



## 2024 KANSAS FOOTBALL NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

### Official Signings

Name	Position	Height	Weight	High School	Hometown
Isaiah Marshall	QB	6'0"	205 lbs.	Southfield A&T HS	Southfield, Michigan
Red Martel	RB	5'9"	205 lbs.	Beggs HS	Beggs, Oklahoma
Harry Stewart III	RB	5'9"	215 lbs.	Centennial HS	Frisco, Texas
Carson Bruhn	TE	6'6"	240 lbs.	Sioux Center HS	Sioux Center, Iowa
DeShawn Hanika	TE	6'6"	240 lbs.	Butler CC/Iowa State	Topeka, Kansas
David Abajian	OL	6'5"	285 lbs.	Chaminade College Prep	West Hills, California
Kene Anene	OL	6'5"	275 lbs.	East Ridge HS	Cottage Grove, Minnesota
Carter Lavrusky	OL	6'6"	275 lbs.	Horizon HS	Scottsdale, Arizona
Harrison Utley	OL	6'4"	290 lbs.	Norman North HS	Norman, Oklahoma
Dakyus Brinkley	DE	6'3"	220 lbs.	Katy HS	Katy, Texas
Greydon Grimes	DE	6'6"	230 lbs.	China Spring HS	China Spring, Texas
DJ Warner	DE	6'3"	215 lbs.	Desert Edge HS	Buckeye, Arizona
Jon Jon Kamara	LB	6'3"	205 lbs.	Desert Edge HS	Goodyear, Arizona
Jacorey Stewart	LB	6'0"	215 lbs.	Milton HS	Atlanta, Georgia
Dre Gibson	CB	5'10"	180 lbs.	Desert Edge HS	Goodyear, Arizona
Jalen Todd	CB	6'1"	180 lbs.	Southfield A&T HS	Southfield, Michigan
Austin Alexander	CB	6'0"	200 lbs.	Marian Catholic HS	Hazel Crest, Illinois
Damani Maxson	S	6'1"	180 lbs.	Clear Lake HS	Houston, Texas



**DAVID  
ABAJIAN**  
**Offensive Line / 6'5"**  
**/ 285 lbs. / Chaminade College Prep /**  
**West Hills, California**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect

by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Was the most improved player on his team in 2021...Holds a 3.8 GPA...Coached by David Machuca at Chaminade College Prep...Also throws shot put for his high school track & field team.

**Personal:** Son of Lena & Joseph Abajian...Has two siblings, a twin older brother and sister...Chose Kansas over offers from Oregon State, Washington State, Cal, Nebraska and others.



**AUSTIN  
ALEXANDER**  
**Cornerback / 6'0"**  
**/ 170 lbs. / Marian Catholic HS / Hazel Crest, Illinois**

**High School:** Rated a four-star prospect

by Rivals and ESPN...Has a 5.8 rating from Rivals, which ranks him as the No. 11 prospect in Illinois and the No. 37 cornerback in the country...Named to the 5A Illinois High School Football Coaches Association (IHSFCA) All-State Team...Had 70 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss and 2 interceptions as a senior...Also contributed offensively with one rushing touchdown...Has a 3.6 GPA...Played for coach Nick Lopez at Marian Catholic HS.

**Personal:** Son of Ashira & Chris Alexander...Chose Kansas over offers from Illinois, Purdue, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa and others.



**KENE ANENE**  
**Offensive Line / 6'5"**  
**/ 275 lbs. / East Ridge HS / Cottage Grove, Minnesota**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Ranked

as the No. 10 prospect in Minnesota by Rivals...Scored a rushing touchdown in a game during his senior season...Holds a 3.7 GPA.

**Personal:** Son of Chukwudumebi & Ositadinma Anene...Has two brothers, Chin and Troy...Also competes in track & field...Chose Kansas over offers from Army, Colorado State, North Dakota State and others.



**DAKUS  
BRINKLEY**  
**Defensive End / 6'3"**  
**/ 220 lbs. / Katy HS / Katy, Texas**

**High School:** Rated a four-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports

and ESPN...Ranked No. 249 on the ESPN300 with a scout grade of 81...Has a 5.8 rating from Rivals, which rates him as the No. 54 prospect in Texas and the No. 24 outside linebacker in the country...Has been invited to play in the 2023 U.S. Army All-American Bowl...Selected to the All-Greater Houston Preseason Team...Named to the final ballot for the 2023 Whataburger Super Team...Also competes in track and plays basketball...Coached by Gary Joseph at Katy HS.

**Personal:** Son of Jasper and Kellie Brinkley...Father Jasper played linebacker at South Carolina and later in the NFL for seven seasons, spending time with the Minnesota Vikings, Arizona Cardinals, Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants...Step mom Kellie Wells Brinkley won the bronze medal in 110 meter hurdles in the 2012 Olympics...Has six siblings...Chose Kansas over offers from Oklahoma, Missouri, Oregon, Texas, Kansas State and others.



**CARSON  
BRUHN**  
**Tight End / 6'6"**  
**/ 240 lbs. / Sioux Center HS / Sioux Center, Iowa**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by

Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Rated as the No. 5 prospect in Iowa by Rivals...First Team All-State Class 3A selection...First Team All-District and All-District Defensive Line MVP...Also participated in baseball, basketball and track & field, competing in the 400 meter dash, 4x400 meter relay and 400 meter hurdles...Recorded 18 receptions for 223 yards and three touchdowns while adding 21 tackles and 6.0 tackles for loss on defense...Named Homecoming King...Honor

Roll and National Honors Society member...Maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school...All-State singer in the choir...Coached by Tim VanRegenmorter at Sioux Center HS.

**Personal:** Son of Dan & Gretchen Bruhn...Has four siblings...Chose Kansas over offers from Kansas State, Missouri, Minnesota and others.



**DRE GIBSON**  
**Cornerback / 5'10"**  
**/ 180 lbs. / Desert Edge HS / Goodyear, Arizona**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...One of

three 2024 Kansas signees from Desert Edge HS, joined by Jon Jon Kamara and DJ Warner...Finished his senior season with 32 tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss, 1 interception and 13 passes defended...Also contributed offensively with 26 carries for 124 yards and three touchdowns...Had a 95-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in his final game...Played against fellow Kansas signee Carter Lavrusky in the state semifinals...Competes on the track & field team at Desert Edge, running the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes...Coached by Mark and Marcus Carter at Desert Edge.

**Personal:** Son of Rea Matthews...Has two siblings, Antzanaya and Ahmir...Chose Kansas over offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Iowa State, Oregon and others.



**GREYDON  
GRIMES**  
**Defensive End / 6'6"**  
**/ 230 lbs. / China Spring HS / China Spring, Texas**

**High School:** Three-star prospect by Ri-

vals, 247Sports and ESPN...Played both at tight end and defensive end for China Spring...Helped China Spring to back-to-back Class 4A D-1 State Championships in 2021 and 2022...Posted marks of 45-feet in the shot put and 105-feet, 6-inches in discus during the spring 2023 season...Played at Pleasant Grove (Utah) as a freshman.

**Personal:** Son of Jeff & Sheri Grimes...Father, Jeff, serves as KU's Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator...Has three siblings, Bailey,



Jada and Garrison...Chose Kansas over offers from Baylor, UTSA and North Texas.



## DESHAWN HANIKA

**Tight End / 6'6" /  
240 lbs. / Butler CC/  
Iowa State / Topeka,  
Kansas**

**High School:** Two-time Academic All-Big

12 Second Team (2021-22) selection and named to the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll in four semesters...Played at Iowa State from 2020-23, appearing in 36 games in his first three seasons at ISU...Played in 12 games in 2022, leading Cyclone tight ends with 17 receptions for 244 yards...Finished the season with four touchdown receptions...Saw action in 13 games in 2021 and nine in 2022, primarily on special teams...Red-shirted at Butler CC in 2019...Earned All-State and All-City honors while playing at Hayden HS in Topeka...Led his team to the Class 4A-II semi-finals as a senior...Recorded over 1,000 receiving yards and 60 receptions with 18 touchdowns as a senior...Invited to the Kansas Shrine Bowl... Also an all-state basketball player, helping his team win the state title as a senior...Averaged 16 points and seven rebounds per game in his senior season...Coached by Bill Arnold at Hayden HS.

**Personal:** Son of Kim and Brad Hanika...Has one sibling, Connor Brogan...Has earned a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies.



## JON JON KAMARA

**Linebacker / 6'3"  
/ 205 lbs. / Desert  
Edge HS / Goodyear,  
Arizona**

**High School:** Rated a

three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...One of three 2024 Kansas signees from Desert Edge HS, joined by Dre Gibson and DJ Warner...During his senior season, totaled 50 tackles, 6.0 tackles for loss, 3.0 sacks and five pass deflections...Also a member of the track team, competing in long jump, high jump and the 100 meter dash...Coached by Mark and Marcus Carter at Desert Edge.

**Personal:** Was born in Liberia and grew up in Arizona, Philadelphia and Florida...Parents still live in Liberia, so he lives with his uncle John

Bernard in Arizona...Has one sister, Jasmine... Has a 3.51 GPA...Chose Kansas over offers from Arizona State, Kansas State, Texas, Washington and others.



## CARTER LAVRUSKY

**Offensive Line / 6'6"  
/ 275 lbs. / Horizon  
HS / Scottsdale,  
Arizona**

**High School:** Rated a

three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Named District Offensive Player of the Year...First Team All-Region selection and one of seven finalists for offensive lineman of the year...First Team All-District selection in track & field...Also plays basketball... Coached by Andy Litten at Horizon HS.

**Personal:** Son of Laura Halliday & John Michael Lavrusky...Has two brothers, Logan and Ethan... Chose Kansas over offers from Arizona, Arizona State, California, Oregon State and others.



## ISAIAH MARSHALL

**Quarterback / 6'0" /  
205 lbs. / Southfield  
A&T HS / Southfield,  
Michigan**

**High School:** Rated

a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Ranked as the No. 14 prospect in Michigan and the No. 14 dual threat quarterback in the country by Rivals... One of two 2024 Kansas signees from Southfield A&T, joined by Jalen Todd...Named The D Zone 2023 Player of the Year after leading Southfield to the first state championship in school history... Finished his senior season with 3,114 passing yards and 39 touchdowns, while also rushing for 1,507 yards and 16 touchdowns...Completed 20-of-31 passes for 281 yards and two touchdowns in the state championship game...Led an 80-yard game-winning drive with less than a minute to play in the state semifinals...Also plays basketball and runs track...Coached by Aaron Marshall at Southfield.

**Personal:** Son of Yolanda & Brian Marshall... Has two siblings, Christian and Maya...Chose Kansas over offers from Kentucky, West Virginia, Mississippi, Michigan and others.



## RED MARTEL

**Running Back / 5'9" /  
205 lbs. / Beggs HS /  
Beggs, Oklahoma**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Was the first player to commit

to Kansas in the Class of 2024...Ranked the No. 17 prospect in the state of Oklahoma by 247Sports...Rushed for over 1,900 yards and 22 touchdowns, averaging 9.3 yards per attempt on the ground as a senior...Added four receiving touchdowns and 311 yards through the air... Member of National Honor Society and on the student council at his school...Coached by David Tenison at Beggs HS.

**Personal:** Son of Kimberly Martel and Joe G. Martel, Jr...Has two siblings, Casey and Joe... Chose Kansas over offers from Colorado and Stanford.



## DAMANI MAXSON

**Safety / 6'1" / 180  
lbs. / Clear Lake HS /  
Houston, Texas**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and

ESPN...Totalled 30 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and one interception as a senior...Was selected to the Touchdown Club of Houston Preseason Team...Also competes in baseball and track & field, where he performs in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and high jump...Coached by Donald Lawrence at Clear Lake HS.

**Personal:** Son of Shay Roach...Has one older brother...Chose Kansas over offers from LSU, Michigan State, Missouri, Colorado, Arkansas and others.



## HARRY STEWART III

**Running Back / 5'9"  
/ 215 lbs. / Centennial  
HS / Frisco, Texas**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and

ESPN...Ranked as the No. 43 running back in the

country by Rivals...Rushed for more than 1,200 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior...Added 250 yards and two touchdowns receiving...Leading rusher in 5A-I Region II District 6...Coached by Matt Webb at Centennial HS.

**Personal:** Son of Elizabeth Stewart-Williams and Harry Stewart II...Has three step-siblings...Chose Kansas over offers from BYU, Baylor, Michigan, Missouri, Texas A&M and others.



## JACOREY STEWART

**Linebacker / 6'0" / 215 lbs. / Milton HS / Atlanta, Georgia**

**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals, 247Sports and

ESPN...Named Most Outstanding Defensive Player of the Georgia State Championship game by Georgia Public Broadcasting...Had seven tackles, one sack and a pick-six with less than a minute to go to clinch the 7A State Championship...During his senior season, totaled 80 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, two pass deflections and a fumble recovery...Added one punt return for a touchdown on special teams...Also runs the 100 meter dash in track...Has a 3.31 GPA...Coached by Ben Reaves at Milton HS.

**Personal:** Son of Michelle Myles...Has 10 siblings...Chose Kansas over offers from Missouri, Mississippi State, Georgia Tech, Texas A&M and others.



## JALEN TODD

**Cornerback / 6'1" / 180 lbs. / Southfield A&T HS / Southfield, Michigan**

**High School:** Rated a four-star prospect by Rivals...Holds a 5.8 rating from Rivals,

which ranks him as the No. 10 prospect in Michigan and No. 35 cornerback in the country...One of two 2024 Kansas signees from Southfield A&T, joined by Isaiah Marshall...Helped guide Southfield to the first State Championship in program history...Also competes on the track & field team...Holds a 3.0 GPA...Coached by Aaron Marshall at Southfield.

**Personal:** Son of Onna & Maurice Todd...Has one sister, Tamyra, who runs track at Kentucky

State...Chose Kansas over offers from Auburn, Boston College, Florida, Iowa, Penn State and others.

## HARRISON UTLEY

**Offensive Lineman / 6'4" / 290 lbs. / Norman North HS / Norman, Oklahoma**



**High School:** Rated a three-star prospect by

Rivals, 247Sports and ESPN...Ranked as the No. 10 prospect in Oklahoma by Rivals...Recorded more than 30 pancake blocks as a senior while allowing just one sack during the season...District 6A-I 1 Offensive Lineman of the Year...Received First Team All-State and First Team Big All-City honors...Earned varsity letters in football and baseball all throughout high school...Named Newcomer of the Year his first year on varsity...Has a 4.0 GPA...Coached by Justin Jones at Norman HS.

**Personal:** Son of Carrie & Terry Utley...Has two siblings, Garrison and Carlyn...Chose Kansas over offers from Oklahoma, Iowa State, Tulsa, UNLV and others.

## DJ WARNER

**Defensive End / 6'3" / 215 lbs. / Desert Edge HS / Buckeye, Arizona**



**High School:** Rated a four-star prospect by Rivals and 247Sports...Has a 5.8 rating from

Rivals, which ranks him as the No. 12 prospect in Arizona and No. 19 weakside defensive end in the country...Rated as the No. 148 recruit nationally by 247Sports...One of three 2024 Kansas signees from Desert Edge HS, joined by Dre Gibson and Jon Jon Kamara...Has accepted an invitation to compete in the 2024 All-American Bowl...First Team All-Region selection and the All-Region Player of the Year...Totaled 66 tackles, 20 tackles for loss and two interceptions...Added a blocked field goal and two offensive touchdowns (one rushing, one receiving)...Also competes in high jump, discus and shot put for the Desert Edge track & field team...Coached by Mark and Marcus Carter at Desert Edge.

**Personal:** Chose Kansas over offers from Ohio State, Texas, Washington, Nebraska, Michigan and others.