



USC Football Announces 2016 Signing Class

12 high school football players and a junior college player signed with USC to join the program in fall 2016.

BIOGRAPHIES ON USC FOOTBALL'S 2016 SPRING NEWCOMERS

BETIKU--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, Max Preps All-American first team, Maxwell Club National Player of the Year finalist, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, USA Today All-California Defensive Player of the Year, Cal-Hi Sports State Defensive Player of the Year, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, Fox Sports West/Prime Ticket All-CIF Defensive Player of the Year, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, South Bay Daily Breeze Defensive Player of the Year and All-Mission League Lineman of the Year as a senior defensive end at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.). He had 70 tackles, including 28 for losses (with 17 sacks), plus 2 forced fumbles in 2015. As a junior in 2014, he made Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, South Bay Daily Breeze All-South Bay first team and All-Mission League Co-Lineman of the Year as he had 59 tackles, including 24 for losses (with 11.5 sacks), 2 deflections and a forced fumble. Current Trojans Deontay Burnett, Rasheem Green, Jalen Green, John Houston, Adoree' Jackson, Jalen Jones, C.J. Pollard and Olajuwon Tucker also prepped at Serra. He attended Bishop McNamara High in Forestville (Md.) as a 2013 sophomore, but did not play football there. He was born in Lagos, Nigeria and participated in soccer and boxing. He moved to the United States when he was 13, which is when he first took up football.

FINK--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Medium Schools first team, All-CIF Central Division, San Gabriel Valley Tribune All-Area first team and All-Palomares League Player of the Year as a senior dual-threat quarterback at Glendora (Calif.) High. He completed 87-of-174 passes (50.0%) for 1,258 yards with 15 TDs and 5 interceptions in 2015, rushed for 1,106 yards on 180 carries (6.1 avg) with 17 TDs, had a 36-yard reception, made 6 tackles and 2 interceptions and averaged 36.8 yards on 37 punts (with 12 pinning opponents within the 20-yard line). As a junior in 2014, he made Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior second team as he completed 96-of-165 passes (58.2%) for 1,386 yards with 10 TDs and 3 interceptions and he also ran for 725 yards on 75 carries (9.7 avg) with 10 TDs. As a 2013 sophomore, he completed 95-of-192 passes (49.5%) for 1,449 yards with 12 TDs and 6 interceptions and he ran for 182 yards on 47 carries (3.9 avg) with 3 TDs.

IMATORBHEBHE--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team and Gwinnett Daily Post All-County third team as a senior wide receiver at North Gwinnett High in Sugar Hill (Ga.). He caught 31 passes for 452 yards (14.6 avg) with 3 TDs in 2015 and he also threw a TD, had a 66-yard rush and averaged 19.0 yards on 5 kickoff returns. As a junior in 2014, he made All-Region 7-AAAAAA first team while getting 59 receptions for 1,072 yards (18.2 avg) with 15 TDs. He caught 5 passes for 55 yards (11.0 avg) with a TD as a 2013 sophomore, helping North Gwinnett advance to the Class AAAAAA state championship game. He also played basketball at North Gwinnett. His brother, Daniel, is a redshirt freshman tight end at USC.

JIMMONS--He made 2015 Prep Star All-West Region, USA Today All-California second team and All-Sunset League first team as a senior defensive end and tight end at Huntington Beach (Calif.) High. He had 32 tackles, including 7 for losses (with a sack), 2 deflections and a forced fumble in 2015, plus he caught 7 passes for 61 yards (8.7 avg). As a junior in 2014, he had 45 tackles, including 6.5 for losses and 9 sacks, plus 4 deflections and 2 forced fumbles, along with 2 catches for 8 yards (4.0 avg). He made 51 tackles, including 6 for losses (with 2 sacks), plus an interception, 2 deflections, 2 fumble recoveries and 2 forced fumbles as a 2013 sophomore, and he also caught a TD.

PITTMAN--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, Max Preps All-American first team, Orange County Register Feb 15 second team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, USA Today All-California Offensive Player of the Year, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, Fox Sports West/Prime Ticket All-CIF Offensive Player of the Year, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, Los Angeles Daily News Player of the Year and Ventura County Star Player of the Year as a senior wide receiver and safety at Oaks Christian High in Westlake Village (Calif.). He had 81 receptions for 1,990 yards (24.6 avg) with 24 TDs in 2015 (he caught 16 passes for 354 yards and 5 TDs in his final game), as well as 31 tackles, an interception and a deflection, 17 kickoff returns for 477 yards (28.1 avg) with 1 TD and 14 punt returns for 148 yards (10.6 avg). As a junior in 2014, he made Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior second team, Los Angeles Daily News All-Area first team and All-Marmonte League Co-Receiver of the Year. He had 47 catches for 914 yards (19.4 avg) with 12 TDs in 2014, plus 43 tackles (including 2 for losses) and 3 interceptions and 11 kickoff returns for 311 yards (28.3 avg). His father, Michael, was a running back at Fresno State (1993, 95-97) and then in the NFL with the Arizona Cardinals (1998-2001), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2002-07), including on the Super Bowl XXXVII champion in the 2003 season, and Denver Broncos (2008)

POLLARD--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, USA Today All-California second team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, South Bay Daily Breeze All-South Bay first team and All-Mission League first team as a senior defensive back and wide receiver at Serra High in Gardena (Calif.). He had 62 tackles, including 2 for losses, and 5 deflections in 2015. As a junior in 2014, he made 58 tackles (2 for losses) and 3 deflections. He had 20 tackles as a 2013 sophomore. Current Trojans Oluwole Betiku, Deontay Burnett, Rasheem

Green, Jalen Green, John Houston, Adoree' Jackson, Jalen Jones and Olajuwon Tucker also prepped at Serra. His real first name is Chris. His father, Marvin, was a cornerback at USC (1988-91) and his mother, Pam, is a USC graduate.

SMITH--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, USA Today All-California second team, Riverside Press Enterprise All-Inland first team and All-Southwestern League first team as a senior offensive and defensive tackle at Murrieta (Calif.) Mesa High. He also threw the discus and shot put on Murrieta Mesa's track team.

BIOGRAPHIES ON USC FOOTBALL'S 2016 FALL NEWCOMERS

ANGELINE--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American, USA Today All-Pennsylvania second team, AP All-State AAAA first team, Pennsylvania Football News All-State first team and Philadelphia Inquirer All-Southeastern Pennsylvania first team, Daily Local All-Area first team and All-Ches-Mont League Player of the Year as a senior tight end at Dowington East High in Exton (Penn). He had 47 receptions for 826 yards (17.6 avg) with 13 TDs in 2015 (he also had 6 sacks and 2 interceptions on defense). As a junior in 2014, he made AP All-State AAAA first team, Pennsylvania Football News All-State first team, Philadelphia Inquirer All-Southeastern Pennsylvania first team, Daily Local All-Area first team and All-Ches-Mont League first team as he had 67 catches for 1,051 yards (15.7 avg) with 10 TDs. He made Daily Local All-Area first team and All-Ches-Mont League as he had 33 catches for 456 yards (13.8 avg) with 6 TDs as a 2013 sophomore. He also was an All-League basketball player at Dowington East, averaging 22.4 points and 12.0 rebounds as a junior, 19.9 points as a sophomore and 15.0 points as a freshman. His grandfather, Fran, was a tight end and defensive end at Colgate (1955 captain), then was the 1979 National High School Coach of the Year while at Union-Endicott (N.Y.) High. His father, Chris, was a quarterback and tight end at Columbia. His brother, Ryley, is a sophomore tight end at Delaware. His uncle, Larry, played football at Mansfield and another uncle, Jerry, played football at Hobart.

COOK--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, USA Today All-Florida second team and All-State Class 6A first team as a senior defensive back at Miami (Fla.) Central High while getting 6 interceptions. He was a member of Miami Central's state Class 6A championship teams in 2012, 2013 and 2014. He also played basketball at Miami Central. His cousin is Florida State junior running back Dalvin Cook.

FATU--He made 2015 JC Athletic Bureau All-California Region III first team and All-Southern California Football Association National Division Central League first team (unanimous) as a sophomore defensive tackle at Long Beach (Calif.) City College. He had 52 tackles, including 14 for losses (with 9.5 sacks), 2 fumble recoveries, a forced fumble and a deflection in 2015 as Long Beach CC went 10-2, won the Southern California Bowl and advanced to the SoCal Regional Championship. As a freshman in 2014, he had 37 tackles, including 10.5 for losses (with 8 sacks), an interception, a fumble recovery, a forced fumble and a deflection as Long Beach CC went 9-2 and won the Beach Bowl. Current Trojan **De'Quan Hampton** also attended Long Beach CC. He

made 2013 All-Moore League first team as a senior 2-way lineman at Lakewood (Calif.) High. As a junior in 2012, he averaged 3 tackles a game. Current Trojan **Toa Lobendahn** previously attended Lakewood.

IOSEFA--He made 2015 Prep Star All-West Region and USA Today All-Hawaii second team as a senior linebacker at St. Louis High in Honolulu (Hi.). He had 34 tackles in 2015. He sat out the 2014 season after transferring from Waipahu (Hi.) High.

J. JONES--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, Scout.com All-American, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, USA Today All-California first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division (as a defensive back), Los Angeles Times All-Area first team and Long Beach Press-Telegram Dream Team Co-Offensive Player of the Year as a senior cornerback and wide receiver at Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High. He had 23 tackles, an interception and 4 deflections in 2015, plus 42 receptions for 837 yards (19.9 avg) with 11 TDs, 79 yards on 9 carries (8.8 avg), 5 punt returns for 143 yards (20.6 avg) with a TD, 4 kickoff returns for 127 yards (31.8 avg) and a 37.0 average on 4 punts. As a junior in 2014, he made Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division (as a wide receiver) and Long Beach Press-Telegram Dream Team first team. He had 40 tackles, an interception and a deflection in 2014, plus 64 receptions for 719 yards (11.2 avg) with 5 TDs, 6 punt returns for 136 yards (22.7 avg) with 1 TD and 2 kickoff returns for 21 yards (10.5 avg). Current Trojans **Iman Marshall** and **JuJu Smith-Schuster** also prepped at Long Beach Poly.

V. JONES--He made 2015 Prep Star All-Southeast Region, USA Today All-Alabama first team, AL.com Super All-State first team, Alabama Sportswriters Association All-State Class 6A first team and All-Coastal Alabama first team as a senior wide receiver at Saraland (Ala.) High. He had 48 receptions for 945 yards (19.7 avg) with 10 TDs in 2015, plus 172 rushing yards with 2 TDs and 2 touchdowns on special teams. As a junior in 2014, he made All-State and All-Region while getting 51 receptions for 1,118 yards (21.9 avg) with 9 TDs. Saraland was the state Class 6A runnerup in 2014.

MALEPEAI--He made 2015 Prep Star All-West Region, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, Gatorade Hawaii Player of the Year, USA Today All-Hawaii Offensive Player of the Year and All-Oahu Interscholastic Association Blue Offensive Player of the Year as a senior running back at Mililani (Hi.) High. He ran for 1,952 yards on 234 carries (8.3 avg) with 29 TDs in 2015. As a junior in 2014, he made USA Today All-Hawaii first team as he ran for 1,337 yards on 227 carries (5.9 avg) with 24 TDs. Mililani won the state championship in 2014 after being the runnerup in 2013. He set state career records with his 4,556 rushing yards and 71 rushing TDs. His uncles Silila (1990-94), Pulou (1993-95) and Tasi (1994-96) played football at Oregon.

MARTIN--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, USA Today All-California first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, Fox Sports West/Prime Ticket All-CIF, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, Orange County Register All-Orange County first team and All-Trinity League

first team as a senior offensive lineman at Mater Dei High in Santa Ana (Calif.). As a junior in 2014, he made USA Today All-State first team and Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior first team. As a 2013 sophomore, he made Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomore first team. Current Trojans **Grant Moore** and **Jonathan Lockett** also prepped at Mater Dei.

MURPHY--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American as a senior defensive end at Brophy Prep in Phoenix (Ariz.). He had 30 tackles, including 5 for losses (with 2 sacks), and 2 deflections in 2015 despite being bothered all season with a groin injury that required surgery and limited him to playing in just 7 games. As a junior in 2014, he had 71 tackles, including 8.5 for losses (with 1.5 sacks), plus 4 deflections and 2 fumble recoveries. He had 10 tackles (1 for a loss) and a deflection as a sophomore in 2013. He also threw the shot put and discus on Brophy Prep's track team. His brother, Trent, was a consensus All-American outside linebacker at Stanford (2010-13) and now plays for the Washington Redskins. His sister, Kayli, played women's basketball at Arizona State (2007-10) and competed in the 2011 Miss Arizona USA pageant.

PRICE--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team and USA Today All-Georgia first team as a senior offensive lineman at Archer High in Lawrenceville (Ga.). As a junior in 2014, he played at Central Gwinnett High in Lawrenceville (Ga.). His real first name is Edward.

SIDNEY--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team and Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 as a senior wide receiver and cornerback at Bishop Amat High in La Puente (Calif.). He had 31 receptions for 400 yards (12.9 avg) with 6 TDs, 13 tackles, 13 kickoff returns for 246 yards (18.9 avg) and 4 punt returns for 43 yards (10.8 avg) in 2015. As a junior in 2014, he made USA Today All-State first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior second team and San Gabriel Valley Tribune All-Area while getting 38 receptions for 540 yards (14.2 avg) with 3 TDs, 8 carries for 60 yards (7.5 avg), 47 tackles and 4 interceptions and 12 kickoff returns for 381 yards (31.8 avg). As a 2013 sophomore, he made Student Sports Sophomore All-American first team, Max Preps Sophomore All-American second team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Sophomore first team, San Gabriel Valley Tribune Newcomer of the Year and All-Area. He had 15 receptions for 225 yards (15.0 avg) with 4 TDs in 2013, plus 10 carries for 94 yards (9.4 avg) with a TD, 30 tackles, 8 interceptions, a deflection and a fumble recovery and 12 kickoff returns for 302 yards (25.2 avg). Incoming Trojan Tyler Vaughns also prepped at Bishop Amat. **VAUGHNS**--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American Dream Team, Orange County Register Fab 15 first team, Tacoma News Tribune Western 100, USA Today All-California first team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, Fox Sports West/Prime Ticket All-CIF, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, San Gabriel Valley Tribune All-Area first team and All-Mission League Co-Player of the Year as a senior wide receiver and defensive back at Bishop Amat High in La Puente (Calif.). He had 84 receptions for 1,319 yards (15.7 avg) with 13 TDs in 2015, plus 10 carries for 70 yards (7.0 avg) with 2 TDs, 20 punt returns for 188 yards (9.4 avg), 8 kickoff returns for 289 yards (36.1 avg) and 2 interceptions. As a junior in 2014, he made Max Preps Junior All-American second team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State second team, Max Preps All-

State second team, Cal-Hi Sports All-State Junior first team, All-CIF Pac 5 Division, Los Angeles Times All-Area first team, San Gabriel Valley Tribune All-Area Player of the Year and All-Mission League Offensive Player of the Year. He had 83 receptions for 1,183 yards (14.3 avg) with 12 TDs in 2014, plus 9 carries for 41 yards (3.2 avg) with 1 TD, 5 kickoff returns for 86 yards (17.2 avg), 24 tackles and 4 interceptions and a 40.5-yard average on punts. As a 2013 sophomore, he had 27 receptions for 395 yards (14.6 avg) with 4 TDs, threw a touchdown pass and had 2 punt returns for 47 yards (23.5 avg). He also played basketball and baseball at Bishop Amat. Incoming Trojan Trevon Sidney also prepped at Bishop Amat.

YOUNG--He made 2015 Prep Star All-American and All-State Class 8A honorable mention as a wide receiver and defensive back at Miami (Fla.) Senior High. He had 3 punt returns for touchdowns as a 2014 junior. He had 2,069 rushing and receiving yards with 30 TDs (16 rushing, 14 receiving) during his 2013 sophomore and 2014 junior seasons. He also was on Miami Senior's track team. His nickname is "Pie."