

# WKU FOOTBALL 2018 SIGNING CLASS

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## 2018 Signing Class Roster (Listed Alphabetically)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School
1. Gino Appleberry	RB	5-9	205	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake HS
2. Devin Bell	DL	6-5	240	Goshen, Ala.	Goshen HS
3. Shannon Bishop	DB	5-11	165	Louisville, Ky.	Pleasure Ridge Park HS
4. A.J. Brathwaite	DB	6-0	190	Miami, Fla.	Central HS
5. Gunner Britton*	OL	6-6	290	Conway, S.C.	Conway HS
6. Mason Brooks	OL	6-6	270	Cedar Park, Texas	Cedar Park HS
7. Russell Brown	WR	6-3	195	Lehigh Acres, Fla.	Lehigh HS
8. B.J. Crim	DB	6-1	195	Ocala, Fla.	Vanguard HS
9. Spencer Gaddis	WR	6-0	170	Alpharetta, Ga.	Alpharetta HS
10. Jay Gibson	TE	6-5	245	Chattanooga, Tenn.	The McCallie School
11. Garland LaFrance	RB	5-10	175	New Orleans, La.	St. Augustine HS
12. Tre Leslie	LB	6-0	225	Tucker, Ga.	Tucker HS
13. Cardavion Myers	DB	5-11	175	Piedmont, Ala.	Piedmont HS
14. Malik Occiur*	DB	6-1	200	Oakland Park, Fla.	Northeast HS
15. Jayden Patterson	DB	6-0	185	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Mountain View HS
16. Deporess Schletty	DL	6-2	275	Alpharetta, Ga.	Alpharetta HS
17. Anthony Spurlock	WR	6-1	160	New Orleans, La.	Edna Carr HS
18. Nazir Sy	DL	6-2	320	Norcross, Ga.	Norcross HS
19. Lichon Terrell	DL	6-2	280	Hogansville, Ga.	Callaway HS
20. Kevaris Thomas	QB	6-4	250	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland HS
21. Trey Urquhart	LB	6-0	210	Kennesaw, Ga.	North Cobb HS
22. Kawan Williams	WR	6-0	175	Savannah, Ga.	Beach HS
23. Mario Wright	LB	6-1	220	Flossmoor, Ill.	Homewood-Flossmoor HS

\* indicates signee enrolled early and is currently taking classes at WKU



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## 2018 Signing Class Bios (with 247Sports.com star ranking)

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**Gino Appleberry – ★★ ★**  
**5-9, 205, Running Back**  
**Hallandale HS (Hallandale, Fla.)**

Appleberry played for head coach Kareem Reid at Westlake High School; he was a team captain on the field and an Honor Roll student in the classroom. He rushed for 1,128 yards on 173 carries as a junior with eight touchdowns on the ground, while adding 303 yards and one touchdown on 12 receptions. He capped his high school career with 483 yards on 89 carries as a senior with eight touchdowns this past year. He is a three-star by 247Sports with a rating score of 81, ranking 122th nationally at his position and 179rd overall in the state. He chose WKU over 17 others including Michigan State, Oregon State, Rutgers, Florida Atlantic, Appalachian State and Fresno State.

**Devin Bell – ★★ ★**  
**6-5, 240, Defensive Line**  
**Goshen HS (Goshen, Ala.)**

Bell played for head coach Bart Snyder at Goshen High School and was a team captain, helping the Golden Eagles advance to the Alabama state semifinals this past year. As a senior, recorded 61 tackles and 14 sacks. He is rated as a three-star with an 80 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 79th overall in the state and 114th nationally at his position. He chose WKU over Louisville, Purdue, Tulane and Southern Miss.

**Shannon Bishop – ★★ ★**  
**5-11, 165, Defensive Back**  
**Pleasure Ridge Park HS (Louisville, Ky.)**

Bishop played for head coach Tommy Williams at Pleasure Ridge Park High School and was a team captain. Was named the Greater Louisville Offensive Player of the Game at the 2017 Best of the Bluegrass All-Star Game, while earning Class 6A All-District 3 honors at wide receiver, defensive back and special teams returner. As a junior, recorded 38 tackles with two interceptions on defense, while making 24 catches for 697 yards and seven touchdowns as a wide receiver. Ran an unofficial 4.29 time in the 40-yard dash at a WKU Football camp. He is rated as a two-star with a 79 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 18th overall in the state and 215th nationally at his position.

**A.J. Brathwaite – ★★ ★**  
**6-0, 190, Defensive Back**  
**Central HS (Miami, Fla.)**

Brathwaite played for head coach Roland Smith at Central High School, and was an Honor Roll student off the field for the Rockets. He is rated as a three-star with an 85 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 92nd nationally at his position and 177th overall in the state. He chose WKU over 14 others including Mississippi State, Ole Miss, UCF, East Carolina, Colorado State, Tulane, Florida Atlantic and Appalachian State.

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**Gunner Britton – ★ ★**  
**6-6, 290, Offensive Line**  
**Conway HS (Conway, S.C.)**

Britton played for head coach Carlton Terry at Conway High School; he was a team captain on the field and an Honor Roll student in the classroom. Played for South Carolina in the 2017 Shrine Bowl against the North Carolina All-Stars. Helped lead the Tigers to 364 yards and 34 points per game this past year. He is rated as a two-star with a 79 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 52nd overall in the state and 212th nationally at his position.

**Mason Brooks – ★ ★**  
**6-6, 270, Offensive Line**  
**Cedar Park HS (Cedar Park, Texas)**

Brooks played for head coach Chris Ross at Cedar Park High School, and was an Honor Roll Student off the field for the Timberwolves. For his work up front, Brooks was named First Team All-District 19-5A in back-to-back seasons. He is rated as a two-star with a 77 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 263rd nationally at his position and 459th overall in the state.

**Russell Brown – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-3, 195, Wide Receiver**  
**Lehigh HS (Lehigh Acres, Fla.)**

Brown played for head coach James Chaney at Lehigh High School and was a team captain. Recorded 41 receptions for 418 yards and one touchdown for the Lightning, while also tallying 28 tackles and three sacks as a senior on defense. He is rated as a three-star with an 82 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 262nd nationally at his position and 284th overall in the state. He chose WKU over Oregon, Maryland, South Carolina, USF, Florida Atlantic and Appalachian State.

**B.J. Crim – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-1, 195, Defensive Back**  
**Vanguard HS (Ocala, Fla.)**

Crim played for head coach Edwain Farmer at Vanguard High School, and was an Honor Roll Student off the field for the Knights. Made 93 tackles combined in his junior and sophomore seasons, with three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and an interception. He is rated as a three-star with an 85 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 94th nationally at his position and 180th overall in the state. He chose WKU over 14 others including Notre Dame, UCF, Louisville, Iowa State, Rutgers, Florida Atlantic and Marshall.

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**Spencer Gaddis – ★ ★ ★**

**6-0, 170, Wide Receiver**

**Alpharetta HS (Alpharetta, Ga.)**

Gaddis played for head coach Jacob Nichols at Alpharetta High School, as the Raiders advanced to the Georgia state quarterfinals this past year. Made 50 catches for 721 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior, following 38 receptions for 464 yards and four scores in his junior season. He is rated as a three-star with an 82 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 167th overall in the state and 254th nationally at his position. Chose WKU over Utah, Tulane and Arkansas State.

**Jay Gibson – ★ ★ ★**

**6-5, 245, Tight End**

**The McCallie School (Chattanooga, Tenn.)**

Gibson played for head coach Ralph Potter at The McCallie School, and was an Honor Roll student off the field for the Blue Tornado. Helped his team advance to the Tennessee state semifinals this past year. Earned First Team Division-II-3A East/Middle Region honors as a senior. He is a three-star by 247Sports with a rating score of 80, ranking 53rd nationally at his position and 92th overall in the state. He chose WKU over nine others including Air Force, Charlotte and Navy.

**Garland LaFrance – ★ ★ ★**

**5-10, 175, Running Back**

**St. Augustine HS (New Orleans, La.)**

LaFrance played for recently-retired head coach Al Jones at St. Augustine High School, the same program as NFL stars Leonard Fournette and Tyrann Mathieu. Recorded the fastest recorded shuttle time in the nation (3.82) at the 2017 Nike Opening Combine. Rushed for 1,225 yards on 239 carries in his prep career with 10 touchdowns. Also added 207 receiving yards and 290 return yards for the Purple Knights. He is rated as a three-star with an 84 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 52nd overall in the state and 72nd nationally at his position. He chose WKU over 15 others including TCU, Texas Tech, Southern Miss, Tulane, Colorado State, Arkansas State and Toledo.

**Tre Leslie – ★ ★ ★**

**6-0, 225, Linebacker**

**Tucker HS (Tucker, Ga.)**

Leslie played for head coach Bryan Lamar at Tucker High School, and was an Honor Roll Student off the field for the Knights. Made 116 tackles combined in his junior and senior seasons, with 10 tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and an interception. He is rated as a three-star with an 81 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 80th nationally at his position and 180th overall in the state. He chose WKU over Appalachian State, Middle Tennessee and Georgia Southern.

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**Cardavion Myers – ★ ★ ★**  
**5-11, 175, Defensive Back**  
**Piedmont HS (Piedmont, Ala.)**

Myers played for head coach Steve Smith at Piedmont High School, leading the Bulldogs to the Alabama state semifinals this past year. He was a team captain on the field and an Honor Roll student in the classroom. Accumulated 184 tackles - including 14 for loss - with 12 interceptions, 31 pass breakups, four forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries in his first three seasons of varsity ball. Played primarily quarterback as a senior, with 896 yards and 13 touchdowns passing to go along with 1,071 yards and 16 touchdowns rushing. As a junior, also put up 646 yards and eight touchdowns receiving. Adding 482 kick return yards, he finished his high school career with 3,204 all-purpose yards. He is rated as a three-star with an 81 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 70th overall in the state and 183rd nationally at his position. He chose WKU over 14 others including Tulane, Appalachian State, Toledo, Southern Miss and Middle Tennessee.

**Malik Occiur – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-1, 200, Defensive Back**  
**Northeast HS (Oakland Park, Fla.)**

Occiur played for head coach L.D. Anderson at Northeast High School, and was an Honor Roll student off the field for the Hurricanes. Had 146 tackles, two defensive touchdowns, two blocked punts and two forced fumbles in his sophomore and junior seasons combined. He is rated as a three-star with an 81 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 152nd nationally at his position and 320th overall in the state. He chose WKU over Florida Atlantic and Appalachian State.

**Jayden Patterson – ★ ★**  
**6-0, 185, Defensive Back**  
**Mountain View HS (Lawrenceville, Ga.)**

Patterson played for head coach Nick Bach at Mountain View High School, and was an Honor Roll student off the field for the Bears. As a senior, he made 65 tackles with four interceptions and 24 pass breakups. He earned Second Team All-Region 6-AAAAAAA and was a three-time Gwinnett Daily Post Defensive Honor Roll honoree during his high school career. He is rated as a two-star with a 78 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 252nd nationally at his position and 265th overall in the state. He chose WKU over Ball State and Georgia Southern.

**Deporess Schletty – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-2, 275, Defensive Line**  
**Alpharetta HS (Alpharetta, Ga.)**

Schletty played for head coach Jacob Nichols at Alpharetta High School, as the Raiders advanced to the Georgia state quarterfinals this past year. In two years of varsity ball, he had 51 tackles including 9.5 for loss - and 4.5 sacks, while forcing three fumbles as a senior. He is rated as a three-star with an 81 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 155th nationally at his position and 194th overall in the state. He chose WKU over 20 others including Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Colorado State, Appalachian State, Tulane, USF and Toledo.

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**Anthony Spurlock – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-1, 160, Wide Receiver**  
**Edna Carr HS (New Orleans, La.)**

Spurlock played for head coach Brice Brown at Edna Carr High School, helping lead the Cougars to back-to-back 4A State Championships. He is rated as a three-star with an 82 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 75th overall in the state and 273rd nationally at his position. He chose WKU over five others including Oregon State and Troy.

**Nazir Sy – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-2, 320, Defensive Line**  
**Norcross HS (Norcross, Ga.)**

Sy played for head coach Keith Maloof at Norcross High School. In his career for the Blue Devils, he amassed 38 tackles for loss - including 16 in each of his final two seasons. Playing varsity since his sophomore year, he also tallied 146 total tackles and 12.5 sacks. He is rated as a three-star with an 81 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 139th nationally at his position and 181st overall in the state. He chose WKU over Wisconsin, Memphis, East Carolina and Tulane.

**Lichon Terrell – ★ ★ ★**  
**6-2, 280, Defensive Line**  
**Callaway HS (Hogansville, Ga.)**

Terrell played for head coach Pete Wiggins at Callaway High School and was a team captain, helping the Cavaliers advance to the Georgia state quarterfinals this past year. He had 47 tackles - including 15 for loss - and five sacks as a senior. He is rated as a three-star with an 84 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 93rd nationally at his position and 128th overall in the state. He chose WKU over 23 others including Iowa State, Mississippi State, UConn, East Carolina and Tulane.

**Kevaris Thomas – ★ ★ ★ ★**  
**6-4, 250, Quarterback**  
**Lakeland HS (Lakeland, Fla.)**

Thomas played for head coach Bill Castle at Lakeland HS and was a team captain, leading the Dreadnaughts to the Florida state semifinals this past year. As a junior, he threw for 1,606 yards with 16 touchdowns while adding 282 yards and three scores on the ground, as he took his squad all the way to the Class 6A state title game. He is rated as a four-star with an 87 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 22nd nationally at his position and 108th overall in the state. He chose WKU over eight others including South Carolina, Temple, USF, FIU, Florida Atlantic and Colorado State.

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**Trey Urquhart – ★ ★ ★**

**6-0, 210, Linebacker**

**North Cobb HS (Kennesaw, Ga.)**

Urquhart played for head coach Shane Queen at North Cobb High School and was a team captain. Tallied 86 tackles with three sacks and an interception this past year. As a junior, he racked up 69 tackles, four interceptions, two defensive touchdowns, nine pass breakups, five sacks and four tackles for loss as a junior and was named All-Region. He is rated as a three-star with an 80 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 154th nationally at his position and 202nd overall in the state. He chose WKU over eight others including Louisville, Tulane, Florida Atlantic, Appalachian State and Middle Tennessee.

**Kawan Williams – ★ ★**

**6-0, 175, Wide Receiver**

**Beach HS (Savannah, Ga.)**

Williams played for head coach Ulysses Hawthorne at Beach High School. He totaled 1,397 all-purpose yards in two years of varsity ball, with 62 rushes for 433 yards and eight touchdowns and 15 catches for 395 yards and four scores, while adding 385 kick return yards and three run-backs to go along with 143 punt return yards. Threw for 843 yards with 11 touchdowns as a senior, and added one interception for 42 yards as a junior. He is rated as a two-star with a 79 composite score by 247Sports, ranking 230th overall in the state and 370th nationally at his position. He chose WKU over Ball State, Coastal Carolina, Georgia Southern and Georgia State.

**Mario Wright – ★ ★ ★**

**6-1, 220, Linebacker**

**Homewood-Flossmoor HS (Flossmoor, Ill.)**

Wright played for head coach Craig Buzea at Homewood-Flossmoor High School and was a team captain. Was a two-year starter, as the Vikings went 21-3 over the past two years. Racked up 104 tackles - including 20 for loss - and four sacks playing varsity ball. He is a three-star by 247Sports with a rating score of 82, ranking 34th overall in the state and 52nd nationally at his position. He chose WKU over 12 others including Syracuse, Western Michigan, Colorado State and Northern Illinois.