



CHAD MORRIS

HEAD COACH
TEXAS A&M, 1992
 **COACHCHADMORRIS**

Chad Morris was named the Head Football Coach at SMU on Dec. 1, 2014. Morris arrived on the Hilltop after five seasons as an offensive coordinator on the collegiate level and 16 seasons as a Texas high school coach.

In his first season on the Hilltop, Morris engineered an offensive turnaround, as SMU increased its scoring output by 16.7 points per game – the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015. He also developed two of the nation's top freshmen - wide receiver Courtland Sutton and running back Xavier Jones. Sutton was named a Freshman All-American in 2015 after ranking No. 1 among freshmen with nine receiving TDs. He set an SMU freshman record for receiving yards with 862 and tied former SMU standout Emmanuel Sanders for most touchdowns by a freshman, while Jones set an SMU freshman record with 10 rushing TDs, surpassing SMU greats Eric Dickerson and Zach Line.

For the previous four seasons prior to SMU, Morris served as Offensive Coordinator at Clemson, helping the Tigers to a 41-11 record, the 2011 ACC Championship and four bowl berths, including two BCS Orange Bowl appearances. Clemson also posted three final top-25 rankings, including a top-10 finish in the final USA Today polls in 2012 and 2013. At the time of his departure, the Tigers were ranked 19th in the 2014 AP and USA Today polls. Clemson established 127 offensive records during his four years (89 individual/38 team) and posted the top three scoring seasons in school history, as well as four of the top five passing seasons in Clemson history. For his work, Morris was named AFCA National Assistant Coach of the Year and one of five finalists for National Offensive Coordinator of the Year by 247Sports.com in 2013, and the National Offensive Coordinator of the Year by Rivals.com in 2011.

MORRIS COACHING EXPERIENCE

1994-97	Head Coach	Eustace HS
1998-99	Head Coach	Elysian Fields HS
2000-02	Head Coach	Bay City HS
2003-07	Head Coach	Stephenville HS
2008-09	Head Coach	Lake Travis HS
2010	Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coord./QBs Coach	Tulsa
2011-14	Offensive Coordinator/QBs Coach	Clemson
2015-	Head Coach	SMU

Among the players Morris tutored at Clemson were 2012 first-team All-American quarterback and ACC Player of the Year Tajh Boyd, 2012 first-team All-American center Dalton Freeman, 2012 third-team All-American wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins and 2013 first-team All-American wide receiver and Biletnikoff Award finalist Sammy Watkins as well as NFLers Dwayne Allen of the Indianapolis Colts, Jaron Brown and Andre Ellington of the Arizona Cardinals, Martavis Bryant of the Pittsburgh Steelers, Tyler Shatley of the Jacksonville Jaguars and Brandon Thomas of the San Francisco 49ers. Morris also recruited 2015 All-Americans Deshaun Watson and Shaq Lawson as well as All-ACC performers Artavis Scott, Eric MaLain, Jordan Leggett, Wayne Gallman, Ben Boulware and others to Clemson. In all, Morris recruited 11 players – or half the starting lineup - on Clemson's 2015 national runner-up team.





Clemson's 2012 team set school records for total offense per game (512.7) and points per game (41.0), ranking sixth in the nation in scoring and ninth in the nation in total offense, and the 2013 offense averaged 507.7 yards and 40.2 points per game. Clemson and Baylor were the only FBS schools with a 3,000-Yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver every year from 2011-13.

Morris went to Clemson after one season as Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Coach at Tulsa. After his arrival, Tulsa improved from 5-7 in 2009 to 10-3 in 2010, averaging 41.4 points per game, eighth-most in the nation, and scoring at least 28 points in 12 of its 13 games. Tulsa was fifth nationally in first downs (25.6) and tied for fifth in touchdowns scored from the red zone (46). His offense scored 64 touchdowns on scrimmage plays (32 rushing, 32 passing) and totaled 1,006 plays (537 rushes, 469 passes).

Prior to his stint at TU, Morris served as a head coach on the Texas prep level for 16 years, coaching at Eustace Independent School District (1994-97), Elysian Field ISD (1998-99), Bay City ISD (2000-02), Stephenville ISD (2004-07) and Lake Travis ISD (2008-09). Morris is a legend in the state after posting a 169-38 record overall and winning back-to-back undefeated state championships in his final two seasons as a prep coach. In all, Morris took six of his teams to Texas State Championship Games, with three of those teams capturing state titles, and earned Coach of the Year honors 11 times.

In his last two years in the prep ranks, Morris led Lake Travis to back-to-back undefeated 16-0 seasons as well as two Class 4A State Championships. Lake Travis was the state's top-ranked offense in both 2008 and 2009. The 2008 team was ranked second nationally by USA Today and eighth by Rivals.com, while the 2009 team ranked No. 2 nationally by Rivals.com and ninth by USA Today.

Morris' offenses enjoyed tremendous success in his two seasons at Lake Travis. In 2008, the Cavaliers averaged 49.0 points per game and had a 41-point margin of victory, while scoring 784 points, the fourth-most in Texas football history, and throwing for 305 yards per game. In that same 2008 campaign, Morris coached former Mustang great Garrett Gilbert, who was named the Gatorade and Parade Magazine National Player of the Year, while setting the state of Texas' single-season passing yardage mark with 4,884 yards and 55 touchdowns. Gilbert also rushed for 790 yards and 28 TDs that season.

In 2009, Lake Travis totaled 7,600 offensive yards for a 475-yard average. LTHS threw for 287.5 yards and scored 44.0 points per game, while defeating opponents by an average of 34 points a game. The Cavaliers put up 4,600 passing yards and 46 TDs, with just seven interceptions.

Before compiling a 32-0 record in his two seasons at Lake Travis, Morris posted a five-year mark of 49-10 at Stephenville High School, where he implemented a hurry-up, no-huddle offense in 2004. At Stephenville, Morris tutored former Ole Miss quarterback Jevan Snead. Snead started the 2004 and 2005 seasons under Morris' tutelage and rushed for 1,053 yards in his senior season. After Snead, Morris coached quarterback Kody Spano, who later played collegiately at Nebraska. Spano threw for over 2,900 yards and rushed for more than 1,000 yards as a senior in 2007.

Before moving to Stephenville, Morris' teams registered a three-year record of 34-8 at Bay City High School, while playing for the state championship twice (2000 & 2001) and winning the crown in 2000 with a 14-1 record. At Bay City, Morris coached quarterbacks Andrew Smith (2000) and Scott Elliott (2001-02). Smith went on to play at North Texas where he led the Mean Green to a Bowl Game in his freshman season, while Elliott played collegiately at Tulane.

Morris' Elysian High School teams advanced to the state championship game in each of his two seasons as the head coach, while posting a 26-6 two-year record. His first team in 1998 compiled a 12-4 record, while the 1999 team compiled a 14-2 mark.

Morris received his first coaching position at Eustace High School as the quarterbacks coach in 1992-93, before taking over as head coach in 1994, leading the school to an 11-1 record in his final season of four years as the head coach. At Eustace, Morris also served as the head boys' basketball coach for four seasons (1993-97) and posted a record of 128-32.

Morris earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in statistics from Texas A&M University in 1992.

Born Dec. 4, 1968, the Dallas, Texas native and his wife, Paula, have two children, daughter Mackenzie and son Chandler.





JOE CRADDOCK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
MIDDLE TENNESSEE, 2008
COACHCRADDOCK

Joe Craddock, IV, is in his second season as SMU's Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks Coach, coming to the Hilltop in December 2014.

In his first season on the Hilltop, Craddock helped engineer an offensive turnaround, as SMU increased its scoring output by 16.7 points per game – the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015. The offense also rolled up the sixth-most total yards in school history, and quarterback Matt Davis had 16 passing touchdowns and 10 rushing touchdowns, ranking fifth most in program history for touchdowns responsible in a single season.

Craddock arrived in Dallas after three years at Clemson. Craddock served as an offensive Graduate Assistant in 2014, helping the Tigers to a top-20 ranking and aiding in the development of quarterback Deshaun Watson. He worked as an offensive player development coach in 2012, helping Clemson to an 11-2 record, and, in 2013, he also worked with the offense, when Clemson recorded another 11-2 record.

CRADDOCK COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-14	Clemson (Player Development Coach ('12-'13), Graduate Assistant ('14))
2015-	SMU (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)

In 2010 and 2011, he was the offensive coordinator at Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, Ala. Craddock played at Middle Tennessee from 2005-08 and was a team captain his senior year. He also played baseball at Middle Tennessee in 2008.

The native of Chelsea, Ala., earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts at Middle Tennessee in 2008. He and his wife, Abby, reside in Dallas.





VAN MALONE

**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
HOUSTON, 2002**



Van Malone arrived on the Hilltop as SMU's Defensive Coordinator in 2015, coming to the Hilltop from Oklahoma State, where he spent three seasons coaching defensive backs.

At OSU, Malone coached the Cowboy safeties in 2012 before switching to cornerbacks coach prior to the 2013 season. Under Malone's direct guidance, Justin Gilbert became Oklahoma State's first finalist for the 2013 Thorpe Award, presented to the nation's top defensive back. Gilbert ranked fifth nationally with six interceptions and had two pick-sixes in 2013.

With Malone on staff, the Cowboys ranked seventh nationally with 30 turnovers forced during the 2013 regular season, with 10 of those turnovers involving his cornerbacks. The Cowboys entered the Cotton Bowl ranked in the top 25 nationally in scoring defense (14th), turnovers gained (seventh), passes intercepted (fourth), red zone defense (fifth), pass efficiency defense (ninth), tackles for loss (15th), third-down conversion percentage defense (seventh) and rushing defense (22nd) just one year after ranking in the top-25 nationally in only one of those categories (tackles for loss - 25th in 2012).

Malone came to Stillwater after spending two years serving as secondary coach and recruiting coordinator at Tulsa. Forcing turnovers was a recurring theme during Malone's time in Tulsa. In 2010, the Tulsa defense ranked first nationally in interceptions with 24, while the Hurricane was the NCAA's second-ranked team for turnover margin and third for turnovers gained. In 2011, Tulsa was 12th nationally with 18 passes intercepted and 25th with 28 turnovers gained despite facing elite quarterbacks such as Oklahoma State's Brandon Weeden, Boise State's Kellen Moore, Houston's Case Keenum and Oklahoma's Landry Jones. With Malone on staff, Tulsa compiled a 13-3 record in Conference USA. Prior to his appointment at Tulsa, Malone spent four seasons at Texas A&M as a secondary coach. He coached the cornerbacks in his first two years (2006-07) and spent his final two seasons (2008-09) coaching the safeties.

Malone coached defensive backs at the University of North Texas during the 2005 season and also assisted coaching the special teams. Before that, Malone served as the cornerback coach and worked with the special teams at Western Michigan in 2004.

In 2003, Malone served an NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship with the Detroit Lions and also worked with wide receivers at North Dakota State University.

Malone played five seasons in the NFL after being drafted in the second round - the 57th selection overall - by the Detroit Lions in 1994. He played in every game as a rookie and was a standout special teams player, earning Special Teams Player of the Week on six different occasions. His special teams play earned him a nomination for the Pro Bowl in 1994 and 1995. The Lions reached the NFL playoffs in both 1994 and 1995. In 1996, Malone started every game and was named the special teams captain and was awarded a game ball three times. After the 1997 season, Malone signed a contract with the Arizona Cardinals and retired after the 1998 season due to injury.

During his time with the Lions, Malone also served as a marketing intern with Reebok International and provided post-game analysis and commentary for Fox Television Sports as a co-host in Detroit (Fox2). He was a True Value NFL Man of the Year semifinalist and was called on by the club to speak to many organizations.

Beginning in 1997, Malone was a youth camp director and football coordinator at the Texas Sports Development Academy in San Antonio. He also co-founded and headed up the "New Beginnings", a non-profit charity organization in Houston.

Malone began coaching in the high school ranks at his alma mater, Houston Waltrip, from 1999-2002. He also coached at Conroe High School from 2002-03. He earned the Houston High School Coaches Association "Assistant Coach of the Year" in 2000 and was also honored by the Houston Police Department with the "Lifesaver of the Year" Award.

MALONE COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003	Detroit Lions (Minority Coaching Fellowship)
2003	North Dakota State (Wide Receivers)
2004	Western Michigan (Cornerbacks/Special Teams)
2005	North Texas (Defensive Backs/Special Teams)
2006-09	Texas A&M (Corners/Safeties)
2010-11	Tulsa (Secondary/Recruiting Coordinator)
2012-14	Oklahoma State (Safeties ('12), Corners ('13))
2015-	SMU (Defensive Coordinator)

Malone was a four-year letterman (1990-93) at the University of Texas, earning third-team All-America honors and All-SWC accolades as a defensive back his senior season. He was honored as a Longhorn team captain in 1993 and was awarded the Darrell Royal Award for tenacity in 1993 as well. Malone played in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic and the Hula Bowl following his senior campaign. As a freshman in 1990, Malone earned The Sporting News Freshman All-America mention as Texas won the Southwest Conference Championship.

Malone continues to serve on the National Minority Issues Committee and the program committee of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA). He is a lifetime member of the Texas High School Coaches Association, was a member of the Houston Coaches Association (1998-2003) and the Houston Area Minority Coaches Association (1998-2003). He is a member of the National Black Coaches Association and the National Federation of High School Coaches Association.

A native of Houston who majored in education/sports management while at Texas, Malone completed his undergraduate work through the NFL's degree completion program and earned his degree in social science from the University of Houston in 2002.

Malone and his wife, Nedra, have three sons, Van, Vaughn, and Vincent.





DUSTIN FRY

**ASSISTANT COACH/OFFENSIVE LINE
CLEMSON, 2006**

COACHDUSTINFRY

Dustin Fry joined the SMU staff in December 2014 as offensive line coach after spending three seasons at Clemson, where he served as an offensive Graduate Assistant and player development coach.

In his first year at SMU, Fry tutored a line that blocked for and offense that increased its scoring output by 16.7 points per game from the previous season – the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015.

In his three years at Clemson, he helped the Tigers to a 31-7 record with two top-10 finishes. He was a player development coach with the offensive line and helped center Dalton Freeman earn first-team All-America honors in 2012. Fry lettered four years with Clemson and was a first-team All-ACC center on the 2006 offense that averaged a school-record 6.5 yards per play. He played

FRY COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-14	Clemson (Graduate Assistant)
2015-	SMU (Assistant Coach/Offensive Line)

in the Senior Bowl and was a fifth-round draft pick of the Rams, playing for St. Louis in 2007.

Fry earned his sport management degree from Clemson in 2006.

Born on Oct. 3, 1983, Fry is married to the former Laura Elliott. The couple have a son, Hudson.





KEITH GUNN

ASSISTANT COACH/SPECIAL TEAMS/TIGHT ENDS
ABILENE CHRISTIAN, 1992
 **COACHKEITHGUNN**

Keith Gunn is in his fourth season on the Hilltop, again serving as an Assistant Coach. Gunn was Offensive Quality Control Coordinator and Recruiting Analyst in 2013 and 2014.

Gunn arrived at SMU with over 10 years of coaching experience in the state of Texas, having previously served in a variety of roles at Texas A&M from 1992-95, and on the staff at Baylor from 1996-98. Most recently, Gunn has served on the coaching staffs of the Texas vs. the Nation All-Star Game (2008-10) and on the East-West Shrine Game (2009). During Gunn's four seasons at Texas A&M, the Aggies went 41-6-1 with a national finish of seventh in 1992.

Gunn played strong safety at Abilene Christian University from 1988-91 and earned his bachelor's degree in political science in 1992. Gunn then received his master's in education from Texas A&M in 1994.

GUNN COACHING EXPERIENCE

1992-95	Texas A&M (Quality Control ('92-'93), Graduate Assistant/Safeties ('94-'95))
1996-98	Baylor (G.A. ('96), Recruiting Coordinator ('97), TE/Special Teams/Recruiting Coordinator ('98))
2008-10	Texas Vs. The Nation College All-Star Game (Assistant Coach)
2013-	SMU (Assistant Coach (2015-), Offensive Quality Control Coordinator ('13-'14))

Gunn was the owner of the construction firm Sorrells & Gunn L.L.C., from 1999-2012.





JESS LOEPP

**ASSISTANT COACH/SECONDARY
CENTRAL OKLAHOMA, 2000**

COACHJESSLOEPP

Jess Loepp joined the SMU coaching staff as secondary coach in 2015 after totaling 10 years over three stints at Tulsa. Prior to coming to the Hilltop, Loepp coached safeties and served as Recruiting Coordinator for the Golden Hurricane. Loepp spent his first three seasons at Tulsa as a graduate assistant coach (2003-05), one year as the Director of High School Relations (2009) and six years as a full-time assistant coach (2007, 2010-2014).

During his tenure with the Hurricane, Loepp was part of six bowl games - 2003 Humanitarian Bowl, 2005 and 2012 AutoZone Liberty Bowls, 2008 GMAC Bowl, 2010 Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl and the 2011 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl. He has also been a part of Tulsa's two Conference USA Championship seasons in 2005 and 2012.

Under Loepp's tutelage, Dexter McCoil became the school's and Conference USA's career-leader for interceptions in 2012 and was named a Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist. McCoil and fellow safety Demarco Nelson earned all-conference accolades, and Nelson also earned Freshman All-America honors. In 2011, the Tulsa defense ranked 12th nationally for interceptions and 25th for turnovers gained. In 2010, Tulsa ranked first in NCAA statistics for interceptions with 24 pickoffs, second in turnover margin and third in turnovers gained. Over a four-year span (2010-13), Loepp led four different players to eight All-Conference awards.

Before returning to Tulsa, Loepp was an assistant football coach and strength coordinator at Lake Travis High School in Texas during the 2008 campaign. He helped lead that team to the Class 4A Division I State Championship, a 16-0 record and a top-10 ranking in most national prep polls, with the highest being second nationally.

In 2007, Loepp was in his second stint with the Hurricane, while coaching safeties and serving as Tulsa's recruiting coordinator. He helped Tulsa post a 10-4 record, reach the Conference USA Championship game and win the GMAC Bowl.

Loepp spent the 2006 season as an assistant coach at Rice, where he coached the Owls safeties and served as recruiting coordinator. At Rice, he helped coach a team that made a bowl game appearance for the first time in 45 years.

Loepp first came to Tulsa in 2003 when he served as a defensive graduate assistant coach for three years.

Before his first stint at Tulsa, Loepp held his first coaching position at the Oklahoma Bible Academy in Enid, Oklahoma, as a volunteer assistant coach. He coached the linebackers and receivers. Loepp attended the University of Central Oklahoma and was an All-Lone Star Conference performer at linebacker. He helped UCO win league titles in 1998 and '99. He earned his bachelor's degree at UCO in 2000 and completed his graduate work at Tulsa in 2005.

He and his wife, Kelly Lynn, have two sons, Easton and Brooks.

LOEPP COACHING EXPERIENCE

2003-05	Tulsa (Graduate Assistant)
2006	Rice (Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator)
2007	Tulsa (Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator)
2008	Lake Travis High School (Assistant Coach/Strength Coordinator)
2009	Tulsa (Director of High School Relations)
2010-14	Tulsa (Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator)
2015-	SMU (Assistant Coach/Secondary)





CLAUDE MATHIS

ASSISTANT COACH/RUNNING BACKS

TEXAS STATE, 1997

COACHGMATHIS

Claude Mathis came to SMU as running backs coach in January 2015. Mathis joined the Mustang staff after a stellar high school coaching career, most recently a seven-year stint at DeSoto High School.

In his first season on the Hilltop, Mathis helped develop one of the nation's top freshman running backs, Xavier Jones. Jones set an SMU freshman record with 10 rushing TDs in 2015, surpassing SMU greats Eric Dickerson and Zach Line. In all, SMU's offense increased its scoring output by 16.7 points per game – the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015.

As a prep coach, Mathis turned DeSoto into one of the state's premier programs, going 74-18 in his seven seasons with back-to-back 5A semifinals appearances in 2012 and 2013. In each of his last five seasons, Mathis guided DeSoto to 10 or more victories. He was among the finalists for the 2013 and 2014 Xenith National Coach of the Year Awards.

As a player, Mathis was a two-time All-American (1996-97) and record-setting running back at Southwest Texas State (now Texas State), leaving the school as the Southland Conference's all-time leading rusher. Mathis broke the Southland Conference single-season rushing record in 1997 with 1,593 yards and still owns a host of school career, single-season and single-game records, including career rushing marks with 4,694 yards on 882 attempts, as well as career touchdowns (49) and points scored (294). He also owns the top two single-game rushing

MATHIS COACHING EXPERIENCE

1998-2000	Austin Anderson High School (Assistant Coach/Running Backs)
2004-04	Austin Anderson High School (Offensive Coordinator)
2004	Somerville High School (Head Coach/Athletic Director)
2005-08	Austin LBJ High School (Head Coach/Athletic Coordinator)
2008-14	DeSoto High School (Head Coach/Athletic Coordinator)
2015-	SMU (Assistant Coach/Running Backs)

performances in school lore, going for 310 yards vs. Stephen F. Austin on Nov. 15, 1996, before rushing for 308 yards vs. Jacksonville State on Nov. 15, 1997. After college, he participated in the Minnesota Vikings' training camp in 1998 but his time was cut short due to injury.

He was inducted into Texas State's Hall of Honor in 2011.

Mathis began his head coaching career at Somerville (Texas) High School in 2004 before taking over at Austin's Lyndon Baines Johnson High School in 2005 and quickly reviving that struggling program. Prior to his arrival, LBJ had not made the Texas State Playoffs since 1995, but the Jaguars advanced to postseason play each of his three years at the school and his 2007 club went 10-3 and claimed the District 26-4A crown. Overall, Mathis finished his tenure at LBJ with a 21-15 mark.





ARCHIE McDANIEL

ASSISTANT COACH/LINEBACKERS
TEXAS A&M, 2005
COACHARCHIEMAC

Archie McDaniel joined the SMU coaching staff as linebackers coach in December 2014 after spending three seasons at New Mexico.

While serving as the defensive line coach in 2013, the Lobo defensive line accounted for 65.6 percent of the team's sacks and 38.3 percent of the team's tackles for loss. All-Mountain West honorable mention Brett Bowers had nine tackles for loss, six sacks and three forced fumbles for the Lobos in 2013.

McDaniel made the switch to coaching outside linebackers in 2014 after coaching the defensive line his first two seasons at UNM.

His defensive line unit in 2012 helped the Lobos improve from a No. 119 ranking among the 120 Football Bowl Subdivision teams in rush defense in 2011 to a No. 74 ranking in 2012.

His line (including the rush outside linebacker position) produced 38 tackles for loss and 15 sacks in 2012. Defensive end Jacori Greer earned honorable mention All-Mountain West honors after leading the team with eight tackles for loss and five sacks. Greer's sack total put him 10th in the conference.

McDaniel came to UNM after a two-year stay at the University of Tulsa. He coached the Hurricane's defensive tackles in 2011 and their tight ends/H-backs in 2010, when the Golden Hurricane ranked sixth in the nation in total offense. Under McDaniel's leadership, Tulsa's Cory Dorris earned honorable mention All-Conference USA honors in 2011. Golden Hurricane H-back Charles Clay was an honorable mention all-conference performer in 2010.

McDaniel came to Tulsa following one season as the linebackers coach at Texas Southern University, where the TSU defense was ranked 22nd in the nation for

McDANIEL COACHING EXPERIENCE

2007	Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College (Linebackers)
2008	Texas A&M (Graduate Assistant)
2009	Texas Southern (Linebackers)
2010-11	Tulsa (Tight Ends/H-Backs ('10), Defensive Tackles ('11))
2012-14	New Mexico (Defensive Line ('12-'13), Outside Linebackers ('14))
2015-	SMU (Assistant Coach/Linebackers)

total defense during the 2009 campaign. He helped that defensive unit rank first in the SWAC for total defense and second for rush defense.

McDaniel spent the 2008 season as a defensive graduate assistant at his alma mater, Texas A&M. He assisted with coaching the Aggies' defensive line. McDaniel spent the 2007 season coaching linebackers at Trinity Valley Community College and produced three all-conference players at linebacker that season.

He played linebacker at Texas A&M, where he was a three-year starter and team captain his senior season. McDaniel totaled 213 tackles, five sacks and two interceptions as a starter from 2003-05. He earned his degree from A&M in agricultural development in 2005.

McDaniel has also served an internship with the Houston Texans in the NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Intern program.

McDaniel is married to the former LaTrenia Byrd of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and has one son, Christian.





JUSTIN STEPP

ASSISTANT COACH/WIDE RECEIVERS

FURMAN, 2007

COACHJSTEPP

Justin Stepp joined the SMU staff as wide receivers coach in December of 2014 after spending three years at Appalachian State.

In his first season on the Hilltop, Stepp helped develop one of the nation's top freshmen - wide receiver Courtland Sutton. Sutton was named a Freshman All-American in 2015 after ranking No. 1 among freshmen with nine receiving TDs. Sutton set an SMU freshman record for receiving yards with 862 and tied former SMU standout Emmanuel Sanders for most touchdowns by a freshman. In all, SMU's offense increased its scoring output by 16.7 points per game – the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015.

Stepp's first two seasons coaching Appalachian State's wideouts were very successful. In 2012, three Mountaineers (Sean Price, Andrew Peacock and Tony Washington) earned All-Southern Conference recognition while Price received All-America honors after setting NCAA Division I FCS freshman records with 81 receptions and 1,196 receiving yards. In 2013, Peacock and Washington once again earned all-conference accolades after Peacock led the SoCon in receptions (78) and Washington led the league in receiving yards (939).

Peacock finished his career as Appalachian State's all-time leader with 208 receptions, 157 of which came in two years with Stepp as his position coach. Both of Stepp's prized pupils signed National Football League free-agent contracts following the conclusion of their collegiate careers -- Peacock with the Detroit Lions and Washington with the Indianapolis Colts.

Prior to his arrival at Appalachian State, Stepp spent three seasons at Clemson (2009-11). As an offensive graduate assistant coach in 2011, Stepp had a hand in all aspects of Clemson's offense, including working directly with the Tigers' running backs, quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends, game-planning and assisting the offensive coordinator with in-game play-calling adjustments. With Stepp on the sideline, Clemson won the ACC, ranked second in the ACC and in the top 30 nationally in scoring (33.6 ppg) and total offense (440.8 ypg) and boasted a pair of All-Americans on the offensive side of the ball in 2011.

Prior to serving as a graduate-assistant coach, he spent two seasons (2009-10) as an offensive video graduate assistant, with a large role in opponent breakdown and preparation of practice scripts.

He started his college coaching career as the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at NCAA Division II North Greenville in 2008, where he coached a pair of 40-catch receivers in his only season with the Crusaders. He also served as wide receivers and strength coach at Fort Mill (S.C.) HS in 2007.

The Pelion, S.C. native was a standout wide receiver and punt returner at Furman from 2003-06. He earned All-SoCon recognition as a junior and senior and finished his playing career ranked fourth all-time in receptions at FU.

STEPP COACHING EXPERIENCE

2007	Fort Mill (S.C.) H.S. (Wide Receivers/Strength and Conditioning)
2008	North Greenville (Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator)
2009-10	Clemson (Graduate Assistant/Offensive Video)
2011	Clemson (Graduate Assistant/Offense)
2012-14	Appalachian State (Wide Receivers)
2015-	SMU (Wide Receivers)

He graduated from Furman in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in health and exercise science.

Stepp is married to the former Brooke Hickey, SMU's Recruiting Operations Coordinator, and the couple reside in Dallas.





BUDDY WYATT

ASSISTANT COACH/DEFENSIVE LINE

TCU, 1990

COACHBUDDYWYATT

Defensive line coach Buddy Wyatt is entering his second season at SMU and 27th overall at the collegiate level. Wyatt arrived on the Hilltop after five seasons at Kansas, where he also served as defensive line coach. Wyatt has made several coaching stops in the Big 12 Conference, as he came to Kansas after spending the 2008-09 seasons at Texas A&M. He coached at TCU (1991), Oklahoma State (1996) and also at Texas A&M (2000-02, 08-09). In addition, he has coached at Minnesota (1992-95), Northwestern (1997-98), Colorado (1999), Alabama (2003-06) and Nebraska (2007).

Wyatt has worked with a number of successful coaches and future NFL players. Among the head coaches he worked for are Jim Wacker, Gary Barnett, R.C. Stocum, Bill Callahan, Mike Sherman and Charlie Weis.

His list of NFL players coached includes Von Miller, Ndamukong Suh, Jared Crick, Tony Jerod-Eddie, Jamal Williams, Adam Carriker, Justin Bannon, Tyler Brayton, Johnny Jolly, Rocky Bernard, Ty Warren, Ronald Edwards and Ronald Flemons.

Wyatt was a coach at Texas A&M for two stints, helping the 2000-02 Aggie teams become one of the nation's top defensive units. In 2001, A&M ranked 10th in the nation in total defense.

He started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater TCU in 1991. He landed his first full-time job at Minnesota, where he spent the next four seasons.

Wyatt coached at Oklahoma State in 1996 before returning to the Big 10 Conference for two seasons at Northwestern. Wyatt spent the 1999 season at Colorado before heading to Texas A&M.

WYATT COACHING EXPERIENCE

1991	TCU (Graduate Assistant)
1992-95	Minnesota (Assistant Coach)
1996	Oklahoma State (Defensive Line)
1997-98	Northwestern (Defensive Line)
1999	Colorado (Assistant Coach)
2000-02	Texas A&M (Assistant Coach)
2003-06	Alabama (Defensive Line)
2007	Nebraska (Defensive Line)
2008-09	Texas A&M (Defensive Line)
2010-14	Kansas (Defensive Line)
2015-	SMU (Assistant Coach/Defensive Line)

From 2003-06, Wyatt coached at Alabama, where the Crimson Tide went to three bowl games and produced one of the nation's top defensive teams. In 2004, the Crimson Tide led the nation in pass defense, and ranked second in total defense and seventh in scoring defense. In 2005, Alabama was in the top nine nationally of all five major defensive categories, while leading in scoring defense. While at Alabama, Wyatt was responsible for recruiting the Mississippi High School Player of the Year to Alabama two straight seasons. He has heavily recruited in Florida and in the state of Texas.

After one season at Nebraska, Wyatt returned to Texas A&M for the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

Wyatt was a defensive lineman at TCU from 1986-89 and earned a degree in education from TCU in 1990.

Wyatt was born in Victoria, Texas. He and his wife Andrea have two children, Fred and Ariel.





DARIC RILEY

QUALITY CONTROL ASSISTANT/SPECIAL TEAMS
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN, 1999

 **DARICRILEY**

Daric Riley arrived on the Hilltop in 2015 with 16 years of coaching experience on the collegiate level and now serves as Quality Control Assistant/Special Teams Analyst.

Riley came to SMU after one season at UAB, where, as Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers Coach, he helped the Blazers to bowl eligibility. Prior to his time at UAB, Riley served as Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers Coach at Jacksonville State. Under his guidance, JSU place kicker Griffin Thomas earned Phil Steele All-America honors and was named first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference. Thomas was one of the top kickers in the nation after setting numerous OVC and school records, including made field goals (23), field goal attempts (30) and points scored by kicking (128).

Riley went to Jacksonville State after serving as the secondary coach and special teams coordinator for two seasons at Newberry College.

From 2007-10, Riley served as a defensive graduate assistant at Clemson University. While with the Tigers, Riley worked primarily with the defense, while also working extensively with the Tigers' special teams unit.

Prior to coaching at Clemson, Riley was the defensive secondary coach and special teams coordinator at Truman State University in Kirksville, Mo., from 2004-06, and held the same positions at Newberry College from 2003-04.

While at Pikeville College in Pikeville, Ky., Riley served as the defensive secondary coach, special teams coordinator, strength coach and the schools' recruiting coordinator from 2001-03. He also spent time on the offensive side of the ball as quarterbacks and wide receivers coach in 2001.

RILEY COACHING EXPERIENCE

1999	Charleston Southern (Assistant Coach)
2000-01	Fairfield University (Assistant Coach)
2001-03	Pikeville College (Assistant Coach)
2003-04	Newberry College (Secondary Coach/Special Teams Coordinator)
2004-06	Truman State (Secondary Coach/Special Teams Coordinator)
2007-10	Clemson (Defensive Graduate Assistant)
2011-12	Newberry College (Special Teams Coordinator)
2013	Jacksonville State (Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers Coach)
2014	UAB (Special Teams Coordinator/Outside Linebackers Coach)
2015-	SMU (Quality Control Assistant/Special Teams)

Riley also served as the defensive secondary coach from 2000-01 at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. While at Fairfield, Riley was a part of a defensive unit that ranked No. 1 in the nation with 30 interceptions. Riley also coached AP All-American and Metro Athletic Conference Player of the Year Steve Dogmantis. Riley began his coaching career at his alma mater, Charleston Southern University, where he was also a three-year letterman. He served as outside linebackers coach under head coach David Dowd.

Riley is a native of Beaufort, S.C. He finished with a BS in psychology and physical education at Charleston Southern in 1999. In 2009, he graduated with a master's degree in youth development leadership from Clemson.





RANDY ROSS

SR. ASSOC. DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS
10TH SEASON
ST. BERNARD, 1975
COACHRANDYROSS

Randy Ross is in his 10th year at SMU, where he serves as the Sr. Associate Director of Football Operations. In that role, Ross wears a number of hats. He coordinates team travel, office management and administration, handles gameday responsibilities and serves as a liaison with athletics and university departments.

Ross came to SMU after spending 17 seasons at Alabama, the last four as Director of Football Operations. He was an assistant coach from 1993-96 as well as Alabama's recruiting coordinator from 1990-98 and 2003-07.

He then spent one season in UA's development office before moving back to the football office in 2000 as the Director of High School Relations. He began his coaching career at Gaston (Ala.) High School before moving to Gadsden's Southside High School in 1976. He then served as Southside's head coach for nine seasons before moving on to coach at Scottsboro High from 1985-86. He moved on to Vanderbilt to tutor the quarterbacks as an assistant coach for three seasons before being lured to Alabama by Gene Stallings.

A graduate of St. Bernard, Ross is married to the former Ann Lowe.



STEVE STIGALL

ASSOC. DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS
10TH SEASON
TEXAS, 2005
STIGALLS

Steve Stigall is in his 10th year on the Hilltop, where he serves as Associate Director of Football Operations. Prior to coming to SMU, Stigall served two years in the Texas football operations office.

On the Hilltop, Stigall helps student-athletes transition from high school to college and also assists in the transition to life after football. He serves as a mentor to many players and as a liaison to several areas including compliance, financial aid and housing.

Stigall holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Texas, where he was a three-year letterwinner and the Horns' special teams MVP in 2004. He was also a four-time member of the Big 12 Honor Roll and a nominee for the 2004 Bobby Bowden Award.

A native of Emory, Texas, Stigall is married to the former Kathy Hahn, who was a four-year volleyball letterwinner for the Horns, and the couple has a daughter, Emma, and two sons, Luke and Eli.



MARK SMITH

RECRUITING COORDINATOR/OFF. ANALYST
SECOND SEASON
HARDIN-SIMMONS, 2000
COACHMARKSMITH

Mark Smith arrived on the Hilltop as Director of Recruiting/Offensive Analyst in 2015 with experience at both the college and high school levels.

Prior to SMU, Smith served at Hurst L.D. Bell from 2009 to 2014, earning a promotion to head coach in early 2011. Bell went 21-22 in his four years at the helm, making the playoffs for three straight seasons. He also served as an assistant at Irving MacArthur and Colleyville Heritage. Smith also has college experience, having worked as the defensive quality control coach at the University of Oklahoma prior to coming to Bell. His ties to area football coaches are strong, as he was elected as the President of the North Texas Football Coaches Association.

Smith has a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington and a bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University. Smith is an Abilene, Texas, native.

He and his wife Michelle have two children, Mekenna and Micah.



TAM HOLLINGSHEAD

DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL OPERATIONS
NINTH SEASON
SMU, 1975

Tam Hollingshead joined SMU's football staff as the Director of High School Relations in 2008 after a storied career as a high school coach and was promoted to Director of External Operations in early 2015. Hollingshead, an SMU alumnus and former football letterman, came to SMU from Rockwall Heath, where he spent three seasons as head football coach. In his current role, Hollingshead organizes SMU's football camps, assists with football operations and serves as the liaison with high school coaches throughout the state.

Hollingshead has a long history in the Texas prep ranks, serving as head coach at Temple High School and Permian High School in addition to Rockwall Heath. He led Permian to the 1991 5A state championship and went 45-4-2 in his four seasons in Odessa under the "Friday Night Lights." He then served as tight ends/specialists coach at Texas A&M for nine seasons (1994-2002), where he coached in six bowl games and helped the Aggies win the 1998 Big 12 championship.

A 1975 SMU letterman, Hollingshead came to the Hilltop after a standout prep career which included earning All-State accolades and winning two state championships at Brownwood High School. He later earned a master's from Sul Ross State.

Hollingshead and his wife Barbara have three children - Amanda, Alek and Drew.



CHRIS SCOTT

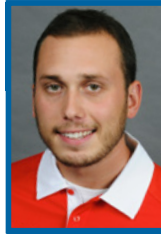
GRADUATE ASSISTANT/CORNERBACKS
FIRST SEASON
TCU, 2011
@COACH_SCOTT31

Chris Scott enters his first season at SMU as a graduate assistant. Scott was most recently an assistant coach at Southern University, where he coached cornerbacks.

Scott began his career as a corners coach at Irving Nimitz (2012-13) before moving on to Katy Tompkins where was defensive and special teams coordinator (2013-15).

Scott, a TCU alumnus, was a three-year letterman for the Horned Frogs, playing on two BCS bowl teams, including the Rose Bowl Championship squad in 2010.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., Scott received his B.S. in human relations with a minor in social work from TCU.



HARRISON GREEN

GRADUATE ASSISTANT/DEFENSE
SECOND SEASON
PENN STATE, 2013
@COACHGREEN

Harrison Green is in his second year on the Hilltop, having joined the SMU staff as a Defensive Graduate Assistant in August 2015.

Green arrived at SMU after a short stint as running backs coach at Bentley University in Waltham, Massachusetts. Green spent the 2013 and 2014 seasons as a Quality Control Assistant at South Alabama, where he worked with the offensive and defensive lines.

Green received his B.S. in accounting from Penn State, where he also served as a student assistant during the 2012 season.



WILL BRYANT

GRADUATE ASSISTANT/OFFENSE
FIRST SEASON
TEXAS TECH, 2015
@WILLBRYANT_SMU

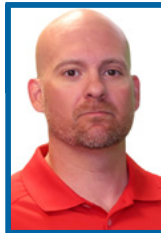
Will Bryant is in his second season at SMU and first as a Graduate Assistant working with the offense. Bryant joined the staff as a volunteer offensive assistant in 2015 before being promoted.

As a volunteer assistant, Bryant assisted the offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach with quarterback and receiver development. Bryant was also responsible for helping create game plans, blitz-report books, scouting reports and tip sheets for players and coaches. On gameday, he charted opponent coverages and kept drive charts.

Before coming to the Hilltop, Bryant was a student teacher at Irons Middle School and Frenship High School. During his tenure, he provided skills instruction and motivational coaching for sixth through 12th grade football, basketball, track and physical education classes. He also helped teach and create proper accommodations for special-needs students in physical education.

In 2015, Bryant played with the Amarillo Venom professional Arena Football team. With the Amarillo Venom, he saw action in three games, recording three catches for 30 yards and two tackles. During high school, he was a two-year varsity football wide-receiver/tight end. He was named an All-District tight end in 2010.

Bryant received his B.S. in exercise sports science from Texas Tech.



STEPHEN SORRELLS

GRADUATE ASSISTANT/OFFENSIVE LINE
FIRST SEASON
AUBURN UNIVERSITY-MONTGOMERY, 2008
@COACHSORRELLS

Stephen Sorrells enters his first season at SMU, where he serves as a graduate assistant. Prior to his arrival at the Hilltop, Sorrells was an Assistant Coach at Pearl River Community College where he led the offensive line and served as Assistant Head Coach.

Prior to his time at PRCC, Sorrells was an assistant offensive line coach at UAB, where, in his lone season in Birmingham, the Blazers finished the season with one of the biggest turn arounds in the country, becoming bowl eligible for the first time in 10 years and only the second time in school history. His other collegiate coaching stops include Faulkner (Ala.) University (2007-08), Occidental (Calif.) College (2010-12) and Kenyon College (2012-13). His stop at Kenyon was especially notable. Upon his arrival as offensive coordinator, the Lords had lost 24 straight games and had not had a winning season since 1989. In his first season in Gambier, he helped lead the school to a 6-4 record.

He also spent several years coaching high school football in Alabama.

A native of Greenville, Ala., Sorrells was a three-year starter as an offensive lineman at Fort Dale Academy in Greenville, Ala. He is a graduate of Auburn University-Montgomery, where he earned his B.S. in education & sports leadership.



BROOKE STEPP

DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING OPERATIONS
SECOND SEASON
TEXAS, 2009
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Brooke Stepp is in her second season as Director of Recruiting Operations at SMU. In her role, Stepp manages and trains the Pony Pride Student Group, plans and executes on-campus recruiting events including unofficial and official visits, junior days, game day activities, clinics and camps. She and SMU's Director of Creative Media coordinate the SMU football social media plan.

Stepp joined SMU after spending the last seven years at Holtzman Partners, LLC, in Austin, Texas. Most recently, she was a Senior Auditor there, starting that role in October of 2012. Stepp earned her bachelor's of business administration degree from Texas in 2009 and received her Master's of Science in Accounting from SMU in 2010.

Stepp is married to Justin Stepp, SMU's wide receiver coach.



TRUMAIN CARROLL

DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
SECOND SEASON
OKLAHOMA STATE, 2005
COACHTRUCARROLL

Trumain Carroll joined the SMU staff in December 2014 as Strength & Conditioning Coach after one season as Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach at Oklahoma State. Carroll served as UMKC's Director of Strength & Conditioning from 2008-2011 and then was Director of Strength & Conditioning at South Carolina State from 2011-2013. Carroll joined the Kangaroos from OSU, where he served as the Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach for the Cowboys from 2006-08.

While in Stillwater, Carroll designed and directed the strength program for the OSU women's basketball program that advanced to the Sweet 16 in the 2007 NCAA Tournament. He also assisted in the strength and conditioning program with the OSU football team that won the 2006 Independence Bowl and the 2007 Insight.Com Bowl.

As an athlete, Carroll was a member of the Oklahoma State football program from 2001-2005 as a defensive end. During his career, he helped guide the Cowboys to three consecutive bowl games.

Carroll received his Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach Certification in May 2007 and his USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Certification in February 2008. He earned his BS in business administration from Oklahoma State in December 2005.

Carroll is married to Jarne Carroll.



RHETT BROOKS

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH
SECOND SEASON
MURRAY STATE, 2009
COACHRHETT

Rhett Brooks is in his second year on the Hilltop after spending three seasons at Clemson.

In 2014, Brooks served as an offensive player development assistant, and in his three seasons at Clemson, the Tigers went 31-7 with two top-10 national finishes.

Brooks, the son of Clemson Defensive Line Coach Dan Brooks, also spent two years as a graduate assistant at UNLV, where he worked with the defense.

Brooks played at Murray State, where he was a center from 2005-08. He earned his bachelor's degree in health & physical education from Murray State in 2009.

Originally from Maryville, Tenn., Brooks married the former Caitlin Holcomb in February 2016.



MARC SOLTIS

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH
FOURTH SEASON
IOWA STATE, 2012

Marc Soltis joined the SMU strength & conditioning staff in September of 2013. During his first two years on the Hilltop, he directed all strength & conditioning efforts for women's basketball and men's swimming & diving, as well as assisting with football and men's soccer. Soltis' current role at SMU has evolved to include all football training. He continues to lead men's swimming & diving training and has begun working the women's golf. Soltis is also responsible for managing the strength and conditioning intern program, and maintains a focus on recovery and regeneration for all student athletes, recently becoming a registered yoga teacher through Yoga Alliance.

Prior to his arrival in Dallas, Soltis served as graduate assistant strength coach at Marshall University, working primarily with men's and women's basketball as well as servicing several other Olympic sports. Prior to his time at Marshall, he interned at Baylor.

Soltis received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Iowa State University after playing football for the Cyclones. He received another Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and Health from Iowa State in 2012, and is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Exercise Physiology from Marshall University. Soltis is certified by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association, the National Strength and Conditioning Association, USA Weightlifting, Yoga Alliance, and the American Heart Association for both Basic Life Support and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support.

Marc and his wife Ashley live in Dallas.





SAMUEL OGDEN

DIRECTOR OF VIDEO SERVICES
SECOND SEASON
JACKSONVILLE STATE, 2014
SAMVC_OGDEN

Sam Ogden begins his second season as SMU's Video Coordinator after one season at South Alabama, where he served as Director of Football Video, helping the Jaguars to their first bowl appearance.

In his role, Ogden is responsible for coordinating the filming and breakdown of practices and games for coaches' analysis, directing the production of motivational, promotional and recruiting highlights, and overseeing the exchange of video with opponents.

A 2014 graduate of Jacksonville State with a degree in communications, Ogden worked with the Gamecock football and men's basketball teams for four years. In handling the day-to-day video duties for both programs, he was part of a staff that helped JSU make two appearances in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision playoffs (2010, '13) while winning the Ohio Valley Conference championship in 2011.

Following his final year with the school, Ogden was selected the 2013 FCS Video Coordinator of the Year by the Collegiate Sports Video Association (CSVA).

Ogden has also helped capture video of community service events including Isaiah 58, an organization that buys and packs meals for over 100,000 people in Honduras on a quarterly basis. He has also had motivational and recruiting videos highlighted as the video of the day on several web sites.

A native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Ogden earned his master's in sport management from Jacksonville State in August 2016. He has been a member of the CSVA since 2012.



ISAIAH deLAURA

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF VIDEO SERVICES
THIRD SEASON
SMU, 2014
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Isaiah deLaura enters his third season at SMU, his first as Assistant Director of Video Services.

Before becoming assistant director, deLaura served as a graduate assistant while he completed his master's in sport management, and as a student assistant while finishing his bachelor's degree in applied physiology and sport management.

deLaura has also spent time with the strength and conditioning staff at SMU, helping with the football, men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball teams in 2013.



BROOKS COCKRELL

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF VIDEO SERVICES
SECOND SEASON
ARKANSAS STATE, 2014
THE_BROOX

Cockrell enters his second season with the SMU Mustangs football program where he produces highlight, promotional, and motivational videos for the team, and assists in running SMU football's social media accounts.

Cockrell came to the Hilltop after spending six seasons at Arkansas State, where he served as a video intern and graduate assistant on the coaches film crew. He had a wide range of responsibilities at Arkansas State, including assisting the video coordinator in organizing practices, staff and events, running official team social media accounts and filming games.

Cockrell earned his master's degree in mass communication from Arkansas State in December 2014. Cockrell also received his bachelor's degree in radio/television broadcasting from Arkansas State in May 2012.



MIKE MORTON

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS MEDICINE
19TH SEASON
PURDUE, 1996

Mike Morton is in his 19th season at SMU, having joined the Mustang staff in the fall of 1998. Morton is responsible for all football-related athletic training duties, including prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of athletic-related injuries. In addition to providing health care for the football team, Morton facilitates the development and delivery of services intended to help support physical, emotional and social health and success of all of SMU's 424 student-athletes. He supervises the athletic trainers and sports psychologists, as well as providing support for the department's sports nutritionist. He also serves as SMU's liaison to the school's network of nearly 20 health professionals.

In addition to his duties in athletics, Morton also serves on the University's Commission on Substance Abuse Prevention.

Morton began his education as a student athletic trainer at Purdue. He was awarded the Newell-Combs Scholarship for excellence in athletic training his senior year and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Athletic Training in May 1996. As part of his undergraduate study, Morton completed an internship with the Indianapolis Colts during the 1995 season. Following his time at Purdue, Morton moved on to Auburn, where he earned a master's of education in higher education administration and sports administration. While completing his degree, Morton served as the graduate assistant athletic trainer for a Tiger baseball team that advanced to the 1997 College World Series and won the 1998 SEC Championship.

A native of Churubusco, Ind., Morton is married to the former Michelle Gilbert and the couple has two daughters, Carys and Violet, and a son, Michael.



KEVIN KIKUGAWA

**ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC TRAINER
THIRD SEASON
WASHINGTON STATE, 2010**

Kevin Kikugawa is in his third year as a member of the SMU Sports Medicine Staff. Kikugawa's primary responsibilities are the care of the football and men's and women's golf programs. He also directly oversees the department's internship position.

Kikugawa came to the Mustangs in 2013 after a year working at Monroe High School just north of Seattle, Wash. He also served as a seasonal intern with the Cleveland Browns (2011-12) and Buffalo Bills (2010).

He graduated from Washington State in 2010 and added a master's degree in athletic training from Arkansas in 2011.

A certified athletic trainer (ATC), Kikugawa is a member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). He is also certified as a Corrective Exercise Specialist (CES) and Performance Enhancement Specialist (PES) through the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) and serves on the Ethnic Diversity Advisory Council (EDAC) through the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association (SWATA).

Kevin currently resides in Garland with his wife, Teresa, their son, Kaden, and their English Bulldog, Genghis.



TERRY GARDNER

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
10TH SEASON**

Terry Gardner begins her 10th year at SMU as the administrative assistant for the head football coach. She is responsible for maintaining the head coach's calendar and correspondence, as well as all other aspects of the day-to-day office operation.

Gardner came to SMU after a decade as an executive assistant at companies in the Dallas area. Prior to that, she worked for Halliburton as a training coordinator.

Gardner and her husband Bill have three children - Breanne Bishop, Allison Lough and Brady Bishop, as well as daughter-in-law Jenni Bishop and son-in-law Sean Lough. They also have five grandchildren - Kelby, Perry, Halle, Ryanne and Lochlyn. Gardner has deep ties to SMU as her husband, father-in-law, two of her children, daughter-in-law and nephew are SMU grads.



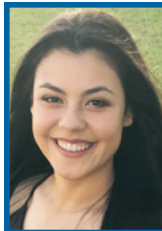
ALBERT VEYTIA

**EQUIPMENT MANAGER
SIXTH SEASON
UTEP, 1985**

Albert Veytia arrived on the Hilltop in the spring of 2011 with an extensive background as an equipment manager at both the collegiate and professional levels.

Veytia was most recently head equipment manager at Kansas State, where he worked for two seasons, but his resume also includes a stop at North Texas, as well as stints with the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Kansas City Chiefs and Jacksonville Jaguars and two stops in NFL Europe (Frankfurt, Germany and Barcelona, Spain). Veytia has also served as head equipment manager for the Birmingham Barracudas of the Canadian Football League.

A graduate of UTEP, Veytia worked as a student manager for the Miners before joining the staff of the USFL's Houston Gamblers, where he worked with former SMU Coach June Jones.



EMMA BROWN

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / RECRUITING
FIRST SEASON
UT ARLINGTON, 2016**

Emma Brown is in her second season at SMU and in her first as SMU's Administrative Assistant/Recruiting. Brown was hired in January 2015 as the assistant to recruiting operations coordinator before taking over her current position. In this role, Brown is responsible for assisting the coaching staff and maintaining the front office. She will also assist Brooke Stepp in the management and training of the Pony Pride Group, The Stampede.

Brown, who holds a B.A. in business management from UT Arlington, served as a public relations and media relations intern for the Dallas Cowboys. During her time with the Cowboys, she was responsible for transcribing quotes, helping facilitate the media during the NFL Draft and OTAs and conducting draftee calls during the NFL Draft.



SMU ADMINISTRATION



R. GERALD TURNER

PRESIDENT

As president of SMU since 1995, R. Gerald Turner is leading an era of unprecedented progress, including a major gifts campaign that raised \$1.15 billion, surpassing its goal three months ahead of schedule. SMU is now among 34 private universities to conduct a campaign to raise \$1 billion or more in resources. The campaign is providing support for 689 new student scholarships; 54 new endowed faculty positions, for a total of 116; 68 academic programs and initiatives; and 24 capital projects, among them new academic, student life and athletics facilities. This success coincided with SMU's centennial celebration of its opening in 1915.

SMU's progress in the last 20 years includes a near tripling of student applications, more than a 165-point increase in student SAT average scores, an increase in minority enrollment to 27 percent and a more than tripling of the University endowment. SMU consistently ranks in the top one-fourth of the best national universities as listed in *U.S. News & World Report*. Working with the SMU Board of Trustees, President Turner led efforts to attract the George W. Bush Presidential Center, which opened on the SMU campus in May 2013.

Beyond the campus, President Turner has served on the boards of the American Council on Education and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and he co-chaired the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. In Texas he serves on the boards of the Methodist Hospital Foundation, the Salvation Army of Dallas and two publicly traded companies.

Before joining SMU, President Turner was the chancellor of the University of Mississippi and served in administrative and teaching positions at the University of Oklahoma and Pepperdine University. A native of New Boston, Texas, he earned a B.S. degree in psychology from Abilene Christian University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in psychology from The University of Texas at Austin. He and his wife, Gail, have two married daughters and five grandchildren.



PAUL ROGERS

FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Rogers, professor of law and the former dean of the SMU School of Law, is the University's faculty athletic representative and helps represent the University with the American Athletic Conference and the NCAA. Rogers currently serves on the NCAA's Football Oversight Committee and its Football Postseason Subcommittee. He is also a member of the National Football Foundation's Awards Committee. He is a former president of the Southwest Conference and also previously served on the NCAA Division I Amateurism Cabinet, the Academics/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet and the Executive Committee of the Division I-A Faculty Athletics Representative Association.

In 1988 Rogers was the principal drafter of the Manual of Governance for SMU Athletics and became the first chair of the SMU Athletic Council, which provides oversight of the SMU athletics and recommends academic and administrative policies governing student-athletes. He continues as a member of the council.

Prior to joining the SMU law faculty in 1980, he served on the law faculty at Loyola University of Chicago. He previously practiced law in Pennsylvania. Rogers has two degrees (B.A., J.D.) from The University of Texas at Austin and an LL.M. from Columbia University. Rogers served as dean of the School of Law from 1988-97. Earlier he served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1982-86. He has co-authored a leading casebook on antitrust law, now in its fourth edition, and has written numerous articles on antitrust, regulated industries, contracts, commercial law, sports law and legal history. An avid baseball historian, he has published five books and many articles dealing with the history of baseball.

He serves on the board of the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation in Ft. Worth and is former president of the board of directors of Dispute Mediation Services and a former trustee of the Dallas Bar Foundation. Rogers is a fellow of the Dallas Bar, Texas Bar and the American Bar Foundations. A member of the American Law Institute, he also served as chair of the Ethics Oversight Committee for Dallas 2012 and is president of the Ernie Banks-Bobby Bragan Chapter (Dallas-Fort Worth) of the Society of American Baseball Research. In 2006 Rogers was named an Honorary Letterman by the SMU Lettermen's Association. He received the Tom Tunks Distinguished University Service Award in 2016.

Rogers has three daughters, four grandsons and a granddaughter.



RICK HART

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
AD_RICKHART

Rick Hart was named SMU's Director of Athletics on July 16, 2012.

During Hart's four years on the Hilltop, SMU student-athletes have excelled in the classroom, as 241 of SMU's 384 student-athletes currently hold cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or higher – over 60% of the student-athlete population.

SMU has also excelled athletically, winning 14 conference team championships and consistently finishing among the leaders in the American Athletic Conference, with 11 sports finishing in the top four of the conference in 2015-16. SMU student-athletes won 27 individual conference championships and earned 80 All-Conference honors last season alone.

SMU has also connected with the community, with Mustang student-athletes logging over 1,800 community service hours in the 2015-2016 academic year, almost the equivalent of an entire year's worth of work. The community has responded to SMU as well, increasing attendance at events and donations to the department.

SMU's renovated and expanded Moody Coliseum and the new Miller Event Center opened in January 2014, and the crowds flowed to the Hilltop. Over 100,000 fans have come to Moody in each of the last three years, marking the first three seasons SMU has surpassed that mark. SMU also set a record in football in 2014, as over 10,000 fans purchased season tickets.

Due to the generosity of alumni and friends, annual fund support has grown each of the last four years. In total, gifts in support of operations have exceeded \$40 million since Hart's arrival. Contributions to the Mustang Club have more than doubled in that time, and again last year, donors to the Mustang Club set another record for generosity by contributing \$5.5 million in support of SMU student-athletes.

The increased revenues have been reinvested in the student-athlete experience. SMU now provides full cost of attendance for student-athletes and greater access to meals and snacks following NCAA legislation changes, and has added staff related to student-athlete development, including a nutritionist and additional strength and conditioning coaches. SMU is also in the process of building, updating and planning facilities. The Trinity Forest Golf Facility and the Robson-Lindley Aquatics Center are under construction and will complement the recently-completed SMU Tennis Complex, as well as enhancements to the football facilities, the men's basketball locker room and the track. SMU's recently announced facility master plan will address future needs and includes an indoor performance center and soccer stadium.

Hart also developed and installed the Strategic Plan for SMU Athletics titled, "The SMU Advantage." The SMU Advantage consists of a departmental vision, mission, values and goals and operates on a principle of S.P.I.R.I.T. (Service, Passion, Integrity, Respect, Innovation and Teamwork), with a focus on the student-athlete and aligning the Athletics Department with the educational mission of the University.

Hart has served on the NACDA Executive Committee, the NCAA Division I Championship/Sports Management Cabinet, the FCS Athletics Directors Association Executive Committee and as a faculty member for the D1-AAthletics Directors' Institute. Hart is an active speaker, and has made presentations at the Career in Sports Seminar, the NACDA Leadership Institute, the Texas High School Athletic Directors' Association and the Dallas Women's Club, to name a few.



Hart came to SMU after six years as Director of Athletics at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Hart served seven years at the University of Oklahoma in various athletics administrative capacities, ending as the Senior Associate Athletics Director in 2006. Hart has also worked in athletics for the University of North Carolina and East Carolina University and has served with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

A graduate of UNC, Hart earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education, Health and Sport Science. Hart and his wife, Allison, also a graduate of North Carolina, are proud parents of Trevor and Caroline (Carly).

A third-generation athletics administrator, Hart's father, Dave, currently serves as Director of Athletics at the University of Tennessee, and his late grandfather, Dave Sr., served in a variety of roles within collegiate athletics including stints as a Coach, Athletics Director and Conference Commissioner.



MATT ROBERTS

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
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Matt Roberts joined the SMU staff as Deputy Director of Athletics in the fall of 2012. At SMU, Roberts helps administer the day-to-day operations of the entire athletic department and serves as the administrative liaison for the football and men's basketball programs. He also assisted in the development of the departmental strategic plan, and is involved with SMU's sponsorship, community engagement and customer service initiatives.

Roberts arrived on the Hilltop after eight-plus years at Oklahoma, where he served in a variety of roles, most recently as Associate A.D. for Development. At OU, Roberts' primary responsibility was the overall administration and leadership of the athletics development office, including oversight of the Sooner Club, major gift and endowment programs. Under his guidance, the Sooner Club set all-time highs in annual donations, culminating with \$20.2 million in 2011 and a record \$21 million in 2012. Membership numbers also hit an all-time high with 10,625 members during 2012.

During his time, OU Athletics raised over \$41 million in philanthropic gifts to support capital improvements and scholarship endowments. Most recently, Roberts has guided a \$75 million capital campaign for the construction of a new athletics dormitory, Headington Hall. Other capital projects of note included the Gregg Wadley Tennis Pavilion, indoor batting cages for baseball and softball, as well as major renovations of McCasland Field House, Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, Viersen Gymnastics Center, Charlie Coe Center, and the football and basketball locker rooms.

In addition to his development duties, Roberts also served as sport administrator for men's and women's tennis as well as supervisor of the OU Tennis Club and Varsity O Association.

Roberts began his time in Norman as the director of marketing, overseeing the staff and all its initiatives, setting attendance records for football and steering the marketing efforts that led to OU women's basketball ranking in the top three in national attendance. Prior to arriving in Norman, Roberts served as assistant director of marketing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. From 2001-2003, he coordinated the marketing for men's and women's soccer, women's basketball and men's and women's lacrosse. Before moving to marketing, Matt served one year in the UNC ticket office as the assistant ticket manager.

A 1997 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Roberts holds a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports sciences. While at North Carolina, he was a walk-on pitcher for the Tar Heels and finished his college career as an undergraduate assistant coach, working with the Tar Heel pitching staff. He later attended Ohio University and earned a master's of sports administration in 1999.

He and his wife, Amanda, live in Dallas with their son, Carter.

