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Twenty-five players make up newest group of Eagles
Football
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STATESBORO - The Georgia Southern football program announced Wednesday its final members of a football recruiting class composed of 24 student-athletes who signed national letters of intent, offers of admissions or grants in aid. Included in that list are three players who signed on Wednesday and several others who were not announced in December.

Joining the program on Wednesday were Valdosta tight end Harrison Hamsley, Dalton tight end Evan Lester and Pensacola (Fla.) linebacker Eldrick Robinson II. DeLand (Fla.) safety Myzel Williams graduated high school early and enrolled in January and running back Amare Jones transferred in from Tulane and began classes as well in January. Also announced was Claxton long snapper Nathan Tillman, who will join the program in the fall.

"We did a lot of the heavy lifting with the December class, but today's signees are just as important to the class as a whole," said head coach Chad Lunsford. "We were able to fill a need at tight end by signing two athletic Georgia players and another need was filled at linebacker with Eldrick Robinson II, who was one of the top tacklers in the state of Florida as a senior. We're excited about all 25 guys that are either already here or joining us this summer and I'm fired up to introduce the next great batch of GS Men to Eagle Nation."
In all, GS welcomed 14 players from the state of Georgia, four from Florida, three from Alabama, two from North Carolina and one from both Texas and South Carolina.

The Eagles added 13 defensive players (five secondary players, four defensive linemen and four linebackers) and 10 on offense (three linemen, two quarterbacks, two tight ends, two receivers and a running back), along with two specialists.

Georgia Southern 2021 Class (listed alphabetically)

**Name, Pos., Ht., Wt., Hometown, High School (Last School)**

- Derwin Burgess Jr.*, WR, 5-11, 180, Riverdale, Ga., Riverdale
- Chas Collins, OL, 6-7, 270, Statesboro, Ga., Bulloch Academy
- Caleb Cook*, OL, 6-2, 275, Brunswick, Ga., Brunswick
- Tyrell Davis*, DB, 6-1, 185, Harrisburg, N.C., Hickory Ridge
- Michael Edwards III, LB, 6-1, 210, Trussville, Ala., Hewitt-Trussville
- James Graham*, QB, 6-1, 195, Fitzgerald, Ga., Fitzgerald (Georgia Tech)
- Harrison Hamsley, TE, 6-3, 230, Valdosta, Ga., Valdosta Prep
- Seaburn Hines IV, OL, 6-2, 290, Helena, Ala., Helena
- Andrew Johnson Jr.*, OLB, 6-2, 230, Tifton, Ga., Tift County (Oregon)
- Amare Jones*, RB, 5-11, 190, Frisco, Texas, Frisco Heritage (Tulane)
- Evan Lester, TE, 6-2, 220, Dalton, Ga., Christian Heritage School
- Montae Maxwell, DB, 6-1, 185, Hartwell, Ga., Hart County
- Jjay Mcafee*, WR, 6-3, 215, Charleston, S.C., Ashley Ridge (Georgia Military College)
- LJ McClintock*, DL, 6-1, 265, Pike Road, Ala., Pike Road
- Nick Mercier, DL, 6-3, 230, Cordele, Ga., Crisp County
- Justin Meyers, DB, 6-0, 185, Washington, Ga., Washington Wilkes
- Cam Ransom, QB, 6-3, 220, Lakeland, Fla., Armwood
- Davion Rhodes, DL, 6-3, 235, Camilla, Ga., Pelham
- Eldrick Robinson II, LB, 6-1, 210, Pensacola, Fla., Booker T. Washington
- Nathan Tillman, LS, 6-2, 220, Claxton, Ga., Claxton
- Josh Trice, DB, 5-11, 170, Warner Robins, Ga., Harris County
- Britton Williams, PK, 5-11, 170, Richmond Hill, Ga., Richmond Hill
- Myzel Williams*, DB, 6-0, 190, Deland, Fla., Deland
- Myles Winslow*, DL, 6-4, 225, Orlando, Fla., Tohopekaliga

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**Harrison Hamsley**

**Tight End • 6-3 • 230 • Fr.**

Valdosta, Ga. • Valwood Prep

Follow Harrison on Twitter: @harrisonhamsley

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played at Valwood Prep his final three seasons for Coach Justin Henderson … An all-state selection … The 2020 Co-Region Player of the Year … Had 59 catches for 827 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior … Also had 13 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles and an interception on defense … Also an all-state selection in baseball and an all-region selection in basketball … A member of the National Honor Society.

**PERSONAL:** Born Harrison Banks Hamsley on January 13, 2003 in Valdosta, GA … Son of Heather and Jason Hamsley … Father played baseball at Middle Georgia State … Has a brother, Charles, and a sister, Caroline … Grandfather, Jack Herman, attended Georgia Southern.

**INTENDED MAJOR:** Undecided

What Coach Lunsford Said About Harrison: “Harrison is a big athlete with good versatility who will add value to our team in many ways. We look forward to getting into our program.”

**Evan Lester**

**Tight End • 6-2 • 220 • Fr.**

Dalton, Ga. • Christian Heritage School

Follow Evan on Twitter: @evanlester_10

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Played at Christian Heritage School for Coach Jay Poag … Named first-team all-state by the AJC and Recruit Georgia … The Region 7 Player of the Year … Dalton Daily Citizen player of the year … Chattanooga Times-Free Press Dynamic Dozen … Times-Free Press First Team Best of the Preps … Rated as the No. 201 player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports … Caught 51 passes for 1,100 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior … Also rushed for 205 yards and a score … At safety, had 48 tackles and an interception, along with four passes defended … Also played basketball, scoring over 1,000 career points, and baseball.

**PERSONAL:** Born Stanley Evan Lester Jr. on March 4, 2002 in Marietta, GA … Son of Stan and April Lester … Has three siblings: Ansley, Madison and Emma.

**INTENDED MAJOR:** Construction Management

What Coach Lunsford Said About Evan: “We are excited to have Evan join our program. We get to keep another highly productive high school player here in the State of Georgia. His combination of size, power, fluidity, ball skills and speed are very impressive and will benefit our offense.”

**Eldrick Robinson II**

**Linebacker • 6-1 • 210 • Fr.**

Pensacola, Fla. • Booker T. Washington High
Follow Eldrick on Twitter: @EldrickRobinson

HIGH SCHOOL: Played at Booker T. Washington High for Coach Tommy Joe Whiddon, where he recorded 248 tackles in three seasons … Made 66 tackles in seven games with 3.5 sacks, four pass deflections, two forced fumbles and one interception as a senior … A 2021 All-American by Podium Preps … Named 2020 all-area first-team defense by PNJ … Named to the All-Northwest Florida Defense by WEAR … Piled up 139 total tackles as a junior … An honorable mention selection to the 2019 Class 6A All-State Football Teams compiled by FloridaHSFotball.com … A first-team Pensacola News-Journal All-Area selection … Also played basketball.

PERSONAL: Born Eldrick Robinson II on November 19, 2003 in Pensacola, FL … Son of Eldrick Robinson and Teris Robinson … Has two brothers, Reed and Chancellor, and two sisters, Cheldra and Keldra.

INTENDED MAJOR: Business

What Coach Lunsford Said About Eldrick: "Eldrick will add very good speed to our linebacking position. He is also a very productive tackler, leading Florida 6A in tackles. We're excited to get him here on campus."

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