



KALEN DEBOER

HEAD COACH | 1ST SEASON | SIOUX FALLS (1998)

Kalen DeBoer (pronounced duh-BOR) was named the 20th head coach in Fresno State history on Dec. 17, 2019, succeeding Jeff Tedford. While he embarks on his first season at the helm of the program, it will be his third season with the Bulldogs having first arrived in 2017 with Tedford, hired as his offensive coordinator. DeBoer coached the Bulldogs for two seasons before departing for a one-year stint at Indiana in 2019.

IU sported an 8-5 record in 2019 with DeBoer as its offensive coordinator, a resurrection season said by some in the Midwest, as it was the Hoosiers' best regular season in 26 years. The eight wins tied for the third most in school history, trailing only the 1945 and 1967 Big Ten Championships teams who each won nine games. Indiana posted a winning conference record for the first time since 1993 (5-3) and was nationally ranked for the first time in 25 years, breaking the oldest such drought in the country.

The Hoosiers' offense, a catalyst of the success, excelled under DeBoer ranking inside the top five in the 14-team Big Ten conference in passing offense (302.4, second), first downs (23.4, second), time of possession (33:43, third) turnovers lost (15, third), total offense (432.8, third), passing efficiency (150.6, fourth), third down conversion percentage (.469, fourth) and scoring offense (31.8, fifth).

DeBoer's two years as the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator was one for the ages that concluded with a Mountain West Championship and Las Vegas Bowl win to cap a 22-6 run during the 2017-18 seasons. Those two seasons included double-digit winning seasons each year, coming off a 1-11 campaign by the 2016 team. That feat led to Fresno State becoming the first program in FBS history to secure back-to-back double-digit winning seasons following a double-digit loss season.

Fresno State reached unprecedented heights in year No. 2 with DeBoer as the OC as the Bulldogs posted a school-record 12 victories, and finished ranked No. 18 in both the AP Top 25 and Coaches poll. The offense ranked 26th nationally in scoring offense (34.6) and 29th in passing offense (267.1), and produced five all-conference

honorees. The Bulldogs finished eighth nationally in team passing efficiency (156.58), tied for 15th in turnovers lost (14), tied for 19th nationally in red zone offense (89.5 percent) and 25th in third-down conversions (44.6). Up front, the Bulldogs' offensive line ranked in the top six nationally in fewest sacks and tackles for loss allowed per game in 2018 (6th, 5th).

Efficiency was the key in year one for the Bulldog offense under DeBoer as transfer quarterback Marcus McMaryion completed 62.1 percent of his passes, third-best in the Mountain West. Throwing only five interceptions on the year, McMaryion finished the season with the seventh-lowest interception percentage in Bulldog history at 1.42. With McMaryion under center for the majority of the season, the 'Dogs threw for 237.9 yards per game, fourth-most in the MW. McMaryion accounted for 3,094 total yards and 18 TDs. Providing time for his quarterback was an offensive line that allowed only 10 sacks in 14 games (0.71 per game), which ranked third in the FBS and was 21 less sacks allowed than the previous year. The 'Dogs held six opponents without a sack in 2017, with only two teams recording more than one sack in a single game. Fresno State also ranked third in the FBS in tackles for loss allowed per game at just 3.29 per outing.

Prior to joining the Bulldogs' staff, DeBoer spent three seasons as the offensive coordinator at Eastern Michigan where he helped guide the Eagles to their first bowl bid since 1987 following a 7-5 regular season. It was EMU's first season above .500 since 1995.

EMU tied the Football Bowl Subdivision mark for biggest turnarounds in 2016, improving on its win total from one win in

DeBoer Year-by-Year Head Coaching Record at Sioux Falls

Year	School	Overall	Playoffs	Postseason
2005	Sioux Falls	11-2	2-1	Lost in semifinals
2006	Sioux Falls	14-0	4-0	National Champions
2007	Sioux Falls	13-1	3-1	Lost championship game
2008	Sioux Falls	14-0	4-0	National Champions
2009	Sioux Falls	15-0	4-0	National Champions
Totals	5 Years	67-3 (.957)	17-2 (.895)	

COACHES AND STAFF

2015. His offense shattered the school record for total yards with 5,917 yards, breaking the previous record of 5,010. School records were also set for points scored (385), passing yards (3,849), touchdown passes (25), first downs (303), pass completions (309), plays (999) as well single-game plays (99). His squad racked up the second-most touchdowns (47) and rushing TDs (21) in a season and the second-most single-game touchdowns (8) and first downs (35).

Prior to his three-year stint at Eastern Michigan, DeBoer spent four seasons as the offensive coordinator at Southern Illinois (2010-13) while also overseeing the wide receiver unit. In total, the Salukis beat 10 Top-25 opponents during DeBoer's tenure. In 2013, the Saluki offense led the Missouri Valley Football Conference (FCS) with 231.8 passing yards per game, the fourth highest total in school history. SIU's 25 passing touchdowns on the season tied for the third highest total in school history. Under DeBoer's tutelage, tight end MyCole Pruitt was named to the 2013 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) FCS All-America team while John Lantz developed into an All-MVFC receiver.

During the 2011 campaign, the Salukis ranked third in the nation with an average of 183.1 rushing yards a contest. Bryan Boemer also developed into the Rimington Award winner, which is presented to the nation's premier center.

Before leading Eastern Michigan and Southern Illinois to prolific offensive numbers, DeBoer served as the head coach at the University of Sioux Falls, where he led one of the most dominant NAIA programs in the nation.

DeBoer was named a three-time NAIA National Coach of the Year and compiled an astonishing 67-3 (.957) record while guiding USF to three national championships in five seasons. He won four Great Plains Athletic Conference Championships, 50-straight home games and 29-straight games overall in his final two seasons. He also boasted a 17-2 record in the playoffs. His teams won back-to-back NAIA National Championships in 2008 and 2009, and adding in his 2006 national championship, DeBoer had as many national championships as games lost during his five-year tenure as USF's head coach.

DeBoer coached three NAIA National Players of the Year winners in quarterbacks Lorenzo Brown (2009) and Chad Cavender (2007) and running back Nick Kortan (2002). During his time at USF, he helped develop 25 first-team All-Americans.

A graduate of USF, DeBoer played for the Cougars from 1993-96, where he was an All-American wide receiver. He set school records for receptions (234), receiving yards (3,400) and touchdown catches (33).

Following his playing days, he became a student assistant for Sioux Falls under coach Bob Young in 1997. From 2000-04, he served as USF's offensive coordinator and succeeded Young as head coach in 2005.

He and his wife, Nicole, have two daughters, Alexis and Avery.

"I couldn't be happier that Kalen will be at the helm of the program. He is a talented football coach but equally important a great person who will care about the kids and the program on and off the field. He understands the pride and tradition of Bulldog football and the Valley and I am confident he will work tirelessly to continue the values and tradition that is Fresno State." - Jeff Tedford



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State (2020-Pres.)

Head Coach

Indiana (2019)

Offensive Coordinator/Assoc. Head Coach/QBs

Fresno State (2017-18)

Offensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach/QBs

Eastern Michigan (2014-16)

Offensive Coordinator/QBs

Southern Illinois (2010-13)

Offensive Coordinator/WRs

Sioux Falls (2000-2009)

Head Coach (2005-09)

Offensive Coordinator (2000-04)

Washington HS (S.D.) (1998-99)

Assistant Coach

Sioux Falls (1997)

Student Assistant Coach/WRs

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Milbank, S.D.

Education

- Sioux Falls - B.A. (1998)

Playing Exp.

- Sioux Falls (WR, 1993-96)

Family

- Wife: Nicole
- Children: Alexis, Avery

RYAN GRUBB

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH, OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS

4TH SEASON | BUENA VISTA (1999)

Ryan Grubb enters his fourth year at Fresno State, and his second as the offensive coordinator. It was announced on Feb. 18, 2019 he would be promoted to the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator and associate head coach, under former head coach Jeff Tedford, and will remain in that role under newly appointed head coach Kalen DeBoer.

Different from 2019, Grubb will begin working with the quarterbacks, versus coaching the offensive line as he did the previous three seasons.

The 2019 season marked the second season in a row and fourth time in the decade that the offense produced north of 30 points per game (30.0), and ranked fifth in that category among Mountain West teams last season. The Bulldogs averaged 360.0 yards of total offense, generating 159.2 per game on the ground and 226.8 per game through the air. The offensive attack was led by second-team all-MW running back Ronnie Rivers, who led the league in touchdowns scored (16) with 13 rushing and three receiving scores. The offensive line group navigated an abundance of hardships in 2019, struck with one injury after the next. Fresno State used 10 different starting five combinations throughout its 12 games.

Grubb built on an impeccable first-year with the program in 2018, having an offensive line unit that allowed just 12 sacks. In Grubb's first two seasons, Fresno State surrendered just 22 sacks. In 2018 alone, 97 of the 129 FBS programs allowed 22 sacks or more. At a clip of 0.86 sacks allowed per game in 2018 by the Bulldogs, it ranked sixth-best in the FBS. In addition, Fresno State allowed just 54 tackles for loss, which at a rate of 3.86 tackles for loss allowed per game ranked fifth-best in the nation.

Under Grubb in his first season, the Bulldogs' offensive line turned into one of the team's strongest position groups. His offensive line allowed only 10 sacks in 14 games (0.71 per game) which ranked third in the FBS. It was a complete turnaround with a group that allowed 31 sacks the previous year. The 'Dogs held six opponents without a sack in 2017, with only two teams recording more than one sack in a single game. Fresno State ranked third in the FBS in tackles for loss allowed per game at 3.29 per outing.

The line also helped pave the way for the Bulldogs' rushing attack to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark for the first time since 2014 in Grubb's first season with the program in 2017. The team again surpassed the 2,000-yard plateau in 2018, which marked the first time since the 2008-09 seasons that the Bulldogs had back-to-back 2,000 yard rushing seasons.

All five linemen from the 2017 team earned all-conference recognition. Center Aaron Mitchell earned second-team all-conference honors while Christian Cronk, Netane Muti, David Patterson and Micah St. Andrew each received honorable mention nods. In 2018, Cronk picked up All-MW first-team honors and St. Andrew was a second-team selection.

Grubb previously served as the offensive line coach at Eastern Michigan for three seasons where he guided a group which allowed the eighth-fewest sacks in the nation in 2016 by allowing a program record-low of 13 sacks, as well as the second-fewest tackles for a loss in the nation. His line produced two postseason All-MAC linemen in Cole Gardner and Andrew Wylie at seasons end.

Eastern Michigan shattered the school record for team offense with 5,917 yards, breaking the previous record of 5,010. EMU also set team season records for points scored (385), passing yards (3,849), touchdown passes (25), first downs (303), pass completions (309), plays (999) as well single-game plays (99). The squad racked up the second-most touchdowns (47) and rushing TDs (21) in a season and the second-most single-game touchdown (8) and first downs (35). On the ground, the team produced the seventh-most yards rushing in program history (2,068).

During the 2015 campaign, EMU finished the year with 39 touchdowns, a mark that tied for the fifth-most in a single season in program history, while its 4,560 yards of total offense was also the fifth-most.

Before arriving to Eastern Michigan, Grubb spent seven seasons at the University of Sioux Falls: the first three as the run game coordinator and offensive line coach followed by four seasons as the offensive coordinator. Grubb shared the same sideline with the Bulldogs' current head coach Kalen DeBoer from 2007-09 at USF and took over DeBoer's OC duties upon his departure.

During Grubb's time at Sioux Falls, the team posted an astonishing 75-13 (.852) record, as Grubb helped guide USF to two national championships and four Great Plains Athletic Conference championships. Grubb mentored multiple All-American, and saw Jon Ryan (wide receiver) and Lorenzo Brown (quarterback) earn NAIA Player of the Year honors. He helped more than 20 USF athletes garner all-conference accolades during his time with the Cougars.

In 2010, the Cougar offense thrived in its first year under the command of Grubb. The USF offense ranked third in scoring (577 pts) and fourth in passing (3,821 yds) in the NAIA. Under Grubb, senior receiver Jon Ryan was named the NAIA Football Player of the Year and the GPAC Offensive Player of the Year.

The 2009 offensive line provided spectacular blocking for both USF's running backs and NAIA Player of the Year quarterback Lorenzo Brown on the way to the program's fourth national title. The Cougar offense set school records for points in a game (80), points per game (51.6), points in a season (775), total offense (7,313 yards), rush offense (3,842), and the most rushing yards by a team in the NAIA. The unit only gave up 14 sacks in 15 games.

In 2008, the offensive line paved the way to the sixth-ranked rushing attack (235.6 yards per game) and 10th-best scoring attack (36.5) in the country, while only giving up 10 sacks in 14 games. Shawn Flanagan, Kyle Staudt and TJ Wendt earned all-conference recognition, while Wendt was named a first-team All-American, and Flanagan was named second-team All-American.

Grubb also served as the strength and conditioning coordinator for the USF football program and was named American Football Monthly's NAIA National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year for the 2008 season.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State (2017-pres.)

Offensive Coordinator (2019-pres.)

Assistant Coach (OL/RGC) (2017-18)

Eastern Michigan (2014-16)

Assistant Coach (OL)

Sioux Falls (2007-13)

Offensive Coordinator (2010-13)

Assistant Coach (OL/RGC) (2007-09)

South Dakota State (2005-06)

Assistant Coach (WR/RB)

Kingsley-Pierson HS

(Iowa) (2003-04)

Offensive Coordinator

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Kingsley, Iowa

Education

- Buena Vista (1999) - B.A.
- South Dakota State (2006) - M.A.

Playing Exp.

- Buena Vista (RB/WR)

Family

- Wife: Stephanie
- Children: Falynn

WILLIAM INGE

ASSISTANT COACH, DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / LINEBACKERS

1ST SEASON | IOWA (1996)

William Inge enters his first season with the Bulldogs, hired as the defensive coordinator on Jan. 27, 2020. Along with defensive coordinator duties, he will coach the Fresno State linebackers in 2020.

Inge joins the Bulldogs following seven seasons as a staff member at Indiana. Inge, who shared a coaching room with Fresno State head coach Kalen DeBoer during the 2019 season at IU, was the Hoosiers' special teams coordinator for two seasons prior to coaching their linebackers the previous five seasons.

When the NCAA added a 10th assistant coach to team's rosters, Indiana head coach Tom Allen shifted Inge's role full-time to special teams, making him its special teams coordinator. During those two seasons Logan Justus was named a Lou Groza Award semifinalist and second-team All-Big Ten honoree – he was one of three kickers in 2019 named a Groza finalist multiple times. Punter Haydon Whitehead was named a three-time Ray Guy Award candidate (2017-19) while long snapper Dan Godsil earned 2018 Phil Steele second-team All-America honors before Indiana turned to true freshman Sean Wracher in 2019.

Before shifting to special teams coordinator, as the Hoosiers' linebackers coach, Inge guided linebacker Chris Covington to becoming the first IU linebacker drafted since 1988, in the sixth round of the 2018 NFL Draft – selected by the Dallas Cowboys. In the season leading up to the draft, Covington picked up honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. Not to be outdone, Tegrar Scales became the first Indiana linebacker to claim first-team All-Big Ten honors since 1988 during the same season.

Scales arguably had a better 2016 campaign under Inge as he was named a 2016 SI.com second-team All-American, the first Hoosiers linebacker recognized on an All-America team since 1987. The Cincinnati native led the country with 23.5 tackles for loss and 93 solo stops.

Four linebackers picked up Big Ten All-Freshman honors during Inge's tenure, including Scales, who secured a spot on the 2014 247Sports.com True Freshman All-American team. Clyde Newton, Oliver and T.J. Simmons collected 2013 Big Ten All-Freshman team honors. Simmons tied an Indiana freshman record with 12 starts at middle linebacker en route to CollegeFootballNews.com Freshman All-America honorable-mention recognition.

Before heading to the Big Ten, Inge spent one season in the NFL with the Buffalo Bills. As an assistant defensive line coach in 2012, he coached

all-pro defensive end Mario Williams and defensive tackle Kyle Williams. This was after making the short move from the University at Buffalo, where he was the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for two seasons (2010-11).

Inge's 2010 Bulls defense finished 32nd nationally in total defense and ranked second in the Mid-American Conference in pass defense. It was Buffalo where he mentored future NFL star, linebacker Khalil Mack during his redshirt freshman and sophomore seasons, who was later selected No. 5 in the 2014 NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders. During the 2011 season, his tutelage of Khalil Mack led to the linebacker earning Sports Illustrated honorable mention All-America honors.

In the summer of 2011, Inge participated in the Bill Walsh NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship program with the Bills and worked part of the team's training camp. Inge was also one of seven Division I assistant coaches and athletic directors from across the nation invited to take part in the NCAA's 2011 Champion Forum.

A two-year stint at Cincinnati preceded Buffalo. Inge helped the Bearcats to back-to-back Big East championships and appearances in the 2009 Orange Bowl and the 2010 Sugar Bowl. In each of his two seasons with the Bearcats, the top two tacklers on the team were linebackers.

Prior to arriving at Cincinnati, Inge spent two seasons as the linebackers coach at San Diego State. While with the Aztecs, he mentored leading tackler Russell Allen to All-Mountain West honors.

In 2005, Inge was the defensive line coach at Colorado where he helped lead the Buffaloes to the Big 12 North Division title and advance to the Big 12 championship game.

Inge began his career at Northern Iowa. He was hired as a defensive assistant in 2001, in his four seasons, he was elevated to co-defensive coordinator and special teams coordinator.

Inge was a four-year letterwinner at Iowa (1993-96) where he served as a team co-captain his senior season and collected honorable mention All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten accolades. Iowa went 17-7 in his junior and senior years, including wins in the Sun and Alamo Bowls. He capped his collegiate career by playing in the 1997 Hula Bowl, returned to his alma mater in 1998, and spent three years as the Hawkeyes recruiting coordinator and graduate assistant.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Defensive Coordinator/
Linebackers

Indiana

2018-19: Special Teams Coordinator
2017: Linebackers
2016: Linebackers/Special Teams
Coordinator
2013-15: Co-Defensive Coordinator/
Linebackers

Buffalo Bills

2012: Asst. Defensive Line

Buffalo

2010-11: Defensive Coordinator/
Linebackers

Cincinnati

2008-09: Linebackers

San Diego State

2006-07: Linebackers

Colorado

2005: Defensive Line

Northern Iowa

2004: Co-Defensive Coordinator/
Special Teams
2003: Defensive Line
2001-02: Linebackers

Iowa

1998-2000: Graduate Assistant/
Recruiting Coordinator

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Kirkwood, Mo.

Education

- Iowa (1996) - B.A.
- Iowa (1999) - M.A.

Playing Exp.

- Iowa (LB)

Family

- Wife: Rae Ann
- Children: Isaiah, Keara, Raya

LEE MARKS

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH, RUNNING BACKS / RUN GAME COORDINATOR

1ST SEASON | BOISE STATE (2007)

Lee Marks joined the Fresno State football staff for the 2020 season following six seasons at his alma mater, Boise State. Marks, a running backs coach for the Broncos, will oversee the same position group at Fresno State and additionally hold the title of assistant head coach and run game coordinator with the Bulldogs.

The former Boise State all-league running back spent the past five seasons as its running backs coach and was a member of its strength and conditioning staff in year one of his tenure. He added director of special teams to his duties in 2019.

In Marks' five seasons with the running backs at Boise State, they had a 1,000-yard rusher each season.

Under his watch, true freshman George Holani kept the streak going and was named the 2019 Mountain West Freshman of the Year and a second-team all-league selection, after Marks lost his second running back in three seasons declaring early for the NFL Draft – Alexander Mattison (3rd Rd. – Minnesota, 2019) and Jeremy McNichols (5th Rd. – Tampa Bay, 2017).

When he arrived, the Boise State backfield picked up right where it left off from 2014, as McNichols had a breakout season with 1,337 rushing yards (25th in the FBS) and 20 rushing touchdowns, a figure that was the Mountain West standard and ranked sixth in the country. McNichols also fully emerged as a dual threat, complementing his rushing prowess with 51 catches for 460 yards and six more touchdowns.

McNichols followed up his 2015 campaign with a stellar 2016, ranking second nationally in total touchdowns (27) and ranking sixth nationally in rushing yards (1,709).

In 2017, Marks oversaw the development of Alexander Mattison, who rushed for 1,086 yards and 12 touchdowns. A season later, Mattison led the Mountain West and ranked eighth nationally with 1,415 rushing yards en route to first-team all-league honors. He also added 17 rushing TDs to lead the MW and rank seventh nationally.

Marks initially returned to his alma mater in 2014, serving as assistant strength and conditioning coach. Before returning to Boise State, Marks spent the 2013 season as the assistant director of strength and conditioning at Arkansas State, where Bryan Harsin served as head coach. There, the Red Wolves earned a share of the Sun Belt Conference title and a victory in the GoDaddy Bowl.

He joined A-State after serving as running backs coach at South Dakota State in 2012. The Jackrabbits ranked as high as No. 21 in the Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision Poll, producing a 9-4 overall record during Marks' lone season in Brookings. Marks oversaw the efforts of All-America running back Zach Zenner, who rushed for 2,044 yards and 13 touchdowns while adding 28 receptions for another 197 yards. He topped 100 yards in nine games and rushed for 200-plus yards three times, including a school-record 295 yards in a win over Eastern Illinois.

Prior to working at South Dakota State, Marks spent two seasons as a graduate assistant that worked with the running backs at the University of Sioux Falls. The high-powered Cougar offense ranked second in the NAIA in total points (577) during the 2010 season and ranked 18th in rushing yards (2,254).

Before joining the Sioux Falls staff, Marks spent three seasons at Colorado, where he served as an assistant speed and strength and conditioning coach.

During his playing career at Boise State, Marks twice led the Broncos in rushing. He accumulated 1,773 rushing yards and eight touchdowns over his final two seasons as a starter, and helped lead the Broncos to four bowl games. He was a two-time All-Western Athletic Conference selection and was the team's offensive most valuable player in 2005.

He later played one season with the Boise Burn of the Arena Football League.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Running Backs/Asst. Head Coach/Run Game Coordinator

Boise State

2019: Running Backs/Director of Special Teams

2015-18: Running Backs

2014: Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach

Arkansas State

2013: Asst. Director of S&C

South Dakota State

2012: Running Backs

Sioux Falls

2010-11: Offensive Graduate Asst.

Colorado

2007-09: Asst. speed and S&C coach

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Reseda, Calif.

Education

- Boise State (2007) - B.A
- Sioux Falls (2011) - M.A.

Playing Exp.

- Boise State (RB)

Family

- Wife: Kim
- Children: Liam, Logan

JULIUS BROWN

ASSISTANT COACH, HUSKIES / RECRUITING COORDINATOR

1ST SEASON | BOISE STATE (2006)

The 2020 football season will mark Julius Brown's first at Fresno State. He was hired on Jan. 31, 2020 to coach the Huskies and serve as the Bulldogs' recruiting coordinator.

Brown left Texas Tech after one season coaching its cornerbacks under Matt Wells. Brown was with Wells in a similar role for three seasons at Utah State before the two left together for the Big 12.

The 2019 Red Raider defense limited opponents to 30.3 points per game, the lowest average by a Texas Tech defense since 2009. Responsible for the cornerbacks, he saw his pupil junior DaMarcus Fields earn honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades after picking off three passes while also sharing a team-high of five pass breakups.

While Texas Tech suffered a down year, Brown has been a part of several successful programs, totaling five conference championships and 11 bowl games during his career. He arrived to Lubbock after overseeing Utah State's defensive backs group in 2017-18 after serving as the cornerbacks coach in 2016.

Brown helped build Utah State into one of the top turnover-causing defenses in the country during his tenure in Logan as the Aggies led the FBS with 32 forced turnovers and 22 interceptions in 2018. Utah State also ranked sixth nationally with 29 takeaways and totaled 71 over Brown's three seasons on staff.

The Aggies set a school record with six interceptions returned for a touchdown in 2018, which ranked third in the country. In addition, Utah State also finished among the nation's elite units in turnover margin (3rd in FBS), third-down conversion defense (16th), passing efficiency defense (19th), fourth-down conversion defense (21st) and scoring defense (33rd).

Utah State closed the 2018 season at 11-2 overall, matching the single-season school record for wins. The Aggies ended the year at No. 21 in the final Amway Coaches' poll and 22nd in the Associated Press poll, marking only the fourth time in school history Utah State ended a season in the AP rankings.

Brown mentored Jalen Davis in 2017, helping the senior become just the ninth first team All-American in Utah State history. Davis was recognized by the Walter Camp Foundation as a first team All-American, and a second-team honoree by the Associated Press, Football Writers Association and Phil Steele after finishing tied for fifth nationally with 20 passes defended and 11th in the FBS with five interceptions.

Utah State surrendered only 182.5 passing yards per game in 2017, which ranked 19th in the FBS. Utah State also ranked second in the Mountain West and 24th in the nation for passing efficiency defense (116.6) and tied for sixth in the FBS with 29 forced turnovers. The Aggies created 16 of those turnovers via forced fumbles, which closed the year tied for

second nationally. Utah State also ranked fourth in the FBS with five defensive touchdowns.

The Aggies allowed only 176.5 passing yards per game in Brown's first season in 2016 as Utah State ranked third in the Mountain West and 10th nationally in the category. Brown mentored Daniel Gray that season who went on to sign an NFL free agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals.

Prior to his stint at Utah State, Brown spent two seasons as the secondary coach and recruiting coordinator for his alma mater at Boise State. The Broncos combined for a 21-6 record those two seasons, including a 12-4 mark in Mountain West play. His tenure coincided with two bowl victories as Boise State topped No. 10 Arizona, 38-30, in the 2014 VIZIO Fiesta Bowl after claiming the 2014 Mountain West title, and then Northern Illinois, 55-7, the following season in the 2015 San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl.

Similar to his success at Utah State, Boise State's secondary was among the nation's leaders in interceptions after picking off 22 passes in each of his two seasons. The Broncos led the Mountain West in interceptions both seasons and ranked fifth nationally in 2014 and fourth in 2015.

Darian Thompson recorded five picks alone in the 2015 campaign to rank third in the conference and 20th nationally, earning All-Mountain West first team and second team All-America honors each of those two seasons. Thompson went on to be selected in the third round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the New York Giants. Fellow defensive back Donte Deayon added four interceptions in 2015 to garner All-Mountain West second team accolades twice under Brown. Like Thompson, Deayon also found his way on to the New York Giants' roster as a free agent signee in 2016.

After finishing a stellar playing career for the Broncos, Brown earned his first coaching position in 2005 as the defensive backs coach at Capital High School in Idaho. He returned to his alma mater a year later as a graduate assistant, a role he remained in for three seasons until he was promoted to director of player personnel in 2009.

Brown helped elevate Boise State's recruiting efforts for three seasons before earning his first coaching position overseeing the cornerbacks at Troy in 2012. He spent one season with the Trojans and then moved to Arkansas State as the cornerbacks and nickel backs coach as well as the recruiting coordinator.

As a player, Brown was a three-year starter and four-year letterwinner for the Broncos from 2000-03, earning honorable mention All-WAC honors after leading the conference in passes defended as a senior. Brown was a member of the 2002 and 2003 WAC Championship teams and helped lead the Broncos to victories in the 2002 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl and 2003 PlainsCapital Fort Worth Bowl.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Huskies/Recruiting Coordinator

Texas Tech

2019: Cornerbacks

Utah State

2017-18: Defensive Backs

2016: Cornerbacks

Boise State

2014-15: Defensive Backs/Recruiting Coordinator

Arkansas State

2013: Cornerbacks/Nickels/Recruiting Coordinator

Troy

2012: Cornerbacks

Boise State

2009-11: Director of Player Personnel

2007-08: Graduate Assistant

2006: Operations Graduate Assistant

Capital H.S. (Idaho)

2005: Defensive Backs

PERSONAL

Hometown

• Stockton, Calif.

Education

• Boise State (2006)

Playing Exp.

• Boise State (DB)

Family

• Wife: Cassidy

• Children: Lyric, Jazzi

PAUL CREIGHTON

ASSISTANT COACH, TIGHT ENDS

1ST SEASON | COLORADO (2006)

Paul Creighton begins his first season as the Bulldogs' tight ends coach in 2020. He arrives from UC Davis, where he coached the previous six seasons.

Creighton served as the tight ends coach all six seasons he was at UC Davis, although, he began his tenure as a recruiting coordinator for the program, and closed it as a special teams coordinator.

His tutelage helped tight end Wes Preece close his career earning a spot on the Phil Steele All-America third-team in 2019 and claimed three-straight All-Big Sky awards, having made the third team in 2017 and second in 2018 and 2019. Preece became the third tight end in school history to crack the century mark in career receptions, while his 24 career TDs set a new program-best mark for the position.

UC Davis experienced its most successful season as a Division I team in 2018, winning their first Big Sky championship and earning their first FCS playoff berth in program history in a season they went 10-3. The season kicked off with a season-opening victory over San Jose State. Spurring the attack was a special teams unit that was the only team in the conference with players that held the top-two kickoff and punt return averages.

Prior to UC Davis, Creighton was with Colorado State University-Pueblo for three seasons, but on the defensive side of the ball during his tenure with the Division II program. It was his first full-time assistant coaching position since holding a graduate assistantship at Colorado.

CSU-Pueblo went 33-0 in the regular season during his three years working with the defensive line. Creighton mentored three athletes who went on to pro ball: Darius Allen (BC Lions, Edmonton Eskimos), Morgan Fox (Los Angeles Rams) and Mike Pennel (Green Bay, New York Jets).

A three-sport star at Niwot High School in Colorado, Creighton walked on at Colorado but earned a scholarship after one semester as a fullback and tight end. He saw action in 47 games during his CU playing career and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology from Boulder in 2006.

Creighton's first post-graduation move was to Auburn where he served two years as graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach. He returned to his alma mater in 2009 where he was a defensive graduate assistant for two seasons.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Tight Ends

UC Davis

2017-19: Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator

2014-16: Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator

Colorado State

University-Pueblo

2011-13: Defensive Line

Colorado

2010: Defensive GA-Outside Linebackers

2009: Defensive GA-Defensive Line

Auburn

2007-08: Graduate Assistant – S&C

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Niwot, Colo.

Education

- Colorado (2006) - B.A.

Playing Exp.

- Colorado (TE)

Family

- Wife: Kathleen
- Children: James, June

KIRBY MOORE

ASSISTANT COACH, WIDE RECEIVERS / PASS GAME COORDINATOR

4TH SEASON | BOISE STATE (2012)

Kirby Moore enters his fourth season as an assistant at Fresno State in 2020. The former Boise State wide receiver has led the Bulldogs wide receivers since his arrival and will continue to do so in year No. 4, but with the added responsibility of being the pass game coordinator under first-year head coach Kalen DeBoer.

Moore's third season at Fresno State was much different from the first two in that 2019 the wide receiver corps was a much more by committee group rather than having a target like future NFL product KeeSean Johnson catching passes for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs' 2019 recruiting class ushered in four wide receivers and each one of them saw a start in the 2019 season – three freshmen (Jalen Cropper, Jamal Glaspie & Josh Kelly) and one junior transfer (Keric Wheatfall). Sophomore Zane Pope led Fresno State with 47 receptions and 525 yards.

During the Bulldogs' 12-2 championship season in 2018, the offense amassed over 3,000 yards through the air for the ninth time in program history, totaling 3,629 yards in 2018. Leading the way was Johnson as the standout exploded in his senior campaign. Johnson led the team in receptions (95), receiving yards (1,340) and touchdowns (8). His 95 receptions ranked fourth-most in the FBS in 2018 and fifth-most in a single season in program history while his 1,340 yards ranked sixth-most in the FBS in 2018 and the fifth-most in a single season in program history. The following offseason, the second-team All-Mountain West selection heard his name called in the sixth round of the NFL Draft, selected by the Arizona Cardinals.

In Moore's first season at Fresno State, he helped guide Johnson to All-Mountain West honors after the junior accounted for nearly half of his group's production in 2017 with 1,013 yards coming on a then-career-best 77 receptions.

In each of his first two seasons at Fresno State, Moore was named to the annual *247sports.com* 30-under-30 lists as one of college football's rising stars.

Moore reunited with his college coach Chris Petersen at Washington as a graduate assistant (2015-16), and worked alongside former Fresno State head coach Jeff Tedford for one season at the Pac-12 program. Tedford was an offensive consultant for the Huskies in 2016 and later hired

Moore to come with him to Fresno State in 2017.

The Boise State graduate earned four varsity letters as a Bronco (2009, 2011-13), lettering on a 14-0 team as a true freshman in 2009. After redshirting the 2010 season, he helped Boise State compile a record of 31-8 over his final three seasons.

While a graduate assistant, who worked with Washington's wide receivers John Ross and Dante Pettis, they led the nation in touchdown receptions as a duo with 32 in 2016. Ross was named a first-team All-Pac-12 selection. The Huskies won the Pac-12 Championship and advanced to their first College Football Playoff berth to cap a standout season.

In 2014, Moore's season in between his playing days at Boise State and serving as a graduate assistant at Washington, he coached the wide receivers at the College of Idaho.

As a senior in 2013, Moore caught 36 passes for 280 yards despite missing six games due to injury. In 2012, he was the team's second-leading receiver with 36 catches for 368 yards. Following the 2013 season, he earned Academic All-District VII and Academic All-Mountain West honors.

As a freshman, united with older brother Kellen Moore, the two were a part of the Broncos' 2010 Fiesta Bowl win over TCU. Both brothers attended Prosser High in Washington, where Kirby set a national record with 95 career touchdown receptions. Playing for his father, Tom Moore, he was first-team all-state as a junior and senior and was named the Washington 2A Player of the Year as a senior, when he had 131 receptions for 2,126 yards and 34 TDs.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Wide Receivers/Pass Game Coordinator

2017-19: Wide Receivers

Washington

2015-16: Offensive Graduate Asst.

College of Idaho

2014: Wide Receivers

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Prosser, Wash.

Education

- Boise State (2012)

Playing Exp.

- Boise State (WR)

Family

- Wife: Kayla
- Children: Sutton

CHUCK MORRELL

ASSISTANT COACH, SAFETIES

1ST SEASON | SIOUX FALLS (1998)

Chuck Morrell enters his first season as an assistant coach at Fresno State. Morrell, hired Jan. 27, 2020, joins first-year head coach Kalen DeBoer's staff as the safeties coach.

Morrell and DeBoer have a long and successful history together having coached and played together at the University of Sioux Falls. The duo were apart of all four of the program's National Championships in its history, three as coaches and one as players. DeBoer and Morrell coached together at USF during the 2000-09 seasons, and played on the same squad from 1995-97.

Prior to Fresno State, Morrell spent nine seasons (2011-19) as the head coach at Montana Tech. In addition to his role as head coach, he served as athletic director from 2014-17.

Montana Tech, an NAIA program apart of the Frontier Conference in Butte, Mo., was 52-44 during Morrell's tenure. Under his guidance, he ignited a new football era winning three conference titles including back-to-back championships in 2015 and 2016. The first Frontier title under Morrell was during his second season, a 2012 triumph, which was the first conference title for Montana Tech since 2004.

Each conference championship season under Morrell included a trip to the NAIA Football Championship Series, its trip in 2012 was the first for the program since 2005. Montana Tech would advance to the quarterfinals in both their trips in 2015-16.

Morrell was named the Frontier Conference Coach of the Year in 2012, 2015 and 2016, as well as the AFCA Regional Coach of the Year each of those years. Montana Tech went 20-4 over the 2015-16 seasons. In 2012, the team entered the season unranked, and reached as high as No. 7 in the polls that year.

Morrell produced 70 all-conference selections at Montana Tech, three conference players of the year and six on the All-America teams. Montana Tech consistently led the conference in academic all-conference selections and NAIA scholar athletes during his nine seasons.

Morrell arrived at Montana Tech from the University of South Dakota, where he served as the defensive coordinator for one season in 2010. Prior to his stint at USD, Morrell coached at the University of Sioux Falls from 1998-2009, where he served as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

During his time at Sioux Falls, the Cougars played in five NAIA national championship games, winning three titles (2006, 2008, 2009). From 2006-2009, the Cougars were the most dominant program in the NAIA, with a record of 56-1 and their only loss in that span was in the 2007 national title game. The 2008-09 teams won 29 straight games, and outscored opponents 44.3-to-8.3. He produced 44 All-Conference and 11 All-American defensive players at Sioux Falls.

As a safety at Sioux Falls (1995-97), he was the leading tackler on the 1996 NAIA Division II national championship team. He was inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame in 2016.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Safeties

Montana Tech

2011-19: Head Coach

South Dakota

2010: Defensive Coordinator/
Secondary

Sioux Falls

1999-09: Defensive Coordinator/
Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Backs
1998: Defensive Backs

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Tyndall, S.D.

Education

- Sioux Falls (1998) - B.S.

Playing Exp.

- Sioux Falls (S)

Family

- Wife: Jen
- Children: Aleia, Selene

ROMAN SAPOLU

ASSISTANT COACH, OFFENSIVE LINE / RUN GAME COORDINATOR
2ND SEASON | OREGON STATE (2014)

Roman Sapolu (pronounced sap-OH-loo) joined the Bulldogs' staff in 2019 as the team's assistant offensive line coach to work alongside Ryan Grubb in year No. 1. As he enters his second season, year No. 2 will bring a new wrinkle as he takes over as the leader of the Bulldogs' offensive line unit.

Sapolu earned his first full-time assistant coaching position at Idaho State in 2018. In his sole season, the Bengal offense tallied 5,403 total yards, the third most since their 1981 National Championship season. That season's squad saw eight offensive players earn all-conference honors. Offensive tackle Brian Fineanganofu earned second team Phil Steele FCS All-American honors, as well as first team Big Sky All-Conference honors. Center Dallen Collins earned Big Sky All-Conference Honorable Mention and offensive tackle Dakota Wilson earned second team Academic All-American honors.

During the summer of 2018, Sapolu was a participant in the prestigious National Football League's Minority Coaching Fellowship with the San Francisco 49ers, working with the offensive line.

After Sapolu's playing career at Oregon State was cut short to injury, he began his coaching career at Nebraska. There he was a graduate assistant for three seasons (2015-17) for NU's offensive line. He played on the Beavers' offensive line from 2010-14.

Sapolu is the son of Jesse Sapolu, a four-time Super Bowl Champion during a long NFL career with the San Francisco 49ers from 1983-97. His father played college football at Hawai'i.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator

2019: Asst. Offensive Line

Idaho State

2018: Offensive Line

Nebraska

2015-17: Graduate Assistant/OL

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Huntington Beach, Calif.

Education

- Oregon State (2014) - B.A.

Playing Exp.

- Oregon State (OL)

Family

- Wife: Corinne

ERIC SCHMIDT

ASSISTANT COACH, DEFENSIVE LINE / SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

1ST SEASON | NORTH DAKOTA (2002)

Eric Schmidt, hired Jan. 27, 2020 to be the Bulldogs' defensive line coach, enters his first season at Fresno State.

Schmidt most recently served as the defensive coordinator at his alma mater, North Dakota, for the past six seasons. Schmidt also oversaw the UND defensive line in 2019, instructed its outside linebackers in 2018, and inside linebackers the four seasons prior.

Schmidt helped lead his alma mater to two FCS Playoff berths during his tenure, the initial was a first for the program in 2016, the same season they claimed a Big Sky Championship with a defense that gave up just 91.3 yards rushing per game (sixth-best in the FCS) and collected 20 interceptions (second-best in the FCS). The second was in 2019 following three wins versus ranked opponents en route to a 7-4 campaign that included a 6-0 mark at home.

Schmidt had a pair of players in 2019 share All-America distinctions in defensive lineman Mason Bennett and linebacker Donnell Rodgers. It was the second time a UND defense led by Schmidt had a pair of players earn All-America honors – joining the 2016 season.

Bennett was the first defensive lineman in UND's Division I era (2008-present) to be named an All-American, and just the fourth from that position group to earn the title since 2000. Rodgers, who was a two-time All-America selection in 2019, became only the seventh linebacker in program history to receive multiple All-America selections by different publications in the same season, since it began being tracked in 1930 – a feat shared with Schmidt himself from when he was player in 2001.

Schmidt, who owns the single-season record for sacks in a season with 11.0, was approached by his pupil Bennett in 2018, who finished two sacks shy of tying him for the record at UND. As a team, UND ranked inside the top-10 in total sacks (T-2nd) and tackles for loss (T-3rd).

A handful of injuries, including significant ones to returning All-Americans Deion Harris and Cole Reyes, prevented Schmidt's defense from being among the league leaders in total defense in 2017. That standard had become the norm for the program in each of the prior three seasons as it consistently ranked among the top two in rushing defense and total defense. The statistics regressed, but the unit still received stellar individual play from outside linebacker Tanner Palmberg, who earned All-Big Sky accolades along with defensive tackle Tank Harris. It was the second consecutive season Harris earned an all-league distinction.

The consistency from the defense during Schmidt's first three seasons culminated in 2016 with nine wins, a Big Sky Championship and the program's first FCS Playoff berth. During the historical campaign, Reyes captained the defense and earned All-America honors along with classmate Deion Harris. Those

two combined for eight interceptions and four pick-sixes. Nine defenders earned All-Big Sky recognition and Reyes was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

In 2015, senior Will Ratelle, who earned first team All-Big Sky honors after reaching the century mark in tackles once again, spearheaded the defense that was sixth nationally against the run, yielding only 100.3 yards per game. He was one of five UND defenders to garner all-conference honors.

In 2014, Ratelle earned All-Big Sky honorable mention honors and became the first UND player to eclipse the century mark in tackles since Digger Anderson (2004), finishing with 106. Ratelle was one of three UND defenders to garner all-conference honors in Schmidt's first season back at UND. Schmidt's unit was also among the best in the FCS in tackles for loss, racking up the sixth-highest total in the country with 111. That total topped the Big Sky and the defense's 34 sacks were second most in the league.

Prior to North Dakota, Schmidt spent six seasons (2008-13) at Southern Illinois, which is where he crossed paths with Bulldogs' head coach Kalen DeBoer. DeBoer was Southern Illinois' offensive coordinator for four of the six seasons that Schmidt spent at SIU. During the seasons DeBoer and Schmidt were both at SIU, Schmidt was its defensive line coach for two seasons (2010-11) and inside linebackers/special teams coordinator for two seasons (2012-13).

In the first two seasons of his six at Southern Illinois, he coached the outside linebackers. In all, Schmidt coached nine All-Missouri Valley Conference players during his time at SIU, including one first-teamer in 2013.

He helped a 2012 defensive unit record a pair of shutouts and rank 10th nationally in rushing yards allowed.

Schmidt's first collegiate coaching job was back at North Dakota, appointed an assistant coach for the linebackers at his alma mater from 2006-07. Schmidt began his football coaching career at Crookston High School, approximately 30 minutes east of the University of North Dakota in Crookston, Minn., where he was the head coach from 2002-2005.

The Mandan, N.D., native was key a performer as a team captain and senior linebacker on the North Dakota defense that helped them to a Division II national title in 2001. Schmidt played for UND from 1998 to 2001, and was a two-time All-North Central Conference selection and earned All-America honors as a senior in 2001.

Schmidt received his bachelor's degree in secondary education from UND in 2002. He and his wife, Tiffany, have a daughter, Kennedy, and two sons, Harrison and Truman.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Defensive Line/Special Teams Coordinator

North Dakota

2019: Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line

2018: Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers

2014-17: Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers

Southern Illinois

2012-13: Inside Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator

2010-11: Defensive Line

2008-09: Outside Linebackers

North Dakota

2006-07: Linebackers

Crookston H.S. (Minn.)

2002-05: Head Coach

PERSONAL

Hometown

• Mandan, N.D.

Education

• North Dakota (2002)

Playing Exp.

• North Dakota (LB)

Family

• Wife: Tiffany

• Children: Harrison, Kennedy, Truman

J.D. WILLIAMS

ASSISTANT COACH, CORNERBACKS / DEFENSIVE PASS GAME COORDINATOR

4TH SEASON | FRESNO STATE (1997)

J.D. Williams returned to his alma mater in 2017 for his third coaching stint at Fresno State. He once served as an assistant coach (2000-01) and graduate assistant (1997) under Pat Hill.

Williams, who enters the fourth season of his most recent stretch, will be responsible for the cornerbacks in 2020. The former cornerback, who is one of five first round NFL draft picks in Fresno State program history, had been responsible for the entire defensive backs group since rejoining the staff.

The 2019 DB group produced seven of the Bulldogs' 11 interceptions and totaled 27 pass break ups. The group was a young one that suffered several injuries that resulted in three true freshmen earning starts while wide receiver Chris Coleman converted to cornerback to aid the group's depth. Senior Juju Hughes remained the backbone of the group, accounting for 80 tackles, two interceptions and eight pass breakups. Hughes was named a 2019 Mountain West honorable mention selection.

Williams' secondary ranked as one the best in the nation in 2018. His group totaled 13 of the Bulldogs' 19 interceptions, which was fifth best for a FBS team, and as a defensive unit Fresno State was tied for the third-most passes defended in the nation with 79, the most by a Bulldog defense since 1999. The team also held opposing quarterbacks to the fifth-lowest pass efficiency in the FBS at 104.09.

Under his guidance, Tank Kelly was named to the All-Mountain West first team. The senior finished third in the nation with 22 passes defended and was tied for a MW-best four interceptions. He was tied with teammate Juju Hughes who, along with fellow Bulldog safety Mike Bell, was selected to the All-MW second team.

During his first year back in Fresno, the Bulldogs ranked as one of the top defensive units in 2017, finishing 10th in the FBS in scoring defense at 17.9 points per game and 15th in total defense with 320.6 yards allowed per game. Williams guided one of the Bulldogs' youngest groups on the field with his secondary accounting for 11 of the team's 19 forced turnovers.

Williams finished his second season of his second stop at UNLV in 2016. He returned to Las Vegas after serving as the defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator at Georgia State for two seasons (2013-14).

In 2013, the GSU special teams featured all-conference return specialist Albert Wilson, who ranked in the top five in the Sun Belt Conference in both punt returns and kickoff returns and is now a member of the Miami Dolphins.

During his first go-around at UNLV, Williams served two seasons (2010-11) as the Rebels' assistant head coach, secondary coach and pass defense coordinator

before he was elevated to defensive coordinator in 2012, when he continued to coach the defensive backs.

Williams went to UNLV after spending the 2009 season as the cornerbacks coach at Utah. The Utes posted a 10-3 record, including a victory over Washington in the Poinsettia Bowl, and ranked 16th in the nation in passing yards allowed and ninth in pass efficiency defense.

He joined Utah after seven years working in the Pac-10. Williams was the defensive backs coach at Washington from 2006-08. He went to Washington after four seasons coaching the secondary at California.

Under then-head coach Jeff Tedford, the Bears amassed a 33-17 record and played in three bowl games during Williams' stay from 2002-05. In 2005, Cal led the Pac-10 in pass efficiency defense (24th in the nation) and finished second in the league in total defense. In 2004, Cal ranked eighth in the nation in scoring defense and 24th in total defense.

Prior to going to Berkeley, Williams served two seasons as secondary coach at his alma mater, Fresno State, from 2000-01. Fresno State posted an 18-7 record and made back-to-back Silicon Valley Bowl appearances.

Williams also coached the secondary at Cal Poly in 1998 and San Jose State in 1999. He began his coaching career in 1997 as a Fresno State graduate assistant. Williams was a G.A. under Pat Hill (1997) – Jeff Tedford was on that staff as the offensive coordinator – and returned as an assistant coach under Pat Hill from 2000-01.

A wide receiver turned cornerback at Fresno State from 1986-89, was selected in the first round of the NFL Draft (16th overall by the Buffalo Bills, 1990). Williams was an AP honorable mention All-American in 1988, a second-team Sporting News All-American, and a third-team AP All-American in 1989. In addition to being named an All-American, he was a two-time all-Big West first-team selection and the Defensive MVP of the East-West Shrine game. He was also a standout triple jumper and sprinter, winning the 1986 Big West triple jump crown and competing on the conference championship 4x100-meter relay team that set a school record of 40.18.

During his seven-year professional career, he was a member of all four Bills' teams that advanced to the Super Bowl from 1991-94. In 2002, he was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame.



COACHING EXPERIENCE

Fresno State

2020: Cornerbacks/Def. Pass Game Coordinator

2019: Defensive Backs/Def. Pass Game Coordinator

2017-18: Defensive Backs

UNLV

2015-16: Defensive Backs

Georgia State

2013-14: Defensive Backs/Special Teams Coordinator

UNLV

2012: Defensive Coordinator/Asst.

Head Coach/DBs

2010-11: Defensive Backs/Asst. Head Coach/Pass Defense Coordinator

Utah

2009: Defensive Backs

Washington

2006-08: Defensive Backs

California

2002-05: Defensive Backs

Fresno State

2000-01: Defensive Backs

San Jose State

1999: Defensive Backs

Cal Poly

1998: Defensive Backs

Fresno State

1997: Graduate Assistant

PERSONAL

Hometown

- Fresno, Calif.

Education

- Fresno State (1997)

Playing Exp.

- San Francisco 49ers (1996)
- Arizona Cardinals (1994)
- Buffalo Bills (1990-93)
- Fresno State (DB)

Family

- Wife: Jamie
- Children: Nicole, Kyra, Zoe, David



RON MCKEEFERY
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR
SPORTS PERFORMANCE
1ST SEASON | OTTAWA (1997)

Internationally recognized as a leader in the area of sports development, Ron McKeefery has twice been named Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year. First by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Society (2008 Under Armour Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year), and next by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (2016 Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year).

In 2013, Coach McKeefery was honored as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA). The Master Strength and Conditioning Coach certification is the highest honor that can be achieved as a strength and conditioning coach, representing professionalism, knowledge, experience, expertise and longevity in the field.

Coach McKeefery picked up the highest designation by the NSCA in 2019 earning the Registered Strength and Conditioning Coach Emeritus (RSCC*E).

Prior to becoming the Assistant Athletics Director-Sports Performance at Fresno State, Coach McKeefery served as a Strength and Conditioning Coach at both the Professional and Collegiate level. Working with such professional organizations as the: Cincinnati Bengals (NFL), Kansas City Royals (MLB), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (NFL) and the Berlin Thunder (NFL Europe), and collegiate programs such as Eastern Michigan, Tennessee, and South Florida.

Most recently he served as the Vice President of Performance & Education for PLAE where he worked with elite athletes and coaches around the world, including USA Team Football, the Chinese Olympic Committee, and the Georgia Swarm of the National Lacrosse League and many others. In 2018, USA Team USA won the Silver medal at the World University Games in Harbin, China.

He has had the privilege of working with over 100 players that have gone on to play in the National Football League.

Composed of 36 NFL Draft Picks, including 1st Round Draft Picks and Pro Bowlers Mike Jenkins & Jason Pierre-Paul, along with Cordarrelle Patterson and Ja'Wuan James. He has had numerous All Americans, NFL free agents, and All-Conference selections.

Coach McKeefery has not just developed players, he has also mentored numerous Strength and Conditioning coaches that have gone on to great success in the field. Including World Champions: Dana Cavalea - Head S&C New York Yankees, Jake Beiting - Head S&C Houston Astros, and Derek Millender - Head S&C Cleveland Cavaliers.

Two coaches have gone on to be named Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year: Kaz Kazadi - Head S&C Baylor, and Lew Caralla - Head S&C Buffalo.

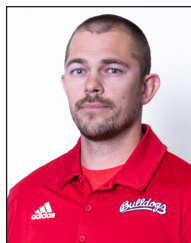
Coach McKeefery is a sought-after industry speaker. He has lectured for the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches, United Kingdom, Australian, and Polish National Associations.

McKeefery is the author of the No. 1 Amazon International Bestseller(s) "CEO Strength Coach" and "Weight Room Wisdom". Additionally, he has been published in the NSCA Journal, American Football Monthly, and numerous other publications.

He has been married to his best friend Angela McKeefery since 1999.

The two adopted three children from Ukraine in 2005. At the time Tyler and Ava were 5-years-old and Maya was 3-years-old. They added a fourth child, James McKeefery, Ron's half-brother when his father passed away in 2011.

Currently the McKeefery's live in Fresno, California.



ANDY WARD
DIRECTOR OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE
4TH SEASON | CAL STATE STANISLAUS (2009)

Andy Ward enters his fourth year working with the Fresno State football team. He joined the program after six years at Stanford.

Following leading the football team as its head strength and conditioning coach during his first three years with the Bulldogs, Ward will shift his focus in year No. 4 and guide the squad alongside Ron McKeefery in 2020.

Ward worked full-time with the Cardinal football program for three seasons and with the team for six total seasons. Before going full-time with football, he also oversaw developing strength training aspects for the Cardinal track and field program.

Prior to arriving at Stanford, Ward split the 2010-11 academic year with internships at UC San Diego and Sacramento State. At UC San Diego, Ward assisted with the design and implementation of 13 sport-specific programs. His time at Sacramento State was spent implementing programs for the men's soccer, women's soccer and men's golf teams while assisting with 11 other programs.

Ward earned an undergraduate degree in physical education from Cal State Stanislaus in 2009, where he was a student assistant in the strength program while serving as a performance trainer at nearby Custom Built Personal Training.

The Sutter, California native earned his master's degree in exercise science at California University (Pa.). He is married to Erin Blech-Ward.



MIKE McHUGH

ASST. ATHLETICS DIRECTOR OF
OPERATIONS/CHIEF OF STAFF
3RD SEASON | FINDLAY (1983)

Mike McHugh reunited with the Bulldogs in 2018 after spending the 2013 season at Fresno State in a similar role. He was the director of football operations for two seasons (2014-15) at Washington under Chris Petersen and spent two seasons (2016-17) at Missouri under Barry Odom before making his return to Fresno.

McHugh's ties to the Bulldogs run through alum and former coach Jeff Tedford, having spent a total of 12 seasons with him. The 2018 and 2019 seasons, as well as 10 seasons (2003-12) at California. The two also were on the same Oregon (1999-2000) staff when Tedford was the Ducks' offensive coordinator.

McHugh and Tedford's successor, Kalen DeBoer, shared the Bulldogs' 2018 season with one another when DeBoer was the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator.

In his career, McHugh has turned in over 25 years of experience in the crucial role of ops director. In the role, McHugh is involved in a wide variety of important administrative duties related to overseeing the coordination of all team travel, oversight of the football budget, handling compliance and academic issues, scheduling of facilities, assisting with recruiting operations and managing the day-to-day functions of the program.

A native of Boyertown, Pa., McHugh started his playing career at Potomac State College (Keyser, WV) in 1976 and '77 and was the team's leading receiver and elected team captain for the 1977 season. McHugh continued his playing career at Findlay University in Ohio, where he was a member of the Oilers' 1979 NIAA championship team. He led Findlay in receiving in 1981 and earned a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1983.

McHugh served as Findlay's head women's track & field coach in 1982 before going on to a football coaching job at Liberty Benton High School in Findlay, Ohio that same year. He took an assistant football coaching position at Northmor High in Galion, Ohio for the 1983 season and then became head coach from 1984-87. McHugh was also Northmor's girls' track coach in 1984 and 1985. McHugh moved to the college ranks in 1989, working as an offensive line coach at Eastern Michigan in 1989 and 1990 before moving to recruiting coordinator in 1991 and defensive line coach in 1992. He earned a master's degree in physical education from EMU in 1993.

In 1993, McHugh was named Video Coordinator/Recruiting assistant at Missouri, and became the Director of Football Operations in 1994, a position he held through the 1998 season, and he was part of the Holiday Bowl (1997) and Insight.com (1998) bowl teams. After six seasons at MU, he joined Mike Bellotti's staff at Oregon for the 1999 and 2000 seasons. He then spent two seasons as a quality control coach with the Detroit Lions in 2001 and 2002 before taking the operations job at California, where he worked from 2003-12.



TONY BRADFORD

DIRECTOR OF ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING
2ND SEASON | KENNESAW STATE (2018)

Tony Bradford will begin his second year with the Fresno State football team for the 2020 season. He serves as a member of the Bulldog football team's recruiting department as their Director of On-Campus Recruiting.

Bradford finished his bachelor's at Kennesaw State in the spring of 2018, earning a degree in integrative studies with a focus in business management and psychology. Prior to finishing his academics, he had stops at both Eastern Illinois and Georgia Southern where he played linebacker. His first post-graduation position was as a volunteer assistant for the defense at USC during the 2018 season.

He graduated from North Gwinnett HS in 2014 in his hometown of Suwanee, Ga. His dad, Ronnie Bradford, played 10 seasons in the NFL, including the Atlanta Falcons' 1998 Super Bowl team, and coached for another eight with the Broncos and Chiefs before joining Coach Tedford's staff at Cal in 2010.



COURTNEY MORGAN

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL
1ST SEASON | MICHIGAN (2003)

Courtney Morgan joined the Fresno State football team's recruiting department as its Director of Player Personnel in March of 2020. He arrived from San Jose State, where he held a similar role (July 2019-March 2020).

Upon joining the Spartans' staff, Morgan was returning to the collegiate level for the first time since 2013 when he was the Director of Player Development at UCLA for two seasons. He pioneered UCLA football's first post-football transition course called "College to Career", a program developed to help graduating players transition to life after football. He also created and oversaw The Boys and Girls Club's first major partnership with UCLA Football, managing 110 student-athletes to attend weekly mentoring sessions at local Los Angeles Boys and Girls Clubs.

Morgan is the co-founder of the Pure Influence Group, a company founded in 2017 to match emerging brands with amazing talent. Morgan represented 10 National Football League players while assembling traditional and emerging media outlets in television and Internet to increase awareness and expand their client's profiles. Prior to co-founding the company, Morgan was the Director of Client Development for Los Angeles-based Vanguard Sports Group for two years following his stint with the Bruins, where he led and oversaw the Client Development division of the mid-tier multi-million dollar firm specializing in contract negotiations, marketing, public relations, endorsements, social media consulting, brand strategy, philanthropy and management. Morgan's clients included NFL players Von Miller, Keenan Allen, Cordarrelle Patterson, Reggie Ragland, Josh Norman, Bradley Roby and Jack Conklin.

Morgan began his professional career as a sales representative for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, a role he held for five years before joining Team Makena Surgical in 2009 as an Orthopedic Sales Consultant.

Morgan is a 2003 graduate of the University of Michigan where he majored in sports marketing and communication. The Los Angeles native was a four-year letterman on the Michigan Wolverines football team as an offensive lineman from 2000-2003.



MICHAEL BARTON
G.A. - DEFENSE
CALIFORNIA (2017)

Michael Barton enters his third season at Fresno State, and second as a defensive graduate assistant. Barton served as a member of the quality control staff for the defense in his first year.

A former linebacker, Barton's playing career started at the University of California under coach Jeff Tedford in 2012 and finished at the University of Arizona as a graduate transfer in 2016. Barton graduated in 2011 from De La Salle High School, located in the Bay Area. MaxPreps named Barton an All-American selection and the California Division I Player of the Year as well as a first-team All-State choice.

Barton played in 32 games with 13 starts at Cal with all of his action coming in the last three campaigns of his four seasons with the program after redshirting as a true freshman in 2012. Barton announced in December of 2015 that he would finish his collegiate career as a graduate transfer elsewhere and then in January of 2016 announced he would play at Arizona in 2016. Barton, who graduated from Cal with a bachelor's degree in legal studies in May of 2016, finished his Cal career with 169 tackles, 16.5 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, one interception, four passes defended, three pass breakups, one fumble recovery and two quarterback hurries. He led Cal with 80 tackles as a 2014 sophomore while also pacing the squad with 7.5 tackles for loss, both career highs. In Barton's sole season with the Wildcats, he was the team's third leading tackler with 65 stops, which included 8.0 TFLs and 3.0 sacks.



JORDAN LOEFFLER
G.A. - OFFENSE
HAWAII (2014)

Jordan Loeffler (LOFF-ler) joins the Bulldogs as a first year offensive graduate assistant. He will work with the offensive line.

Loeffler, a native of Hilo, Hawai'i, lands in Fresno after serving as an assistant coach at Pacific University (OR) for two seasons. He spent the 2019 season as a tight ends coach and the 2018 season as the Boxers' running backs coach.

Prior to his time at Pacific, Loeffler served as an assistant coach at Northland Community & Technical College (MN), and his alma mater Hilo High School.

Loeffler attended the University of Hawai'i and played football for three years. He obtained his bachelors degree in sociology in 2014.



MAAMALOA MAFI
G.A. - DEFENSE
FRESNO STATE (2019)

Maamaloa Mafi enters his first season at Fresno State as a graduate assistant, and will work with the linebacker corp.

Mafi, a Fresno State football alum, returns to the program after spending the 2017 and 2018 seasons in pads with the 'Dogs. He played in every game during his Bulldog playing career, primarily on special teams. Mafi tallied 13 tackles and one pass breakup in his career. Before joining the Bulldogs, Mafi attended Lancy College where he earned first team All-League and All-Conference honors.

Mafi graduated from Fresno State in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in Africana Studies.



TAYLOR POPE
G.A. - OFFENSE
BOISE STATE (2016)

Taylor Pope enters his first season as an offensive graduate assistant, working primarily with the wide receivers.

Pope played collegiate football at Boise State from 2012-16, appearing mostly on special teams in his time with the Broncos. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2016.

After receiving his degree from Boise State, Pope wanted to pursue the coaching route and went on to join the staff at Xavier College Preparatory High School in Palm Desert, Calif. in 2017. Pope was brought on by newly-hired head coach James Dockery who sought out Pope in hopes of filling vacant positions with coaches who had played locally and knew how to win.

At the high school level, Pope was a two-time first team All-Desert Valley League and All-Desert Sun selection. He was also named the Desert Valley League Special Teams Most Valuable Player as a junior.

Pope will work closely with wide receivers coach Kirby Moore. The pair spent two years together at Boise State.

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Dr. Rod Kraft

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Dr. Jean Linder

General Surgeon
Dr. William Carveth

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Dr. Cary Tanner

Orthopedics
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Orthopedics (Upper Extremity)
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Orthopedics (Upper Extremity)
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MITCH DAHLEN

OFFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL

1ST SEASON | SOUTHERN UTAH

Mitch Dahlen is in his first year as an offensive quality control assistant with the Bulldogs in 2020.

His last stop was at Black Hills State University as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Prior to joining the staff at BHSU, Dahlen was at Boise State University, where he was the assistant wide receivers and quarterbacks coach. He helped lead one of the top passing offenses in the country. He helped implement the Bronco's game plan as well as coach on the field during the 2018 season, finishing the year with a 10-3 record and the No. 23 ranking in the country.

Dahlen was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the College of Idaho from 2016-18. He helped lead the team to multiple broken school records on offense, including total yards, pass yards, and rush yards. He coached two separate record breaking quarterbacks along with multiple All-Conference selections and one All-American.

Dahlen has also spent time as a guest coach for the BC Lions Football Club in the Canadian Football League (2015), the assistant quarterbacks coach and play signaler at Southern Utah University (2013-14), and the co-offensive coordinator and passing game coordinator at Sandy High School (2011).

Dahlen began his collegiate playing career at Utah where he played quarterback under head coach Kyle Whittingham and OC Brian Johnson. He then moved to Southern Utah where he played quarterback for the Thunderbirds.

Dahlen graduated Magna Cum Laude from SUU with a degree in business management.



JIM NELSON

DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL

1ST SEASON | DRAKE (2011)

Jim Nelson enters his first year with the Fresno State football staff as a defensive quality control assistant.

Previously, Nelson has had coaching stops at Indiana (2017-19), North Carolina State (2016), South Florida (2015), Central Missouri (2013-14) and Montana State (2012). The Wheaton, Ill. native has coaching experience with several defensive position groups.

Most recently, Nelson served as a defensive graduate assistant at Indiana for three seasons, under the direction of head coach Tom Allen. Before joining the staff at Indiana, Nelson spent one season as a defensive graduate assistant with the defensive line at North Carolina State after a year in the same role at South Florida where he worked with Allen who served as the Bulls' defensive coordinator that season (2015). While at USF, Nelson helped coach the safeties.

Nelson held a defensive graduate assistant position at Central Missouri for two years. While with the Mules, Nelson assisted in coaching the linebackers. He was also a special teams intern at Montana State in 2012.

Nelson was a four-year letterwinner at Drake (2007-11). With the Bulldogs, Nelson saw action on both sides of the ball as a defensive end and linebacker on defense, and a wide receiver on offense. He was named the 2011 Drake Football Community Service Captain.

Nelson earned his masters of science in kinesiology from Central Missouri in 2014. Earning his bachelors degree from Drake, Nelson double majored in marketing and entrepreneurial management. He earned that degree in 2011.



BEN WATKINS

SPECIAL TEAMS QUALITY CONTROL

1ST SEASON | PERU STATE (2017)

Ben Watkins enters his first year with the Fresno State football team as a special teams quality control assistant.

Watkins comes to the Bulldogs' staff from Colorado where he served as a defensive assistant in 2019. Prior to joining the staff at Colorado, Watkins was a graduate assistant at Northern State University where he coached the outside linebackers and offensive scout team for two seasons.

A native of Omaha, Watkins began his coaching career as a student assistant at his alma mater Peru State in 2016. He worked with the inside linebackers, special teams, and offensive scout team.

Athletically he was a 4-year letter winner at Peru State as an outside and inside linebacker. He graduated from PSC with a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 2017. Watkins earned his master's degree in teaching and learning from NSU in 2019.