



THE COACHING STAFF



TIM BECKMAN

HEAD COACH

FINDLAY, 1988

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Beckman is now in his second season leading the University of Illinois football program. He was named the 23rd Fighting Illini head football coach by director of athletics Mike Thomas on Dec. 9, 2011.

Beckman's first Fighting Illini team produced four 2013 NFL Draft picks – OL Hugh Thornton (third round, Colts), DT Akeem Spence (fourth round, Buccaneers), DB Terry Hawthorne (fifth round, Steelers) and DE Michael Buchanan (seventh round, Patriots) – the most by any Big Ten team.

The Illini also have excelled in the classroom under Beckman's leadership. Sixteen players earned their degrees in 2013, after 15 did so in 2012. And a record number of football student-athletes posted at least a 3.0 grade-point-average in three consecutive semesters: 39 in spring 2012, 42 in fall 2012 and 51 in spring 2013. The Illini also have been active in the community, hosting free weekly youth clinics during the season and making regular visits to local schools and hospitals throughout the year.

Prior to Illinois, Beckman spent 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

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

2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2007 Insight Bowl

2007 BCS National Championship Game

2006 Fiesta Bowl

2004 GMAC Bowl

2003 Motor City Bowl

1989 Hall of Fame

1988 Sugar Bowl

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— Mike Thomas, Illinois Director of Athletics

(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 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 senior linebacker at the University of Findlay, while Lindsay is a junior at Oklahoma State. Alex is a sophomore quarterback at Urbana High School.



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

THE BECKMAN FILE

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
2012	Illinois	2-10	0-8	6th (Leaders)	---	NR/NR
TOTAL	4 YEARS	23-26	17-15	-	2 BOWLS	

Polls listed as AP/Coaches

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



Beckman and the Fighting Illini celebrate after a 44-0 win over Charleston Southern on Sept. 15, 2012.



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

BECKMAN VS. OPPONENTS

Arizona	0-1	.000
Arizona State	0-1	.000
Ball State	3-0	1.000
Boise State	0-2	.000
Bowling Green	2-1	.667
Central Michigan	2-1	.667
Charleston Southern	1-0	1.000
Colorado	1-0	1.000
Eastern Michigan	3-0	1.000
Florida International	1-1	.500
Indiana	0-1	.000
Kent State	1-0	1.000
Louisiana Tech	0-1	.000
Miami (OH)	1-1	.500
Michigan	0-1	.000
Minnesota	0-1	.000
New Hampshire	1-0	1.000
Northern Illinois	1-2	.333
Northwestern	0-1	.000
Ohio	1-0	1.000
Ohio State	0-3	.000
Penn State	0-1	.000
Purdue	1-2	.333
Syracuse	0-1	.000
Temple	1-1	.500
Western Michigan	3-1	.750
Wisconsin	0-1	.000
Wyoming	0-1	.000
Total	23-26	.469

BECKMAN YEAR-BY-YEAR

2012 // University of Illinois (2-10, 0-8 Big Ten)

Sept. 1	Western Michigan	W	24-7
Sept. 8	@ Arizona State	L	14-45
Sept. 15	Charleston Southern	W	44-0
Sept. 22	Louisiana Tech	L	24-52
Sept. 29	Penn State	L	7-35
Oct. 6	@ Wisconsin	L	14-31
Oct. 13	@ 25/-- Michigan	L	0-45
Oct. 27	Indiana (Homecoming)	L	17-31
Nov. 3	@ 6/-- Ohio State	L	22-52
Nov. 10	Minnesota	L	3-17
Nov. 17	Purdue	L	17-20
Nov. 24	@ Northwestern	L	14-50

2011 // University of Toledo (8-4, 7-1 MAC West co-champs)

Sept. 1	New Hampshire	W	58-22
Sept. 10	at 15/15 Ohio State	L	22-27
Sept. 16	4/4 Boise State	L	15-40
Sept. 24	at Syracuse	L (OT)	30-33
Oct. 1	at Temple	W	36-13
Oct. 8	Eastern Michigan	W	54-16
Oct. 15	at Bowling Green	W	28-21
Oct. 22	Miami (OH)	W	49-28
Nov. 1	Northern Illinois	L	60-63
Nov. 8	Western Michigan	W	66-63
Nov. 18	at Central Michigan	W	44-17
Nov. 25	at Ball State	W	45-28
Dec. 28	vs. Air Force*	W	42-41

* Beckman did not coach Toledo in Military Bowl

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

Sept. 3	Arizona	L	2-41
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	L	15-20
Oct. 9	at 4/4 Boise State	L	14-57
Oct. 16	Kent State	W	34-21
Oct. 23	Ball State	W	31-24
Oct. 30	at Eastern Michigan	W	42-7
Nov. 9	at Northern Illinois	L	30-65
Nov. 17	Bowling Green	W	33-14
Nov. 26	Central Michigan	W	42-31
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



TIM BANKS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / SECONDARY

CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 1995

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE BANKS FILE

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

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

Three players from the 2012 Illini defense were selected in the 2013 NFL Draft, with Akeem Spence going to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the fourth round, Terry Hawthorne being picked by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the fifth round and Michael Buchanan being selected by the New England Patriots in the seventh round.

Banks has spent the past six 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)



BILL CUBIT

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS

DELAWARE, 1975

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE CUBIT FILE

HOMETOWN

Sharon Hill, Pa.

BIRTHDATE

Oct. 14, 1953

FAMILY

Wife: Nancy

Son: Ryan

Daughters: Stacey and Sheri

EDUCATION

B.S., business administration –
Delaware, 1975

M.S., education – St. Joseph's, 1981

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Delaware, 1971-74

BOWL GAMES

2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2008 Texas Bowl

2007 International Bowl

1989 Freedom Bowl

1974 NCAA College Division runner-up

1971 Boardwalk Bowl

Bill Cubit is in his first season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Illinois in 2013. He was hired in January 2013 following an eight-year stint as head coach at Western Michigan. Cubit led WMU to a 51-47 overall record and three bowls during his tenure in Kalamazoo.

Cubit's 2011 Western Michigan squad set records for points (459), touchdowns (58), pass attempts (554), completions (369), passing yards (4,385), total yards (5,960), offensive plays (945), first downs (320), passing first downs (204), kick returns (63), kick return yardage (1,409) and total return yards (1,658). In 2010, two of his receivers (Juan Nunez and Jordan White) topped 1,000 yards in receiving, before White earned consensus All-America honors in 2011 while leading the nation in receiving yards and receptions.

Cubit brings 32 years of coaching experience, including 17 years as a head coach on the collegiate and high school level. He spent seven years as an offensive coordinator at four NCAA Division I schools working the sidelines in five of the nation's premier conferences (Mid-American, Big East, Big 12, PAC-12 and Southeastern).

Prior to returning to Western Michigan as head coach in 2004, Cubit served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Stanford in 2003, directing a Cardinal offense that ranked 28th in NCAA passing (247.3 yards per game). Prior to his time at Stanford, Cubit served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Rutgers (2001-02) and at Missouri in 2000.

In his first stint at WMU from 1997-99, Cubit oversaw an offense that ranked in the NCAA Top 25 in passing offense, scoring offense and total offense in back-to-back seasons. In 1998, the Broncos were the nation's 20th-highest scoring team with an average of 32.7 points per game, and were 20th in the nation in 1999 with an average of 31.1 points per game. His quarterback during that period was Tim Lester,

who finished fifth in NCAA career passing yards (11,299) and seventh in career touchdown passes (87).

Cubit's head coaching experience includes five seasons (1992-96) at Division III Widener University in Philadelphia, Pa. He led the Pioneers to a 34-18-1 mark, two Middle American Conference championships and a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances while twice being named conference coach of the year.

Other collegiate stops for Cubit include two years (1990-91) as running backs coach at Akron, a season (1989) as quarterbacks coach at Florida, three seasons as assistant head coach (1985) and the secondary coach (1983-85) at Central Florida and two years (1975-76) coaching running backs and receivers at Swarthmore College. As a high school coach, Cubit compiled a nine-year record of 79-15-2 at three different programs - Martin County (Fla.), Academy Park (Pa.) and his alma mater, Sharon Hill.

A Sharon Hill, Pa., native, Cubit (59 years old/DOB: 10-14-1953) earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Delaware in 1975. He played quarterback and wide receiver for the Blue Hens (1971-74), earning Associated Press All-America honorable mention in 1974. He also set school records for catches in a game (10) and a season (47), along with receiving yards in a season (787).

In 1981, he earned a master's degree in education from Saint Joseph's University. Cubit and his wife, Nancy, have three grown children: Stacey - who was married on March 3, 2007 - Sheri and Ryan, who was married on Feb. 9, 2008. Cubit also has three grandchildren.

CUBIT YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2005-12	Western Michigan (head coach)
2003-04	Stanford (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2001-02	Rutgers (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2000	Missouri (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1997-99	Western Michigan (offensive coordinator)
1992-96	Widener (head coach)
1990-91	Akron (running backs)
1989	Florida (quarterbacks)
1985	Central Florida (assistant head coach/secondary)
1983-84	Central Florida (secondary)
1975-76	Swarthmore College (running backs/receivers)



MIKE BELLAMY

WIDE RECEIVERS

ILLINOIS, 1990

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Mike Bellamy begins his second season on Tim Beckman's staff and first in a coaching role, as he was promoted to wide receivers coach in February 2013 after serving one year as assistant director of player personnel and relations.

In his role with the Fighting Illini last season, Bellamy coordinated all former player events, assisted with on-campus recruiting and recruiting mailings, helped coordinate the annual Illinois high school coaching clinic and coordinated all functions with Block I, fraternities and sororities. He immediately served as a bridge between Beckman's staff and former Illini players, coaches and staff across the country, building numerous relationships.

As a player at Illinois (1988 and '89), Bellamy was a second-team All-American and a first-team All-Big Ten receiver in 1989. He recorded 59 receptions for 927 yards and eight TDs for the Illini that season, 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. 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 for his achievements at the College of DuPage in suburban Chicago.

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 came to Illinois after serving as the receivers and specialists coach at Clark-Atlanta University in 2011. Prior to that, was the passing game coordinator, receivers coach and

specialists coach at Sprayberry High School from 2008-10. 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.

Following his playing career and before joining the coaching ranks, Bellamy and his wife, Tanya, built a successful business in the beauty industry in the Atlanta area. The couple has three children: Mike, McKenna and McKoy.

THE BELLAMY FILE

HOMETOWN

Chicago, Ill.

BIRTHDATE

June 28, 1966

FAMILY

Wife: Tanya

Sons: Mike and McKoy

Daughter: McKenna

EDUCATION

B.S., speech communication –
Illinois, 1990

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 1989-90

BOWL GAMES

1991 Hall of Fame Bowl

1990 Citrus Bowl

BELLAMY YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (wide receivers)
2012	Illinois (assistant director of player personnel and relations)
2011	Clark-Atlanta University (receivers/specialists)
2008-10	Sprayberry High School (passing game coordinator/receivers/specialists)



GREG COLBY

DEFENSIVE LINE

ILLINOIS, 1974

NINTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS (FIRST ON BECKMAN'S STAFF)

Greg Colby is in his second stint on the Fighting Illini coaching staff, returning to the Illini staff in 2013 to coach the defensive line after previously serving as an assistant at Illinois from 1988-95. Colby came to Illinois following a five-year stint as head coach at Millersville University, an NCAA Division II institution located in Millersville, Pa. He played both football and baseball for the Illini from 1970-74.

Colby is a 34-year veteran of the coaching profession, including 27 years as a collegiate coach and 10 years as a defensive coordinator at the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) level. He has been on staff for two Big Ten championships and 12 bowl games. In his nine years as a high school football coach, Colby won a pair of state championships.

Prior to his head-coaching stint at Millersville, Colby spent six years as defensive coordinator at Northwestern under Randy Walker and Pat Fitzgerald. During his time there, the Wildcats posted three consecutive six-win seasons for the first time in 70 years and six-win seasons in four out of five years for the first time since 1905. Northwestern appeared in the Motor City Bowl in 2003 and the Vitalis Sun Bowl in 2005.

During Colby's tenure, Northwestern won the American Football Coaches Association award for highest graduation rate four times. The Wildcats ranked second during the other two years Colby was there.

Prior to his time at Northwestern, Colby spent four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Kent State under Dean Pees, who is currently the defensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens. In 2001, Colby's defense ranked third in the Mid-American Conference and helped the Golden Flashes to its first winning season in 15 years.

Colby helped Michigan State to three bowl appearances from 1995-97 while coaching the defensive line, outside linebackers and serving as co-special teams coordinator under Nick Saban.

The Spartans played in the 1995 Independence Bowl, the 1996 Sun Bowl and the 1997 Aloha Bowl.

From 1988-95, Colby was assistant coach for outside linebackers and special teams at Illinois, helping the Fighting Illini to a Big Ten Championship in 1990 and six bowl appearances in seven years. He helped the Illini to a 53-38-3 record over that span, with trips to the Citrus Bowl, Hall of Fame Bowl, Holiday Bowl, All-American Bowl, Liberty Bowl and John Hancock Bowl.

Colby served as a graduate assistant at Michigan State from 1986-88, working with the defensive line and helping the Spartans to the 1987 Big Ten championship and a berth in the 1988 Rose Bowl.

That was preceded by a seven-year stint as a high school coach. He led Danville's Schlarman High School to consecutive IHSA Class 2A state championships in 1980 and 1981, compiling a 25-1 record. He then guided Naperville Central High School to a 24-13 record from 1982-85, including a conference championship in 1983.

As a student-athlete at Illinois, Colby was a three-year starter for both the Fighting Illini football and baseball teams, serving as captain of the baseball squad as a senior in 1974. He is a native of Danville, Ill., and graduated from Danville High School in 1970, where he was an all-state team captain for the football and baseball teams during his senior year.

Colby and his wife, Janet, have two sons: Matt and Mike.

THE COLBY FILE

HOMETOWN

Danville, Ill.

BIRTHDATE

Feb. 25, 1952

FAMILY

Wife: Janet

Sons: Matt and Mike

EDUCATION

B.S., physical education –
Illinois, 1975

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 1970-73 (football)

Illinois, 1971-74 (baseball)

BOWL GAMES

2005 Sun Bowl

2003 Motor City Bowl

1997 Aloha

1996 Sun Bowl

1995 Independence Bowl

1994 Liberty Bowl

1992 Holiday Bowl

1991 John Hancock Bowl

1991 Hall of Fame Bowl

1990 Citrus Bowl

1988 All-American Bowl

COLBY YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (defensive line)
2008-12	Millersville (head coach)
2002-07	Northwestern (defensive coordinator)
1998-2001	Kent State (defensive coordinator/defensive line/linebackers)
1995-97	Michigan State (def. line/inside linebackers/co-special teams coord.)
1988-95	Illinois (outside linebackers/defensive ends/special teams)
1986-88	Michigan State (graduate assistant (defensive line)
1982-86	Naperville (Ill.) High School (head coach)
1979-82	Danville Schlarman (Ill.) High School (head coach)
1978-80	Illinois (assistant baseball coach)
1977-78	Illinois (graduate assistant football coach)
1975	Illinois (assistant baseball coach)
1974-75	Illinois (graduate assistant football coach)



ALEX GOLESH

TIGHT ENDS / SPECIALISTS / RECRUITING COORDINATOR

OHIO STATE, 2006

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE GOLESH FILE

HOMETOWN

Dublin, Ohio

BIRTHDATE

June 24, 1984

FAMILY

Wife: Alexis

Daughter: Corbin

EDUCATION

B.S., education – Ohio State, 2006

BOWL GAMES

2010 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2008 Holiday Bowl

2005 Fiesta Bowl

2004 Alamo Bowl

Alex Golesh begins his second year on the Illinois staff as the tight ends and specialists coach and recruiting coordinator. He came to the Illini from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman and assistant coach Mike Ward.

Golesh, who was named a top-10 recruiter in the Big Ten by Rivals.com in 2013, guided punter Justin DuVernois to a strong sophomore campaign in 2012. DuVernois ranked fourth in the Big Ten in punting with a 41.9 yard-per-punt average, with a long of 72 yards, 16 fair catches, 19 punts downed inside the 20 yard line and 15 punts of 50 or more yards.

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 first-year 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	Northern Illinois (graduate assistant)



A.J. RICKER

OFFENSIVE LINE

MISSOURI, 2004

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

A.J. Ricker is in his first season as the offensive line coach at Illinois in 2013. Ricker came to Illinois following a brief stint at Middle Tennessee State. He spent the 2011 and 2012 seasons at Western Michigan under current Illini offensive coordinator Bill Cubit, where he served as offensive line coach/run game coordinator.

Under Ricker, the Bronco offensive line boasted All-MAC selection Dann O'Neill in 2011 and saw first-year guard Kasimili Uitalia start all 13 games. Returning center Kevin Galeher was a 2011 Rimington Trophy candidate under Ricker's tutelage.

Prior to rejoining WMU's program, Ricker served one season as the head coach at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., in 2010. Ricker served as the Pumas' offensive line coach in 2009 under Lou Esposito. In one season, the offensive line paved the way for 179.5 rushing yards per game and allowed only two sacks per contest. He was named the Great Lakes Football Conference Assistant Coach of the Year in 2009 for his SJC offensive scheme efforts.

Ricker completed a stellar collegiate career at Missouri as a center, where he earned a degree in agriculture in 2004. He held the school record for consecutive starts with 47 from 2000-2003, leading the Tigers to the 2003 Independence Bowl, their first bowl appearance in five years. The Klein, Texas, native was named first-team All-Big 12 by the coaches and the Dallas Morning News in 2003, while receiving second-team All-Big 12 honors from the Associated Press.

He was named second-team All-Big 12 by the coaches and received honorable mention All-Big 12 from the AP in 2002. Ricker was also named first-team Academic All-Big 12 during his junior campaign. Being named third-team All-Big 12 by the coaches, receiving honorable mention for All-Big 12 from the AP and garnering second-team Academic All-Big 12 honors in 2001, highlighted his sophomore season in 2001.

Ricker signed a free-agent contract with the Chicago Bears in 2004 and was allocated to the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe in 2005, where he was named the offensive team captain prior to the season opener. He spent the 2006 season and part of the 2007 campaign as a member of the Arena Football League's Tampa

Bay Storm. Ricker saw action in 16 games, starting 10 in 2006. He made seven tackles, playing both offense and defense, and recovered four fumbles.

Ricker is married to the former Lauren Mattaliano.

THE RICKER FILE

HOMETOWN

Klein, Texas

BIRTHDATE

March 29, 1980

FAMILY

Wife: Lauren

EDUCATION

B.S., agriculture – Missouri, 2004

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Missouri, 2000-03

BOWL GAMES

2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl

2008 Texas Bowl

2007 International Bowl

2003 Independence Bowl

RICKER YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (offensive line)
2011-12	Western Michigan (offensive line/run game coordinator)
2010	St. Joseph's (Ind.) (head coach)
2009	St. Joseph's (Ind.) (offensive line)
2008	Western Michigan (offensive line)
2006-07	Western Michigan (graduate assistant coach)



TIM SALEM

RUNNING BACKS / SPECIAL TEAMS

ARIZONA STATE, 1985

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Salem is in his second 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, second-most 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, third-most 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 seasons.

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.

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, 1985

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 YEAR-BY-YEAR

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)



AL SEAMONSON

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

WISCONSIN, 1982

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

THE SEAMONSON FILE

HOMETOWN

Stoughton, Wis.

BIRTHDATE

Sept. 7, 1959

FAMILY

Wife, Kristi

Daughter: Kylene

Sons: Calvin and Carter

EDUCATION

B.S., physical education/coaching
K-12 – Wisconsin, 1982

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Wisconsin, 1978-81

BOWL GAMES

2010 Military Bowl

2008 Humanitarian Bowl

2007 Emerald Bowl

2006 Champs Sports Bowl

2004 Gator Bowl

2002 Peach Bowl

2002 Orange Bowl

1985 Peach Bowl

1984 Hall of Fame Bowl

1982 Independence Bowl

Al Seamonson is in his first season as the outside linebackers coach at Illinois. He was hired in February 2013 following coaching stints at Central Florida, Maryland, Bowling Green State, The Citadel, Army and Wisconsin. Seamonson, who spent the 2011 coaching linebackers Central Florida, will work with the “LEO” and “Star” positions at Illinois.

In 2010, Seamonson helped Maryland go 9-4 and conclude the season with a No. 23 national ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 and a victory over East Carolina in the Military Bowl. He spent his first eight years in College Park working with the Terrapin outside linebackers before taking over as the coach for all linebackers in 2009. He served as a special teams assistant throughout his time under Ralph Friedgen and also was the Terps’ defensive coordinator for the end of the 2008 season.

A 1982 graduate of Wisconsin and a two-year letterwinner at wide receiver, Seamonson got his start in coaching in Madison. In 1982, he served as a volunteer coach for Wisconsin’s wide receivers. The next two years, he was a graduate assistant working with the secondary.

Seamonson’s first stop after leaving Wisconsin was at the U.S. Military Academy (Army) in West Point for the 1985 and ‘86 seasons, helping the Cadets to a 31-29 Peach Bowl victory over Illinois in 1985. From Army, he moved to The Citadel, where he helped coach five linebackers to All-Southern Conference honors and one (J.J. Davis) to an appearance in the Senior Bowl. The highlight of his tenure was in 1992 when the Bulldogs led Division I-AA in scoring defense, yielding just 13.0 points per contest en route to a Southern Conference championship and their third berth in the I-AA playoffs in five years.

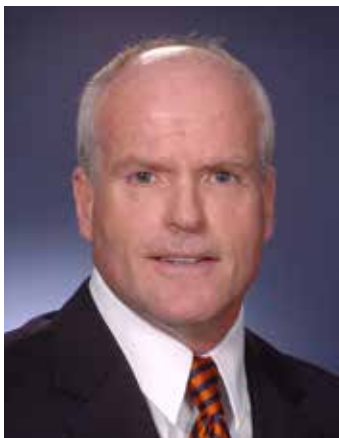
In 2000, Seamonson coached at Bowling Green State under Gary Blackney and along with Tim Beckman, Tim Banks and Mike Ward, helping the Falcons rank fourth in the MAC in rushing defense and total defense. He then spent 10 years at Maryland, working mostly with strong-side linebackers and the LEOs (linebacker/end option). Seamonson had a hand in grooming most of the six Terrapin linebackers who went on to NFL careers, including All-Pro

Shawne Merriman. In 2003, Maryland finished sixth in the nation in scoring defense and 15th in total defense. In 2011, he was on the staff at Central Florida with current Illini running backs coach and special teams coordinator Tim Salem.

A native of Stoughton, Wis., Seamonson was a wide receiver at Stoughton High School and was a captain for the all-state shrine team in 1977. He and his wife, Kristi, have three children: Kylene, Calvin and Carter.

SEAMONSON YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013-	Illinois (outside linebackers)
2011	Central Florida (linebackers)
2001-10	Maryland (linebackers/special teams, 2009-10; OLB/special teams, 2001-08)
2000	Bowling Green (linebackers/special teams)
1987-99	The Citadel (special teams/linebackers/wide receivers)
1985-86	Army (linebackers)
1982-84	Wisconsin (grad. asst. defensive backs, 1983-84; vol. wide receivers, 1982)



MIKE WARD

INSIDE LINEBACKERS

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, 1984

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Ward is in his second season at Illinois after joining the Fighting Illini staff as an assistant coach in December 2011, coming to Champaign from Toledo along with head coach Tim Beckman and assistant coach Alex Golesh.

A 20-year veteran of the coaching profession, Ward guided Mason Monheim to a stellar freshman campaign in 2012, as the rookie linebacker earned second-team Freshman All-America honors from Phil Steele after leading the Illini and all Big Ten freshmen with 86 tackles.

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.

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

WARD YEAR-BY-YEAR

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



◀ **THE BECKMAN FAMILY (L-R)** Tyler, Kim, Tim, Lindsay and Alex



THE SEAMONSON FAMILY ▶

Top: Karter, Al, Calvin
Bottom: Kylen and Kristi



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



THE BELLAMY FAMILY ▶

Mike with wife Tanya, Mike, Jr., McKoy and McKenna

ILLINI FAMILY PHOTOS

THE GOLESH FAMILY (L-R) Alexis, Corbin and Alex ▶◀ **THE CUBIT FAMILY (L-R)** Bill and Nancy
Not pictured: Ryan, Stacey and Sheri**THE COLBY FAMILY** ▶◀ **THE SALEM FAMILY (L-R)** Landan, Tim, Wendy and Kylan
Not pictured: TaylorMichaela, Mike, Jody and Addison (L-R) **THE WARD FAMILY** ▶



THE ANTONACCI FILE

HOMETOWN

Naperville, Ill.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Northern Illinois, 2005-08

FAMILY

Wife: Samantha

ANTHONY ANTONACCI

DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

NORTHERN ILLINOIS, 2009

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Anthony Antonacci is in his second season at Illinois in 2013. He became a defensive graduate assistant in January after serving as the team's recruiting/operations graduate assistant in 2012. He will assist outside linebackers coach Al Seamonson, working primarily with the LEO (linebacker/end option) position.

Prior to joining the Fighting Illini staff, Antonacci served as defensive line and strength and conditioning coach at Lake Park High School in Roselle, Ill., in the 2011 season. He helped mentor three All-Upstate Eight Conference selections that season and contributed to a three-win turnaround from the previous year.

Before his season at Lake Park, Antonacci was the defensive line coach at North Central College in 2010, helping the Cardinals to a third-place finish in the nation in total defense. He guided Valente Garza to D3Football.com third-team All-

America honors, who helped the Cardinals lead the CCIW and rank fifth nationally in sacks.

A 2009 magna cum laude graduate of Northern Illinois, Antonacci played defensive line for three seasons before moving to fullback in 2008. He helped the Huskies to appearances in the 2006 Poinsettia Bowl and the 2008 Independence Bowl.

Antonacci and his wife, Samantha, were married in July 2013.



THE HOOD FILE

HOMETOWN

Youngstown, Ohio

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Ashland University, 2004-07

FAMILY

Wife: Sarah

JUSTIN HOOD

DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

ASHLAND, 2008

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Justin Hood is in his second year on the Illinois coaching staff as a defensive graduate assistant in 2013. Prior to coming to Champaign, he spent two years on staff at the University of Oregon. Richmond assists 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, Ill.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois Wesleyan University, 2004

KOLBY JACKSON

SPECIAL TEAMS GRADUATE ASSISTANT

ILLINOIS, 2008

FOURTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Kolby Jackson enters his fourth year on the Fighting Illini staff in 2013, his second as the special teams and offensive graduate assistant. Jackson spent the 2010 and '11 seasons as Illinois' offensive quality control coach and coached the Illini's receivers in the 2011 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl. In his current role, Jackson assists receivers coach Mike Bellamy and also works with special teams coordinator Tim Salem in all aspects of special teams. In 2012, Jackson also worked with the Illini running backs.

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 NYSTROM FILE

HOMETOWN

Crystal Lake, Ill.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Bowling Green, 2003-07

DREW NYSTROM

OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT

BOWLING GREEN STATE, 2007

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Drew Nystrom is in his first year on the Fighting Illini staff, serving as the offensive graduate assistant. Nystrom will primarily assist offensive line coach A.J. Ricker.

Nystrom comes to Illinois after serving two seasons as the run game coordinator, offensive line coach and director of football operations at the University of Dubuque. He helped the Spartans to a 14-7 record over those two seasons, including a 2011 Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Prior to his stint in Dubuque, Nystrom served as the offensive graduate assistant at Memphis, working primarily with the offensive line in 2010. He also served as a graduate assistant at Delaware, working with the Blue Hens' offensive line in 2009 and UD's tight ends during 2010 spring practice.

Nystrom spent the 2008 season as the tight ends and assistant offensive line coach at Wabash College, helping the Little Giants to a 10-2 record, a perfect 7-0 mark in the North Coast Athletic Conference and a berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs. He guided Scott Liska to first-team All-NCAC honors and assisted with the development of three offensive linemen who earned All-NCAC honors.

A four-year letterwinner as an offensive tackle at Bowling Green, Nystrom helped the Falcons to berths in the 2003 Motor City Bowl, 2004 GMAC Bowl and 2008 GMAC Bowl. He was a 2008 inductee to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society, a second-team All-MAC honoree in 2007 and a 2007 first-team Academic All-MAC selection.



TIM KNOX

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

HIRAM COLLEGE, 1997

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Tim Knox is in his second 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 facets 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 earned eight varsity letters 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 48th year of teaching in Northeast Ohio when the 2013-14 school year gets underway. 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 wife, Danielle, were married in July 2013. They have one son, Caleb, and one daughter, Langley.

THE KNOX FILE

HOMETOWN

Branbridge Township, Ohio

EDUCATION

B.S., history – Hiram College, 1997

M.S., sports administration –
Western Michigan, 1999

FAMILY

Wife: Danielle

Son: Caleb

Daughter: Langley



GEORGE ANASIS

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL GAME ANALYSIS

OHIO STATE, 2004

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

George Anasis is in his second 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 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 ANASIS FILE

HOMETOWN

Dublin, Ohio

EDUCATION

B.S., psychology – Ohio State, 2004



MARCUS BERRY

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

WEST VIRGINIA, 1990

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Marcus Berry is in his first season at Illinois as the director of player personnel after serving in the same role at North Carolina for the past four seasons.

Berry completed two NFL player personnel and scouting internships, one with the Green Bay Packers in 2003 and another with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2007.

In his position, Berry helps coordinate Illinois' recruiting efforts. He also helps arrange and manage on-campus recruiting visits and promote and market the high school coaches' clinic and summer camps.

A native of Cleveland, Berry played football at West Virginia and graduated in 1990 with a degree in sports management. He worked four years for the NBA's Washington Bullets as an account manager in the ticket and sponsorship department.

He then worked two years in the insurance and banking industry before joining the coaching staff at Friendly High School in Ft. Washington, Md. Berry served 11 years at Friendly where he also taught history, health and physical education. Friendly won three state championships during his tenure.

THE BERRY FILE

HOMETOWN

Cleveland, Ohio

EDUCATION

B.S., sports management –
West Virginia, 1990

FAMILY

Wife: Anita



MATT SINCLAIR

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL AND RELATIONS

ILLINOIS, 2005

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Matt Sinclair is in his first season at Illinois as the assistant director of player personnel and relations, returning to his alma mater after spending the last four years as co-defensive coordinator, linebackers, and special teams coach at Wheaton Warrenville South High School in Wheaton, Ill.

As a senior captain in 2004, he again led the Illini in tackles with 87, including eight TFLs and four sacks. For his career, Sinclair racked up 278 tackles, 18 TFLs, 10 sacks and nine QB hurries. He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Illinois in 2005.

In his new position, Sinclair will coordinate all former player events, assist with on-campus recruiting and recruiting mailings, help coordinate the annual Illinois high school coaching clinic and coordinate all functions with Block I, fraternities and sororities.

After college, Sinclair spent five years playing professionally in the NFL and NFL Europe, including stints with the Baltimore Ravens, Miami Dolphins and Washington Redskins, as well as the Frankfurt Galaxy.

A native of St. Louis, Sinclair played linebacker for the Illini from 2001-04. He was a contributor to the 2001 Big Ten Championship and Sugar Bowl team as a true freshman before becoming a starter for the Fighting Illini in his final three seasons. He led the team and ranked third in the Big Ten with 129 tackles in 2003, earning honorable mention All-Big Ten honors.

He has spent the last four years at Wheaton Warrenville South H.S., where he helped lead the Tigers to two IHSA Class 7A state titles (2009 and 2010) and a runner-up finish (2011), and helped produce five Division I players, including current Illini quarterback Reilly O'Toole.

Sinclair and his wife, Jacqueline, also a 2005 Illinois graduate, have one daughter, Charlotte, and one son, Sean.

THE SINCLAIR FILE

HOMETOWN

St. Louis, Mo.

EDUCATION

B.A., communications – Illinois, 2005

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Illinois, 2001-04

FAMILY

Wife: Jacqueline
Son: Sean
Daughter: Charlotte



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

MISSOURI, 1991

SECOND SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Aaron Hillmann is in his second 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. On May 9, 2013, Hillmann was named a master strength and conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCa), the profession's highest honor.

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 as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Michigan, working with football. Prior to that, he spent 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 in the summer of 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 HARKINS FILE

HOMETOWN

Simpsonville, S.C.

EDUCATION

B.S., sports management –
Erskine College, 1996

M.A., health and exercise science –
Furman, 1998

FAMILY

Wife: Kelly
Son: Sully
Daughter: Paisley

TOBY HARKINS

HEAD FOOTBALL ATHLETIC TRAINER

ERSKINE COLLEGE, 1996

FIRST SEASON AT ILLINOIS

Toby Harkins is in his first season as Illinois' head football athletic trainer after joining Tim Beckman's staff in January 2013.

A native of Simpsonville, S.C., Harkins earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from Erskine College. He also attended Furman University, obtaining a master's degree in health and exercise science. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

Prior to working at Illinois, Harkins served as associate head athletic trainer for football from 2010-12 at Marshall University. Before his stint at Marshall, he served as the head athletic trainer and assistant director of athletics at Charleston Southern University from 2005-10. During his tenure at CSU, his staff was awarded with the CSU Outstanding Team Award and SCATA College & University Athletic Training Staff of the Year.

Prior to his stint at CSU, he held the same position at Erskine College from 1998-05. During his tenure at Erskine, he also was an assistant professor in the athletic training education program teaching such courses as therapeutic modalities, kinesiology, nutrition, medical aspects, prevention and care of athletic injuries and introduction to athletic training.

Harkins has published five case studies, spoken at multiple professional symposiums and presently holds certifications as an athletic trainer and American Red Cross professional rescuer. He also has served as the chair for the South Carolina Athletic Trainers' Association (SCATA) Scholarship Committee and Secretary/Treasurer of the Association.

Toby is married to Kelly Ramsdell Harkins, who also is a certified athletic trainer. They have a son, Sully, and a daughter, Paisley.



MIKE THOMAS

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

COLORADO STATE, 1983

THIRD YEAR AT ILLINOIS

Mike Thomas is in his third year at the University of Illinois in 2013-14 after being named the school's 18th director of athletics on Aug. 10, 2011. That follows six successful years as the director of athletics at the University of Cincinnati. A 28-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.

During the 2012-13 year, Thomas launched the State Farm Center renovation project and received UI Board of Trustees approval to move forward with the \$165 million project. Illinois signed a landmark 30-year, \$60 million naming rights agreement with State Farm for the renovated State Farm Center, formerly known as Assembly Hall, in April 2013. It is the largest corporate naming rights deal for a college-only venue in the country.

During his second year at Illinois, Thomas led a group that signed a 10-year agreement with Learfield Sports as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics' exclusive athletics marketing partner and multimedia rights holder, marking the first time DIA has outsourced its multimedia rights in a comprehensive package. The DIA realized more than \$2.3 million net increase in value year-over-year and estimates that the agreement will generate more than \$60 million over its lifetime. Also on the revenue side, the UI saw an increase in the I FUND annual fund, in the number of Loyalty Circle members and in the overall donor base.

The overall GPA for 19 sports for both the fall and spring semesters in 2012-13 was an impressive 3.12. Ten teams posted perfect scores of 1,000 in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR) for the 2011-12 academic year: baseball, men's golf, men's gymnastics, men's tennis, women's cross country, women's golf, women's gymnastics, soccer, women's tennis, women's track and field (indoor and outdoor) and volleyball.

A \$7.2 million project at Memorial Stadium that includes a new video board, ribbon boards, auxiliary video boards, sound system and control room was completed in

time for the 2013 football season. Illinois also developed and launched a branding campaign in announcing the new athletic slogan – "Illinois. Our State. Our Team." – around the state.

Fighting Illini teams won Big Ten championships in men's golf and women's indoor track and field in 2012-13. Wrestler Jesse Delgado, men's gymnast Fred Hartville and women's track athlete Ashley Spencer all won individual NCAA championships in their respective 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, consecutive Big East Championships and appearances in the Orange and Sugar Bowls. The 2009 season ended with UC finishing 12-0 and No. 3 in the final BCS rankings. Thomas also hired Butch Jones, who went on to ensure Cincinnati's dominance on the conference scene, sharing in a Big East title in 2011 and 2012.



ILLINOIS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR HISTORY

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 brought back a Bearcat when he hired former UC assistant Mick Cronin as head men's basketball coach in 2006. Cronin returned the program to national prominence with appearances in the NCAA tournament the past three seasons.

UC grew to be 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 APR of all Bearcats programs also increased during Thomas' tenure. In the final APR report from his tenure, five UC athletic teams earned perfect APR scores of 1,000, including men's basketball. 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 20 percent, while simultaneously reducing the annual operating deficit by more than \$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. Thomas raised private funds and built the Sheakley Athletics Center, providing football and other UC athletic teams much needed additional practice and competitive space.

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 led to unparalleled success on the hardwood with Dambrot's program becoming one of the most successful in the MAC over the past eight 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.

During his career in collegiate athletics, Thomas has coordinated over \$325 million in facility construction and renovation, including \$25 million in capital improvements at Akron that featured 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.

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.

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. He presently serves on the Big Ten 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.

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UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION


ROBERT A. EASTER
PRESIDENT

Robert A. Easter was appointed president-designate of the University of Illinois in March 2012, and became the university's 19th president in July 2012.

Before becoming president, Easter spent his entire, nearly 40-year career as a senior administrator and faculty member on the university's 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 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. Before that, he served as head of the Department of Animal Sciences, where he has been a faculty member since 1976.

An expert in livestock feeding, Easter has co-authored a book on livestock production and has written more than 90 peer-reviewed articles, 11 book chapters, and numerous papers for conferences and industry publications. He also has spoken to audiences in the U.S. and 30 foreign countries on livestock feeding.

In 2006, he was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD), and was appointed as chair of BIFAD in 2007. He also is a member of the American Society of Animal Science and the British Society of Animal Science, and he serves on the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation and the Governor's Committee on China.

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 Emeritus.

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.

He operates a small grain farm in central Illinois and is a retired officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, where he served for 20 years. He also is an avid gardener and reader.

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


PHYLLIS M. WISE
CHANCELLOR

Phyllis M. Wise, Ph.D., was named Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Vice President of the University of Illinois on Oct. 1, 2011.

Dr. Wise is the chief executive officer for the Urbana-Champaign campus and is responsible for all financial programs, campus policies, and priorities with the mission of ensuring a transformative

educational experience for America's next generation of leaders. The Urbana-Champaign campus has a budget of \$1.5B with more than \$400M in annual research expenditures. There are 42,000 students and 3,000 faculty members. The university is renowned for its interdisciplinary collaborations, advances in human understanding, community outreach, global partnerships, and life-changing scientific developments.

Prior to this appointment Phyllis M. Wise was interim President of the University of Washington in 2010-2011. Before that appointment, she served as Executive Vice President and Provost at the University of Washington, a position she held for five years. During that time Dr. Wise was a professor of physiology and biophysics, biology, and obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Washington.

Dr. Wise was dean of the College of Biological Sciences at the University of California-Davis for three years. Prior to that, she was professor and chair of the Department of Physiology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington from 1993 to 2001. Wise also was a faculty member at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, from 1976 to 1993, promoted through the ranks to full professor of physiology in 1987.

A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine, she holds a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College in biology and a doctorate degree in zoology from the University of Michigan.

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