

# DE ALEX MCCALISTER 57



**6-6 | 239**  2nd Year  
**BORN: Oct. 17, 1993 (Age 23)**

**Winston-Salem,  
North Carolina**

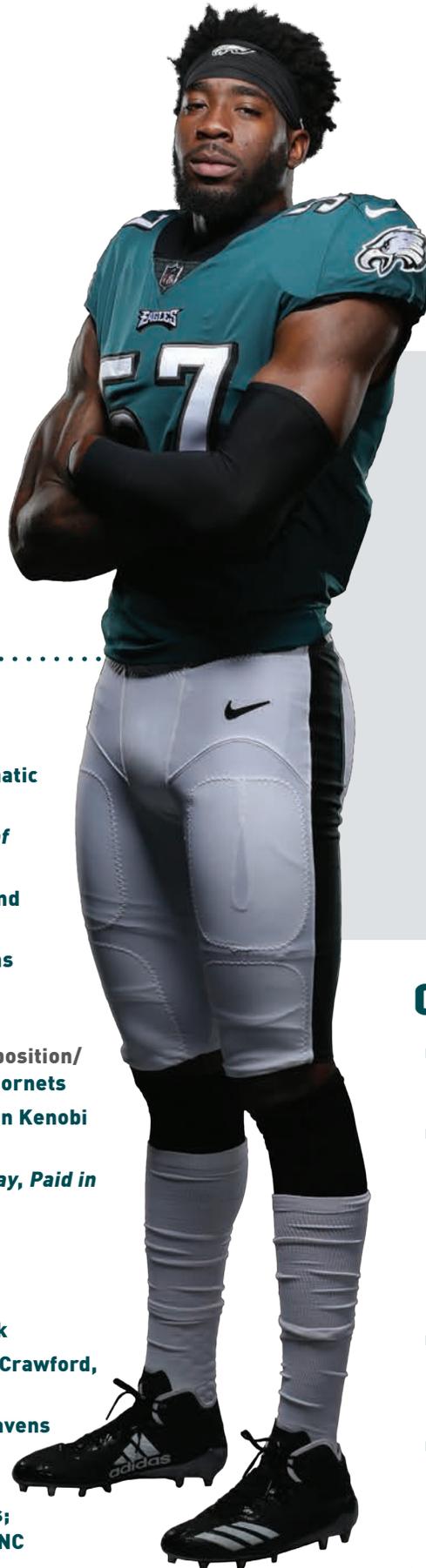


**West Forsyth  
High School**



**Florida**

**D7b-16 (240th overall)  
by Philadelphia**



Originally selected by the Eagles in the seventh round (240th overall) of the 2016 NFL Draft, **Alex McCalister** was placed on Injured Reserve with a calf injury prior to the start of his rookie campaign. An athletic defensive end out of the University of Florida, McCalister finished his career in Gainesville with **52 tackles, 17.5 TFL, 12.5 sacks and two forced fumbles.**

## BIRDSEED

- Enjoys gardening and recently grew a lemon tree with his college roommate. "I used to live with my grandmother during the summer and she got me into it. She used to make me weed her garden and I really appreciated the finished product"
- Began playing football when he was 7 years old for the Pfafftown Packers. Started out playing RT, but hated playing offensive line. "After that year my mom said, 'I'm not paying for you to just block.' Moved to FB and RB the next year. Began playing DE as a junior midget and things took off from there"
- Is the son of Latoya Hunt. Has two younger sisters, Anaya and Kayla, who are both competitive cheerleaders. Has two daughters, Alahna and Kamryn

## THREE STEP DROP

**First job: Cashier at The Popcorn Fanatic in Winston-Salem, NC**

**Hobbies: Playing video games (*Call of Duty*) and gardening**

**Bucket list: Skydive, learn to swim and travel around the world**

**Best player he has faced: La'el Collins**

**Players he models his game after: Mario Williams and Jason Taylor**

**If he could play another sport, what position/team: Shooting guard, Charlotte Hornets**

**Favorite Halloween costume: Obi-Wan Kenobi when he was 10**

**Favorite movies: *Fifth Element*, *Friday*, *Paid in Full*, *Transformers***

**Favorite TV shows: Anything on Cartoon Network**

**Favorite book: *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**

**Favorite athletes growing up: Jamal Crawford, J.R. Smith, Michael Vick**

**First jersey: Ray Lewis, Baltimore Ravens**

**Three favorite throwback jerseys: Warren Moon, Houston Oilers; Reggie White, Philadelphia Eagles; Michael Jordan, freshman year, UNC**

## COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Played in 27 games during his three years at Florida, totaling 52 tackles, 17.5 tackles for a loss, 12.5 sacks and two forced fumbles
- Played in nine games (six starts) at defensive end in 2015, tying for the team lead with 6.5 sacks while adding a career-high 26 tackles, including 9.5 for loss, as a junior. Was named the SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week after notching 2.5 sacks and three TFLs in a win vs. Vanderbilt (11/7/15)
- Played in all 12 games as a sophomore in 2014 and totaled 23 tackles, including 9.0 for a loss, while finishing second on the team with six sacks
- Played in six games in 2013, seeing time as a reserve on the defensive line and on special teams. Earned Florida's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Week on three occasions