



# THE BECKMAN FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Berea, Ohio

#### **BIRTHDATE**

Jan. 19, 1965

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Kim

Sons: Tyler and Alex Daughter: Lindsay

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's degree, physical education — University of Findlay, 1988

Master's degree, education - Auburn University, 1994

#### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

University of Kentucky, 1983 University of Findlay, 1984-87

#### **BOWL GAMES**

1989 Hall of Fame

1988 Sugar Bowl

2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl 2007 Insight Bowl 2006 BCS National Championship Game 2005 Fiesta Bowl 2004 GMAC Bowl 2003 Motor City Bowl BECKMAN

HEAD COACH FINDLAY, 1988 FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Beckman was named the 23rd head football coach at the University of Illinois by director of athletics Mike Thomas on Dec. 9, 2011. Beckman came to Illinois after three years as head coach at Toledo, where he led the Rockets to two bowl appearances and a Mid-American Conference West Division co-championship.

Beckman engineered an impressive turnaround at Toledo in his three years at the helm after inheriting a team that went 3-9 in 2008. The Rockets improved to 5-7 in 2009 before going 8-5 with a 7-1 record in the MAC and a berth in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in 2010. Toledo posted an 8-4 record in 2011, including another 7-1 MAC record, a share of the MAC West Division title and a berth in the Military Bowl. In the last two seasons, Beckman compiled a 14-2 record in MAC games, second best in the conference over that span.

He has learned under some of the finest coaches in America, including Pat Dye, Urban Meyer, Mike Gundy and Jim Tressel. When he guided the Rockets to an 8-4 regular-season record and a bowl appearance in 2010, it was UT's first bowl since 2005. In addition, his last two recruiting classes at Toledo have been widely praised, earning a No. 1 ranking among MAC teams by Rivals.com in both seasons after landing two of the three four-star prospects signed by conference schools.

Beckman sent a pair of Toledo players to the NFL in defensive back Barry Church and receiver Stephen Williams in 2010. Three players earned first-team All-MAC honors in 2011, including Eric Page, who earned first-team honors as a receiver, kick returner and punt returner.

Before accepting Toledo's head coaching position, Beckman had 21 years of experience as an assistant coach. He served as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State (2007-08), the cornerbacks coach at Ohio State (2005-06), the defensive coordinator/assistant head coach at Bowling Green (1998-2004), the





defensive coordinator at Elon (1996-97), the secondary coach/recruiting coordinator at Western Carolina (1990-95) and a graduate assistant at Auburn (1988-89).

Beckman's two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State were successful, as the Cowboys posted a 16-10 record, including a 9-4 mark in 2008 and an appearance in the Holiday Bowl. In 2007, the Cowboys went 7-6, including a win over Indiana in the Insight Bowl.

At Ohio State, Beckman mentored the Buckeye cornerbacks. During his stay at Ohio State, the Buckeyes were 22-3 and played in two BCS bowl games. Along the

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— Mike Thomas, Illinois Director of Athletics

way, he coached six All-Big Ten defensive backs and five future NFL players. His final game as a coach with Ohio State was the 2007 BCS National Championship Game against Florida, where Beckman faced his former boss from his days at Bowling Green, Urban Meyer.

At Bowling Green, Beckman was a three-time nominee for the Frank Broyles Award, presented annually to the nation's top assistant coach. He was a finalist for the Broyles Award in 2001, and *College Football News* named him one of the country's top defensive coordinators. During his stay at Bowling Green, the Falcons won two bowl games, a MAC East division title and finished ranked in the national polls in 2003.

Beckman began his coaching career in 1988 as a graduate assistant at Auburn, where he earned his master's degree in education. His first full-time coaching job came at Western Carolina, where he coached the secondary and served as recruiting coordinator from 1990-95. Beckman then served as the defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Elon College from 1996-97 before moving on to Bowling Green.

Beckman started his collegiate playing career at Kentucky but transferred to Findlay and excelled under Hall of Fame head coach Dick Strahm. A 1988 graduate of Findlay, Beckman majored in physical education and lettered in 1984 and 1985 on Oiler teams that qualified for the NAIA playoffs both seasons. Prior to that, he attended Forest Park High School in Beaumont, Texas, for two years before completing high school at Berea (Ohio) High School near Cleveland.

The son of longtime college and NFL coach Dave Beckman, Tim is a native of Berea, Ohio. He and his wife, Kim, also a Findlay graduate, have three children: Tyler, Lindsay and Alex. Tyler is a junior linebacker at the University of Findlay, while Lindsay is a sophomore at Oklahoma State. Alex is a freshman quarterback at Urbana High School.



The Beckman Family in Spring of 2012 (left to right): Tyler, Kim, Tim, Lindsay and Alex.

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#### BECKMAN'S COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012- Illinois (Head Coach)

2009-11 Toledo (Head Coach)

2007-08 Oklahoma State (Defensive Coordinator)

2005-06 Ohio State (Cornerbacks)

1998-04 Bowling Green (Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach)

1996-97 Elon (Defensive Coordinator/Recruiting Coordinator)

1990-95 Western Carolina (Secondary/Recruiting Coordinator)

1988-89 Auburn (Graduate Assistant)

#### TIM BECKMAN'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

| YEAR  | SCHOOL  | OVERALL | CONF. | CONF. FINISH | BOWL           | FINAL POLLS |
|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2009  | Toledo  | 5-7     | 3-5   | 4th (West)   |                | NR/NR       |
| 2010  | Toledo  | 8-5     | 7-1   | 2nd (West)   | Little Caesars | NR/NR       |
| 2011  | Toledo  | 8-4     | 7-1   | T-1st (West) | Military*      | NR/NR       |
| TOTAL | 3 YEARS | 21-16   | 17-7  | -            | 2 BOWLS        |             |

Polls listed as AP/Coaches

\*Led Rockets to Military Bowl berth but did not coach game

# **BECKMAN YEAR-BY-YEAR**

| 2011 // University of Toledo (8-4, 7-1 MAC   | West co-champs) |
|--|-----------------|
| Sept. 1 New Hampshire                        | W58-22          |
| Sept. 10 at 15/15 Ohio State                 | L22-27          |
| Sept. 16 4/4 Boise State                     | L15-40          |
| Sept. 24 at Syracuse                         | L (OT)30-33     |
| Oct. 1 at Temple                             | W36-13          |
| Oct. 8 Eastern Michigan                      | W54-16          |
| Oct. 15 at Bowling Green                     | W28-21          |
| Oct. 22 Miami (OH)                           | W 49-28         |
| Nov. 1 Northern Illinois                     | L60-63          |
| Nov. 8 Western Michigan                      | W66-63          |
| Nov. 18 at Central Michigan                  | W44-17          |
| Nov. 25 at Ball State                        | W 45-28         |
| Dec. 28 vs. Air Force*                       | W42-41          |
| * Beckman did not coach Toledo in Military E | Bowl            |

#### 2010 // University of Toledo (8-5, 7-1 MAC)

| Sept. 3 Arizona                        | L2-41   |
|--|---------|
| Sept. 11 at Ohio                       | W 20-13 |
| Sept. 18 at Western Michigan           | W 37-24 |
| Sept. 25 at Purdue                     | W 31-20 |
| Oct. 2 Wyoming                         | L15-20  |
| Oct. 9 at 4/4 Boise State              | L14-57  |
| Oct. 16 Kent State                     | W34-21  |
| Oct. 23 Ball State                     | W31-24  |
| Oct. 30 at Eastern Michigan            | W42-7   |
| Nov. 9 at Northern Illinois            | L30-65  |
| Nov. 17 Bowling Green                  | W 33-14 |
| Nov. 26 Central Michigan               | W42-31  |
| Dec. 26 Florida International*         | L 32-34 |
| * Little Caesar's Bowl, Detroit, Mich. |         |

#### 2009 // University of Toledo (5-7, 3-5 MAC)

| Sept. 5 at Purdue                         | L.    | 36-52 |
|---|-------|-------|
| Sept. 11 Colorado                         | .W    | 54-38 |
| Sept. 19 vs. 11/11 Ohio State (Cleveland) | L.    | 0-38  |
| Sept. 26 at Florida International         | .W    | 41-31 |
| Oct. 3 at Ball State                      | .W    | 37-30 |
| Oct. 10 Western Michigan                  | L.    | 26-58 |
| Oct. 17 Northern Illinois                 | .W    | 20-19 |
| Oct. 24 Temple                            | L.    | 24-40 |
| Oct. 31 at Miami (OH)                     | L.    | 24-31 |
| Nov. 11 at Central Michigan               | . L . | 28-56 |
| Nov. 20 Eastern Michigan                  | .W    | 47-21 |
| Nov. 27 at Bowling Green                  | . L . | 24-38 |
|   |       |       |

# **BECKMAN VS. OPPONENTS**

| Arizona                       |
|-------------------------------|
| Ball State                    |
| Boise State 0-2               |
| Bowling Green                 |
| Central Michigan 2-1          |
| Colorado                      |
|                               |
| Eastern Michigan 3-01.000     |
| Florida International 1-1 500 |
| Kent State 1-0 1.000          |
| Miami (OH) 1-1                |
| New Hampshire 1-01.000        |
| Northern Illinois 1-2         |
| Ohio                          |
| Ohio State                    |
| Purdue                        |
| Syracuse                      |
| Temple                        |
| •                             |
| Western Michigan 2-1          |
| Wyoming 0-1                   |
| Total                         |
|                               |



Beckman led Toledo to back-to-back bowl games in 2010 and x'11.



Dave Beckman with sons, Ted (left) and Tim (right), during his coaching stint at Evansville.



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#### **HOMETOWN**

Detroit, Mich.

#### **BIRTHDATE**

Dec. 16, 1971

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Robin

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., industrial management -Central Michigan, 1995

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Central Michigan, 1991-94

## **BOWL GAMES**

2011 Liberty Bowl 2010 GMAC Bowl 2008 Motor City Bowl 2007 Motor City Bowl 2006 Champs Sports Bowl 2004 Gator Bowl

# **BANKS**

# **DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / SAFETIES**

# CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 1995

## FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Banks is in his first season at Illinois as defensive coordinator. He also works with the Illini safeties. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Banks has spent the past five seasons as a defensive coordinator, two at Cincinnati as a co-defensive coordinator and the previous three at Central Michigan.

Under his guidance, the Bearcats improved 33 spots from 2010 to 2011 in the rushing defense national statistical rankings, from No. 39 to No. 6, and moved up 21 spots in total defense, from No. 63 to No. 42. Cincinnati led the nation in tackles for loss in 2011 after ranking No. 38 the year before and also ranked No. 2 nationally in sacks in 2011, up from No. 38 in 2010. UC improved 48 spots in scoring defense from No. 68 in 2010 to No. 20 in 2011 and jumped 110 spots in turnover margin from No. 119 in 2010 to No. 9 in 2011, largely as a result of forcing 33 turnovers in 2011 compared to 14 in 2010.

Cincinnati also improved 62 spots in pass efficiency defense from 2010 to 2011, moving from No. 106 to No. 44. After finishing 4-8 in 2010, the Bearcats rebounded to post a 10-3 record in 2011, including a win over Vanderbilt in the 2011 AutoZone Liberty Bowl.

Banks' 2009 Central Michigan defense led the Mid-American Conference in scoring defense (18.9), ranked second in rushing defense (122.8), third in pass efficiency defense (117.4), and fourth in total defense (344.2) as the team went 12-2 overall and 8-0 in the MAC.

The Chippewas led the MAC in rush defense in both 2007 and 2008, and the 2008 defensive unit led the conference in sacks with 35.

Four players earned first-team all-MAC honors during Banks' tenure: linebackers Red Keith and Ike Brown in 2007 and linebacker Nick Bellore and defensive end Frank Zombo in both 2008 and 2009.

CMU generated five turnovers in a game three times during a two-season span, including a seven-turnover effort against Army in 2007. Cornerback Josh Gordy tied a school record with three interceptions in that game against the Cadets.

Following the 2007 season, Banks was invited to participate in the NCAA Expert Coaches Academy.

Prior to CMU, Banks spent four seasons at the University of Maryland (2003-06) before returning to his alma mater. He coached the Terrapins' secondary in 2006 after spending his first three seasons with the inside linebackers.

Under his guidance, linebacker D'Qwell Jackson was a two-time All-Atlantic Coast Conference first-team selection (2004-05), ACC Defensive Player of the Year (2005) and a Bednarik Award finalist (2005).

Jackson (Cleveland Browns) is one of three players Banks coached at Maryland who played in the NFL. The others are linebacker David Holloway (Arizona Cardinals) and cornerback Josh Wilson (Seattle Seahawks).

Prior to Maryland, Banks spent two seasons as an assistant at the University of Memphis (2001-02) and two years at Bowling Green (1999-00). At Memphis, the Tigers ranked ninth in Division I-A in pass defense in 2002 — his only season working with the cornerbacks.

Banks was a four-year letterman and two-time All-MAC second-team selection (1993-94) at Central Michigan. Banks was a co-captain for the Chippewas' 1994 MAC championship team and led the 1993 team in tackles with 105. He graduated from Central Michigan in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in industrial management.

#### **BANKS YEAR-BY-YEAR**

2012-Illinois (defensive coordinator/safeties) 2010-11

Cincinnati (co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs) 2007-09 Central Michigan (defensive coordinator)

2003-06 Maryland (defensive backs, 2006; inside linebackers, 2003-05) 2001-02 Memphis (defensive backs, 2002; outside linebackers, 2001) 1999-2000 Bowling Green (defensive backs, 2000; running backs, 1999)

1997-98 Ferris State (defensive backs) 1996 Bowling Green (graduate assistant)



# THE BEATTY FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Centerville, Va.

#### **BIRTHDATE**

June 19, 1973

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Kris Son: Aaron

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's Degree — East Tennessee State, 1995

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

East Tennessee State, 1991-94

#### **BOWL GAMES**

2011 AutoZone Liberty Bowl 2010 Champs Sports Bowl 2010 Gator Bowl 2008 Meineke Car Care Bowl

# CHRIS BEATTY

# **CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS**

# **EAST TENNESSEE STATE, 1995**

#### FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Chris Beatty is in his first season at Illinois as an assistant coach. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Beatty comes to Illinois from Vanderbilt, where he helped the Commodores to an appearance in the 2011 Liberty Bowl as wide receivers coach and offensive recruiting coordinator. Wide receiver Jordan Matthews was a big-play threat for Beatty, earning third-team All-SEC honors after catching 41 passes for 778 yards (19.0 ypc) and five touchdowns in 2011.

Prior to his time at VU, Beatty spent three seasons at West Virginia as running backs/slot receivers coach and director of recruiting. He helped guide the Mountaineers to a Big East co-championship in 2010 and to three straight bowl appearances in his three years at WVU.

In 2010, Beatty helped West Virginia to a 9-4 overall record, a Big East Conference co-championship and an appearance in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando. In 2009, WVU finished with a 9-4 mark after facing Florida State in the Gator Bowl. In 2008, the Mountaineers also were 9-4 and capped the season with a 31-30 victory over North Carolina in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

At West Virginia, Beatty mentored two of the most productive offensive players in Mountaineer football history: running back Noel Devine and slot receiver/return specialist Jock Sanders. Devine rushed for more than 3,600 yards under Beatty's guidance, twice earning All-Big East Conference honors, while Sanders ranked as one of the Big East's most productive receivers, catching 195 passes. The Mountaineer rushing attack also ranked among the Big East's best during all three of Beatty's years with the program.

Beatty joined the West Virginia staff after he spent the 2007 season mentoring running backs at Northern Illinois under former Huskie head coach Joe Novak. Beatty's top pupil at Northern Illinois, sophomore Justin Anderson, rushed for 1,245 yards and eight touchdowns.

Beatty entered the collegiate coaching ranks at Hampton (Va.) University, helping the Pirates to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and appearance in the FCS playoffs. As Hampton's offensive coordinator and mentor to quarterbacks and receivers in 2006, Beatty guided the offense to the No. 7 ranking in scoring among FCS teams with an average of 34.7 points per game. He also mentored three Hampton wide receivers that eventually played in the NFL and two quarterbacks that earned playing time in the Canadian Football League.

Nine of Beatty's former players have gone on to the NFL. He also has also mentored 13 all-conference performers.

Prior to becoming a college coach, Beatty served successful tenures as a head coach at three Virginia high schools. Beatty guided Landstown High School to a superb 40-2 overall record from 2003-05, and captured the state's 3A state championship behind eventual Florida Gators All-American and Minnesota Viking Percy Harvin. All three of Beatty's Landstown teams advanced to the 3A state title game. Beatty's two other Virginia high schools, North Stafford and Salem, combined for an 38-16 overall record from 1998-2002.

A native of Centreville, Va., Beatty was a standout wide receiver at East Tennessee State University, graduating in 1994 as the Bucs' all-time leading receiver. An All-Southern Conference recipient in 1994, he played professionally for two Canadian Football League teams.

Beatty and his wife, Kris, are the parents of a son, Aaron.

#### **BEATTY YEAR-BY-YEAR**

2012- Illinois (co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

2011 Vanderbilt (wide receivers/offensive recruiting coordinator)
2008-10 West Virginia (running backs/slot receivers/director of recruiting)

2007 Northern Illinois (running backs)

2006 Hampton (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks/wide receivers)



# THE GONZALES FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Thornton, Colo.

#### **BIRTHDATE**

July 18, 1971

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Julie Son: Cole

Daughter: Caylynn

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's Degree — Colorado State, 1994

#### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

Colorado State, 1990-93

#### **BOWL GAMES**

2012 BCS National Championship 2011 Cotton Bowl 2010 Capital One Bowl 2009 BCS National Championship 2008 Capital One Bowl 2007 BCS National Championship 2006 Outback Bowl 2005 Fiesta Bowl 2003 Liberty Bowl

\* as a player

1990 Freedom Bowl\*

# BILLY GONZALES

## **CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / WIDE RECEIVERS**

# COLORADO STATE, 1994

## FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Billy Gonzales is in his first season at Illinois as co-offensive coordinator. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Gonzales, who has been part of two national championship teams, spent the 2010 and 2011 seasons as LSU's passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach, helping the Tigers reach the 2012 BCS National Championship Game. Prior to joining the LSU staff, Gonzales spent five years coaching the wide receivers at Florida, where he helped the Gators to national titles in 2006 and 2008.

As LSU's passing game coordinator, Gonzales assisted offensive coordinator Greg Studrawa and quarterbacks coach Steve Kragthorpe with developing strategies in the Tiger passing attack.

Gonzales' impact on the passing game was evident in 2011 with the development of LSU's leading receiver Rueben Randle (53 rec., 917 yards, 8 TDs), who earned first-team All-SEC honors, and the emergence of true-freshman Odell Beckham Jr., who ranked second on the team with 41 receptions for 475 yards and a pair of touchdowns to earn freshman All-SEC accolades.

Gonzales joined the Tigers in December of 2009, helping LSU prepare for its Capital One Bowl contest against Penn State. Gonzales spent his first full season with the Tigers in 2010, where he continued to coach Russell Shepard in his transition from quarterback to wide receiver while also grooming Randle to become LSU's primary target in 2011.

Prior to his arrival in Baton Rouge, Gonzales coached under Urban Meyer at three different schools - Bowling Green, Utah and Florida - since 2001. Gonzales coached for two years at Bowling Green under Meyer and alongside current Illinois head coach Tim Beckman before moving on with Meyer to Utah for the 2003 and 2004 seasons.

Gonzales arrived at Florida in 2005 and during his five years with the Gators, he sent seven players to the NFL Draft, including 2009 first-round pick Percy Harvin and Chad Jackson, a second-round selection by the New England Patriots in 2007.

From 2005 to 2009, Florida produced seven All-SEC wide receivers, including first-team selections Jackson (2005), Dallas Baker (2006), Harvin (2007, '08) and Brandon James (2008), and second-team honorees Cornelius Ingram (2007) and Riley Cooper (2009).

In two years at Utah, Gonzales helped the Utes to a 22-2 overall mark and a pair of bowl victories, including a 35-7 win over Pittsburgh in the 2005 Fiesta Bowl. Utah averaged 499.8 yards and 45.3 points per game in 2004, both of which ranked No. 3 in the nation that year. Three Utes receivers earned first-team All-Mountain West honors under Gonzales' tuteledge, TE Ben Moa (2003), WR Paris Warren (2003) and WR Steve Savoy (2004).

In addition to his role as Utah's wide receivers coach, Gonzales also served as the special teams coordinator for the Utes. In 2003, Utah led the nation in kickoff returns with a 28.2 average. The Utes also ranked third in the nation in net punting (40.8 yards) and fifth in the country in kickoff returns (26.2) in 2004.

Gonzales spent 2001 and 2002 at Bowling Green, serving as wide receivers coach and co-recruiting coordinator. The Falcons were 17-6 in his two years at the school and in 2002, Bowling Green ranked No. 3 in the nation in scoring, averaging 48.0 points per game. The Falcons also averaged 448.9 yards per game in 2002, a figure that ranked No. 9 nationally. WR Robert Redd was an All-MAC selection in both 2001 and '02 and finshed his career as the school's all-time leader in receptions.

Gonzales broke into full-time coaching at the Division I level in 1997 at Kent State, spending four years with the Golden Flashes. He coached running backs in 1997, helping RB Astron Whatley become a three-time All-MAC selectioin, before moving to wide receivers for the next three years and tutoring Eugene Baker, Kent State's all-time leading receiver and a third-team All-American in 1997. Gonzales coached for two years as a graduate assistant at Kent State from 1995-96, where he received his master's degree in sports administration.

Gonzales' first coaching job came in 1994 at MacMurray (III.) as the wide receivers coach.

A four-year letterwinner at Colorado State and a two-year starter at wide receiver, Gonzales helped the Rams to a 9-4 record in 1990 and a win over Oregon in the Freedom Bowl that year. Gonzales is a 1994 graduate of Colorado State University.

Gonzales and his wife, Julie, have two children, Cole and Caylynn.

## **GONZALES YEAR-BY-YEAR**

| 2012-     | Illinois (co-offensive coordinator/wide receivers)                      |
|-----------|---|
| 2010-11   | LSU (passing game coordinator/wide receivers)                           |
| 2005-09   | Florida (receivers, 2005-07; receivers/recruiting coordinator, 2008-09) |
| 2003-04   | Utah (wide recievers/special teams coordinator)                         |
| 2001-02   | Bowling Green (receivers, 2001; co-recruiting coordinator, 2002)        |
| 1997-2000 | Kent State (running backs, 1997; WR/recruiting coordinator, 1998-00)    |
| 1995-96   | Kent State (offensive graduate assistant)                               |
| 1994      | MacMurray (III.) (wide receivers)                                       |
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# THE BUTKUS FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Steger, III.

#### **BIRTHDATE**

June 26, 1979

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Nici

Sons: Benjamin and Byron

#### **EDUCATION**

B.A., speech communication — Illinois, 2001

#### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

Illinois, 1998-2001

#### **BOWL GAMES**

2006 Las Vegas Bowl 2005 Holiday Bowl 2002 Sugar Bowl\* 1999 MicronPC.com Bowl\*

\* as a player

# LUKE BUTKUS

# OFFENSIVE LINE ILLINOIS, 2001 FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Former Illini All-American center Luke Butkus is in his first season at Illinois as an assistant coach. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Prior to returning to his alma mater, Butkus spent five seasons working in the NFL, the last two with Pete Carroll's Seattle Seahawks as a quality control assistant working with the offensive line. Prior to that, he worked as an offensive assistant/assistant offensive line coach with the Chicago Bears and Lovie Smith from 2007-09.

Butkus began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the University of Oregon from 2005-06, helping the Ducks to appearances in the 2005 Holiday Bowl and the 2006 Las Vegas Bowl.

Signed by the Bears as an undrafted free agent out of college, Butkus spent most of the 2002 season on the San Diego Chargers' practice squad. He played two seasons in NFL Europe, for the Rhein Fire in 2003 and the Cologne Centurions in 2004, before moving into the coaching ranks.

A three-year starting center at Illinois from 1999-2001, Butkus was a third-team All-American by the *Associated Press* in 2001 and was a two-time All-Big Ten selection in 2000 and 2001.

As a team captain in 2001, Butkus helped lead the Illini to an outright Big Ten title and an appearance in the Sugar Bowl, anchoring an offensive line that paved the way for then-school records in total points, points per game and sacks allowed. He also helped lead the Fighting Illini to a win in the 1999 MicronPC.com Bowl.

He is the nephew of the greatest linebacker in football history, Dick Butkus, who played at Illinois from 1962-64 and enjoyed an eight-year Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears from 1965-73. Luke's cousin, Mark Butkus, lettered at Illinois from 1980-83, earning All-Big Ten honors in 1983, while his brother, Josh, also graduated from Illinois.

A graduate of Bloom Township High School in suburban Chicago, Butkus is the first former Illini player to return to Illinois as a coach since former defensive back Chris Green was on staff in 1999 and 2000.

Butkus served as an instructor at the University of Illinois summer football camps from 2002-04 and has done so at the Revie Sorey & Jerry Azumah All-Pro Football Camps since 1995.

Butkus and his wife, Nici, have two sons, Benjamin and Byron.

### **BUTKUS YEAR-BY-YEAR**

2012- University of Illinois (offensive line)

2010-11 Seattle Seahawks (quality control assistant/assistant offensive line)

2007-09 Chicago Bears (offensive assistant/assistant offensive line)

2005-06 University of Oregon (graduate assistant)



# THE CLINKSCALE FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Youngstown, Ohio

#### **BIRTHDATE**

Sept. 21, 1977

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Jasena

Sons: Isaiah, Elijah, Zion, Zivon

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., sports science – Ashland, 2000

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Ashland, 1997-2000

## **BOWL GAMES**

2011 Military Bowl 2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

# STEVE CLINKSCALE

CORNERBACKS ASHLAND, 2000

#### FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Steven Clinkscale is in his first season at Illinois as an assistant coach. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

He joins the Illini staff after spending three seasons at Toledo, including the last two as the cornerbacks coach and special teams coordinator. Under his leadership, Toledo's cornerbacks played a key role in the Rockets' defensive resurgence, while special teams were a strong suit during Clinkscale's tenure at UT. The kickoff return team ranked 11th in the nation in 2010 and the punt return unit ranked 17th in 2011.

In 2011, Clinkscale helped the Rockets become a national leader in takeaways, as Toledo ranked 16th in turnovers gained in 2011. UT also ranked third in the nation in turnover margin and 29th in third-down defense in 2011. Clinkscale guided the Rockets to a No. 17 finish in punt return average in 2011, which helped Toledo to a 9-4 campaign and a victory in the Military Bowl.

Clinkscale also helped develop Eric Page into one of the most electrifying return men in college football, as Page was named a third-team All-American by Phil Steele and a finalist for the Paul Hornung Award, given annually to the nation's most versatile player. Page also was named first-team All-Mid-American Conference as a receiver, kickoff returner and punt returner.

Toledo went from allowing 37.7 points per game in 2009 to 28.5 in 2010. The Rocket 'D' also increased its forced turnovers from 21 to 34, the fifth-highest takeaway total in the nation in 2010, and tied for eighth-most interceptions in the country with 20. UT also finished 11th in the nation in kickoff return average, helping propel Toledo to an 8-5 season and its first bowl appearance in five years.

In 2010, Clinkscale helped guide junior Desmond Marrow as he returned to the lineup after a nearly two-year absence. Marrow responded with an outstanding season, with 72 tackles, three interceptions and six pass breakups. On special teams, Clinkscale helped coach Page, who averaged 31.1 yards per

return, earn numerous first-team All-America honors. He was the only player in the FBS to return three kickoffs for touchdowns.

Clinkscale went to Toledo with eight years of college coaching experience: one year at Western Carolina (2008) and seven seasons at Division II Ashland University (2001-07). In his only season at Western Carolina, Clinkscale worked with the Catamount defensive backs in addition to serving as Western's academic liaison.

During his seven seasons at Ashland, Clinkscale served mostly as a secondary coach, spending his final season as the linebackers coach. Clinkscale also served as the academic liaison at AU, where the football team routinely posted combined GPAs of 3.0 or better.

Clinkscale mentored two All-Americans (Devin Conwell and Toure Carter) and two Cactus Bowl (NCAA Division II All-Star game) participants at Ashland. Conwell was named the 2005 GLIAC Defensive Back of the Year.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Clinkscale was a four-year starter and a team captain at Ashland. He played in the 2000 Snow Bowl, the Division II all-star game. He earned his bachelor's degree in sports science, with a concentration in therapeutic recreation, in 2000.

Clinkscale and his wife, Jasena, have four sons: Isaiah, Elijah, and twins, Zion and Zivon.

### **CLINKSCALE YEAR-BY-YEAR**

2012- Illinois (cornerbacks)

2009-11 Toledo (cornerbacks/special teams, 2010-11; cornerbacks, 2009)

2008 Western Carolina (defensive backs)

2001-07 Ashland (linebackers, 2007; secondary, 2001-06)



#### THE GILMORE FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Detroit, Mich.

#### **BIRTHDATE**

March 23, 1958

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Bridget

Sons: Keith, Kierre, Grant Daughters: Keyontay, Grace

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., recreation management -Wayne State, 1981

M.A., sport administration -Michigan State, 1990

#### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

University of Michigan, 1976-77 Wayne State, 1978-80

#### **BOWL GAMES**

\*as a player

2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl 2010 Texas Bowl 2009 Orange Bowl 2007 Papajohns.com Bowl 2006 International Bowl 2006 Motor City Bowl 1989 Gator Bowl 1978 Rose Bowl\*

# KEITH GILMORE

## **DEFENSIVE LINE**

WAYNE STATE, 1981

#### FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Mentored 2011 NFL first-round draft pick and consensus All-American Whitney Mercilus, the 2011 NCAA leader in sacks (16) and forced fumbles (9)
- 2011 Illini broke school record for sacks in a season with 41
- Coached 2011 NFL first-round draft pick Corey Liuget and 2010 NFL supplemental pick Josh Brent
- Tutored Cincinnati's single-season sack leader, Anthony Hoke

Keith Gilmore is in his fourth season on the Fighting Illini coaching staff in 2012, serving as defensive line coach. Gilmore has helped a pair of Illini become first-round NFL draft picks in the last two years in DT Corey Liuget (18th pick, 2011) and DE Whitney Mercilus (26th pick, 2012)

In 2011, Gilmore's defensive line broke the school record with 41 sacks and ranked fourth nationally in tackles for loss (7.9 per game) and sixth nationally in sacks (3.2 per game). Defensive end Whitney Mercilus had a breakout year under Gilmore's guidance, earning consensus first-team All-America honors after leading the nation in sacks (16.0) and forced fumbles (9). The nine forced fumbles were a Big Ten single-season record and the second-most in NCAA history, while his 16 sacks tied Simeon Rice's season school record. Mercilus was drafted in the first round of the 2012 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans.

Gilmore guided a budding star in 2010 in defensive tackle Corey Liuget, who was a first-round pick of the San Diego Chargers in the 2011 NFL Draft after being named a fourth-team All-American by Phil Steele. Liuget and Akeem Spence combined for 108 tackles, the most by a pair of Illini defensive tackles since 1993, and Spence was named a Freshman All-American by Phil Steele and Rivals.com. Illinois' rushing defense also held five opponents under 100 yards in 2010.

In his first season with the Illinois defensive line, Gilmore tutored a starting four that posted 33 tackles for loss and 14.5 quaterback sacks. Defensive tackle Josh Brent was selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the 2010 NFL supplemental draft and has been productive early in his pro career.

Gilmore spent six years with coach Brian Kelly, two with the Bearcats, one at Central Michigan in 2006 and three at Grand Valley State (1991-93). As assistant head coach and defensive line coach, Gilmore helped lead Cincinnati to a BIG EAST Championship and a trip to the 2009 Orange Bowl. He coached a line that ranked ninth in the nation in sacks, averaging nearly three per game. The rushing defense allowed only 115 yards per game, which ranked 19th in the NCAA, and the scoring defense was 25th nationally.

In his two years at UC, Gilmore coached a defensive line that boasted All-American Terrill Byrd, the school's single-season sacks leader in Anthony Hoke and NFL draft choices Angelo Craig and Connor Barwin. His group proved to be one of the best in the BIG EAST, as the Bearcats defense ranked second in the league in scoring defense (18.8) and rushing defense (114.2).

Prior to Cincinnati, the 27-year coaching veteran mentored a pair of defensive linemen to all-league honors in his only season at Central Michigan. Gilmore went to CMU in 2006 after four seasons as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Howard University. He also was the defensive line coach for the Bison, who led the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference in total defense in 2004, when they ranked seventh in the nation (297.5 ypg), and again in 2005, while ranking second in the NCAA (255.7 ypg).

Gilmore has held internships with three NFL teams throughout his coaching career. He spent the 1996 summer with the Green Bay Packers' coaching staff, the 2002 summer with the Detroit Lions' scouting department and the 2005 summer with the Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers' scouting department.

Prior to his time at Howard, Gilmore spent the 1998-2001 seasons at Norfolk State. He was the special teams coordinator and also coached the defensive line and running backs.

A two-time all-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honoree at Wayne State (1979-80), Gilmore began his coaching career at his alma mater in 1985. From there, he served stints at Michigan State (1988), Northern Michigan (1989-90), Grand Valley State (1991-93), Wayne State (1994), and Eastern Michigan (1995-97).

Gilmore earned his bachelor's degree in recreation management from Wayne State in 1981 and a master's degree in sport administration from Michigan State in 1990. He and his wife, Bridget, have five children, Keith, Kierre, Grant, Keyontay and Grace

#### GILMORE YEAR-BY-YEAR

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|----------------------|---|--|--|
| 2009-                | Illinois (defensive line)   |  |  |
| 2007-08              | Cincinnati (assistant head coach/defensive line)                      |  |  |
| 2006                 | Central Michigan (defensive line)                                     |  |  |
| 2002-05              | Howard (assistant head coach/defensive coordinator)                   |  |  |
| 1998-2001            | Norfolk State (defensive line/running backs/special teams)            |  |  |
| 1995-97              | Eastern Michigan (running backs/special teams coordinator)            |  |  |
| 1994                 | Wayne State (running backs/special teams coordinator)                 |  |  |
| 1991-93              | Grand Valley State (linebackers/running backs/recruiting coordinator) |  |  |
| 1989-90              | Northern Michigan (running backs)                                     |  |  |
| 1988                 | Michigan State (graduate assistant)                                   |  |  |
| 1985-87              | Wayne State (linebackers/running backs)                               |  |  |
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# ALEX GOLESH

## TIGHT ENDS / SPECIALISTS / RECRUITING COORDINATOR

# OHIO STATE, 2006

## FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

# THE GOLESH FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Dublin, Ohio

#### **BIRTHDATE**

June 24, 1984

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Alexis Daughter: Corbin

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's in Education from Ohio State, 2006

#### **BOWL GAMES**

2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl 2008 Holiday Bowl 2005 Fiesta Bowl 2004 Alamo Bowl Alex Golesh joined the Illinois staff as the tight ends and specialists coach and recruiting coordinator in December 2011, coming to the Illini from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman and assistant coach Mike Ward.

Golesh was on Beckman's staff at Toledo for three years from 2009-2011, serving as both the tight ends coach and the recruiting coordinator. Golesh aided the UT program in securing the No. 1 recruiting class in the Mid-American Conference in consecutive years. The 2010 UT class was No. 1 according to Rivals.com, while both Rivals and Scout.com rated the 2011 class No. 1.

Golesh's tight ends served as key blockers in a Rocket rushing attack that ranked No. 3 in the MAC in both 2010 and 2011. In 2009, Golesh coached the running backs at Toledo, helping senior running back DaJuane Collins earn third-team All-MAC honors.

Prior to going to Toledo, Golesh spent three seasons as a graduate assistant, two at Northern Illinois (2006-07) and one at Oklahoma State. Golesh worked with the outside linebackers at Oklahoma State in 2008, helping the Cowboys to a 9-4 record and a berth in the Holiday Bowl. At NIU, Golesh worked for one season assisting with the secondary and one season with the offensive line, helping the Huskies make the 2006 Poinsettia Bowl.

Golesh got his start in the coaching business as a student assistant coach while attending Ohio State as an undergraduate. He spent two-and-a-half years aiding the Buckeyes' defensive coaches, with responsibilities that included working with the defensive line and helping to break down film. During his time at Ohio State, the Buckeyes claimed the 2005 Big Ten Championship and went on to earn a victory in the Fiesta Bowl over Notre Dame. OSU also posted a win in the 2004 Alamo Bowl over Oklahoma State.

Golesh also spent one year as a defensive line coach in a firstyear football program at newly opened Westerville Central High School in 2002.

Golesh was born in Moscow, Russia, but grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Dublin, Ohio, where he was a three-year letterwinner in football at Dublin Scioto High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ohio State in 2006. He and his wife Alexis had their first daughter, Corbin, in May 2011.

#### **GOLESH YEAR-BY-YEAR**

2012- Illinois (tight ends/specialists/recruiting coordinator)

2010-11 Toledo (tight ends/recruiting coordinator)
2009 Toledo (running backs/recruiting coordinator)
2008 Oklahoma State (graduate assistant)

2006-07 Okianoma state (graduate assistant)



## THE SALEM FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Minneapolis, Minn.

#### **BIRTHDATE**

Oct. 1, 1961

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Wendy

Sons: Taylor and Landan

Daughter: Kylan

#### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor's Degree - Arizona State,

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State, 1983-84 Minnesota, 1980-82

#### **BOWL GAMES**

2010 Liberty Bowl

2009 St. Petersburg Bowl

2007 Liberty Bowl

2005 Hawaii Bowl

2001 Outback Bowl

1999 Sugar Bowl

1998 Sugar Bowl

1990 Freedom Bowl 1987 Rose Bowl

1985 Holiday Bowl

# SALEM

# **RUNNING BACKS / SPECIAL TEAMS**

ARIZONA STATE, 1985

## FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Salem is in his first season at Illinois as the running backs coach and special teams coordinator. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois.

Salem came to Illinois from Central Florida, where he helped guide the Knights to four bowls in eight seasons. Most recently, he spent three seasons as the Knights' tight ends coach and special teams coordinator. Salem served the previous five years as UCF's offensive coordinator.

With Salem leading the way in 2011, UCF once again boasted one of the top kickoff return units in the nation. The Knights jumped into the top five thanks in large part to true freshman Rannell Hall, who was the lone freshman to earn first-team All-Conference USA honors. In fact, Hall became the third Knight in the last four years to serve as the All-C-USA first-team kick returner (Joe Burnett in 2008, Quincy McDuffie in 2010).

UCF's special teams units also excelled in 2010, propelling the Knights to the top season in program history. UCF went 11-3, won seven games in C-USA play, claimed the league title and defeated Georgia in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. The Knights led the nation in kickoff returns, ranked third in kickoff return defense and 12th in punt returns to rank as the No. 2 overall special teams unit in the country. McDuffie ranked second nationally in kickoff returns, while Josh Robinson was eighth in punt returns. McDuffie garnered All-C-USA first team honors for his special teams play. while Robinson was a second-team pick.

UCF's special teams units were a strength in 2009, as well. The Knights ranked fifth nationally in punt return defense, 10th in kickoff return defense and 13th in kickoff returns.

As offensive coordinator in 2007, Salem guided UCF to one of the best seasons in program history. Behind a high-powered offense, the Knights won 10 contests, claimed the C-USA title for the first time and participated in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl. UCF broke several school records in 2007, including points (502), touchdowns (62) and rushing yards (3,287). The Knights averaged 35.86 points per game, which ranked 17th nationally.

Salem also served as the program's running backs coach in 2007, guiding Kevin Smith to one of the best seasons in college football history. The consensus All-America tailback and C-USA Co-Offensive Player of the Year rushed for 2,567 yards, secondmost in a season in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history, and scored a nation-best 29 rushing touchdowns. Smith was selected by Detroit in the third round of the 2008 NFL Draft.

In 2006, Salem coached UCF's receivers while serving as offensive coordinator, and the Knights ranked 30th nationally in passing offense (233.8 ypg) and 34th in total offense (373.2 ypg). Receiver Mike Sims-Walker thrived in Salem's system, garnering first-team All-C-USA honors after averaging 7.5 receptions, thirdmost in the country. Sims-Walker was selected by Jacksonville in the third round of the 2007 NFL Draft.

Several Knights posted impressive campaigns in Salem's offense during the 2005 campaign, in which the Knights won the C-USA East Division championship and participated in the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. Smith was named the league's freshman of the year, while receivers Brandon Marshall and Sims-Walker combined for 2,050 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Prior to working at UCF, Salem was the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and kicking coach at Eastern Michigan in 2003, where he mentored Lou Groza Award finalist Andrew Wellock.

From 1997-00, Salem was the quarterbacks coach at Ohio State, where he coached Joe Germaine to the 1998 Big Ten Player of the Year honor. Germaine threw for more than 300 yards in 10 games that season, compiling 3,330 yards and 25 touchdowns with only seven interceptions while leading OSU to an 11-1 record.

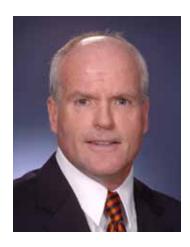
Salem also worked at Purdue for six seasons as the quarterbacks coach, while also serving as the offensive coordinator for three years. The Boilermakers led the Big Ten in rushing in 1995. Prior to Purdue, Salem spent two years at Colorado State (1989-90) as the running backs and special teams assistant coach and two seasons at Phoenix College (1987-88) as the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and assistant athletic director.

A 1985 graduate of Arizona State, Salem began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater for two seasons. Salem began his collegiate playing career at Minnesota, where he broke the Big Ten record for consecutive pass completions in 1980, before transferring to Arizona State for the 1983-84

Salem is a native of Minneapolis, Minn., and starred at the prep level at St. Thomas Academy. His father, Joe, was the head football coach at Minnesota from 1979-84. Salem and his wife, Wendy, have three children: sons, Taylor and Landan, and daughter, Kylan.

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|                    | 2012-     | Illinois (running backs/special teams coordinator)   |
|                    | 2004-11   | Central Florida (tight ends/special teams coordinator, 2009-11; offensive coordinator/running backs, 2007-08; offensive coordinator/receivers, |
|                    |           | 2006; offensive coordinator/tight ends, 2005; offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, 2004)  |
|                    | 2003      | Eastern Michigan (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks/kickers)  |
|                    | 1997-2000 | Ohio State (quarterbacks, 1997-99; quarterbacks/wide receivers, 2000)  |
|                    | 1991-96   | Purdue (offensive coordinator, 1994-96; quarterbacks, 1991-93)   |
|                    | 1989-90   | Colorado State (running backs/special teams)   |
|                    | 1987-88   | Phoenix College (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)   |
|                    | 1985-96   | Arizona State (graduate assistant)   |
|                    |           |  |



# THE WARD FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Mansfield, Ohio

#### BIRTHDATE

Feb. 21, 1962

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Jody

Daughters: Michaela and Addison

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., health and physical education - Georgetown, 1984

M.S., secondary education -Georgetown, 1986

# **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

Georgetown College, 1980-83

#### **BOWL GAMES**

2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl 2008 GMAC Bowl 2004 GMAC Bowl 2003 Motor City Bowl

# MIKE WARD

# **LINEBACKERS**

# **GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, 1984**

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Ward joined the Illinois staff as an assistant coach in December 2011, coming to the Illini from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman and assistant coach Alex Golesh.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Ward was the assistant head coach and co-defensive coordinator on Beckman's staff at Toledo from 2009-11 and was instrumental in the rapid development of the Rockets' defense. The last two seasons, the Toledo defense ranked among the national leaders in turnovers forced and turnover margin. In 2010, the Rockets forced 34 turnovers, the fifth-highest takeaway total in the nation and 13 more than the previous season. That total included 20 interceptions, the eighth-most in the country. In 2011, Toledo forced 28 turnovers and had the third-best turnover margin in the nation (1.33).

The defensive turnaround helped propel Toledo to an 8-5 season and its first bowl appearance in five years in 2010, and an 8-4 season, a share of the MAC West Division title and a berth in the Military Bowl in 2011.

Ward, who coached the linebackers, also helped guide five players to All-MAC honors the past two years.

Prior to coaching at Toledo, Ward spent 17 years as an assistant at Bowling Green, including five years working with Beckman (2000-04) and the final two as the defensive coordinator. He began as the program's strength coach from 1992-99 before coaching the defensive linemen from 2000-06 and serving as the defensive coordinator in 2007-08. From 2000-08, Ward coached one All-American, one Academic All-American and nine All-MAC performers. The Falcons had six winning seasons and played in three bowl games during that span.

Prior to becoming a Falcon, Ward was an assistant football coach and strength coach at his alma mater, Georgetown College, for two years. Ward earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Georgetown in 1984. He later earned a graduate degree in secondary education from Georgetown. As a player at Georgetown, he earned

second-team NAIA Division I All-America football honors as a guard in 1983.

After completing his education at Georgetown, Ward was an assistant football coach at the University of Findlay for six years. He served as the linebacker coach and the strength and conditioning coordinator for the Oilers before leaving to join BGSU in 1992.

A Mansfield, Ohio, native, Ward attended Mansfield Lexington High School. He is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a Strength and Conditioning Specialist. His colleagues in the MAC twice named him as the NSCA Professional of the Year. Ward and his wife, Jody, have two children, Michaela and Addison.

# **WARD YEAR-BY-YEAR**

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|-------------------|--|--|
| 2012-             | Illinois (linebackers)   |  |
| 2009-11           | Toledo (assistant head coach / co-defensive coordinator / linebackers) |  |
| 2007-08           | Bowling Green (defensive coordinator)                                  |  |
| 2000-06           | Bowling Green (defensive line)   |  |
| 1992-99           | Bowling Green (strength and conditioning coach)                        |  |
| 1986-91           | Findlay (linebackers / strength and conditioning coach)                |  |
| 1984-85           | Georgetown College (assistant coach / strength and conditioning coach) |  |
|                   |  |  |

# **ILLINI FAMILY PHOTOS**



Aaron, Chris and Kristy (L-R) THE BEATTY FAMILY ▶



**◆ THE BANKS FAMILY (L-R)** Tim and Robin



Benjamin, Luke, Byron and Nici (L-R) THE BUTKUS FAMILY  $\blacktriangleright$ 



**THE CLINKSCALE FAMILY (L-R)** Elijah, Jasena, Isaiah, Zivon (sitting center), Steve and Zion (sitting right)



# **ILLINI FAMILY PHOTOS**

THE GOLESH FAMILY (L-R) Alexis, Corbin and Alex ▶



THE GILMORE FAMILY IN 2009 (L-R) ►
Bridget, Kierre, Keith, Grace and Grant
Not pictured: Keith Jr., and Keyontay



Michaela, Mike, Jody and Addison (L-R) THE WARD FAMILY ▶



◀ THE GONZALES FAMILY (L-R) Julie, Caylynn, Cole (standing), Billy



◆ THE SALEM FAMILY (L-R) Landan, Tim, Wendy and Kylan Not pictured: Taylor





#### THE CARVIN FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Sidney, N.Y.

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

University at Albany, 2000-03

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Lisa Daughter: Kinsie

# JON CARVIN

# **OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT**

## **UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY. 2004**

# THIRD SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Jon Carvin is in his third year on the Illinois staff as an offensive graduate assistant after serving three seasons at Lafayette College.

Carvin assisted Joe Gilbert with the offensive line in 2010 and '11. In 2010, the group paved the way for school records in total points and points per game, as well as Mikel Leshoure's school-record 1,697 rushing yards. The 2010 Illini led the Big Ten and ranked 11th in the nation in rushing. In 2011, tackle Jeff Allen was selected in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chief.

He spent his time at LC assisting defensive coordinator John Loose with the defensive backs in 2007 and 2008, which finished first in the Patriot League both seasons and ranked as the top defense in the nation in 2007. In 2009, he tutored the linebackers and punt return team.

Carvin came to Lafayette from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. where he was a defensive intern for two seasons, coaching outside linebackers in 2005 and defensive ends in 2006. He also assisted with special teams' gameplan preparation and coordination and served as the strength and conditioning coach.

A 2004 graduate of the University at Albany, Carvin was a twoyear starter at outside linebacker on Northeast Conference championship teams in 2002 and 2003. He was a student assistant at Albany during the fall 2004 semester as he finished his degree in geography with a minor in business.

Prior to his arrival at Lafayette, Carvin was a volunteer coach at Lauren's First and Goal Camp for two summers and has continued his association with the charity clinic.

Carvin and his wife, Lisa, have a daughter, Kinsie



## THE HOOD FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Youngstown, Ohio

#### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

Ashland University, 2004-07

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Sarah

# JUSTIN **HOOD**

# **DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT**

**ASHLAND UNIVERSITY. 2008** 

## FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Justin Hood joins the Illinois coaching staff as a defensive graduate assistant in 2012. He most recently spent two years on staff at the University of Oregon. Richmond will assist defensive coordinator Tim Banks with the defensive backs.

At Oregon, Hood spent the 2010 season as a recruiting assistant before becoming an offensive quality control coach in 2011, helping the Ducks to the 2011 Pac-12 title and a victory in the 2012 Rose Bowl Game.

Hood earned a bachelor's degree in marketing, with a minor in entrepreneurship management, from Ashland University in Ohio in 2008. He was a four-year starter at defensive back and two-year team captain for the NCAA Division II university, where he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Lifework Leadership.



THE JACKSON FILE

**HOMETOWN** 

Champaign, III.

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois Wesleyan University, 2004

# KOLBY JACKSON

SPECIAL TEAMS GRADUATE ASSISTANT

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 2008** 

**3RD SEASON AT ILLINOIS** 

Kolby Jackson enters his third year on the Fighting Illini staff in 2012 as the special teams and offensive graduate assistant. Jackson spent the past two seasons as Illinois' offensive quality control coach and coached the Illini's receivers in the 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl. In his new role, Jackson assists running backs coach and special teams coordinator Tim Salem in coaching the backs and all aspects of special teams.

As Illinois' offensive quality control coach in 2010-11, Jackson assisted with coaching the receivers and assisted in game planning, scouting reports and directing the scout team. The 2010 Illini offense broke the school records for points per game and total points and Illinois won bowl games in consecutive years in 2010-11 for the first time in school history.

Jackson came to Illinois in 2010 after coaching receivers and running backs at Champaign Centennial High School and spending one season (2009) as a business development support intern for the St. Louis Rams in 2008-09.

Jackson played one season at Illinois Wesleyan University in 2004 before transferring to the University of Illinois and graduating magna cum laude with a degree in recreation, sport and tourism, and a minor in business administration in 2008. He completed a master's degree in sport management in May 2012.



THE RICHMOND FILE

**HOMETOWN** 

Chicago, III.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE** 

University of Toledo, 2006-09

# RICHMOND

**DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT** 

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO. 2009

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Lester Richmond joins the Illinois coaching staff as a defensive graduate assistant in 2012. He most recently served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Toledo in 2011. Richmond will assist Keith Gilmore with the defensive line.

Richmond was a four-year letterwinner at Toledo, where he served as a team captain in 2009. He earned the Gus Yager Team Leadership Award and FCA of Ohio Award in 2009.

He graduated from Toledo with a bachelor's degree in marketing and sales in December 2009 before completing a master's degree in kinesiology and sport administration from Mississippi State in 2012.



## THE KNOX FILE

#### HOMETOWN

Branbridge Township, Ohio

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., history - Hiram College, 1997

Master's degree in sports administration, Western Michigan, 1999

#### **FAMILY**

Fiance: Danielle Son: Caleb



## THE ANASIS FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Dublin, Ohio

#### **EDUCATION**

 $B.S.,\ psychology-Ohio\ State,\ 2004$ 

# TIM KNOX

# **DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS**

# HIRAM COLLEGE, 1997

## FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Knox is in his first season as the director of football operations for the Fighting Illini. He was hired to head coach Tim Beckman's first staff at Illinois on May 21, 2012.

In the role as director of football operations, Knox handles the logistical facet of team travel during the season, many aspects of the summer camps, and the logistics of Camp Rantoul, while also coordinating many of the team's community service efforts.

Knox came to Illinois after 15 seasons with the Western Michigan football program, including three as a graduate assistant (1997-99), one season as running backs coach (2004) and 11 (2000-03, 2005-11) seasons as director of football operations.

A 1997 graduate of Hiram College, Knox lettered four years at cornerback for the Terriers, earning All-Ohio Athletic Conference Second-Team honors in 1995 and 1996, and honorable mention accolades in 1994. He was also a two-time OAC All-Academic selection in 1995 and 1996.

As a Terrier, he also lettered as a member of the baseball team in 1996 and 1997 and acted as a student assistant coach with the men's basketball program for three years.

A native of Branbridge Township, Ohio, Knox is a 1993 graduate of Kenston High School, where he lettered a combined eight times in football, basketball and baseball. He earned a bachelor's degree in history at Hiram and a master's in sports administration from WMU in 1999.

Knox's father, Al, will enter his 47th year of teaching in Northeast Ohio when the 2012-13 school year gets under way. He has taught students who have gone onto great professional careers, namely movie star Halle Berry (Bedford HS) and LeBron James (St. Vincent-St. Mary HS) of the Miami Heat

Knox and his fiance, Danielle, are planning a July 2013 wedding. They have one son, Caleb.

# GEORGE ANASIS

## DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL GAME ANALYSIS

OHIO STATE, 2004

# FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

George Anasis is in his first season as the director of football game analysis at Illinois. His responsibilities include videotaping all games and practices, breaking down game film, producing highlight videos and working on special technology projects for the football staff.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Anasis spent two years at the football video coordinator at the University of Toledo from 2010-11. That followed a one-year assignment as an assistant football video coordinator at Ohio State, his second stint with the Buckeyes. He also served as a video assistant with the Atlanta Falcons in 2008, head football video coordinator/assistant director of football operations at Miami University in 2007 and assistant football video assistant at OSU in 2006.

A native of Dublin, Ohio, Anasis graduated from Ohio State with a degree in psychology in 2004. He served the Buckeyes' football program as a student video assistant from 2003-05.



# THE NICHOLS FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Dunwoody, Ga.

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., political science and history – Davidson, 2003

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Lauran Son: Drew

# PAUL NICHOLS

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

**DAVIDSON COLLEGE, 2003** 

# FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Paul Nichols is in his first season at Illinois as the director of player personnel for the Fighting Illini football team. He coordinates on-campus recruiting efforts and relations with high school coaches, among other duties, for head coach Tim Beckman and the Fighting Illini staff.

Prior to coming to Illinois, Nichols spent three seasons on Beckman's staff at Toledo as co-defensive coordinator/safeties coach, where he played a vital role in the transformation of the Rockets' defense.

In 2011, Nichols helped guide the Rockets to a 9-4 record and a win over Air Force in the Military Bowl. Toledo was 7-1 in the MAC and shared the West Division title. Defensively, the Rockets forced 30 turnovers on the season (ranking 16th nationally) and ranked third nationally in turnover margin (+1.23). In 2010, UT increased its forced turnovers from 21 to 34, the fifth-highest takeaway total in the nation, as the Rockets made their first bowl appearance in five years.

Previous to his stint at UT, Nichols served as an assistant at Marshall University for three seasons, where he coached All-Conference USA safety Curtis Keyes (2006) and All-Freshman cornerback Zearrick Matthews (2006).

Prior to his tenure at Marshall, Nichols completed two seasons as a graduate assistant at Ohio State from 2004-05 where he assisted with the defensive backs and defensive line.

A native of Dunwoody, Ga., Nichols graduated from Davidson College with bachelor's degrees in political science and history in 2003. While at Davidson, Nichols set school records for career passing yards (5,822), completions (465) and touchdown passes (51), and compiled a 22-6 record as a starting quarterback. Nichols was a first-team All-Pioneer League and a first-team Pioneer League All-Academic selection as a senior, and was named honorable mention All-America by Don Hansen's Football Gazette.

Nichols and his wife, Lauran, have a son, Drew, who was born May  $26,\,2011.$ 



## THE BELLAMY FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Chicago, III.

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., speech communications — University of Illinois, 1990

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Tanya Son: Mike and McKoy Daughters: McKenna

# MIKE BELLAMY

# ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL AND RELATIONS

# **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, 1990**

# FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Former Illinois All-American Mike Bellamy joined the Fighting Illini staff in 2012 as assistant director of player personnel and relations. Bellamy will coordinate all former player events, assist with on-campus recruiting and recruiting mailings, help coordinate the annual Illinois high school coaches clinic and coordinate functions with Block I, fraternities and sorprities.

After he and his wife, Tanya, built a successful business in the beauty industry in the Atlanta area, Bellamy became the passing game coordinator, receiver and specialists coach at Sprayberry High School in 2008, staying there through the 2010 season. In 2011, he became the receiver and specialists coach at Clark-Atlanta University. Bellamy has assisted at camps at Illinois, Virginia and Georgia State, as well as the 2010 and 2011 Under Armour Combine and the 2009 and 2010 Georgia High School All-Star game.

Bellamy was a second-team All-American as a kick returner and a first-team All-Big Ten receiver for Illinois in 1989. He was named one of the top 10 receivers in Illinois history in 2008 and was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Hall of Fame in 2007.

He recorded 59 receptions for 927 yards and eight TDs for the Illini in 1989, the fourth-most TD catches in a season in school history and the ninth-most receiving yards. He also returned 16 kickoffs for 459 yards, an average of 28.7 that ranks second in school history. Bellamy stands second in Illini history in career kickoff return average at 26.4 yards per return, and his 170 kickoff return yards against Indiana on Nov. 18, 1989, remain the single-game school record.

After earning a bachelor's degree in speech communication from Illinois in 1990, Bellamy was a second-round selection by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1990 NFL Draft, playing two seasons for the team. He also played for the Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders from 1992-95 before playing for Frankfurt Galaxy of the World League in 1995-96, winning the World Bowl in 1996.

Bellamy and his wife, Tanya, have three children: Mike, McKenna and McKoy.



# THE HILLMANN FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

St. Louis, Mo.

#### **EDUCATION**

B.S., secondary education — Missouri, 1991

#### **FAMILY**

Wife: Dina

Sons: Jacob and Jonah Daughter: Skylar

# AARON **HILLMANN**

HEAD FOOTBALL STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, 1992** 

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Aaron Hillmann is in his first year as head strength and conditioning coach for football at Illinois. He was hired in January 2012 as part of Tim Beckman's first Illini coaching staff. Hillmann spent the 2011 season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Michigan, working with football.

He brings over 20 years of strength and conditioning experience to Illinois, previously serving nine years as the head strength and conditioning coach at Bowling Green University, overseeing all 18 sports at BGSU. Prior to his stint with the Falcons, Hillman served as an assistant strength coach at Notre Dame (1998-2001), Connecticut (1996-98), Cincinnati (1995-96) and Ball State (1992-95).

Hillmann also spent time as a strength and conditioning specialist for the Pittsburgh Steelers (summer 1994), assisting in the supervision of their preseason strength and conditioning program.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Hillmann graduated from Missouri in 1991 with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education. He and his wife, Dina, have two sons, Jacob and Jonah, and a daughter, Skylar.



## THE BROOKS FILE

#### **HOMETOWN**

Atchison, Kan.

#### **EDUCATION**

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{B.S., kinesiology} - \text{Kansas State,} \\ 2001 \end{array}$ 

M.S. in health care administration — Oklahoma State, 2007

# SCOTT BROOKS

HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

KANSAS STATE, 2001

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Scott Brooks became the head football athletic trainer at Illinois in May 2012 after spending four years at the University of Miami. He served as an assistant athletic trainer with the Hurricane football and track & field teams. At Illinois, Brooks will oversee all athletic training aspects for the Fighting Illini football program.

In addition to his duties as an athletic trainer at Miami, Brooks also served as an approved clinical instructor within the UM education program. His athletic training interests include performance care utilizing soft tissue and muscle energy techniques.

Prior to arriving in Coral Gables, Brooks was an athletic trainer at Michigan State University, assisting with the care of the Spartans' football team.

A native of Atchison, Kan., Brooks received his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Kansas State in 2001 and added a master's degree in health care administration from Oklahoma State in 2007.



# MIKE THOMAS DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Mike Thomas was named the 18th director of athletics at the University of Illinois on Aug. 10, 2011, after six successful years as the director of athletics at the University of Cincinnati. A 27-year veteran of college athletics administration, Thomas has continued to boost the Fighting Illini athletic program to national prominence in men's and women's sports.

In his first year at Illinois, Thomas directed Fighting Illini teams that won a national championship in men's gymnastics and Big

Ten titles in women's soccer, men's gymnastics, men's tennis and men's golf, while also producing six NCAA individual champions, and 24 All-Americans in a wide range of sports. Illinois finished 21st in the final Learfield Director's Cup standings, just one spot behind the school's highest all-time finish.

In December 2011, Thomas announced the hiring of Tim Beckman as the Fighting Illini football coach. In April 2012, Thomas also named new head coaches in men's and women's basketball with the hiring of John Groce for the men and Matt Bollant for the women.

Prior to his move to Illinois, Thomas revamped and led a vibrant Cincinnati Bearcats athletic program from 2005-11, directing the school's launch into the Big East Conference and earning several Big East championships, as well as multiple Big East academic excellence awards

In 2006, Thomas hired head football coach Brian Kelly and the Cincinnati football team made program history in the three following seasons by achieving a 34-6 record. In 2008, Kelly led UC to a school-record 11 wins along with the school's first Big East Conference Championship and an appearance in the FedEx Orange Bowl. Both feats were repeated in 2009, with UC winning their second-straight Big East title and playing in the AllState Sugar Bowl after finishing 12-0 and No. 3 in the final BCS rankings. Thomas also hired Butch Jones, who has gone on to ensure Cincinnati's dominance on the conference scene, sharing in a Big East title in 2011.

Thomas brought back a Bearcat when he hired former UC assistant Mick Cronin as head men's basketball coach in 2006. In five seasons, Cronin returned the program to national prominence and UC was the only Division I team to improve its win total over each of the five seasons from 2007-11, going 26-9 in 2010-11 and returning to the NCAA tournament for the first time since the 2004-05 season, beating Missouri en route to an exciting third-round loss to eventual 2011 national champion UConn. Cronin has gone on to lead the Bearcats to a second place finish in the 16-team Big East tourney in 2012 and another slot in the NCAA tournament.

Thomas expanded and redefined academic services and the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills program, resulting in UC being one of the most recognized schools in the 16-member Big East for academic success and earning multiple Big East Academic Excellence Awards, including a league-high five Big East Academic Excellence Awards in 2009-10.

The overall Academic Progress Rate (APR) of all Bearcats programs also increased during

#### ATHIFTIC DIRECTOR HISTORY

| AIRLEIIG L | INCUIUN HISTURT              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 1892-94    | Edward K. Hall               |
| 1894-95    | Fred D. Dodge                |
| 1895-98    | Henry H. Everett             |
| 1898-1901  | Jacob K. Shell               |
| 1901-36    | George A. Huff               |
| 1936-41    | Wendell S. Wilson            |
| 1941-66    | Douglas R. Mills             |
| 1966-67    | Leslie Bryan (interim)       |
| 1967-72    | E.E. (Gene) Vance            |
| 1972       | Charles E. Flynn (interim)   |
| 1972-79    | Cecil N. Coleman             |
| 1979       | Ray Eliot (interim)          |
| 1980-88    | Neale R. Stoner              |
| 1988       | Ronald E. Guenther (interim) |
| 1988       | Dr. Karol A. Kahrs (interim) |
| 1988-91    | John Mackovic                |
| 1991-92    | Robert Todd (interim)        |
| 1992-2011  | Ronald E. Guenther           |
| 2011-      | Michael J. Thomas            |

Thomas' tenure. In the final APR report from his tenure, five UC athletic teams earned perfect APR scores of 1000, including men's basketball. During Thomas' time at UC, the number of Big East Academic All-Stars increased from 124 to 218. From 2007-11, UC student-athletes consistently achieved overall grade-point averages (GPA) over 3.0 and boasted a student-athlete graduation rate of 70 percent, 10 percent higher than the overall student body. In that same time period, the Graduate Success Rate (GSR) for student-athletes increased from 66 percent to 77 percent.

From 2006-11, UC's student-athletes emerged as community leaders, with annual community service hours growing from 1,000 to over 5,500.

On the external side, the University of Cincinnati grew at a tremendous rate. Thomas increased UC's athletic department

budget by \$7 million, a vital 20 percent increase, while simultaneously reducing the annual operating deficit by over \$6 million.

UC established single-season attendance and revenue records for football in each of the three seasons from 2008-10. Football attendance skyrocketed, with season-ticket package sales exploding by 277 percent since 2006 and resulting in record football revenues.

In terms of donor development, membership in UCATS increased by almost 300 percent during Thomas' tenure and the department raised \$70 million during his arrival. Fundraising increases were experienced in the annual fund, capital projects, endowments and sports-specific giving.

Thomas raised private funding and built the Sheakley Athletics Center, providing football and other UC athletic teams much needed additional practice space. The facility also serves as a competition venue for women's lacrosse. The complex converts to an indoor practice facility from November to March thanks to an air-supported structure inflated over the 100-yard field.

Under Thomas, UC Athletics Development instituted the Director's Society for UC Athletics, soliciting donors giving over \$50,000 or more annually, and increased George Smith Society membership (\$13,500 or more annually) levels by 63 percent. In 2008-09, Thomas revamped UC's multimedia rights partnership, reaching an agreement with IMG College for a new multimedia rights partnership, increasing overall revenues in this area by over \$17 million.

Prior to taking the athletic director position at UC, Thomas spent five years as the Director of Athletics at the University of Akron and seven years as associate athletic director at the University of Virginia, an institution known for achieving impressive success both academically and athletically, before bringing that model to Akron. Virginia finished in the Top 25 in the Director's Cup in each year of Thomas' tenure there while at the same time finishing in the Top 10 nationally in student-athlete graduation rates.

Under Thomas' direction, Akron rose from last place to second among Mid-American Conference schools in the Director's Cup annual rankings. Simultaneously, Akron vaulted from last to second place in the MAC Academic Achievement Awards. Thomas increased the financial base of the Akron athletics program through increasing corporate sponsorship levels by 750 percent and boosted annual giving to athletics to its highest level in the school's history. Community support was rallied, with record increases shown in both football and basketball attendance.

During this time period, the Zips won their first MAC football championship and Thomas' hire of men's basketball coach Keith Dambrot has led to unparalleled success on the hardwood with Dambrot's program becoming one of the most successful in the MAC over the past seven seasons. While at Akron, support services and facilities for academic support for student-athletes were significantly improved, resulting in jumps in grade point averages and graduation rates of UA student-athletes.

At Virginia, Thomas served as a member of the senior staff and was sport oversight for eight programs. He served as the department liaison for the \$86 million renovation to UVA's football stadium and oversaw several other capital projects. In addition, Thomas served as the Chair of the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee and also served on the ACC Sportsmanship Committee.

Thomas has coordinated over \$155 million in facility construction and renovation, including \$25 million in capital improvements at Akron, including a new indoor fieldhouse and golf facility, a football practice complex, and a softball facility. He also spearheaded the new on-campus football stadium and was instrumental in the development and launching stages of the \$61 million facility, which opened in September of 2009.

Recognized for his administrative acumen by his peers, Thomas has served on several national and conference committees, including the NCAA Division I Championship/Sports Management Cabinet (where he also served as the NCAA men's basketball liaison to the cabinet and as a member of the cabinet's four-person Administrative Committee) and the NCAA Men's Basketball Issues Committee. Thomas also previously chaired the Big East Championship and Competition Committee and served as a member of the NCAA Division I Championships/Competition Cabinet, the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Issues Committee, the NCAA Division I Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet, the NCAA Postseason Bowl Licensing Subcommittee and the Division IA Athletics Director's Association Legislative Review Committee.

Twice during his career, Thomas has received distinction for his efforts and dedication as a director of athletics, garnering the General Robert R. Neyland Outstanding Athletics Director Award in 2005 at Akron and then again in April of 2008 at Cincinnati. He has been recognized by the Cincinnati Sports Professionals Network as the 2009-10 Sports Executive of the Year.

Prior to his experience at Virginia, Thomas spent seven years at the University of Denver as assistant athletic director for internal operations, serving as chief financial officer and overseeing the departments of compliance, merchandising, and facilities. He began his athletic administration career at the University of Iowa as an administrative and operations intern.

Thomas received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Colorado State University in 1983, and his master's degree in athletic administration from Western Illinois University in 1986. He and his wife, Jenifer, have four children: Vince, Joey, Mick and Meredith.

# **DIA ADMINISTRATION / SUPPORT STAFF**



Jason Lener Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director



Maria Woods Senior Associate Athletics Director / SWA



Susan Young Senior Associate Athletics Director



Warren Hood Associate Athletics Director



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**Chris Span**Faculty Representative



Matthew Wheeler Faculty Representative



**Kevin Abrams** Football Student Assistant



Austin Addington-Strapp Assistant Football Strength Coach



Nicole Anderson Football Office Administrator



**David Andrews**Assistant Football Strength
Coach



**Anthony Antonacci** Football Operations Graduate Assistant



**Shari Atwell** Football Office Manager



**Dr. Robert Bane** Team Orthopedic



**John Birdsell** Assistant Equipment Manager



**Chris Brown** Assistant Athletic Trainer



**Kent Brown**Assistant Athletics Director
Media Relations



Aaron Burkhart Assistant Football Strength Coach



**Bobbi Busboom**Asst. Director of Development Premium Seating



Trent Chesnut Head Football Equipment Manager



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**Chad Creamer** Player Personnel Graduate Assistant



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**Dr. Robert Gurtler** Head Team Physician



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Cory Harbor Academic Counselor



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**Derryl Myles** Assistant Director of Video Services



**Derek Neal** Assistant Media Relations Director



Chris Peacock Associate Director of Development



**Josh Pohl**Assistant Football Video
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**Stephanie Record** Cheerleading Coach



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**Ryan Squire** Assistant Athletics Director Compliance



Holly Stalcup Director of Event Management



Lori Stalter Athletic Training Administrative Assistant



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Andy Young Video Services Director



**Dr. Jerrad Zimmerman** Team Physician

## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION



# ROBERT A. EASTER PRESIDENT

Robert A. "Bob" Easter became the University of Illinois' 19th president on July 1, 2012.

He was appointed as president-designate in March 2012. Through June, he worked with outgoing President Michael J. Hogan, leading the University's campuses in Chicago, Springfield and Urbana-Champaign — with more than 77,000 students, 22,000 faculty and staff, a \$5 billion annual budget, and a nearly \$800 million research portfolio.

Easter has spent his entire 36-year career as a senior administrator and faculty member on the Urbana-Champaign campus, where he earned his doctorate in animal science in 1976. He was interim chancellor from 2009-2011, serving as chief executive officer of the 42,000-student campus, and also has served as interim provost and interim vice chancellor for research.

From 2002-2009, he was dean of the nationally ranked College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES). Before that, he served for five years as head of the Department of Animal Sciences, where he has been a faculty member since 1976.

An expert in swine nutrition, Easter has co-authored a book on swine production and has written more than 90 peer-reviewed articles, 11 book chapters, four monographs and numerous papers for conferences and industry publications. He also has spoken to audiences in the U.S. and 27 foreign countries on swine nutrition

In 2006, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), and was appointed as interim chair of BIFAD in 2007. He also is a member of the American Society of Animal Science, the British Society of Animal Science, The American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists, The Council for Agricultural Science and Technology and the Illinois Council for Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR).

Reared on a grain and livestock farm in southwest Texas, Easter earned an undergraduate degree in agricultural education in 1970 and a master's degree in animal nutrition in 1972, both from Texas A&M University. He completed a doctorate in animal science at the University of Illinois in 1976 and immediately joined the Animal Science Department as an assistant professor of swine nutrition and management. He presently holds the rank of Professor.

His teaching has been recognized by the Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science and at the departmental and college levels. In 1992, Easter received the American Feed Industry Association Award in Nonruminant Nutrition Research from the American Society of Animal Science. In 1994, the University of Illinois College of Agriculture awarded Easter with the prestigious Paul A. Funk Award for contributions to Illinois agriculture.

Easter and his wife, Cheryl, have two adult children and six grandchildren.

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# PHYLLIS M. WISE CHANCELLOR

Phyllis M. Wise, Ph.D., was named vice president of the University of Illinois and chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on Oct. 1, 2011.

Wise has served in senior leadership roles at three major public research universities, most recently as provost and executive vice president at the University of Washington, where she served since 2005. During the 2010-11 academic year, Wise was the interim president at the University of Washington, becoming the

first Asian American woman to lead a major American research university. From 2002-2005, she was dean of the College of Biological Sciences at the University of California-Davis.

As the University of Washington's chief academic and budgetary officer, she provided leadership in educational and curriculum development, formulation and allocation of budget and space, long-range strategic planning, and management of the university's research programs.

Wise, who was a professor of Physiology and Biophysics, Biology, and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Washington, previously served as dean of the College of Biological Sciences at the University of California at Davis, from 2002 to 2005. Prior to that, she was professor and chair of the Department of Physiology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington from 1993 to 2002. Wise was a faculty member at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, from 1976 to 1993, promoting through the ranks to full professor of physiology in 1987.

She holds a bachelor's degree (1967) in biology from Swarthmore College and a doctorate (1972) degree in zoology from the University of Michigan. In 2008, she also received an honorary doctorate from Swarthmore College.

Wise continues an active research program in issues concerning women's health and gender-based biology. She has been particularly interested in whether hormones influence brains of women and men during development, during adulthood and during aging. She has served on a number of scientific advisory committees, including NIH study sections, the Council of the National Institute on Aging, and the Society for Neuroscience Finance Committee. She currently serves on the RAND Health Board of Advisors and the Bullitt Foundation Board of Trustees.

In 2011, Wise received the fifth-annual Chang-Lin Tien Education Leadership Award, which recognizes the professional accomplishments and leadership of Asian Americans in higher education. In 2008, she was named a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and was inducted into the Institute of Medicine. She was also selected by the Puget Sound Business Journal as one of its 2008 Women of Influence.

While she has received many awards, Wise is particularly proud of those that have acknowledged her lifelong dedication to mentoring students and junior investigators, particularly women. She received the Excellence in Science from the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in 2002 and the Women in Endocrinology Mentor Award in 2003.