

2005 COACHING STAFF



HEAD COACH DAVID BENNETT



David Bennett has completed his third season as the head football coach at Coastal Carolina University, his second as the on-field leader. After leading the Chanticleers to a 6-5 record in the program's inaugural season in 2003, Bennett guided Coastal to a 10-1 mark in just its second season of play and a perfect 4-0 record in the Big South Conference to earn the league title. He became the first-ever head coach at CCU on December 21, 2001.

During the historic 2004 season, Bennett had 14 players earn All-Big South Conference accolades, including Offensive

Player of the Year Patrick Hall and Freshman of the Year Jerome Simpson. Bennett also earned the Big South's Coach of the Year honor and was named American Football Coaches' Association Region 2 Coach of the Year for the first time at the I-AA level and fourth time in his career. He was also honored for his efforts by the All-American Football Foundation with the Johnny Vaught Outstanding Head Coach Award.

Bennett serves on the AFCA All-American Selection Committee and chairs the AFCA Meeting Room Committee. He also serves in the local community on the Board of Directors of the United Way and The Jackson Center for Values and Ethics. Additionally, he is the honorary chairman for the local March of Dimes Walk America.

Bennett, born in Greer, South Carolina, came to Coastal Carolina after serving seven years as the Head Coach at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. In seven years as the head coach at Catawba, Bennett posted an overall record of 63-17, leading the Indians to three consecutive appearances in the NCAA Division II playoffs, including a run into the national semifinal round in 2001.

Bennett, 44, joined the Catawba staff in 1990 as an assistant coach and was promoted to head coach on November 14, 1994. In his first season, he led the Indians to a 7-3 record, earning both South Atlantic Conference and AFCA Coach of the Year honors. The 1996 Indians' squad posted a 9-2 record

and captured the SAC Championship.

The 1997 and 1998 teams posted records of 8-3 and 6-4, respectively, before Coach Bennett's program made its assault on the NCAA Division II national football scene. The 1999 season saw Catawba post an 11-2 record and earn the first of three NCAA Division II playoff berths. An 11-1 record and another SAC Championship came in 2000, but the best was yet to come. In 2001, Catawba went 11-2 to give Bennett a 33-5 record over the past three seasons. The Indians won the SAC Championship and the South Region Championship before falling to Grand Valley State in the national semifinals. In addition to the incredible seven-year record as a head coach, Bennett earned four SAC Coach of the Year honors and three AFCA South Region Coach of the Year honors during his career with the Indians.

Raised in Cheraw, South Carolina, Bennett earned 10 varsity letters at Cheraw High School, where he was named All-Conference in football, basketball, tennis and track. A three-year-starter in football, including the final two at quarterback, he led the Braves to a 20-4 record his final two seasons, including the 1979 AAA State Championship.

A 1984 graduate of Presbyterian College, Bennett lettered in football and golf while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and social studies with a minor in coaching. He earned the Unsung Hero Award from his teammates for his play during the 1983 season. He also began his coaching career at Presbyterian, working with the wide receivers as a student assistant.

Bennett earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Clemson University in 1986, where he worked with the running backs on the Tigers' 1986 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship squad. While at Clemson, he coached in the Independence and Gator Bowls.

In 1987, he served as the offensive coordinator at Goose Creek High School, a AAAA program in Charleston, South Carolina. The Gators boasted the top rushing offense in the state that season. Bennett then coached at Newberry College before accepting the position at Catawba.

He and his wife Melanie have a daughter, Hayes (12) and a son, Jeb



BENNETT'S HEAD COACHING YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Record	Highlights
1995	Catawba	7-3	SAC & AFCA Coach of the Year
1996	Catawba	9-2	SAC Championship
1997	Catawba	8-3	
1998	Catawba	6-4	
1999	Catawba	11-2	SAC Championship; NCAA D-II Playoffs, SAC Coach of the Year
2000	Catawba	11-1	SAC Championship; NCAA D-II Playoffs, SAC Coach of the Year, AFCA Region Coach of the Year
2001	Catawba	11-2	SAC Championship; NCAA D-II Playoffs and South Region
Champion-			ship, advanced to national semifinals, SAC Coach of the Year, AFCA Region Coach of the Year
2002	Coastal Carolina	n/a	Developed program as first-ever coach
2003	Coastal Carolina	6-5	Winning record in school's inaugural season
2004	Coastal Carolina	10-1	Big South Championship; Big South Coach of the Year; AFCA Region



COORDINATOR JAMIE SNIDER



Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Catawba, '91 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina

Jamie Snider is in his fourth year on the coaching staff at Coastal Carolina University, where he works with the offensive line and serves as the offensive coordinator.

Snider helped guide the Chanticleers, in just their second season of play, to the 2004 Big South Conference Championship, a 10-1 overall record and top-25 rankings in three major national polls. CCU ranked fifth in I-AA in rushing offense, fifth in scoring offense and first in turnover margin. Snider's offense also set numerous Big South Conference single-season team and individual records during the 2004 season, including points scored, scoring average, rushing offense, offensive touchdowns, red zone offense and fewest sacks allowed. Coastal's offense became the first offense in league history to rush for more than 3,000 yards, finishing the season with 3,058. Individually Big South Offensive Player of the Year Patrick Hall finished 25th nationally in rushing yards per game at 100.64 and 44th in scoring at 7.09 points a contest. For his efforts, Snider, along with defensive coordinator Curtis Walker, was honored by the All-American Football Foundation with the Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coaches Award.

The 36-year-old Snider (7-9-69) has direct ties with CCU Head Coach David Bennett, serving on the football staff at Catawba College for 14 seasons prior to joining the staff at Coastal Carolina. Snider started his tenure at Catawba as a student assistant from 1988-91, after playing one season for the Indians. After leaving the program for a year, he returned as an assistant offensive line coach for one year and then was the offensive line coach for three seasons, before adding the offensive coordinator role in 1995.

In his final six seasons at Catawba as the coordinator, he helped guide the

program to three NCAA Division II playoff appearances and a berth in the national semifinal in 2001. His offense ranked 25th in the nation in scoring in 2000 and 27th nationally in 2001, while helping the program to three South Atlantic Conference titles in 1996, 2000 and 2001. He also served as recruiting coordinator for four years, bringing in classes that improved the program from 2-9 in 1994 to a combined 30-11 for the 1995-98 seasons.

A 1991 graduate of Catawba, Snider earned his bachelor's degree in history with a secondary education certification. As a student, he was a member of the Dean's List and also Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.

A native of Yadkinville, N.C., Snider was a three-sport standout at Forbush High School, earning letters in football, wrestling and track, earning All-Conference accolades in football and wrestling. As a senior, he was named the Most Valuable Player on the football and wrestling teams and earned the school's Male Athlete of the Year honor in 1987.

Snider and his wife Rebecca live in Conway with their daughter McKenna (7-18-01) and are expecting their second child in December.



COORDINATOR CURTIS WALKER



Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers Catawba, '92 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina

Curtis Walker is in his fourth year as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for Coastal Carolina's football program.

In 2004, the Coastal defense, under Walker's guidance, helped the Chanticleers win their first Big South Conference title in just the program's

second season of play, including a 10-1 record and final top-25 rankings in three national polls. Walker's defense led the nation in pass efficiency defense and contributed to the top turnover margin in the country, setting a new Big South record at plus-22. The defense also ranked in the top 30 in the country in scoring defense (5th), total defense (21st) and pass defense (22nd). Individually, defensive back Quinton Teal ranked 12th in the country at 0.55 interceptions per game. Walker was honored by the All-American Football Foundation with the Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coaches Award, along with offensive coordinator Jamie Snider.

In the Big South, CCU's defense set new league records in 14 categories and tied the record in another. Among the more significant records set were scoring defense (176), scoring defense average (16.0), total defense per game (313.6 ypg), rushing defense (1,541 yards), fewest rushing touchdowns allowed (9), lowest completion percentage allowed (44.3 percent) and pass efficiency defense (86.8).

Walker has served on David Bennett's coaching staff for the past nine years, spending seven years on the staff at Catawba College. He was the linebackers coach from 1995-2000 and was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2001, where he served for his final season. As defensive coordinator, the Indians ranked first in the nation in scoring defense, 11th in rushing defense and 22nd in total defense. During his tenure at Catawba, the program made the NCAA Division II playoffs three straight seasons, including a 2001 semifinal berth. Prior to his time at Catawba, Walker got his coaching start at Salisbury High School as the linebackers coach.



The 34-year-old (4-12-70) native of Burlington, N.C. was a four-year starter and letterwinner at Catawba College. A 2004 inductee into Catawba's Sports Hall of Fame, Walker earned All-American honors his final three seasons, including first-team accolades as a senior in 1992 and three-times on the All-South Atlantic Conference First Team. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 1991 and served as team captain his senior season. He earned his bachelor's degree in December 1992, majoring in sociology.

Walker was a two-time All-Conference selection at Graham High School, earning Mid-State Defensive Player of the Year honors in 1987. A 1988 graduate of the school, he held the school's record for career tackles for 14 years.

Walker, his wife, Sheka and son Jalon (2-24-04) reside in Conway.



ASSISTANT COACHES



ANTOINE RIVENS

Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line

South Carolina, '92 -- Third Year at Coastal Carolina

Antoine Rivens is in his second season as assistant head coach and will also handle the defensive line.

The 35-year-old Rivens (4-7-70) arrived at Coastal from

North Carolina Central University, where he was the assistant head coach offensive line coach for the past four seasons. Prior to that, he was the offensive line and special teams coach at Livingstone College, helping the Blue Bears to the 1997 and 1998 CIAA Conference titles. During his five seasons at Livingstone, he had at least one all-conference lineman each season.

A three-year starter and letterwinner at South Carolina on the offensive line, he was selected Freshman Player of the Year in 1989 and as a team captain for his senior season. Rivens graduated in 1992 with a degree in

criminal justice.

Following his collegiate career, Rivens played professionally with the former Charlotte Rage of the Arena Football League (1994) and the Shreveport Pirates in the Canadian Football League (1995).

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Rivens attended West Charlotte High School, earning letters in football, basketball and track. He graduated in 1988 and was honored as the school's Athlete of the Year as a senior.

Rivens lives in Conway with his wife



DREW WATSON

Recruiting Coordinator/Safeties

Newberry, '89 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina

Drew Watson is in his fourth year on the football staff at Coastal Carolina University, coaching the safeties. He also serves as the football program's

recruiting coordinator.

The 38-year-old Watson (8-29-66) previously was on the coaching staff at Wofford College for 12 seasons. For six seasons, he served as the running backs coach and was the offensive line coach for six seasons. During his tenure at Wofford, the team led the nation in rushing offense and made the NCAA Division-II Playoffs two separate occasions. Prior to that, he served as the secondary coach at Newberry College for the 1989 and 1990 seasons.

A 1989 graduate of Newberry College with a bachelor's in business administration, Watson was a four-year letterwinner and three year starter at cornerback for the Indians. He earned Second

Team NAIA All-American honors and First Team All-South Atlantic Conference honors as a senior, as well as the team's Most Valuable Player award. As a junior, he was also named Honorable Mention All-American. He attended T.L. Hanna High School, where he played football and ran track prior to graduating in 1984.

A native of Anderson, South Carolina, Watson resides in Conway with his wife Melanie and his son Cole (4-29-94) and daughters Cate (12-10-00) and Anna (1-29-04).



ASSISTANT COACHES



KEVIN BROWN

**Passing Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Catawba, '98 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina**

Kevin Brown is in his fourth season on the coaching staff at Coastal Carolina University, working as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator.

The 30-year-old Brown (3-3-75) is well known to CCU Head Coach

David Bennett, as he was both a player and a coach for Bennett at Catawba from 1993-2001. As an assistant coach at Catawba for four seasons, he helped lead the program from a 6-4 record his first season to three NCAA Division II Playoff appearances, including a 12-2 record in 2001 and a berth in the NCAA semifinals.

As a player, Brown was the 1996 South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year after leading Catawba to a 9-2 record and the No. 4 ranking in NCAA Division II. A four-year starter at quarterback, Brown is the program's leader in touchdown passes for a single season with 18 and a career with 53. He also ranks second all-time with 4,807 passing yards and earned his bachelors in physical

education in 1998.

As a three-sport letterwinner at Berkeley High School, Brown was named All-Conference and the team's Most Valuable Player in football. He also earned All-Conference honors in baseball and lettered in basketball.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, Brown is single and lives



HUNTER SPIVEY

**Wide Receivers
Newberry, '97 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina**

A local coach come home, Hunter Spivey is in his fourth season on the coaching staff at Coastal Carolina, coaching the wide receivers.

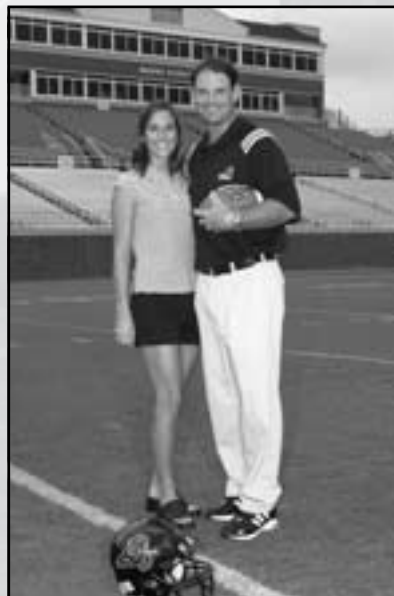
Spivey arrived at Coastal Carolina after spending the last four years coaching at Newberry College. He remained at the school on the coaching staff after starting for three years for the Indians.

The 31-year-old Spivey (7-21-74) earned four letters at Newberry, earning the team's Most Valuable Player honors as a senior, as well as being rated one of the top 20 quarterbacks in Division II. He left the Indians ranked third all-time in passing yardage, while earning his bachelor's in physical education in 1997.

Spivey was a standout at Conway High School in three sports, earning letters in football baseball and basketball. He was named "Toast of the Coast", as well as an All-Area and All-Region First Team quarterback. He was the team's Most Valuable Player as a senior and holds numerous quarterback records at Conway.

Spivey was married in the summer of 2004 to the former Amy

Zion, and the couple resides in Conway.



ASSISTANT COACHES



KEITH JAMES

**Running Backs/Academic Coordinator
Winston-Salem State, '89 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina**

Keith James is in his fourth season on the football staff at Coastal Carolina University, serving as the running backs coach.

James arrived at CCU from Winston-Salem State University, where he coached for the last six years. During his time at Winston-Salem State, the program won two consecutive CIAA Championships in 1999 and 2000 and were victorious in the 2000 Pioneer Bowl. During his time at WSSU, he also was the softball coach, leading the Lady Rams to a 49-18 record in two seasons. His softball team was also awarded the school's Director's Cup for the team with the highest grade point average for the third consecutive year. Prior to his time at WSSU, he spent two years at Mount Tabor High School, where his team improved five games during his tenure.

The 39-year-old James (5-22-66) graduated from Winston-Salem State in 1989 with a bachelors in mass communication. As a quarterback, James led his team to the 1988 CIAA Championship

game, where he was named the game's Most Valuable Player. He then attended North Carolina A&T, earning a master's in adult education in 1998.

A three-sport letterwinner at Dudley Senior High School, James was the Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Offensive Player on the football squad. James also played basketball and ran track, graduating in 1984.

Born in Greensboro,



MIKE CASTELLANO

**Cornerbacks
Catawba, '97 -- Third Year at Coastal Carolina**

Mike Castellano is starting his third year on the football coaching staff at Coastal Carolina University, working with the secondary.

The 30-year-old Castellano (1-2-75) spent the last four years as a high school defensive coordinator, the last two seasons at Millbrook High School and the 1999-01 seasons at North Wilkes. During his two seasons at Millbrook, he also worked with the special teams, as he helped lead the team to a pair of state playoff appearances.

Castellano spent one year with Delta State University as a graduate assistant, working with the tight ends and offensive line in the fall of 1998, helping the squad to their first-ever conference championship and the national

playoffs. In the spring, he shifted to working with the wide receivers and quarterbacks.

Castellano is very familiar with CCU head coach David Bennett, working for three seasons as a student assistant coach at Catawba. A 1997 graduate of the school, he received his bachelor's in history in December 1997. He also earned his master's of education in 2000 from Delta State.

Born in Somerset, New Jersey, Castellano was a three-sport standout at Delaware Valley High School, playing football, baseball and basketball during his career.

Castellano is single and resides in Conway.



ASSISTANT COACHES



LANDON MARIANI **Offensive Graduate Assistant Coach** **North Carolina, '04 -- First Year at Coastal Carolina**

Landon Mariani is in his first year as an offensive graduate assistant coach at Coastal Carolina University, working with the tight ends.

The 22-year-old Mariani (8-11-82) spent the last season as the offensive video coordinator for the University of North Carolina football squad. A 2004 graduate of North Carolina, Mariani was a quarterback on the Tar Heels' team for four seasons, having earned a place in walk-on tryouts prior to the 2000 season. Mariani was the signal caller for the Tar Heels the final three seasons, earning a scholarship as a senior.

Mariani was a standout at Freedom High School in Morganton, N.C., earning First Team All-Conference honors his senior year after leading the team to an 11-0 regular season record. As a senior, Mariani passed for over 1,500 yards and 18 touchdowns, while gaining more than 300 yards and scoring seven touchdowns on the ground. He completed his career with a 21-3 record as starting quarterback for Freedom. In addition, Mariani was a three-sport athlete, playing baseball for four years and basketball for two during his high school career. In his final season, Mariani earned a 6-2 mark as a pitcher with two saves and a 2.80 earned run average.



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GRANT CAIN **Defensive Graduate Assistant Coach** **Catawba, '03 -- First Year at Coastal Carolina**

Grant Cain starts his first year as the defensive graduate assistant coach at Coastal Carolina University.

Cain has spent the past season as a defensive assistant with the Colorado Crush of the Arena Football League. Cain helped the Crush win its first AFL title in just its third season of play with a victory over the Georgia Force in Arena Bowl XIX in Las Vegas.

Prior to that Cain spent the previous two years at Catawba, working under Head Coach Chip Hester. While at Catawba, Cain worked with the cornerbacks, outside linebackers and special teams. He also assisted with the strength and conditioning and Academic Success programs.

Cain is very familiar with the style of Coastal football, having played for current CCU Head Coach David Bennett and Defensive Coordinator Curtis Walker. While he was a student-athlete at Catawba, Cain lettered as a defensive back and served as team captain his senior season. He also helped the Indians to four national playoff appearances, including a berth in the national semifinals. Cain earned his bachelor's degree in business administration in 2003.

Cain played his high school football at Harrison High School in Kennesaw, Ga. At Harrison, he was an All-County performer and helped the Hoyas to three state playoff berths and a regional title.

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VIKTOR BOYD **Football Strength and Conditioning Coach** **Catawba, '00 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina**

Viktor Boyd is finishing his fourth season as the football strength and conditioning coach at Coastal Carolina University.

The 27-year-old Boyd (3-3-78) previously served as the assistant strength coordinator at Catawba College in 2000, helping develop a team that went 14-1 and advanced to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals. Following that, he served as a graduate assistant at Clemson for the 2001-02 school year, working primarily with the women's soccer and men's tennis team and assisting with several other teams, including the football and track teams.

A 2000 graduate of Catawba College with a degree in recreation, Boyd lettered in football for current CCU Head Coach David Bennett. Prior to that, Boyd attended Southern Wayne Senior High School, lettering in football, swimming and track. Graduating in 1996, he was named Lineman of the Year as a senior and held the school record in the shot put and discus.

Born in Okinawa, Japan, Boyd was married this past summer to wife Terah.



WILSON BEAVER **Football Equipment Coordinator** **Catawba, '02 -- Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina**

Wilson Beaver is in his fourth season as the football equipment coordinator at Coastal Carolina University.

The 25-year-old (11-22-79) has 13 years of experience as an equipment manager. Prior to Coastal Carolina, he worked for four years at Catawba College, serving as a student equipment manager for David Bennett's football team. During his time, the Indians won two conference titles and made three appearances in the NCAA Division II Playoffs. He was also honored with South Atlantic Conference Student Service Awards for the 2000 and 2001 seasons.

He graduated from Catawba in 2002 with a bachelor's in physical education.

A native of Albemarle, North Carolina, Beaver also spent four years as a student equipment manager and athletic trainer at Albemarle High School. A 1998 graduate, he was given the Athletic Service Award for his work, as well as having an award named for him.

Certified by the Athletic Equipment Manager's Association and currently serving as the District III Internet Chairperson, Beaver resides in Myrtle Beach.



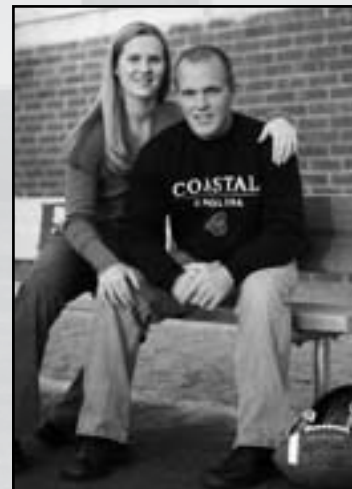
JILL KINGSTON **Football Administrative Assistant** **Campbell, '01**

Jill Kingston is in her fourth year as the football administrative assistant.

The 26-year-old Kingston (12-20-78) was a four-year letterwinner at Campbell in basketball from 1997-2001, leading the Camels to the 2000 TAAC title and the NCAA Tournament.

A graduate of South Rowan High School, she was a three-sport standout in basketball, softball and tennis. She was a four-time All-Conference and three-time All-County honoree in basketball.

Kingston was married this past summer to husband Eric and they reside in Myrtle Beach.



SUPPORT STAFF



JOSH CHESSON
Football Video Coordinator
Lander, '97 -- Second Year at Coastal Carolina

Josh Chesson is in his second year as the football video coordinator at Coastal Carolina University. He is responsible for producing all video for CCU's football program, both for the coaching staff and opponents. Chesson worked with the football team during the 2003 season on the video staff.

Chesson has been a part of the video production staff at Coastal Carolina since 1997, serving as the Assistant Production Manager. He is responsible for various video productions across campus and for use

on television.

A 1997 graduate of Lander University with a bachelor's in mass communications, Chesson has



LYNN MENTZER
Football Office Assistant
Coastal Carolina, '05 -- First Year at Coastal Carolina

Lynn Mentzer is in her first year in the administration of the football program at Coastal Carolina University. She will be assisting in office operations, as well as in the equipment room.

Mentzer is familiar with the football program, having been a student manager for the past three seasons, working with equipment manager Wilson Beaver. There she helped with the Chanticleers since the first season of practice through the Chanticleers' Big South Conference Championship in 2004, including traveling on the road with the team.

Mentzer is a 2005 graduate of Coastal with a bachelor's degree in business management. She is a native of Kenton, Ohio, where she graduated from Kenton High School in 2000. She is single and resides in Myrtle Beach.



VAN HOLDER
Student Assistant Coach
Fourth Year at Coastal Carolina

Van Holder is in his fourth season as a student assistant football coach at Coastal Carolina University.

Holder graduated from York Comprehensive High School in York,



CODY LEWIS
Student Assistant Coach
Second Year at Coastal Carolina

Cody Lewis is in his second season as a student assistant with the Coastal Carolina University football team.

A 2003 graduate of Dutch Fork High School, Lewis is majoring in mathematics at Coastal Carolina.