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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The excitement of football season starts today with National Signing Day. It is today that prospective student-athletes sign on the line to become an official piece of the University of Charleston football program.

Coming off a 9-2 season Coach Tony DeMeo and his staff have aligned their recruiting strategies to continue the growth of the UC program into championship form. Below is the list of committed recruits for the 2010 season with quotes from Coach DeMeo for each recruit:

Currently on campus and will participate in spring practice:

Jordan Roberts - 5-11 – 222 - RB/LB - Madison, W.Va./Scott H.S./WVU

-Explosive running back that set the W.Va. single season rush record in 2008. Strong player that can play on both sides of the ball. “Power back that gives us a strong rushing attack that will have an immediate impact on our offense, hard-worker that runs with a lot of heart and desire”

Taylor Farley – 6-2 – DB – 195 - Winfield, W.Va./Winfield H.S./Washington & Jefferson

-Instinctive defensive back that is always around the ball. Has good size and potential to add to a very solid frame. Played QB and DB in high school. “Solid addition to secondary and special teams, very athletic”

Steve Gaydosz – 6-2 – RB/DB – 215 - Winfield, W.Va./Winfield H.S.

-Strong runner with deceptive speed for his size. Very, versatile player with good catching ability for use as a receiver or from the safety position. “Will be used as outside LB, solid football player that runs well”

Curtis Robbins – 6-3 – DE – 230 - Charlotte, NC/Independence H.S.

-Explosive pass rusher that will continue to add size to become a force on the defensive line. “Outstanding pass rusher that will have immediate impact on the defense. Solid rush end”

High School commitments that have had NLI verified as of 3:30pm:

Justin Avery – 6-0 – 205 - LB – Huntersville, NC/Hopewell H.S.

-Great student-athlete that is versatile on both sides of the ball. Covers a lot of ground from linebackers position and has good ball skills. “Outstanding athlete that can play a variety of positions. Very athletic and will make an impact on our defense.”

David Barnard – 6-3 – 255 – OL – Apopka, Fla./Apopka H.S.

-Athletic offensive lineman that plays multiple positions along the line. Already a strong player that still has the frame to continue growing. “Big, strong and very athletic offensive lineman that will be a great addition to the line”

Darryl Byrd – 6-1 – 175 – DB - Atlanta, Ga./Carver H.S.

-Has closing speed and good tackling ability to provide run support from the safety position, while having explosive speed to play sideline to sideline in pass coverage. “Explosive safety that is a big time player. We think he is going to develop into a real big time contributor for our team.”

Chandler Caldwell – 6-2 – 293 – DT – Mooresville, NC/Lake Norman H.S.

-Uses his strength as an asset along the defensive line to play off blocks and block running alleys. Holds three high school weight lifting records. “This young defensive lineman is strong and gets to the ball quickly with a great pass rush.”

Jose Davila – 5-9 – 205 – LB – Naples, Fla./Naples H.S.

-Very athletic player that plays strong sideline to sideline with good speed for his build and position. “Brother of George Davila that lettered as a freshman last season for us. He is a big hitter than will contribute on special teams and defense”

Addison Denney – 6-3 – 225 – DE – Jacksonville, Fla./Fleming Island H.S.

-Speedy pass rusher that also has the physical size to play along the defensive line. Is a play maker that has a knack for finding the quarterback. “Outstanding pass rusher that can play anywhere on the defensive line, very quick and attacks the ball well.”

Reggie Dillingham – 5-11 – 230 – TB – Glendale, Wis./Nicolet H.S.

-A classic “Big Back” that is built to run through tacklers. Possesses very deceiving athleticism to make defenders miss and make plays as a receiver out of the backfield. “A big power type back that will be a great short yardage runner, yet has good speed to get down the field. A really powerful runner that will be great addition to backfield.”

John Drennen – 6-2 – 185 – WR – Highlands, Ky./Highlands H.S.

-Three-time State Champion at Highlands H.S. that is an aggressive receiver. Runs crisp routes and has the jumping ability to play above defenders. “Great receiver that has good speed and has an asset is his vertical jumping ability, can also block very well to help him succeed in UC system”

John Foster – 6-3 – 190 – WR – Stone Mountain, Ga./Druid Hills H.S.

-A outside blocker from the receiver position that also possesses breakaway speed and terrific catching ability. "His excellent route running will be his asset to contribute as a downfield threat."

Tyler Hamilton – 5-7 – 160 – SB – Bostic, NC/East Rutherford H.S.

-Home run threat as a runner and kick returner that was a three-time all-conference selection. Timed at 4.32 sec in the 40 and is elusive in breaking tackles. "Explosive back that will have an immediate impact on the kick returning game, very shifty with blazing speed"

Trei Kelley – 5-11 – 170 – DB – Glen Allen, Va./Collegiate H.S.

-A pure cornerback that has the speed, agility and ball skills needed to succeed at the collegiate level. Was an All-State selection as a defensive back and wide receiver. "Great cover corner that uses his speed and vertical jumping ability to match-up with receivers."

Matt Kelly – 6-1 – 195 – LB – Cincinnati, Ohio/Turpin H.S.

-A physical linebacker that has good speed and agility. Conference Defensive Player of the Year and All-SW Ohio First Team selection. "Very physical linebacker that is a big hitter who will be looked to help on defense and special teams."

Larry Kennedy – 5-7 -165 – SB – Charlotte, NC/South Mecklenburg H.S.

-Ran for over 1,200 yards and scored 18 TDs for South Mecklenburg. Is a hard worker that is versatile as a receiver and kick returner. "Extremely elusive and is a perfect fit for the offense that we run here at UC"

Maurice Leak – 5-10 – 175 – QB – Monroe, NC/Parkwood H.S.

-A strong-armed quarterback that also is a threat as a runner in the option offense. Holds the school record in the 200 yard dash (21.93 sec.) at Parkwood H.S. "Smooth as silk, outstanding QB with good speed. Ran our type offense in HS and one of the best option QBs I've recruited since I've been at UC"

Corey Litchfield – 6-3 – 220 – DE - Jacksonville, Fla./Fleming Island H.S.

-Highly explosive playmaker with great speed for his size and strength. Looks to make an immediate impact on the defensive line. Excellent student-athlete that will do well in the classroom. "Bookend with Addison Denney in high school. An excellent student-athlete that will develop into an very good run stopper."

Greg Lopez – 5-9 – 175 – QB/DB – Fairfax, Va./Robert E. Lee H.S.

-Robert E. Lee Athlete of the Year and Team MVP in 2009, while earning honors as an All-District QB. Good athletic ability to make plays out of the option offense. "Can run the option as an offensive threat, but is a great defensive back as well. Good athlete that will be looked at to contribute in multiple areas"

Ross May – 6-2 – 260 – DT – Purcellville, Va./Loudoun Valley H.S.

-Good student-athlete in classroom and will continue to develop his skills along the defensive line. Has good hands to get off blocks and excellent strength to mold into a solid run stopper. "Will add some power and strength inside on DL, excited to have him"

Michael Mebane – 5-9 – 192 – TB – Union, SC/Union H.S.

-A big frame running back that has breakaway speed and has played in an option type offense. Ran for over

1,400 yards and scored 11 TDs for Union. "Great speed to be used in the slot or at tailback, has played in this type offense and will be threat outside or inside"

Garrett Mize – 6-0 – 215 – LB – Cincinnati, Ohio/Moeller H.S.

-A versatile linebacker that can play inside and outside. Has good range to drop into pass coverage, while being a physical presence to stop the run. Earned First-Team All-GCL honors at Moeller. "Very versatile player that runs very well and will also be looked at to help on special teams"

Kevin Myers – 5-6 – 160 – SB – Mount Airy, Md./Liganore H.S.

-Has good speed and vision to become a down field threat. Comes from nationally ranked program at Liganore where he earned numerous football honors. "Great vision that will become a breakaway threat, his speed fits into the mold for players we are looking for."

Kyle Nazario – 6-2 – 220 – DE – St. Augustine, Fla./St. Joseph's Academy

-Is a non-stop pass rusher who uses his speed to his advantage. Has the frame to continue to add strength and become an anchor on the defensive line. Recorded 19 sacks at St. Joseph's in 2009. "Explosive off the ball with a great motor that is relentless at getting into the backfield."

Jamal Parker – 5-9 – 170 – SB – Hampton, Va./Bethel H.S.

-Looks to make an immediate impact as a downfield threat with great speed and hands. Was a First Team All-Peninsula District selection. "One of the fastest players we've ever recruited. Has great hands and is lightning quick."

Chris Pasalodos – 6-2 – 245 – OL – Naples, Fla./Barron-Collier H.S.

-Aggressive center that has the potential to anchor the offensive line as a very physical player. Very smart football player that moves great for his size and can be a force as a run blocker. "Very smart player that will add depth at center. He is a very good shotgun center that will continue to get stronger and contribute within our system"

Dustin Phelps – 5-7 -170 –SB – Roanoke, Va./Northside H.S.

-Good football instincts that helped him to earn First-Team All-District and First Team All-Region honors at Northside. "Solid defensive back, brother of Derek Brown who is already on the team. Will develop into a contributor on defense."

JR Radabaugh – 6-3 – 215 – LB – Columbus, Ohio/Northland H.S.

-Explosive, yet raw player that can play with his hand on the ground along with having the speed and coverage ability to play linebacker. Very good speed and hands for his size. Recorded 12 sacks and 16 tackles for loss at Northland. "Explosive but raw player that can play multiple positions, very, very fast defensive player that fits our defensive scheme great."

Demetrius Reddick – 6-3 – 215 – DT – Cleveland, Ohio/Cleveland Heights H.S.

-Big tackle that is quick off the line and makes a great deal of hustle plays using his speed. "Tall and rangy defensive end that uses a constant motor and is always hustling to make plays."

Mason Scheeler – 6-3 – 270 – OL – Loveland, Ohio/Loveland H.S.

-A player with great size for his position with excellent work ethic in the weight room. Played on both sides of the ball in high school. “Good size and strength, with very quick feet that will help him to make an impact on the offensive line.”

Terrell Smith – 6-2 – 235 – DT – Cincinnati, Ohio/Mt. Healthy H.S.

-Explosive off the line and a player that spends a lot of time in the backfield making plays. “Good pass rusher that gets off the ball well and is a big play guy on the defensive line.”

Rockford Stone – 5-11 – 225 – DT – Charlotte, NC/South Mecklenburg H.S.

-Three time All-Conference selection at South Mecklenburg. He is a strong player that uses his speed to have an advantage on the defensive line. “Perfect name for a defensive lineman and the athletic ability to back it up. Very, very strong that will fit in as a ‘bandit’ in our defensive scheme. GREAT ADDITION.”

Derrick Taylor – 5-9 – 170 – SB – Jacksonville, Fla./Bartram Trail H.S.

-Plays effectively within the option system with all the tools to become a home run threat. Was a Top 5 finisher in the State Championships for triple-jump. “Ran our offense in high school so will be explosive with some work in our system.”

Morgan Taylor – 6-3 – 240 – OL – Hampton, Va./Bethel H.S.

-Very athletic offensive lineman who has above average speed for his position. “Good offensive lineman that has enough speed to play TE or DL, fastest lineman we’ve recruited.”

DeShaun Thomas – 6-3 – 195 – LB – Hampton, Va./Bethel H.S.

-A linebacker that has the range and ball ability of a cornerback. Makes plays with his speed, but uses his strength and size to be a run stopper as well. Recorded 63 tackles and five interceptions at Bethel last season. “Big play type linebacker, is a difference maker on the defense. Fast enough to play corner but uses his size and speed to be a difference maker at linebacker.”

Ulysses ‘Boobie’ Tobler – 6-0 – 175 – QB – Green Cove Springs, Fla./Clay H.S.

-Great passer that possesses good footwork and overall athleticism. Passed for over 2,000 and ran for 1,000 yards last season at Clay. “Very versatile and athletic QB that makes good decisions, our offense will fit his playing style ‘like a glove’.”

Bud Tolliver – 5-10 – 150 – DB – Salem, Va./Salem H.S.

-Player that uses his speed to shut down outside threats. Versatile enough to be used as a punt and kick returner for special teams. “Outstanding speed that is rangy and a good coverage type cornerback.”

Christian Turnipseed – 5-11 – 180 – DB – Acworth, Ga./Harrison H.S.

-A player who’s instincts to the ball help him to maximize his speed in coverage. “Great cover corner that is lightning fast. Joins Rockford Stone on our recruiting All-Name team.”

Charles Usina – 6-1 – 190 – LB – St. Augustine, Fla./St. Joseph's Academy

-Led North Florida last season with 14 sacks from his linebacker position. Has a strong drive to get to the ball and can range into downfield coverage very well. "Will play as an outside linebacker, really strong coming off the edge and will be a solid addition to our team."