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Alabama Football Adds 23 Student-Athletes on First Day of Early Signing Period

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The University of Alabama football program announced the addition of 23 student-athletes to its 2022 recruiting class Wednesday, the first day of the early signing period.

The 23 signees come from 10 states, including Alabama (7), Georgia (4), Florida (3), Louisiana (2), Mississippi (1), New Jersey (1), Ohio (1), Tennessee (1), Texas (1), Virginia (1), while one resides from Canada.

Listed by position, the Crimson Tide added to its roster four apiece at defensive back and wide receiver; three apiece at defensive line, linebacker and offensive line; two at running back and athlete; and one each at tight end and quarterback.

Among the 23 players

- Four of the signees are five-star prospects and 18 of the players are four-star athletes by at least one of the following: [PrepStar](#), [247Sports](#), [247Composite](#), [Rivals.com](#) and/or [ESPN.com](#)
- Eighteen newcomers were ranked in the [ESPN300](#) and [PrepStar 300](#): Jeremiah Alexander, Aaron Anderson, Isaiah Bond, Tyler Booker, Jihaad Campbell, Trequon Fegans, Emmanuel Henderson, Antonio Kite, Kendrick Law, Earl Little Jr., Jamarion Miller, Shawn Murphy, Amari Niblack, Jahiem Oatis, Khurtiss Perry, Shazz Preston, Elijah Pritchett and Ty Simpson
- Twelve players were listed on the [Rivals100](#): Jeremiah Alexander, Aaron Anderson, Isaiah Bond, Emmanuel Henderson, Earl Little Jr., Shawn Murphy, Amari Niblack, Jaheim Oatis, Kobe Prentice, Shazz Preston, Elijah Pritchett and Ty Simpson

Player Bios

Jeremiah Alexander

LB, 6-2, 250, Alabaster, Ala./Thompson

The top-rated player from Alabama and one of the top edge rushers in his class ... a five-star recruit by Rivals.com, ESPN.com, PrepStar and on the 247Composite ... the fourth-ranked player on the Rivals250 and the No. 1-ranked weakside defensive end by Rivals ... No. 11 on the ESPN300, the second-ranked defensive end and No. 7 player in the Southeast Region according to ESPN ... the top-ranked edge rusher and eighth-ranked prospect nationally on the 247Composite ... earned a four-star grade by 247Sports, who listed him as the No. 5 edge rusher and 33rd-rated recruit in the country ... the top-rated player at his position and in the state while also being tabbed as the No. 17 prospect on the Top 150 Dream Team by PrepStar ... earned MaxPreps Alabama Football Player of the Year honors in 2021 ... totaled 93 tackles, including 29 for loss, to go with 10 sacks and 27 quarterback hurries as a senior at Thompson High School ... helped the Warriors to the state title in 2021 ... selected to the Under Armour All-America Game following his senior campaign ... coached by Mark Freeman at THS ... signed with the Crimson Tide over Clemson and Georgia among a multitude of offers.

Aaron Anderson

WR, 5-9, 185, New Orleans, La./Edna Karr

Speedy wideout who also excelled on the gridiron and the track in high school ... a four-star prospect by all major recruiting sites ... No. 55 on the Rivals250 and the No. 88 prospect on the ESPN300 ... the eighth-ranked wide receiver and No. 13 player from Louisiana by Rivals.com ... tabbed the No. 10 wideout and No. 6 player from Louisiana on the rankings from both ESPN.com and PrepStar ... 247Composite listed him as the No. 96 player and No. 14 wide receiver nationally ... also tabbed as the Composite's eighth-ranked player in the state ... No. 162 overall and the No. 27 wide receiver in the country by 247Sports ... selected to the Under Armour All-America Game ... coached by Brice Brown at Edna Karr High School where he helped the Cougars to multiple state titles ... also set numerous track records while at EKHS ... signed with the Crimson Tide after decommitting from in-state LSU.

Tyler Booker

OL, 6-5, 325, Bradenton, Fla./IMG Academy

Versatile lineman who is one of the top offensive line recruits in his class ... a five-star offensive tackle and the No. 7 player on the ESPN300 by ESPN.com ... also tabbed the No. 5 player in the Southeast Region and third-ranked signee from Florida ... the fourth-ranked offensive guard and No. 126 player on the Rivals250 according to Rivals.com ... the No. 6 offensive tackle by both 247Sports and on the 247Composite ... tabbed as the 10th-ranked offensive tackle and fifth-ranked player from Florida by PrepStar ... No. 46 nationally and the No. 7 player from Florida by 247Sports ... the Composite's No. 51 player in the country and ninth-ranked recruit from his home state ... selected to the Under Armour All-America Game ... coached by former NFL linebacker Thomas "Pepper" Johnson at IMG Academy ... chose Alabama over Florida, Georgia and Ohio State.

Elijah Brown

TE, 6-5, 230, Dayton, Ohio/Wayne

A playmaker at tight end who hails from Ohio ... a consensus four-star prospect who is equally adept at making plays in the passing game while being a proven run blocker ... listed at No. 230 on the

Top247 while ranking as the No. 14 tight end and No. 11 player in Ohio ... 245th in the Rivals250, the No. 9 tight end in the nation and 10th-ranked player in Ohio ... rated No. 300 on the 247Composite, the No. 14 tight end and No. 11 player in the state ... ESPN.com's No. 8 tight end in the country, the No. 40 prospect in the Midwest Region and the No. 10 player in the state ... **four-star according to PrepStar** ... as a junior, caught 30 passes for 278 yards and a touchdown while helping block for a ground attack at Wayne High School that churned out 1,754 yards on just 277 attempts .. played for head coach Roosevelt Mukes at WHS ... chose Alabama over Virginia Tech, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Trequon Fegans

DB, 6-2, 185, Alabaster, Ala./Thompson

Continues the pipeline from Thompson High School to Alabama ... a unanimous four-star prospect ... ranked No. 104 on the 247Composite, the No. 15 cornerback and No. 5 player in the state of Alabama ... **earned the No. 90 spot nationally from PrepStar who also rated him as the No. 10 corner in the country and the fifth-ranked player in the state** ... No. 93 on the Top247 list while also being tabbed the No. 14 corner and No. 6 player in the state by 247Sports ... ESPN.com's No. 64 player on the ESPN300 ... also the No. 9 cornerback, No. 32 player in the Southeast Region and No. 4 player in Alabama by ESPN ... listed at 179 on the Rivals250 ... also ranked as the No. 16 corner and No. 7 player in the state by Rivals.com ... selected to play in the Under Armour All-America Game ... coached by Mark Freeman at Thompson High School where he helped lead the Warriors to three straight Alabama 7A State Championships ... chose Alabama over Miami.

Emmanuel Henderson

RB, 6-1, 185, Hartford, Ala./Geneva County

One of the top athletes and running backs in the nation ... a 247Composite five-star player who is ranked 30th nationally, the No. 1 running back overall and the No. 2 player in the state of Alabama ... ranked 18th on the ESPN300 and is the outlet's top-ranked running back ... also rated as the No. 12 player in the Southeast Region and No. 2 player in the state by ESPN.com ... No. 45 on the Top247 list, the No. 2 running back and No. 2 player in the state according to 247Sports ... Rivals.com's No. 53 recruit on the Rivals250, the No. 4 athlete and third-ranked player in Alabama ... **a five-star by PrepStar who is the outlet's No. 34 signee nationally and the No. 2 running back** ... selected to the Under Armour All-America Game ... coached by Jim Bob Striplin at Geneva County High School where he rushed for 1,447 yards as a junior with 20 touchdowns ... accounted for 1,996 yards and 32 scores as a sophomore ... 2A all-state selection as a junior in 2020 ... a three-sport star who also averaged double figures on the basketball court and has been timed at 11.4 in the 100-meter dash ... chose Alabama over Auburn, Clemson and Georgia.

Antonio Kite

DB, 6-1, 180, Anniston, Ala./Anniston

One of the top football players in Alabama who has excelled on both sides of the football ... expected to focus on defensive back at Alabama ... a unanimous four-star prospect ... ranked 81st on the ESPN300 ... ESPN.com's No. 5 athlete, No. 36 player in the Southeast Region and No. 5 signee from the state of Alabama ... No. 173 on the Rivals250, the No. 18 athlete nationally and the No. 10 player from the state ... No. 154 on the 247Composite, the No. 5 athlete and No. 9 player in Alabama ... ranks No. 221 on the Top247 list by 247Sports while also being tabbed the No. 9 athlete overall and No. 11 player in the state ... **No. 172 recruit nationally by PrepStar and the No. 7 athlete in the nation** ... an outstanding basketball player as well, Kite was named the 2020 ASWA 4A Player of the Year after averaging 20.6 points, 6.9 rebounds and 8.8 assists per game ... coached by Rico White at Anniston High School ... chose Alabama over South Carolina, Tennessee and UCF.

Shawn Murphy

LB, 6-2, 215, Manassas, Va./Unity Reed

A four-star linebacker by all major outlets ... the top-ranked inside linebacker by both Rivals.com and ESPN.com ... Rivals' No. 34 prospect on the Rivals250 and the No. 2 player from Virginia ... the No. 35 recruit on the ESPN300, the second-ranked player from his home state and the No. 3 overall recruit in the East Region by the site ... **the No. 23 player on PrepStar's Top 150 Dream Team and the outlet's third-ranked linebacker and second-ranked player in the state of Virginia** ... listed as the No. 5 inside backer and No. 57 recruit in the country on the 247Composite ... the No. 127 player nationally and No. 9 linebacker by 247Sports while also being tabbed the site's No. 3 player in Virginia ... tallied 113 tackles, including 20 for loss and six sacks, to go with a pair of interceptions as a senior ... selected as the 2021 Butkus Award winner for high school ... also earned a spot in the Under Armour All-America Game and All-American Bowl ... coached by Carroll Walker at Unity Reed High School ... signed with the Crimson Tide over Florida, LSU, Ohio State and Penn State.

Amari NiBlack

ATH, 6-4, 225, Clearwater, Fla./Lakewood

One of the top athletes in his class who can slot in at wideout or tight end ... a four-star recruit by all major outlets ... the No. 7 athlete and No. 22 player from Florida by both 247Sports and on the 247Composite ... **No. 140 on PrepStar's Top 150 Dream Team** ... 247's No. 173 overall recruit and the No. 188 player on the Composite ... evaluated as a wide receiver by Rivals.com who has him listed as the No. 19 receiver overall and No. 21 player from Florida ... also earned the No. 92 spot on the Rivals250 list ... ESPN.com's No. 291 recruit on the ESPN300 and the No. 9 tight end/H-back in the country ... ranked 38th in the state of Florida and the No. 119 player in the Southeast Region by ESPN ... coached by Cory Moore at Lakewood High School ... also a standout basketball player for the Spartans ...chose Alabama over Florida State, Georgia Tech and Indiana.

Jahiem Oatis

DL, 6-4, 360, Columbia, Miss./Columbia

Powerful offensive lineman from neighboring Mississippi ... **earned a five-star ranking as the No. 2 recruit in Mississippi and 10th-ranked defensive tackle nationally by PrepStar** ... a four-star recruit by all other major outlets ... No. 24 on the ESPN300 and the fourth-ranked defensive tackle in the country ... also listed as the No. 15 player in the Southeast Region and the No. 2 player in Mississippi by ESPN ... the No. 83 recruit on the Rivals250 along with being tabbed the No. 6 defensive tackle and No. 3 player from Mississippi by Rivals.com ... the top-ranked player in Mississippi according to 247Sports ... 247Sports' No. 10 defensive lineman and No. 80 player overall ... listed as the No. 60 player and the No. 9 defensive lineman in the country on the 247Composite ... selected to the Under Armour All-America Game ... earned a spot on the Clarion Ledger's 2020 All-State Team as a junior thanks to his 65 tackles, including 18 for loss and three sacks, to go with four field goal blocks ... coached by Chip Bilderback at Columbia High School ... chose Alabama over in-state Mississippi State and Ole Miss along with LSU.

Jake Pope

DB, 6-1, 190, Buford, Ga./Buford

Talented defensive back from neighboring Georgia ... also saw time at wide receiver and as a return specialist in high school ... **a four-star recruit by ESPN.com, 247Sports and PrepStar** ... ESPN's No. 26 safety and No. 33 player from the state ... **rated as the No. 28 safety nationally and the No. 32 player from Georgia by PrepStar** ... the No. 29 safety nationally by 247Sports who also lists him as the No. 29 player in Georgia ... earned a three-star ranking from Rivals.com and on the

247Composite ... coached by Bryant Appling at Buford High School ... helped the Wolves to multiple state championships during his time on the varsity squad ... also a highly regarded baseball player ... signed with Alabama over Georgia, Notre Dame and North Carolina.

Dayne Shor

OT, 6-6, 315, Alpharetta, Ga./Denmark

Offensive lineman from neighboring Georgia ... a four-star recruit and the No. 39 offensive tackle in the country according to ESPN.com ... also listed as the No. 170 player in the Southeast Region and No. 37 signee in the state of Georgia by ESPN ... **earned a four-star grade from PrepStar who listed him as the No. 38 offensive tackle in the country** ... a three-star prospect by Rivals.com, 247Sports and on the 247Composite ... the Composite's No. 32 offensive tackle and No. 36 player in Georgia ... Rivals.com lists him as the No. 37 player in his home state ... coached by Mike Palmieri at Denmark High School ... chose Alabama over Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee and Texas A&M.

Ty Simpson

QB, 6-2, 195, Martin, Tenn./Westview

One of the top quarterback prospects in the nation ... a five-star quarterback on the 247Composite and the No. 24 recruit overall in the country ... the No. 3 quarterback on the Composite and the No. 2 player from the state of Tennessee ... **PrepStar's second-ranked quarterback and the No. 25 player on the outlet's Top 150 Dream Team** ... the No. 36 player nationally, the No. 4 signal-caller and the No. 2 player in the state by 247Sports ... rated No. 30 in the Rivals250 and the No. 3 quarterback in the nation while ranking as the No. 2 player in the state ... No. 31 on the ESPN300 and the No. 2 quarterback in the country ... also rated as the No. 17 player in the Southeast Region and No. 2 in Tennessee by ESPN.com ... named the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year after throwing for 2,827 yards and 41 touchdowns – just three interceptions – while rushing for 862 yards and 11 scores on 92 carries ... led Westview High School to the 2A Tennessee State Championship under the direction of head coach Jarod Neal ... participated in Nike's "The Opening" and was selected to the All-American Bowl in San Antonio, Texas ... threw for 1,888 yards as a junior on just 203 attempts with 20 touchdowns while rushing for 311 yards and seven scores ... chose Alabama over Clemson, Ole Miss and Tennessee.

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