



PAT NARDUZZI

HEAD COACH

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: April 22, 1966

HOMETOWN: Youngstown, Ohio

ALMA MATER: Rhode Island, 1990

FAMILY: Narduzzi and his wife, Donna, have four children: Arianna, Christina, Patrick and Isabella.

COLLEGIATE PLAYING EXPERIENCE

RHODE ISLAND, three-year starter at linebacker (1987-89).

YOUNGSTOWN STATE, starter at linebacker (1985).

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

MIAMI (OHIO), 1990-91, graduate assistant; 1992, wide receivers.

RHODE ISLAND, 1993-97, linebackers; 1998-99, defensive coordinator.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS, 2000-02, linebackers.

MIAMI (OHIO), 2003, defensive coordinator.

CINCINNATI, 2004-06, defensive coordinator.

MICHIGAN STATE, 2007-14, defensive coordinator; 2013-14, assistant head coach.

PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, head coach.

Family and football are Pat Narduzzi's life passions. The two have long been interwoven for Pitt's head coach. Narduzzi's wife, Donna, and their four children are a familiar sight in the Pitt football offices and at university events. This mirrors his own boyhood when he was a constant shadow for his father, longtime football coach Bill Narduzzi, in locker rooms and on the sidelines.

Those early experiences with his dad planted the seed for Narduzzi's coaching career. Moreover, it provided a vivid example of how he would one day handle a team of his own—like they were his own family.

“Coach Narduzzi always has an open door for us,” said Brian O’Neill, a two-time All-ACC offensive tackle who was selected by the Minnesota Vikings in the 2018 NFL Draft. “That’s well known throughout our team. If we need to talk, he’s there. It’s great to have a head coach you feel comfortable talking to about anything. It doesn’t have to be about football.”

Like a team made up of blood brothers, the Panthers have played with a passionate style that reflects their coach. Narduzzi has provided the fire for a program that, prior to his arrival, was frozen in a stretch of middling results. His relatively brief tenure has witnessed many milestone moments and achievements, including:

- The Panthers have won 21 games under his direction, the most victories by a Pitt head football coach in his initial three years since Jackie Sherrill (28 wins from 1977-79). Narduzzi is 2-0 against teams ranked among the nation's top two.
- Closing the 2017 season with a 24-14 victory over No. 2 Miami, the highest-ranked opponent the Panthers have ever defeated at home. Pitt snapped the nation's longest active winning streak at 15 games by beating the Hurricanes.
- Defeating two teams that finished in the top 5 of the final 2016 College Football Playoff rankings. The Panthers gave No. 2 Clemson—that year's eventual national champion—its only loss (43-42) and kept No. 5 Penn State out of the playoff field by defeating the Nittany Lions, 42-39.
- Twenty All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Football Team honorees the past three years, the second-highest total among conference schools. Pitt set a program record with nine players on the 2017 All-ACC Academic Football Team.
- Sending 24 of his former Pitt players into the NFL. The Panthers had five players selected in the 2017 NFL Draft and three more taken in 2018, marking Pitt's most draft selections over a two-year span since 2003-04.

In December 2017, Pitt Director of Athletics Heather Lyke announced a new seven-year contract for Narduzzi, ensuring his leadership of the Panthers through at least the 2024 season.

“We’re thrilled Pat Narduzzi is our head football coach,” Lyke said. “We are deeply committed to helping him, his staff and his student-athletes achieve at the highest levels in the ACC and nationally. Coach Narduzzi is a tireless worker, dynamic leader and passionate about building outstanding relationships with our student-athletes and everyone connected to our Pitt family. He and his staff are fully dedicated to building a national-caliber program the right way, on and off the field.”

“I am tremendously blessed to work with such great leadership at the University of Pittsburgh in Athletic Director Heather Lyke and Chancellor Patrick Gallagher,” Narduzzi said. “When I initially accepted the head coaching position at Pitt three years ago, I said we could achieve great things if we were all moving in the same direction. Thanks to Chancellor Gallagher and Heather, we are all definitely moving in the same direction with a shared vision for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community.”

Narduzzi was named the Panthers' head coach on Dec. 26, 2014. He arrived at Pitt following eight highly successful years as the defensive coordinator at Michigan State. Under his direction, the Spartans were the only team to rank in the nation's top 10 in total defense and rushing defense each season from 2011-14.

Working under two-time Big Ten Coach of the Year Mark Dantonio, Narduzzi helped Michigan State to five Top 25 finishes.

In 2014, the Spartans finished with a No. 5 national ranking and 11-2 record following a stirring 42-41 victory over Baylor in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. Narduzzi's defense shut out the high-scoring Bears in the fourth quarter, opening the door for 21 unanswered points by Michigan State.

Michigan State boasted the nation's top rushing defense in 2014, yielding just 88.5 yards per game. The Spartans finished third nationally with 34 turnovers gained and eighth in total defense, holding opponents to just 315.8 yards per contest.

In 2013, Michigan State finished No. 3 in the country following a Big Ten title and 24-20 victory over No. 5 Stanford in the Rose Bowl. In the wake of that championship season, Narduzzi was named the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Broyles Award, annually presented to the country's top assistant coach.

Narduzzi tutored an impressive list of decorated defensive players at Michigan State, including first team All-Americans in cornerback Darqueze Dennard, safety Kurtis Drummond, linebacker Greg Jones and defensive tackle Jerel Worthy.

Dennard was a unanimous All-American in 2013, becoming the first Michigan State cornerback to earn that distinction. He also was the school's first winner of the Jim Thorpe Award, given annually to college football's top defensive back.

Narduzzi coached 19 first-team All-Big Ten selections. Four players won the conference's top individual awards under his watch, including two Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year honorees (Dennard in 2013 and Drummond in 2014). Shilique Calhoun was the Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2013 while Greg Jones was the overall Defensive Player of the Year in 2009.

In coming to Pittsburgh, Narduzzi was reunited with former Michigan State running back Le'Veon Bell, now a Pro Bowler with the neighboring Pittsburgh Steelers. Although Bell played on the opposite side of the ball, he faced Narduzzi's defense every day in practice in East Lansing from 2010-12. The fiery defensive coordinator made a strong impression on him.

“When I watched the way he acted with the defense, I could just always tell that our players loved him,” Bell said. “They loved playing for him. He is just an overall great guy. He is a player's coach. He is a guy who is always for his players. He loves his players. He always puts those guys first.”

Prior to Michigan State, Narduzzi spent three years (2004-06) as defensive coordinator under Dantonio at Cincinnati, helping the Bearcats to a pair of bowl invitations.

In 2003, Narduzzi was the defensive coordinator at Miami of Ohio under the late Terry Hoepfner. The RedHawks stormed to a 13-1 record that season, capturing the Mid-American Conference (MAC) championship and defeating nationally ranked Louisville in the GMAC Bowl to finish No. 10 in the Associated Press poll.

While quarterback Ben Roethlisberger headlined Miami's offense, Narduzzi's stout unit topped the MAC in rushing defense (19th nationally), scoring defense (22nd nationally) and pass efficiency defense (34th nationally).

Narduzzi served as linebackers coach at Northern Illinois for three seasons (2000-02). NIU won a pair of MAC divisional titles during his tenure and in 2002 had the league's top rushing defense.

From 1993-99, Narduzzi coached at his alma mater, Rhode Island, serving as the Rams' defensive coordinator his final two seasons. He began his coaching career at Miami of Ohio, working as a graduate assistant in 1990 and 1991, before earning his first full-time position as receivers coach for the 1992 season.

Narduzzi was an All-Ohio performer at Youngstown's Ursuline High School, leading the Irish to the Steel Valley championship and state playoffs as a senior in 1984. He was a starting linebacker under his father, the late Bill Narduzzi, as a freshman at Youngstown State University in 1985 before transferring to Rhode Island, where he became a three-year starter for the Rams from 1987-89.

Bill Narduzzi was head coach at YSU from 1975-85. He led the Penguins to two NCAA Division II playoff appearances, including the national championship game in 1979, and twice was named the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Coach of the Year. (One of Bill's first coaching posts was as a freshman line coach at Pitt in 1962.)

Pat Narduzzi completed his bachelor's degree in physical education at Rhode Island in 1990 and later earned a master's degree in sports studies at Miami of Ohio in 1992. He and his wife, Donna, have four children: Arianna, Christina, Patrick and Isabella.

FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS UNDER NARDUZZI

AT PIT

- Returner Quadree Henderson (2016 Consensus)
- Guard Dorian Johnson (2016)

AT MICHIGAN STATE

- Safety Kurtis Drummond (2014)
- Cornerback Darqueze Dennard (2013 Unanimous)
- Defensive Tackle Jerel Worthy (2011 Consensus)
- Linebacker Greg Jones (2009 Consensus, 2010 Unanimous)

ACC AWARD WINNERS UNDER NARDUZZI

AT PIT

Brian Piccolo Award

- Running Back James Conner (2016)

ACC Overall and Defensive Rookie of the Year (Media)

- Safety Jordan Whitehead (2015)

ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year (Media)

- Running Back Qadree Ollison (2015)

ACC Co-Rookies of the Year (Coaches)

- Safety Jordan Whitehead and Running Back Qadree Ollison (2015)

BIG TEN AWARD WINNERS UNDER NARDUZZI

AT MICHIGAN STATE

Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year

- Safety Kurtis Drummond (2014)
- Cornerback Darqueze Dennard (2013)

Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year

- Defensive End Shilique Calhoun (2013)

Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year

- Linebacker Greg Jones (2009)



CHARLIE PARTRIDGE

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/DEFENSIVE LINE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: December 7, 1973
HOMETOWN: Plantation, Fla.
ALMA MATER: Drake, 1995
FAMILY: Partridge and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Alexa and Kylee.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
DRAKE, 1996-97, graduate assistant.
IOWA STATE, 1998-99, graduate assistant; 2000-01, director of football operations.
EASTERN ILLINOIS, 2002, defensive line and recruiting coordinator.
PITTSBURGH, 2003-05, defensive ends; 2005, special teams; 2006-07, special teams coordinator; 2006, defensive line; 2007, linebackers.
WISCONSIN, 2008-10, defensive line and specialists; 2011-12, associate head coach, co-defensive coordinator and defensive line.
ARKANSAS, 2013, assistant head coach and defensive line.
FLORIDA ATLANTIC, 2014-16, head coach.
PITTSBURGH, 2017-present, defensive line; 2018, assistant head coach.

Entering his second season on Pat Narduzzi's Pitt staff, Charlie Partridge is a tremendous asset with his experience as an FBS head coach, accomplished assistant and renowned recruiter. Reflective of his invaluable contributions, Partridge was elevated to assistant head coach by Narduzzi this offseason. Partridge's positional focus will remain on the Panthers' emerging defensive front.

This is Partridge's second tour at Pitt. He originally served under head coaches Walt Harris and Dave Wannstedt as an assistant from 2003-07. Partridge returned to Pittsburgh after serving the prior three seasons (2014-16) as head coach at Florida Atlantic University. Inheriting a program in need of a complete rebuild, he responded to the challenge by signing three of the finest recruiting classes in FAU history. His 2015 class was hailed as the best in Conference USA. The Owls also set new program standards for individual academic achievement and the highest team grade point average.

Partridge spent the 2013 season at Arkansas, where he served as assistant head coach and oversaw the defensive line. Under his watch, defensive ends Trey Flowers and Chris Smith were All-SEC performers. Partridge also contributed to the Razorbacks' special teams units that featured All-SEC kicker Zach Hocker and punter Sam Irwin-Hill, who ranked 15th nationally with a 44.3-yard average.

Partridge was instrumental in one of the best five-year runs in Wisconsin history from 2008-12. Initially serving as defensive line and specialist coach, he was elevated to associate head coach and co-defensive coordinator for his final two seasons. The Badgers won three consecutive Big Ten titles from 2010-12, earning Rose Bowl berths each season.

Partridge oversaw a physical, game-changing defensive front at Wisconsin. His most accomplished pupil was defensive end J.J. Watt, who was a 2010 All-American and winner of the Lott IMPACT Trophy as the national defensive player of the year. A first-round pick of the Houston Texans in 2011, Watt is now one of the NFL's elite players.

During Partridge's initial Pitt tenure, he worked with the defensive line for four seasons and the linebackers in his final campaign. He also served as the Panthers' special teams coordinator in 2006-07.

In 2007, Pitt ranked fifth in the nation in total defense, yielding just 297.7 yards per game. The Panthers closed that season with one of the most celebrated victories—and defensive performances—in school history: a 13-9 upset of West Virginia that shattered the Mountaineers' national title hopes.

Under the guidance of Partridge and defensive coordinator Paul Rhoads in 2007, first-year starting middle linebacker Scott McKillop led the nation in tackles (12.6 per game), earning All-America status and unanimous first-team All-Big East honors. Another Partridge protégé, defensive end Joe Clermond, led the Big East in tackles for loss (16.5) in 2006.

Pitt's special teams were highly productive under Partridge's guidance. In 2006, the Panthers led the Big East in net punting (37.5 avg.) and kickoff returns (24.1 yards avg.). During the 2007 campaign, Pitt topped the conference in field goal percentage (81.8%, 18-22) and PAT kicking (100%, 28-28), while ranking second in kickoff returns (22.9 avg.). ESPN's 2006 College Football "Play of the Year" was actually a Pitt special teams gem—Darrelle Revis' 73-yard punt return for a touchdown against West Virginia.

Prior to Pitt, Partridge served four seasons (1998-2001) at Iowa State in administrative and coaching roles. He was a defensive graduate assistant in 1998-99, working with the outside linebackers. Following the 1999 season he earned a full-time appointment as the program's director of football operations.

In 2002, Partridge was hired by Eastern Illinois University as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator. The Panthers advanced to the NCAA I-AA playoffs that year and shared the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championship.

Partridge was an NSCA All-America defensive lineman for Drake University. His collegiate coaching career began at his alma mater as a Drake graduate assistant during the 1996 and 1997 seasons.

Partridge and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Alexa and Kylee.



SHAWN WATSON

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: September 21, 1959
HOMETOWN: Carbondale, Ill.
ALMA MATER: Southern Illinois, 1982
FAMILY: Watson and his wife, Anita, have three children: daughter Amber and sons Aaron and Adam.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, 1982, graduate assistant.
ILLINOIS, 1983-84, graduate assistant; 1985, tight ends and offensive tackles; 1986, wide receivers.
MIAMI (OHIO), 1987-88, wide receivers and tight ends; 1989, wide receivers; 1990-93, quarterbacks and recruiting coordinator.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, 1994-96, head coach.
NORTHWESTERN, 1997-98, quarterbacks.
COLORADO, 1999, quarterbacks; 2000-05, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks.
NEBRASKA, 2006, tight ends and recruiting coordinator; 2007-10, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks.
LOUISVILLE, 2011, quarterbacks; 2012-13, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks.
TEXAS, 2014-15, assistant head coach for offense and quarterbacks.
INDIANA, 2016, offensive quality control; quarterbacks (bowl game).
PITTSBURGH, 2017-present, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks.

Shawn Watson, who owns an extensive and accomplished record overseeing offenses on the collegiate level, enters his second season as Pitt's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Watson previously served as offensive coordinator at Texas (2014-15), Louisville (2012-13), Nebraska (2007-10) and Colorado (2000-05). He also has head coaching experience on his resumé, serving in that capacity at his alma mater, Southern Illinois, from 1994-96.

During Watson's initial Pitt campaign, the Panthers had a true freshman see significant action at quarterback for the first time in a decade. When Kenny Pickett opened the game under center against the No. 2 Miami Hurricanes to close the regular season, he became the first true frosh QB to start at Pitt since 2007. Under Watson's guidance, Pickett would deliver one of the best freshman performances in all of college football last season, accounting for all three Pitt touchdowns in a 24-14 upset of Miami.

Watson joined the Panthers from Indiana, where he spent the 2016 season as an offensive quality control assistant before being named the Hoosiers' quarterback coach. His Pitt appointment served as a reunion with Narduzzi. The pair previously worked together on the late Randy Walker's staff at Miami (Ohio) from 1990-92.

Watson counts among his protégés New York Jets quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who he coached for three seasons at Louisville (2011-13). Under Watson's guidance, Bridgewater became one of the nation's most dazzling players while the resurgent Cardinals went a combined 30-9 during that three-year span and claimed two Big East championships.

In 2013, Louisville went 12-1 as Bridgewater threw for 3,970 yards and 31 touchdowns with only four interceptions. He led the nation in completion percentage (71%) and was a finalist for the prestigious Manning Award. The Minnesota Vikings' first-round selection in the 2014 draft, Bridgewater went on to be named the Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year.

Prior to Louisville, Watson spent five seasons (2006-10) at Nebraska. His work helped the Cornhuskers annually rank among the nation's most productive offenses.

In 2010, Nebraska ranked ninth nationally in rushing (247.6 avg.), while averaging more than 30 points per game. Nebraska's 2008 offense ranked 12th nationally in total yards (450.8 avg.), 15th in passing yards (281.0), 15th in pass efficiency (154.5 rating) and 17th in scoring (35.4 avg.). In 2007, Watson's initial season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Nebraska threw for a school-record 3,886 yards, ranking seventh in the nation in passing yards (323.8 avg.) and ninth in total offense (468.2 avg.).

Cornhuskers quarterback Joe Ganz set 23 school records under Watson's guidance, including single-season marks for total offense (3,826), passing yards (3,568), completions (285) and completion percentage (67.9%).

Watson coached at Colorado from 1999-2005, helping the Buffaloes claim four Big 12 North Division titles and a conference championship in 2001.

That 2001 Colorado team will forever be remembered for its 62-36 demolition of No. 2 Nebraska in the regular-season finale, followed by a thrilling 39-37 win over No. 3 Texas in the Big 12 title game to earn a Fiesta Bowl berth. Watson's offense ranked eighth nationally in rushing (228.5 avg.) and 20th in total yards (434.4 avg.).

Watson coached quarterbacks at Northwestern during the 1997 and 1998 seasons. His appointment in Evanston came after serving three years as head coach at Southern Illinois, where he coached 20 all-conference players. Watson himself was a safety at SIU (1979-80) and began his coaching career as a Salukis graduate assistant in 1982.

His additional coaching stops include Miami of Ohio (1987-93) and Illinois (1983-1986). Watson and his wife, Anita, have three children: daughter Amber and sons Aaron and Adam.



RANDY BATES

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: July 3, 1960
HOMETOWN: New Concord, Ohio
ALMA MATER: Ohio State, 1983
FAMILY: Bates and his wife, Tracey, have three daughters: Samantha, Alexandra and Olivia.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
MUSKINGUM, 1982, offensive line.
MIAMI (OHIO), 1983, graduate assistant.
ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.), 1984-88, defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator.
NAVY, 1989-91, linebackers and defensive backs.
NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1992-97, linebackers.
KENT STATE, 1998-99, linebackers and recruiting coordinator.
LOUISIANA TECH, 2000-02, secondary; 2003, linebackers; 2004-05, secondary; 2005, defensive coordinator.
NORTHWESTERN, 2006-17, linebackers.
PITTSBURGH, 2018, defensive coordinator.

Randy Bates, a veteran of the collegiate coaching profession with nearly four decades of experience, enters his first season as Pitt's defensive coordinator.

Bates arrives in Pittsburgh after spending the past 12 seasons (2006-17) coaching linebackers at Northwestern. Bates' unit was instrumental in the Wildcats' 10-3 mark last season, which included a Music City Bowl win over Kentucky (24-23). Northwestern finished No. 17 in the final polls.

His accomplished pupils at Northwestern included back-to-back All-America linebackers. Anthony Walker Jr., now a member of the Indianapolis Colts, was a consensus All-Big Ten selection who earned All-America accolades from Associated Press and *Sports Illustrated*.

Additionally, Bates oversaw the development of Paddy Fisher, who was named a 2017 Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA). Fisher was honored as the Big Ten Network's Defensive Freshman of the Year.

Prior to his tenure with the Wildcats, Bates spent six seasons at Louisiana Tech (2000-05). He coached nearly every defensive positional group while with the Bulldogs before ascending to defensive coordinator for his final season. Under Bates' orchestration in 2005, the Louisiana Tech defense forced a whopping 31 turnovers to lead the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) and rank ninth nationally. The Bulldogs surrendered their fewest points since 1994 and finished among the WAC's top three teams in rushing defense, pass defense, total defense and scoring defense.

Among the standouts under Bates at Louisiana Tech were three defensive backs who played in the NFL: safety Bobby Gray (Chicago Bears), cornerback Jerron Wishom (Green Bay Packers) and Pro Bowl cornerback Tramon Williams, now a member of the Arizona Cardinals who concluded his 12th NFL campaign in 2017.

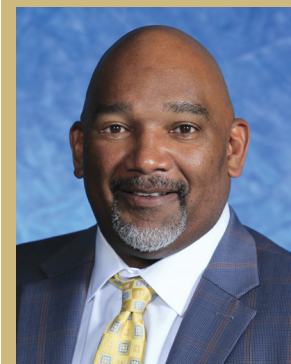
Before Louisiana Tech, Bates was the linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator at Kent State for two seasons (1998-99). While with the Golden Flashes, he coached future NFL Defensive Player of the Year James Harrison.

Bates coached the linebackers at New Hampshire from 1992-97, mentoring three players who finished among the top 10 career tacklers in program history. The Wildcats claimed three Yankee Conference Northern Division titles during his tenure.

Bates' additional coaching stops include Navy (1989-1991), St. Joseph's (Ind.) College (1984-1988), Miami (Ohio) (1983) and Muskingum College (1982).

A retired Naval Lieutenant, Bates received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Ohio State in 1983. He also earned a master's degree in education from Miami University in 1985.

Bates and his wife, Tracey, have three daughters: Samantha, Alexandra and Olivia.



ANDRE POWELL

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/RUNNING BACKS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: September 29, 1966
HOMETOWN: Lockhart, S.C.
ALMA MATER: Indiana, 1989
FAMILY: Powell and his wife, Joann, have two daughters, Alayna and Mikala, and a son, Andre II.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
INDIANA, 1988, student assistant; 1989, graduate assistant.
SOUTH CAROLINA, 1990, graduate assistant.
ARMY, 1991, inside linebackers; 1995, running backs.
VMI, 1992, running backs.
RHODE ISLAND, 1993-94, running backs.
VIRGINIA, 1996, running backs; 1997-99, wide receivers; 2000, running backs.
NORTH CAROLINA, 2001-06, running backs; 2004-06, special teams coordinator.
CLEMSON, 2007-10, running backs; 2008-10, special teams coordinator.
MARYLAND, 2011-14, running backs; 2012-14 special teams coordinator.
PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, special teams coordinator and running backs.

Andre Powell enters his fourth season as Pitt's special teams coordinator and running backs coach. His impact on both areas of responsibility has been nothing short of exceptional.

Under Powell's influence, Quadree Henderson established himself as the most explosive kick returner in Pitt history. Henderson finished his collegiate career with a Pitt-record seven kick returns for touchdowns.

In 2016, Henderson was the NCAA statistical champion in kickoff return TDs (a school-record three) and combined kick return yards (1,166). Henderson earned consensus All-America honors, becoming the first player in Pitt history to earn that stature as a return specialist. He signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in April.

The kicking game has been responsible for some of Pitt's biggest wins the past three years. Chris Blewitt, who concluded his career in 2016 as Pitt's all-time kick scoring leader (363 points), had four game-winning field goals during his final two seasons. His biggest came at Clemson in 2016, a 48-yarder with six seconds left that lifted Pitt past the eventual national champion Tigers, 43-42.

In the offensive backfield, Powell has coached two 1,000-yard rushers at Pitt. In 2016, James Conner rumbled for 1,092 yards and 16 touchdowns in earning first team All-ACC. Conner is now a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. In 2015, Quadree Ollison was the ACC Offensive Rookie of the Year after rushing for 1,121 yards and 11 touchdowns. Ollison became just the fifth freshman in Pitt history to achieve a 1,000-yard rushing season.

Prior to Pitt, Powell spent four seasons at Maryland (2011-14), where he coached the running backs and, in his final three seasons, served as special teams coordinator. In ESPN's 2014 team efficiency rankings, the Terrapins' special teams were rated No. 11 in the country. Maryland's Brad Craddock was selected the 2014 winner of the prestigious Lou Groza Award, annually presented to college football's top placekicker.

In 2012, Maryland boasted a dynamic return game that featured freshman Stefan Diggs, who totaled 1,896 all-purpose yards, the second-highest season total in school history. Diggs earned All-ACC as a specialist after finishing second in the league with a 28.5-yard kickoff return average.

Powell coached at Clemson from 2007-10, overseeing the running backs each of his four seasons and coordinating the special teams his last three. Powell mentored all-time Clemson great C.J. Spiller, a 2009 unanimous All-American and ACC Player of the Year. During his decorated campaign, Spiller became the first running back in ACC history to compile 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in the same season.

Spiller concluded his Clemson career with 7,588 all-purpose yards, the second most in FBS history. His seven kickoff return touchdowns set an NCAA record, while his eight total kick return TDs (including one punt) tied the national mark. Spiller was a first-round NFL Draft pick of the Buffalo Bills in 2010. Powell also tutored All-ACC running back James Davis, the second all-time leading rusher in Clemson history with 3,881 yards.

Powell coached running backs at North Carolina from 2001-06. He was the Tar Heels' special teams coordinator his final three seasons in Chapel Hill. UNC ranked seventh nationally in kickoff returns in 2005 (24.93 avg.) and 29th in 2006 (22.12 avg.). The '06 Tar Heels also ranked 14th in kickoff return yardage defense (17.46 avg.).

At Virginia from 1996-2000, Powell coached the running backs (1996 and 2000) and receivers (1997-99). Among his pupils were future NFL players Tiki Barber, Germaine Crowell, Thomas Jones, Charles Kirby, Pat Washington and Terrence Wilkins.

Powell first worked with Pat Narduzzi on the football staff at Rhode Island during the 1993 and 1994 seasons. Powell's additional coaching stops include Indiana (1989), South Carolina (1990), Army (1991 and 1995) and Virginia Military Institute (1992).

Powell is a 1989 graduate of Indiana, where he lettered twice as a fullback and helped pave the way for 1,000-yard rusher Anthony Thompson. He played on a pair of bowl teams for the Hoosiers (1986 All-American Bowl and 1988 Peach Bowl). Powell and his wife, Joann, have two daughters, Alayna and Mikala, and a son, Andre II.



ROB HARLEY

LINEBACKERS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: October 16, 1982
HOMETOWN: Elmhurst, Ill.
ALMA MATER: Ohio State, 2006
FAMILY: Harley and his wife, Danielle, have two sons, Paxton and Nash.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
OHIO DOMINICAN, 2010-11, defensive backs, linebackers and assistant special teams coordinator.
MICHIGAN STATE, 2012, graduate assistant/offense and special teams; 2013, graduate assistant/linebackers and special teams.
FIU, 2014, linebackers.
PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, linebackers; 2017-present, recruiting coordinator.

Rob Harley enters his fourth season as linebackers coach at Pitt. Harley assumed the additional responsibilities of recruiting coordinator prior to the 2017 season.

Outside linebacker Oluwaseun Idowu has emerged as one of the most productive defenders in the ACC under Harley's watch. A former walk-on safety, Idowu had an outstanding 2017 season, leading the Panthers in tackles (94), TFLs (11.5) and sacks (five). He was named a second-team All-ACC selection by the media and is poised for even greater accolades in 2018.

In 2016, the Panthers' linebackers helped key a rush defense that finished 16th nationally, yielding just 119.6 yards per game. Middle linebacker Matt Galambos enjoyed the best production of his career over the 2015-16 seasons, achieving personal bests in every category under Harley's direction. Galambos signed a free-agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Another productive linebacker from that 2016 squad, Bam Bradley, was a rookie for the Baltimore Ravens last season.

In Harley's initial season at Pitt, he was instrumental in the development of outside linebacker Nicholas Grigsby, a 2015 All-ACC performer. Grigsby played for the AFC champion New England Patriots last year.

Harley joined Pitt after spending the 2014 season as the linebackers coach at FIU, where he helped the Golden Panthers rank among the most disruptive defenses in college football. FIU ranked first nationally in fumble recoveries (19), second in defensive touchdowns (six), fourth in turnovers gained (33), eighth in turnover margin (plus-11 overall; 0.92 margin per game) and 35th in total defense (363.8 yards per game).

Harley's Pitt appointment served as a reunion with Pat Narduzzi. Harley was a graduate assistant at Michigan State for two seasons (2012-13) when Narduzzi was the Spartans' defensive coordinator.

At Michigan State, Harley gained experience on both sides of the ball. In 2013, he worked with the linebackers and special teams, helping the Spartans to a 13-1 record, the Big Ten title and a 24-20 victory over Stanford in the Rose Bowl. Michigan State's defense yielded just 252.2 yards per game to rank second nationally.

In 2012, Harley worked with the Spartans' offense and special teams. Behind 1,793-yard rusher Le'Veon Bell, Michigan State earned a berth in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, where it defeated TCU, 17-16.

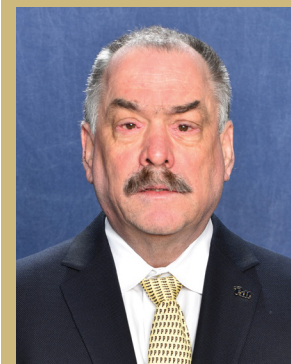
During the 2010 and 2011 seasons, Harley served as the defensive backs/linebackers coach and assistant special teams coordinator at Ohio Dominican University, an NCAA Division II program.

A former safety at Ohio State (2001-05), Harley earned three letters with the Buckeyes and was a member of their 2002 national championship team. In Harley's final three seasons, Ohio State posted a 29-8 record, including two victories in the Fiesta Bowl (2003 and 2005 seasons).

A 2006 graduate of Ohio State, Harley has deep roots with the Buckeyes. His uncle is the legendary Chic Harley, the first three-time All-American in Ohio State history.

Harley earned his bachelor's in business administration from Ohio State. He additionally owns a master's degree in kinesiology from Michigan State.

Harley and his wife, Danielle, have two sons, Paxton and Nash.



DAVE BORBELY

OFFENSIVE LINE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: April 5, 1959
HOMETOWN: Hammond, Ind.
ALMA MATER: DePauw, 1981
FAMILY: Borbely and his wife, Bev, have three children: daughter Laura and sons Joseph and Brian. They have one granddaughter, Avery.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
EVANSVILLE, 1981-82, graduate assistant.
PENN., 1983, freshman defensive line coach.
TENNESSEE, 1984-85, graduate assistant.
RICE, 1986-88, offensive line.
TEMPLE, 1989-91, offensive line.
TULANE, 1992-94, offensive line.
STANFORD, 1995-97, offensive line.
NOTRE DAME, 1998-2001, offensive line.
COLORADO, 2002-05, offensive line.
VIRGINIA, 2006-09, offensive line and run game coordinator.
LOUISVILLE, 2010-13, offensive line and run game coordinator.
COLORADO STATE-PUEBLO, 2014, offensive line and run game coordinator.
VIRGINIA, 2015, offensive line.
MARYLAND, 2016, offensive line; 2017, special assistant to the head coach.
PITTSBURGH, 2018, offensive line.

Dave Borbely, who owns a long and productive history of developing impact offensive linemen, was named Pitt's new offensive line coach by Pat Narduzzi in February.

Borbely (BOAR-bah-lee) has more than three decades of experience coaching offensive line play at the collegiate level. He owns 37 years of experience overall, including tenures at Notre Dame, Colorado, Virginia, Louisville, Stanford and, most recently, Maryland.

Borbely spent the past two seasons at Maryland. In 2016, his offensive front helped the Terps produce 2,594 rushing yards, only the seventh time in program history—and first since 2003—the Terps surpassed 2,500 yards on the ground. Maryland also rushed for 26 touchdowns in 2016, its most since the 2007 campaign.

Borbely is highly familiar with the Atlantic Coast Conference, serving two tours at Virginia (2006-09 and 2015). While with the Cavs, he oversaw the development of All-America tackle Eugene Monroe, who won the 2008 Jacobs Blocking Trophy, annually presented to the ACC's top blocker. Monroe was the eighth overall selection in the 2009 NFL Draft, taken by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Borbely has collaborated with Pitt offensive coordinator Shawn Watson at two prior stops. They most recently served together on Charlie Strong's staff at Louisville. During the 2012 and 2013 seasons, the Cardinals achieved a combined 23-3 record, twice finishing in the nation's top 15.

Louisville's 2012 team went 11-2, won the Big East championship and rolled past No. 3 Florida, 33-23, in the Sugar Bowl to finish 13th in the final polls. In 2013, Louisville's potent offense averaged 460.8 yards per contest en route to a 12-1 mark. The Cardinals capped that season with a 36-9 drubbing of Miami in the Russell Athletic Bowl and earned a No. 15 final ranking.

Borbely and Watson also worked together at Colorado. During Borbely's four-year tenure (2002-05), the Buffs won three Big 12 North titles. Among the players he developed was All-Big 12 center Mark Fenton, a finalist for the prestigious Rimington Award.

Prior to Colorado, Borbely spent four seasons coaching the offensive line at Notre Dame (1998-2001). The Irish annually fielded a potent rushing game behind Borbely's front and advanced to two New Year's Day bowl games (1999 Gator Bowl and 2001 Fiesta Bowl).

From 1995-97, Borbely coached the offensive line at Stanford, molding a pair of NFL Draft picks in guard Brad Badger and tackle Nathan Parks.

Borbely's additional offensive line appointments include Colorado State-Pueblo (during the ThunderWolves' 2014 NCAA Division II national title season), Tulane (1992-94), Temple (1989-91) and Rice (1986-88).

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Evansville (1981-82) before serving as a freshman defensive line coach in the Ivy League at Penn (1983). Borbely's first major-college appointment came as a graduate assistant at Tennessee (1984-85) under Johnny Majors, the legendary former Pitt head coach.

A native of Hammond, Ind., Borbely is a 1981 graduate of DePauw University with a bachelor's degree in history. He earned his master's degree in secondary education from the University of Evansville in 1983.

Borbely and his wife, Bev, have three children: daughter Laura and sons Joseph and Brian. They have one granddaughter, Avery.



ARCHIE COLLINS

SECONDARY

Archie Collins, who coordinated one of the nation's top pass defenses last season at Central Michigan University, was appointed to the Pitt assistant coaching staff in January by Pat Narduzzi. Collins will oversee the Panthers' secondary.

A Detroit native, Collins spent the past five seasons at Central Michigan (2013-17). Following four impact years working with the CMU secondary, he was elevated to defensive passing game coordinator for his final season with the Chippewas.

Collins' influence helped Central Michigan in 2017 lead the Mid-American Conference (MAC) in interceptions (19), fewest passing yards allowed (185.5 yards/game) and pass efficiency defense (108.8 rating). On a national scale, the Chippewas ranked sixth nationally in pass efficiency defense, seventh in interceptions and 20th in passing defense. FootballScoop named Collins a finalist for the 2017 Defensive Back Coach of the Year award.

At Central Michigan, two of Collins' defensive backs, cornerback Amari Coleman and safety Josh Cox, were 2017 All-MAC honorees. Coleman was a first-team selection for the second consecutive season and finished his collegiate career with three interceptions returned for touchdowns. Cox intercepted six passes as a senior to finish seventh in the nation (0.5 INTs/game).

Collins' ball-hawking secondary helped Central Michigan to an 8-5 record and runner-up finish in the MAC West Division with a 6-2 mark this past season. CMU played in the 2017 Idaho Potato Bowl, its fourth consecutive bowl appearance.

During Collins' tenure, Central Michigan ranked among the nation's top 25 in passing defense three times: 2017, 2015 (No. 24, 193.0 avg.) and 2013 (No. 20, 203.9 avg.). In 2016, CMU finished eighth nationally with four defensive touchdowns—all pick-sixes by Collins' defensive backs.

Among the other standouts under Collins' watch was Kaven Frazier, an All-MAC safety in 2015 who now plays for the Dallas Cowboys.

Collins was also highly productive on the recruiting trail at CMU. In 2015, he was named the MAC's Recruiter of the Year by Scout.com.

Prior to Central Michigan, Collins was a defensive graduate assistant from 2010-12 at Michigan State, his alma mater. It was during this coaching assistantship that he first met Pat Narduzzi, who was the Spartans' defensive coordinator at the time.

In addition to contributing to one of college football's elite defensive units, Collins worked daily with future NFL defensive backs Darqueze Dennard, Kurtis Drummond and Trae Waynes. Collins also helped with the special teams during his time in East Lansing.

Collins' additional experience includes nine years coaching high school football in the Detroit Public School League. He worked at three PSL schools (Cass Tech, Mackenzie and Southeastern), producing nine all-state performers and 28 all-city honorees.

A safety at Michigan State, Collins finished his career as a two-year letterman (1996-97) for the Spartans.

He graduated from Michigan State in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in finance. Collins went on to earn a master's degree in kinesiology and coaching from MSU in 2011. He and his wife, Brandi, have three children: son Archie IV and daughters Amber and BellaRose.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: December 16, 1976

HOMETOWN: Detroit, Mich.

ALMA MATER: Michigan State, 1998

FAMILY: Collins and his wife, Brandi, have three children: son Archie IV and daughters Amber and BellaRose.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

MICHIGAN STATE, 2010-12, graduate assistant.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 2013-17, secondary; 2017, defensive passing game coordinator.

PITTSBURGH, 2018, secondary.



TIM SALEM

TIGHT ENDS

Having spent more than three decades in collegiate coaching, Tim Salem boasts experience that is not only extensive but also diverse. Salem has served as offensive coordinator at four different schools and coached four different positions on that side of the ball.

Entering his fourth season as Pitt's tight ends coach, Salem's broad perspective is a great asset for the Panthers on the field and in recruiting.

Under Salem's watch, Scott Orndoff enjoyed one of the most productive seasons ever by a Pitt tight end in 2016, compiling 35 catches for 579 yards (16.5 avg.) and five touchdowns. Orndoff played in the historic East-West Shrine Game and spent the 2017 season with the Cincinnati Bengals.

In his initial season at Pitt, Salem tutored tight end J.P. Holtz, who posted career production as a senior en route to 2015 All-ACC honors. Holtz was a member of the Cleveland Browns the past two years.

Prior to Pitt, Salem spent three seasons at Illinois (2012-14) as special teams coordinator. He also coached the running backs in 2012 and 2013. Salem's units helped Illinois earn an invitation to the 2014 Heart of Dallas Bowl. Punter Justin DuVernois earned All-Big Ten honors after averaging 44.0 yards per punt to rank second in the Big Ten and 18th nationally.

In 2013, V'Angelo Bentley led the Big Ten and ranked seventh nationally in punt returns with a 15.8-yard average. Bentley also became the first player in Illinois history to score touchdowns on both punt and kickoff returns in the same season.

At UCF from 2004-11, Salem coached some of the most productive and decorated players in school history. In 2007, running back Kevin Smith was a consensus All-American after leading the nation in rushing yards (2,567) and rushing touchdowns (29). Smith's rushing total that season remains the third highest in Bowl Subdivision history, trailing only Oklahoma State's Barry Sanders (2,628 in 1988) and Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon (2,587 in 2014).

UCF won its first Conference USA championship in 2007 with Salem at the controls of the offense. The Knights won 10 games, setting school records for points (502), touchdowns (62) and rushing yards (3,287) in the process.

Overseeing UCF's special teams, Salem mentored three of the country's most explosive kick returners. Rannell Hall (2011), Quincy McDuffie (2010) and Joe Burnett (2008) were all first-team All-Conference USA return men and ranked in the nation's top 10 in kickoff return average. McDuffie, in fact, was second nationally with a 32.2-yard average in 2010.

In 2003, Salem was the offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and kicking coach at Eastern Michigan. While at EMU, he worked with placekicker Andrew Wellock, who would go on to be a Lou Groza Award finalist.

From 1997-2000, Salem was the quarterbacks coach at Ohio State. He added the Buckeyes' wide receivers to his positional responsibilities in 2000. In 1998, Joe Germaine was the Big Ten Player of the Year, throwing for 3,330 yards and 25 touchdowns with only seven interceptions in leading the Buckeyes to an 11-1 record and No. 2 ranking in the final polls.

From 1991-96, Salem worked at Purdue where he initially served as quarterbacks coach and then, in his final three years, offensive coordinator. The Boilermakers led the Big Ten in rushing in 1995.

Salem's other coaching stops include Colorado State (1989-90) and Phoenix College (1987-88). A 1985 graduate of Arizona State, he began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater for two seasons. Salem began his collegiate playing career at Minnesota, where he broke the Big Ten record for consecutive pass completions in 1980, before transferring to Arizona State for the 1983-84 seasons.

Salem comes from a family of coaches. His father, Joe, served as head coach at South Dakota (1966-74), Northern Arizona (1975-78) and Minnesota (1979-83). Tim's brother, Brad Salem, is the quarterbacks coach at Michigan State.

Salem and his wife, Wendy, have two sons, Taylor and Landan, and a daughter, Kylan.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: October 1, 1961

HOMETOWN: Minneapolis, Minn.

ALMA MATER: Arizona State, 1985

FAMILY: Salem and his wife, Wendy, have two sons, Taylor and Landan, and a daughter, Kylan.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

ARIZONA STATE, 1985-86, graduate assistant/wide receivers.

PHOENIX COLLEGE, 1987-88, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks.

COLORADO STATE, 1989-90, running backs and special teams.

PURDUE, 1991-93, quarterbacks; 1994-96, offensive coordinator.

OHIO STATE, 1997-99, quarterbacks; 2000, quarterbacks and wide receivers.

EASTERN MICHIGAN, 2003, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks.

UCF, 2004-08, offensive coordinator; 2004, quarterbacks; 2005, tight ends; 2006, wide receivers; 2007-08, running backs; 2009-11, special teams coordinator and tight ends.

ILLINOIS, 2012-14, special teams coordinator; 2012-13, running backs.

PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, tight ends.



CORY SANDERS

SAFETIES

Cory Sanders, who oversaw the secondary at Western Michigan University last season and also has experience as a collegiate head coach, was named safeties coach at Pitt in February by Pat Narduzzi.

As the defensive backs coach at Western Michigan in 2017, Sanders oversaw the development of two All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) cornerbacks, Darius Phillips and Sam Beal. Phillips had two defensive returns for touchdowns last season (67-yard fumble and 43-yard interception) and played in the prestigious Senior Bowl before being drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Prior to WMU, Sanders was part of shaping an NCAA Division II program at the University of West Florida, which played its inaugural season in 2016. He was named the program's first defensive coordinator in December 2014 and was instrumental in building a foundation for the Argonauts' opening campaign 18 months later.

UWF went 5-6 in 2016, the most victories for a first-year Division II program in a decade. Sanders' aggressive defense ranked 11th nationally in quarterback sacks (3.6 sacks/game) and 26th in tackles for loss (8.2 TFLs/game) that season, while Argonauts safety Trent Archie was named the Gulf South Conference Defensive Freshman of the Year.

Prior to West Florida, Sanders spent five seasons (2010-14) on the football staff at Division II Saint Joseph's (Ind.) College, his alma mater. The team's defensive coordinator his initial year, Sanders was promoted to head coach for the 2011 season and rebuilt the Pumas into a contender in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC).

The team achieved runner-up finishes in the GLVC in each of his final two seasons, while featuring a nationally ranked defense. The Pumas also set a school record for single-season total offense (4,594 yards) during his tenure and produced 36 All-GLVC performers.

Sanders' initial coaching appointments came at North Central College (2007) and Elmhurst College (2008-09). He coached the defensive backs at both Illinois institutions.

Sanders himself was an outstanding collegiate defensive back. He was a four-time all-conference honoree at Saint Joseph's and was elected a Pumas team captain three times. Sanders was an instrumental performer for two conference championship teams and finished his career fifth in school history with 30.5 TFLs.

Sanders is a 2007 graduate of Saint Joseph's with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is engaged to Jessica Rose.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: March 26, 1985

HOMETOWN: Grand Rapids, Mich.

ALMA MATER: Saint Joseph's (Ind.), 2007

FAMILY: Sanders is engaged to Jessica Rose.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

NORTH CENTRAL, 2007, defensive backs.

ELMHURST, 2008-09, defensive backs.

SAINT JOSEPH'S (IND.), 2010, defensive coordinator; 2011-14, head coach.

WEST FLORIDA, 2015-16, defensive coordinator and defensive backs.

WESTERN MICHIGAN, 2017, defensive backs.

PITTSBURGH, 2018, safeties.



KEVIN SHERMAN

WIDE RECEIVERS

Kevin Sherman enters his fourth year as wide receivers coach at Pitt. A veteran teacher of the position, Sherman's lengthy list of pupils includes some of the most productive pass catchers in recent ACC history.

A reflection of Sherman's knack for developing impact receivers is Jester Weah, who signed with the Houston Texans this past spring. Weah entered the 2016 season with zero career catches but over his final two seasons became one of the ACC's top deep threats.

Over his junior and senior seasons, Weah had seven touchdown catches that covered 50-plus yards, the most by any receiver in the ACC over those two years. He set a Pitt career record by averaging 20.4 yards per reception.

Another big-play receiver under Sherman's watch was Quadree Henderson, who in 2016 joined the legendary Tony Dorsett as the only players in Pitt history to eclipse 2,000 all-purpose yards in a season. Henderson earned consensus All-America honors that year, becoming the first Pitt sophomore to earn consensus status since Larry Fitzgerald in 2003. Henderson signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers this past spring.

Former Pitt star Tyler Boyd was also a beneficiary of Sherman's mentorship in 2015, a season in which Boyd led the ACC and ranked seventh nationally in receptions per game (7.6 avg.). A second-round pick of Cincinnati, Boyd immediately impacted the Bengals' lineup and was one of the NFL's top rookie receivers in 2016.

Sherman joined Pat Narduzzi's Pitt staff after serving the prior two seasons as wide receivers coach at Purdue (2013-14). He arrived in Pittsburgh very familiar with the ACC, having also coached receivers at Virginia Tech (2006-12) and Wake Forest (2001-05).

At Virginia Tech, Sherman mentored two of the school's most prolific pass catchers in Jarrett Boykin and Danny Coale. The pair starred for the Hokies from 2008-11 before embarking on NFL careers. Boykin concluded his career as Virginia Tech's all-time leader in receptions (184) and receiving yards (2,884), while Coale finished second in each category (165 catches for 2,658 yards).

Sherman also coached 2008 NFL Draft picks Eddie Royal and Josh Morgan at Virginia Tech. A first-team All-ACC performer, Royal was a second-round pick of the Denver Broncos and was an NFL All-Rookie Team honoree. Morgan was a sixth-round pick of the San Francisco 49ers.

During Sherman's seven-year tenure in Blacksburg, Virginia Tech went bowling each season (including four BCS bids), captured three ACC titles and compiled a 70-25 record (.737).

Working at Wake Forest under Jim Grobe, Sherman coached All-ACC performers John Stone and Fabian Davis. Both went on to play in the NFL. Additionally, Jason Anderson set Wake Forest's career record by averaging 18.0 yards per reception from 2001-04.

Sherman also served as receivers coach under Grobe at Ohio University from 1997-2000. During that four-year period, the Bobcats shed years of losing and emerged as a Mid-American Conference title contender, going 21-11 in MAC play and 25-19 overall. Ohio's 8-3 record in 1997 marked the program's winningest campaign in 29 years.

Prior to Ohio, Sherman worked at Virginia Military Institute (VMI) from 1993-96. He served in multiple coaching capacities with the Keydets, including running backs, quarterbacks and receivers. Sherman coached one of the greatest players in VMI history, All-America running back Thomas Haskins, who became the all-time NCAA I-AA rushing leader with 5,349 yards. He additionally coached quarterback Al Lester, who threw for nearly 4,000 career yards.

A 1992 graduate of Ferrum (Va.) College, Sherman was named a football team captain and the Panthers' Most Valuable Player as a senior in 1990. After serving Ferrum as a student assistant in 1991, he moved to Methodist (N.C.) College, where he coached the receivers in 1992. In addition to his wealth of collegiate experience, Sherman also worked with the Denver Broncos as an NFL coaching intern during the summer of 2004.

Sherman and his wife, Jennifer, have two children: son James and daughter Nioka.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: November 2, 1968

HOMETOWN: Radford, Va.

ALMA MATER: Ferrum College, 1992

FAMILY: Sherman and his wife, Jennifer, have two children: son James and daughter Nioka.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

FERRUM, 1991, student assistant.

METHODIST, 1992, wide receivers.

VMI, 1993, running backs; 1994, wide receivers; 1995, quarterbacks and passing game coordinator; 1996, wide receivers.

OHIO, 1997-2000, wide receivers.

WAKE FOREST, 2001-05, wide receivers.

VIRGINIA TECH, 2006-12, wide receivers.

PURDUE, 2013-14, wide receivers.

PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, wide receivers.

PROFESSIONAL

DENVER BRONCOS, summer 2004, NFL internship.



DAVE ANDREWS

HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

One of Pat Narduzzi's first moves at Pitt was hiring Dave Andrews as head strength and conditioning coach.

That decision has continuously paid dividends as Pitt has displayed a renewed toughness and tenacity, resulting in 21 victories the past three seasons. The Panthers have achieved milestone wins over 2016 national champion Clemson, playoff contender Miami and historic rival Penn State. A vital element in those victories was the strength and conditioning preparation orchestrated by Andrews and his staff.

Described by Narduzzi as "a highly disciplined coach who instills toughness in our entire program," Andrews arrived at Pitt with strong credentials in both physical development and as a former player. He was a tight end on Ohio State's 2002 national championship team and has spent the past decade as a major-college strength coach.

He is a certified strength and conditioning coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA) and USA Weightlifting (USAW) as a level one sports performance coach.

In 2014, Andrews was an assistant director of strength and conditioning at Notre Dame, which defeated LSU, 31-28, in the Music City Bowl.

Prior to Notre Dame, he spent two seasons as the associate head strength and conditioning coach at Illinois (2012-13). From 2005-11, Andrews served in various strength and conditioning capacities at the University of Cincinnati, including his final four years when he was the Bearcats' head Olympic strength and conditioning coach. Andrews was a graduate assistant football coach at Cincinnati in 2004.

Andrews is a 2004 graduate of Ohio State with a bachelor's degree in education. In addition to his undergraduate studies in education, Andrews also owns a master's degree in that subject from the University of Cincinnati.

Andrews and his wife, Hallie, have three children: daughter Ella and sons Emerson and Eli.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: December 3, 1981

HOMETOWN: Washington Court House, Ohio

ALMA MATER: Ohio State, 2004

FAMILY: Andrews and his wife, Hallie, have three children: daughter Ella and sons Emerson and Eli.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

CINCINNATI, 2004, graduate assistant football coach; 2005-11, strength and conditioning coach.

ILLINOIS, 2012-13, associate head strength and conditioning coach.

NOTRE DAME, 2014, assistant director of strength and conditioning.

PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, head strength and conditioning coach.



CHRIS LASALA

ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR/FOOTBALL ADMINISTRATION

Chris LaSala enters his 22nd season as a member of the University of Pittsburgh's football staff. In 2016, LaSala was promoted to associate athletic director for football administration.

LaSala has a well-earned reputation as one of the nation's finest football operations professionals. His responsibilities have expanded in recent years, both within the football program and overall athletic department.

In addition to his invaluable contributions to football, LaSala is an important member of Pitt's sport administration team and he played a key role in the development of *The Strategic Plan for Pitt Athletics* unveiled in 2016.

LaSala is one of the athletic department's longest tenured staff members, joining the Panthers in 1997 as director of football operations. He was named an assistant athletic director in 2000, serving in that capacity until his recent promotion.

LaSala has handled a wide variety of responsibilities with the Pitt football program over the years, including team travel accommodations, youth summer camps, coaching clinics and preseason training camp arrangements as well as daily administration. He also serves as the football program's liaison to numerous campus offices and within the athletic department.

One of LaSala's most impactful contributions at Pitt is his daily work with student-athletes in preparing them for life after college. His efforts have made the football program one of Pitt's most active and enthusiastic teams when it comes to community service. In fact, the football team was recently lauded for logging the most community service hours in the Pitt Athletic Department.

LaSala has been an instrumental figure in the dramatic upgrades within Pitt's practice facility during the past two years. Those enhancements include a new team meeting room, locker room, players lounge and staff conference room. He has also been a creative influence in the recently installed graphic displays that showcase the Panthers' rich football history.

LaSala has been a primary planner for Pitt's trips to 15 bowl games, including the Pinstripe Bowl (2016), Military Bowl (2015), Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl (2014), Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (2013), BBVA Compass Bowl (2010-12), Meineke Car Care Bowl (2009), Sun Bowl (2008), Fiesta Bowl (2004), Continental Tire Bowl (2003), Insight Bowl (2000 and 2002), Tangerine Bowl (2001) and Liberty Bowl (1997).

LaSala was a member of the Beaver County Sports Hall of Fame 2014 induction class. He is a past recipient of the prestigious Chancellor's Award for Staff Excellence in service to the University of Pittsburgh. LaSala has also been recognized as an Outstanding Graduate of Temple University's sport and recreation management program.

LaSala's career in athletics began at Temple, where he served as a graduate assistant. He then came to the University of Pittsburgh as an athletic department intern in 1989.

Prior to his 1997 Pitt appointment, he served three years as the director of football operations at Boston College (1994-96), where he handled all the administrative duties for the football program, including overseeing the travel arrangements and organizing BC's youth camps. During his tenure, the Eagles captured the 1994 Aloha Bowl and participated in the 1995 Kickoff Classic.

Before Boston College, LaSala spent four years at Temple in administration (1990-93) and ultimately was elevated to assistant athletic director. He initially joined Temple as a graduate assistant in 1988 and then returned to the Owls' football staff in 1990 as the administrative assistant.

LaSala graduated from West Virginia in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Temple in 1991. LaSala and his wife, Dana, have a son, Anthony.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: January 7, 1966

HOMETOWN: Aliquippa, Pa.

ALMA MATER: West Virginia, 1988

FAMILY: LaSala and his wife, Dana, have a son, Anthony.

EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

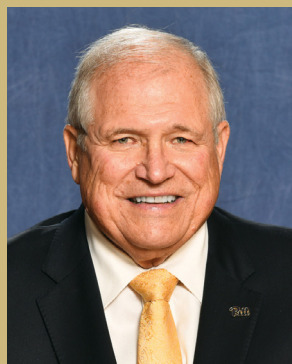
TEMPLE, 1988, graduate assistant.

PITTSBURGH, 1989, athletic department intern.

TEMPLE, 1990, football administrative assistant; 1991-93, department recruiting coordinator; 1993, assistant athletic director.

BOSTON COLLEGE, 1994-96, director of football operations.

PITTSBURGH, 1997-2015, director of football operations; 2000-15, assistant athletic director; 2016-present, associate athletic director/football administration.



BOB JUNKO

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT/HIGH SCHOOL RELATIONS

Widely known and respected throughout the tri-state area, Bob Junko has spent 25 years representing the Pitt football program in many important capacities.

After spending nearly four decades in the coaching ranks, Junko moved to the administrative side of college football in 2007. Serving as Pitt's director of player development and high school relations since 2013, Junko's tremendous football acumen and contacts are invaluable for the Panthers.

A past honoree on the Rivals Top 25 Recruiters list, Junko is especially instrumental with Pitt's annual recruiting efforts and alumni outreach programs.

The 2018 season marks the 22nd year of Junko's second tour with the Panthers. He initially coached at Pitt from 1982-85, serving as defensive coordinator under head coach Foge Fazio. Junko returned in 1997 as defensive tackles coach under Walt Harris and also served the program as assistant head coach.

In his first stint with the Panthers, the 1982 team received a Cotton Bowl bid and finished ninth in the country. The 1983 Panthers earned a Fiesta Bowl berth and ranked 19th in the final polls.

Among the standouts on those defenses were tackle Bill Maas, defensive end Chris Doleman and defensive backs Tim Lewis and Tom Flynn, all of whom went on to careers in the NFL. Doleman was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2012.

Junko's Pitt tenure has been accomplished as well as lengthy. In total, he has been part of 17 bowl teams and worked with 13 first team All-Americans.

Prior to returning to Pittsburgh, Junko was the defensive coordinator at Kent State from 1995-96. Junko also served as the associate head coach and defensive coordinator for seven years at Akron (1988-94). He held similar positions at Northwestern, TCU and Tulsa, his alma mater.

As a collegian, Junko starred at Tulsa as an inside linebacker and was an Honorable Mention All-American in 1967. He was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference team twice and served as Tulsa's captain.

Junko earned a bachelor's degree in history education in 1968 and his master's in educational administration in 1970 at Tulsa. He has been inducted into the University of Tulsa Sports Hall of Fame, Trinity High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Washington-Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

In 2015, Junko was named an Honorary Letterwinner by the Pitt Varsity Letter Club.

Junko's wife's name is Judy. Their family includes sons Jay and his wife Kim, Jeff and his wife Meredith, and Mike and his wife Mistydae. Bob and Judy have eight grandchildren: Ryan, Joshua, Caleb, Bryn, Ethan, Lila Rose, Owen and Derek.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: July 4, 1946

HOMETOWN: Washington, Pa.

ALMA MATER: Tulsa, 1968

FAMILY: Junko's wife's name is Judy. Their family includes sons Jay and his wife Kim, Jeff and his wife Meredith, and Mike and his wife Mistydae. Bob and Judy have eight grandchildren: Ryan, Joshua, Caleb, Bryn, Ethan, Lila Rose, Owen and Derek.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

TULSA, 1968, graduate assistant; 1969, freshman coach; 1970-74, linebackers; 1975, defensive coordinator.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN, 1976-81, defensive coordinator; 1979-81, assistant head coach.

PITTSBURGH, 1982-85, defensive coordinator and linebackers.

NORTHWESTERN, 1986-87, defensive coordinator.

AKRON, 1988-94, associate head coach and defensive coordinator.

KENT STATE, 1995-96, defensive coordinator and linebackers.

PITTSBURGH, 1997-2005, defensive tackles; 2000-06, assistant head coach; 2006, recruiting coordinator; 2007-12, director of football relations and program enhancement; 2013-present, director of player development and high school relations.



REED CASE

DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING

Reed Case enters his first year as director of recruiting for Pitt football. Case brings to Pittsburgh an outstanding football background, boasting diverse experience in recruiting, operations, administration and coaching.

Case most recently served as an assistant recruiting director at Mississippi State. Prior to his tenure with the Bulldogs, he was the director of recruiting at Texas under Charlie Strong (2014-17).

Case actually had two stints with the Longhorns. From 1997-2000, he was a special assistant to head coaches John Mackovic and Mack Brown, and spent four years on the Texas staff working in recruiting, scouting and video.

His additional collegiate administrative stops include Oklahoma as director of player personnel under Bob Stoops (2011-14); East Carolina as director of football administration under Skip Holtz (2008-10); Oklahoma State as coordinator of football operations under Mike Gundy (2007-08); Northwestern as assistant recruiting coordinator under Pat Fitzgerald (2006-07); and Akron as director of football operations under J.D. Brookhart (2004-05).

From 2001-03, Case was a defensive graduate assistant coach on Al Groh's staff at Virginia. While with the Cavaliers, he had a pro scouting internship with the Houston Texans during the summer of 2003.

A native of Hopedale, Ohio, Case's professional path began as an assistant football coach on the prep level. He worked with a pair of perennial Ohio state playoff programs in Sheridan High School (1992-94) and Cadiz High School (1995-96). Case was also head wrestling coach at Cadiz, where he was honored as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) and Eastern District Coach of the Year.

Case earned his bachelor's degree in education from Ohio University in 1995.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: May 5, 1971

HOMETOWN: Hopedale, Ohio

ALMA MATER: Ohio University, 1995

EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE

TEXAS, 1997-2000, special assistant to head coach/video assistant.

VIRGINIA, 2001-03, defensive graduate assistant.

AKRON, 2004-05, director of football operations.

NORTHWESTERN, 2006-07, assistant recruiting coordinator.

OKLAHOMA STATE, 2007-08, coordinator of football operations.

EAST CAROLINA, 2008-10, director of football administration.

OKLAHOMA, 2011-14, director of player personnel.

TEXAS, 2014-17, director of recruiting.

MISSISSIPPI STATE, 2018, assistant recruiting director.

PROFESSIONAL

HOUSTON TEXANS, 2003, scouting internship.



GRAHAM WILBERT

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Graham Wilbert enters his second year as Pitt's director of player personnel. Wilbert joined the Panthers in 2017 from Florida Atlantic University, where he played quarterback and, following his graduation, was a member of the Owls' football staff.

In his current capacity on the Pitt staff, Wilbert plays a comprehensive role in the program's year-round recruiting efforts. In February, the Panthers signed a recruiting class ranked No. 36 by Rivals.

As FAU's director of player personnel and external relations, Wilbert had oversight of the Owls' recruiting operations. He was a vital figure in helping FAU sign three of the best classes in school history, including two that were rated No. 1 in Conference USA (2015 and 2017).

Wilbert was an offensive graduate assistant for the Owls during the 2013 and 2014 seasons. He had a positional focus on the quarterbacks and worked with Jaquez Johnson, the 2013 C-USA Newcomer of the Year.

Wilbert was a natural mentor for the FAU quarterbacks having played the position himself for the Owls from 2008-12. A two-year starter, he ranks among the most productive passers in school history.

An offensive captain as a senior, Wilbert was the inaugural recipient of FAU's Endurance Award for his achievements in the classroom, on the playing field, in the weight room and as a citizen. He received the Owls' Student Athlete Award following his junior season.

A native of Valencia, Calif., Wilbert was a starting quarterback at Valencia High School. He threw for nearly 3,000 yards as a senior in leading the Vikings to the state playoffs.

Wilbert graduated from FAU with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and health promotion. He also owns a master's degree in health promotion from FAU.

Wilbert's wife's name is Michala.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: June 11, 1990

HOMETOWN: Valencia, Calif.

ALMA MATER: Florida Atlantic, 2012

FAMILY: Wilbert's wife's name is Michala.

EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC, 2013-14, offensive graduate assistant; 2015-17, director of player personnel and external relations.

PITTSBURGH, 2017-present, director of player personnel.



BEN MATHERS

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Ben Mathers enters his fourth year as Pitt's director of football operations. In this capacity, Mathers plays an integral role in ensuring the program's numerous activities and itineraries run smoothly and efficiently.

His chief focuses include player and coach daily regimens, coordination of road game transportation and the team's expanded training table. Mathers has also been instrumental in the Panthers' trips to the 2015 Military Bowl and 2016 Pinstripe Bowl.

Prior to his arrival in Pittsburgh, Mathers spent seven total seasons with the Michigan State football program.

As an operations assistant during the 2014 season, he was instrumental in the Spartans' recruiting efforts, especially from a social media and special events standpoint. Mathers spent two years as an operations graduate assistant (2012-13) and four years as a student assistant in the video department (2008-11).

The Spartans advanced to a bowl game in each of Mathers' seven seasons with the program, finishing among the nation's Top 5 his final two years.

In 2014, Michigan State went 11-2 and earned a No. 5 national ranking following a 42-41 win over Baylor in the AT&T Cotton Bowl. In 2013, the Spartans finished No. 3 in the country following a Big Ten title and 24-20 victory over Stanford in the Rose Bowl.

A 2011 communications graduate from Michigan State, he is completing his master's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in sports administration from MSU.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: September 14, 1988

HOMETOWN: Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

ALMA MATER: Michigan State, 2011

EXPERIENCE

COLLEGE
MICHIGAN STATE, 2012-13, operations graduate assistant; 2014, operations assistant.

PITTSBURGH, 2015-present, director of football operations.



ROB BLANC

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

Rob Blanc enters his 31st year as head football athletic trainer and clinical instructor at Pitt. With his exceptional sports medicine knowledge and experience, Blanc is a tremendous resource for the entire Pitt Athletic Department.

Widely respected by his peers, Blanc is a past recipient of the NCAA Division I Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award presented by the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). He has also been honored with the Distinguished Merit Award from the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society in recognition of his dedicated service, past achievements and outstanding professional contributions that have furthered the advancement of the athletic training profession in the Commonwealth.

In addition to his responsibilities with the Panthers' football program, Blanc played a lead role with the Pitt Performance Team, a unique blending of the university's numerous resources that focuses on the development and welfare of the total student-athlete. He also helps coordinate sports coverage, budget, inventory, drug testing and counseling.

Blanc is an adjunct clinical instructor for Pitt's NATA-approved undergraduate athletic training curriculum. He has co-authored two textbooks, *Emergency Care in Athletic Training* and *Athletic Training Case Scenarios: Domain-Based Situations and Solutions*, with three graduates of the University of Pittsburgh athletic training program. Blanc had a third book published in 2017, *True Stories From The Athletic Training Room*.

Blanc graduated from Slippery Rock University in 1982 and earned his master's in athletic training in 1984 from Ohio University. He was also a certified paramedic and was involved in an emergency medical service for 17 years in nearby Bethel Park, Pa.

A native of Pittsburgh, Blanc served as head athletic trainer at neighboring Duquesne University for two years before joining the Panthers' staff.

Blanc began his athletic training career as the head athletic trainer at New Lexington (Ohio) High School in 1983. A year later, he began working for the Pittsburgh Steelers on a part-time basis, serving at training camp and at all home games.

Blanc's wife's name is Peggy. He has three children: son Jason and daughters Jordan and Shannon.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: February 28, 1960

HOMETOWN: Bethel Park, Pa.

ALMA MATER: Slippery Rock, 1982

FAMILY: Blanc's wife's name is Peggy. He has three children: son Jason and daughters Jordan and Shannon.



CHAD BOGARD

VIDEO COORDINATOR

Chad Bogard, who boasts experience at the collegiate and professional levels of football, returned to Pitt in 2017 to lead the football video department. He arrived back in Pittsburgh after serving as director of video operations for the football program at Rice University.

Bogard boasts extensive and diverse experience in the high-tech world of football video.

Bogard previously served at Pitt as football video coordinator from 2001-08. He was twice named the Big East Conference's Video Coordinator of the Year by the Collegiate Sports Video Association (CSVA) while with the Panthers.

Following his initial Pitt tenure, Bogard worked in the National Football League for seven seasons (2009-15) as video director for the Cleveland Browns.

Bogard had two prior stints in NFL video offices with the New Orleans Saints (1997-98) and Browns (1999-2000). He additionally worked as an assistant video coordinator with the Scottish Claymores of the World League of American Football (WLAF) in 1997.

A 1996 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Bogard earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism. As an undergraduate, he worked as a training camp intern for the Kansas City Chiefs from 1991-95. Following graduation, he served a full-season internship during the Chiefs' 1996-97 campaign.

Bogard and his wife, Renee, have four children: Kyler, Marco, Ava and Emily.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BORN: July 4, 1973

HOMETOWN: Owen-Withee, Wis.

ALMA MATER: University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 1996

FAMILY: Bogard and his wife, Renee, have four children: Kyler, Marco, Ava and Emily.

JAMES PATTON

OFFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL



James Patton enters his second year as an offensive quality control assistant at Pitt. Patton joined the Panthers after being part of powerful offenses at Indiana (2013-16) and Oklahoma (2006-12) over the past decade.

Patton was the Hoosiers' tight ends and fullbacks coach his final three years in Bloomington. He initially served as special teams coordinator and assistant defensive line coach. Patton also had recruiting coordinator responsibilities at IU.

In 2015, Indiana became just the fourth team in FBS history to feature a 3,500-yard passer, two 1,000-yard rushers and one 1,000-yard receiver in a season. Oklahoma also accomplished this feat in 2008, when Patton was the Sooners' offensive line coach.

During his seven-season tenure at Oklahoma, Patton was part of five Big 12 championship teams. The Sooners compiled a 74-21 record (.779) from 2006-12, earning three Fiesta Bowl berths, a Cotton Bowl invitation and playing in the 2009 BCS title game.

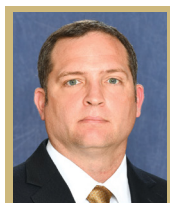
Patton's additional coaching stops include Northwestern (1999-2005), Miami University (1998, 1993-94) and Rhode Island (1995-97). His URI tenure marked his first coaching collaboration with Pat Narduzzi, who was then the Rams' linebackers coach.

Patton was a four-year letterman at tight end for the Miami RedHawks from 1989-92, earning first team All-Mid-American Conference as a senior. Patton's playing career overlapped with Narduzzi's first coaching appointment as a Miami graduate assistant and later receivers coach.

Patton and his wife, Nichole, have four children: son Brayden and daughters Katie, Madie and Abbie. Brayden is an offensive lineman at Northern Illinois.

TIM COOPER

DEFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL



Tim Cooper begins his second season as a Pitt defensive quality control assistant.

Prior to Pitt, Cooper spent seven years as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Butler University. His defenses annually ranked among the stingiest at the FCS level and keyed a highly successful period for the Bulldogs' program.

Butler won two Pioneer Football League (PFL) titles during Cooper's tenure. The 2013 team ranks as one of the finest in school history. Behind an opportunistic defensive unit that ranked among the nation's top 10 in forced turnovers and fumble recoveries, the Bulldogs earned their first-ever berth in the NCAA Division I Playoffs.

In 2009, Cooper was a defensive quality control assistant at Indiana. His IU appointment came after he had coached the secondary at Miami University from 2004-08, helping the RedHawks claim three MAC East Division championships.

Cooper began his Miami tenure in 2003 as a graduate assistant working under Pat Narduzzi, who was defensive coordinator.

That 2003 squad went 13-1, won the MAC championship and defeated nationally ranked Louisville in the GMAC Bowl to finish No. 10 in the Associated Press poll. The RedHawks that season topped the MAC in rushing defense (19th nationally), scoring defense (22nd nationally) and pass efficiency defense (34th nationally).

Cooper was the defensive coordinator at Carroll (Wis.) University in 2001 and 2002. He had positional oversight of the Pioneers' secondary and linebackers.

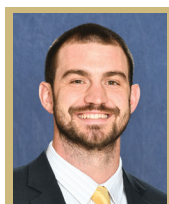
Cooper was a defensive graduate assistant at Connecticut in 2000, the Huskies' first year competing at the FBS (formerly I-A) level. He additionally was a defensive coaching assistant at Rhode Island in 1999 (when Narduzzi was the Rams' defensive coordinator) and served as an offensive graduate assistant working with the running backs at his alma mater, DePauw University, in 1997 and 1998.

A standout linebacker and team captain for DePauw, Cooper helped the Tigers to the 1996 Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference (ICAC) championship.

Cooper and his wife, Jamie, have one son, Joshua.

BEN COTTON

OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Ben Cotton enters his second year as an offensive graduate assistant at Pitt. Cotton joined the Panthers after spending two seasons as a graduate assistant at UNLV, working with the Rebels' offense.

Cotton was a standout tight end as a collegian at Nebraska. He was a four-year letterman and three-year starter for the Cornhuskers from 2009-12. Cotton twice

earned Honorable Mention All-Big Ten as a player and also was a four-time conference all-academic honoree.

A native of Ames, Iowa, Cotton starred at Ames High School and was the team's only two-way starter as a tight end and defensive end.

Cotton earned his bachelor's degree from Nebraska in business administration.

MIKE PERISH

OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Mike Perish, one of the most productive quarterbacks in Indiana State history, enters his second season as an offensive graduate assistant at Pitt.

Perish was ISU's Most Valuable Player as a senior in 2014, when he led the Sycamores to the NCAA playoffs for the first time in three decades. During that historic campaign, Perish rewrote the

school record book, setting new ISU single-season standards for total offense (3,309), passing yards (3,515), completion percentage (61.4), touchdown passes (21), passing attempts (528) and completions (324).

Perish threw for a school-record 407 yards in a first-round win over Eastern Kentucky, Indiana State's first playoff win since 1983.

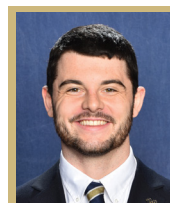
He finished as Indiana State's all-time leader in career passing yards (6,716) and placed second in career total offense (6,373).

Perish returned to his alma mater in 2016 as wide receivers coach. His pupils included All-Missouri Valley Football Conference (MVFC) performer Robert Tonyan, who set school records for touchdown catches in a season (10) and career (20). Tonyan was with the Green Bay Packers in 2017. Perish's additional coaching experience includes a stint as the quarterbacks coach and head junior varsity coach at St. Francis High School in Illinois during the 2015 season.

A native of Frankfort, Ill., Perish earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana State in 2015. Married, his wife's name is Lauren.

MIKE CAPRARA

DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Mike Caprara, a Pitt linebacker from 2012-16, enters his second season working as a graduate assistant with the Panthers' football program.

Last year, Caprara served as an overall program assistant, contributing in various administrative functions. For 2018, he will return to the field as a defensive assistant.

Caprara graduated from Pitt in 2015 with a degree in communication and is currently enrolled in the Katz Graduate School of Business.

As a Pitt player, Caprara was a four-year letterman who distinguished himself with a tenacious, yet cerebral, style of play. He collected nearly 90 tackles with 15.5 TFLs and 7.5 sacks as a starting outside linebacker his final two seasons. In the Panthers' 42-39 win over rival Penn State in 2016, Caprara had two fumble recoveries that proved critical to the victory.

Away from the field, Caprara made numerous mission trips to Haiti and was recognized for his humanitarian service by being named to the 2016 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team. He was also honored as a Senior of Distinction at the 2017 Pitt Athletics Senior Awards Dinner and additionally received the Service Award from Bishop David Zubik at the Catholic Charities 35th Annual Bishop's Dinner.

A native of Turtle Creek, Caprara is a graduate of Woodland Hills High School. Starring under famed Wolverines head football coach George Novak, Caprara finished his prep career as the school's all-time tackling leader with more than 350 stops.

JOSH LOTT

DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Josh Lott enters his second season as a defensive graduate assistant at Pitt.

Lott joined the Panthers after serving as a defensive quality control assistant at Delaware for two seasons. He additionally coached the Blue Hens' defensive line in 2016.

Lott owns strong college football ties to the city of Pittsburgh. He was a four-year letterman at Duquesne University from 2008-12. A defensive end, Lott helped the Dukes capture the Northeast Conference championship in 2011.

Lott's first coaching assignment was at Thiel College, an NCAA Division III program in Greenville, Pa. During the 2013 and 2014 seasons, he served as Thiel's defensive line coach, video coordinator and assistant strength coach.

A native of Warren, Ohio, Lott was an all-state player at Howland High School and was selected the 2007 Ohio Division II Co-Defensive Player of the Year by Associated Press.

Lott earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Duquesne.

FREDDIE WALKER

ASSOCIATE STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH



Freddie Walker is in his fourth season on the Pitt strength and conditioning staff. Walker, who was elevated to associate strength and conditioning coach in 2016, plays a lead role in the physical development of the Panthers.

Prior to Pitt, Walker was on the strength staff at Illinois (2012-14), working with the Fighting Illini football team.

He was promoted to an associate coach role for his final season in Champaign.

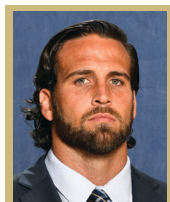
Walker additionally served as a graduate assistant strength coach at Michigan State, working with the Spartans' Big Ten title team in 2010 and Legends Division champion squad in 2011.

A native of Lansing, Mich., and graduate of Grand Ledge High School, Walker played defensive back at Bowling Green. He graduated from BGSU in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology while specializing in exercise science. In 2012 he earned his master's degree from Michigan State in kinesiology-exercise physiology.

Walker is married to the former Susie Jean.

AUSTIN ADDINGTON-STRAPP

ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH



Austin Addington-Strapp, a former collegiate football and baseball player, is in his fourth season on the Pitt strength and conditioning staff.

From 2012-14, Addington-Strapp was on the football strength staff at Illinois. He joined the Illini from Ohio Dominican University, his alma mater, where he built a strength and conditioning program for the athletic department from scratch.

Addington-Strapp was a two-sport athlete at Ohio Dominican. A tough and tenacious linebacker, he posted a career-high 77 tackles as a senior in 2008 to help ODU to a 7-3 record. Additionally, he was a pitcher for Ohio Dominican's baseball team.

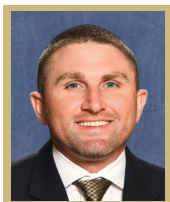
He also was a graduate assistant on Bowling Green's strength staff during the 2010 and 2011 seasons.

A native of Gahanna, Ohio, Addington-Strapp is a product of St. Francis DeSales High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in sport management from Ohio Dominican in 2009 and completed his master's degree in kinesiology and sport management at Bowling Green in 2011.

Addington-Strapp is married to the former Chelsie Burkhardt.

DALE THORNTON

ATHLETIC TRAINER



Dale Thornton enters his third season with the Pitt football program as an athletic trainer. Owning two degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, Thornton got his start in the athletic training profession as a Pitt undergraduate working with the Panthers' football, baseball and swimming and diving teams.

Prior to returning to his alma mater in 2016, Thornton served as the head football athletic trainer at Slippery Rock University. He additionally oversaw coverage for the women's lacrosse team while assisting with the field hockey and track and field programs.

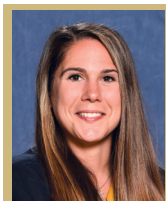
Thornton is a 2010 graduate of Pitt with a bachelor's degree in athletic training. He was a graduate assistant athletic trainer for Pitt football for two seasons (2010-11) before earning his master's degree in sports medicine and nutrition in 2012.

A member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA), Thornton also has experience in the professional ranks. He was an intern with the Pittsburgh Pirates during the 2009 Major League Baseball season and additionally served a year-long internship with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2012-13).

Thornton is married to the former Chynna Stevens.

KATE ZIRPOLI

ATHLETIC TRAINER



A 2014 honors graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Kate Zirpoli enters her third year as an athletic trainer with the Pitt football team.

Zirpoli is highly experienced within the Panthers' sports medicine program. As an undergraduate, she worked with the Pitt football, wrestling and women's soccer teams before earning her

bachelor's degree in athletic training.

In 2014 and 2015, Zirpoli was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Florida State, where she worked with the football and sand volleyball programs. She earned her master's degree in sport management from FSU.

Zirpoli's additional experience includes time as a student athletic trainer at neighboring Chatham University and an athletic training internship with the Arena Football League's Pittsburgh Power.

She is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

KATHERINE HOPKINS

SPORTS DIETITIAN



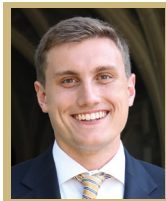
Katherine Hopkins enters her second year at the University of Pittsburgh working with the Panthers' football program as sports dietitian. She is a highly active and visible figure during the team's year-round training regimen, providing nutritional counsel, education and evaluation.

During the 2016-17 academic year, Hopkins served as assistant director of sports nutrition at LSU. Prior to LSU, she was a sports nutrition intern at the University of Tennessee. Hopkins' additional experience includes child and community nutrition education. She is a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

Hopkins is a graduate of Northeastern University, where she was a field hockey student-athlete. She earned her Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) certificate from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts.

CLARK BINGOL

GRADUATE ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER



Clark Bingol enters his first season as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for Pitt football.

Bingol arrived in Pittsburgh following his graduation from West Chester University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in athletic training. As an undergraduate he worked in West Chester's athletic

training room, assisting with injury evaluations and rehabilitation.

Bingol's additional collegiate experience includes athletic training internships with the football programs at Army West Point and Cheyney University. He also worked as an athletic training student at Garnet Valley (Pa.) High School as part of his undergraduate clinical rotations.

Bingol served on the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Society Student Leadership Team and also is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

MACKENZIE DAILEY

GRADUATE ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER



Mackenzie Dailey enters her second season as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for Pitt football. Dailey previously worked with the Panthers' football program during the summers of 2015 and 2016.

In addition to her football responsibilities, Dailey also works with the Pitt men's and women's basketball programs as well as the cheerleading and dance teams.

A 2016 honors graduate of Slippery Rock University, Dailey is a past recipient of the prestigious Cecilia Yost Scholarship Award from the Pennsylvania Athletic Trainers' Society.

As a Slippery Rock undergraduate, she worked with the football and women's basketball teams. Dailey gained additional athletic training experience working at Thiel College, Wilmington Area and Grove City high schools as well as Butler Memorial Hospital.

Dailey is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

PARIS JOHNSON

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL



Paris Johnson joined the Pitt football staff in February as assistant director of player personnel. Johnson brings to Pittsburgh a strong background that includes experience as both a player and coach.

Johnson was a standout defensive back at Miami (Ohio) University, where he earned first team All-Mid-American Conference (MAC) honors at strong safety. As a senior in 1998, he helped the RedHawks to a 10-1 record and share of the MAC East Division title.

Johnson began his collegiate career at North Iowa Community College, serving as a team captain and earning all-region accolades before matriculating to Miami.

In the 1999 NFL Draft, he was a fifth-round selection of the Arizona Cardinals. In addition to Arizona, Johnson also had stints with the Miami Dolphins, Carolina Panthers and Dallas Cowboys.

Johnson returned to college football in 2012, when he served as the special teams coordinator and defensive backs coach

at Central State University in Ohio. He went on to work three years (2013-15) at Michigan State, spending two seasons as a defensive graduate assistant under then-Spartans defensive coordinator Pat Narduzzi, and one year as a recruiting assistant.

While in East Lansing, Johnson collaborated with some of the nation's top defensive units and players. His work with Michigan State's secondary included time with All-America cornerback Darqueze Dennard, who won the prestigious Jim Thorpe Award as college football's top defensive back. Dennard was a first-round selection of the Cincinnati Bengals in the 2014 NFL Draft. Johnson also worked with cornerback Trae Waynes, a first-round pick of the Minnesota Vikings in 2015.

During this time, Johnson also completed an NFL scouting internship with the Detroit Lions.

Following MSU, Johnson spent two seasons (2016-17) as the safeties coach at Savannah State University.

Johnson graduated from Miami with a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminology. He went on to earn his master's degree in kinesiology from Michigan State.

Johnson has four children: Paris Jr., Sydney, Jalen and Cameron.

KARLO ZOVKO

RECRUITING GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Pittsburgh native Karlo Zovko enters his second year as a recruiting graduate assistant with the Pitt football program.

Zovko is a 2012 graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in business with a concentration in sports marketing from Duquesne

University in 2016.

As an undergraduate at Duquesne, Zovko worked with the Dukes' football program. He served as a video coordinator for four seasons and also contributed as an operations and coaching assistant. His senior year, Duquesne won the 2015 Northeast Conference (NEC) title and made its first trip to the NCAA Division I playoffs.

During the 2016-17 academic year, Zovko was a football recruiting graduate assistant at the University of Toledo. The Rockets went 9-4 in 2016, earning a berth in the Camellia Bowl. Toledo's 2017 recruiting class was rated the best in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) by 247Sports, Rivals and Scout.

Zovko has additionally worked as a recruiting reporter for such outlets as 247Sports and Preps.com, and served as a color analyst for high school football broadcasts on the Champs Sports Network.

STEPHEN STEIN

ASSISTANT VIDEO COORDINATOR



Stephen Stein enters his third season as assistant video coordinator for Pitt football. In Stein, the Panthers boast a skilled and seasoned professional owning a background in both video and team operations.

A 2012 graduate of Bowling Green in sport management, Stein served his alma mater as a football operations intern and later was a graduate assistant video coordinator. During his tenure, the Falcons captured the 2013 Mid-American Conference (MAC) championship, finishing with a 10-4 record.

After earning his master's degree in sport administration from Bowling Green in 2014, Stein went on to serve two years as video coordinator for all sports at Towson University (2014-16). His additional professional experience includes a football operations internship at Tiffin University in 2012.

Stein is a member of the Collegiate Sports Video Association (CSVA).

MAX HAHN

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCAST AND VIDEO PRODUCTION



Max Hahn, an assistant director of broadcast and video production, enters his second year working with the Pitt football program. Hahn is a highly instrumental figure in the creation of football video content for marketing, advertising, social media and the Heinz Field scoreboards.

Hahn arrived at Pitt after working the prior four years at his alma mater, Western Michigan University. Serving in the Bronco Productions video and broadcasting division, he played an impactful role in helping expand WMU Athletics programming on the ESPN3 platform. Hahn additionally produced content for all WMU teams and helped create student-run digital board shows.

Hahn is a 2014 honors graduate of Western Michigan with a bachelor's degree in film, video and media studies.

ZACH LANTZ

DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE MEDIA



Zach Lantz is in his second year as the director of creative media for Pitt football. In this capacity, Lantz is significantly involved in the Panthers' social media, graphics and recruiting campaign initiatives.

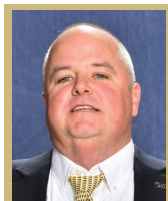
A 2014 graduate of James Madison University, Lantz served in similar capacities for the JMU athletic department. Over the 2015-16 seasons, he was video coordinator

and graphic designer for the football program, a perennial power at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level and winner of the 2016 NCAA Division I championship. From 2014-15, he was a football recruiting assistant, specializing in graphics creation and communications.

As a JMU undergraduate Lantz worked as a student equipment manager. He earned his bachelor's degree in sport and recreation management and recently completed his master's degree in sports leadership at JMU.

TIM ENRIGHT

EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Tim Enright is in his 22nd year as the head equipment manager for the Pitt football team.

Enright supervises the equipment operation for more than 100 team members, including organizing travel and transportation of equipment for away games and managing the day-to-day equipment needs for the players and coaching staff.

Enright has a long association with Pitt football and the University of Pittsburgh that dates back more than three decades.

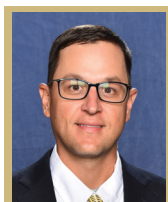
As an undergraduate at Pitt, he was a student football manager (1987-91) and served as the team's head manager his senior year.

A 1991 graduate of Pitt, he returned to his alma mater in 1993 as an assistant equipment manager in charge of the men's basketball team. Enright was promoted to his current post with the football team in 1997 and has handled the equipment travel for 17 bowl games in total at Pitt.

Enright and his wife, Tara, have a daughter, Stella.

DANNY KOZUSKO

ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Danny Kozusko is in his 15th season with the Pitt football program. His duties include assisting in the daily equipment operations for the football team and coaching staff.

Kozusko initially joined the Panthers as a student manager from 2004-07. He was the recipient of the athletic department's prestigious George I. Carson Graduate Fellowship Award.

Kozusko's professional background includes experience with other sports teams in the city. From 2000-03 he worked with the Pittsburgh Steelers, assisting the team at all home games and during training camp in his hometown of Latrobe. He also interned with the Pittsburgh Pirates during the 2006 season, working in ticketing, marketing and customer relations.

Kozusko is a 2007 graduate of Pitt with a bachelor's degree in communication and rhetoric. He and his wife, Lauren, who earned her pharmacy doctorate from Pitt, have two children, son Paxton and daughter Riley.

CAGE GALUPI

OPERATIONS GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Cage Galupi enters his first year as an operations graduate assistant for the Pitt football program. He is no stranger to the Panthers, having served in various student assistant capacities the past three years as a Pitt undergraduate.

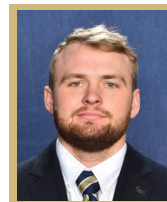
Galupi has worked in the football office since 2016, contributing as a recruiting and operations assistant. He also served a one-year internship in Pitt's athletic media relations office during the 2015-16 academic year.

Galupi earned his bachelor's degree in communication in April from Pitt and is now enrolled in the Katz Graduate School of Business.

A Pittsburgh native, Galupi graduated from North Allegheny High School in 2014. He played quarterback for the Tigers and was a member of two WPIAL champion teams, including the 2012 squad that went 16-0 and won the PIAA Class AAAA title.

COLTON LIVELY

PROGRAM GRADUATE ASSISTANT



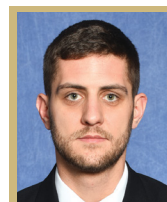
Colton Lively, a Pitt letterman as a hard-nosed fullback, enters his first season as a program graduate assistant. In this capacity, Lively will serve in various administrative and operational functions for the Panthers.

Lively played for the Panthers from 2013-17, contributing not only in the backfield but on special teams as well. He is a 2017 graduate of Pitt with a bachelor's degree in communication and is now pursuing his graduate work in health and physical activity.

A Texas native, Lively starred at Lake Dallas High School, where he was an all-district performer at defensive end. His senior year he collected 73 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and 20 quarterback hurries to lead Lake Dallas to the Texas state playoffs. Lively was also a track and field standout, capturing the district championship in the discus.

AARON WATSON

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT



Aaron Watson is in his second year as a volunteer assistant for Pitt football.

Prior to joining the Panthers, Watson spent the 2016 season as wide receivers coach at Colorado School of Mines, where his pass catchers helped fuel the No. 2 air attack at the NCAA Division II level (359.9 passing yards per game). Under Watson's watch,

Brody Oliver earned All-America status after catching 85 passes for 1,627 yards (19.1 avg.) and a national-best 26 touchdowns.

In total, three of Watson's receivers were named All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). Mines went 10-3 in 2016, advancing to the NCAA Division II playoffs and finishing with a No. 15 national ranking.

Watson previously spent two seasons as a quality control assistant at Louisville (2012-13). During his tenure, the Cardinals won the 2012 Big East title and defeated Florida, 33-23, in the Sugar Bowl to finish 11-2. In 2013, Louisville went 12-1, including a 36-9 victory over Miami in the Russell Athletic Bowl.

He additionally has prep coaching experience, working with the quarterbacks at Gross Catholic (Neb.) High School during the 2010 season.

Watson played wide receiver at Southern Illinois University. He is a 2011 graduate of Bellevue University with a bachelor's degree in business management. Watson is the son of Pitt offensive coordinator Shawn Watson.

VICKI KLINE

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO COACH NARDUZZI



LYNNIE KOONTZ

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR RECRUITING



WALTER "MOUSE" McCULLOUGH

VOLUNTEER EQUIPMENT ASSISTANT

