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The Wofford College football program has announced the signing of 16 high school seniors to National Letters-of-Intent.

"We feel very good about the class we’ve signed," Wofford Head Coach Mike Ayers said. "We have some kids that we believe will meet critical needs.

"Athletically, they’re an excellent group. We have skill kids that will add team speed and we have some defensive kids that we feel very good about. Overall, we believe it’s an outstanding class. There are kids on paper that will add a great deal to our 70 returning players. We think they’ll be able to come in, shore up some spots, and possibly start for us."

Wofford completed last season with a No. 23 national ranking in Division I-AA and a 7-4 record, including a 5-3 SoCon mark for the second straight season. The Terriers will return six starters on both offense and defense.

Wofford will also face arguably the toughest schedule in the nation next year. The Terriers have five opponents ranked in the Top 11 in the final poll this season. In addition to meetings with SoCon powers Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and Furman, Wofford has road dates at Lehigh and Youngstown State.

Listed below are today’s signees for Wofford:

**Thad Ball** OT 6-3 255 Honaker, Va. (Honaker)

**Lee Basinger** DL 6-1 240 Kannapolis, N.C. (A.L. Brown)

**Shaun Bennett** OL 6-0 170 Jamestown, N.C. (Ragsdale)

**Jonathan Carey** QB 6-1 175 Forest Park, Ga. (Forest Park)

**Bobby Gibbs** OL 6-3 260 Williamsburg, Ky. (Whitley County)

**Kevin Hodapp** OL 6-3 270 Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier)

**Erik Hutchinson** LB 5-11 215 Kingsland, Ga. (Camden County)

**Mike Jones** RB 5-10 190 Columbus, Ohio (Columbus Academy)

**Colan Miles** OL 6-2 270 Washington, Pa. (Washington)

**Ben Mungin** HB 5-8 178 Lithonia, Ga. (Dunwoody)

**Adam Regenthal** TE 6-3 238 Clemons, N.C. (West Forsyth)

**Trey Rodgers** QB 6-0 170 Spartanburg, S.C. (Dorman)

**Jonathan Wheeler** DB 6-0 180 Lexington, S.C. (Lexington)

**Ben Whitney** DL 6-2 240 Jamestown, N.C. (Ragsdale)

**Shiel Wood** WR 5-10 160 Spartanburg, S.C. (Spartanburg)

**Jeff Zolman** QB 6-1 190 Miamisburg, Ohio (Dayton Chaminade)
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Ben Foster, a starting halfback on the Wofford College football team, is the new Student Body President on campus.

A rising senior from Kennesaw, Ga., Foster is utilized as a blocking back in the Terriers’ offense. He rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns on a 4.6 per carry average this past season. He also had three receptions for 24 yards.

Foster is a Dean’s List student majoring in biology. He earned Verizon Academic All-District honors this fall. He has also been extremely active in the community with volunteer efforts.

Wofford will conclude spring practice on Saturday. The Terriers, coming off a 7-4 season and No. 23 national ranking in Division I-AA, open the 2001 campaign on Sept. 8 at Clemson.
The Atlanta Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America honored Wofford College starting halfback and Student Body President Ben Foster as a Peach Of An Athlete at its 18th annual Role Model Awards Banquet last night in Atlanta, Ga.

A native of Kennesaw, Ga., Foster is a Dean's List student majoring in biology. He was a Verizon Academic All-District selection this past season. Utilized as a blocking back in the Terriers' offense, he still rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns on a 4.6 per carry average in the 2000 campaign.

Foster has served in the Big Brother & Big Sisters Program, Habitat for Humanity, and Peer Tutor Program. He also developed the Stop The Violence Collaboration that targeted middle school students to come up with ways to combat violence. He is also a member of the Twin Towers cabinet at Wofford, which is responsible for initiating programs for the student body to become involved in community service.
The Wofford College football team, fresh off a 7-4 season and a No. 23 national ranking in I-AA, will return to the field tomorrow at 4 p.m. when it begins spring practice.

Under NCAA rules, the Terriers are allowed 15 practices within 29 consecutive days. Twelve of those practices may involve contact. However, there is to be no contact prior to the third practice. Only eight of the practices may involve tackling. No more than three of those practices can be scrimmages.

"We're going to try to get all of our kids on the same page as far as assignments," Wofford Head Coach and Southern Conference Coach of the Year Mike Ayers said. "We also have a couple of kids that we're going to shift to see if they can help the team from an offensive standpoint.

"Defensively, we have some young kids that did not play last year. A big part of our emphasis will be getting them ready to play this fall. Fundamentals will definitely be a point that we'll stress everyday. We're going to try to be a better tackling team and be more assignment sound. Offensively, we're going to try to continue to improve our throwing game and tweak a few things with our running game.

"Overall, it's fundamentals, trying to find some players by shifting positions, and just having a productive 15 days."

The Terriers will return six starters on both offense and defense. Wofford will also face arguably the toughest schedule in the nation. The Terriers have five opponents ranked in the Top 11 in the final poll this past season. In addition to meetings with SoCon powers Georgia Southern, Appalachian State, and Furman, Wofford has road dates at Lehigh and Youngstown State.
The Wofford College football team scrimmaged for the first time this spring with a 110-play session inside Gibbs Stadium.

Two-time All-SoCon nose tackle Nathan Fuqua, defensive tackle Anthony Jones, and fullbacks Melvin Jones and J.R. McNair were impressive for the Terriers.

Wofford Head Coach and Southern Conference Coach of the Year Mike Ayers was pleased with what he saw while also acknowledging that there's plenty of room for improvement.

"We have a long way to go," Ayers said. "The execution offensively was not where it needed to be.Defensively, we did a nice job of flying around but missed too many tackles. Some of that, though, was due to hard running by our fullbacks.

"The kids had a lot of spirit and competed extremely hard. We had an opportunity to work with our kicking game and did fairly decent in that area. It's just our first week and we have three more to go. I believe the spring can be very productive if we'll just stay healthy and keep working the fundamentals."

The Terriers return six starters on both sides of the ball from last year's team that posted a 7-4 overall record and 5-3 SoCon mark in finishing the season with a No. 23 national ranking in Division I-AA.