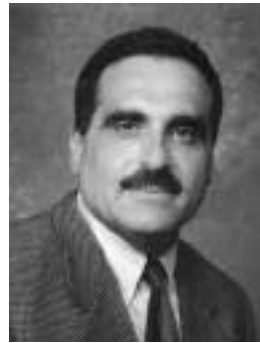


# The Coaching Staff



## HEAD COACH FRANK TAVANI



On Dec. 11, 1999, just moments after being named the 27th head football coach at Lafayette College, Frank

Tavani vowed to return the program back to a championship level.

Mission accomplished.

Tavani, the 2004 Patriot League Coach of the Year, used a punishing ground game and resilient attitude among his players to guide Lafayette, picked fifth in the Patriot League pre-season poll last fall, to its first league championship since 1994. The Leopards finished with their first national ranking since 1997 and first post-season appearance in school history. Tavani signed a contract extension following the season that will keep him patrolling the Leopard sidelines through the 2010 season.

season in 2001 with a 7-5 overall record and 5-2 mark in the Patriot League the following year. Although the Leopards finished 5-6 in 2003, they still proved 2002 was no fluke. Four of those losses were by seven points or less, including two against Top 25 opponents.

The 2004 season culminated with an appearance in the NCAA playoffs at defending national champion Delaware, but the road to get there was far from easy. Tavani and the Leopards overcame adversity at nearly every turn. Tavani gave his squad a singular message with the motto "One goal at a time" throughout the season, and the resiliency to excel in game-ending situations at Richmond (21-16 win) and Bucknell (14-13 victory) was a trademark of the Patriot League championship season in which seven of the 11 games were played on the road.

Lafayette and Lehigh entered the 140th meeting of the nation's most-played college football rivalry with the Patriot League Championship on the line. The Leopards scored 17 points in the third quarter behind the running and throwing of game MVP **Brad Maurer**. By the time **Joe McCourt '05** crossed the goal line for the final touchdown to salt away the 24-10 win, Lafayette had wrapped up the Patriot League's automatic berth into the NCAA playoffs.

The next challenge for Tavani is to continue the momentum of the seemingly improbable championship run as his Leopards are now the hunted instead of the hunter. The "Pride, Purpose, Passion" slogan that served the team so well in 2004 has been modified with a bulls-eye in the center to symbolize the change in roles. The senior class, with captains **Maurice Bennett** and **David Nelson**, has adopted a concept of "Team... Together" as continued motivation for the Lafayette football family.

Tavani's Leopards are also getting the job done in the classroom. Three times in the past four years, Lafayette has led the Patriot League in CoSIDA



The master motivator has changed the expectations of a program that was at the bottom of the Patriot League when he took control.

Tavani guided the Leopards to the second-best turnaround in NCAA Division I-AA during the 2002 season. Lafayette improved upon a 2-8



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District II Academic All-Americans. Two Leopards earned the honor in 2004, raising the program's total to 35 Academic All-Americans in the past nine seasons and 20 in five seasons under Tavani.

A staple of Tavani-led football programs has been an explosive offense. Joe McCourt finished his career in 2004 as the all-time school and Patriot League-leader with 50 rushing touchdowns and is second in Lafayette annals with 4,474 yards on the ground. **Marko Glavic** and **John Weyrauch** concluded their careers in 2003 after rewriting the Lafayette record book. Glavic owns nearly every school passing record as well as Patriot League records for passing yards (9,819) and total offense (10,064 yards) while Weyrauch is Lafayette's all-time leader in both receptions (162) and receiving yards (2,406).

The Leopard defense has also been solidified. Ten of the 11 starters return from a unit that finished second in the league in scoring defense at 19.1 points per game. Linebacker **Maurice Bennett** enters his senior season after posting more than 100 tackles for the second straight year, and the defensive line and backfield both return intact.

No stranger to College Hill, Tavani had been a top member of the College's football coaching staff for 13 seasons before being named head coach. During that time, he primarily mentored the offense, but had been an integral component of all aspects of the Leopards' gridiron program.

Lafayette's associate head football coach from 1994-99, Tavani has been the top recruiter for the Leopards since arriving in 1987, concentrating on the Lehigh Valley, Philadelphia, and South Central Pennsylvania. Under his direction, Lafayette established itself as the premier program for Lehigh Valley recruits.

A well-respected coach on the national level, Tavani guided Lafayette offensive units to league team rushing titles four times while twice coaching the highest scoring offense in the Patriot League. Tavani recruited and coached Lafayette's four all-time leading rushers—Tom

**Costello '92, Erik Marsh '95, Leonard Moore '99 and McCourt.** Costello recorded a pair of 1,000-yard rushing seasons, while Marsh, the all-time leading rusher in Lafayette and Patriot League history, had three 1,000-yard seasons. McCourt was Lafayette's leading rusher in each of his four years, and reached the 1,000-yard barrier for a third consecutive season in 2004. All told, Tavani has coached a 1,000-yard rusher in nine different seasons.

Most importantly, Tavani has been a part of four Patriot League Championships, helping guide the Leopards to the league crown in 1988, 1992, 1994 and 2004.

In 1986, Tavani served as the defensive coordinator at Lebanon Valley College, his alma mater. During that time, he was also Lebanon Valley's director of alumni services and parents' programs, activating 15 alumni chapters. From 1976-85, Tavani was the offensive coordinator at Franklin and Marshall College, helping guide the Diplomats to a 10-year record of 67-23-1.

As an undergraduate at Lebanon Valley, Tavani was an outstanding running back, earning the team's Most Valuable Player honors twice in his career. As a senior, he became the school's first player to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a single season. An *Associated Press* All-American as a senior, he was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in the fall of 1988.

Tavani earned a bachelor of arts degree in Psychology from Lebanon Valley in 1975, and has completed postgraduate work in Counselor Education.

Tavani and his wife, Agnes, reside on College Hill with their dog Rocky, and are the parents of four children. Liam is a 2003 graduate of Lafayette, Meghan is a senior on College Hill, Daniel is a sophomore and a member of the football team at Wofford College, and Bridget attends high school at Notre Dame Green Pond.

### PERSONAL FILE

#### EDUCATION

- Lebanon Valley College, BA Psychology, 1975

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lafayette College, Head Coach, December 1999-present
- Lafayette College, Associate Head Coach, April 1987-99
- Lebanon Valley College, Assistant Coach, April 1986-April 1987
- Franklin & Marshall College, Assistant Coach, February 1976-March 1986

#### HONORS

- 2004 Patriot League Coach of the Year
- Lebanon Catholic High School Hall of Fame, inducted March 2004
- Lebanon Valley College Hall of Fame, inducted October 1988
- First player in Lebanon Valley College history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season (1975), earning Associated Press All-American honors
- Signed as a free agent with the Philadelphia Eagles of the NFL, 1976

#### PERSONAL

- Born July 31, 1953
- Married with four children





**BOB HEFFNER**  
*Associate Head Coach/  
Offensive Line*

Bob Heffner, who previously served as an assistant football coach with Lafayette teams that captured the 1988 and 1994 Patriot League championships, is in his fifth year back on College Hill after serving as an assistant coach at the University of Maryland. He spent four seasons in College Park, including two as the Terrapins' offensive coordinator. Following one season as Lafayette's assistant head



coach, Heffner was promoted to associate head coach during the summer of 2002.

In the four seasons since his return to Lafayette, Heffner has mentored offensive lines that have served as fronts for one of the most prolific offenses in the Patriot League. The Leopards were second in both scoring (27.0 points) and rushing (212.8 yards) offense last season. In 2003, the front five paved the way for the offense to roll up 404.9 yards per game, tops in the

Patriot League. Heffner guided an offensive line in 2002 that finished second in the Patriot League in both passing offense and sacks allowed. Heffner's offensive line also garnered league recognition in 2001, leading the league in sacks allowed with 11, five better than any other league member.

Heffner has mentored five All-Patriot League linemen. Right guard **Stephen Bono** and right tackle **Joe Ungrady** both garnered All-League honors for their play during the 2004 Patriot League championship season. **Drew Buettner** was a second-team Patriot League honoree last season, and returns for his senior year in 2005. Left tackle **Kevin Moss** was named to the first team in 2002 and 2003 and center **Chris Royle** earned first team accolades in 2001 and 2002.

In Heffner's first season directing Maryland's offensive unit, the Terrapins ranked first in the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) and 12th nationally in rushing yards per game (234.1), and tailback LaMont Jordan earned second-team All-America honors after finishing fifth in the country in rushing. Heffner joined the Maryland staff in 1997 after serving as offensive line coach at Northern Illinois in 1996. Heffner coached at Lafayette for a total of five seasons on two separate occasions prior to Northern Illinois. He was Lafayette's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach from 1993-95 and offensive line coach in 1988-89.

Between his coaching stops at Lafayette, Heffner spent four years in the professional ranks. He served as the director of player personnel and offensive coordinator

for the Arena League champion Tampa Bay Storm in 1993 and as offensive line and running backs coach for the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League. During his time with British Columbia, the Lions' Doug Flutie was voted the CFL's Most Valuable Player after setting the league record for passing yards in a season, and Jim Mills was named the league's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman in 1990 and 1991.

Heffner began his collegiate coaching career with Illinois State as the interior defensive line coach in 1981 before taking over as offensive line coach during a seven-year stay with the Redbirds. Under his guidance, Illinois State had two offensive linemen earn All-American recognition and eight claim first-team all-conference honors.

A 1979 graduate of Temple with a bachelor of science degree in education, Heffner earned three letters as an offensive guard and played on Owl teams that made Mirage Bowl appearances in 1977 and 1978. He then served as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater in 1979. One year later, he served as an assistant football coach and teacher at North Hunterdon (N.J.) High School.

Heffner, and his wife, Nancy, a native of Warren Glen, N.J., have three daughters, Katie, Molly and Shelby.





## The Coaches



**MIKE FARAGALLI**  
*Offensive Coordinator/  
Quarterbacks*

Mike Faragalli is in his sixth season at Lafayette as the Leopards' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He had served as the offensive coordinator at Bowling Green State University eight of the previous nine seasons before coming to College Hill.

It did not take Faragalli long to make an impact with the Leopards, as he helped implement a passing attack that ranked either first or second in the Patriot League in each of his first four seasons as offensive coordinator. Three of his student-athletes have earned major Patriot League postseason awards, as tailback **Joe McCourt** closed his career as Offensive Player of the Year in 2004 after being named Rookie of the Year in 2001. **Phil Yarberough** was named the 2000 Offensive Player of the Year and quarterback **Marko Glavic** earned 2000 Rookie of the Year honors.

Glavic and Lafayette's all-time leading receiver **John Weyrauch**, along with McCourt, flourished in Faragalli's system, rewriting the record books over their four-year careers. Glavic, who owns nearly every school passing record, finished his career as both the Patriot League and Lafayette's all-time leader in total offense and passing yards, while Weyrauch set new standards for receptions in a game and career and receiving yards in a career. McCourt finished as the school and Patriot League record holder with 50 rushing touchdowns, was second with 4,474 rushing yards, and fourth with 139 catches. In 2003, the Leopard offense averaged 28.6 points per game, the highest-scoring season since 1992 when the Leopards averaged 34.7 ppg.

Faragalli sandwiched two four-year stints as the offensive coordinator at Bowling Green around one season as the head coach of the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts in 1995. In fact, Faragalli has a

wealth of CFL experience, serving as the offensive coordinator with three different clubs from 1985-90.

Faragalli guided an explosive offensive attack at Bowling Green. The Falcons led the Mid-American Conference in scoring offense in four of his eight seasons and never ranked lower than third in total offense. He played a significant role in the development of Bowling Green quarterbacks Erik White, the conference MVP in 1991 and 1992, and Ryan Henry, fourth on the MAC list with 46 career touchdown passes.

Under Faragalli's guidance, Bowling Green ranked 13th in the nation in rushing offense and led the MAC in scoring offense in the 1998 season. He helped lead the Falcons to two bowl championships—the California Raisin Bowl in 1991 and the Las Vegas Bowl in 1992. Both seasons, Bowling Green captured the Mid-American Conference Championship.

Prior to his tenure at Bowling Green, Faragalli spent three seasons as the offensive coordinator at Edmonton in the CFL under his father, Joe. Edmonton advanced to the Western Conference title game in each of Faragalli's three seasons. He also played a role in the development of quarterback Tracy Ham, the CFL Most Valuable Player in 1989, helping lead the Eskimos to the Grey Cup.

The Philadelphia, Pa. native also served as the offensive coordinator for one season in Montreal and two in Hamilton. While with Hamilton, he helped lead the Tiger-Cats to the Eastern Conference Championship and an appearance in the Grey Cup game each season.

He began his coaching career at the University of Rhode Island in 1979 and later coached at University of Wisconsin—Madison and the College of William and Mary. He coached the receivers during each of those three stints.



A 1980 graduate of Rhode Island with a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education, Faragalli played defensive back for the Rams' football team.

Faragalli and his wife, Kathy, reside in Nazareth, Pa., with their four children, Joseph, Phillip, Theresa, and Laura.



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**JOHN LOOSE**  
*Defensive Coordinator/  
Defensive Backs*

John Loose is in his sixth season as defensive coordinator at

Lafayette, and also coaches the defensive backs. Loose had previously served as the linebackers coach at Army for eight seasons.

Loose has implemented a solid defense that defends equally well against both ground and air attacks. The Leopards' defense rose to the challenge in the 2004 Patriot League championship season, holding league opponents to 15.2 points and 103.7 rushing yards per game to lead the circuit in both categories. Loose's charges allowed just 14 scoring opportunities inside the 20-yard line and five red zone touchdowns in six games. The 2003 unit established itself among the hardest-hitting in the Patriot League, forcing 15 fumbles, second-most in the league. **Wes Erbe** forced five himself, tied for the second-most nationally.

Loose's 2002 defense registered 20 shutout quarters, doubling its total of 10 from 2001. The unit also pitched four second-half shutouts, including shutting down Lehigh's second-rated scoring offense in the Patriot League for the final two quarters. Overall, the Leopards turned in the fifth-best

defensive effort in the league, allowing 111 points in seven conference games—108 less points than they allowed in 2001.

After arriving at West Point in 1992, Loose spent two seasons assisting with Army's defensive secondary and linebacker positions. During the 1994 and 1995 campaigns, he served as head junior varsity coach while also mentoring the varsity outside linebackers. With his guidance, Army ranked sixth in the nation in rushing defense during a 10-2 season in 1996.

Before signing on with Bob Sutton's staff at Army, Loose spent three seasons at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy as an assistant, serving as both defensive coordinator and defensive secondary coach under head coach Tom Bell.

Following a stellar prep football career at Watkins Glen High School, Loose opted to concentrate on his track abilities and forged a standout collegiate career at Ithaca College. A five-time NCAA qualifier and All-America choice, Loose specialized in the high jump and remains the school record-holder with a leap of 6-10 1/4. He earned four letters each indoors and outdoors prior to graduating in 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in Physical Education, while minoring in Psychology.

In addition to his busy athletic slate at Ithaca, Loose found time to assist with several local high school squads, serving on the staff at Corning West High School in 1986 after two years at his alma mater, Watkins Glen High. He began his coaching career at Albany in 1987, coaching the Great Danes' defensive backs for two seasons before departing for the Coast Guard Academy in 1989. While at Albany, Loose earned his master of science degree in curriculum planning and development.

Loose and his wife, Marianne, are the proud parents of two daughters—Lauren and Grace.





## The Coaches



**MATT HACHMANN**  
*Special Teams/  
Linebackers*

Matt Hachmann is in his sixth season as an assistant coach with the Lafayette football program. After coaching the Leopards' running backs his first season, he will mentor the linebackers for the fifth consecutive year. Hachmann was also named the special teams coordinator prior to the 2003 season and oversees all facets of the Leopards' specialty units.

Seniors **Maurice Bennett** (first-team) and **Blake Costanzo** (second-team) received Patriot League recognition last season after recording 119 and 93 tackles, respectively. The starting unit of Bennett (108 tackles), two-time co-captain **Wes Erbe** (104) and Costanzo (94) accounted for 306 tackles in 2003, by far the most for any position group in the Patriot League. They ranked second, fourth and seventh, respectively, in the league in total tackles.

Under Hachmann's tutelage in 2002, middle linebacker **Chris Partridge** finished fourth in the Patriot League with 106 tackles. He became the first Leopard since 1998 to register more than 100 tackles in a season.

Hachmann has served on the football staff at four different NCAA Division I-A programs, most recently

as the offensive assistant and director of football operations at the University of Maryland.

While at Maryland, Hachmann was involved with all game plan sessions and offensive strategy meetings. He was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the football office and directed the in-house operations in regards to recruiting. A 1993 graduate of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. with a bachelor of arts degree in marketing management, Hachmann was a three-year letterwinner for the football team that was a Division III quarterfinalist in 1990. He was also a two-year letterwinner for the baseball team, earning most improved player honors as a senior.

Prior to arriving at Maryland, Hachmann served as the assistant offensive line coach at the University of Oklahoma for the 1997 and 1998 seasons. He spent the 1995 and 1996 seasons at Northern Illinois University, also serving as the assistant offensive line coach.

While associated with both Oklahoma and Northern Illinois, he pursued a master of science degree in sports management. Following graduation from St. Thomas, Hachmann served as the recruiting assistant at Northwestern University for the 1994 season.

Born in Queens, N.Y., and raised in Chicago, Hachmann and his wife, Kimberly, are the proud parents of two children—Rien and Jake.



**Linebacker and co-captain Maurice Bennett '06 has made 227 tackles in the last two seasons and is looking for his third straight year with more than 100 stops.**





**Assistant coach John Troxell '94 was the starting free safety on Lafayette's 1992 Patriot League championship team and received the program's Unsung Hero Award as a senior.**



**JOHN TROXELL '94**  
*Recruiting Coordinator/  
Running Backs*

John Troxell '94, the starting free safety on Lafayette's 1992 Patriot League championship

team, is in his fifth season as an assistant football coach at the College Hill. Prior to his arrival on College Hill, Troxell served as the offensive coordinator at Muhlenberg College, and as an assistant on the Columbia University staff for three seasons.

Troxell mentored **Joe McCourt** throughout his assault on the Lafayette record books. The 2004 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year and 2001 Rookie of the Year, McCourt concluded his career as Lafayette's and the Patriot League's all-time leader with 50 rushing touchdowns, and second on the school's all-time rushing list with 4,474 yards. McCourt led the Leopards in rushing in each of his four years and surpassed the 1,000-yard barrier for a third consecutive season.

Prior to the 2003 season, Troxell was named the Leopards' recruiting coordinator. Troxell landed 24 incoming freshmen for the 2005 season, including 10 who were all-state players.

Troxell worked as an assistant coach at Muhlenberg from 1997-2000. He served as offensive coordinator in 2000, when the Mules ranked 22nd in Division III and led the Centennial Conference in total offense (427.8 yards per game).

In his first three seasons at Muhlenberg, Troxell coordinated the Mules' special teams. Under his guidance, Muhlenberg led Division III in kickoff returns. Josh Carter, Lafayette's offensive assistant in 2004, was the *Football Gazette* specialist of the year under Troxell's tutelage. He also coached the quarterbacks and receivers all four seasons, including Muhlenberg's all-time leading passer and Carter, the program's first Centennial Conference player of the year.

Additionally, Troxell was an assistant coach for sprinters and jumpers with the Muhlenberg track and field program, during which time he coached the 1999 and 2000 Centennial Conference women's indoor and outdoor high jump champion.

Troxell joined the Muhlenberg staff after serving as an assistant coach for three seasons at Columbia University. He assisted with the Lions' defensive backs from 1994-96, helping them record the third-best pass defense in Division I-AA in 1996. The assistant recruiting coordinator his final two seasons at Columbia, he was elevated to running backs coach in the spring of 1997.

A 1994 Lafayette graduate with a bachelor of arts degree in Government and Law, Troxell was the starting free safety on the Leopards' 1992 Patriot League championship team and received the program's Unsung Hero Award as a senior. Troxell went on to earn a master of arts degree in Sociology and Education from Columbia in 1997.

Troxell, a native of Phillipsburg, N.J., and his wife, Pamela, reside in Forks Township with their daughters Summer and Capri.





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**Antoine Smith**  
*Defensive Line*

Antoine Smith enters his second season on the Lafayette football staff in 2005. In

his first year with the Leopards, Smith's defensive line helped lead the Patriot League in both scoring (15.2 points) and rushing (103.7 yards) defense in league games as Lafayette claimed its first championship in 10 seasons. Defensive ends **Marvin Snipes** and **Andrew Brown** set the tone with their fly-to-the-ball style and emerged as playmakers. They accounted for 8.5 sacks, 15.5 tackles for loss, and five forced fumbles between them. Brown scored two touchdowns, on a fumble recovery and an interception return.

Smith came to Lafayette from the University of Maine, where he spent the 2003 season as the defensive line

coach. He was a three-year starter at defensive tackle for Maine during his playing days and earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and kinesiology in 2001. Prior to returning to his alma mater, Smith spent the 2002 season as the defensive line coach and strength and conditioning enhancement coordinator at Minot State in North Dakota. He helped guide Minot State to the 2002 Dakota Athletic Conference championship and a berth in the NAIA playoffs.

Following his graduation from Maine, Smith spent one season as the defensive coordinator for Fowler High School in Syracuse, N.Y. He also served as the defensive coordinator at Orono High School in Orono, Maine while still completing undergraduate work in 2000.

Smith, a teaching assistant at Maine as an undergrad and a secondary education instructor in the Syracuse City School District, is pursuing a master's degree in education from Minot State.



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**DONNA HOLDEN**  
*Football Office Secretary*



**CHRIS JONES**  
*Offensive Assistant*

Chris Jones enters his second season as a member of the Lafayette coaching staff. He is serving as an offensive

assistant, working primarily with the offensive line and tight ends.

Jones arrived on College Hill with 10 years of high school coaching experience. He spent three seasons as the offensive and defensive line coach at Notre Dame Green Pond High School. His most recent stint at Notre Dame was his second; after serving as a student assistant at Bloomsburg in the spring of 1993, Jones coached the line on both sides of the ball at Notre Dame for the 1993 season. He was promoted to offensive coordinator for the 1995 and 1996 seasons.

Jones spent the 1997-2000 seasons at Saucon Valley High School, serving as the offensive and defensive line coach as well as the special teams coordinator.

Jones graduated from Bloomsburg in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. At Bloomsburg, Jones was a four-year letterman and four-year All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) First-Team selection as a center. As a senior, he was team captain and a Kodak Division II All-American.

sacks. He made 25 tackles in the first three games as a junior in 2000 before tearing his ACL, and qualified for a fifth-year medical redshirt. Partridge accounted for 178 tackles in his career at Lafayette.

An All-County and Parochial All-State player on the 1998 state championship team at Paramus Catholic (N.J.), Partridge returned to his alma mater for two years after graduating from Lafayette with a B.A. in Government and Law. He was the head junior varsity coach and worked with the varsity linebackers and offensive line in his first year. Last season, Partridge was promoted to defensive coordinator, and also coached the wide receivers for the Paladins.



**PHIL HALLAHAN**  
*Offensive Assistant*

Phil Hallahan joins the Lafayette coaching staff for the 2005 season. He will serve as an offensive assistant,

working primarily with Lafayette's receiving corps.

Hallahan comes to Lafayette having coached running backs at Amherst College for the past two seasons. While at Amherst, Hallahan mentored tailback Fletcher Ladd to ECAC Division III Northeast Player of the Year honors and the All-New England Division II/III Team.

A 2003 graduate of Syracuse University, Hallahan was the head football manager for the Orange football program as an undergraduate. He also spent one summer as an administrative intern for the Syracuse football program and spent time working for the program's video coordinator.

Partridge was a member of the faculty in the physical education department at Paramus Catholic, and also served as the Assistant Director of Operations and Assistant Director of Security, Facilities, Special Events and Alumni Relations under the Director of Athletics. Partridge has credit hours towards earning his Masters in Education, Leadership Policy and Management at Seton Hall University.



**CHRIS PARTRIDGE '02**  
*Defensive Assistant*

Chris Partridge '02 enters his first season on the Lafayette coaching staff as a defensive assistant, focusing primarily on the secondary.

Partridge was a key contributor at linebacker for three years for the Leopards. He was co-captain and recorded a team-leading 106 tackles in his final season in 2002, including 10 for a loss of yardage and four

