



Stanford Welcomes Incoming Class

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STANFORD, Calif. - Bradford M. Freeman Director of Football [David Shaw](#) announced Wednesday that 25 student-athletes will continue their academic and athletic careers at Stanford.

The nation's finest high school talent will converge upon Stanford from 13 states and Austria: Texas (6), California (3), Utah (2), Maryland (2), Hawaii (2), New Jersey (2), Louisiana, Connecticut, New Mexico, Florida, Missouri, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Each member of the 2016 recruiting class officially submitted their National Letter of Intent and Financial Aid Agreement to Stanford University.

Recruiting pundits tabbed the class among the best nationally, including a **No. 8 ranking by PrepStar**, No. 12 by ESPN and No. 15 by Scout.

"You can look at this recruiting class and know what Stanford football is all about," said Shaw. "When you search across the country looking for guys who fit Stanford University, it starts with the transcript. You'd love to say it starts with the film, but it starts with the transcript, and it's backed up by the film. We need guys that excel in both of those areas.

"These guys trusted in us, they believed in us. They did a lot of extra work that no one else in the nation asked them to do ... It's a difficult process, but they know it's worth it. These guys set a goal in their mind to achieve the possibility of getting to a place like Stanford University, and these guys have made it."

Thirteen signees received four-star status, while outside linebacker [Curtis Robinson](#) (Irvine, Calif./Mater Dei) was a consensus five-star honoree. Tight end [Kaden Smith](#) (Flower Mound, Texas/Marcus) and quarterback [K.J. Costello](#) (Coto de Caza, Calif./Santa Margarita Catholic) earned **five-star status from PrepStar**.