



# WESTERN MICHIGAN

## BRONCO FOOTBALL

### 2023 NATIONAL SIGNING DAY CLASS | #BRONCOBROTHERHOOD

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.** – The Western Michigan football program and head coach Lance Taylor are excited to announce the signing of four student-athletes to National Letters of Intent on Wednesday and six mid-year additions.

The group joins the [12 student-athletes previously announced in December](#).

### **Tre' Hartwell | Running Back | 5'11, 225 lbs | Thompson's Station, Tenn./ Independence High School**

- Rated three-star prospect by 247 Sports
- Led team in touchdowns and rushing yards, also played linebacker

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Tre' Hartwell** - "Tre' is a big and powerful runner that has great size and creates yards after contact. He also has great versatility in the passing game, catching the football and as a blocker. His father, Rasheen, is a former DI college football player and his grandmother is a Western Michigan alumnus."

### **Jacob'e Oglesby | Defensive Back | 6'0, 190 lbs | Detroit, Mich./Martin Luther King High School**

- Ranked three-star prospect by 247 Sports
- Ranked the 27th-best prospect in the state of Michigan
- Helped MLK High School to two State Championships

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Jacob'e Oglesby** - "Jacob'e is a standout multi-sport athlete and state champion from a Midwestern Powerhouse in MLK High School. His athleticism, size and length jumped off the film. He has incredible versatility and the chance to play multiple positions for us on defense. Jacob'e is the type of high school prospect that has a chance to develop into a special player here at WMU."

### **Joey Pope | Wide Receiver | 5'11, 165 lbs | Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West High School**

- Rated two-star prospect by 247 Sports
- Played multiple positions, also running track and playing rugby
- Helped Glenbard West to Illinois State 8A Semifinals

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Joey Pope** - "Joey is a wide receiver from Chicagoland powerhouse Glenbard West High School. He is a speedy, versatile playmaker with the ball in his hands and excelled on both sides of the football. He visited WMU multiple times throughout the recruiting process with his family and will be a great addition to the Bronco Brotherhood.

### **Marcus Woodley | Linebacker | 6'0, 230 lbs | Homestead, Fla./Homestead High School**

- Averaged nearly eight tackles per game as a senior, while recording 17.0 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks on the season.
- Helped team to 12-3 record last season

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Marcus Woodley** – Marcus is a tough, physical linebacker that has good size and speed. Coach Popovich has been recruiting South Florida for many years and we feel Marcus is the type of player we need to continue to add to our defense. He has great potential and we re excited to see him grow as a student-athlete.

**Tate Hallock | Safety | 6'4, 210 lbs | Grand Rapids, Mich./Michigan State**

- Three-year letterwinner at MSU, with 17 career games played
- Academic All-Big Ten selection
- Two-time Grand Rapids Press Dream Team selection at Forest Hills Central High School

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Tate Hallock** – “The Hallock family is full of collegiate athletes with his dad, Ty who played football in college and the NFL for seven seasons, his brother Tanner (football) and his sister Theryn (basketball). Tate possesses great size, length and instincts for the position and has a great relationship back from his high school recruitment with our defensive coordinator Coach Esposito.”

**Isaiah Green | Defensive Lineman | 6'2, 300 lbs | St. Cloud, Minn./Iowa Western Community College**

- Recorded five sacks in second season at Iowa Western
- Helped lead the Reivers to a National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship, shutting out Hutchinson Community College 34-0 in the title game

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Isaiah Green** - “Isaiah is a defensive tackle, originally from Minnesota. He helped lead Iowa Western to a NJCAA Championship. He’s a former high school state championship wrestler, who is very physical against the run and has a high motor.”

**Marcel Tyler | Defensive Lineman | 6'4, 270 lbs | Racine, Wis./Iowa Western Community College**

- Played in eight games, recording four sacks and five tackles for loss.
- Teammate of Isaiah Green, helping lead Iowa Western to a NJCAA National Championship

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Marcel Tyler** - “Marcel has a great frame for development and is a type of player our defensive staff covets with his ability to play multiple positions on the defensive line. He and Isaiah helped lead Iowa Western to a national championship last season and before that he was a standout dual-sport athlete at St. Catherines High School in Wisconsin, and helped lead them to a state championship in basketball.”

**Ryan Wynn | Defensive Lineman | 6'3, 275 lbs | Anderson, S.C./Georgia Military College**

- Recorded 5.5 career sacks at GMC, playing in 21 career games
- Also recorded 8.5 career tackles for loss

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Ryan Wynn** - “Ryan comes from a football family. His father, Stephon, played at Clemson and brother Stephone Wynn Jr. is currently a defensive lineman at Nebraska. He has a world of upside and has his best football in front of him. Ryan is a great young man who comes from a great family.”

**Chad Schuster | Offensive Lineman | 6'6, 270 lbs | Franklin, Wis./Syracuse**

- Redshirted last season at Syracuse as a freshman
- No. 10-ranked prospect in Wisconsin out of High School
- Rated three-stars by Rivals and 247 Sports
- Second Team All-State selection as a senior

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Chad Schuster** – “Chad has the prototypical height and length we are looking for to continue the history and success WMU has had on the offensive line. Chad was a team captain in high school and helped lead his team to an undefeated season and a state championship. A dual-sport athlete, he was also a standout in track and field in the shot put and discus.”

**Bilhal Kone | Cornerback | 6'2, 190 lbs | Apple Valley, Minn./Indiana State**

- Played in eight games last season at Indiana State, making 34 tackles, six pass break ups and recovering one fumble.
- Also played at Iowa Central Community College

Head Coach Lance Taylor on Bilhal Kone - "BK is a long cornerback who also has a chance to be a standout on special teams for us here at WMU. Being a mid-year enrollee, he has the chance to participate in winter workouts and spring practice during the spring semester, which will help his development and push him to get on the field in the fall."



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## **WMU FOOTBALL WELCOMES 12 TO THE BRONCO BROTHERHOOD FOR DECEMBER SIGNING PERIOD**

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.** – The Western Michigan football program and head coach Lance Taylor are excited to announce the incoming Class of 2023, featuring 12 student-athletes.

The class features athletes from five different states and six different position groups.

### **Joshua Franklin | Wide Receiver | 6'0, 175 lbs | Crete, Ill./Crete-Monee**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports
- Versatile athlete, won a State Championship in the 4x200m relay
- Named the No. 2 quarterback in the Chicagoland Area by the Sun Times
- Also played baseball, basketball and wrestled

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Joshua Franklin** - "Joshua is one of the most versatile players in our class having achieved dynamic numbers as a wide receiver, quarterback and kick returner. Joshua was a Honorable-Mention All-State wide receiver in Illinois and a State Champion in the triple-jump. We are excited to bring Joshua's speed, explosiveness and play-making ability to our offense."

### **Dalton Gustwiller | Defensive Tackle | 6'3, 285 lbs | Dayton, Ohio/Kettering Fairmont**

- Ohio Prep Sports Writer's Association Division I Second Team All-State
- 3-star prospect according to 247 Sports
- Named to SBLive's Ohio All-Star Team
- Named to Columbus Dispatch All-Ohio Team

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Dalton Gustwiller** – "Dalton comes WMU from Kettering Fairmont and is coached by Coach Miller. He is a physical defensive tackle that uses his hands well at the point of attack. Plays extremely hard and was a two-way player, who dominated both sides of the line who was a First Team All-Ohio selection."

### **CJ Hester | Running Back | 5'11, 190 lbs | Cincinnati, Ohio/Wyoming**

- Member of the OHSAA's All-Time Rushing Leaders list with over 6,000 career yards
- Finalist for Ohio's Mr. Football Award
- Ohio Prep Sports Writer's Association Division IV Offensive Player of the Year
- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports, Rivals and ESPN

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on CJ Hester** – "CJ is one of the all-time greats in Ohio High School History and an All-State selection. A highly productive running back, he has proven to be dynamic and explosive while being able to run between the tackles. CJ is a leader on and off-the field. We are excited about his future as a Bronco!"

### **Sid Kaba | Defensive Lineman | 6'3, 260 lbs | Columbus, Ohio/KIPP Columbus**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Ranked 36 in the top 50 seniors in Ohio by Cleveland.com
- Ohio Prep Sports Writer's Association Division IV First Team All-Ohio
- Received offers from Michigan State and other Big 10 programs

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Sid Kaba** – Sid comes from Kipp Academy in Columbus and was coached by Coach Lee. He is a two-time All-Ohio selection, who is explosive at the line of scrimmage and does a nice job at the point of attack. He was a great leader for his high school team and we can't wait to get him on campus and see him develop"

**Logan Lester | Wide Receiver | 6'3, 190 lbs | Chicago, Ill./Kenwood Academy**

- Teammate of fellow commit Kiwaun Davis
- Big-target receiver with several offers from Power 5 programs

Head Coach Lance Taylor on Logan Lester – "Logan adds great size and physicality to our wide receiver room. His length and range add a great mismatch to the secondary on the perimeter for us. Logan has played against great competition and will add a new dimension to our wide receiver corp."

**Tony Martin | Wide Receiver | 5-10, 175 lbs | Pahokee, Fla./Pahokee**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports and ESPN
- Played QB in high school
- Versatile athlete with offers from Maryland, Marshall, Louisville and FAU

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Tony Martin** – "Tony is a dynamic play-maker averaging over 18-yards per catch. A polished route-runner, we expect Tony to continue to make the tough catches that he routinely made. His versatility as a slot wide receiver opens up a lot of possibilities for our offense."

**Jack Parker | Tight End | 6'5, 230 lbs | Wilmette, Ill./Loyola Academy**

- Rated 3 stars by ESPN and 247 Sports
- Helped lead Loyola to a State Championship
- Powerful tight end
- Named to CCL/ESCC Blue Division All-Conference Team

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Jack Parker** - Jack a dynamic tight end and is coming off of a State-Championship at the highest level of football in Illinois. He was a dominant tight end, excelling in both the run game and the pass game. He provides great toughness and will bring a championship mentality to our program."

**Angelo Stockstill | Defensive Back | 6'3, 175 lbs | Chicago, Ill./Simeon Career Academy**

- Rated 3 stars by ESPN
- Ranked 134<sup>th</sup> best Athlete by ESPN
- Also competed in track and field in high school

- Helped lead Simeon to the Chicago Public League Championship

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Angelo Stockstill** - "Angelo played at Simeon High School under Coach Culbreath. He is an All-Conference athlete who is long, rangy and can play anywhere on the backend. He is a two-way player who also made plays at wide receiver and was also a track and field stand out."

**Razah Townsend | Defensive Lineman | 6-3, 230 lbs | Grand Rapids, Mich./East Kentwood**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports
- Named at Top Player to be Watched by the Detroit News
- Explosive off the edge

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Razah Townsend** – "Razah comes from East Kentwood and was coached by WMU Alums Tony Kimbrough and Marty Martins. Long edge rusher with great potential who can play multiple positions on defense and has experience on the offensive side of the ball at tight end."

**Lorenzo Williams Jr. | Cornerback | 6'0, 175 lbs | West Bloomfield, Mich./West Bloomfield**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports and ESPN
- Named a Top 50 player in Michigan by the Detroit Free Press
- Had offers from most MAC Schools
- Dynamic defensive back

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Lorenzo Williams Jr.** – "Lorenzo was coached by WMU Alum Tyrice Grice at West Bloomfield. He is a physical football player with good ball skills who can play multiple positions in the secondary. He is a First-Team All-State selection who was a dual sport athlete. (Track and Field)"

**Brennan Wooten | Tight End | 6'4, 225 lbs | Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports and Rivals
- Named to Indiana Football Coaches Association Top 50 All-State Team for 2022
- Named to Indianapolis All-City Team
- Helped Cathedral to IHSA Semistate Finals

**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Brennan Wooten** – "Brennan was an All-State selection and named to the Indiana All-State Top 50 Team as a senior. He has proven to be a mismatch in the passing game at the tight end position. He will provide a lot of versatility to our offense."

**Luke Zanotti | Offensive Lineman | 6'4, 285 lbs | Bay City, Mich./Bay City Central**

- Rated 3 stars by 247 Sports
- Named a Top 50 Player in Michigan by the Detroit Free Press
- All-Saginaw Valley North Selection



**Head Coach Lance Taylor on Luke Zanoliti** – "Luke was a First Team All-Region selection in the state of Michigan. He has great size and tremendous feet. Luke thrived in punishing the opposition as he excelled on both sides of the ball. We look forward to seeing him bring his nasty style of play to our offensive line."