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Golden Eagle Football Signs 14 Players to a National Letter of Intent

(Crookston, Minn.)- The University of Minnesota, Crookston Golden Eagle Football program announced today that 14 players have signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Golden Eagles during the 2010 season. *(At release time)*

This is the eighth recruiting class for Coach Stassen and his coaching staff. "The University of Minnesota Crookston Football staff is very pleased with the 2010 signing class," says Head Coach Shannon Stassen. "We have added many quality students to our roster and they are excellent football players as well."

Stassen adds, "We are thankful to the faculty and staff here at the University of Minnesota, Crookston who are so instrumental to the recruiting process. Every student that visits campus goes away feeling impressed by the extra effort our faculty and staff gives to them."

For more information, visit the Golden Eagle Athletics website at www.goldeneaglesports.com.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston is a NCAA Division II Institution and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). The Golden Eagle Equestrian team is a member of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

All signees are contingent upon admission to the University of Minnesota, Crookston and compliance with NCAA rules, including certification by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

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2010 Golden Eagle Football Signees



Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown
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Neiko Pascua	OLB	5-11	200 lb	Mandan, N.D.
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Pascua is a 5-11, 200 lb, outside linebacker from Bismarck High School in the Western Dakota Athletic Conference. He was an All-Conference Honorable Mention selection. Pascua's high school team took state runner-up honors in 2007 and was North Dakota State Champions in 2008 and 2009. Pascua plans to major in health sciences (pre-dentistry) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Charles Pascua and Ericka Richardson.

Ryan Kitzhaber	DL	6-3	250 lb	Withee, Wis.
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Kitzhaber is a 6-3, 250 lb, defensive lineman from Owen-Withee High School in the Cloverwood Conference. He was recognized as a Second Team All-Conference selection as a junior and a First Team All-Conference selection as a senior. At the conclusion of his senior season, Kitzhaber was honored as a First Team All-Region and All-State Honorable Mention athlete. Kitzhaber plans to major in criminal justice at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Lisa Kitzhaber.

Andrew Steinfeldt	RB	5-9	175 lb	Green Bay, Wis.
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Steinfeldt is a 5-9, 175 lb, runningback from Green Bay Southwest High School in the Fox River Classic Conference. He was recognized as a Second Team All-Conference linebacker in 2008 and runningback in 2009. On the mat, he was recognized as a First Team All-Conference Wrestler following his senior season. Steinfeldt plans to major in health sciences (pre-physical therapy) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Harvey and Sue Steinfeldt.

Evyn Johnson	WR	5-10	150 lb	Cavalier, N.D.
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Johnson is a 5-10, 150 lb, wide receiver from Cavalier High School. Johnson plans to major in health sciences at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Kelly and Jean Johnson.

Garrett Peterson	OL	6-4	280 lb	Marinette, Wis.
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Peterson is a 6-4, 280 lb, offensive tackle from Marinette High School of the Bay Conference. He was a three-year starter and earned All-Conference Honorable Mention honors. Peterson also received his team's Ironman Award. Peterson plans to major in sport and recreation management at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Scott Peterson and Jill Brissette.

Steven Perry	DB	6-0	170 lb	Poplar, Wis.
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Perry is a 6-0, 170 lb, cornerback from Northwestern High School of the Heart of the North Conference. He was a four-sport letter winner for the Tigers earning letters in football, basketball, baseball and track & field. Perry was a three-year starter in football earning All-Conference honors as a cornerback. He was also All-Conference Runner-Up as a quarterback and was a part of a team that reached the state semi-finals. Perry plans to major in criminal justice – law enforcement at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Don and Mary Perry.

Garrett Homb	DL	6-5	220 lb	Scales Mound, Ill.
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Homb is a 6-5, 220 lb, defensive lineman from Scales Mound High School. He played football in Wisconsin for Benton (Wis.)/Scales Mound (Ill.) in the Six Rivers Conference. He was recognized as an Honorable Mention player his sophomore season. As a junior, he was a First Team All-Conference offensive player and a Second Team All-Conference defensive player. Homb was a Telegraph Herald All-Area Second Team member and a First Team All-Conference offensive and defensive player following his senior season. In the classroom, Homb is a member of the student council, Future Farmers of America and is class president. Homb plans to major in agricultural business at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Paul and Sherry Homb.

Hunter Carter	DB	5-11	170 lb	Lisbon, N.D.
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Carter is a 5-11, 170 lb, defensive back from Lisbon High School in East Region 1AA. He is a three-year football letterwinner. He was selected as the Most Valuable Special Teams Player in 2008. In 2009, he earned team captain and Hardest Worker honors and went on to be selected as an All-Region football player. Carter is a four-year class vice president at Lisbon High School. Carter plans to major in agricultural systems management (farm and ranch management). He is the son of Brandi Griffith and Scott Carter.

Shane Rasley	WR	6-2	180 lb	Deer River, Minn.
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Rasley is a 6-2, 180 lb, wide receiver from Itasca Community College of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference. He is a 2008 graduate of Deer River High School of the Polar League North Division. Rasley was named All-Conference Honorable Mention at both Itasca and Deer River. Rasley plans to major in natural resources (wildlife management) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Richard Danielson and Angela Rasley.

Luke Williams	QB	6-0	185 lb	Port Moody, British Columbia
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Williams is a 6-0, 185 lb, quarterback from Centennial Secondary School in the Eastern Conference (B.C. High School Football League). As a sophomore, he was named a top offensive player and team captain. Williams was a co-captain and received the Top Player Award as a junior and was a team captain and a Provincial Champion in his senior season. Williams plans to major in sport and recreation management at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Louise and Jeff Williams.

Ben Viaene LS/LB 6-1 180 lb Hortonville, Wis.

Viaene is a 6-1, 180 lb, long snapper/linebacker from Hortonville High School of the Bay Conference. He was a four-year letterwinner in football. Viaene plans to major in agricultural systems management at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of David and Kelly Viaene.

Jordan Ross FB 6-2 250 lb Coquitlam, British Columbia

Ross is a 6-2, 250 lb, fullback from Gleneagle Secondary School in the AAA Eastern Division. He was awarded the Unsung Hero Award in 2007 and 2008 and the Outstanding Lineman Award in 2008-2009. Ross was named a Provincial All-Star player following the 2008 and 2009 season. Ross plans to major in criminal justice at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Shannon Lloyd.

Ben McGraw LB 5-11 210 lb Wasilla, Alaska

McGraw is a 5-11, 210 lb, linebacker from Colony High School in the Railbelt Conference. During his senior season, McGraw was named team captain, team defensive MVP, First Team All-Conference and First Team All-State as an outside linebacker. McGraw plans to major in criminal justice at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Michelle McGraw.

Sam Koetter TE 6-3 220 lb St. Cloud, Minn.

Koetter is a 6-3, 220 lb, tight end from Apollo High School in the Central Lakes Conference. He was recognized as a wrestling and football team captain. Koetter plans to major in agricultural systems management (farm and ranch management) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Charles and Janice Koetter.

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Brant Moore LB 6-0 195 lb Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

Moore is a 6-0, 195 lb, outside linebacker from Simley High School in the Classic Suburban Conference. He was recognized as a team MVP and an All-Conference Honorable Mention football player following his senior season. Moore plans to major in business management at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. He is the son of Melvin Moore and Robyn Yorker.

Pronunciations:

(Neiko)- Knee-co **(Pascua)-** Pass-quah

(Kitzhaber)- Kits-hay-ber

(Steinfeldt)- Stine-felt

(Viaene)- Vee-en

(Homb)- Hum

(Koetter)- Ketter

