizona selection
- Rushed for more than 3,700 yards and 51 touchdowns the past three years
- Totaled 210 tackles and 19 tackles for loss during prep career

Dedrick Young is one of four defensive players who joined the Nebraska program in January. The 6-1, 220-pound Young came to Nebraska from Centennial High in Peoria, Ariz., where he excelled as both a linebacker and running back.

Young's play on both sides of the ball led Coach Richard Taylor's team deep into the Arizona Division II playoffs the past three seasons. In 2014, the Coyotes posted a 12-2 record and won the state championship, winning their four playoff games by an average of nearly 30 points per game.

Young keyed the state title season. On offense, he rushed for 1,557 yards and 19 touchdowns with nine 100-yard rushing games. In the final three playoff games, Young rushed for a total of 379 yards and five touchdowns. Defensively, he totaled 98 tackles, including 55 solo stops, seven tackles for loss and a sack. Young also added nine hurries, an interception and two breakups.

Young's versatility was evident in his postseason honors. He was an All-Arizona offensive pick by the Arizona Republic and the publication's Division II Player of the Year, while the state's coaches association named him the Division II Defensive Player of the Year.

As a junior, Young rushed for 1,696 yards and 17 touchdowns, while adding 89 tackles, nine tackles for loss, five sacks and three fumbles caused. His play led Centennial High to a 10-2 record and a trip to the state playoffs. Young was an All-Arizona selection as a running back.

Young contributed on both sides of the ball as a sophomore, helping the Coyotes to a 12-2 record and a state runner-up finish. Young rushed for 450 yards and 15 touchdowns, while adding 23 tackles and three tackles for loss.

Young was a consensus top 10 player in Arizona. Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 41 running back in the nation, 247 Sports listed him as the nation's No. 49 athlete prospect and Scout ranked him as the nation's No. 34 linebacker.

Young chose Nebraska after also visiting Washington, and he had offers from nearly every Pac-12 school including Oregon State, UCLA, Arizona and Arizona State.

#### Walk-On Student-Athletes

Nebraska has secured commitments from eight prospects who plan to join the walkons for the 2015 season.

## **Fyn Anderson**

## 6-3, 260, DL, Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast HS)

Fyn Anderson joins the Nebraska 2015 walk-on class after starting for three seasons at Lincoln Southeast High School. The 6-3, 260-pound Anderson was a standout performer for Coach Ryan Gottula's teams, helping the Knights to state playoff appearances in 2012 and 2013.

In addition to his play on the offensive line, Anderson had 31 tackles and two sacks as a senior. He earned honorable-mention Class A all-state honors from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star.

Anderson also earned honorable-mention all-state honors as a junior when the Knights reached the state playoffs in part behind Anderson's dominant blocking. Anderson also started in 2012, when Southeast posted a 9-2 record and reached the state quarterfinals.

Anderson also had offers from Cornell, Holy Cross, Drake and San Diego.

## **Jared Brugmann**

## 6-2, 225, LB, Gretna, Neb. (Gretna HS)

Jared Brugmann was a standout performer for Gretna High School over the past three seasons, helping the Dragons rank among the state's top Class B programs each year. Brugmann saw action on both sides of the ball in 2014, racking up 89 tackles, including 11 tackles for loss from his linebacker position. He added four fumble recoveries, a blocked field goal and a blocked punt. He also rushed 22 times for 111 yards and three touchdowns.

Brugmann's play helped Coach Chad Jepsen's team to a 9-2 record and a trip to the second round of the state playoffs in 2014. Brugmann earned honorable-mention all-state accolades from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star, and was named to the World-Herald's All-Area team.

Brugmann had 23 tackles and a tackle for loss as a junior, helping Gretna to an 11-1 record and a trip to the Class B state semifinals.

## **Brody Cleveland**

#### 6-2, 210, LB, Ogallala, Neb. (Ogallala HS)

Brody Cleveland was a versatile two-way performer at Ogallala High School, helping his team to the state playoffs each of the past two seasons. The 6-2, 210-pound Cleveland had 74 carries for 338 yards and five touchdowns as a running back in 2014, while catching 12 passes for 157 yards. On defense, Cleveland made 108 tackles, including 74 solo stops for Coach Jeff McBride's team. Cleveland also had a fumble recovery and a blocked punt in 2014.

Cleveland's performance helped Ogallala to the Class C-1 state playoffs in 2014. Cleveland was an honorable-mention all-state pick by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald. He was also an honorable-mention choice in his junior season.

## **Austin Hemphill**

#### 6-0, 220, FB, Gretna, Neb. (Gretna HS)

Austin Hemphill is one of two Gretna High School products set to join the Nebraska program as a walk-on, joining fellow Dragon Jared Bruggman. The 6-0, 220-pound Hemphill excelled on both sides of the ball for Coach Chad Jepsen, helping Gretna to a trip to the second round of the Class B state playoffs in 2014.

Hemphill carried the ball 95 times for 451 yards and four touchdowns in 2014, and had one 100-yard rushing game. On defense, he made 14 tackles and had an interception. A powerful athlete, Hemphill ran a 4.65 40-yard dash, and was also a state champion powerlifter in the 220-pound division.

### **Reid Karel**

## 6-3, 190, QB, Seward, Neb. (Seward HS)

Reid Karel joins Nebraska's walk-on class after excelling at quarterback for Seward High School. The 6-3, 190-pound Karel threw for nearly 2,000 yards with 14 touchdown passes during his senior season. He also rushed for 270 yards and six touchdowns. Karel led Coach Jamie Opfer's team to an 8-3 record, before losing in the Class B state quarterfinals.

Karel was an honorable-mention all-state pick by both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. Karel has also been a member of the Bluejays' basketball and baseball teams over the past three seasons.

## **Wyatt Mazour**

#### 5-9, 190, ATH, Albion, Neb. (Boone Central HS)

Wyatt Mazour has been one of the state's most dynamic playmakers over the past two seasons for Boone Central/Newman Grove. Mazour led Coach Arnold Johnson's team to a perfect 13-0 record and Class C-1 state title in 2014. Mazour passed for 1,863 yards and 25 touchdowns, while completing better than 56 percent of his passes. On the ground, Mazour rushed for 1,632 yards and 26 touchdowns, with eight 100-yard rushing games. Mazour added nine tackles and two interceptions on defense and had more than 600 return yards, including 485 yards on kickoff returns.

Mazour was the first-team Super State quarterback by the Lincoln Journal Star and first-team All-Nebraska by the Omaha World-Herald for his play as a senior. Both the Journal Star and World-Herald named him the honorary captain of the Class C-1 all-state team in 2014.

Mazour was also the C-1 all-state quarterback as a junior, leading his team to an 11-1 record and a trip to the state semifinals. Mazour threw for 1,608 yards and 11 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,228 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2013. He also added 19 tackles and three interceptions and had more than 500 return yards.

## **Jacob Weinmaster**

#### 6-0, 200, LB, Loveland, Colo. (Loveland HS)

Jacob Weinmaster is the lone out-state walk-on in Nebraska's 2015 class. The 6-0, 200-pound Weinmaster excelled on both sides of the ball the past three seasons at Loyeland (Colo.) High School.

Weinmaster rushed for 806 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior, while catching 13 passes for 308 yards and three touchdowns. On defense, he made 172 tackles, including three tackles for loss, while adding four interceptions for Coach Wayne McGinn's team.

In 2013, Weinmaster totaled 125 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss. He rushed for 516 yards and 11 touchdowns, while catching 13 passes for 129 yards. He also threw for 200 yards and three touchdowns on just seven completions.

Weinmaster first made an impact for Loveland High as a sophomore, recording 108 tackles, including 71 solo stops. He added four tackles for loss and four blocked kicks. On offense, Weinmaster ran for 732 yards and six touchdowns.

## **Conor Young**

# 6-1, 170, ATH, Cozad, Neb. (Cozad HS)

Conor Young has been an outstanding performer on both sides of the ball throughout his career at Cozad High School, helping his team rank among the top schools in the Class C-1 ranks. As a senior, Young threw for 1,311 yards and 17 touchdowns for Coach Brian Cargill's team. Young also ran for 982 yards and 12 touchdowns, compiling four 100-yard rushing games. Young also intercepted six passes, while adding 11 pass breakups. He also averaged nearly 30 yards on kickoff returns and better than 20 yards on punt returns.

Young's efforts helped Cozad to a 10-2 record in 2014, and a trip to the Class C-1 state semifinals. He was a first-team Class C-1 all-state pick as a defensive back by both the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star.

Young was an honorable-mention all-state pick as a junior, helping Cozad to a 13-0 record and a Class C-1 state title. Young had 19 receptions for 509 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior. Defensively, he had 64 tackles, four tackles for loss and six interceptions to lead the defense.