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football • Bluefield, VA

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CAREER RECORDS

Head Coach — Bethel University, Tn
10 seasons | 60W-41L (59.4%)

Education

HS Diploma
Bishop Verot High School

B.A in Movement & Sports Science
Purdue University

M.A.ED (Masters Degree)
Bethel University, Tn

Career

Head Coach at Bethel University, Tn
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Coached Offensive line, Tight Ends, Running Backs, Quarterbacks, and oversaw all aspects of the program.
Hired a Premier Staff & Improved the programs image on campus and in the community.
Created a cooperative relationship between Faculty and coaches to ensure players are reaching their maximum potential both on and off the field.
Formed relationships with board members, donors, alumni, and vendors.
Created a first class collegiate atmosphere, while managing a tight budget for travel, recruiting, equipment, scholarships, and game day operations. (roughly a million dollars)

ATHLETIC CAREER

long snapper/offensive lineman — several teams
NFL - National Football League/Arena Football League | Football | 1996 - 1999
Was in numerous NFL mini camps over the course of four years and a couple AFL camps. AFL teams: Nashville Predators-mini camp, Pre-season camp-Iowa Barnstormers. NFL Teams; Tampa Bay Bucs, Miami Dolphins, Jacksonville Jaguars, Carolina Panthers, NY Jets, NY Giants, Cincinnati Bengals.

Long Snapper — Purdue University
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 1992 - 1995

Earned starting role as a true freshman, started 44 consecutive games, had 412 snaps without a miscue. Was special teams player of the week several times over my career.

COACHING CAREER

Offensive Line Coach/Defensive Line Coach — Graham High School

| Football | 2024

2024 & 2025: Coached and developed Virginia Defensive POY in 2A, 2 All-State Offensive Lineman, 15-0 State Champs, 9th Consecutive District Championship, Several All District Players.

Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Strength & Conditioning — Bluefield University

| Football | 2017 - 2023

Defense ranked in top 25 in 11 defensive categories, forced 87 turnovers, and marked the most wins in program history (over the past 3 yrs)

Coached & Developed 21 All-Conference Players, 1 Freshman Defensive POY, 2x Def. POY, 2x All American, and Humanitarian of the Year (All Program Firsts)

Outside Linebackers — North Carolina A&T University

| Football | 2016 - 2016

Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator — University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVA-Wise)

| Football | 2014 - 2015

Program was making the jump from NAIA to NCAA Division II, we had quite a few growing pains to say the least. In 2 seasons, we were in the top 4 in several defensive categories, drastic improvements from the previous seasons. Coach 1st Team All-Conference LB ('14,'15), was 2nd Team All-Region (NCAA, D@) also became NCAA tackles for loss leader the following season, but got the majority of them playing for me,

Defensive Line Coach — Eastern Illinois University

| Football | 2012 - 2014

Responsible for Pass protection breakdowns. Helped develop defensive run schemes which resulted in a 54% reduction of yardage over 2 seasons. Our improvement on the Defensive line resulted in a dramatic increase in TFL's, Sack's and Turnovers (Led the league in Sacks and Tackles For Loss-TFLs)

We were Back-to-Back OVC Champs ('12,'13)

Coached/Developed 7 All-Conference Players

Roosevelt Holiday signed NFL rookie contract (NY Jets, 2013)

Guest Coach-Linebackers — Calgary Stampeders

CFL | Football | 2010 - 2010

Helped Coach the Linebackers, helped coordinate blitzes and offensive tendencies.

Guest Coach-Defensive Line — Calgary Stampeders

| Football | 2009 - 2009

Was responsible helping breakdown pass protections

Defensive Coordinator/Associate Head Coach — Bethel University, Tn

| Football | 2002 - 2002

Went to Bethel in Feb. 2002 as the Defensive Coordinator & Strength & Conditioning Coordinator. After the 3rd game of the season I became the Head Coach.

Head Coach — Bethel University, Tn

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Offensive Line Coach — St. Francis University, Loretto Pa.

| Football | 2001 - 2002

After winter staff meetings, was moved to Offensive Line Coach for Spring Practice in 2001.

Coordinated the Run Game and increased run production by 190% from the previous season.

Defensive Line Coach — St. Francis University, Loretto PA

| Football | 2000 - 2001

Increased our sack total from 6 the previous season to 26. Assisted with practice schedules, game planning blitzes and run game. Also was Strength & Conditioning Coordinator and Equipment Coordinator. Recruited PA, FL, and various Junior Colleges.

Defensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coach (Punt/Ret-Blk, Ex.Pt/FG Blk) — Maine Maritime Academy

| Football | 1999 - 2000

Caused 29 Turnovers in 9 games, Blocked 17 kicks and returned 7 for scores. Recruited Florida & Connecticut.

Assistant Coach — Bishop Verot High School

| Football | 1996 - 1999

As a young coach, had double duty coaching Varsity & JV and coached multiple positions due to small staff size. Was Co-Defensive Coordinator/Associate Head Coach JV. Coordinated Special Teams (Var), and was Strength & Conditioning Coordinator.
