

# OUAZ

This packet gives you information on the OUAZ Baseball program, university, amazing facilities, coaching staff, program philosophy, academic offerings and campus. In addition, is the contact information for our coaches, key admissions personnel that will be involved in your process as well as support staff, like our strength coach, trainers, compliance officers as well as our financial aid team.

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## SURPRISE STADIUM

**Is the Home of the OUAZ Spirit Baseball Team!** We play and practice at the Surprise Recreation Campus and have access to professional baseball fields each day, batting cages as well as professional bullpen mounds for the continued development of all of the players in our program.

Surprise Stadium is the Spring Training home for the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals, and has been rated as the “best place to watch a Spring Training game.” (Best of Phoenix)



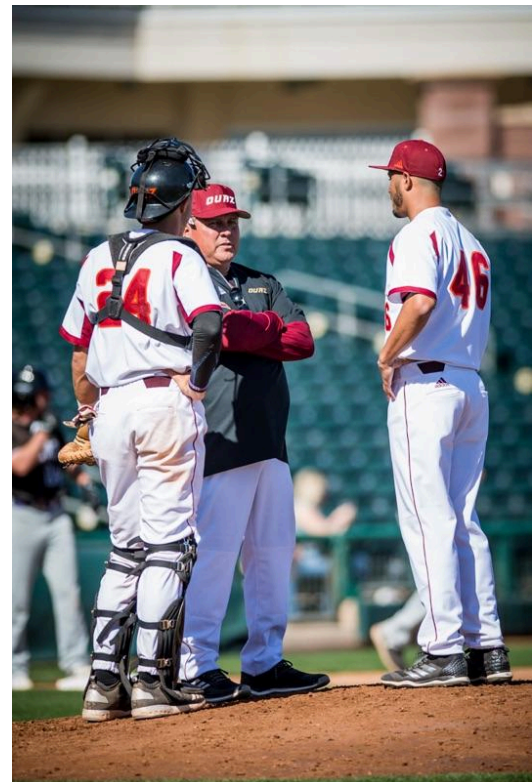


## OUAZ BASEBALL

# HEAD COACH TIM MONTEZ

Tim Montez was named the first coach in OUAZ baseball history in early 2017. In his first season, he led the Spirit to the NCCAA World Series in Easley, SC. and in 2021 the Spirit won the GSAC East Division and competed for the conference championship, losing a heartbreaker in the championship final, in that year Montez was named GSAC Coach of the Year. Now in his 7th year, Coach Montez is fully armed with a Developmental Program (Began in Fall 2019) to help add depth and competition to an already talented Varsity Program that is poised to compete in the GSAC Conference Tournament year after year. A graduate from St. Paul HS (Sante Fe Springs, CA - 1979), Coach Montez also played & graduated from Pepperdine University (Malibu, CA - 1984). Montez and his lovely wife Darleen reside in Surprise and together have 3 boys (David, Ryan and Adam) and a daughter (Amy) with 6 beautiful grandkids.

- 36 years of Coaching Experience. 25 of those years in Division I Baseball
- Previous Universities:
  - Jacksonville University
  - Fresno State University
  - University of Arkansas
  - Cal State Northridge
  - UC Santa Barbara
  - Pepperdine University
- 9 NCAA Regional Appearances
- 1 Super Regional Appearance
- 2018 NCCAA World Series Participant
- 2021 GSAC Conference Championship Finalist
- 2018, 2021 NCCAA West Region Coach of the Year
- 2021 GSAC Coach of the Year
- Coached and or Recruited 19 MLB Players with 5 First Round Draft Picks including:
  - Barry Zito (UCSB, USC, Giants)
  - Russ Ortiz (Montclair Prep / U. of Oklahoma / Giants)
  - Michael Young (UCSB / Rangers)
  - Matt Garza (Fresno St. / Twins)
  - Doug Fister (Fresno St. / Mariners)
  - Cliff Lee (University of Arkansas / Expos)
  - Eric Hinske (University of Arkansas / Blue Jays)
  - Daniel Murphy (Jacksonville University / Mets)
  - Alex McRae (Jacksonville University / Pirates)
  - Austin Hayes (Jacksonville University / Orioles)
  - and more





## **OUAZ BASEBALL**

# **ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH - Jeff Fallon**

Fallon enters his 5th season as an assistant coach, 4th as the Recruiting Coordinator and will begin his 2nd year as Associate Head Coach. Fallon is in charge of recruiting for all levels of the OUAZ baseball program while working on the field with the outfielders and hitters. During the 2021 season, two OUAZ outfielders under Fallon's tutelage were GSAC Gold Glove Award recipients. (Elijah Celaya and Jared Crockett.)

A Surprise (AZ) resident of 28 years, Coach Fallon has tremendous ties to the community, his wife, Natasha has been a teacher for more than 25 years in the Dysart School District and their three boys (Koty, Tanner and Hunter) attended local schools and participated in all city sports right here in Surprise. Each of Fallon's sons have had the opportunity to play college baseball, with Koty being selected in the MLB Amateur Baseball Draft by the San Diego Padres in 2019.

Coach Fallon began his college coaching career at the age of 23 when he was the youngest head coach in the country and has had the unique opportunity to coach and/or be involved in every level from elementary to professional baseball over his 34 year career in baseball. Not only with his own children, but has personally coached and guided players from tee ball to professional baseball. Motivating, teaching and developing players to succeed in the game (and life) has been a personal mission.

- Over 30 years of Coaching & Scouting Experience
- Professional Organizations (Associate Scout)
  - Baltimore Orioles
  - Philadelphia Phillies
  - Cincinnati Reds
  - Los Angeles Angels
- Coached 22 Major League Baseball Players including:
  - Aaron Altherr
  - Kyle Bradish
  - Brian Broderick
  - Kole Calhoun
  - Nick Evans
  - Kody Funderburk
  - Doug Mathis
  - Brad Mills
  - James Pazos
  - Eric Sogard
  - Donnie Veal
  - And more
- Founded Fallon Sports in 1996, helping students find the perfect college. Has personally assisted more than 1,000 students and their families through the recruiting process to all levels of college.



# OUAZ

## MISSION STATEMENT

On the field, there will be no other team that is as tough and determined to the absolute best as we, the Ottawa University Spirit, are.

We are a confident team, but we are also humble.

We will respect the game and anyone we come into contact with; on the field, in school, and in the community.

We will implement, to the best of our abilities, our core Christian values on a daily basis.

As the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to becoming better baseball players as well as respected young men in our community by simply doing our best.

We are individuals, but we are also a family that plays the game as a team. We are a team dedicated to representing our new traditions, representing family members and pursuing our future accomplishments with enthusiasm, passion, respect, and gratitude.



### “Good to the CORE”

#### BUILDING TEAM VALUE WITH VALUES:

RESPECT / FAMILY / FAITH

LOYALTY / COMMITMENT

DISCIPLINE / ACCOUNTABILITY

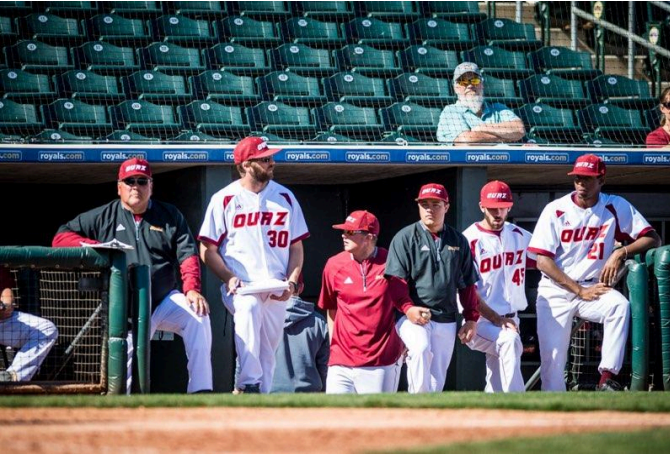
PASSION / AMBITION

INTEGRITY / LEADERSHIP

GENUINE CONCERN FOR OTHERS

- We will help prepare young men to the best of our ability in the development on the field but as well as life after baseball.
- On the baseball field, we will play the game hard and fast. We will play with a no-nonsense approach, and be fundamentally strong in the areas of pitching and defense.
- Offensively, we will be an action-oriented team, which takes advantage of our player's strengths and capitalizes on the opponent's mistakes.

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## **OUAZ BASEBALL**

# **BUILDING THE FOUNDATION**

### **Academic Development**

Academic Priorities must be firmly established early in a player's career and do not stop until a degree has been earned and that player has started his professional career

- Academic Support
  - Academic Counselors
  - Mandatory Class Attendance
  - Routine Grade Checks
  - Study Hall
  - Tutors
  - Life Skills
- Academic Goals
  - All Players Graduate
  - All Players receive proper direction to start careers

### **About Ottawa University:**

Founded in 1865, Ottawa University prepares professional and liberal arts graduates for lifetimes of personal significance, vocational fulfillment and service to God and humanity within a Christ-inspired community of grace and open inquiry. Ottawa University is a comprehensive, not-for-profit educational institution serving 3,000 students through its residential campuses in Ottawa, Kan., and Surprise, Ariz., and adult campuses in Overland Park, Kan.; Phoenix, Queen Creek, and Surprise, Ariz.; Brookfield, Wis.; Jeffersonville, Ind.; as well as online.

#### **Mission Statement**

Building on its foundation as a Christ-inspired community of grace and open inquiry, Ottawa University prepares professional and liberal arts graduates for lifetimes of personal significance, vocational fulfillment, and service to God and humanity.

#### **Vision Statement**

Ottawa University will elevate student learning and deliver exceptional outcomes for our graduates as we embrace innovation and foster a community of collaboration and belonging.



## Player Skill Development

Development is an ongoing process and is essential to the success of the player. This coaching staff is committed to each and every player in the program.

- Fall Program
  - Conditioning (Nutrition, Strength, Flexibility, Speed, and Agility)
  - Baseball Skill Self Development
  - Mental Conditioning
  - Team Concepts and Team Building
  - Individual Player meetings
- Season
  - Strength Training adjusting to season demands
  - Nutrition
  - Individual and Team Development
  - Academic Concerns
- After Season
  - Individual player meetings
  - Emphasis on Academics
  - Summer League
  - Overall physical development



## **OUAZ BASEBALL**

# **Additional Coaching Staff**

## **Artie Cox - Pitching Coordinator**

Cox is a native of Arizona graduating from Maryvale High School (1988), he and his wife Amy of 22 years reside in Glendale and have three kids, two sons (Brandon and Justin) and a daughter (Raleigh). Coach Cox has been coaching baseball for 27 years in Arizona with 8 years at Mountain Ridge High School where he was able to coach future professional players, Matt Liberatore (1st round/St. Louis Cardinals), Cameron Cannon (2nd round/Boston Red Sox), Matthew Dyer (4th round/New York Mets) and Alex Roth (21st Round/Pittsburgh Pirates) as well as more than 50 players who moved on to play at the college level. Coach Cox will lead all of the pitchers and catchers for the Spirit, both varsity and developmental.

## **Orlando Rodriquez - Infield Coordinator**

Rodriquez is originally from Las Cruces, NM where he played for New Mexico State University. In 2018, he became the head baseball coach at Willow Canyon High School in Surprise, Arizona where he led the Wildcats to their first two Regional Championships in school history; plus, playoff appearances in over a decade. Coach O has been married to his wonderful wife Elisha since 2015 and will work with the infielders and bring a lot of experience and energy to the baseball program.

- 17 years of coaching experience (2006-present)
- 5 years of Head Coaching Experience (2018-2022)
- 5 season of winning records (Overall Coaching Record 63-28)
- 3 playoff appearances
- 3 Time All Region Coach of the Year

## **Eric Jones Catching Coordinator**

Jones graduated from Stanwood High School (Stanwood, WA) in 1995 and attended Walla Walla Community and Orange Coast Community Colleges. Coach Jones and his wife, Beth have two daughters (Maci and Addelyn), who are a driving force of love and dedication behind his coaching career. "The opportunity of playing and coaching baseball has taught me so many lessons in life. Especially the importance of accountability and perseverance. Baseball gave me the privilege to travel the US and live for a time in Mexico. I love sharing my knowledge of the game, but more deeply, I'm energized by helping players to have confidence and success in life off the field.

- 2001 Western Baseball League, Tri-City Pose in Tri-Cities, WA
- 2002 Western Baseball League, Salano Steelheads in Vacaville, CA
- 2003 Frontier League, Cook County Cheetas in Chicago, IL
- 2003 Arizona Mexican League, Cananea Mineros in Cananea, Mexico
- 2003 Central League, Alexandria Aces in Alexandria, LA



## **OUAZ BASEBALL**

# **Graduate Assistant Coaches**

## ***Jesse Holguin* - Infielders/Hitting**

Holguin played Junior College at Reedley College from 2019-2021 where he obtained, Most Inspirational player award (2021), Second team All-Conference (2021), Gold Glove Award (2021). Following his JC years, Holguin transferred to Rogers State University (OK) where he earned, First Team All-Conference MIAA (2022), 2nd Team All-Central Region SS (2022), Honorable Mention SS (2023), Gold Glove SS MIAA (2023) and All-Central Region Gold Glove (2023). Holguin will work with middle infielders as well as assist with our hitters. This will be Coach Holguin's first year coaching with OUAZ.

## ***Jake Johnson* - Pitchers**

Also in his first year with OUAZ, Coach Johnson was born and raised in Chandler, AZ is a graduate of Perry High School (2016) and went on to play baseball at Paradise Valley CC in Phoenix, AZ. Upon completing his associates, he transferred to Doane University in Crete, NE where he was a first team all conference (GPAC) relief pitcher his senior year (2022) and left Doane as a three time GPAC champion with three NAIA opening round appearances. He will be working on his MBA while assisting the OUAZ Spirit pitchers.

## ***Griffin Hagen* - Developmental Head Coach**

Hagen begins his second season as a coach after spending three years as a player here at OUAZ. Coach Hagen works with the corner infielders as well as assisting with the hitters while also serving as the Head Coach for the Developmental Team. Originally from Lancaster, California, Hagen has relocated to Surprise to begin his coaching career while earning his Master's Degree. A 2016 graduate of Paraclete High School (CA), Hagen pitched and played third base and continued on at Antelope Valley Community College (CA) before transferring to OUAZ where he became a first baseman and a mainstay in the middle of the Spirit lineup for three years.



## **OUAZ BASEBALL**

# **Developmental Baseball Program**

### **Developmental Team Mission**

The mission of our developmental team is to provide opportunities for deserving student-athletes to continue on their path within their Faith, Family, Academics and Baseball. We strive to provide the best possible environment that is supportive of each player's goals and expectations while earning their degree at OUAZ. We will use the game of baseball as a tool to educate, promote and instill the qualities necessary to succeed in the game of life

### **Developmental Team Purpose**

The Purpose of the OUAZ Developmental team is to add depth to an already talented group of baseball players that make up the OUAZ Baseball Program. A key ingredient is to prepare these young men on the Developmental team to be able to step in on the varsity club when called upon.

All players in the OUAZ program (Developmental & Varsity) practice, attend meetings, condition and train together on a daily basis and have access to the entire coaching staff as well as the same facilities within the OUAZ Baseball program. Players on the Developmental team are students who love OUAZ first and foremost, who want to attend a four year university (instead of attending a junior college) and want to get involved in a baseball program that will afford them the opportunity to improve their skills, compete everyday and work their way into playing opportunities within the OUAZ Baseball Program.

Developmental players have every opportunity to earn a spot on the varsity team and that is our goal, to prepare these players to step in at any time and help the varsity team win. Having developmental players with the goal of earning their way to start on the varsity team is an ultimate goal as a program. During the fall season, the OUAZ Developmental Team will play 10-15 games that will prepare each player for our 25 game spring season. This will give the Developmental team nearly 40 baseball games throughout the year, providing numerous opportunities to continue to develop and work their way up the depth chart in the OUAZ Baseball Program. In addition, new in 2020, during the spring season and included in the 25 game schedule, the Developmental team will play in a 15-game league schedule with the opportunity to win an NAIA Arizona State Developmental Team Championship.



## **OUAZ BASEBALL - Developmental Team Coaching Staff**

### ***Gabriel Corniel* - Pitchers**

Corniel is from Carson, California and graduated from Narbonne HS (CA) in 2012 where he was a three year starter on the mound as well as in the outfield earning first team All City as well as First team All League honors. Corniel went on to pitch at Cal State Northridge as well as Cal State Stanislaus. Coach Corniel is currently earning his Masters Degree in Leadership and will be the Pitching Coach for the Developmental team.

### ***Rick Elmer* - Assistant Coach**

Elmer was born in Trenton, NJ and he and his wife Kelly of 28 years now reside in Surprise and have five children and eleven grandchildren. Coach Elmer has been coaching baseball for more than 30 years in Arizona at west valley high schools such as Dysart, Independence, Glendale Prep and Joy Christian as well as at Goldwater & Sierra Linda in Phoenix. Coach Elmer will work with all players on the developmental team

### ***Josh Simonis* - Assistant Coach**

Simonis begins his first year with OUAZ after serving 2 seasons as a Developmental Coach & Scout for the United Shore Professional Baseball League. He is the Owner of No Doubt Showcases who helps players learn from and be seen by college scouts. Before the USPBL, Simonis coached at Wayne State University (MI) for two seasons (2019-20), where he oversaw the infielders for the Warriors. Wayne State had its best defensive season ever in 2019, posting a .972 fielding percentage. The Warriors won 35 games in 2019, which is the second most all-time and finished the season ranked 25th in the nation.

### ***Justin Montroy* - Assistant Coach/Recruiting**

Montroy has been a regional director for No Doubt Showcases for the past 4 years and is a founding partner of a baseball organization in Michigan that has become one of the biggest baseball organizations in the state. Michigan's Premier Baseball has over 20 teams throughout the state and has had many players get recruited to play college baseball since its existence in 2014. Coach Montroy will assist with the Developmental team while also helping Coach Fallon with recruiting both in Arizona as well as nationally.

## ***Student Coaches***

### ***James Hamill* - Video & Analytics**

A graduate from Paradise Honors HS right here in Surprise, Coach Hamill pitched three seasons here at OUAZ but will graduate early and begin his career in coaching or analytic and statistics within the game of baseball.



## **OUAZ BASEBALL - Additional Staff**

### **William Thompson Athletic Admissions Advisor**

An Entrepreneur at heart, Will is originally from Texas where he had a long career in the hospitality industry. He previously was a managing partner for a bar and restaurant and operated large food service operations for universities in the southwest. William became part of the OUAZ family at the early stages of the OUAZ campus. William is a Senior Enrollment Advisor working with high school students from around the valley and throughout Arizona and now specializes in assisting student-athletes here at OUAZ through their admissions process. He holds a degree in Business Administration with a focus in Management.

### **Rob Hernandez Head Strength Coach - Baseball**

Hernandez is our Director of Strength and Conditioning, after being head weightlifting coach and graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach here at OUAZ. He is a certified strength and conditioning coach (SCCC) through the collegiate strength and conditioning coaches association (CSCCA), a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) through the national strength and conditioning association (NSCA), and a USA weightlifting sports performance specialist (USAW) through the USA Weightlifting Association (USAW). Before OUAZ, Hernandez was the head strength and conditioning coach at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. During his time at NSU, Hernandez worked with the baseball team having two postseason appearances as well as leading the NCAA DII in home runs.

### **Emily Wolfe, MS, LAT, ATC Athletic Trainer - Baseball**

Emily Wolfe, entering her second year at OUAZ provides medical coverage for the Women's Volleyball team as well as the Varsity and Developmental Baseball teams. Prior to OUAZ, Emily worked nearly 4 years at Keiser University in West Palm Beach, FL, providing coverage for the Women's Soccer team and Baseball team. During her first year at Keiser, the Women's soccer team won the NAIA National Soccer tournament with Baseball also making an appearance at the NAIA World Series. After obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in Health and Exercise Science from Missouri Western State University (2016), she went on to earn her Master's degree in Athletic Training from Indiana State University (2019). Emily has certifications in Basic Life Support CPR, Cupping Therapy, and the Graston Technique. Originally from Iowa, Emily now resides in Surprise with her husband Tyler and Australian Shepherd Yogi.



## Accredited Degree Programs with more to come in 2024-25

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Christian Studies and Ministry
- Communications
- Early Childhood/ Special Education
- Elementary Education
- Engineering
- English
- Exercise Science
  - Coaching / Administration Concentration
  - Personal Training / Strength/Conditioning Concentration
  - Pre-Allied Health Concentration
- History
- Human Resources
- Human Services
- Leadership and Management
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Secondary Education
  - Secondary Education (AZ) - Business Concentration
  - Secondary Education (AZ) - Mathematics Concentration
- Sport Leadership



## New Residential Campus with Brand New Facilities:

- Brand new state of the art apartment homes.
- Full athletic facility for all teams that include locker rooms and weight rooms.
- Brand new sports turf football and soccer stadium: Spirit Field
- New soccer fields
- Parking structures
- Campus Dining

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**The O'Dell Center**



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**Faith Arena**



**Spirit Field**



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**Entry to Spirit Field**



**Spirit Field w/ Founder's Hall**



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