

Nineteen student-athletes have signed National Letters of Intent/grant-in-aid agreements to join Appalachian State University's football program, head coach Jerry Moore announced on Wednesday. The nineteen signees include seventeen student-athletes that signed with the Mountaineers on Monday — DB Dante Blackmon (Covington, Ga./Eastside), TE Barrett Burns (Woodstock, Ga./Etowah), OL Jamie Collmar (Gastonia, N.C./Forestview), LB Olawale Dada (Columbus, Ga./Shaw), OL Tyson Fernandez (Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Fuquay-Varina), DB Alex Gray (Suwanne, Ga./Peachtree Ridge), LB Greg Hall (Bogart, Ga./North Oconee), WR Malachi Jones (Roswell, Ga./Central Gwinnett), DB Aaron Krah (Durham, N.C./Hillside), LB John Law (Atlanta, Ga./Grady), QB Paul Magloire (Lynbrook, N.Y./Milford Academy), DL Greg Milhouse (Garner, N.C./Garner), OL Matthew Privette (Marshville, N.C./Forest Hills), LB Tashion Singleton (Charlotte, N.C./West Mecklenburg), DL Darian Small (Hampton, Ga./Dutchtown), WR Chris Starks (Lithonia, Ga./Miller Grove) and DB Kevin Walton (Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley) — and two that enrolled at ASU at the beginning of the spring semester — RB Tysean Holloway (Asheville, N.C./Asheville) and RB Quarterrio Morgan (Jonesboro, Ga./Mount Zion/Western Kentucky).

Ten of the 19 newest Mountaineers hail from the state of Georgia with eight from North Carolina and one from New York. Nearly half of the signees (8-of-19) received two- or three-star prospect ratings from Rivals.com. All 19 members of the new class have four seasons of eligibility at Appalachian. The two early enrollees (Holloway and Morgan) have already begun strength-and-conditioning activities with the Mountaineers and will participate in spring practice, which is slated to begin in mid- to late March.

2012 APPALACHIAN STATE FOOTBALL SIGNEES

Dante Blackmon DB 6-11 185 Covington, Ga. Eastside

Barrett Burns TE 6-4 220 Woodstock, Ga. Etowah

Jamie Collmar OL 6-2 280 Gastonia, N.C. Forestview

Olawale Dada LB 6-0 210 Columbus, Ga. Shaw

Tyson Fernandez OL 6-2 315 Fuquay-Varina, N.C. Fuquay-Varina

Alex Gray DB 6-3 210 Suwanne, Ga. Peachtree Ridge

Greg Hall LB 6-3 235 Bogart, Ga. North Oconee

Tysean Holloway* RB 6-1 190 Asheville, N.C. Asheville

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Malachi Jones WR 6-1 180 Roswell, Ga. Central Gwinnett
Aaron Krah DB 5-11 175 Durham, N.C. Hillside
John Law LB 6-0 225 Atlanta, Ga. Grady
Paul Magloire QB 6-2 210 Lynbrook, N.Y. Milford Academy
Greg Milhouse DL 6-3 275 Garner, N.C. Garner
Quartrerio Morgan* RB 5-10 180 Jonesboro, Ga. Mount Zion (Western Kentucky) Matthew
Privette OL 6-4 280 Marshville, N.C. Forest Hills
Tashion Singleton LB 6-3 245 Charlotte, N.C. West Mecklenburg
Darian Small DL 6-2 285 Hampton, Ga. Dutchtown
Chris Starks WR 6-1 170 Lithonia, Ga. Miller Grove
Kevin Walton DB 6-1 190 Greensboro, N.C. Grimsley

* enrolled at ASU at the beginning of the spring semester

SIGNING DAY RECEPTION LIVE ON GoASU TV

At 6:15 p.m., GoASU TV premium subscribers can tune in for a video stream of ASU's annual National Signing Day reception, live from the Appalachian Athletics Center. The show, hosted by the Appalachian IMG Sports Network football broadcast team of David Jackson and Steve Brown, will include highlights of all of Appalachian's signees, comments from head coach Jerry Moore, assistant head coach/offensive coordinator Scott Satterfield, defensive coordinator Dale Jones, recruiting coordinator Scot Sloan and Rivals.com reporter Brian McLawhorn.

SIGNEES BIOGRAPHIES

DANTE BLACKMON (DB, 5-11, 185, Covington, Ga./Eastside)

Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals.com ... named first-team all-region on both offense and defense as a senior ... also garnered all-area recognition in 2011 ... tallied 31 tackles with five interceptions and nine pass break-ups as a defensive back and caught 44 passes for 636 yards and five touchdowns (including four in the team's final two games) at wide receiver as a senior

... participated in 2011 Georgia High School Senior All-Star Bowl at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta ... played at same high school as ASU all-America cornerback Demetrius McCray ... coached by Rick Hurst ... also recruited by Indiana, Wake Forest, Western Kentucky and Buffalo.

BARRETT BURNS (TE, 6-4, 220, Woodstock, Ga./Etowah)

Honorable-mention all-state honoree after catching 22 passes for 280 yards and five touchdowns as a tight end/wide receiver in a run-oriented offense as a senior ... 280 receiving yards led team and ranked third in Cherokee County in 2011 ... finished prep career with 31 receptions for 612 yards and seven touchdowns ... two-time county Receiver of the Year ... helped lead Etowah to region championship as a junior ... coached by Bill Stewart ... versatile athlete also plays power forward for Etowah's basketball team and is a sprinter and competes in triple jump in track and field ... was basketball team's Defensive Player of the Year and member of county-champion 4x100 relay team as a junior ... also recruited by Rice, Samford, Arkansas State, Air Force, Ball State, Ohio and Marshall.

JAMIE COLLMAR (OL, 6-2, 280, Gastonia, N.C./Forestview)

Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... earned all-state recognition as a senior ... also received all-region recognition in 2011 and is a two-time all-conference honoree ... named Forestview's 2011 MVP and Offensive Lineman of the Year ... was credited with 44 pancake blocks and graded out at 95 percent as an offensive lineman for a Forestview squad that rushed for over 2,000 yards in 2011 ... also recorded 43 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, six sacks, 14 quarterback hurries, five forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two pass break-ups on defense ... coached by Chris Medlin ... also recruited by Florida International.

OLAWALE DADA (LB, 6-0, 210, Columbus, Ga./Shaw)

An all-city honoree after recording 113 tackles, five tackles for loss, three sacks and one interception as a senior ... excellent student-athlete was a top-50 semifinalist for the 2011 Rudy

Award (and the only semifinalist from Georgia), given to the nation's high-school football player that best embodies the characteristics of Rudy Ruettiger, the 1970s Notre Dame walk-on that inspired the 1990s movie Rudy ... born in Nigeria ... moved to United States with his family at age 2 ... began playing football as a sophomore in an attempt to overcome cultural differences and fit in better with his peers ... coached by Jamie Fox ... enjoys writing ... also recruited by Wofford and Furman.

TYSON FERNANDEZ (OL, 6-2, 315, Fuquay-Varina, N.C./Fuquay-Varina)

Versatile lineman was a two-time all-conference honoree at right guard and second-team all-conference selection as a nose guard as a senior ... also earned all-area recognition as a senior ... helped lead Fuquay-Varina to a 10-2 record in 2011 ... coached by Ryan Habich.

ALEX GRAY (DB, 6-3, 210, Suwanne, Ga./Peachtree Ridge)

Had 57 tackles and an interception en route to first-team all-region and all-county recognition as a senior ... named MVP of 2011 Georgia Athletic Association North-South all-star game after intercepting two passes to help lead the North to a 20-3 win ... also participated in 2011 Rivalries of Gwinnett all-star game ... helped lead Peachtree Ridge to 8-3 record and state playoff appearance as a senior ... coached by Mark Fleetwood ... also recruited by Arkansas, Georgia Tech and South Carolina.

GREG HALL (LB, 6-3, 235, Bogart, Ga./North Oconee)

Two-time first-team all-state honoree ... led one of Georgia's top defenses in 2011 with a school-record 18 sacks ... finished with 63 total tackles and four pass break-ups as a senior, en route to garnering all-area and all-region recognition to go along with his second-straight first-team all-state accolades ... was main cog in a defense that surrendered just 8.5 points per game and posted five shutouts in 2011 ... helped lead North Oconee to an undefeated regular season and 11-1 final record as a senior ... uncle, Will Witherspoon, is a 10-year NFL veteran with the Tennessee Titans and played collegiately at Georgia ... coached by Terry Tully ... also

recruited by Wofford, Georgia State, Charlotte and Gardner-Webb.

TYSEAN HOLLOWAY (RB, 6-1, 190, Asheville, N.C./Asheville)

Graduated early from Asheville H.S. in December and enrolled at ASU as a true freshman this semester ... rated as a two-star recruit by Rivals.com ... rushed for 4,844 yards and 77 touchdowns during his three-year prep career ... named 2011 Mountain Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year after rushing for 1,405 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior ... versatile athlete also caught 16 passes for 233 yards and threw for 99 yards and a score as a senior ... enjoyed his best statistical campaign as a junior in 2010 when he amassed 1,891 rushing yards and 29 touchdowns ... helped Asheville compile a sparkling 30-6-1 overall record and three state quarterfinal appearances from 2009-11 ... participated in 2011 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas ... coached by Danny Watkins ... attended same high school as current ASU teammates Mark Powell and Trevor Sawyer ... also recruited by Duke, North Carolina and Western Carolina.

MALACHI JONES (WR, 6-1, 180, Roswell, Ga./Central Gwinnett)

Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... led Gwinnett County with 82 receptions, 1,059 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns and 12.9 yards per catch as a senior ... received second-team all-state and first-team all-county recognition in 2011 ... participated in 2011 Rivalries of Gwinnett all-star game and 2010 RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl ... named Gwinnett County Player of the Month in October 2011 ... voted team's MVP and Receiver of the Year as a senior ... broke school and county records for receptions (15) and receiving yards (276) in a game and receptions in a season (82) ... coached by Todd Wofford ... late father, Andre, won 1988 national championship as a linebacker at Notre Dame and played professionally for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Detroit Lions and Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL) ... brother, T.J., is a current starting wide receiver at Notre Dame ... uncle, Phillip Daniels, played 14 seasons in the NFL with Seattle, Chicago and Washington ... godfather, Raghbir "Rocket" Ismail, finished second in voting for the 1990 Heisman Trophy at Notre Dame and recorded over 5,000 receiving yards in nine NFL seasons ... also recruited by UCLA, Louisiana-Monroe, William & Mary, Georgia Southern and Chattanooga.

AARON KRAH (DB, 5-11, 175, Durham, N.C./Hillside)

Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... named PAC 6 Conference Defensive Back of the Year and first-team all-conference as a defensive back and return specialist as a senior ... received first-team all-area recognition from the Durham Herald-Sun ... also received all-conference accolades after intercepting five passes as a junior in 2010 ... participated in 2011 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas ... helped lead Hillside to N.C. 4-A state championship as a junior in 2010 and 11-2 record and third-round playoff appearance as a senior in '11 ... coached by Antonio King ... also recruited by Minnesota, Navy and North Carolina Central.

JOHN LAW (LB, 6-0, 225, Atlanta, Ga./Grady)

Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... collected prestigious first-team Atlanta all-city honors after making 106 tackles with two interceptions and two forced fumbles as a junior... participated in 2011 Georgia High School Senior All-Star Bowl at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta ... coached by Ronnie Millen ... attended same high school as former ASU all-America defensive end Jabari Fletcher ... also recruited by Cincinnati, Southern Miss, UAB, Western Kentucky, Georgia Southern, Chattanooga, Georgia State, Eastern Kentucky and Georgia State.

PAUL MAGLOIRE (QB, 6-2, 210, Lynbrook, N.Y./Milford Academy)

Rated a two-star prospect by Rivals.com ... spent 2011 season at Milford Academy, a prep school in upstate New York (New Berlin) after attending high school at Lynbrook H.S. on Long Island ... shared quarterbacking duties for a Milford squad comprised mostly of Division I prospects and helped lead the team to a perfect 12-0 record in 2011, playing against other prep schools and collegiate junior-varsity teams (including JV squads from Army, Yale, Lehigh, Robert Morris and Wagner) ... accounted for four touchdowns (two rushing, two passing) and completed 63.6 percent of pass attempts in only campaign at Milford ... led Lynbrook to the 2010 Long Island Class III championship, accounting for 21 touchdowns and 10 two-point conversions along the way ... ran for three touchdowns and two two-point conversions in the LI championship game ... coached by Bill Chaplick at Milford Academy and Steve LoCicero at Lynbrook ... also recruited by James Madison, Maine and Florida Atlantic.

GREG MILHOUSE (DL, 6-3, 275, Gardner, N.C./Garner)

Excelled on both the offensive and defensive lines ... all-state and all-region honoree ... helped lead Garner to 15-1 final record and N.C. 4-AA state championship game in 2011 ... major cog in a defensive unit that surrendered just 18 points per game while also helping pave the way for an offense that averaged over 45 points and 350 rushing yards per game as a senior was credited with 204 pancake blocks as a junior ... coached by Nelson Smith ... also recruited by Wake Forest, UCLA, Navy, Air Force and William & Mary, Richmond, Towson, Elon and Western Carolina.

QUARTTERRIO MORGAN (RB, 5-10, 180, Fr., Jonesboro, Ga./Mount Zion/Western Kentucky)

Has four years of eligibility remaining after redshirting as a true freshman at Western Kentucky in 2011 ... rated as a three-star recruit by Rivals.com, Scout.com and ESPN.com coming out of Mount Zion H.S. in suburban Atlanta last spring ... tabbed by Scout.com as the nation's No. 83 running back and by ESPN.com as the nation's No. 103 athlete ... rushed for more than 4,200 yards and 50 touchdowns as a four-year starter at Mount Zion, including 1,200 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior and 1,470 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior ... named first-team all-region, second-team all-state and team MVP ... coached by Jamie Aull ... also earned four letters in track and field.

MATTHEW PRIVETTE (OL, 6-4, 280, Marshville, N.C./Forest Hills)

Earned all-conference recognition at Forest Hills H.S. ... helped lead team to an 8-5 record in 2011, including a 6-1 mark in conference play, and the second round of the N.C. 2-AA state playoffs ... named team's MVP ... coached by John Lowery ... also recruited by Elon.

TASHION SINGLETON (LB, 6-3, 245, Charlotte, N.C./West Mecklenburg)

Two-time all-conference and all-Mecklenburg County selection ... led West Mecklenburg with 136 tackles as a senior ... was team MVP as a junior and senior ... earned West Meck's leadership award following senior campaign ... honor-roll student ... coached by Jeff Caldwell ... uncle, Roman Phifer, played 15 seasons in the NFL with the Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams, New York Jets, New England Patriots and New York Giants after an all-America collegiate career at UCLA ... also recruited by Charlotte and South Carolina State.

DARIAN SMALL (DL, 6-2, 285, Hampton, Ga./Dutchtown)

Led team in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks as a senior, en route to second-team all-state and first-team all-metro Atlanta accolades ... compiled 195 tackles, 25 tackles for loss and 15 sacks in three prep seasons ... two-time all-region and all-Southern Crescent honoree ... three-time team MVP ... participated in 2011 Georgia High School Senior All-Star Bowl at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and 2010 RisingSeniors.com Georgia Junior Bowl ... coached by Jason Galt ... also recruited by Georgia Southern and Chattanooga.

CHRIS STARKS (WR, 6-1, 170, Lithonia, Ga./Miller Grove)

Led team and ranked among the DeKalb County leaders with 26 receptions for 453 yards and three touchdowns as a senior ... averaged 17.4 yards per catch in 2011 ... also chipped in with 16 tackles, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery as a senior ... coached by Daydrin Shell ... also recruited by Chattanooga, Samford and Middle Tennessee State.

KEVIN WALTON (DB, 6-1, 190, Greensboro, N.C./Grimsley)

Recorded 68 tackles with two sacks as a senior safety ... coached by Damon Coiro ... also recruited by Old Dominion, North Carolina A&T and North Carolina Central.

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