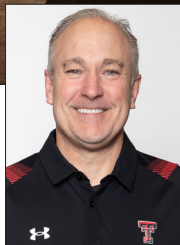




**COACHING  
STAFF**





## JOEY MCGUIRE

Head Coach | Second Season  
UT-Arlington '95

 @JoeyMcGuireTTU



If one season is any indication, the future of Texas Tech Football is bright under Joey McGuire. The 17th head coach in program history, McGuire led the Red Raiders to their best season in more than a decade in 2022, all the while energizing a fan base with a promising outlook for years to come.

McGuire pushed the Red Raiders to their 40th bowl appearance in program history after a 7-5 regular season that saw Texas Tech defeat both Texas and Oklahoma for the first time in program history, record five Big 12 wins for the first time since 2009 and finish 6-1 at home for the first time since that same year. The Red Raiders followed with a memorable 42-25 victory over Ole Miss in the TaxAct Texas Bowl, closing the season with four-straight victories for the first time since 1995.

The successful start to the McGuire era featured a fourth-place finish in the Big 12 standings, Texas Tech's highest since the league went to a 10-team format in 2011. The Red Raiders were 5-4 overall in Big 12 play, making McGuire the first head coach to notch a winning conference record (above .500) in his debut season since David McWilliams in 1986.

Add in a recruiting class that ranked in the top 25 of the country, and needless to say, Texas Tech has quickly become a Big 12 title contender in short time under McGuire.

Texas Tech's early success should come at little surprise as McGuire previously helped build a winning program at Baylor following a stellar 14-year run at Cedar Hill High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. McGuire, a 2020 inductee into the Texas High School Coaches Association Hall of Honor and a 2022 member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame, was named the 17th head coach in program history by Director of Athletics Kirby Hocutt on Nov. 9, 2021.

McGuire, a native of Crowley in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, created one of the most-memorable turnaround stories in Texas high school football history during his 14 seasons leading Cedar Hill. The Longhorns not only won at a high level under McGuire, but they transformed into one of the state's most dominant programs with its first state title in 2006 and then back-to-back state crowns in 2013 and 2014.

Cedar Hill was an impressive 141-42 during McGuire's tenure, going from an unknown to a state champion in only his fourth season as head coach. The Longhorns' dynasty featured 12-consecutive playoff appearances, nine bi-district titles and seven district crowns under McGuire, including another appearance in the state title game in 2012 where Cedar Hill fell to Katy.

McGuire's turnaround of Cedar Hill quickly placed him among the state's most

revered high school coaches as he was named the Texas Coach of the Year by MaxPreps, Dallas Morning News and Chevy Silverado in 2013. He also earned Class 5A Coach of the Year honors that season by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA), Dave Campbell's Texas Football, the National Football Foundation Dallas chapter and the Padilla Poll. He garnered the honor again from the Padilla Poll in 2014. The Dallas Cowboys also honored him as the organization's high school Coach of the Year following Cedar Hill's first state title in 2006.

A two-time District Coach of the Year (2005-06), McGuire coached in all but two Under Armour All-America games during his tenure and was the head coach of the 2013 Semper Fidelis All-America Bowl, both events that feature the nation's top collegiate prospects. He was also the head coach for the north team in the 2014 Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) All-Star Game.

McGuire, at only the age of 31, was promoted to head coach at Cedar Hill prior to the 2003 season following six seasons as an assistant coach. Cedar Hill had not recorded a winning season in the eight years prior to his promotion, a streak he quickly ended with a 6-4 campaign in his debut. McGuire was previously an assistant coach at his alma mater, Crowley High School, during the 1995 and 1996 prior to his move to Cedar Hill.

The back-to-back state titles provided McGuire with several opportunity to depart for the collegiate level, a move he wouldn't make until after the 2016 season when Matt Rhule contacted him shortly after his hire as the new head coach at Baylor. Needing someone with extensive ties throughout the state of Texas, Rhule hired McGuire initially as his tight ends coach. The move was perfect timing for McGuire, who had remained at Cedar Hill to coach his son, Garret, for his final two seasons.

Baylor quickly turned into a Big 12 title contender within three years of McGuire's hire as the Bears finished 7-6 in only his second season on staff in 2018 after defeating Vanderbilt in the Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl. The Bears followed with one of its best seasons in school history in 2019 after opening the season with nine-straight wins en route to an appearance in the Big 12 Championship game. Oklahoma edged the Bears in overtime, sending Baylor to an appearance in the Allstate Sugar Bowl and a top-15 final ranking to close the season.

Baylor reached bowl eligibility three times with McGuire on staff and was in the midst of an eventual run to the Big 12 crown and a second appearance in the All-state Sugar Bowl when McGuire was tabbed as Texas Tech's new head coach late in the 2021 season. McGuire served as Baylor's associate head coach during each

## HEAD COACH JOEY MCGUIRE

of his final three seasons as he oversaw three different position groups during his tenure: tight ends (2017-18), defensive ends (2019) and outside linebackers (2020-21).

No matter the position, McGuire's room was able to produce Baylor's top standouts as four Bears heard their names called during the NFL Draft over his tenure. That list included outside linebackers Terrel Bernard in 2022 and William Bradley-King, a seventh round selection by the Washington Football Team in 2021, as well as defensive linemen James Lynch and Bravion Roy in 2020. Lynch went in the fourth round of the 2020 draft to the Minnesota Vikings, while Roy was taken two rounds later by the Carolina Panthers. Bernard, meanwhile, was a third-round selection by the Buffalo Bills during the 2022 NFL Draft.

McGuire has a knack for developing top defensive end and outside linebacker prospects as Tyree Wilson added to his list of former pupils in the NFL following his first season at Texas Tech. Wilson, a first team All-America selection and an All-Big 12 first team honoree, was picked seventh overall by the Las Vegas Raiders, becoming the highest-drafted Red Raider defensive player in program history. In addition, Wilson matched Ring of Honor member Donny Anderson as being the second-highest drafted Red Raider in program history (all positions) and the highest in the modern era.

Baylor built a strong reputation as one of the top defensive programs in the country during McGuire's tenure, namely in 2019 when the Bears' defense featured both Lynch and Roy up front. The defensive line was possibly Baylor's most-prolific position group that season as the Bears set a program record with 46 sacks, including 13.5 from Lynch alone. Lynch departed Baylor as the Bears' single-season and career (22) sacks record holder as he was tabbed the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and a consensus All-American.

Following his success helping rebuild the Baylor program, Texas Tech was an ideal fit for McGuire, whose daughter, Raegan, was a recent graduate of the university. McGuire had visited Lubbock numerous times previously either to see his daughter or earlier in life when several life-long friends attended the university. McGuire likes to say he would have attended Texas Tech, himself, had he not met his wife, Debbie. He eventually earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1995. The couple has been highly-involved in the Lubbock community since their arrival, volunteering for numerous charitable organizations, including Covenant Children's Hospital and through their Women Behind the Brand clinic each August.

The couple's two children are also highly successful in their own walks of life as Garrett is in his first season as the wide receivers coach at the University of Nebraska. Garrett McGuire, at only 24 years of age, is the youngest FBS assistant coach in the nation entering the 2023 season as he previously served two seasons under Rhule as an offensive assistant with the NFL's Carolina Panthers. Prior to beginning his coaching career, Garrett was a quarterback and special teams player at Baylor, playing in six games from 2017-20 where he was a two-time Academic All-Big 12 first team honoree.

Raegan, meanwhile, is a fashion designer for AMUR in New York City. Her designs have been worn by several high-profile figures, including Natalie Biden, the granddaughter to President Joe Biden, as well as Taylor Swift on her spring 2023 Eras Tour. She and her husband, Joe Tocco, were married in May 2023.

### MCGUIRE FILE

Hometown	Crowley, Texas
Education	Texas-Arlington '95 (Kinesiology)
Wife	Debbie
Children	Daughter: Raegan; Son: Garrett

### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present	Texas Tech Head Coach
2020-21	Baylor Associate Head Coach (Outside Linebackers)
2019	Baylor Associate Head Coach (Defensive Ends)
2017-18	Baylor Assistant Coach (Tight Ends)
2003-16	Cedar Hill High School Head Coach
1997-02	Cedar Hill High School Assistant Coach
1995-96	Crowley High School Assistant Coach

### BOWL GAMES (4)

2022	TaxAct Texas Bowl
2021	Allstate Sugar Bowl*
2019	Allstate Sugar Bowl
2018	Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl

\* bowl came after he had already accepted the Texas Tech position.



▲ **CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE:** McGuire built a high school dynasty during his 14 seasons as the Cedar Hill head coach, leading the Longhorns to three Class 6A Texas state titles in 2006, 2013 and 2014.



▲ **FROM CEDAR HILL TO D-1:** Over his 20 seasons at Cedar Hill, McGuire mentored an impressive 98 players who ultimately signed with NCAA Division-I programs as the Longhorns regularly boasted several of the nation's top recruits.



▲ **ALL ABOUT THE PLAYERS:** McGuire is known as a players' coach and culture builder who, in fact, has now officiated two weddings for former players with the most recent being defensive quality control coach James Lockhart this past summer.



▲ **PATH TO THE NFL:** In his short time at the college level, McGuire has mentored five future NFL selections, including one first round selection in 2023 seventh overall pick Tyree Wilson. This number doesn't include the numerous Cedar Hill standouts under McGuire who later moved to the NFL after their college careers.

FIRST YEAR SUCCESS UNDER MCGUIRE

- The 98th season of Texas Tech Football featured a new look on the sidelines last fall with the start of the Joey McGuire era as the 17th head coach in program history. Below is a list of facts related to McGuire's successful start as Texas Tech's head coach.
- McGuire became the eighth head coach in program history to lead the Red Raiders to a bowl game in his debut season following Texas Tech's win over Iowa State. The win over Oklahoma, meanwhile, helped him become the 12th head coach in program history to lead the Red Raiders to a winning record in his first year.
- McGuire led the Red Raiders to a 5-4 record in Big 12 play, becoming the first head coach to notch a winning conference record (above .500) in his debut season since David McWilliams did so in 1986.
- The success the Red Raiders had in Big 12 play pushed Texas Tech to its most conference wins since 2009 and a fourth-place finish in the standings, its highest since the league went to a 10-team format in 2011. McGuire is the only head coach in program history to defeat both Texas and Oklahoma in the same year.
- McGuire is the sixth head coach all-time to inherit a football program coming off a bowl appearance, joining the likes of Steve Sloan, Rex Dockery, Spike Dykes, Tommy Tuberville and Kliff Kingsbury. Of that group, McGuire joins Tuberville and Kingsbury in returning Texas Tech back to a bowl game during his debut season.
- Texas Tech's eight wins in McGuire's debut season was one shy of the school record for a first-year head coach. He was only the fifth head coach in program history to notch eight or more wins in his first season leading the Red Raiders.
- Of the head coaches in Texas Tech's history, McGuire resembles Dykes likely the best, not only for his charm and engaging personality but also his ties as a former high school head coach. Dykes spent a decade at the prep level with stops as an assistant in Eastland, Ballinger, San Angelo Central and then head coaching roles at Coahoma, Belton, Big Spring, Alice and Midland Lee.

TEXAS TECH HEAD COACHES ALL-TIME IN DEBUT SEASON

Name	Year	Record	Bowl
E.Y. Freeland	1925	6-1-2	--
Grady Higgenbotham	1929	1-7-2	--
Pete Cawthon	1930	3-6	--
Dell Morgan	1941	9-2	Sun
DeWitt Weaver	1951	7-4	Sun
JT King	1961	4-6	--
Jim Carlen	1970	8-4	Sun
Steve Sloan	1975	6-5	--
Rex Dockery	1978	7-4	--
Jerry Moore	1981	1-9-1	--
David McWilliams	1986	7-5	Independence
Spike Dykes	1987	6-4-1	--
Mike Leach	2000	7-6	Gallery Furniture
Tommy Tuberville	2010	8-5	TicketCity
Kliff Kingsbury	2013	8-5	Holiday
Matt Wells	2019	4-8	--
Joey McGuire	2022	8-5	Texas



▲ **FAMILY PROFESSION:** Joey McGuire isn't the only coach now in his family as his son Garret enters his first season as the wide receivers coach at the University of Nebraska. Garret, who previously played for his father at both Cedar Hill and Baylor, was an offensive assistant the past two seasons with the Carolina Panthers.

MCGUIRE INKS NEW SIX-YEAR CONTRACT

- Texas Tech and Joey McGuire agreed on a new six-year contract prior to the TaxAct Texas Bowl that will keep him in charge of the Red Raiders through the 2028 season. Under the terms of the six-year, \$26.6 million agreement, McGuire will receive \$100,000 annual increases in his yearly compensation, rising to \$4.6 million for the 2028 campaign, which does not include various performance bonuses. The contract is worth roughly \$1 million more annually than McGuire's original agreement.

RECRUITING SUCCESS UNDER MCGUIRE

- Texas Tech has reaped the benefits of McGuire's ties to the state of Texas in the year following his hire as the Red Raiders have signed two of their best classes now in history. The 2022 class, boosted by McGuire's hiring in November 2021, was ranked as high as 39th nationally by Rivals, a steady improvement from its spot in the 70s prior to his hire. Texas Tech's 2023 class was ranked as high as No. 23 nationally by Rivals as McGuire and his staff inked 28 high school prospects, a key component to the Red Raiders' recruiting philosophy. It marked the highest-ranked Texas Tech recruiting class in more than a decade.
- One of the key factors in Texas Tech's recruiting success was the hiring of **James Blanchard** as Director of Player Personnel. Blanchard, who flew alongside McGuire to Lubbock as soon as he received the head coaching position, was recently named one of the top rising personnel and recruiting staffers in the country by the On3.com website. Blanchard received a two-year contract extension on Dec. 2, 2022.

INSIDE JOEY MCGUIRE & THE BRAND



THE BRAND

The core tenant of the Texas Tech football program under McGuire revolves around The Brand, which stands for his desire that the Red Raiders become the "toughest, hardest-working, most-competitive team in the country." On his final interview for the Texas Tech position, McGuire described his vision for the Red Raider program using The Brand, which President Lawrence Schovanec said "describes West Texas."



UNOFFICIAL HOME OF THE THSCA

There likely isn't a power-five football program in the state of Texas with better ties to its high school coaches than at Texas Tech as McGuire has hired numerous members to his coaching staff that have ties to the Texas High School Coaches Association. McGuire, himself, is already a legend at the prep level as a member of the THSCA Hall of Honor and the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.



COVER GUY

McGuire received one of the highlights of his career in the summer of 2022 as he graced the cover of *Dave Campbell's Texas Football* alongside longtime friend and UTSA head coach Jeff Traylor. The publication, dubbed the football Bible of Texas, documented McGuire and Taylor's rise from state champion high school coaches to successful collegiate head coaches with the appropriate title, "Forged on Fridays."





▲ THE MCGUIRE FAMILY (left to right): Garret, Joey, Debbie and Raegan McGuire Tocco and her husband, Joe Tocco. The Toccos were married in May 2023.

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT JOEY MCGUIRE...



"We are excited for this new chapter in Texas Tech Football under the direction of Coach McGuire. Our search committee was impressed from the outset not only with his significant ties throughout the state of Texas but his enthusiasm and desire to serve as the head coach at Texas Tech. We are thrilled to be able to welcome Coach McGuire and his wife Debbie to our Red Raider family." -

**KIRBY HOCUTT**, *Director of Athletics*



"I'm thrilled Coach McGuire is receiving this opportunity at Texas Tech because he's earned it. He was a great high school coach during my time at Texas and it doesn't surprise me at all that he's worked his way to a head coaching position in the Big 12. He's a smart, innovative coach, who brings deep ties to Texas high school football with him to Lubbock. I've always admired him, and if I had a son, I would want him to play for Coach

McGuire. I think Texas Tech made a smart decision here and Coach McGuire will do an excellent job for them." - **MACK BROWN**, *head coach at the University of North Carolina and former head coach at University of Texas.*

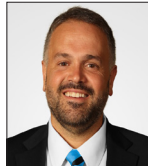


"I am very proud and excited for Joey on being selected the next head football coach at Texas Tech. He is a homegrown product starting as a player at Crowley and working his way up the ranks to head coach at Cedar Hill and eventually as associate head coach at Baylor. He is a past member of the THSCA Board of Directors and has many friends in the high school coaching community across the state. Joey is as good as they come as a

coach and we wish him the best!" - **JOE MARTIN**, *Executive Director of Texas High School Coaches Association.*



"I am so happy for Joey. Not only is he a great coach, but he has the people skills to recruit. He is well connected to the Texas high school coaches. Texas Tech will love him and his wife, Debbie and their two children." - **KIM MULKEY**, *Hall of Fame women's basketball coach at both Baylor and LSU.*



"I think he will be unbelievable ushering in a new era at Tech. I think that he's one in a million. There are not many people like Joey McGuire as a person or as a coach. I think that there's not ever going to be a bad day ever in that facility, and those players are going to be developed, they're going to be loved, they're going to be honed, and they're going to be developed in every aspect of their life. He's going to bring excitement to all of West

Texas, especially to Lubbock. For Red Raider Nation, I think he's absolutely going to be a bolt of energy, throughout the entire athletic department and you guys are going to play really good football, too." - **MATT RHULE**, *head coach at Nebraska and former head coach for Baylor and the Carolina Panthers.*



"I believe this is an awesome hire as I've known Joey a long time since my first couple of years here going to recruit down in the Dallas area. He's always run a first-class program, always very positive and was always close and connected with his players. The players love playing for him. I think football is relative and you do a great job, at whatever level you're playing. I think there is no reason you can't do it at a different level. He got

great experience being at Baylor for the last five years, being with Matt Rhule, who I think is a heck of a coach. I believe that Joey is a person that connects, motivates players, and he will connect with the community and high school coaches around the state of Texas. I think he will do a great job." - **BOB STOOPS**, *former head coach at University of Oklahoma.*



"Joey is one of our own. He is a personable friend to many. In the world we live in today where fewer and fewer coaches have fewer communication with college coaches than in the past, this is a refreshing change. We feel there will be an open dialogue with all the high school coaches in the state, and he will get our full support. Joey is never too busy for you. He's the same guy he was at Baylor as he was when he was the head coach

at Cedar Hill High School. Parents will love him. Players will love him. It's going to be a fun time. We are over the top excited for his hire at Texas Tech." - **GLEN WEST**, *Assistant Executive Director of Texas High School Coaches Association.*



## KENNY PERRY

Associate Head Coach | Special Teams Coordinator | Running Backs  
Second Season  
Houston '93

@CoachKennyPerry



No stranger to the state of Texas, Kenny Perry became one of the first hires to Joey McGuire's charter staff at Texas Tech when he joined the Red Raiders as associate head coach shortly after the 2021 season. In his role, Perry oversees the Red Raider special teams and running backs.

Perry brings a similar background as McGuire as both were successful head coaches in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex before joining the collegiate ranks. He boasts more than 20 years of coaching experience, including 14 as a high school head coach and then nearly a decade at the college level with stops at TCU, Kansas and SMU.

In only his first season, Perry mentored one of the deepest running back rooms in the country as Tahj Brooks and SaRodrick Thompson combined for 1,375 yards and 14 touchdowns to become only the fourth Red Raider duo in the Big 12 era to both rush for at least 600 yards in a season. Behind a steady running attack, Texas Tech ranked in the top 30 nationally for total offense, scoring offense as well as rushing touchdowns en route to an 8-5 season and a victory in the TaxAct Texas Bowl. Thompson later signed a free agent agreement with the New Orleans Saints after his final season as a Red Raider.

The Red Raiders also boasted one of the nation's top special teams rooms during Perry's debut season thanks to another steady year from punter Austin McNamara and the reemergence of Trey Wolff as Texas Tech's primary field goal kicker. McNamara, an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection along with Thompson, averaged 44.3 yards per punt, which ranked 21st nationally and among the top-10 marks in program history. McNamara, combined with no failed snaps from sophomore Jackson Knotts, will enter his senior season as a Red Raider in 2023 on pace to easily shatter the school career punting record.

Wolff, meanwhile, returned to form under Perry's watch as he was 21-of-25 on field goal attempts to rank second all-time in Texas Tech single-season history. An honorable mention All-Big 12 selection himself, Wolff developed into one of the most reliable kickers in college football, especially in key moments, as he had nine field goals that came with under a minute remaining in either the second or fourth quarters or in overtime. He had two game-winning kicks on the season, sending the Red Raiders to memorable come-from-behind victories over both Texas and Oklahoma for the first time in program history. Wolff, like Thompson, also signed an NFL free agent agreement with the Tennessee Titans.

Perry arrived at Texas Tech after spending the previous two seasons at SMU where he was a special teams quality control analyst his first year before being promoted to special teams coordinator for the 2021 campaign. SMU was a combined 15-7 during Perry's two years on staff, which included a pair of bowl selections.

SMU, similarly, boasted one of the top special teams units in the country during the 2021 campaign as the Mustangs rank eighth nationally for both kickoff returns

(27.3 yards per return) and tied for 10th for total blocked kicks after getting their hands on four as part of an eight-win season. The Mustangs were able to create several explosive plays in the return game thanks to Bryan Massey, who ranked second in the FBS for kick return average (34.3) en route to earning All-AAC second team honors.

Massey took two kickoffs all the way to the end zone as a sophomore alone as he matched the SMU single-season and career records, while also ranking tied for second in the FBS. His 686 total kickoff return yardage, meanwhile, finished 12th nationally and was the 11th-highest total in SMU history to cap a breakout season.

SMU's special teams also featured one of the top kickers in the country during Perry's tenure in Chris Naggar, who was the American Athletic Conference Special Teams Player of the Year in 2020 as well as a Lou Groza Award semifinalist. Naggar connected on 17 of his 21 field goal attempts that season and 43-of-46 PATs as

### KENNY PERRY FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Birthdate:** April 3  
**Hometown:** Arlington, Texas  
**Education:** Houston, 1993 (Education)  
**Family:** Son - Keaton; Daughter - Alexa

#### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Assoc. Head Coach (Special Teams Coord./RBs)  
2021 - SMU Assistant Coach (Special Teams Coordinator)  
2020 - SMU Special Teams Quality Control Analyst  
2020 - Dallas Renegades Special Teams Coordinator (XFL)  
2017-18 - Kansas Assistant Coach (Special Teams Coord./Recruiting Coord.)  
2015-16 - Kansas Co-Defensive Coordinator (Cornerbacks)  
2014 - TCU Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)  
2013 - TCU Director of High School Relations  
2006-12 - Arlington Bowie Head Coach  
2004-05 - Haltom City High School Head Coach  
2000-03 - Sam Houston High School Head Coach  
1992-94 - Houston Graduate Assistant (Special Teams/Defensive Backs)

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech  
2021 Fenway Bowl - SMU  
2020 Frisco Bowl - SMU  
2014 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl - TCU



he ranked 19th in the FBS and led the AAC with 94 total points. Nagger closed the season one field goal shy of the SMU single-season record as he hit game-winning field goals against No. 24 Memphis and Tulane during the 2020 campaign alone.

Perry made his way to SMU following a stint as the special teams coordinator for the Dallas Renegades during the XFL's lone 2020 season and then four seasons at Big 12 counterpart Kansas. Perry joined the Kansas staff as co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach in 2015, a role he remained in for two seasons before transitioning to special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator for the 2017-18 campaigns.

Kansas was Perry's second Big 12 position as he started his collegiate career as the Director of High School Relations and Recruiting at TCU in 2013. Perry moved to an on-the-field role the following season, working with the TCU cornerbacks as the Horned Frogs finished 12-1 overall. TCU claimed a share of the Big 12 title that season and defeated No. 9 Ole Miss in the Peach Bowl behind a defense that featured two of Perry's standouts in second team Freshman All-American Anthony Texada and second team All-Big 12 honoree Kevin White.

TCU landed Perry after he built a reputation as one of the top high school coaches in the state of Texas with successful runs at Sam Houston (2000-03), Haltom City (2004-05) and Arlington Bowie (2006-12). Perry compiled a 67-22 record during his seven seasons at Bowie alone, leading the Vols to the Class 5A playoffs each year. He was named the District Coach of the Year three times during his tenure and was tabbed the Dallas Morning News Coach of the Year in 2007.

Most importantly, Perry was highly-regarded among his peers as he was selected to the Board of Directors for the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) during his time at Bowie. He is also a past director of the North Texas High School Football Association.

Perry was a four-year letterwinner (1988-91) as a defensive back at the University of Houston before earning his degree in 1993. Perry was a cornerback his first two seasons as a Cougar before moving to safety his final two years. He also served as a graduate assistant for his alma mater from 1992-94, working with the special teams and defensive backs.



## TIM DERUYTER

Defensive Coordinator

Second Season

Air Force '85, Regis '92

 @TimDeRuyter

Tim DeRuyter, one of the top defensive minds in college football and a former collegiate head coach, enters his second season as the defensive coordinator at Texas Tech.

The 2023 season will mark the 22nd-consecutive season DeRuyter has served as either a defensive coordinator or a head coach as he had previous stops leading successful defenses at California (2017-20) and Oregon (2021) before joining Joey McGuire's charter staff at Texas Tech. Prior to that, he was the head coach at Fresno State for four-plus seasons, leading the Bulldogs to two Mountain West Conference titles.

DeRuyter's experience building strong, aggressive defenses paid dividends in his debut season as the Red Raiders finished 8-5 overall thanks to four-consecutive victories to close the season, including a strong defensive performance to top Ole Miss in the TaxAct Texas Bowl. It marked the first time since 1995 the Red Raiders had ended a season on a four-game winning streak, which also helped Texas Tech record its most Big 12 victories in a year since 2009.

Under DeRuyter, the Red Raiders quickly adopted a "put out the fire" mentality through takeaways as well as red zone and fourth down stops. Texas Tech was, in particular, strong in those final two areas, leading the Big 12 in both fourth down and red zone defense, while also ranking eighth and ninth in the two categories, respectively. Additionally, the Red Raiders were among the top teams in the country in limiting opponents to only a field goal as Texas Tech led all power-five schools and ranked fourth in the FBS for red zone conversions that were the result of a field goal.

The Red Raiders only allowed 29.2 points per game in DeRuyter's debut season, marking the lowest clip in more than a decade. In fact, it was the first time Texas Tech had surrendered less than 30 points since 2009. The Red Raiders were also among the nation's top units in tackles for loss, ranking 20th in the FBS with 91.0 on the year, their most in a season since the 2003 campaign.

Part of Texas Tech's success defensively stemmed from the play of Tyree Wilson, who flourished in DeRuyter's scheme, moving to the outside linebacker and rush end position that has consistently produced future NFL draft picks. Wilson put together his best season as a Red Raider under DeRuyter as he totaled a career-best 61 tackles, including 14.0 behind the line of scrimmage and 7.0 sacks, despite missing the final four games due to injury.

Wilson's ability to impact opposing offenses earned him first team All-America honors by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA), making him the 32nd Red Raider all-time to be named to the first team and the first defensive end to do so since Montae Reager in 1998. Wilson, also an All-Big 12 first team selection, was tabbed a first team All-American by the likes of USA Today, The Athletic and Phil Steele Magazine as well.

Wilson became the third different rush end to hear his name called in the first 10 picks of the NFL Draft this past spring as the Las Vegas Raiders selected him seventh overall, making him the highest-drafted Red Raider defensive player in program history. Wilson's selection tied for the second-highest drafted player in school history and is the highest pick in the modern era. Wilson is the fifth Red Raider all-time to go in the top 10 picks, joining the likes of Dave Parks (No. 1 over-

all, 1964), Donny Anderson (No. 7 overall, 1965), Michael Crabtree (No. 10 overall, 2009) and Patrick Mahomes II (No. 10 overall, 2017). All four of those individuals are already inductees into the Texas Tech Ring of Honors.

Wilson is one of 17 players to be drafted during DeRuyter's storied career, which includes two other top-10 selections in NFL great Von Miller at Texas A&M and Kayvon Thibodeaux at Oregon as well as a pair of second rounders in quarterback Derek Carr and wide receiver Davante Adams during his tenure at Fresno State. DeRuyter, a 2018 semifinalist for the Broyles Award given to the nation's top assistant coach, has coached in 19 bowl games over his career and been part of six conference championship teams.

Oregon closed DeRuyter's lone season on staff ranked No. 21/22 in the final polls after compiling a 10-4 record, which featured appearances in the Pac-12 Championship and the Valero Alamo Bowl. The Ducks boasted one of the nation's most opportunistic defenses in 2021 as Oregon closed the year ranked fifth in the FBS with 17 interceptions and 26th nationally with 22 total takeaways.

DeRuyter's unit featured two of the nation's top players in Thibodeaux and safety Verone McKinley III. Thibodeaux, who became the first Oregon defensive standout to earn unanimous first team All-American accolades, was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Chuck Bednarik Award and was later selected with the fifth overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft by the New York Giants, marking only the second time in Oregon history a defensive player has been chosen in the top five.

McKinley, meanwhile, was a consensus All-American after sharing the FBS lead with six interceptions from his second spot in the Oregon defense. McKinley combined with Thibodeaux to give Oregon its first pair of consensus All-Americans since 2014 and only its third tandem in program history. McKinley was also a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, becoming only the second Oregon defensive back to be recognized as a consensus All-American and be named a finalist for the award.

DeRuyter's success at Oregon followed four successful seasons at Cal where he took a defense that allowed 42.6 points per game in the season prior to his arrival and immediately cut that in half by his second year. Cal ranked 22nd nationally in 2018 for scoring defense and No. 33 in 2019 after surrendering 20.4 and 21.9 points per game. The Golden Bears followed that by only giving up 26.5 points per game during his final season in 2020.

Cal held 20 of its last 24 opponents under DeRuyter to 24 points or less en route to a pair of postseason appearances at the 2018 Cheez-It Bowl and the 2019 Redbox Bowl. It marked the first time Cal had been to bowls in consecutive seasons since the 2008-09 campaigns. DeRuyter had 20 of his players earn All-Pac-12 honors during his tenure with five Golden Bears ultimately hearing their name called during the NFL Draft.

Evan Weaver was a highlight of DeRuyter's defenses as Cal as the linebacker collected consensus first team All-America honors in 2019 after leading the country with a school record 182 tackles. Weaver, a finalist for the Butkus and Lombardi Awards, was tabbed the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year that season prior to being selected in the sixth round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals. He was one of three Golden Bears to hear his name called in the 2020 draft and one of five Cal defensive standouts to head to the league during DeRuyter's tenure.

Weaver was one of two All-Americans to star at Cal under DeRuyter as fellow linebacker Jordan Kunaszyk garnered second team recognition from Sports Illustrated just a year earlier after finishing with a team-high 148 tackles. Kunaszyk

## TIM DERUYTER FILE

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Birthdate:** Jan. 3

**Hometown:** Long Beach, Calif.

**Education:** Air Force Academy, 1985 (Management); Regis University, 1992 (MBA in Market Strategy)

**Family:** Wife - Kara; Son - Jake; Daughter - Christina

### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Defensive Coordinator

2021 - Oregon Defensive Coordinator (Outside Linebackers)

2020 - Cal Co-Defensive Coordinator/Assoc. Head Coach (Outside Linebackers)

2018-19 - Cal Defensive Coordinator (Outside Linebackers)

2017 - Cal Defensive Coordinator (Inside Linebackers)

2012-16 - Fresno State Head Coach

2010-11 - Texas A&M Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach

2008-09 - Air Force Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach

2007 - Air Force Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)

2005-06 - Nevada Co-Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)

2002-04 - Ohio Defensive Coordinator (Defensive Backs)

2001 - Navy Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs)

1999-00 - Navy Defensive Coordinator

1995-98 - Ohio Defensive Coordinator (Defensive Backs)

1991-92 - Air Force Secondary Assistant

1990 - Air Force Outside Linebackers Assistant

1989 - Air Force Inside Linebackers Assistant

1985 - Air Force Defensive Graduate Assistant

### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (19)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech

2021 Alamo Bowl - Oregon

2019 Redbox Bowl - California

2008 Cheez-It Bowl - California

2014 Hawaii Bowl - Fresno State

2013 Las Vegas Bowl - Fresno State

2012 Hawaii Bowl - Fresno State

2011 Meineke Car Care Bowl - Texas A&M (Interim Head Coach)

2010 Cotton Bowl - Texas A&M

2009 Armed Forces Bowl - Air Force

2008 Armed Forces Bowl - Air Force

2007 Armed Forces Bowl - Air Force

2006 MPC Computers Bowl - Nevada

2005 Hawaii Bowl - Nevada

1992 Liberty Bowl - Air Force

1991 Liberty Bowl - Air Force

1990 Liberty Bowl - Air Force

1989 Liberty Bowl - Air Force

1985 Bluebonnet Bowl - Air Force

## NOTABLE NFL DRAFT PICKS UNDER DERUYTER



VON MILLER, TEXAS A&M

Miller flourished under DeRuyter's direction during his time at Texas A&M, claiming the prestigious Butkus Award in 2010 as the nation's top linebacker. Miller garnered first team All-America honors for the second time in his career that season before eventually being selected No. 2 overall the next spring by the Denver Broncos during the 2011 NFL Draft. He is entering his 13th NFL season with the Buffalo Bills.



KAYVON THIBODEAUX, OREGON

Thibodeaux, who became the first Oregon defensive standout to earn unanimous first team All-American accolades, was a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Chuck Bednarik Award in 2021 and was later selected with the fifth overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft by the New York Giants, marking only the second time in Oregon history a defensive player has been chosen in the top five.



TYREE WILSON, TEXAS TECH

Wilson was selected seventh overall by the Las Vegas Raiders this past spring after earning first team All-America honors during his final season as a Red Raider in 2022. Wilson, who thrived as a rush end in DeRuyter's defensive scheme, became the highest-drafted defensive player in school history and the fifth Red Raider all-time to be selected in the top-10 picks overall.



was also a first team All-Pac 12 honoree that season, one of an impressive 130 All-Conference selections to play under DeRuyter during his three decades of experience at the collegiate level.

DeRuyter moved back to his roots as a defensive coordinator following four-plus seasons at Fresno State where he compiled a 30-30 overall record. He led the Bulldogs to back-to-back Mountain West Conference titles in 2012 and 2013, marking Fresno State's first conference crown since the 1999 season. It was the first time the Bulldogs had claimed consecutive conference championships since the 1992 and 1993 campaigns.

His work with the Bulldogs was impressive early as he took over a 4-9 team from the season before and improved Fresno State to 20-6 overall and 14-2 in Mountain West play over a two-year stretch. Fresno State closed the 2013 season - his second in charge of the program - at 11-2 overall, matching the school record for most wins in a season.

The Bulldogs boasted one of the top quarterbacks in college football under DeRuyter in Carr, who earned All-America honors in 2012 and 2013 and was named the MWC Offensive Player of the Year following those two seasons. He and Adams were two of six Bulldogs selected in the NFL Draft under DeRuyter as they were second round picks in 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Fresno State tabbed DeRuyter as its head coach following a pair of successful seasons as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Texas A&M. The Aggies were a combined 16-10 in those two seasons with appearances in the Cotton Bowl (2010) and the Meineke Car Care Bowl (2011). DeRuyter was tabbed the interim head coach for Texas A&M's win over Northwestern in the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Miller flourished under DeRuyter's direction with the Aggies, claiming the prestigious Butkus Award in 2010 as the nation's top linebacker. Miller garnered first team All-America honors for the second time in his career that season before eventually being selected No. 2 overall the next spring by the Denver Broncos during the 2011 NFL Draft.

Even with the departure of Miller the next season, the Aggies featured one of the nation's best front sevens after leading the country with 51 sacks (3.92 per game). Texas A&M also ranked third in the FBS with 8.0 tackles for loss per game as part of a defense that was 12th nationally in rushing defense, giving up only 101.9 yards per game.

Texas A&M was one of eight stops as a defensive coordinator for DeRuyter, who has also served in a similar role at Air Force (2007-09), Nevada (2005-06), Ohio (1995-98, 2002-04) and Navy (1999-00). DeRuyter has made three stops as a coach at the Air Force Academy, his alma mater, as he began his career as a graduate assistant under College Football Hall of Fame head coach Fisher DeBerry. He returned as a defensive assistant from 1989-92 while completing his seven-plus years of active military duty following graduation from the academy.

DeRuyter earned his bachelor's degree in management from the Air Force Academy in 1985 and added a MBA in market strategy from Regis University in 1992. DeRuyter, a four-year letterwinner for the Falcons prior to earning his degree, spent two years in private business before returning to coaching in 1994.

DeRuyter and his wife, Kara, have a son, Jake, and a daughter, Christina, graduates of Air Force and Texas A&M, respectively. Christina DeRuyter is a former Texas Tech staff member, herself, as she was the Director of On-Campus Recruiting from 2019-20. She currently serves in the same capacity at Michigan.



## ZACH KITTLEY

Offensive Coordinator

Second Season

Texas Tech '14, '16



Zach Kittley, the architect behind one of the nation's top offenses at both Houston Baptist and Western Kentucky as well as now with the Red Raiders, enters his second season on the Texas Tech staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Known as one of the top quarterback developers in college football, Kittley returned Texas Tech to its high-scoring ways during his debut season as the Red Raiders averaged 34.2 points per game en route to impressive 8-5 record that included a win in the TaxAct Texas Bowl over Ole Miss. The Red Raiders led the Big 12 and ranked ninth nationally in passing offense in 2022, averaging 302.0 yards per game through the air as part of a unit that was in the top-25 nationally and second in the Big 12 for total offense.

Kittley earned his reputation as a quarterback developer in his debut season as the Texas Tech offense managed to compile consistent numbers despite numerous injuries behind center. Texas Tech utilized three different starters at

quarterback, all of which threw for at least 1,000 yards on the season. Texas Tech was only the second FBS program since 1996 to have three different quarterbacks throw for at least 1,000 yards in a season, joining Oklahoma State from the 2012 campaign.

The 2022 season began Kittley's second stint on the Texas Tech coaching staff as he previously served in various roles under Kliff Kingsbury from 2013-17, rising from a student assistant to graduate assistant and assistant quarterbacks coach his final three seasons. Kittley worked alongside Kingsbury in the development of Patrick Mahomes II as a graduate assistant, tutoring the future NFL MVP into becoming the nation's leading passer in 2016 and an eventual top-10 selection by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Mahomes closed his Red Raider career ranked third all-time in passing yards (11,252), touchdown passes (93), attempts (1,349) and completions (857) despite foregoing his senior season to enter the NFL Draft. Mahomes, who was also second

in the school record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback (22), is one of three quarterbacks in FBS history to record 5,000 yards of total offense twice in a career, joining fellow Red Raider signal caller Graham Harrell (2007-08) and Houston's Case Keenum (2008-09, 2011).

The Chiefs eventually selected Mahomes with the No. 10 overall selection, making him the highest-picked quarterback in program history and the seventh Red Raider all-time to be chosen in the opening round. It took Mahomes only two seasons from there to garner NFL MVP honors as he was named the league's top player in his first year as Kansas City's starter in 2018. He followed a year later by leading the Chiefs to a win in Super Bowl LIV, becoming the youngest quarterback in NFL history to be named Super Bowl MVP in the process.

Mahomes is one of two NFL Draft selections to tutor under Kittley as Western Kentucky gunslinger Bailey Zappe heard his name called in the fourth round of the 2022 draft by the New England Patriots. Zappe became the highest-drafted quarterback in Western Kentucky following a record-setting final collegiate season where he snapped the NCAA FBS records for single-season passing yards (5,967) and passing touchdowns (62).

Zappe actually broke the previous FBS record set by Texas Tech's own B.J. Symons that stood nearly 20 years up until Western Kentucky's win in the Boca Raton Bowl. Zappe, just the sixth quarterback in FBS history to record at least 5,000 passing yards and 50 touchdowns, was named the Conference USA Most Valuable Player as well as the winner of the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award. He was a finalist for the prestigious Manning Award and a semifinalist for both the Davey O'Brien and Walter Camp Player of the Year awards.

Behind the arm of Zappe, Kittley transformed the Western Kentucky into one of the nation's most explosive offenses, averaging an impressive 44.2 points per game and 535.3 yards of total offense. The Hilltoppers closed the 2021 campaign as the FBS leader in passing yards per game (433.7) and first downs (384) and ranked second for both scoring offense and total offense and then 13th in red zone offense after scoring in 90.9 percent of their appearances inside the 20.

Kittley was hired by Western Kentucky after three seasons in a similar role at Houston Baptist where he, similarly, built one of the nation's top offenses at the FCS level. During its shortened 2020 season, Houston Baptist continually frustrated FBS opponents as Zappe, who later transferred to Western Kentucky after Kittley's hire, completed 65.6 percent of his passes for 1,833 yards and 15 touchdowns with only one interception over four games.

Zappe led the nation with 35 passing touchdowns in 2019 and ranked second in passing yards per game for a Huskies offense that was third nationally in passing offense with 334.3 yards per game through the air. Houston Baptist also ranked second in the Southland Conference and 12th nationally after posting 426.6 yards of total offense that season.

Houston Baptist was Kittley's first full-time coaching position after his time on the Texas Tech staff. The Red Raiders annually ranked among the nation's top offenses during his three seasons as a graduate assistant as Texas Tech led the country in total offense and passing offense and ranked fifth in scoring during the 2016 campaign. The Red Raiders, who averaged more than 30 points per game in each of those three seasons, were also second nationally in total offense and scoring offense in 2015.

A native of Lubbock, Kittley originally attended Abilene Christian to play basketball before transferring back to Texas Tech to complete his bachelor's in history in 2014. He earned his master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the university in 2016.

Kittley and his wife, Emily, were married in February 2017 and are parents to two boys, Knox and Ford. Kittley is the son of Wes Kittley, Texas Tech's longtime Director of Track and Field who led the Red Raiders to a national title at the 2019 NCAA Men's Outdoor Championships.

#### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT ZACH KITTLEY...

"I was fired up to hear the news that Coach Kittley was coming back to Texas Tech. He's worked his tail off to earn this opportunity, and I know how passionate he is about the university and the Red Raider football program. He invested a ton of time in me while we were there together and really helped me develop as a college quarterback. He certainly had an impact on my career, but beyond the field, he's an incredible person, and I couldn't be more excited to see him lead this offense." - **Patrick Mahomes**, NFL MVP and Kansas City Chiefs quarterback

"I have such a high regard for Zach and his ability to coach, develop and shape players. He did such an incredible job when we were together at Texas Tech, and he definitely had a profound impact on Patrick (Mahomes) and his development. Early

#### ZACH KITTLEY FILE

##### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthdate: Aug. 14

Hometown: Lubbock, Texas

Education: Texas Tech, 2014 (History), 2016 (Interdisciplinary Studies)

Family: Wife - Emily; Sons - Knox, Ford

##### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

2021 - Western Kentucky Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

2018-20 - Houston Baptist Offensive Coordinator (Quarterbacks)

2015-17 - Texas Tech Graduate Assistant (Assistant Quarterbacks)

2013-14 - Texas Tech Student Assistant (Offensive Intern)

##### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (5)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech

2021 Boca Raton Bowl - Western Kentucky

2017 Birmingham Bowl - Texas Tech

2015 AdvoCare Texas Bowl - Texas Tech

2013 Holiday Bowl - Texas Tech

on, it was clear what a high football IQ he has and he's built upon that at every stage of his career. For him to return to Lubbock is so special not only considering his own history there but obviously because of his dad's legendary status. I couldn't be more excited for him and for the Texas Tech program." - **Kliff Kingsbury**, former Texas Tech head coach and head coach of Arizona Cardinals

"Coach Kittley bleeds Red and Black. He was very instrumental in my career and one of the big reasons I am still playing today. He's a great coach and even better person. I can't wait to watch him light up the scoreboard. Welcome home, Kittley!" - **Davis Webb**, former Texas Tech and NFL quarterback and current quarterbacks coach of the Denver Broncos.



▲ PATRICK MAHOMES II



▲ BAILEY ZAPPE





## JUSTIN JOHNSON

Assistant Head Coach | Passing Game Coordinator | Wide Receivers

First Season

Houston '11



@CoachJuice\_

The 2023 season will be the first for Justin Johnson on the Texas Tech staff as he was tabbed the assistant head coach, offensive passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach by head coach Joey McGuire on Jan. 11.

Johnson, nicknamed "Coach Juice" throughout his career, arrives in Lubbock after a three-year stint at Baylor where he worked alongside McGuire during the 2020-21 seasons. A known name throughout the state of Texas, Johnson has also worked at both Houston, his alma mater, and Kansas in full-time roles.

Johnson, an All-Conference USA wide receiver at Houston, served as the running backs coach at both Baylor (2020-22) and Houston (2019) the past four seasons but will move back to the wide receiver room with the Red Raiders. He was previously the wide receivers coach at Kansas for the 2018 season.

Over his three seasons in Waco, Johnson's running back room proved to be one of the best in the nation as the Bears averaged 219.3 yards per game on the ground in 2021, which led the Big 12 Conference and ranked 10th in the FBS. Baylor ultimately won the Big 12 title that season and appeared in the Allstate Sugar Bowl, one of two bowl appearances for the Bears during Johnson's tenure.

Abram Smith powered the Baylor running game that season as the converted linebacker led the Big 12 and finished fifth nationally with 1,601 rushing yards. Smith also ranked second in the conference and seventh in the FBS after averaging 114.4 rushing yards per game, which was boosted by his 6.23 yards a carry. Smith, an All-Big 12 second team honoree in 2021, closed the season ranked second in the Big 12 and 14th in the FBS for yards per carry en route to signing as an undrafted free agent with the New Orleans Saints.

Smith paired with fellow Baylor standout Trestan Ebner each of the first two seasons of Johnson's tenure as a strong 1-2 punch at running back. Ebner, one of the best all-purpose backs in the country throughout his Baylor tenure, garnered second team All-America honors as a return specialist after totaling 1,047 all-purpose yards and a team-leading six touchdowns (one rushing, three-receiving, two kick returns) during the 2020 COVID-shortened season.

Ebner was named the Big 12 Special Teams Player of the Year following both the 2020 and 2021 seasons as well as a first team All-Big 12 honoree as an all-purpose player by the Associate Press. He became the first player in Baylor history to total more than 1,000 career rushing and receiving yards after notching 1,775 all-purpose yards his super senior season alone. Ebner closed his career ranked second all-time in Baylor history with 4,542 all-purpose yards before being selected in the sixth round of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears.

Johnson moved north to Waco after one season coaching running backs at his alma mater where he helped Houston achieve its 18th-consecutive season with at least 1,500 rushing yards in 2019. The Cougars' rushing attack ranked 37th in the FBS that season, averaging 188.2 yards per contest.

Prior to his time at Houston, Johnson spent three seasons at Kansas, serving as the wide receivers coach in 2018 after two years as an offensive analyst. He was previously a quality control assistant for Houston to start his career in 2012

and then a graduate assistant at Texas A&M in 2013 where he helped the Aggies to a 9-4 record and a win over Duke in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl.

Before beginning his coaching career, Johnson was a four-year letterwinner for Houston where he still remains one of the top pass catchers in program history. A first team All-CUSA selection as a senior in 2011, Johnson had an explosive final season as a Cougar, catching 87 passes for 1,229 and 12 touchdowns as he still ranks in the top 10 all-time in Houston history for single-season receiving yards and touchdowns.

Johnson capped his Houston career with a bowl record 12 catches for 148 yards in the Cougars' 30-14 victory over No. 23 Penn State in the 2012 Ticket City Bowl. Johnson was considered one of Houston's most versatile athletes during his playing career, competing on special teams and as a running back, wide receiver and tight end at various times for a Cougars program that played in three bowl games and two Conference USA Championship games.

Off the field, Johnson was a member of Houston's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and was selected to participate in and graduated from its Athletics Leadership Academy. He was awarded the Houston Committed Cougar Award twice.

Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology and sports administration from the University of Houston in 2011. He and his wife, Aisha, have two children, Jayden and Kingsley.

### JUSTIN JOHNSON FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthdate: Sept. 18

Hometown: Richardson, Texas

Education: Houston, 2011 (Kinesiology & Sports Administration)

Family: Wife - Aisha; Son - Jayden; Daughter - Kingsley

#### COACHING HISTORY

2023 - Texas Tech Assistant Head Coach/Passing Game Coord. (Wide Receivers)

2020-22 - Baylor Assistant Coach (Running Backs)

2019 - Houston Assistant Coach (Running Backs)

2018 - Kansas Assistant Coach (Wide Receivers)

2016-17 - Kansas Offensive Analyst

2013 - Texas A&M Graduate Assistant (Offense)

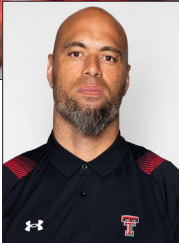
2012 - Houston Offensive Quality Control Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (3)

2022 Lockhead Martin Armed Forces Bowl - Baylor

2021 Allstate Sugar Bowl - Baylor

2013 Chick-fil-A Bowl - Texas A&M



C.J. AH YOU

Outside Linebackers Coach  
Second Season  
Oklahoma '06

 @CoachAhYou

C.J. Ah You, a top developer of edge-type rushers in the country, enters his second season on the Texas Tech staff as the Red Raiders' outside linebackers coach.

As part of Tim DeRuyter's aggressive defensive scheme, Ah You's room has quickly transformed into one of Texas Tech's biggest strengths as the Red Raiders led the Big 12 and ranked 18th in the FBS for tackles for loss per game during his debut season. The Red Raiders capped the 2022 season with four-consecutive victories, including a memorable win over Ole Miss in the TaxAct Texas Bowl where Texas Tech recorded eight stops behind the line of scrimmage with four coming from two emerging members of Ah You's position room in Myles Cole and Isaac Smith. That pushed Texas Tech's season total up to 91.0 tackles for loss, its most since 2003.

Texas Tech's performance in the Texas Bowl came without Tyree Wilson, who flourished under Ah You's direction, developing into a first team All-American and one of the top defensive prospects in the country. Wilson, an All-Big 12 first team honoree, was the Big 12 leader in tackles for loss per game and ranked among the national leaders in that category as well as sacks despite missing the final four games of the season due to injury.

Wilson became the 32nd Red Raider all-time to be named a first team All-American as he was recognized by the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) following his final season in scarlet and black. He was the first defensive end or outside linebacker to be honored on a first team All-America list since Montae Reagor in 1998 and was the first to earn All-Big 12 first team honors since Brandon Sharpe in 2009.

His success on the field pushed Wilson up draft boards as he was ultimately selected seventh overall by the Las Vegas Raiders in the 2023 NFL Draft, making him the highest-drafted Red Raider defensive player in program history. Wilson matched Ring of Honor member Donny Anderson as being the second-highest drafted Red Raider in program history (all positions) and the highest in the modern era. Wilson was among the handful of prospects invited to attend the NFL Draft in Kansas City, allowing him to walk the stage to hug NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and immediately find a waiting Ah You in the audience.

Ah You's debut season kicked off his second stint in the Big 12 Conference where he previously starred at Oklahoma from 2005-06 before enjoying a five-year NFL career with the St. Louis Rams. Ah You, who began his college career at BYU before transferring to Snow College and then Oklahoma, was the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year as a junior in 2005 and garnered All-Big 12 first team honors a year later.

The St. Louis Rams selected Ah You in the seventh round of the 2007 NFL Draft after he started in 21 of 26 games as a Sooner where he recorded 88 tackles, including 22.0 for a loss, 11.0 sacks and four forced fumbles.

After completing his tenure with the Rams, Ah You immediately joined the

coaching professional, returning to his alma mater as a defensive quality control assistant for the Sooners during the 2014-15 seasons. Oklahoma played in the Russell Athletic Bowl his first year on staff before qualifying for the College Football Playoff in 2015 after the Sooners won the Big 12 title.

His success in helping develop the Oklahoma front paved the way for his first full-time coaching possession at Vanderbilt in 2016 where he enjoyed a three-year stint at the Commodores' defensive line coach. Vanderbilt made two bowl trips during that span, playing in the 2016 Independence Bowl and then the 2018 Texas Bowl.

From there, Ah You moved to the professional ranks, joining the resurrected XFL in 2019 to serve as the defensive line coach for the New York Guardians. He later served a minority coaching internship with the Los Angeles Chargers in the summer of 2020 after the XFL's lone season was canceled earlier that spring due to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ah You returned to the college ranks a year ago to accept a defensive quality control analyst position at USC. He had previously been named the defensive line coach at Nevada prior to his hire with the Red Raiders.

Prior to beginning his professional career, Ah You earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Oklahoma in 2006. He and his wife, Chyneia, are parents to four daughters, Makiah, Atiana, Alei'a and Milani.

C.J. AH YOU FILE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthdate: July 5  
Hometown: Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.  
Education: Oklahoma, 2006 (Sociology)  
Family: Wife - Chyneia; Daughters - Makiah, Atiana, Alei'a, Milani

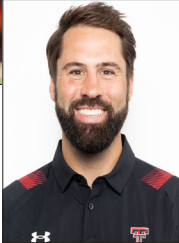
COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Outside Linebackers)  
2020 - USC Defensive Quality Control  
2020 - Los Angeles Chargers Minority Coaching Internship (Summer)  
2019-20 - New York Guardians Defensive Line Coach (XFL)  
2016-18 - Vanderbilt Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)  
2014-15 - Oklahoma Defensive Quality Control Assistant

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (5)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech  
2018 Texas Bowl - Vanderbilt  
2016 Independence Bowl - Vanderbilt  
2014 Russell Athletic Bowl - Oklahoma  
2013 Allstate Sugar Bowl - Oklahoma





## JOSH BOOKBINDER

Inside Linebackers

Second Season

Baylor '09



@TTUCoachBook

The 2023 football season will mark Josh Bookbinder's second as a charter member of Joey McGuire's staff at Texas Tech as he serves as the Red Raiders' inside linebackers coach.

Bookbinder's position room was among Texas Tech's best during his debut season as the Red Raiders were led by the duo of Krishon Merriweather and Kosi Eldridge in the middle of an aggressive defense that ranked among the nation's best in fourth-down stops and red zone efficiency. The Red Raiders gave up only 29.2 points per game in his debut season, easily their lowest clip in more than a decade.

Merriweather and Eldridge played a large part in Texas Tech's success defensively, combining for more than 200 stops between the duo as the Red Raiders' leading tacklers. Merriweather led the team with 112 tackles, the most for a Red Raider since 2015, while Eldridge chipped in 91 of his own in easily his most-productive season of his career. The successful season earned Merriweather honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades.

Bookbinder reunited with McGuire after the two previously served on the defensive staff at Baylor over the previous three seasons. Bookbinder was a defensive quality control assistant during that span for a Baylor program that recorded a pair of 10-win seasons and appeared in two Big 12 Championship games, winning the conference crown in 2021.

During his time with the Bears, Bookbinder worked under former Baylor and Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator Phil Snow, assisting with the safeties in 2019. From there, he transitioned to working with the outside linebackers under McGuire in 2020 before moving back to the safety position at the start of 2021 campaign.

Prior to his time at Baylor, Bookbinder was a defensive assistant for the San Antonio Commanders in the now-defunct Alliance of American Football (AAF). The Commanders were tied atop the Western Conference standings at 5-3 when the league folded midway through its inaugural season in 2019.

Bookbinder previously spent seven seasons at Liberty, rising from a defensive quality control assistant at the time of hire to eventually being named the Flames' linebackers coach. Liberty began its transition to the FBS level late in Bookbinder's tenure, kicking off the two-year process with a 48-45 upset win at his alma mater, Baylor, to start the 2017 season.

Liberty celebrated four Big South titles prior to its move to the FBS level, claiming the conference crown over Bookbinder's first three seasons on staff (2012-14) and again in 2016. That third conference crown helped Liberty receive its first-ever selection to the NCAA FCS Playoffs as the Flames eventually finished the 2014 campaign ranked No. 17 in the country, their highest end-of-season ranking since 2008.

The Flames produced one of the FCS's top defenses during Bookbinder's first year as an assistant coach as Liberty closed the 2013 season ranked fifth in scoring defense (17.6 points allowed per game), ninth for total defense (313.9 yards allowed per game) and 16th in passing yards allowed per game (178.6). Liberty was also third nationally in turnover margin per game (1.3) and fifth with 19 interceptions.

Over this tenure, Bookbinder mentored several of Liberty's most-productive

linebackers in its history, namely Nick Sigmon, who garnered All-Big South first team honors in 2013 and then second-team accolades as a senior in 2014. The four-year starter was one of one five linebackers to earn All-Big South honors under Bookbinder as Scott Hyland was a second-team recipient in 2013, while Nick Newman was a second-team selection following the 2014 and 2015 seasons and a first-team honoree in 2016. The list also features Dexter Robbins, a second-team honoree in 2016, as well as Solomon McGinty, who garnered second-team accolades in 2017.

Bookbinder began his coaching career as an undergraduate coach at Baylor from 2007-08. He served as a defensive quality control coach for the 2009 season at Richmond following graduation before spending two seasons at Division II Carson-Newman, coaching linebackers in 2010 and then the defensive ends and special teams in 2011.

A native of San Antonio, Bookbinder earned his degree in sports sponsorships and sales from Baylor in 2009. He and his wife, Ashley, are parents to two sons, Grant and Walt, and a daughter, Annie.

Bookbinder is the grandson of legendary Baylor head coach Grant Teaff and the son of Russ Bookbinder, who served as Vice Chancellor and Chief Marketing Officer for the Texas Tech University System from 2009-12. Teaff, a West Texas native and former assistant coach at Texas Tech from 1966-68, remains the winningest head coach in Baylor history after compiling 128 victories over his 21 seasons (1972-92).

### JOSH BOOKBINDER FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Birthdate:** Sept. 8

**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas

**Education:** Baylor, 2009 (Sports Sponsorships and Sales)

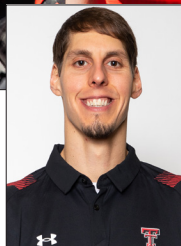
**Family:** Wife - Ashley; Sons - Grant, Walt; Daughter - Annie

#### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Inside Linebackers)  
 2019-21 - Baylor Defensive Quality Control Assistant  
 2019 - San Antonio Commanders Defensive Assistant (AAF)  
 2014-18 - Liberty Assistant Coach (Linebackers)  
 2013 - Liberty Assistant Coach (Outside Linebackers)  
 2012 - Liberty Defensive Quality Control Assistant  
 2011 - Carson-Newman Assistant Coach (Special Teams/Defensive Ends)  
 2010 - Carson-Newman Assistant Coach (Linebackers)  
 2009 - Richmond Defensive Quality Control Assistant  
 2007-08 - Baylor Student Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (3)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech  
 2021 Allstate Sugar Bowl - Baylor  
 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl - Baylor



## JOSH COCHRAN

Tight Ends

Second Season

Texas '14, Baylor '19



@CoachCochranTTU



One of the top up-and-coming coaches in college football, Josh Cochran enters his second season on Joey McGuire's charter staff as Texas Tech's tight ends coach.

The Red Raiders were among the most prolific teams in the country through the air during Cochran's debut season as Texas Tech averaged 302.0 passing yards and 34.2 points per game as one of the nation's top offenses. Cochran's unit contributed five touchdowns through the air, including a pair of crucial scores in wins over Texas and Iowa State by Baylor Cupp, all while contributing in the running game for an offense that totaled 2,000-plus yards on the ground.

In his short time already in Lubbock, Cochran has already been recognized as one of the nation's promising young coaches as he was tabbed to the 30 under 30 list compiled by 247Sports in 2022 as well as the 40 under 40 honor roll put together by Dave Campbell's Texas Football. He was also selected to the AFCA 35 under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute out of field or more than 200 applicants.

The 2022 campaign marked Cochran's first overseeing tight ends as he previously spent the previous two seasons as the co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Austin Peay. In his two seasons on staff, Austin Peay was a combined 8-4 in Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) play and had three wins over ranked opponents, which included No. 7 Jacksonville State and No. 13 Murray State during the 2021 spring slate.

Cochran's unit ranked among the best in the conference as he had five offensive linemen recognized on the All-OVC teams during his tenure, including a two-time selection to the first team in Bucky Williams. Colby McKee was a two-time honoree on the second team for an offense that led the OVC in scoring (32.5 points per game) and total offense (419.2 yards per game) during the 2021 season.

Austin Peay was Cochran's first full-time coaching role at the FBS or FCS levels after previously serving in various roles at both North Carolina (2020) and Baylor (2017-19). His tenure at North Carolina reunited him with his former college coach Mack Brown as he was an offensive quality control coach for an eventual Orange Bowl participant up until his hire at Austin Peay in November 2020.

Cochran was a graduate assistant and offensive quality control coach during his three seasons at Baylor, assisting with the Bears offensive line during that span. He was a member of a Baylor staff that appeared in two bowl games during that time, first at the Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl in 2018 and then the Allstate Sugar Bowl a year later following an 11-win campaign and an berth in the Big 12 Championship game.

Prior to Baylor, Cochran spent one season at East Texas Baptist University in 2015 where he was the offensive line coach, mentoring four All-American Southeast Conference selections during that year alone. East Texas Baptist featured the top-ranked scoring offense in Division III that season, averaging an impressive 49.9 points per game.

Cochran began his coaching career, like several other members of the Texas Tech staff, in the high-school ranks as the offensive line coach at Lindale High School in East Texas. He is a former member of the Texas High School Coaches Association and was recognized as one of the top-40 coaches in the state of Texas under 40 years old by Dave Campbell's Texas Football as part of its 2022 edition.

A three-year letterman on the offensive line at Texas, Cochran was tabbed a Freshman All-American by Yahoo! Sports in 2011. He played in 31 games over his Longhorn career, making 23 starts before ending his playing career early in the 2013 season due to a chronic shoulder injury. In addition to his success in the trenches, Cochran was also a first team Academic All-Big 12 selection in 2012 and a four-time member of the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll.

A native of Hallsville, Texas, Cochran earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Texas 2014 and then his master's in sports management from Baylor in 2019.

He is married to the former Olivia Dietrichson. The couple welcomed their first child, Campbell, in March 2022.

### JOSH COCHRAN FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Birthdate:** Sept. 9

**Hometown:** Hallsville, Texas

**Education:** Texas, 2014 (Kinesiology); Baylor, 2019 (Master's in Sports Mgmt.)

**Family:** Wife - Olivia; Daughter - Campbell

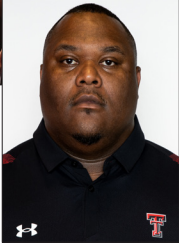
#### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Tight Ends)  
 2020-21 - Austin Peay Co-Offensive Coordinator (Offensive Line)  
 2020 - North Carolina Offensive Quality Control  
 2019 - Baylor Offensive Quality Control  
 2017-18 - Baylor Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line)  
 2016 - East Texas Baptist Run Game Coordinator (Offensive Line)  
 2015 - Lindale High School Assistant Coach  
 2014 - Texas Student Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (4)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech  
 2020 Orange Bowl - North Carolina  
 2019 Allstate Sugar Bowl - Baylor  
 2018 Academy Sports + Outdoors Texas Bowl - Baylor





## ZARNELL FITCH

Defensive Line  
Second Season  
TCU '06

 @CoachZFitch



Zarnell Fitch, another one-time Texas High School Coaches Association member to join Joey McGuire's charter staff, enters his second season at Texas Tech as the Red Raiders' defensive line coach.

Fitch, no stranger to the Big 12 Conference, is regarded as one of the top defensive-line developers in the country, especially after his debut season with the Red Raiders. Known as the quarterback hunters now at Texas Tech, Fitch's defensive line was among the Red Raiders' top units for a program that finished 8-5 overall and recorded its best finish in the Big 12 standings in more than a decade.

Texas Tech's success defensively stemmed, in part, by the play of Jaylon Hutchings and Tony Bradford Jr., who were a staple up front for a unit that ranked eighth nationally in fourth-down defense, ninth in the FBS for red zone efficiency and 18th for total tackles for loss. The duo both earned All-Big 12 honorable mention accolades following the season as they were the only pair of power-five interior linemen to create 30 or more quarterback pressures each during the 2022 campaign, according to Pro Football Focus.

Hutchings was credited with 50 tackles, the most for a Red Raider interior defensive line since current NFL standout Kerry Hyde in 2013. Bradford added 32 tackles of his own to go along with 5.5 sacks as part of an impressive tandem that ranked as the only pair of Big 12 interior defensive linemen to both record at least 30 tackles and 5.0 tackles for loss on the season.

Fitch arrived at Texas Tech after previously serving in a similar role at TCU prior to his hiring by McGuire. Fitch oversaw the TCU defensive line each of the previous six seasons with the Horned Frogs after beginning his tenure as the Director of High School Relations in 2014. Fitch served his alma mater in that role for two years before earning the promotion to a full-time position coach. Over his tenure, Fitch was part of six bowl teams at TCU and three seasons of 10 or more wins.

Over his tenure, Fitch helped TCU rank near the top of the Big 12 in combined sacks annually as the Horned Frogs found the quarterback 183 times over his six seasons, the third-highest total among conference members. During that time, TCU ranked among the top-40 schools nationally in sacks per game and tackles for loss per contest in four different seasons, rising to as high as No. 6 for sacks in 2016 and No. 10 in TFLs in 2020.

Fitch mentored 11 Horned Frogs who earned All-Big 12 honors during his tenure, a list that featured four first-team selections in Josh Carroway (2016), Ben Banogu (2017-18), L.J. Collier (2018) and Ross Blacklock (2019). Blacklock is among the most prominent defensive linemen of the Fitch era as he also garnered Big 12 Co-Defensive Freshman of the Year honors in 2017. As a senior, he helped boost a TCU defense that topped the league in nearly all major defensive categories en route to being picked in the second round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans.

Blacklock was one of two Horned Frog defensive linemen who heard their name called during the NFL Draft under Fitch as Collier was chosen 29th overall by the Seattle Seahawks in 2019. He was the first TCU defensive lineman to be selected in the first round since 2010 and only the third in program history to do so.

Fitch was a 2017 finalist for National Defensive Line Coach of the Year by FootballScoop.com after TCU notched 42 sacks that season, 11 more than any other conference team. The Horned Frogs were fifth nationally in rushing defense after allowing only 103.9 yards per game on the ground behind a dominating defensive

line. Blacklock and Corey Bethley both earned Freshman All-American honors that season, while Banogu was tabbed the Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year.

TCU had at least one defensive lineman recognized on the All-Big 12 teams in each of Fitch's six years as Aaron Curry was on the second team during his debut season in 2016, while Ochaun Mathis was a two-time selection to the second team in 2020 and 2021. Khari Coleman was also tabbed the Big 12 Co-Defensive Freshman of the Year under Fitch during the 2020 season.

Fitch's hire as TCU's defensive line coach returned him to the same position he once starred at for the Horned Frogs as he was a two-year letterman from 2004-05. A transfer from Navarro College, Fitch appeared in all 12 contests and made three starts as a senior, notably making a pair of interceptions that season, the final one of which coming in TCU's win over Iowa State in the EVI.net Houston Bowl.

Following his collegiate career, Fitch later spent time with the New York Jets, Baltimore Ravens and Washington Commanders as an undrafted free agent before eventually playing two additional seasons in arena football.

After retiring from football, Fitch joined the coaching staff at Lincoln High School in 2012, serving as an assistant coach for two seasons before being named head coach for the 2013 season. Fitch led the Tigers to a 7-4 record that season, which included a win over Dallas Carter in the Class 4A playoffs. He was also a special education teacher during his time at Lincoln.

Fitch earned his degree in communications and a minor in social work from TCU in 2006. Fitch and his wife, Mollie, have three sons, Zarnell III, Hunter and King, as well as two daughters, Haylee and Hope.

### ZARNELL FITCH FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

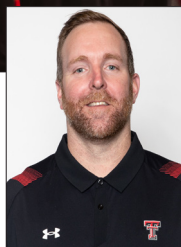
**Birthdate:** July 4  
**Hometown:** Spencer, Okla.  
**Education:** TCU, 2006 (Communications)  
**Family:** Wife - Mollie; Sons - Zarnell III, Hunter, King; Daughters - Haylee, Hope

#### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)  
2016-21 - TCU Assistant Coach (Defensive Line)  
2014-15 - TCU Director of High School Relations  
2013 - Lincoln High School Head Coach  
2011-12 - Lincoln High School Assistant Coach

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (6)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech  
2018 Cheez-It Bowl - TCU  
2017 Valero Alamo Bowl - TCU  
2016 AutoZone Liberty Bowl - TCU  
2015 Valero Alamo Bowl - TCU  
2014 Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl - TCU



## STEPHEN HAMBY

Offensive Line

Second Season

Texas Tech '09



Stephen Hamby enters his second season at Texas Tech's offensive line coach, marking his second stint on the Red Raider coaching staff.

Hamby returned to his alma mater as offensive line coach soon after Joey McGuire's hire, a position he starred at during his Red Raider career where he helped lead Texas Tech to four-consecutive bowl appearances, including two trips to the Cotton Bowl. He was previously a graduate assistant for the Red Raiders from 2013-15 under then head coach Kliff Kingsbury.

In his first season back on the Red Raider sideline, Hamby mentored an offensive line that developed into one of Texas Tech's most-consistent units late in the season for an offense that averaged 34.2 points and 461.4 yards of total offense per game. Dennis Wilburn was a bright spot on that offensive line as he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades a center, a position the former walk-on had not previously played prior to his arrival as a Red Raider.

Hamby headed back to West Texas following one season at Western Kentucky where he, along with offensive coordinator Zach Kittley, helped build one of the top offenses in the country. Western Kentucky closed the 2021 campaign ranked second in the FBS for both scoring offense, averaging an impressive 44.2 points per game, as well as total offense per game after putting up 535.3 yards per game.

Despite being one of the most active teams in the country through the air, Western Kentucky kept quarterback Bailey Zappe clean up front as the Hilltoppers allowed only 1.2 sacks per game, which ranked 12th in the FBS and second in Conference USA. Western Kentucky was also 12th nationally with only 3.9 tackles for loss allowed per game as the Hilltoppers closed the regular season at 8-5 overall following an appearance in the Conference USA title game. Western Kentucky closed its season with a victory over Appalachian State in the Boca Raton Bowl.

Pro Football Focus ranked Western Kentucky's offensive line as its top unit in pass protection as the Hilltoppers graded out at 90.7 overall, easily the highest in the FBS. All five members of Hamby's unit were tabbed to the All-Conference USA teams compiled by Pro Football Focus with three earning first-team recognition in Quantavious Leslie, Cole Spencer and Boe Wilson.

Hamby was previously an offensive quality control assistant for two seasons with the Hilltoppers prior to being promoted to offensive line coach before the 2021 season. Western Kentucky ranked among the top offensive line units in the country during his two seasons as a quality control assistant, finishing 20th in the FBS according to Pro Football Focus in 2019 and then 14th a year later. The unit was ranked as the top passing-protection front in the country both of those two seasons.

Hamby moved to Western Kentucky following a three-year stint as the offen-

sive line coach at Bowling Green (2016-18). During that time, Hamby mentored three offensive linemen into All-MAC selections in Jack Kramer (2018), Tim McAuliffe (2016) and Logan Dietz (2016).

Bowling Green was Hamby's first full-time coaching possession following his three seasons at Texas Tech where he was the assistant offensive line coach, working directly with the Red Raiders' centers. He assisted with all instruction for the entire offensive line as part of an offensive unit that also featured Kittley as a graduate assistant at the time.

An offensive lineman with the Red Raiders from 2005-08, Hamby helped push the Red Raiders to a 37-16 record over his playing career, which including a pair of memorable come-from-behind victories in the 2006 Insight Bowl and the 2007 Gator Bowl. He was later invited to training camps with both the Washington Football Team and the New Orleans Saints following his senior season.

Hamby graduated from Texas Tech in August 2009 with a degree in agriculture and applied economics. He is married to the former Devan Schellhase.

### STEPHEN HAMBY FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Birthdate:** Dec. 10

**Hometown:** San Antonio, Texas

**Education:** Texas Tech, 2009 (Agriculture & Applied Economics)

**Family:** Wife - Devan

#### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2021 - Western Kentucky Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2019-20 - Western Kentucky Offensive Quality Control

2016-18 - Bowling Green Assistant Coach (Offensive Line)

2013-15 - Texas Tech Graduate Assistant (Offensive Line Assistant)

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (6)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech

2021 Boca Raton Bowl - Western Kentucky

2020 LendingTree Bowl - Western Kentucky

2019 First Responder Bowl - Western Kentucky

2015 AdvoCare Texas Bowl - Texas Tech

2013 Holiday Bowl - Texas Tech





## MARCEL YATES

Passing Game Coordinator | Secondary  
Second Season  
Boise State '00



Veteran defensive coach Marcel Yates enters his second season on the Texas Tech defensive staff where he serves as passing game coordinator and oversees the Red Raider secondary.

Yates, a former defensive coordinator at both Boise State and Arizona, arrived in Lubbock with a strong understanding of Tim DeRuyter's defensive scheme as the 2023 campaign will mark their fourth-consecutive season working together after previous stops at both Cal (2020) and Oregon (2021).

That experience paid dividends implementing a new system in 2022 as Texas Tech allowed only 29.2 points per game, its lowest clip in more than a decade. In fact, it marked Texas Tech's lowest scoring average since the 2009 season, the same year the Red Raiders had previously recorded five or more Big 12 victories. Texas Tech closed the season with four-straight victories en route to an 8-5 overall record that featured a win over Ole Miss in the TaxAct Texas Bowl.

The Red Raider secondary showed significant improvement under Yates after surrendering 256.8 passing yards per game, their lowest clip since 2014. Yates had three members from his position room garner All-Big 12 accolades with Malik Dunlap leading that group with second team honors. Marquis Waters and Rayshad Williams also earned honorable mention recognition by the conference coaches.

Yates served in a similar role at Oregon where he was the secondary and passing game coordinator during the 2021 season. The Ducks boasted one of the nation's most opportunistic defenses in the country in 2021, especially in the secondary where Oregon recorded 17 interceptions. Oregon closed the season ranked fifth in the FBS for total interceptions and 26th nationally with 22 takeaways following an appearance in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The Ducks ended the regular season ranked 13th in the final College Football Playoff poll following an appearance in the Pac-12 title game.

Oregon's success defending the passing game continued a trend from Yates' season at Cal where the Golden Bears ranked 23rd nationally and second in the Pac-12 after allowing only 197.8 yards per game through the air. Cal closed the 2020 season by defeating Yates' future employer with a 21-17 victory over No. 20 Oregon at home.

Yates accepted the position at Cal following four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Arizona where he worked with both the defensive backs and linebackers during various points of his tenure, including former Red Raider great Colin Schooler. Schooler was a Freshman All-American and the Pac-12 Defensive Freshman of the Year under Yates in 2017 after racking up 13.5 tackles for loss, all in conference play, which was the most by an Arizona freshman since at least 1997.

Prior to Arizona, Yates spent a combined 11 seasons at Boise State, rising from cornerbacks (2003-05) and defensive backs (2006-10) coach to eventually being

### MARCEL YATES FILE

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**Birthdate:** Sept. 16  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, Calif.  
**Education:** Boise State, 2000 (Social Science)  
**Family:** Son - Eric; Daughter - Kaybrie

#### COACHING HISTORY

2022-present - Texas Tech Passing Game Coordinator (Secondary)  
2021 - Oregon Passing Game Coordinator (Secondary)  
2020 - California Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs)  
2019 - Arizona Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)  
2018 - Arizona Defensive Coordinator (Linebackers)  
2017 - Arizona Defensive Coordinator (Cornerbacks)  
2016 - Arizona Defensive Coordinator (Linebackers)  
2014-15 - Boise State Defensive Coordinator (Safeties)  
2012-13 - Texas A&M Co-Defensive Coordinator (Defensive Backs)  
2011 - Boise State Passing Game Coordinator (Defensive Backs)  
2006-10 - Boise State Assistant Coach (Defensive Backs)  
2003-05 - Boise State Assistant Coach (Cornerbacks)  
2001-02 - Montana State Assistant Defensive Backs Coach

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (16)

2022 TaxAct Texas Bowl - Texas Tech  
2021 Valero Alamo Bowl - Oregon  
2017 Foster Farms Bowl - Arizona  
2015 Poinsettia Bowl - Boise State  
2014 Fiesta Bowl - Boise State  
2013 Chick-fil-A Bowl  
2012 Cotton Bowl - Texas A&M  
2011 Las Vegas Bowl - Boise State  
2010 Las Vegas Bowl - Boise State  
2010 Fiesta Bowl - Boise State  
2008 Poinsettia Bowl - Boise State  
2007 Hawaii Bowl - Boise State  
2007 Fiesta Bowl - Boise State  
2005 MPC Computers Bowl - Boise State  
2004 Liberty Bowl - Boise State  
2003 Fort Worth Bowl - Boise State

named the defensive coordinator (2014-15) for his alma mater. In between, Yates spent two seasons as the co-defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Texas A&M where he oversaw the defensive backs room.

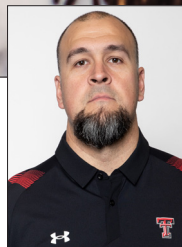
Boise State won 87.6 percent of its games during Yates' tenure, compiling a 127-18 record after winning at least 10 games in nine of his 11 seasons with two undefeated campaigns. The Broncos qualified for a bowl game in each of Yates' 11 seasons on staff, while claiming eight conference championships (7 WAC, 1 Mountain West). Boise State wrapped both undefeated seasons with victories in the Fiesta Bowl, defeating No. 10 Oklahoma to wrap the 2006 campaign and then No. 4 TCU to end a memorable 2009 year.

Besides the slew of wins, Yates excelled in developing often overlooked prospects into successful college football players and eventual NFL selections. From 2007 to 2016 alone, seven of Yates' defensive backs heard their name called during the NFL Draft with two more that signed free agent deals on their way to long professional careers. Of those seven draft picks, four were selected in the first three rounds, which was highlighted by cornerback Kyle Wilson in the first round in 2010.

During his two seasons at Texas A&M, the Aggies were among the best teams in the country, wrapping the 2012 campaign at No. 5 in the Associated Press and USA Today Coaches polls after winning 11 games for the first time since 1998. Texas A&M followed with a 9-4 campaign in 2013, concluding that season at No. 18 in each poll.

Yates began his coaching career as an assistant secondary coach at Montana State. In his second season, the Bobcats won their first Big Sky Conference title and earned their first trip to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in 18 years. Yates was a four-year letterwinner as a defensive back at Boise State (1996-99), which coincided with the school's first four years as a FBS program. His career culminated in the Broncos' first-ever bowl appearance and bowl win over Louisville in the 1999 Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl.

Yates earned a degree in social science from Boise State in 2000. He has a son, Eric, and a daughter, Kaybrie.



## LANCE BARILOW

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

Second Season

Carroll College '07

 @LBariLow

Lance Barilow heads into his second season as the head strength and conditioning coach as part of Joey McGuire's charter staff at Texas Tech.

Barilow arrived in Lubbock following one season at Baylor where he served as the senior associate director of athletics performance with the football program. He concluded his tenure at Baylor with the Bears' victory in the Big 12 Championship game against Oklahoma State.

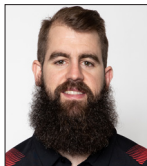
Barilow has worked in the Big 12 Conference each of the past three seasons as he moved to Baylor after spending the 2020 season as the associate director of strength and conditioning at Kansas. Prior to Kansas, Barilow was on staff at LSU from 2016-19, rising from an intern to eventually being named the associate director of strength and conditioning for football in 2018. He also worked with beach volleyball and soccer during his tenure with the Tigers.

In addition to his role at the collegiate level, Barilow has four years of experience as a private sport performance coach in Wisconsin and Illinois. He holds National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) certifications.

Barilow is a veteran of the United States Navy, serving from 2007-09 following a three-year career as a football letterwinner at Carroll College in Wisconsin. He completed his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2007 from the university.

Barilow is married to the former Katie Raschka. The couple has three children, Brody, Lincoln and Braxson.

## STRENGTH STAFF



**AARON HALL**

Assoc. Strength Coach



**BRANDON LEE**

Assoc. Strength Coach



**KHALID BLOUNT**

Asst. Strength Coach



**BRANDYN MUSGRAVE**

Asst. Strength Coach



**R.J. TORRES**

Applied Sports Scientist

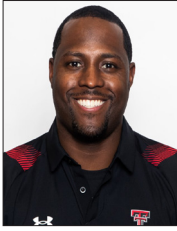


**JOSH HAVERFIELD**

Post-Grad Intern



## SUPPORT STAFF



**ANTONIO HUFFMAN**  
Associate A.D. /  
Football Administration  
Fifth Season  
Texas Tech '06

Former Red Raider defensive back Antonio Huffman enters his fifth season on the Texas Tech football staff and his third in the role of Associate Athletics Director for football administration. Huffman previously served as Chief of Staff before earning his current promotion in April 2021.

As part of his expanded role, Huffman oversees the day-to-day operations for the football program, all while adding administrative duties within the athletics department. He is the football program's liaison to administration regarding any legislation pertaining to name-image-likeness (NIL), an important role not only for the football program but across college athletics. He is also the primary contact regarding Texas Tech's facility improvements, namely the ongoing south end zone and Dustin R. Womble Football Center project that began in December 2022 as the athletics department's largest investment in history.

Huffman returned to his alma mater prior to the 2019 campaign to oversee the non-coaching aspects of the football program, including departmental budget, academics, team travel, summer camps and all other day-to-day operations. He spent the seven previous seasons as the Director of Football Operations at Washington State.

This is Huffman's second stint on the Tech staff as he was previously the Director of Player Personnel during the 2008-09 seasons. Huffman served as the football program's liaison with athletics compliance during those two seasons, while also assisting with Tech's recruiting operations where he set up official and unofficial visits, campus tours and summer camps.

In addition, Huffman oversaw housing placement for each Red Raider student-athlete during his tenure and also worked closely with the academic staff at the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes. He added additional responsibility in 2009 as he supervised the presentation and maintenance of the aesthetics in the Football Training Facility.

Huffman orchestrated many of Tech's community relations activities during his tenure, including the popular "Huff's Huggables" charity drive he founded late in his playing career. "Huff's Huggables" provided stuffed animals to the Lubbock Police Department for officers to provide to local children during difficult moments.

Following his two seasons on staff, Huffman followed former Tech defensive coordinator Ruffin McNeil to East Carolina where he spent the 2010-11 seasons in a similar role with the Pirates. East Carolina played in the Military Bowl during McNeil's first season as the program's head coach.

Huffman departed East Carolina following the 2011 season to rejoin his former head coach Mike Leach at Washington State. He spent the first four seasons of his tenure as the Director of Football Operations before earning a promotion to Assistant Athletics Director after the 2015 season.

With the Cougars, Huffman oversaw the day-to-day operations of the football staff, namely team travel, the Cougar guest coach program and summer camps and clinics. He was also the football liaison for compliance, academics and student conduct throughout his tenure, which culminated with the Cougars winning 11 games in 2018, the most in school history.

A three-year starter at defensive back for the Red Raiders, Huffman completed his Red Raider career in 2006 with 189 tackles, four interceptions and 25 pass breakups. He was named the Defensive MVP in his final game as a Red Raider after picking off a crucial interception in Tech's 44-41 come-from-behind victory over Minnesota in the 2006 Insight Bowl.

Huffman excelled academically during his time as a student-athlete, earning selections to prestigious honors such as the John Wooden Leadership Cup (2007), NCAA Leadership Conference (2006), Draddy Award (semifinalist in 2006) and the President and Dean's List (2005-06). He earned his degree in human development and family studies from Tech in 2006 and has since pursued a master's degree in sociology.

Huffman, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, attended Garden City (Kan.) Community from 2001-03 before transferring to Tech. Following his collegiate career, he played one season for the Lubbock Renegades of the AFL2.

Huffman is married to the former Shelley Bartley of Lubbock. They are the parents of a son, Aeson Dean, and a daughter, Aniyah Jordan.



**JAMES BLANCHARD**  
Director of  
Player Personnel  
Second Season

James Blanchard was named the first member of Texas Tech head coach Joey McGuire's charter staff as he serves as Director of Player Personnel and oversees the Red Raiders' recruiting operation.

Blanchard, joined McGuire in Lubbock immediately upon his hire, reshaping the Red Raiders' entire recruiting process from scouting to on-campus visits. That process has shown tremendous results over each of the last two recruiting cycles as Texas Tech is coming off its first top-25 class in more than a decade. The Red Raiders previously signed a top-40 ranked class in 2022 in the month after McGuire's hire, a considerable jump from where Texas Tech ranked prior to his arrival.

Considered one of the top personnel directors in college football, Blanchard was the first major addition to McGuire's staff as he was identified as one of the top rising personnel and recruiting staffers in college football by On3.com in August 2022. Blanchard was previously in the midst of his second stint as Baylor's Assistant Athletics Director for Scouting prior to immediately joining McGuire upon his hire.

Blanchard rejoined the Baylor football staff in January 2021 as he was responsible for identifying and pursuing prospective scholarship student-athletes. He previously served as Director of Recruiting for the Bears from March 2019 to May 2020 before accepting a position with the Carolina Panthers in the NFL.

While with the Panthers, Blanchard was responsible for breaking down opponent film and evaluating potential free agents for Carolina's front office. He departed Baylor for the NFL alongside former Baylor head coach Matt Rhule, who accepted the Panthers head coaching position following the 2019 season.

A native of Orange, Texas, Blanchard was a member of the football program at West Orange-Stark High School before later studying psychology at Lamar University.

He is married to the former Kiara Fowler. The couple has five children, Kenley, Karrington, Karter, Kali and Kason.



**BRIAN NANCE**  
Director of Scouting  
Second Season  
Baylor '18

Brian Nance enters his second season on the Texas Tech staff where he serves as Director of Scouting, reuniting him with both head coach Joey McGuire and Director of Player Personnel James Blanchard.

Texas Tech signed its highest-rated class in more than a decade in Nance's first season as the Red Raiders ranked as high as No. 23 nationally by the major recruiting services. Nance arrived in Lubbock in April 2022 just before the summer recruiting period.

Nance joined the Red Raider football program after previously serving on the recruiting staff at Baylor since 2019, first as assistant director of football operations under then-head coach Matt Rhule before moving to the recruiting side as associate director of player personnel in 2020.

Baylor played in two Big 12 title games during Nance's three seasons on staff as the Bears fell to Oklahoma in 2019 before topping Oklahoma State this past season. Both trips led to appearances in the Allstate Sugar Bowl as Baylor was a combined 25-12 overall over his three seasons.

In addition to his time at the collegiate level, Nance joins a long list of Texas Tech staffers who have experience as part of the Texas High School Coaches Association after serving as an assistant coach at Temple High School near Waco in 2018. He joined the Baylor staff immediately following that football season.

Nance was a three-year letterwinner at Baylor from 2014-17 where he developed into one of the top defensive linemen in the Big 12 his senior season. Nance appeared in 38 games with 10 starts as a Bear, capping his tenure with a strong final campaign that saw career highs with 33 tackles, 8.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks.

A native of Buffalo, New York, Nance graduated from Euless (Texas) Trinity High School in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex in 2012. He earned his degree in kinesiology and leisure studies from Baylor in 2018.

Nance and his girlfriend, Aereal Dickerson, a 2016 Baylor graduate, have three children: Jayvon, Brielle and Brian III.

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**QUINTIN JORDAN**  
Director of Football  
Operations  
Second Season  
Texas Tech '10, '12

Quintin Jordan enters his second season as the Director of Football Operations at Texas Tech, reuniting him with head coach Joey McGuire as part of his charter staff with the Red Raiders.

Jordan returned to his alma mater as Director of Football Operations after previously serving in various roles over a four-year span at Baylor. He began his tenure with the Bears as the associate director of student-athlete development in July 2018 being joining the football staff as Director of Football Administration nearly a year later prior to the 2019 season.

Jordan was not only retained but promoted when Baylor head coach Dave Aranda was hired in 2020, placing him in charge of many of the logistical aspects of the program as Director of Football Operations. In his three seasons on the football staff, Baylor enjoyed two 10-win seasons and a

pair of Big 12 Championship game appearances.

In his role with the student-athlete development office, Jordan was responsible for managing the leadership development program as well as the First Year Course, Personal Skills programming and the Student-Athlete Advisor Committee (SAAC). He was hired to the football staff by former Baylor head coach Matt Rhule a year later where he worked alongside Joey McGuire for three seasons.

Prior to Baylor, Jordan served five years as the associate director of sport services at the Conference USA offices where he played a significant role in student-athlete development, representing the league as a facilitator for the NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Forum and the Emerging Leaders Seminar selections committee.

In addition to his work promoting the league's student-athletes, Jordan was responsible for managing all video exchange for the sports of men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball as well as volleyball. He was the primary sport administrator for men's and women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field and men's tennis during his tenure at the conference level.

Jordan began his professional career after completing an NCAA Postgraduate Internship in 2012-13 where he was able to see firsthand the legislation process at the national office. The position helped him continue to serve student-athletes by answering NCAA legislative calls, conducting amateurism certifications and by working with the NCAA Eligibility Center's high school review department and the National Letter of Intent program.

Over his career, Jordan has assisted in numerous conference, national and postseason championship events, namely the 2014 BCS National Championship and the inaugural College Football Playoff National Championship in 2015. His experience also includes four NCAA Men's Basketball Final Fours, the 2016 NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four, the 2013 NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional, the 2013 Big 12 Women's Basketball Championship, the 2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl and the 2012 Big Ten Football Championship.

Jordan, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, graduated from Texas Tech in 2010 with his bachelor's degree in business administration from the Rawls College of Business. He received his master's of science in sports management in 2012. He and his wife, Bre, have two children.



**DAVE MARTIN**  
Director of Player  
Development  
Second Season  
East Central Oklahoma '99

Dave Martin reunited with head coach Joey McGuire shortly after his hire at Texas Tech as he was named Director of Player Development on his charter staff.

The role is an important one for McGuire, who quickly plunked Martin to oversee many of the Red Raiders' initiatives in the Lubbock community. Martin, a former assistant coach under McGuire at Cedar Hill High School, is also the football liaison for the academic advising staff located at the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes.

Martin, like McGuire, arrives in Lubbock as one of the top high school coaches in his native state of Oklahoma as he was an impressive 138-38 over 14 seasons as the athletic director and head football coach at Jones High School in the Oklahoma City area. Martin led his alma mater to seven district championships and a playoff appearance in all but one season, making Jones easily one of the top programs in the state.

The highlight of his tenure came in 2016 when Jones claimed the Class 3A state title, the first for the Longhorns in school history. The monumental win for Jones followed similar close finishes under Martin as the Longhorns appeared in the state title game previously in 2011, his fourth season as head coach, and then the state semifinals in 2012 and 2015. Jones returned to the state semifinals a year after that state title victory in 2017 as well.

The 2016 season earned Martin a slew of coaching honors as he was tabbed the All-State Coach of the Year by The Oklahoman, the Jim Thorpe Award Oklahoma Hall of Fame Coach of the Year, the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame Coach of the Year, the Region 8 Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year. He was named the top coach in the district seven times over his tenure and was twice recognized with region and Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame honors.

As an athletics director, Martin also oversaw two other sport programs in baseball and women's basketball that claimed state titles during his tenure. His work as an administrator was twice recognized by his peers as he was named the District 8 Athletic Director of the Year following the 2018 and 2019 academic years.

Martin, a member of the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA), the Oklahoma Coaches Association (OCA) and the Oklahoma Football Coaches Association (OFBCA), began his coaching career alongside McGuire as the outside linebackers coach at Cedar Hill under then head coach Robert Woods. Once McGuire was promoted to head coach prior to the 2003 season, Jones shifted over to oversee the defensive backs.

Cedar Hill was the first coaching position for Martin after he earned his degree in science and education from East Central Oklahoma University in 1999. Martin returned to his native state of Oklahoma in 2004 to become the defensive coordinator at Harrah High School just east of Oklahoma City. That position helped him return to Jones as an assistant coach in 2007 before being promoted to the top chair the following season.

Martin and his wife, Tara, are parents to two children, a son, Braiden, and a daughter, Blakeley. Braiden is currently a student at Texas Tech University, while Blakeley is entering her freshman year of high school.

## SUPPORT STAFF

**SAMMY MORRIS**

Asst. Director of Player  
Support Development  
Third Season  
Texas Tech '99

**T**exas Tech great and NFL veteran Sammy Morris enters his third season on the Red Raider football staff as the assistant director of player support development.

In his role, Morris serves as Texas Tech's NFL liaison to scouts and team personnel, while also working as an advisor for freshman and transfer student-athletes entering the program. His most important role, however, is as a life coach and advisor for more than 100 student-athletes in the football program based on his own experiences as a collegiate athlete and NFL standout.

The job responsibilities outlined possibly couldn't be a better fit for Morris, who has his own unique story that will relate to student-athletes. Once one of the top athletes to come out of the San Antonio area, Morris looked to be the future at running back for the Red Raiders as a

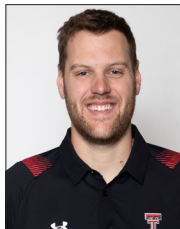
freshman in 1996 before academic issues kept him off the field for the next three seasons.

Morris returned and was elected a team captain prior to his 1999 senior season where he had a memorable 170-yard performance against rival Texas A&M and eventually led the team with 948 all-purpose yards. His efforts were recognized following the season as he was tabbed the Pete Cawthon Memorial Team MVP and was honored with Donny Anderson Sportsmanship Award.

Morris' redemption story earned him an opportunity at the next level a few months later when the Buffalo Bills selected him in the fifth round of the 2000 NFL Draft. The Bills were one of four stops for Morris during his 12-year NFL career as he played in Super Bowl XLII with the Patriots. He played for Buffalo from 2000-03 before stints with the Dolphins (2004-06), Patriots (2007-10) and the Cowboys (2011).

Following his playing career, Morris served as an assistant coach for Attleboro High School (Mass.) beginning in 2013 and then as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Patriots from 2016-18. Morris, who was part of the Patriots' Super Bowl LI championship team, was hired in 2018 as the running backs coach at Dean College.

The son of an Air Force veteran, Morris earned his undergraduate degree at Texas Tech in communications studies in the fall of 1999. He and his wife, Leslie, are parents to three children, daughters, Kiera and Jady, as well as a son, Sammy. Kiera and Jady are currently students at Texas Tech, while Sammy is currently a sophomore defensive back for the Red Raiders.

**HARRISON HANNA**

Asst. Director for Operations & Recruiting  
Second Season  
Baylor '17, '20

**H**arrison Hanna enters his second season on the Texas Tech football staff where he serves as an assistant director for team operations and recruiting.

In his role, Hanna is instrumental in the day-to-day functions inside the football program, assisting not only with team travel but also roster management, student-athlete housing, Texas Tech's analytical research and its continued relationship with the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA). On the recruiting front, Hanna teams with Quintin Jordan in helping each new Red Raider through the enrollment process and eventual arrival on campus.

Hanna was among the first hires by head coach Joey McGuire after accepting the Texas Tech position as the two previously worked together at Baylor. Hanna's tenure in Waco spanned

nearly a decade as he spent four seasons as a student equipment manager (2013-17) before being hired as a graduate assistant in May 2017 and then to a full-time role a year later.

Hanna was the head equipment manager for each of his final three seasons at Baylor (2019-21) where he coordinated the day-to-day operations of ensuring 100-plus coaches and student-athletes were properly outfitted. Additionally, he also assisted in the day-to-day football operations by advancing road travel, monitoring the CoachComm communications system during each game and contributing to recruiting weekends, among other duties.

Hanna has two degrees from Baylor as he earned his bachelor's in media business with a minor in political science in May 2017. He added a master's in sports management from the university in August 2020 prior to his hire at Texas Tech.

Hanna, a native of Houston, and his wife, the former Brooke Bolting, were married in July 2022. The couple is expecting their first child together in September 2023.

**PRESLEE QUISENBERRY**

Director of On-Campus  
Recruiting  
Second Season  
Texas Tech '22

**P**reslee Quisenberry enters her second season as a full-time member of the Texas Tech football staff as she serves as Director of On-Campus Recruiting.

In her role, Quisenberry organizes and executes many of the behind-the-scenes aspects of Texas Tech's recruiting operation, planning the accommodations, meals, meetings, tours and activities for prospective student-athletes visiting campus. She also helps oversee the recruiting functions around each home football game.

The position is a familiar one for Quisenberry, who served as a student assistant in the Texas Tech football office for three years as a student prior to being hired full time. During that time, Quisenberry has been essential to Texas Tech's recruiting operation, serving as the point person for prospective student-athlete visits throughout

the 2021 season, a role she has continued this spring under McGuire.

Quisenberry, like many on the Texas Tech staff, has ties to the Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) as her father, Chad Quisenberry, recently retired as the Athletics Director at Devine High School near San Antonio. He was also previously the head coach of the Warhorses for 13 seasons as part of 25-plus years with the school district.

In addition to her role as a student assistant in the football office, Quisenberry was a member of President's Select for three years and also interned with the Texas Tech athletics communications office each of her final three semesters.

Quisenberry earned her undergraduate degree from Texas Tech University in May 2022, graduating summa cum laude in only three years as a public relations and strategic communication major.

**KATE SHEALY**

Director of Recruiting  
Operations  
Third Season  
Houston Baptist '18

**K**ate Shealy enters her third season on the Texas Tech staff where she serves Director of Recruiting Operations. Shealy is instrumental in Texas Tech's recruiting operations, planning and executing not only coaches' travel but also that of prospective student-athletes.

Shealy arrived in Lubbock prior to the 2021 season following two-plus years at East Carolina where she was responsible for many of the behind-the-scenes aspects of the Pirates' recruiting operation. She assisted with budget management and recruiting-related travel support while at East Carolina, many of the same duties she has with the Red Raiders.

In addition to her recruiting duties, Shealy also assisted with the operation needs for the football program while at East Carolina, which included the coordination of home and road game

logistics such as meals and facility preparation.

Prior to joining the Pirates, Shealy was a gameday events manager for the Division of Student Affairs at Clemson during the 2018 football season. That position followed successive summer stints as an administrative staff assistant for both the Tigers' player development efforts and Dabo Swinney camps.

Shealy earned her bachelor's degree in kinesiology/sports management from Houston Baptist in May 2018. She spent four years assisting the Huskies football staff with recruiting and operations support as an undergraduate beginning in 2014 under her father Vic Shealy, who was named Houston Baptist's first-ever head coach only two years earlier.

Shealy, a native of Houston, is engaged to Alex Eberhardt of Lubbock.

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**KIRK BRYANT**

Senior Offensive Analyst  
Second Season  
Mississippi College '15  
Baylor '19

Kirk Bryant enters his second season as a senior offensive analyst on the Texas Tech football staff where he assists offensive coordinator Zach Kittley with the Red Raider quarterbacks as well as opponent scouting.

Bryant arrived in Lubbock following two seasons as the inside receivers coach and recruiting coach at Austin Peay. Bryant was hired by the Governors prior to their 2021 spring season where Austin Peay finished 4-2 in Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) play, which included a pair of ranks wins over No. 7 Jacksonville State and No. 13 Murray State. Austin Peay was a combined 8-4 in conference games during Bryant's two seasons on staff.

Prior to his time with the Governors, Bryant spent four seasons at Baylor where he worked alongside head coach Joey McGuire. Bryant was

an offensive graduate assistant with the running backs and wide receiver groups for the 2017-18 seasons before moving to a quality control role with the Bears' quarterbacks for the 2019-20 campaigns.

His position at Baylor followed a season as the wide receivers coach and operations director at East Texas Baptist where he coached a pair of All-American Southwest Conference selections in Chase Sojka (first team) and Richard Johnson (second team). The duo combined for almost 2,000 receiving yards that season with Sojka leading the team with 83 receptions for 1,074 yards, while Johnson posted 911 yards through the air on 52 catches.

East Texas Baptist featured the top-ranked scoring offense in Division III that season, averaging an impressive 49.9 points per game. Bryant worked that season under Scotty Walden, who would later bring both Josh Cochran and Bryant with him as part of his initial staff at Austin Peay.

Bryant began his coaching career as the wide receivers coach for his alma mater, Mississippi College, in 2015. Bryant, a native of Bullard, Texas, previously played three seasons at Mississippi State (2011-14), leading the Choctaws in receiving yards as a senior. He was the ASC All-Academic team in 2013 and a Gulf South Conference Academic Honor Roll recipient in 2015.

Bryant earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from Mississippi College in 2015 and then added a master's in sports management from Baylor in 2019. He is the son of Keith Bryant, who is currently the superintendent of Lubbock Cooper ISD.

**TYLER SCHOVANEC**

Special Teams Analyst  
Second Season  
Carroll '15, Case Western '17

Tyler Schovanec enters his second season as a special teams analyst for the Texas Tech coaching staff. In his role, Schovanec assists special teams coordinator Kenny Perry with game planning, scouting and practice management for each of the Red Raiders' special teams units.

The Red Raiders ranked among the top special teams units in the country during Schovanec's first season back on the Red Raider sidelines thanks in part to the play of place kicker Trey Wolff and punter Austin McNamara. Wolff was among the most accurate kickers in college football in his lone season under Perry and Schovanec as he connected on 21-of-25 field goal attempts, which ranked second all-time in Texas Tech single-season history.

An honorable mention All-Big 12 selection, Wolff was reliable in key situations throughout the season as he had nine field goals that came with under a minute remaining in either the second or fourth quarters or in overtime. He had two game-winning kicks during the season, sending the Red Raiders to memorable come-from-behind victories over both Texas and Oklahoma for the first time in program history. He later signed a free agent agreement with the Tennessee Titans after an impressive showing at the Pro Day.

McNamara, meanwhile, also garnered honorable mention All-Big 12 accolades after averaging 44.3 yards per punt, which ranked 21st nationally and among the top-10 marks in program history. McNamara, combined with no failed snaps from sophomore Jackson Knotts, will enter his senior season as a Red Raider in 2023 on pace to easily shatter the school career punting record.

This is Schovanec's third stint on the Texas Tech staff as he was previously a special teams quality control coach and personnel assistant for the Red Raiders

in 2017. Prior to that, he was an intern to then football chief of staff Kenny Bell during the summers of 2013-15, assisting with many of the day-to-day operations of the football program.

In between, Schovanec was an offensive graduate assistant at Case Western University in 2016 where he served as running backs coach. During his lone season, running back Jacob Burke earned second team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference honors after rushing for more than 1,000 yards while also ranking 18th in Division III with 16 touchdowns.

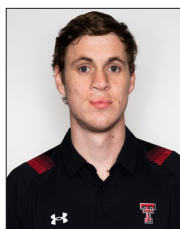
Schovanec joined the coaching staff after rounding out his playing career as a two-sport athlete in both baseball and football. The baseball program earned a berth to the 2016 NCAA Division III playoffs during his lone season. He previously played both sports at Carroll University in Wisconsin prior to transferring to Case Western for his senior season.

Schovanec received his first full-time coaching position at Houston Baptist in 2018 where he was the special teams coordinator and running backs coordinator for four seasons. Schovanec coached alongside Tech offensive coordinator Zach Kittley for three of those seasons as Houston Baptist developed into one of the top offenses at the FCS level.

On special teams, Gino Garcia, who eventually followed Schovanec to Lubbock, set the HBU career records with 32 field goals and 84 extra points made over his three seasons as well as the single-season mark after finding the uprights 18 times during the 2019 campaign. Garcia was a first team All-Southland Conference honoree in 2021 as one of several Huskies who garnered all-conference accolades under Schovanec.

Kick returner Gamar Girdy Brito, who, like Garcia, set the HBU career marks for kick return yards and all-purpose yards, collected STATS FCS and Hero Sports All-America honors in 2019 to close his career as well as first team All-Southland Conference accolades. Punter Blake Patterson, meanwhile, was a two-time honoree as a second team selection in 2019 and a first team honoree the following year.

Schovanec, a native of Lubbock, received his bachelor's of science in business administration and management from Carroll in 2015 and a master's in management and finance from Case Western in 2017. He is engaged to Sarah Gray.

**SEAN KENNEY**

Recruiting & Personnel  
Assistant  
Second Season  
Alabama '20, '21

Sean Kenney enters his second season as a recruiting and personnel assistant on the Texas Tech staff where he assists Director of Player Personnel James Blanchard in identifying prospective student-athletes.

Texas Tech signed its first top-25 class in more than a decade during Kenney's first full year on staff, ranking as high as No. 23 nationally thanks to a focus on identifying and landing top prospects in the state of Texas. Kenney arrived at Texas Tech in January 2022 as Blanchard and head coach Joey McGuire were turning their focus directly on the 2023 class.

Prior to joining the Texas Tech staff, Kenney was a recruiting specialist for the Alabama football program where he assisted in all areas of the Crimson Tide's personnel operation. As part of his duties, Kenney assisted with on-campus visits for future student-athletes, but was also responsible for creating travel plans for coaches and team personnel, updating the Alabama recruiting database and preparing scouting reports.

Alabama regularly signed a top-five recruiting class throughout Kenney's tenure in Tuscaloosa as the Crimson Tide went on to win two College Football Playoff National Championships during that span as well as four SEC titles. The Crimson Tide appeared in the College Football Playoff in all but one of Kenney's six seasons on staff.

In addition to his time at Alabama, Kenney also attended the prestigious Phil Savage Scout School in 2019, one of the top clinics in the country for prospective college and professional scouts. The school, which focuses on learning NFL team rating scales and recruiting best practices, is led by Savage, a longtime NFL executive and general manager.

Kenney earned his bachelor's degree from Alabama in commerce and business administration in 2020 and then his master's in hospitality management with a concentration in sports hospitality in 2021.

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**RYAN CONRY**

Defensive Quality Control  
Second Season  
Ohio State '18, Cal '22

**R**yan Conry is in second season as a defensive quality control assistant on the Texas Tech staff, working directly with defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter, passing game coordinator Marcel Yates and the Red Raider secondary.

With his hiring, Conry reunited with both DeRuyter and Yates after he worked under both as a defensive graduate assistant at Cal during the 2019-20 seasons. The Golden Bears played in the Redbox Bowl in Conry's first season as Cal ranked 33rd nationally in scoring defense after allowing only 21.9 points per game. Cal was again among the Pac-12 leaders in scoring defense again a year later after surrendering only 26.5 points per game.

Between his time at both Cal and Texas Tech, Conry has worked with six players who made their

way to the NFL, a list that includes Jaylin Hawkins, Ashtyn Davis, Camryn Byrum, Elijah Hicks and Daniel Scott at Cal and then Marquis Waters at Texas Tech. Waters, playing the "star" position in Texas Tech's defensive system, ranked second among defensive backs with 13.0 tackles for a loss as a senior in 2022 before signing as an undrafted free agent by the New York Jets.

All five defensive backs Conry worked with at Cal will enter 2023 on NFL rosters, meanwhile, as Davis, a finalist for the Burtsworth Trophy (nation's top walk-on), was selected in the third round of the 2020 NFL Draft by the New York Jets. Byrum heard his name called in the fourth round a year later by the Minnesota Vikings, while Hicks was chosen in the seventh round of the 2022 draft by the Chicago Bears and Scott was picked in the fifth round this past April by the Indianapolis Colts. Hawkins, an undrafted free agent, enters his fourth NFL season in 2023 as a member of the Atlanta Falcons.

Conry was hired at Cal after previously serving as a student coaching intern while earning his undergraduate degree from Ohio State. Conry began his tenure with the Buckeyes as a recruiting intern for the 2014-15 campaigns before later working with the cornerbacks position room for the remainder of his tenure. Conry was part of the Ohio State program when the Buckeyes claimed the College Football Playoff National Championship in 2014.

Conry, a native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Ohio State University in 2018 and then his master's in public health from the University of California-Berkeley in 2022.

**JAMES LOCKHART**

Defensive Quality Control  
Second Season  
Baylor '19, '21

**J**ames Lockhart enters his second season as a defensive quality control assistant on the Texas Tech staff where he works directly with outside linebackers coach C.J. Ah You.

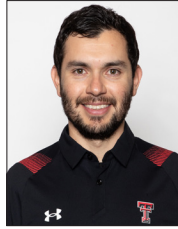
Lockhart, a former standout at Baylor under head coach Joey McGuire, arrived at Texas Tech after serving as a defensive graduate assistant for his alma mater during the 2021 season. Baylor claimed the Big 12 title during his lone season on staff, which was capped by a victory over Ole Miss in the Allstate Sugar Bowl for a 12-2 season, which marked the most wins in program history.

Prior to joining the coaching profession, Lockhart enjoyed a successful two-year career as a standout defensive end under McGuire at Baylor. Lockhart, a then transfer from Texas A&M, was part of the first signing class under former head coach Matt Rhule, helping push the Baylor program to two bowl trips, including an appearance in the Allstate Sugar Bowl his senior season.

Lockhart, a native of Ennis, Texas, appeared in 27 games during his Baylor career, starting in all 14 games of the 2019 campaign. Lockhart was an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection as a senior after totaling 31 tackles that season, including 8.5 for a loss and 6.0 sacks. Baylor finished 11-3 overall and 8-1 in Big 12 play that season, falling to Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship game.

Lockhart earned his bachelor's degree from Baylor in health, kinesiology and leisure studies in May 2019 and then added his master's degree in sport pedagogy in 2021.

Lockhart and his wife, Amalia, were married in July 2023 in a ceremony presided over by McGuire.

**DIEGO ORTIZ**

Offensive Quality Control  
Seventh Season  
Universidad Inter: '13  
Texas Tech '18

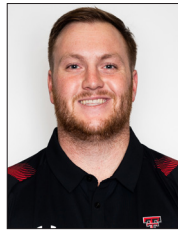
**D**iego Ortiz enters his seventh season on the Texas Tech staff and his fifth as a quality control assistant where he assists with game preparations for the Red Raider offense, specifically the running back room.

Ortiz has been a staple on the Texas Tech staff, serving under three different head coaches now during his tenure. He's worked in various roles during that time after beginning as a recruiting and operations intern in 2016 before moving into a graduate assistant role with the running backs for the 2017-18 seasons. Ortiz was promoted to a quality control assistant beginning with the 2019 campaign.

Over his career, Ortiz has been among the most-trusted members of the football staff as his duties have involved weekly video breakdowns, updating recruiting profile tapes, tracking productivity measurements and recruit evaluations. He has worked with both the offensive staff and as a personnel assistant throughout his time as a Red Raider.

Prior to his time with the football program, Ortiz worked at the Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes as a graduate assistant advisor. He worked closely with freshmen and at-risk student-athletes of the Red Raider track & field, volleyball and women's tennis programs, while producing the annual academic report for the entire athletic department.

Ortiz graduated with a master's in science and sport management from Texas Tech in May 2018, becoming the first person of Mexican nationality to graduate from the program. He earned his bachelor's degree in international trade relations from Universidad Intercontinental in Mexico City, where he won the yearly "Letter of Merit" for obtaining the highest GPA of the class four years in a row.

**LOU BUNNING**

Offensive Grad Assistant  
Second Season  
Lindsey Wilson '19

**L**ou Bunning enters his second season on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he serves as a graduate assistant, specifically with the offensive line.

This is Bunning's second stint working alongside Texas Tech offensive line coach Stephen Hamby as he previously served in a similar capacity at Western Kentucky prior to their arrival in Lubbock. Bunning was a volunteer coach with the Hilltoppers' tight ends and special teams in 2020 before being promoted to a graduate assistant coach in 2021.

Prior to joining the coaching profession, Bunning was a standout offensive lineman for Lindsey Wilson College from 2015-19 where he earned first team All-Mid-South conference accolades as a senior. Bunning, a two-time captain for the Blue

Raiders, was named as one of five offensive linemen to the Lindsey Wilson College all-decade team in 2021.

Bunning, a native of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, earned a dual degree in criminal justice and communications from Lindsey Wilson in 2019. He is currently enrolled in Texas Tech's master's program.

Bunning and his wife, Kenzie, are parents to two children, a son, Zander, and a newborn daughter, Zurii, who was born in spring of 2023.

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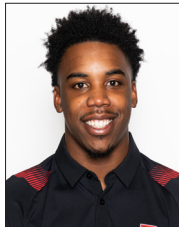
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**JAH'SHAWN JOHNSON**  
Defensive Grad Assistant  
Second Season  
Texas Tech '18

Former Red Raider great Jah'Shawn Johnson enters his second season on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he serves as a graduate assistant with the secondary.

The Red Raiders enjoyed one of their most-successful seasons in recent memory behind a much-improved secondary. Texas Tech only surrendered 256.8 passing yards per game, its lowest clip since 2014, en route to three members from the secondary garnering All-Big 12 accolades. Malik Dunlap led that group with All-Big 12 second team honors, while Marquis Waters and Rayshad Williams were both honorable mention selections by the conference coaches.

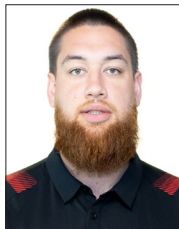
Prior to joining head coach Joey McGuire's staff, Johnson was an assistant coach for his alma mater at Ennis High School. Serving under legendary head coach Sam Harrell, Johnson worked primarily with the defensive backs for an Ennis program that advanced to the area round of the Class 5A Division II playoffs in each of his two seasons on staff.

Ennis was Johnson's first coaching position after completing a decorated playing career as a Red Raider where he was a four-year starter in the secondary. Johnson, a two-year captain, started 45 games in the scarlet and black as he recorded 298 tackles from 2014-18, including 10.5 for a loss, while also adding six interceptions, 14 pass breakups, six forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries.

Johnson was a three-time All-Big 12 selection, earning honorable mention accolades as a redshirt freshman in 2015 and again as a senior in 2018. He was a second team All-Big 12 pick as a junior after registering 97 tackles for a Tech defense that ranked sixth nationally with 29 takeaways.

Johnson, one of the early signees under then head coach Kliff Kingsbury, earned his undergraduate degree in sport management from Texas Tech in 2018. He is currently pursuing his master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the university.

Johnson is the son of Tamara Johnson and Keith Davis. His father previously played football at the collegiate level as well as Sam Houston State before a decorated NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys (2002-07, 2008), Miami Dolphins (2008) and Oakland Raiders (2009).



**COLE MAXWELL**  
Defensive Grad Assistant  
First Season  
Baylor '22

Cole Maxwell enters his first season on the Texas Tech coaching staff as he serves as a graduate assistant working specifically with the defensive line.

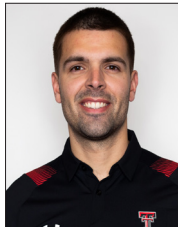
This is Maxwell's first coaching position after completing a successful playing career at Baylor where he played under head coach Joey McGuire. Maxwell started in 19 games along the defensive line with the Bears, helping push Baylor to a Big 12 title in 2021 and a victory in the AllState Sugar Bowl. Baylor also made a Big 12 Championship appearance during his 2019 sophomore campaign, which was unfortunately cut short due to injury.

For his career, Maxwell totaled 48 tackles, including 2.5 for a loss and 1.5 sacks, while also a forced fumble and three pass breakups. He was an honorable mention All-Big 12 selection in 2021

after making 27 stops and 1.5 sacks over 13 starts. Maxwell had three tackles in both the Big 12 Championship win over Oklahoma as well as the victory versus Ole Miss in the AllState Sugar Bowl, which also featured his first-career solo sack.

Maxwell signed with Baylor as part of the first signing class to ink with then head coach Matt Rhule, a staff that also featured McGuire as one of its first members. He was previously an All-State defensive lineman out of Allen High School where he was the District 6-6A Defensive MVP as a senior in 2016. Allen finished 14-1 that season, falling in the Class 6A Division I state semifinals.

Maxwell earned his bachelor's degree in education from Baylor in 2022 prior to his hiring at Texas Tech.



**TRENT VASEY**  
Offensive Grad Assistant  
Second Season  
Western New England '17  
Alfred University '19

Trent Vasey enters his second season on the Texas Tech coaching staff where he is an offensive graduate assistant working with the Red Raider wide receivers.

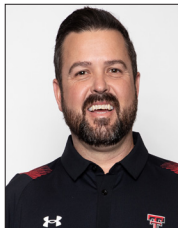
This is Vasey's second stint in the Big 12 Conference as he served in a similar role at Kansas during the 2021 season. Vasey also worked with the wide receiver group for a Kansas program in its first season under Lance Leipold, one that ended with a late November victory over Texas in Austin.

Kansas was Vasey's first position at the FBS level after serving as the tight ends and recruiting coordinator at Stonehill College in his home state of Massachusetts for the 2019-20 seasons. Vasey added recruiting coordinator responsibilities to his duties for his second season with the Skyhawks after previously serving as the video coordinator for the 2019 campaign. Prior to that, Vasey was a graduate assistant coach at Alfred University in New York, working with both the tight end and running back rooms during his two seasons.

Vasey joined the coaching profession following a successful playing career as a four-year member of the football program at Western New England University. Vasey garnered all-conference accolades at tight end during his playing career, helping lead the Golden Bears to a New England Football Conference title and a NCAA Division III playoff appearance each of his final two seasons in 2015 and 2016.

During his collegiate career, Vasey also served as the assistant director and coach of the Blue Chip Football Academy and Bulldog Football School. He also completed a coaching internship at Dean College during the summer of 2015 and was an administrative intern for the entire athletics department the following summer.

Vasey earned his undergraduate degree in sports management from Western New England in May 2017 and later his master's degree in business administration from Alfred in 2019.



**ZANE PERRY**  
Asst. Athletics Director  
Equipment Operations  
17th Season  
Texas Tech '05

Zane Perry enters his 17th season working with the Texas Tech football program and third in the role of Assistant Athletics Director for Equipment Operations.

This will be Perry's 22nd season on the Red Raider sideline as he has risen from a student manager all the way to the head football equipment manager and now his current role. He was also an assistant equipment manager during that time as well.

Perry oversees a staff of six members who work directly with each of Texas Tech's athletics programs. He is the point-person for Under Armour on all apparel requests as well as uniform designs, namely the Red Raider throwback uniforms that Tech has utilized in recent years.

Perry was promoted to Director of Equipment Operations in 2018 after previously serving over a decade as the Red Raiders' head football equipment manager. He added an Assistant Athletics Director title in 2019.

Perry, a Lubbock native, joined the full-time equipment staff after graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in exercise and sport science in 2005. During his tenure as a student equipment manager, Perry served as an NFL intern for two summer camps for the Carolina Panthers equipment staff. After his graduation from Monterey High School in 1999, Perry received a scholarship to join the student equipment staff with the Texas Tech football program.

Perry and his wife, Erica, have two daughters, Presley and Finlay and a son, Walker.



## SUPPORT STAFF

**CAYMAN ANCELL**

Head Equipment Manager  
Seventh Season  
Texas Tech '16

Cayman Ancell enters his seventh season with the Texas Tech football program and his first as the head equipment manager for the Red Raiders.

Ancell, a Lubbock native, was promoted to his current position following the 2020 season from his role as an assistant equipment manager. He is responsible for the equipment of all football student-athletes and making sure each player is properly equipped.

Ancell's other responsibilities include issuing all protective and workout gear, preparation of team uniforms, ordering of all team gear including helmets, shoulder pads and other equipment such as Under Armour apparel. He also oversees the issuing of practice and game clothing for coaches, full-time staff and student staff and making sure the equipment is loaded in advance of away

games and bowl games.

Prior to being named to Texas Tech's full-time equipment staff, Ancell was a student manager for two seasons beginning with the 2015 campaign. He was hired as an assistant equipment manager shortly after earning his bachelor's degree in sports management from Texas Tech in December 2016.

In addition to his duties at Texas Tech, Ancell has worked on the professional level, serving a summer internship with the Miami Dolphins during its 2016 training camps.

Ancell and his wife, Kayla, were married in July 2020.

**HANNAH PETERSEN**

Head Dietitian

Second Season

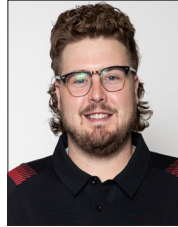
Alabama '19, Baylor '20

Hannah Petersen enters her second season on the Texas Tech football staff where she oversees the nutritional needs for more than 100 football student-athletes.

Prior to joining the Red Raider football program, Petersen was an assistant sports dietitian at Stanford where she assisted nutrition care for 10 varsity programs, providing pre- and post-game meal recommendations and in-game nutrition facilitation. In addition, she oversaw fueling station operations, tracked the department's nutrition budget operations, while managing five interns and over 10 volunteers.

Petersen's ties to the state Texas come from her experience at Baylor, where she was the performance nutrition assistant, beginning in August 2020. There, she developed and implemented individualized team menus, performed DXA scans and analysis of fat free muscle, body fat trends and bone density. Petersen also split her time from athletics as an adjunct professor for Baylor's Department of Human Sciences and Design.

A native of Minnesota, Petersen received her undergraduate degree from Alabama in Human Environmental Sciences before obtaining her master's degree from Baylor in Nutritional Sciences.

**ERIC GERALD**

Director of Video

6th Season

Texas Tech '15

Eric Gerald enters his sixth season with the Texas Tech athletics department and his first in the role of Director of Football Video.

In his role, Gerald oversees all the video needs for the Tech coaching staff, including filming and editing practice and game film in addition to breaking down opponent film. He previously served as a video coordinator for the Red Raider football program for the previous five seasons prior to his promotion.

Prior to joining the athletics department, Gerald was a video journalist for KCBD-TV in Lubbock where he assisted in both news and sports coverage. It was his first full-time position after graduating from Texas Tech in December of 2015 with a degree in electronic media and communications.

Gerald was a student assistant in the Texas Tech sports broadcasting department throughout his time as an undergraduate student. He was a key student assistant for Velasquez, traveling to many road games, while also contributing to video board and live television coverage during both basketball and baseball seasons.

Gerald was an offensive lineman for Coronado High School in his hometown of El Paso. He also got his start in creating highlights during that time, too, as he assisted the Coronado staff with coaches video.

Gerald and his wife, the former Katlyn Cook, were married in June 2022.

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF

**JACOB CHAVARRIA**

Video Coordinator

**PATRICK CLANCY**

Dir. of Creative Content

**MARISSA EDWARDS**

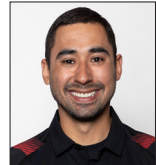
Asst. AD / Academics

**GENTRY HICKS**

Asst. Football Dietitian

**MARGOT KESSLER**

Asst. Academic Advisor

**ROGER LIRA**

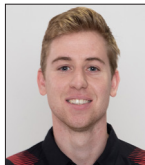
Asst. Equipment Manager

**AUSTIN NETTLES**

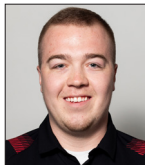
Asst. Equipment Manager

**TANNER NIED**

Equipment Coordinator

**JAKE PITTMAN**

Post-Grad Recruiting Intern

**BLAKE ROWEDDER**

Asst. Director / Creative

**AARON TEBO**

Assoc. AD / Academics

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## SPORTS MEDICINE



**GRANT STOVALL**  
Senior Associate AD  
10th Season  
Texas Tech '94, '98

**G**rant Stovall, a well-respected athletic trainer and administrator, enters his 10th year as Senior Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Health and Well-Being at Texas Tech University, assuming the position prior to the 2013-14 academic year.

Stovall leads the sports medicine unit at Texas Tech, serving as both the primary administrator and a hands-on athletic trainer. He added additional responsibilities in Feb. 2021 as the primary administrator for the athletics department's strength and conditioning and nutrition units.

Stovall joined the athletics department after spending nine years as Director of Clinical Services at Lubbock Sports Medicine. While at LSM, he worked alongside numerous orthopedic surgeons that provide care for the 400-plus student-athletes at Texas Tech.

He was in charge of day-to-day operations of the clinic while managing the durable medical bracing business, sports medicine outreach contracts and marketing.

Prior to joining Lubbock Sports Medicine, Stovall spent six years as the Sports Medicine Manager at Covenant Health Systems where he oversaw the day-to-day operations of the sports medicine department.

His experience in athletic training included two clinical stops while he was pursuing his master's degree in physical therapy at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

From 1994-98, he served as an athletic trainer at Rehabili Sports Medicine Network and at Methodist Hospital SportsCare. During that time he provided coverage as an athletics trainer at a number of area high schools.

Stovall earned a Bachelor of Science from Texas Tech in 1994 and a Master of Physical Therapy from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in 1998. He holds athletic training certifications from the Texas Advisory Board of Athletics Trainers, the NATA Board of Certification as well as the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners.

Stovall lives in Lubbock with his wife, Denise. They have a daughter, Kassidee, and a son, Kooper.



**DR. KEVIN CRAWFORD**  
Medical Director / Head  
Orthopedic Surgeon  
18th Season

**L**ubbock has always been home for Dr. Kevin Crawford. He attended Monterey High School, received his Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. After his Orthopedic Surgery Residency, he returned to Lubbock to begin his career.

After a successful start to his practice he accepted an invitation to do a Sports Medicine Fellowship with the prestigious Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colorado.

During his year-long fellowship, he received advanced training in arthroscopic knee and shoulder surgery. In 2006, Dr. Crawford was asked to serve as a U.S. Ski and U.S. Snowboard Team Physician. Since that time, he has traveled the world to care for the U.S. athletes.

Dr. Crawford currently oversees the Sports Medicine Department at Texas Tech. He has been involved with Texas Tech Athletics since 2005. He is in private practice at Lubbock Sports Medicine where he serves as Team Physician for several local high schools and area colleges.

Dr. Crawford and his wife, Maura, have three children, Kylie, Colin, and Cadan.



**DR. MICHAEL PHY**  
Head Team Physician  
16th Season

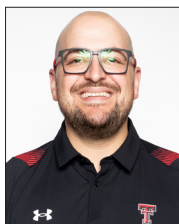
**D**r. Michael Phy enters his 16th season serving as Head Team Physician with the Texas Tech football team.

Dr. Phy is an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). He is also the Chief of General Medicine and the Program Director of the Internal Medicine Residency.

Dr. Phy graduated from Dartmouth College where he played four seasons as a wide receiver for the football team. He then completed medical school at the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center graduating with honors.

Dr. Phy completed his residency in Internal Medicine at TTUHSC in Lubbock and served as Chief Resident in 2012. He was selected as the first fellow in Hospital Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and worked as faculty there for two years. In addition to providing sports medicine coverage for the Texas Tech football and baseball programs, Dr. Phy's practice and research interests center on perioperative medicine and care of the hospitalized patient. He is board certified in internal medicine.

Dr. Phy grew up in San Antonio and graduated from James Madison High School. He is married to Dr. Jennifer Phy and they have a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Sara.



**MICHAEL RAMIREZ**  
Associate A.D.  
Head Athletic Trainer  
Seventh Season

**M**ichael Ramirez enters his seventh season on the Texas Tech Sports Medicine staff and his first in the role of Associate Athletics Director and head football athletic trainer.

Ramirez oversees the round-the-clock care of more than 100 student-athletes in the Football Training Facility. He directs a staff of three additional athletic trainers who work with team doctors to provide the most up-to-date prevention, treatment and rehabilitation for football student-athletes.

Ramirez joined the athletics department in 2017 as an assistant athletic trainer with the football program before being promoted to associate athletic trainer a year later. In addition to his role as head football athletic trainer, he also oversees the sports medicine needs for both the

men's and women's golf programs.

During his time at Texas Tech, Ramirez has served as a supervisor of undergraduate and master's athletic training students with the football program as well as the athletics department's relationship with Gatorade.

Ramirez also coordinated the athletics department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, establishing protocols across all sports for testing procedures in compliance with NCAA and Big 12 guidelines as well as securing appropriate testing materials. In response, Ramirez received the Director of Athletics Award of Excellence at Texas Tech's end-of-year department banquet in 2021.

Prior to Texas Tech, Ramirez was the head athletic trainer for Desert Ridge High School in Arizona from 2015-17 and was an athletic trainer for Deer Park High School in Texas from 2013-15. He was previously an athletic training intern for the Houston Texans in the NFL from 2011-13.

Ramirez is a graduate of Arizona State with a bachelor of science degree in kinesiology (2009) as well as the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center where he earned his master's in athletic training in 2011. He and his wife, Lizzy, reside in Lubbock with their children, Rory and Banks.

## SPORTS MEDICINE SUPPORT STAFF



**DR. DAYNA CHARBONNEAU**  
Sports Psychology



**ERIKA DEAN**  
Asst. Athletic Trainer



**STEVEN LAPSO**  
Asst. Athletic Trainer



**JORDAN SHIMODA**  
Assoc. Athletic Trainer



**SARAH HIRSCH**  
Sports Psychology