



## 2018 North Carolina A&T Signing Day Bios

**Michael Branch, DL**, 6-2, 300, Greensboro, NC (Presbyterian College Transfer/SE Guilford HS)  
Branch transferred from Presbyterian College after spending two seasons with the Blue Hose. He played 18 games with PC and totaled 50 tackles during his time there. In 2017, he started all 11 games for the Blue Hose and compiled a career-high 11 tackles against The Citadel on Sept. 9. He led the Big South in recovered fumbles with two. As a prep standout, he was a three-time Metro 4A all-conference selection at Southeast Guilford High School in Greensboro, NC. He was also a first-team all-area selection by the *News & Record*. He will come in as a junior.

**TeV Vaughn Higgins, ATH**, 6-2, 225, Columbia, SC (Lower Richland HS)  
Higgins played quarterback in high school but he could find himself at a different position as a collegiate athlete. Higgins threw for more than 4,000 yards and 40 touchdowns over the final two years of his prep career. He also rushed for 1,800 yards and 20 touchdowns at Lower Richland HS including 1,300 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior. He was a North-South All-Star Game participant in South Carolina and a first-team All-Midlands selection.

**KeAndre Jones, LB**, 6-0, 240, Columbia, SC (Spring Valley HS)  
Jones played in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game. He made 93 tackles at Spring Valley HS as a senior. *The State* newspaper named him to their all-area team. Jones had two interceptions and two touchdowns and was named first-team All-Midlands as a senior.

**Lawrence Lagrone, OL**, 6-3, 330, Douglasville, Ga. (Douglas HS)  
The Aggies signed another needed offensive lineman. Lagrone can play guard or center and will come into the program with tremendous upper-body strength. Over a two-game span last season, he made 22 pancake blocks. He led Douglas to a 10-2 record and an appearance in the second round of the 6-A playoffs in Georgia. Rivals.com labeled Lagrone as a 2-star athlete. He was a first-team 5-AA all-state standout as a senior.

**Jah-Maine Martin, RB**, 5-11, 210, Conway, SC (Coastal Carolina Transfer/Conway HS)  
Martin is transfer from Coastal Carolina. He rushed for 171 yards on 27 carries as a true freshman for the Chanticleers in 2016. He attended Conway HS where he rushed for 1,082 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior. The prior year he rushed for 1,132 yards and 11 TDs. He was selected to play in the South Carolina North-South All-Star Game. Martin was named WBTW All-Blitz and WPDE All-Zone team. He will come in as a redshirt sophomore.

**Justin Nwachukwu, DL**, 6-1, 290, Wake Forest, NC (Northern Illinois Transfer/Heritage HS)  
Nwachukwu transferred to Northern Illinois from Butler Community College where he made 28 tackles (21 unassisted), blocked three kicks and forced a fumble. He attended Heritage HS in

Raleigh, N.C. As a senior, he made 36 tackles (21 unassisted), forced two fumbles, recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass and blocked four kicks. He will come in as a junior.

**Chance Pride**, WR, 5-8, 165, Taylors, SC (Eastside HS)

N.C. A&T brings in a speedy playmaker. Pride made 257 receptions during his career, 198 of those catches came over the final two years of his career. He finished his prep career with 3,549 receiving yards and 41 touchdowns. Pride also rushed for 14 touchdowns and averaged 5.6 yards on 89 career carries. He also returned kicks and punts at Eastside HS. Pride led the Eagles to an 11-2 record in 2017 as they made it to the third round of the South Carolina High School League playoffs.

**Michael Rivers**, PK/P, 6-0, 165, Wilmington, NC (North Brunswick HS)

Rivers signed with the Aggies in December. As a senior, Rivers averaged 44 yards per punt and was named to the 3-AA Mideastern all-conference team. Rivers graduated from North Brunswick HS early and started attending N.C. A&T in January. Rivers could also serve as a placekicker for the Aggies during his career. Rivers was named first-team all-area and was his team's MVP.

**Zareik Rush**, OLB, 6-2, 205, Greensboro, NC (Dudley HS)

Rush earned all-area honors from the *News & Record*. He was an honorable mention all-area selection by the paper as a junior. He was also an All-Piedmont Triad 3-A Conference performer as a junior and senior. He carried the ball 120 times for 1,172 yards and 10 touchdowns in leading the Dudley Panthers to a 10-3 record and the second round of the 3-AA state playoffs as a senior. As a junior, he led the Dudley Panthers to the 4-A state championship with a 15-1 record. He was the championship game's MVP with 120 yards rushing and two TDs. Rush will play linebacker at N.C. A&T. During his junior season at Dudley, he posted 62 tackles, six tackles for loss, two sacks, two interceptions and he forced and recovered a fumble from his linebacker position.

**Miles Simon**, DB, 6-0, 190, Lenoir, NC (Hibriten HS)

Simon comes to N.C. A&T after earning all-state honors in North Carolina while attending Hibriten HS. Simon made 102 tackles (95 unassisted) over the final two years of his prep career. As a senior, he made 62 tackles (55 unassisted) with 10 interceptions and nine pass breakups. For his career, Simon made 16 INTs and broke up 14 passes. As an offensive threat, he had 331 yards receiving and six touchdowns in his career. He also had three rushing touchdowns at Hibriten. Last season he led Hibriten to the 2-AA state championship with a 16-0 record. For his efforts, Simon earned an invitation to play in the North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine Bowl. He was also named first-team all-region by the Raleigh *News & Observer*. As a track athlete, he qualified for the state finals in the 110-meter hurdles.

**Israel Spivey**, WR, 5-9, 165, Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove HS)

247 Sports rated Spivey as a 3-star athlete. Spivey is a tremendous athlete who returned six kickoffs and eight punts for touchdowns during his career. He led Cedar Grove HS to a 13-1 mark last season with 345 yards rushing and four touchdowns. He also posted 780 yards receiving and six touchdowns, while also compiling 418 return yards. *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* named him 5-AAA all-region. As a junior, Cedar Grove won the 5-AAA region state championship. As a track athlete his personal record in the 100 meters is 10.5 seconds and his 4x100 meter relay team at Cedar Grove won the state championship.

**Joseph Stuckey**, OLB, 6-0, 210, Hillside, NJ (Milford Academy/Hillside HS)

Speedy linebacker who could go a long way in replacing Jeremy Taylor or Marcus Albert. He runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash. He also ran 10.5 seconds in the 100 meters as a track and field athlete. He made 46 receptions for 759 yards in his career. On the defensive end as a safety, he made 189 career tackles (111 unassisted) with three tackles for loss. He also made three interceptions. At

Milford Academy, he had 28 tackles, one sack, one forced fumble, three interceptions and one pick-6.

**Wizdom Vaughn**, WR, 5-10, 170, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover HS)

N.C. A&T landed a big-time receiver in Wizdom Vaughn. Vaughn was a do-it-all offensive performer for New Hanover HS. He made 97 receptions for 1,487 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also carried the ball 87 times for 737 yards and 17 touchdowns. Vaughn earned *Associated Press* all-state honors after his senior season. Vaughn had 15 carries for 122 yards and five catches for 53 yards in leading New Hanover to the 3-AA state championship game. New Hanover captured the 3-AA state title a week later and Vaughn was named game MVP.

**Chris Williams**, LB, 6-1, 225, Laurinburg, NC (Scotland HS)

Another outstanding recruit from Scotland County HS. Williams has a 4.6 grade point average at Scotland High. Williams led the Scots to a 12-2 record overall and a 7-0 mark in the Sandhills Athletic Conference. The Scots played in the 4-A state championship game where they lost to Harding HS. Williams was named 4-A Sandhills Athletic Conference Defensive Player of the Year. He is also a multiple all-conference standout. As a senior, Williams made 109 tackles (107 unassisted) with 12 tackles for loss. During his junior season, he made 77 tackles (72 unassisted) with nine tackles for loss.

**Tim Williams**, OL, 6-3, 300, Laurinburg, NC (Scotland HS)

Williams was a big-time signee for the Aggies. Tim Williams and Chris Williams are twin brothers. Williams holds a 4.4 GPA at Scotland High. The Aggies have taken advantage of signing players out of Scotland County HS including former starting quarterback Kwashawn Quick and current NFL defensive back Tony McRae. Nebraska, Wake Forest and N.C. State showed interest in Williams. Williams led the Scots to a 12-2 record overall and a 7-0 mark in the Sandhills Athletic Conference. The Scots played in the 4-A state championship game where they lost to Harding HS. Williams was an all-conference performer in the Sandhills Athletic Conference.