

Wrestling Adds Eight More for 2013-14

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With two already signed after the early signee period, Appalachian State University wrestling head coach JohnMark Bentley added eight more to the

2013 recruiting class, highlighted by four NHSCA All-Americans, three Junior National Freestyle All-Americans and a combined 18 state championships.

In addition to Nick Kee and Adrian Soto-Perez who signed in November, the recruiting classes will total 10 for the 2013-14 season.

Nick Hall - Alabaster, Ala. – Thompson HS – proj. 157

Hall recorded an impressive 190-15 record at Thompson High School, where he won three-straight state championships at 170 pounds. Hall was a main contributor to the team's three-straight team state championships. Hall became the first wrestler in Thompson history to sign a National Letter of Intent.

Kacee Hutchinson – Candler, N.C. – Enka HS – proj. 197

Under head coach Mark Harris, Hutchinson was a three-time all-state wrestler while tallying two state championships at 195 pounds. During all four seasons, Hutchinson was named to the all-region and all-conference teams. The Candler native earned NHSCA All-American status three times and is a member of Strong and Courageous where he was a two-time Southeast Freestyle champion.

Collin Johnson – Gastonia, N.C. – North Gaston HS – proj. 184/197

Johnson captured the 3A state championship at 182 pounds during his senior season after earning back-to-back regional championships. The Gastonia native finished his high school career with a 169-31 record and became the all-time career wins leader at North Gaston. Johnson set a school-record 101 pins during his four seasons.

Marcus Johnson – Shillington, Pa. – Governor Mifflin HS – proj. 184

Johnson is coming off a fourth place finish at the PIAA state tournament, but captured a District 3-AAA championship at 195 pounds. Johnson closed out his career as a member of the District

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3 all-star team.

Alex Kruklinski – St. Petersburg, Fla. – Northside Christian – proj. 184/197

Born in Moscow, Kruklinski captured a state championship at 195 pounds during his senior season. Before coming to Florida, Kruklinski competed in New Jersey where he became the Bergen Country Champion.

Colby Langford – Hendersonville, N.C. – North Henderson HS – proj. 125

During Langford's four seasons, the Hendersonville native put together a 177-18 record and was named to the all-conference team after three seasons. Langford won a state championship after his sophomore and junior season and was named MVP of the team.

Ryland O'Brien – Virginia Beach, Va. – First Colonial HS – proj. 174/184

O'Brien appeared in the state championship at 182 pounds in back-to-back seasons and won the title during his senior season.

Forrest Prybysz – Jefferson, Ga. – Jefferson HS – proj. 184

Prybysz was a four-year letterman at Jefferson High School under Doug Thurmond. Prybysz claimed three Georgia State Championships and was earned NHSCA All-American status twice.