

2015 IOWA FOOTBALL RECRUITS

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School/CC
Ryan Boyle	QB	6-2	215	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling Catholic
Drew Cook	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa	Regina
James Daniels	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Warren, Ohio	Harding
Adrian Falconer (FALCON-ir)	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Leesburg, Fla.	Leesburg
Angelo Garbutt (GAR-but)	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Carrollton, Texas	Hebron
Eric Graham	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Prattville, Ala.	Autauga Academy
Jack Hockaday	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Forsyth, Ill.	Maroa-Forsyth
Garret Jansen	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	Pella, Iowa	Pella
Justin Jinning (GIN-ing)	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	The Colony, Texas	The Colony
Anthony Nelson	DE	6-7	220	Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Waukee
Jake Newborg	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Inwood, Iowa	West Lyon
Emmanuel Ogwo (OUG-woo)	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Mesquite, Texas	Horn
Michael Ojemudia (Oh-jay-MOO-dee-uh)	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Harrison
Landon Paulsen	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Moville, Iowa	Woodbury Central
Levi Paulsen	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Moville, Iowa	Woodbury Central
Brady Reiff (REEF)	DE	6-4	235	Fr.	Parkston, S.D.	Parkston
Michael Slater	DE	6-2	265	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Parkway Central
Jerminic Smith (jir-muh-NEEK)	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Garland, Texas	South Garland
Nate Vejvoda (vuh-VO-duh)	TE	6-5	215	Fr.	Homer Glen, Ill.	Providence Catholic
Brett Waechter (WAX-tur)	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Hartley, Iowa	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
Nick Wilson	LB	6-2	206	Fr.	Granger, Iowa	Dowling Catholic

2015 Iowa Football Recruits by Position

Defensive Back (1)

Michael Ojemudia

Defensive Line (4)

Garret Jansen

Anthony Nelson

Brady Reiff

Michael Slater

Linebacker (4)

Angelo Garbutt

Jack Hockaday

Justin Jinning

Nick Wilson

Offensive Line (5)

James Daniels

Jake Newborg

Landon Paulsen

Levi Paulsen

Brett Waechter

Running Back (1)

Eric Graham

Quarterback (2)

Ryan Boyle

Drew Cook

Wide Receiver (3)

Adrian Falconer

Emmanuel Ogwo

Jerminic Smith

Tight End (1)

Nate Vejvoda

2015 Iowa Football Recruits by State

Alabama (1)

Eric Graham

Florida (1)

Adrian Falconer

Illinois (2)

Jack Hockaday

Nate Vejvoda

Iowa (9)

Ryan Boyle

Drew Cook

Garret Jansen
Anthony Nelson
Jake Newborg
Landon Paulsen
Levi Paulsen
Brett Waechter
Nick Wilson

Michigan (1)

Michael Ojemudia

Missouri (1)

Michael Slater

Ohio (1)

James Daniels

South Dakota (1)

Brady Reiff

Texas (4)

Angelo Garbutt
Justin Jinning
Emmanuel Ogwo
Jerminic Smith

Ryan Boyle

Quarterback

6-2, 215, Freshman

West Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior . . . earned first-team all-state and all-district honors as a junior and senior, including Class 4A team captain as a senior . . . Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year as a junior and senior . . . Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year as a junior and senior . . . named to U.S. National Under-19 team slated to play Team Canada on Feb. 7 . . . selected to compete in Iowa Shrine Bowl . . . invited to NUC Senior All-American Bowl following senior year . . . was starting quarterback for Team USA in Eastbay All-American Bowl as an eighth grader . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman and three-year starter at quarterback, leading team to 31-2 record as the starter . . . team captain as a senior . . . led prep team to state Class 4A state championship as a junior and senior after reaching state quarterfinals as a sophomore and freshman . . . MVP of state championship game as a junior and senior . . . holds school career records for pass attempts (484), completions (311), yards (4,566), passing touchdowns (45), rushing attempts (479), rushing yards (3,043), rushing touchdowns (45), total touchdowns (90), and total offense (7,609) . . . set state championship game record with six touchdowns (four rushing, two passing) . . . as a senior completed 137-of-221 attempts for 1,934 yards and 18 touchdowns, with just one interception, while rushing for 1,123 yards and 19 touchdowns on 167 attempts . . . named MVP of state title game after completing 7-of-11 passes for 68 yards and a touchdown and rushing 19 times for 144 yards and three touchdowns . . . led team to perfect 14-0 record as a junior, completing 119-of-187 pass attempts for 1,833 yards and 21 touchdowns, with three interceptions . . . also rushed 199 times for 1,332 yards and 24 touchdowns . . . was MVP of state championship game after completing 12-of-14 pass attempts for 287 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 78 yards and four touchdowns . . . played in just five games as a sophomore due to major knee injury, completing 50-of-71 pass attempts for 709 yards and six touchdowns, with two interceptions and rushing 73 times for 233 yards and one touchdown . . . as a freshman completed 5-of-5 pass attempts for 90 yards and rushed for 355 yards and one touchdown . . . also lettered in soccer.

Personal - - Born 9/13/96 . . . business major . . . parents are Marian and Ken Boyle . . . four-year member of prep Honor Roll and Dean's List . . . Student Ambassador as junior and senior . . . earned Dr. Robert Breedlove Award as a

junior . . . high school coach was Tom Wilson.

Drew Cook
Quarterback
6-5, 220, Freshman
Iowa City, Iowa (Regina HS)

High school honors - - Named Class 1A first-team all-state as a junior and senior by the *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . MVP of Class 1A state championship game as a junior and senior . . . named Class 1A Player of the Year by *Cedar Rapids Gazette* and Offensive Player of the Year by *Iowa City Press-Citizen* as a senior . . . nominated for Ed Thomas Mr. Football Award . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman for prep team that won four consecutive state championships, posting 27-1 record his final two seasons . . . member of team that set state record with 56-game winning streak . . . school records include touchdowns responsible for in a season (50 TDs as a senior), and 399 passing yards in state quarterfinals . . . team captain as a senior . . . completed 150-of-230 pass attempts (65 percent) for 2,504 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior, with three interceptions . . . rushed for 706 yards and 16 touchdowns and had three receiving touchdowns . . . in championship game as a senior, completed 13-of-16 pass attempts for 175 yards and one touchdown, with one interception, while also rushing six times for 50 yards, catching a 24-yard scoring reception and punting once for 43 yards . . . as a junior completed 183-of-267 pass attempts (68 percent) for 2,563 yards and 22 touchdowns, with three interceptions . . . rushed for 440 yards and five touchdowns . . . in championship game as a junior, completed 13-of-13 pass attempts for 177 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for 46 yards and one touchdown . . . as a sophomore completed 29-of-52 pass attempts (55.8 percent) for 356 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions, and completed 4-of-6 passes for 37 yards as a freshman . . . also four-year letterman in basketball, earning all-state honors . . . represented Iowa in the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Rising Seniors event in Indianapolis.

Personal - - Born 8/30/96 . . . business major . . . parents are Tracy and Marv Cook . . . four-year member of Gold Honor Roll . . . his father, Marv Cook, earned consensus All-America honors as Iowa's tight end in 1988 . . . high school coach was his father, Marv Cook.

James Daniels
Offensive Line
6-3, 290, Freshman
Warren, Ohio (Harding HS)

Hawk Item - - Joined program for 2015 spring practice.

High school honors - - Earned all-state honorable mention honors as a junior and senior . . . earned Five Blocks of Granite Award as a senior . . . first-team All-Northeast Ohio as a junior and senior, along with first team all-conference and all-county . . . earned Buckeye Blue Chip recognition as a junior and senior . . . **Career** - - Three-year football letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team reach first round of playoffs as a sophomore . . . started all 10 games as a senior, helping teammate rush for over 1,000 yards . . . started all nine games as a junior, as team rushed for over 1,500 yards . . . started all 11 games as a sophomore, as team rushed for over 2,000 yards and offensive line did not allow a single sack . . . also lettered in track, tossing shot put and discus.

Personal - - Born 9/13/97 . . . biology major . . . parents are Alicia and LeShun Daniels . . . brother of Iowa running back LeShun Daniels, Jr. . . . high school coach was Steve Arnold.

Adrian Falconer (FALCON-ir)
Wide Receiver
6-1, 180, Freshman
Leesburg, Florida (Leesburg HS)

High school honors - - Named to Central Florida All-Star team as a senior . . . earned team Most Valuable Player Award as a senior . . . named Outstanding Offensive Player as a junior . . . **Career** - - Four-year football letterman as wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped team win district title as a junior, posting 8-3 record . . . as a senior recorded 53 receptions for 951 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 17.9 yards per catch . . . also collected 33 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble on defense . . . as a junior recorded 55 receptions for 714 yards and six touchdowns, while recording 57 tackles on defense, along with two recovered fumbles and one forced fumble . . . recorded 28 receptions for 491 yards as a sophomore, with one kickoff return touchdown, with the touchdown return forcing overtime in playoff game . . . also lettered in track and basketball . . . member of state championship basketball team as a freshman.

Personal - - Born 9/11/95 . . . mechanical engineering major . . . parents are Karen and Paul Falconer . . . high school coach was Randy Trivers.

Angelo Garbutt (GAR-but)
Linebacker
6-2, 210, Freshman
Carrollton, Texas (Hebron HS)

High school honors - - first-team all-district linebacker as a junior . . . earned *Dallas Morning News* Player of the Week honors during junior season . . . recognized as Top 10 Performer at Dallas Nike Football Training Camp prior to senior season . . . **Career** - - Four-year football letterman as outside linebacker and running back . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team reach playoffs as a sophomore and junior . . . also competed in track and basketball.

Personal - - Born 2/24/97 in Los Angeles . . . engineering major . . . mother is Toshika Robinson . . . high school coach was Brian Brazil.

Eric Graham
Running Back
5-9, 195, Freshman
Prattville, Alabama (Autauga Academy)

High school honors - - Earned all-state recognition for three consecutive seasons . . . named all-metro as a sophomore and junior . . . **Career** - - Two-year football team captain, helping prep team post 39-10 combined record over the last four seasons . . . team reached playoffs four straight years . . . as a senior rushed for over 2,400 yards and scored 33 touchdowns . . . rushed for 2,300 yards as a junior . . . also lettered in soccer and basketball.

Personal - - Born 10/31/95 . . . nursing major . . . parents are Stephanie and Eric Graham . . . high school coach was Mike Sims.

Jack Hockaday
Linebacker
6-1, 215, Freshman
Forsyth, Illinois (Maroa-Forsyth HS)

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior . . . first-team all-conference linebacker as a senior and County Player of the Year . . . first-team all-conference at quarterback and defensive back as a sophomore

and junior, while being named County Player of the Year both years . . . **Career** - - Set Illinois state record for career total yards from scrimmage (11,506) . . . four-year letterman while playing linebacker, quarterback, defensive back, and wide receiver . . . prep team earned state championship in 2012 and reached championship game in 2014 . . . team reached state semifinals in 2011 and 2013, posting four-year record of 46-7 . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . started at wide receiver and safety as a freshman . . . recorded 106 tackles as a senior with six interceptions and seven forced fumbles . . . on offense rushed 281 times for 2,016 yards and 32 touchdowns, while passing for 1,943 yards and 18 touchdowns . . . recorded 60 tackles and six interceptions as a junior, while rushing 122 times for 822 yards and 28 touchdowns and completing 125-of-187 pass attempts for 2,156 yards and 30 touchdowns, with two interceptions . . . collected 60 tackles and seven interceptions as a sophomore, while rushing 160 times for 1,007 yards and 22 touchdowns and completing 193-of-270 pass attempts for 2,529 yards and 28 touchdowns, with four interceptions . . . as a freshman collected 50 tackles and three interceptions on defense while catching 51 passes for 704 yards and seven touchdowns . . . also lettered for prep basketball team.

Personal - - Born 8/22/96 . . . open major . . . parents are Cheryl and John Hockaday . . . four-year member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was Josh Jostes.

Garret Jansen
Defensive Line
6-2, 255, Freshman
Pella, Iowa (Pella HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior . . . named first-team all-state as a junior by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . earned second-team all-state honors from *Des Moines Register* as a sophomore . . . first-team all-district selection for three straight seasons . . . **Career** - - Four-year varsity starter and four-year letterman . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team win state title as a senior, collecting three solo tackles, one tackle for loss and one pass break-up in title game victory . . . recorded 59.5 tackles as a senior, with 25.5 tackles for loss and five sacks . . . also lettered in basketball, baseball, and track . . . participated in Drake Relays in discus throw in 2013 and 2014, placing seventh in 2014 . . . state qualifier in discus as sophomore and junior.

Personal - - Born 11/26/96 . . . communication disorders major . . . parents are Lisa and Ron Jansen . . . member of National Honor Society, serving as treasurer . . . member of prep Honor Roll . . . academic all-district for three years . . . academic all-state as a senior . . . received Iowa Bankers Association Outstanding Student Athlete Achievement Award . . . member of award-winning production team for school paper and earned first place in 2014 IHSPA page design competition . . . high school coach was Jay McKinstrey.

Justin Jinning (GIN-ing)
Linebacker
6-2, 210, Freshman
The Colony, Texas (The Colony HS)

High school honors - - Member of Texas Top 100 as a junior and senior . . . named unanimous first-team all-district as a junior and senior . . . district Defensive Player of the Year as a senior . . . district defensive Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Three-year letterman while helping prep team reach state playoffs as a junior and senior . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 104 tackles as a senior, including 18 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles, and two recovered fumbles . . . recorded 78 tackles as a junior, with 16 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles, and three recovered fumbles . . . collected 34 tackles as a sophomore, including six tackles for loss, one sack, and one recovered fumble . . . also competed in track, earning all-district honors as district champion in 110 and 300 hurdles.

Personal - - Born 12/23/96 . . . open major . . . mother is Vera McBride . . . high school coach was Rudy Rangel.

Anthony Nelson
Defensive End
6-7, 220, Freshman
Urbandale, Iowa (Waukee HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite all-state team as a senior and first-team all-state by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . Class 4A Western Iowa Defensive Player of the Year as a senior and named to Elite Western Iowa team . . . first team all-district as a senior . . . **Career** - - Two-year starter at defensive end . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 33 solo tackles and 18 assists, with 21.5 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks as a senior, with five forced/recovered fumbles and 12 pass break-ups . . . recorded 29 solo tackles and 12 assists as a junior, with 7.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, five forced fumbles, four recovered fumbles, and 12 pass break-ups . . . also member of prep basketball team, serving as team captain . . . earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior . . . averaged 14.1 points and 9.3 rebounds per game as a junior, as team posted 18-5 record while winning district and conference titles.

Personal - - 3/04/97 . . . open major . . . parents are Christy and Jeff Nelson . . . earned academic all-district honors as a junior and senior . . . recorded over 100 hours of community service as part of Silver Cord organization . . . high school coach was Scott Carlson.

Jake Newborg
Offensive Line
6-3, 280, Freshman
Inwood, Iowa (West Lyon HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team on offense as a senior . . . named Class 1-A first-team all-state on defense as a junior and senior . . . earned third-team all-state honors as a sophomore . . . named District Defensive Most Valuable Player as a senior . . . first-team all-district for three-straight years . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs four-straight years . . . team won state title in 2013 and returned to championship game in 2014 while posting four-year record of 44-8 . . . team captain as a senior . . . on offense, helped team rush for over 4,600 yards as a junior and senior . . . on defense, recorded 36 tackles as a senior, including 10 sacks and one fumble recovery . . . collected 25 solo tackles and nine sacks as a junior, with one fumble recovery . . . collected 57 tackles as a sophomore, with one pass interception . . . also four-year track letterman, placing third in the state in discus as a junior . . . three-year letterman in basketball and lettered one season in golf.

Personal - - Born 11/19/96 . . . education/business major . . . parents are Emma and Mike Newborg . . . high school coach was Jay Rozeboom.

Emmanuel Ogwo (OUG-woo)
Wide Receiver
6-0, 170, Freshman
Mesquite, Texas (Horn HS)

High school honors - - Named to Top 100 by *Dallas Morning News* . . . named all-district as a senior . . . **Career** - - Two-year letterman at wide receiver, as he did not compete in football as a junior while concentrating on track . . . recorded 35 receptions for 501 yards and four touchdowns as a senior, with four rushing attempts for 42 yards . . . as return specialist had eight kickoff returns for 240 yards . . . participated in sprint events for prep track team . . . placed fourth in Class 6A UIL State Track meet in the 400-meter dash as a junior . . . member of 400, 800 and 1,600-meter relay teams that qualified for area competition as a junior . . . was Junior Olympic USATF national 400-meter champion in 2012.

Personal - - Born 12/13/96 . . . business management major . . . parents are Debra and Emmanuel Ogwo . . . high school coach was Mike Overton.

Michael Ojemudia (oh-jay-MOO-dee-uh)
Defensive Back
6-2, 190, Freshman
Farmington Hills, Michigan (Harrison HS)

High school honors - - Named to All-County Dream Team as a senior . . . selected to participate in Border Classic (Michigan vs. Ohio) . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as linebacker and tight end . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team reach state regionals as a junior and semifinals as a senior, posting two-year record of 20-5 . . . led team with 105 tackles as a senior, along with three interceptions . . . recorded 80 tackles as a junior while forcing eight fumbles . . . also lettered in track, competing in hurdle events and earning all-state honors in 110-meter hurdles.

Personal - - Born 9/12/97 . . . mechanical engineering major . . . parents are Bose and Dennis Ojemudia . . . member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was John Herrington.

Landon Paulsen
Offensive Line
6-5, 290, Freshman
Moville, Iowa (Woodbury Central HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as an offensive lineman as a senior . . . named Class A first-team all-state as a senior by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . All-Northwest Iowa and all-district first team as a senior, along with being named district offensive MVP . . . selected to compete in Iowa Shrine Bowl following senior season and nominee for U.S. Army All-American Bowl . . . as a junior, was second-team all-state by *Des Moines Register*, first-team all-district and third-team all-Northwest Iowa . . . first-team all-district and fourth-team All-Northwest Iowa as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive guard and defensive tackle . . . team captain for final three prep seasons . . . helped prep team reach playoffs as a freshman, sophomore, and senior, with 10-2 record in final prep season as team reached state quarterfinals . . . recorded 49 tackles as a senior, with 17 tackles for loss, three sacks, and two fumble recoveries . . . recorded 35 tackles as a junior . . . collected 52 tackles as a sophomore, with five tackles for loss, one sack, and one fumble recovery . . . as a freshman recorded 14 tackles, including two tackles for loss and one sack, along with one blocked punt . . . also lettered in wrestling (4), track (3), and baseball (2) . . . placed second at the Class 1A state wrestling tournament as a junior.

Personal - - Born 10/10/96 . . . health and human physiology major . . . parents are Michelle and Dan Paulsen . . . member of National Honor Society . . . earned first-team academic all-state recognition as a junior and all-district honors as a senior . . . member of high Honor Roll . . . twin brother Levi is also an offensive lineman for Iowa football team . . . high school coach was Kelly Manker.

Levi Paulsen
Offensive Line
6-5, 290, Freshman
Moville, Iowa (Woodbury Central HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a defensive lineman as a senior . . . named Class A first-team all-state as a senior by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . All-Northwest Iowa and all-district first team as a senior, along with being named district defensive MVP . . . selected to compete in Iowa Shrine Bowl following senior season and nominee for U.S. Army All-American Bowl . . . as a junior, was second-team all-state by *Des Moines Register*, first-team all-district and second-team All-Northwest Iowa . . . first-team all-state as a sophomore by *Des Moines Register* and first-team all-district . . . also third-team all-state by Iowa Newspaper Association and third-team All-Northwest Iowa . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive tackle and defensive end . . . team captain for final three prep seasons . . . helped prep team reach playoffs as a freshman, sophomore, and senior, with 10-2 record in final prep season as team reached state quarterfinals . . . recorded 56 tackles as a senior,

with 28 tackles for loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and one touchdown . . . recorded 30 tackles as a junior, with one sack . . . collected 52 tackles as a sophomore, with five tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries . . . as a freshman recorded 35 tackles, including four tackles for loss and one sack . . . also lettered in wrestling (4), track (3), and baseball . . . posted an undefeated regular season on the mat as a junior.

Personal - - Born 10/10/96 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Michelle and Dan Paulsen . . . member of National Honor Society and earned academic all-district recognition . . . member of high Honor Roll . . . twin brother Landon is also an offensive lineman for Iowa football team . . . high school coach was Kelly Manker.

Brady Reiff (REEF)

Defensive End

6-4, 235, Freshman

Parkston, South Dakota (Parkston HS)

Hawk Item - - Joined program for 2015 spring practice.

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior . . . named to Elite 45 squad as a junior and senior . . . **Career** - - Played defensive end, linebacker, tight end and wide receiver during prep career . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . helped prep team reach state championship game as a junior . . . won state title as a senior, the first ever football state title for Parkston High School . . . also competed in wrestling and track . . . state wrestling champion at 220 pounds as sophomore and junior . . . state Wrestler of the Year as a sophomore . . . qualified for state track meet in open 200, and 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and medley relay units.

Personal - - Born 3/25/96 . . . open major . . . parents are Jo and Tom Reiff . . . brother of former Iowa All-American offensive lineman Riley Reiff . . . high school coach was Eric Norden.

Michael Slater

Defensive End

6-2, 265, Freshman

St. Louis, Missouri (Parkway Central HS)

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-conference honors at running back as a senior and was second-team all-district . . . third-team all-state linebacker as a junior . . . first-team all-conference all-district linebacker as a junior . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as linebacker and running back . . . helped team post four-year record of 43-9 while winning conference and district titles in 2011, 2012, and 2013 . . . prep team reached state semifinals in 2012 and 2013 and reached state championship game in 2013 . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 47 tackles as a senior, including 33 solo tackles, along with two tackles for loss and one interception . . . recorded 68 tackles as a junior, including 50 solo tackles, along with two interceptions and one recovered fumble . . . rushed for 811 yards as a senior, scoring 16 touchdowns . . . rushed for 414 yards and nine touchdowns as a junior . . . also lettered in track, throwing shot put and discus.

Personal - - Born 12/27/96 . . . sports management major . . . parents are Venessa McNeil and Michael Slater . . . high school coach was Mark Goldenberg.

Jerminic Smith (jir-muh-NEEK)

Wide Receiver

6-1, 180, Freshman

Garland, Texas (South Garland HS)

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior . . . was first-team all-conference as a junior and senior after earning second-team honors as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Three-year letterman as a wide receiver . . . team captain as a senior . . . set school receiving record as a senior with 1,207 yards and 13 touchdowns on 76 receptions . . .

recorded 56 catches for 864 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior . . . totaled 30 receptions for 564 yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore.

Personal - - Born 10/12/96 . . . kinesiology major . . . mother is Anita Smith . . . high school coach was Mark Cox.

Nate Vejvoda (vuh-VO-duh)

Tight End

6-5, 215, Freshman

Homer Glen, Illinois (Providence Catholic HS)

High school honors - - Named first-team all-conference in the Chicago Catholic League as a senior . . . named second-team all-area as wide receiver and named all-area honorable mention as tight end . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as tight end, wide receiver and long snapper . . . team captain as a sophomore and senior . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs as a junior . . . helped team post 13-1 record while winning state championship as a senior . . . recorded 44 receptions for 638 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior . . . as a junior recorded 24 receptions for 352 yards and three touchdowns . . . also a four-year letterman in basketball.

Personal - - Born 9/06/96 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Nancy and Greg Vejvoda . . . named to Class 7A all-state academic team for football . . . four-year member of First Honor Roll . . . member of National Honor Society . . . high school coach was Mark Caglione.

Brett Waechter (WAX-tur)

Offensive Line

6-5, 275, Freshman

Hartley, Iowa (Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn HS)

Hawk Item - - Joined program for 2015 spring practice.

High school honors - - Named Class 1-A first-team all-state as a senior by *Des Moines Register* and second-team all-state by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . first-team all-district and All-Northwest Iowa as a senior . . . second-team all-state as a sophomore by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . district MVP and first-team all-district and All-Northwest Iowa as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive lineman and defensive end . . . missed majority of junior season due to injury . . . team captain as a senior . . . team reached state playoffs as a sophomore and junior . . . recorded 41 tackles as a senior, with six sacks . . . also rushed 23 times for 154 yards and one touchdown and averaged 39 yards on 30 punts . . . collected 16 tackles, including two sacks, in an injury-shortened junior year, along with averaging 34 yards on seven punts . . . recorded 56 tackles, including 16 sacks, and averaged 30 yards on 20 punts as a sophomore . . . collected 21 tackles and two sacks as a freshman, along with three pass receptions for 61 yards . . . also lettered in basketball and track.

Personal - - Born 7/22/96 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Rhonda and Steve Waechter . . . member of National Honor Society . . . academic all-district and all-state as a senior . . . high school coach was his father, Steve Waechter.

Nick Wilson

Linebacker

6-2, 206, Freshman

Granger, Iowa (Dowling Catholic HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite all-state team as a senior . . . earned Class 4A Sports Spotlight Award as a senior . . . first-team all-conference and all-district as a senior . . . first-team all-conference and second-team all-district as a junior . . . **Career** - - Three-year football letterman as safety, wide receiver and quarterback . . . member of prep team that won back-to-back state titles as a junior and senior with a combined record of 27-1 . . . prep team posted 9-3 record and reached state quarterfinals as a sophomore . . . recorded 63 tackles as a senior, with 39 solo

stops and three tackles for loss to go with three interceptions . . . recorded 53.5 tackles as a junior, with 35 solo tackles, one tackle for loss and one interception . . . also completed 7-of-12 passes for 69 yards and had one rushing touchdown . . . as a sophomore quarterback completed 56-of-90 pass attempts for 986 yards and 13 touchdowns, while rushing 52 times for 218 yards and four touchdowns . . . also participated in basketball and baseball as a prep.

Personal - - Born 12/04/96 . . . business major . . . parents are Merry and Kevin Wilson . . . high school coach was Tom Wilson.

Iowa Recruiting Class Notes

- It is believed that Landon and Levi Paulsen are the first set of twins to sign with Iowa football since Aaron and Evan Kooiker (Sioux Center) joined the program in 1992. Overall, it is believed they would be the fifth set of twins to play at Iowa. Along with the Kooiker's, that list includes Kent and Kevin Ellis (1977-80); Leo and Lloyd Jensvold (1928-30); and Harold and Herbert Shoener (1946-47).
- Iowa's current recruiting class includes two quarterbacks from the state of Iowa. This marks the first time since 1974 that Iowa has signed two players at the quarterback position from Iowa.
- Among the current recruits 19 served as team captains, and six of the 19 were a captain more than one year.
- Among the current recruits, 13 were member of their high school Honor Roll or earned additional academic distinction.
- Among the current recruits, eight played on football teams that won state championships, while three of the newest Hawkeyes won more than one state football championship.
- Several of the current recruits participated in additional sports during their prep careers:

Track:	13
Basketball:	11
Baseball:	4
Wrestling:	3
Soccer:	2
Golf:	1



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2015 Iowa Football Recruits

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School/CC
Ryan Boyle	QB	6-2	215	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling Catholic
Drew Cook	QB	6-5	220	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa	Regina
James Daniels	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	Warren, Ohio	Harding
Adrian Falconer (FALCON-ir)	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Leesburg, Fla.	Leesburg
Angelo Garbutt (GAR-but)	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Carrollton, Texas	Hebron
Eric Graham	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Prattville, Ala.	Autauga Academy
Jack Hockaday	LB	6-1	215	Fr.	Forsyth, Ill.	Maroa-Forsyth
Garret Jansen	DL	6-2	255	Fr.	Pella, Iowa	Pella
Justin Jinning (GIN-ing)	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	The Colony, Texas	The Colony
Anthony Nelson	DE	6-7	220	Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Waukee
Jake Newborg	OL	6-3	280	Fr.	Inwood, Iowa	West Lyon
Emmanuel Ogwo (OUG-woo)	WR	6-0	170	Fr.	Mesquite, Texas	Horn
Michael Ojemudia (Oh-jay-MOO-dee-uh)	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	Harrison
Landon Paulsen	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Moville, Iowa	Woodbury Central
Levi Paulsen	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Moville, Iowa	Woodbury Central
Brady Reiff (REEF)	DE	6-4	235	Fr.	Parkston, S.D.	Parkston
Michael Slater	DE	6-2	265	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	Parkway Central
Jerminic Smith (jir-muh-NEEK)	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Garland, Texas	South Garland
Nate Vejvoda (vuh-VO-duh)	TE	6-5	215	Fr.	Homer Glen, Ill.	Providence Catholic
Brett Waechter (WAX-tur)	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	Hartley, Iowa	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
Nick Wilson	LB	6-2	206	Fr.	Granger, Iowa	Dowling Catholic



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2015 Iowa Football Recruits

2015 Iowa Football Recruits by Position

Defensive Back (1)

Michael Ojemudia

Defensive Line (4)

Garret Jansen
Anthony Nelson
Brady Reiff
Michael Slater

Linebacker (4)

Angelo Garbutt
Jack Hockaday
Justin Jinning
Nick Wilson

Offensive Line (5)

James Daniels
Jake Newborg
Landon Paulsen
Levi Paulsen
Brett Waechter

Running Back (1)

Eric Graham

Quarterback (2)

Ryan Boyle
Drew Cook

Wide Receiver (3)

Adrian Falconer
Emmanuel Ogwo
Jerminic Smith

Tight End (1)

Nate Vejvoda

2015 Iowa Football Recruits by State

Alabama (1)

Eric Graham

Florida (1)

Adrian Falconer

Illinois (2)

Jack Hockaday
Nate Vejvoda

Iowa (9)

Ryan Boyle
Drew Cook
Garret Jansen
Anthony Nelson
Jake Newborg
Landon Paulsen
Levi Paulsen
Brett Waechter
Nick Wilson

Michigan (1)

Michael Ojemudia

Missouri (1)

Michael Slater

Ohio (1)

James Daniels

South Dakota (1)

Brady Reiff

Texas (4)

Angelo Garbutt
Justin Jinning
Emmanuel Ogwo
Jerminic Smith



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2015 Newcomer Bios

Ryan Boyle

Quarterback

6-2, 215, Freshman

West Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling HS)

High school honors -- Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior . . . earned first-team all-state and all-district honors as a junior and senior, including Class 4A team captain as a senior . . . Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year as a junior and senior . . . Iowa Gatorade Player of the Year as a junior and senior . . . named to U.S. National Under-19 team slated to play Team Canada on Feb. 7 . . . selected to compete in Iowa Shrine Bowl . . . invited to NUC Senior All-American Bowl following senior year . . . was starting quarterback for Team USA in Eastbay All-American Bowl as an eighth grader . . . **Career** -- Four-year letterman and three-year starter at quarterback, leading team to 31-2 record as the starter . . . team captain as a senior . . . led prep team to state Class 4A state championship as a junior and senior after reaching state quarterfinals as a sophomore and freshman . . . MVP of state championship game as a junior and senior . . . holds school career records for pass attempts (484), completions (311), yards (4,566), passing touchdowns (45), rushing attempts (479), rushing yards (3,043), rushing touchdowns (45), total touchdowns (90), and total offense (7,609) . . . set state championship game record with six touchdowns (four rushing, two passing) . . . as a senior completed 137-of-221 attempts for 1,934 yards and 18 touchdowns, with just one interception, while rushing for 1,123 yards and 19 touchdowns on 167 attempts . . . named MVP of state title game after completing 7-of-11 passes for 68 yards and a touchdown and rushing 19 times for 144 yards and three touchdowns . . . led team to perfect 14-0 record as a junior, completing 119-of-187 pass attempts for 1,833 yards and 21 touchdowns, with three interceptions . . . also rushed 199 times for 1,332 yards and 24 touchdowns . . . was MVP of state championship game after completing 12-of-14 pass attempts for 287 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 78 yards and four touchdowns . . . played in just five games as a sophomore due to major knee injury, completing 50-of-71 pass attempts for 709 yards and six touchdowns, with two interceptions and rushing 73 times for 233 yards and one touchdown . . . as a freshman completed 5-of-5 pass attempts for 90 yards and rushed for 355 yards and one touchdown . . . also lettered in soccer.

Personal -- Born 9/13/96 . . . business major . . . parents are Marian and Ken Boyle . . . four-year member of prep Honor Roll and Dean's List . . . Student Ambassador as junior and senior . . . earned Dr. Robert Breedlove Award as a junior . . . high school coach was Tom Wilson.

Drew Cook

Quarterback

6-5, 220, Freshman

Iowa City, Iowa (Regina HS)

High school honors -- Named Class 1A first-team all-state as a junior and senior by the *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . MVP of Class 1A state championship game as a junior and senior . . . named Class 1A Player of the Year by *Cedar Rapids Gazette* and Offensive Player of the Year by *Iowa City Press-Citizen* as a senior . . . nominated for Ed Thomas Mr. Football Award . . . **Career** -- Four-year letterman for prep team that won four consecutive state championships, posting 27-1 record his final two seasons . . . member of team that set state record with 56-game winning streak . . . school records include touchdowns responsible for in a season (50 TDs as a senior), and 399 passing yards in state quarterfinals . . . team captain as a senior . . . completed 150-of-230 pass attempts (65 percent) for 2,504 yards and 31 touchdowns as a senior, with three interceptions . . . rushed for 706 yards and 16 touchdowns and had three receiving touchdowns . . . in championship game as a senior, completed 13-of-16 pass attempts for 175 yards and one touchdown, with one interception, while also rushing six times for 50 yards, catching a 24-yard scoring reception and punting once for 43 yards . . . as a junior completed 183-of-267 pass attempts (68 percent) for 2,563 yards and 22 touchdowns, with three interceptions . . . rushed for 440 yards and five touchdowns . . . in championship game as a junior, completed 13-of-13 pass attempts for 177 yards and one touchdown, while rushing for 46 yards and one touchdown . . . as a sophomore completed 29-of-52 pass attempts (55.8 percent) for 356 yards and three touchdowns, with no interceptions, and completed 4-of-6 passes for 37 yards as a freshman . . . also four-year letterman in basketball, earning all-state honors . . . represented Iowa in the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Rising Seniors event in Indianapolis.

Personal -- Born 8/30/96 . . . business major . . . parents are Tracy and Marv Cook . . . four-year member of Gold Honor Roll . . . his father, Marv Cook, earned consensus All-America honors as Iowa's tight end in 1988 . . . high school coach was his father, Marv Cook.



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2015 Newcomer Bios

James Daniels
Offensive Line
6-3, 290, Freshman
Warren, Ohio (Harding HS)

Hawk Item -- Joined program for 2015 spring practice.

High school honors -- Earned all-state honorable mention honors as a junior and senior . . . earned Five Blocks of Granite Award as a senior . . . first-team All-Northeast Ohio as a junior and senior, along with first team all-conference and all-county . . . earned Buckeye Blue Chip recognition as a junior and senior . . . **Career** -- Three-year football letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team reach first round of playoffs as a sophomore . . . started all 10 games as a senior, helping teammate rush for over 1,000 yards . . . started all nine games as a junior, as team rushed for over 1,500 yards . . . started all 11 games as a sophomore, as team rushed for over 2,000 yards and offensive line did not allow a single sack . . . also lettered in track, tossing shot put and discus.

Personal -- Born 9/13/97 . . . biology major . . . parents are Alicia and LeShun Daniels . . . brother of Iowa running back LeShun Daniels, Jr. . . . high school coach was Steve Arnold.

Adrian Falconer (FALCON-ir)
Wide Receiver
6-1, 180, Freshman
Leesburg, Florida (Leesburg HS)

High school honors -- Named to Central Florida All-Star team as a senior . . . earned team Most Valuable Player Award as a senior . . . named Outstanding Offensive Player as a junior . . . **Career** -- Four-year football letterman as wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped team win district title as a junior, posting 8-3 record . . . as a senior recorded 53 receptions for 951 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 17.9 yards per catch . . . also collected 33 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble on defense . . . as a junior recorded 55 receptions for 714 yards and six touchdowns, while recording 57 tackles on defense, along with two recovered fumbles and one forced fumble . . . recorded 28 receptions for 491 yards as a sophomore, with one kickoff return touchdown, with the touchdown return forcing overtime in playoff game . . . also lettered in track and basketball . . . member of state championship basketball team as a freshman.

Personal -- Born 9/11/95 . . . mechanical engineering major . . . parents are Karen and Paul Falconer . . . high school coach was Randy Trivers.

Angelo Garbutt (GAR-but)
Linebacker
6-2, 210, Freshman
Carrollton, Texas (Hebron HS)

High school honors -- first team all-district linebacker as a junior . . . earned *Dallas Morning News* Player of the Week honors during junior season . . . recognized as Top 10 Performer at Dallas Nike Football Training Camp prior to senior season . . . **Career** -- Four-year football letterman as outside linebacker and running back . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team reach playoffs as a sophomore and junior . . . also competed in track and basketball.

Personal -- Born 2/24/97 in Los Angeles . . . engineering major . . . mother is Toshika Robinson . . . high school coach was Brian Brazil.

Eric Graham
Running Back
5-9, 195, Freshman
Prattville, Alabama (Autauga Academy)

High school honors -- Earned all-state recognition for three consecutive seasons . . . named all-metro as a sophomore and junior . . . **Career** -- Two-year football team captain, helping prep team post 39-10 combined record over the last four seasons . . . team reached playoffs four straight years . . . as a senior rushed for over 2,400 yards and scored 33 touchdowns . . . rushed for 2,300 yards as a junior . . . also lettered in soccer and basketball.

Personal -- Born 10/31/95 . . . nursing major . . . parents are Stephanie and Eric Graham . . . high school coach was Mike Sims.



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2015 Newcomer Bios

Jack Hockaday

Linebacker

6-1, 215, Freshman

Forsyth, Illinois (Maroa-Forsyth HS)

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior . . . first-team all-conference linebacker as a senior and County Player of the Year . . . first-team all-conference at quarterback and defensive back as a sophomore and junior, while being named County Player of the Year both years . . . **Career** - - Set Illinois state record for career total yards from scrimmage (11,506) . . . four-year letterman while playing linebacker, quarterback, defensive back, and wide receiver . . . prep team earned state championship in 2012 and reached championship game in 2014 . . . team reached state semifinals in 2011 and 2013, posting four-year record of 46-7 . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . started at wide receiver and safety as a freshman . . . recorded 106 tackles as a senior with six interceptions and seven forced fumbles . . . on offense rushed 281 times for 2,016 yards and 32 touchdowns, while passing for 1,943 yards and 18 touchdowns . . . recorded 60 tackles and six interceptions as a junior, while rushing 122 times for 822 yards and 28 touchdowns and completing 125-of-187 pass attempts for 2,156 yards and 30 touchdowns, with two interceptions . . . collected 60 tackles and seven interceptions as a sophomore, while rushing 160 times for 1,007 yards and 22 touchdowns and completing 193-of-270 pass attempts for 2,529 yards and 28 touchdowns, with four interceptions . . . as a freshman collected 50 tackles and three interceptions on defense while catching 51 passes for 704 yards and seven touchdowns . . . also lettered for prep basketball team.

Personal - - Born 8/22/96 . . . open major . . . parents are Cheryl and John Hockaday . . . four-year member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was Josh Jostes.

Garret Jansen

Defensive Line

6-2, 255, Freshman

Pella, Iowa (Pella HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a senior . . . named first-team all-state as a junior by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . earned second-team all-state honors from *Des Moines Register* as a sophomore . . . first-team all-district selection for three straight seasons . . . **Career** - - Four-year varsity starter and four-year letterman . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team win state title as a senior, collecting three

solo tackles, one tackle for loss and one pass break-up in title game victory . . . recorded 59.5 tackles as a senior, with 25.5 tackles for loss and five sacks . . . also lettered in basketball, baseball, and track . . . participated in Drake Relays in discus throw in 2013 and 2014, placing seventh in 2014 . . . state qualifier in discus as sophomore and junior.

Personal - - Born 11/26/96 . . . communication disorders major . . . parents are Lisa and Ron Jansen . . . member of National Honor Society, serving as treasurer . . . member of prep Honor Roll . . . academic all-district for three years . . . academic all-state as a senior . . . received Iowa Bankers Association Outstanding Student Athlete Achievement Award . . . member of award-winning production team for school paper and earned first place in 2014 IHSPA page design competition . . . high school coach was Jay McKinstrey.

Justin Jinning (GIN-ing)

Linebacker

6-2, 210, Freshman

The Colony, Texas (The Colony HS)

High school honors - - Member of Texas Top 100 as a junior and senior . . . named unanimous first-team all-district as a junior and senior . . . district Defensive Player of the Year as a senior . . . district defensive Newcomer of the Year as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Three-year letterman while helping prep team reach state playoffs as a junior and senior . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 104 tackles as a senior, including 18 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles, and two recovered fumbles . . . recorded 78 tackles as a junior, with 16 tackles for loss, six sacks, three forced fumbles, and three recovered fumbles . . . collected 34 tackles as a sophomore, including six tackles for loss, one sack, and one recovered fumble . . . also competed in track, earning all-district honors as district champion in 110 and 300 hurdles.

Personal - - Born 12/23/96 . . . open major . . . mother is Vera McBride . . . high school coach was Rudy Rangel.



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Anthony Nelson
Defensive End
6-7, 220, Freshman
Urbandale, Iowa (Waukee HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite all-state team as a senior and first-team all-state by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . Class 4A Western Iowa Defensive Player of the Year as a senior and named to Elite Western Iowa team . . . first team all-district as a senior . . . **Career** - - Two-year starter at defensive end . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 33 solo tackles and 18 assists, with 21.5 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks as a senior, with five forced/recovered fumbles and 12 pass break-ups . . . recorded 29 solo tackles and 12 assists as a junior, with 7.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, five forced fumbles, four recovered fumbles, and 12 pass break-ups . . . also member of prep basketball team, serving as team captain . . . earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior . . . averaged 14.1 points and 9.3 rebounds per game as a junior, as team posted 18-5 record while winning district and conference titles.

Personal - - 3/04/97 . . . open major . . . parents are Christy and Jeff Nelson . . . earned academic all-district honors as a junior and senior . . . recorded over 100 hours of community service as part of Silver Cord organization . . . high school coach was Scott Carlson.

Jake Newborg
Offensive Line
6-3, 280, Freshman
Inwood, Iowa (West Lyon HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team on offense as a senior . . . named Class 1-A first-team all-state on defense as a junior and senior . . . earned third-team all-state honors as a sophomore . . . named District Defensive Most Valuable Player as a senior . . . first-team all-district for three-straight years . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs four-straight years . . . team won state title in 2013 and returned to championship game in 2014 while posting four-year record of 44-8 . . . team captain as a senior . . . on offense, helped team rush for over 4,600 yards as a junior and senior . . . on defense, recorded 36 tackles as a senior, including 10 sacks and one fumble recovery . . . collected 25 solo tackles and nine sacks as a junior, with one fumble recovery . . . collected 57 tackles as a sophomore, with one pass interception . . . also four-year track letterman,

placing third in the state in discus as a junior . . . three-year letterman in basketball and lettered one season in golf.

Personal - - Born 11/19/96 . . . education/business major . . . parents are Emma and Mike Newborg . . . high school coach was Jay Rozeboom.

Emmanuel Ogwo (OUG-woo)
Wide Receiver
6-0, 170, Freshman
Mesquite, Texas (Horn HS)

High school honors - - Named to Top 100 by *Dallas Morning News* . . . named all-district as a senior . . . **Career** - - Two-year letterman at wide receiver, as he did not compete in football as a junior while concentrating on track . . . recorded 35 receptions for 501 yards and four touchdowns as a senior, with four rushing attempts for 42 yards . . . as return specialist had eight kickoff returns for 240 yards . . . participated in sprint events for prep track team . . . placed fourth in Class 6A UIL State Track meet in the 400-meter dash as a junior . . . member of 400, 800 and 1,600-meter relay teams that qualified for area competition as a junior . . . was Junior Olympic USATF national 400-meter champion in 2012.

Personal - - Born 12/13/96 . . . business management major . . . parents are Debra and Emmanuel Ogwo . . . high school coach was Mike Overton.

Michael Ojemudia (oh-jay-MOO-dee-uh)
Defensive Back
6-2, 190, Freshman
Farmington Hills, Michigan (Harrison HS)

High school honors - - Named to All-County Dream Team as a senior . . . selected to participate in Border Classic (Michigan vs. Ohio) . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as linebacker and tight end . . . team captain as a senior . . . helped prep team reach state regionals as a junior and semifinals as a senior, posting two-year record of 20-5 . . . led team with 105 tackles as a senior, along with three interceptions . . . recorded 80 tackles as a junior while forcing eight fumbles . . . also lettered in track, competing in hurdle events and earning all-state honors in 110-meter hurdles.

Personal - - Born 9/12/97 . . . mechanical engineering major . . . parents are Bose and Dennis Ojemudia . . . member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was John Herrington.



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Landon Paulsen
Offensive Line
6-5, 290, Freshman
Moville, Iowa (Woodbury Central HS)

High school honors -- Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as an offensive lineman as a senior . . . named Class A first-team all-state as a senior by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . All-Northwest Iowa and all-district first team as a senior, along with being named district offensive MVP . . . selected to compete in Iowa Shrine Bowl following senior season and nominee for U.S. Army All-American Bowl . . . as a junior, was second-team all-state by *Des Moines Register*, first-team all-district and third-team all-Northwest Iowa . . . first-team all-district and fourth-team All-Northwest Iowa as a sophomore . . . **Career** -- Four-year letterman as offensive guard and defensive tackle . . . team captain for final three prep seasons . . . helped prep team reach playoffs as a freshman, sophomore, and senior, with 10-2 record in final prep season as team reached state quarterfinals . . . recorded 49 tackles as a senior, with 17 tackles for loss, three sacks, and two fumble recoveries . . . recorded 35 tackles as a junior . . . collected 52 tackles as a sophomore, with five tackles for loss, one sack, and one fumble recovery . . . as a freshman recorded 14 tackles, including two tackles for loss and one sack, along with one blocked punt . . . also lettered in wrestling (4), track (3), and baseball (2) . . . placed second at the Class 1A state wrestling tournament as a junior.

Personal -- Born 10/10/96 . . . health and human physiology major . . . parents are Michelle and Dan Paulsen . . . member of National Honor Society . . . earned first-team academic all-state recognition as a junior and all-district honors as a senior . . . member of high Honor Roll . . . twin brother Levi is also an offensive lineman for Iowa football team . . . high school coach was Kelly Manker.

Levi Paulsen
Offensive Line
6-5, 290, Freshman
Moville, Iowa (Woodbury Central HS)

High school honors -- Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite All-State team as a defensive lineman as a senior . . . named Class A first-team all-state as a senior by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association . . . All-Northwest Iowa and all-district first team as a senior, along with being named district defensive MVP . . . selected to compete in Iowa Shrine Bowl following senior season and nominee for U.S. Army All-American Bowl . . . as a junior, was second-team

all-state by *Des Moines Register*, first-team all-district and second-team All-Northwest Iowa . . . first-team all-state as a sophomore by *Des Moines Register* and first-team all-district . . . also third-team all-state by Iowa Newspaper Association and third-team All-Northwest Iowa . . . **Career** -- Four-year letterman as offensive tackle and defensive end . . . team captain for final three prep seasons . . . helped prep team reach playoffs as a freshman, sophomore, and senior, with 10-2 record in final prep season as team reached state quarterfinals . . . recorded 56 tackles as a senior, with 28 tackles for loss, two sacks, two fumble recoveries, and one touchdown . . . recorded 30 tackles as a junior, with one sack . . . collected 52 tackles as a sophomore, with five tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries . . . as a freshman recorded 35 tackles, including four tackles for loss and one sack . . . also lettered in wrestling (4), track (3), and baseball . . . posted an undefeated regular season on the mat as a junior.

Personal -- Born 10/10/96 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Michelle and Dan Paulsen . . . member of National Honor Society and earned academic all-district recognition . . . member of high Honor Roll . . . twin brother Landon is also an offensive lineman for Iowa football team . . . high school coach was Kelly Manker.

Brady Reiff (REEF)
Defensive End
6-4, 235, Freshman
Parkston, South Dakota (Parkston HS)

Hawk Item -- Joined program for 2015 spring practice.

High school honors -- Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior and senior . . . named to Elite 45 squad as a junior and senior . . . **Career** -- Played defensive end, linebacker, tight end and wide receiver during prep career . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . helped prep team reach state championship game as a junior . . . won state title as a senior, the first ever football state title for Parkston High School . . . also competed in wrestling and track . . . state wrestling champion at 220 pounds as sophomore and junior . . . state Wrestler of the Year as a sophomore . . . qualified for state track meet in open 200, and 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and medley relay units.

Personal -- Born 3/25/96 . . . open major . . . parents are Jo and Tom Reiff . . . brother of former Iowa All-American offensive lineman Riley Reiff . . . high school coach was Eric Norden.



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2015 Newcomer Bios

Michael Slater
Defensive End
6-2, 265, Freshman
St. Louis, Missouri (Parkway Central HS)

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-conference honors at running back as a senior and was second-team all-district . . . third-team all-state linebacker as a junior . . . first-team all-conference all-district linebacker as a junior . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as linebacker and running back . . . helped team post four-year record of 43-9 while winning conference and district titles in 2011, 2012, and 2013 . . . prep team reached state semifinals in 2012 and 2013 and reached state championship game in 2013 . . . team captain as a senior . . . recorded 47 tackles as a senior, including 33 solo tackles, along with two tackles for loss and one interception . . . recorded 68 tackles as a junior, including 50 solo tackles, along with two interceptions and one recovered fumble . . . rushed for 811 yards as a senior, scoring 16 touchdowns . . . rushed for 414 yards and nine touchdowns as a junior . . . also lettered in track, throwing shot put and discus.

Personal - - Born 12/27/96 . . . sports management major . . . parents are Venessa McNeil and Michael Slater . . . high school coach was Mark Goldenberg.

Jermic Smith (jir-muh-NEEK)
Wide Receiver
6-1, 180, Freshman
Garland, Texas (South Garland HS)

High school honors - - Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior . . . was first-team all-conference as a junior and senior after earning second-team honors as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Three-year letterman as a wide receiver . . . team captain as a senior . . . set school receiving record as a senior with 1,207 yards and 13 touchdowns on 76 receptions . . . recorded 56 catches for 864 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior . . . totaled 30 receptions for 564 yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore.

Personal - - Born 10/12/96 . . . kinesiology major . . . mother is Anita Smith . . . high school coach was Mark Cox.

Nate Vejvoda (vuh-VO-duh)
Tight End
6-5, 215, Freshman
Homer Glen, Illinois (Providence Catholic HS)

High school honors - - Named first-team all-conference in the Chicago Catholic League as a senior . . . named second-team all-area as wide receiver and named all-area honorable mention as tight end . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as tight end, wide receiver and long snapper . . . team captain as a sophomore and senior . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs as a junior . . . helped team post 13-1 record while winning state championship as a senior . . . recorded 44 receptions for 638 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior . . . as a junior recorded 24 receptions for 352 yards and three touchdowns . . . also a four-year letterman in basketball.

Personal - - Born 9/06/96 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Nancy and Greg Vejvoda . . . named to Class 7A all-state academic team for football . . . four-year member of First Honor Roll . . . member of National Honor Society . . . high school coach was Mark Caglione.

Brett Waechter (WAX-tur)
Offensive Line
6-5, 275, Freshman
Hartley, Iowa (Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn HS)

Hawk-Item - - Joined program for 2015 spring practice.

High school honors - - Named Class 1-A first-team all-state as a senior by *Des Moines Register* and second-team all-state by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . first-team all-district and All-Northwest Iowa as a senior . . . second-team all-state as a sophomore by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . district MVP and first-team all-district and All-Northwest Iowa as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - Four-year letterman as offensive lineman and defensive end . . . missed majority of junior season due to injury . . . team captain as a senior . . . team reached state playoffs as a sophomore and junior . . . recorded 41 tackles as a senior, with six sacks . . . also rushed 23 times for 154 yards and one touchdown and averaged 39 yards on 30 punts . . . collected 16 tackles, including two sacks, in an injury-shortened junior year, along with averaging 34 yards on seven punts . . . recorded 56 tackles, including 16 sacks, and averaged 30 yards on 20 punts as a sophomore . . . collected 21 tackles and two sacks as a freshman, along with three pass receptions for 61 yards . . . also lettered in basketball and track.



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Personal - - Born 7/22/96 . . . engineering major . . . parents are Rhonda and Steve Waechter . . . member of National Honor Society . . . academic all-district and all-state as a senior . . . high school coach was his father, Steve Waechter.

Nick Wilson

Linebacker

6-2, 206, Freshman

Granger, Iowa (Dowling Catholic HS)

High school honors - - Named to *Des Moines Register* Elite all-state team as a senior . . . earned Class 4A Sports Spotlight Award as a senior . . . first-team all-conference and all-district as a senior . . . first-team all-conference and second-team all-district as a junior . . . **Career** - - Three-year football letterman as safety, wide receiver and quarterback . . . member of prep team that won back-to-back state titles as a junior and senior with a combined record of 27-1 . . . prep team posted 9-3 record and reached state quarterfinals as a sophomore . . . recorded 63 tackles as a senior, with 39 solo stops and three tackles for loss to go with three interceptions . . . recorded 53.5 tackles as a junior, with 35 solo tackles, one tackle for loss and one interception . . . also completed 7-of-12 passes for 69 yards and had one rushing touchdown . . . as a sophomore quarterback completed 56-of-90 pass attempts for 986 yards and 13 touchdowns, while rushing 52 times for 218 yards and four touchdowns . . . also participated in basketball and baseball as a prep.

Personal - - Born 12/04/96 . . . business major . . . parents are Merry and Kevin Wilson . . . high school coach was Tom Wilson.

Iowa Recruiting Class Notes

- It is believed that Landon and Levi Paulsen are the first set of twins to sign with Iowa football since Aaron and Evan Kooiker (Sioux Center) joined the program in 1992. Overall, it is believed they would be the fifth set of twins to play at Iowa. Along with the Kooiker's, that list includes Kent and Kevin Ellis (1977-80); Leo and Lloyd Jensvold (1928-30); and Harold and Herbert Shoener (1946-47).
- Iowa's current recruiting class includes two quarterbacks from the state of Iowa. This marks the first time since 1974 that Iowa has signed two players at the quarterback position from Iowa.
- Among the current recruits 19 served as team captains, and six of the 19 were a captain more than one year.
- Among the current recruits, 13 were member of their high school Honor Roll or earned additional academic distinction.
- Among the current recruits, eight played on football teams that won state championships, while three of the newest Hawkeyes won more than one state football championship.
- Several of the current recruits participated in additional sports during their prep careers:

Track:	13
Basketball:	11
Baseball:	4
Wrestling:	3
Soccer:	2
Golf:	1



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2015 Iowa Football Walk-Ons

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School/CC
Lane Akre (ACHE-ree)	FB	6-0	220	Fr.	Geneseo, Ill.	Geneseo
Jacob Giese (GEES-ee)	DL	6-3	270	Fr.	West Branch, Iowa	West Branch
Isaiah Kramme (KRAM-ee)	DB	6-3	205	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa	Centennial
Colton Rastetter (RASS-tet-ir)	P	6-2	205	Fr.	Guttenberg, Iowa	Clayton Ridge
Brady Ross	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Dakota City, Iowa	Humboldt
Blake Simons	TE	6-6	220	Fr.	Sanborn, Iowa	Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
Jackson Subbert (SUE-birt)	LS	6-3	205	Fr.	Williamsburg, Iowa	Williamsburg

Walk-On Student-Athletes

Future walk-ons will be added to the list once they have completed the admission process and can be released in compliance with NCAA rules.