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National Signing Day at Asheboro High School

ASHEBORO – Across the nation, student-athletes sign acceptance letters to play sports at various colleges and universities on National Signing Day occurring each year on February 1. During this year’s National Signing Day, Jalen Ettson, Desmond Trogdon, and Ethan Walker student-athletes from Asheboro High School signed acceptance letters and committed to playing collegiate ball for the 2017-18 school year.

“We are very proud of the effort that these young men put forth, not only on the football field, but also in the classroom. These student-athletes are true ambassadors of Asheboro City Schools. The football program is very proud of these fine young men,” said head football coach, Owen George. George has worked with these students for four years, helping them to perfect their game while also encouraging them in the classroom.

Jalen Ettson has signed on to play football at Wingate University in the fall. Ettson recorded 38 receptions for 661 yards and six touchdowns his senior season. He led Asheboro High School Blue Comets in receiving. For his success, he received 1st Team Mid-Piedmont Conference honors, and was also named to the Courier-Tribune 1st Team All-Randolph County. Ettson finishes his high school career with 49 receptions for 769 yards and eight touchdowns. Also a stalwart on the defensive side of the ball, Ettson recorded 71 tackles for his career, with six pass break-ups, and one interception. He is a two-time All-County and All-conference performer who started for four years at Asheboro High School. Ettson was also a team captain for the Blue Comets as well as a member of the varsity basketball team and the Comet Track and Field team.

Desmond Trogdon will become a Yellow Jacket, playing football at West Virginia State University next year. Trogdon had a stellar senior year for the Blue Comets, rushing the ball 188 times for 1,519 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also chipped in with 10 receptions for 228 yards and another touchdown. Trogdon was named the Mid-Piedmont Conference Offensive Most Valuable Player and the Randolph County Player of the Year. He is a three-year member of the Varsity Track program, where he was named to the All-Conference team as a junior. Currently Trogdon is on the Indoor Track team, and is ranked number two in 3A with a time of 6.56 in the 55 Meter event.

Ethan Walker accepted a position playing on the Lenoir-Rhyne football team for 2017-18. Walker had an outstanding senior year, completing 129 passes on 227 attempts, for 1,994 yards. His 20-passing touchdowns are an Asheboro High School record along with the 1,994 yards. Walker is a two-time 1st Team All-Conference and All-County performer on the football field. A Blue-Grey All-American selection, he also participated in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl at Jacksonville Jaguars' EverBank Field, helping to lead his team to a 27-7 victory. Walker is also a member of the Asheboro basketball team, where he is an All-Conference performer for the Blue Comets.

"We expect to have many more students signing to collegiate teams later this spring," said George. "We are extremely proud of their accomplishments in Asheboro, and we know they will do great things in the coming years as well," he added.

To learn more about the Asheboro High School athletics, please contact Athletic Director Steve Luck by sending emails to sluck@asheboro.k12.nc.us or calling (336) 625-6185.

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