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## **DELAWARE STATE NAMES KENNETH CARTER AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

Dover, Del. (Jan. 21, 2015) --- Delaware State University President Harry L. Williams has announced that veteran college assistant coach Kenneth A. Carter has been appointed as the new head coach of the Hornets.

"With this appointment, a new chapter begins for the Hornet football program," Dr. Williams said. "We are excited about the future, not only concerning what this means for DSU football, but also in terms of the overall success of our student-athletes."

Carter most recently served as passing game/co-special teams coordinator/wide receivers coach at Youngstown State University during the 2014 season.

From 2010 to 2014, Carter played a key role in the success of the University of Louisville program under Charlie Strong, now the head coach at the University of Texas.

While at Louisville, Carter helped lead the Cardinals to two Big East Conference championships and three bowl appearances, including a 33-23 victory over No. 4 Florida in the 2013 Allstate Sugar Bowl in New Orleans.

Louisville also appeared in the Beef O'Brady's Bowl (2010) and Belk Bowl (2011) during Carter's tenure.

Also at Louisville, Carter was the position coach of New York Jets running back Bilal Powell, an All-Big East selection and Doak Walker Award semi-finalist as the nation's top rusher with the Cardinals.

During the 2008 and '09 seasons Carter was running backs coach under Urban Meyer at the University of Florida. He helped guide the Gators to the 2009 BCS National Championship with a 24-14 victory over Oklahoma.

Florida also competed in the 2010 Allstate Sugar Bowl and captured the 2008 Southeast Conference championship during his time on the coaching staff.

The Gators led the Southeast Conference in rushing at 231 yards per game and posted a school-record 42 rushing touchdowns during the 2008 season. Florida running back Jeff Demps was also a Doak Walker award nominee during Carter's tenure with the Gators.

Carter also served as running backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Vanderbilt from 2004-to-'07.

He served under the late Joe Paterno from 2001-to-'03 as assistant receivers coach at Penn State University.





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Among the highlights of Carter's tenure at Penn State were an appearance in 2003 Capital One Bowl; and the selection of All Big Ten receiver Bryant Johnson in the first round of the NFL draft by Arizona Cardinals.

During the 2000 season, Carter was running backs coach at the University of Pittsburgh. The Panthers competed in the Insight.com Bowl; and running back Kevin Barlow was a third round selection of the NFL's San Francisco 49ers following that season.

In 1999, Carter was an assistant coach (strong safeties/linebackers/nickel backs) at Louisiana State University.

He began his coaching career in 1993 as an assistant at Furman (tight ends).

The following year, Carter was hired as assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at his alma mater, The Citadel, where he served until 1998.

Carter was a four-year letterman as an inside linebacker for The Citadel. He was the Bulldogs' 1989 Special Teams Player-of-the-Year.

He earned a bachelor of science in Health and Exercise Science from The Citadel in 1990.

"Kenneth Carter is an outstanding motivator with a proven record of success," said Delaware State Director of Athletics Candy Young. "He has the knowledge and energy to return our football program to past levels of success. The University is also impressed with his commitment to our student-athletes in the classroom and the community."

Carter is the 19<sup>th</sup> head coach in the history of the Delaware State football program. He replaces Kermit Blount, whose contract was not renewed after four seasons with the Hornets.

"I am extremely excited about this new chapter in my football career" Carter said. "There are only 250 such opportunities in Division I football, so it is truly a blessing. I plan to give my best to the University and the program. I'm looking forward to getting started."

DSU was 2-10 overall and tied for ninth in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference with a 2-6 league record during the 2014 season.

