



COACHING STAFF



2023 UTAH STATE FOOTBALL  
AGGIES ALL THE WAY





# BLAKE ANDERSON

- **Sam Houston State, 1992**
- **10th Season as Division I Head Coach (68-47 Record)**
- **Third Season at Utah State (17-10 Record)**



Blake Anderson (hired on Dec. 12, 2020) is in his third year as Utah State's head coach and is the 29th head coach in program history. He has a 68-47 (.591) overall record, including a 49-23 (.681) conference mark in nine seasons as a head coach. He has posted a 17-10 (.630) record at USU, including an 11-5 (.688) Mountain West record.

Anderson has 29 years of coaching experience and has been part of six conference championships. He has coached in 13 bowl games and won a national championship at the junior college level.

Entering the 2023 season, Anderson will assume the role of offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, along with his head coaching responsibilities.

During the 2022 campaign, Anderson led Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including graduate senior safety Hunter Reynolds, who was named a ProFootballFocus Honorable Mention All-American and redshirt freshman safety Ike Larsen, who was named a College Football News Honorable Mention Freshman All-American. Additionally, 25 of his players earned academic all-MW accolades.

In his first season at Utah State, Anderson led the Aggies to their first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 win at No. 19 San Diego State, their sixth bowl win in school history with a 24-13 victory against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl, and a school-record-tying 11 wins after being picked to finish fifth in the Mountain Division of the MW in the preseason polls. USU concluded the season ranked 24th in the nation in the final Associated Press poll, marking just the fifth time ever that USU has finished a season nationally ranked.

Utah State began the 2021 campaign by posting its first road win against a Power 5 opponent since 1971 with its 26-23 victory at Washington State. Following its second-ever MW Mountain Division title, USU posted its first win against a top-25 opponent in six seasons with its victory against SDSU in the MW Championship Game. USU then capped off its season with its first-ever bowl win against a Power 5 opponent in OSU, which gave the program two Power 5 wins in the same season for the first time ever.

Under Anderson, Utah State tied for the best turnaround in the nation in 2021, as the Aggies became the first Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) program ever to go from zero or one win to 11 wins the following season. USU also became the first FBS team in eight years to post a 7-0 road record.

During the 2021 season, Utah State set 10 school records, including 4,248 passing yards and 41 touchdown passes, and tied four more. USU also ranked 15th in the nation in passing offense (303.4 ypg) and 23rd in total offense (445.6 ypg), and was top three in the MW in passing offense, total offense and scoring offense (32.6 ppg).

Anderson, who was named the 2021 AFCA Region 5 Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award, was the only first-year head coach in the nation to lead his team to nine or more wins. Along the way, he mentored a pair of Aggies that broke several single-season school records in quarterback Logan Bonner and wide receiver Deven Thompkins. Bonner set school records in passing touchdowns (36) and passing yards (3,628), while Thompkins set school records for receptions (102) and receiving yards (1,704).

Overall, Anderson saw nine of his players earn all-MW honors, including Thompkins, who was also named a third-team All-American by The Associated Press, while 18 of his players earned academic all-MW accolades.

Furthermore, Thompkins and Derek Wright both signed NFL free agent contracts with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Carolina Panthers, respectively.

Anderson joined Utah State after spending seven years as the head coach at Arkansas State, leading the Red Wolves to six-consecutive winning seasons and six-straight bowl games from 2014-19, including a 31-13 win against UCF in the 2016 Cure Bowl and a 34-26 win against FIU in the 2019 Camellia Bowl.

During that six-year stretch, the Red Wolves broke 12 school records, including 494.8 yards of total offense per game, 4,106 passing yards and 38 touchdown passes in 2017, 520 points scored and 69

### /// THE ANDERSON FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Utah State – Head Coach/Off. Coord./QB
2021-22	Utah State – Head Coach
2014-20	Arkansas State – Head Coach
2012-13	North Carolina – Offensive Coordinator/QB
2010-11	Southern Miss – Offensive Coordinator/QB
2008-09	Southern Miss – Run Game Coordinator/QB
2007	Louisiana – Offensive Coordinator/QB
2002-04	Middle Tennessee – Co.Off. Coordinator/QB
2001	New Mexico – Wide Receivers
1999-00	New Mexico – Running Backs
1998	Trinity Valley CC – Offensive Coordinator
1995-97	Trinity Valley CC – Recruiting Coordinator/ QB/WR/DB
1994	Howard Payne – Wide Receivers
1993	Eastern New Mexico – Wide Receivers
1992	Eastern New Mexico – Graduate Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES (13)

Utah State (2) – 2022 First Responder Bowl; 2021 LA Bowl
Arkansas State (6) – 2019 Camellia Bowl; 2018 Arizona Bowl; 2017 Camellia Bowl; 2016 Cure Bowl; 2015 New Orleans Bowl; 2014 GoDaddy.com Bowl
North Carolina (1) – 2013 Belk Bowl
Southern Miss (4) – 2011 Hawaii Bowl; 2010 Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl; 2009 New Orleans Bowl; 2008 R+L Carriers Bowl

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (1)

Trinity Valley Community College (1) – NJCAA, 1997
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#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (6)

Utah State (1) – Mountain West, 2021
Arkansas State (2) – Sun Belt Conference, 2016, 2015
Southern Miss (1) – Conference USA, 2011
Trinity Valley CC (1) – Texas JC Conference, 1997
Howard Payne (1) – Texas IA, 1994

#### DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (2)

Utah State (1) – MW Mountain Division, 2021
North Carolina (1) – ACC Coastal Division, 2012

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1990-91	Sam Houston State – Wide Receiver
1988-89	Baylor – Quarterback / Wide Receiver

#### EDUCATION

1994	E. New Mexico – Sports Administration (M.S.)
1992	Sam Houston State – Kinesiology (B.S.)

#### FAMILY

Wife, Brittany; Sons, Coleton, Cason; Daughters, Calie, Collins, Ellison

### /// ANDERSON'S HEAD COACH CAPSULE ///

Year	School	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	Conference	Finish
2014	Arkansas State	7-6	5-1	2-4	0-1	5-3	T-4th
2015	Arkansas State	9-4	5-1	4-2	0-1	8-0	1st
2016	Arkansas State	8-5	4-2	3-3	1-0	7-1	T-1st
2017	Arkansas State	7-5	4-1	3-3	0-1	6-2	2nd
2018	Arkansas State	8-5	5-1	3-3	0-1	5-3	T-1st West
2019	Arkansas State	8-5	4-2	3-3	1-0	5-3	2nd West
2020	Arkansas State	4-7	3-2	1-5	0-0	2-6	T-3rd West
2021	Utah State	11-3	3-3	7-0	1-0	6-2	1st
2022	Utah State	6-7	4-2	2-4	0-1	5-3	T-2nd MD
<b>Total</b>	<b>Nine Years</b>	<b>68-47</b>	<b>37-15</b>	<b>28-27</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>49-23</b>	<b>---</b>



total touchdowns in 2015, and 6,174 yards of total offense and 1,024 total plays in 2014.

Arkansas State also won back-to-back Sun Belt Conference Championships under Anderson in 2015 and 2016, and competed for another in 2017 in A-State's regular-season finale that was a de facto championship game.

Entering the 2020 COVID season, the Red Wolves had won at least seven games, including at least five league games, every year under Anderson, including a nine-victory campaign in 2015 and eight-win seasons in 2016, 2018 and 2019. In all, Anderson posted a 51-37 (.580) record during his seven seasons at Arkansas State, including a 38-18 (.679) mark in the Sun Belt Conference. Those 51 wins, 40 of which were by double digits, are tied for the third-most in school history.

Furthermore, the Anderson-led Red Wolves were one of just 20 Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) programs, including six from the Group of Five, to post a winning record in six-consecutive seasons from 2014-19. In fact, A-State's 51 wins under Anderson were tied for the 41st-most in the country during his seven seasons at the helm, while his 38 league wins are the second-most in Sun Belt history.

Statistically, Arkansas State annually ranked as one of the top offensive teams in the nation under Anderson. In 2020, the Red Wolves led the Sun Belt Conference and ranked 15th nationally in total offense at 489.7 yards per game. ASU also led the Sun Belt in total offense in 2018 (466.2 ypg), 2017 (494.8 ypg) and 2014 (476.5 ypg), and ranked second in 2015 (438.5 ypg). Furthermore, the 2017 team ranked 10th in the nation in total offense, while the 2018 team was 17th and the 2014 team was 20th nationally.

As for passing offense, Arkansas State led the Sun Belt Conference and ranked third in the nation in 2020 at 364.4 yards per game. In 2019, the Red Wolves finished second in the conference and 10th in the nation with 312.1 passing yards per game. ASU also led the Sun Belt in passing offense in both 2017 and 2018 with 342.2 and 281.5 passing yards per game, respectively. The 2017 team also ranked fifth nationally in that category, while the 2018 team was 21st in the nation.

Arkansas State also led the Sun Belt Conference in scoring offense three times under Anderson as the 2017 team averaged 37.8 points per game to rank 13th nationally, while the 2015 team averaged 40.0 points per game to rank 12th in the nation, and the 2014 team averaged 36.7 points per game to rank 18th nationally. In fact, six of Anderson's seven Red Wolves teams averaged over 30 points per game.

Overall, each of Anderson's first six squads at Arkansas State ranked among the top-45 teams in the nation in at least 23 combined offensive, defensive and special teams categories, including the 2018 team that led the nation in punt return defense (-1.9 ypr), the 2016 team that led the nation in tackles for loss (9.6 pg) and the 2015 squad that led the nation in both defensive touchdowns (8) and passes intercepted (26).

Along the way, Anderson saw 11 of his players earn all-Sun Belt recognition in 2014, followed by 16 in 2015, 2016 and 2019, and a school-record 18 in 2017. All six seasons combined, Anderson coached 65 different players to 97 all-conference selections – the most in the league over that span.

Following the 2019 campaign, Anderson received the Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award and was named the Grant Teaff Coach of the Year, presented annually by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, as he guided the Red Wolves to an 8-5 record and Camellia Bowl championship after his wife, Wendy, passed away prior to the start of the season following a courageous battle with cancer.

The native of Hubbard, Texas, went to Arkansas State after spending the previous two seasons as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at North Carolina, where he helped lead the Tar Heels to an Atlantic Coast Conference Coastal Division title in 2012 and the Belk Bowl in 2013. Under Anderson's direction, North Carolina averaged 432.4 total yards per game in 2013 after setting the school record the previous year with 485.6 yards per contest. Prior to his arrival in Chapel Hill, the Tar Heels had not averaged 400 yards in a season since 1993.

North Carolina's offense posted more than 500 yards of total offense seven times during Anderson's two seasons at the school, including a school-record 721 yards versus Old Dominion in his last season, and scored 40-or-more points in nine games. The Tar Heels also averaged 44.2 points per game at Kenan Stadium (14 games) with Anderson as their offensive coordinator.

Anderson led a passing offense during the 2013 season that ranked 23rd in the nation, averaging 286.3 yards per game. North Carolina posted 27 passing touchdowns, which were the second-most in school history, and just two behind the 29 recorded in 2012. The Tar Heels ranked among the top-44 teams in the nation in total offense, completion percentage, passing offense, red zone offense, scoring offense, passing efficiency, fourth down conversions and turnovers lost in 2013.

North Carolina's offensive success was just a continuation from Anderson's initial season, which saw the Tar Heels establish more than 35 school records. The Tar Heels finished eighth in the country in scoring, averaging 40.6 points per game, and were 14th nationally with 485.6 yards per game. Their passing attack was 26th nationally with 291.8 yards per contest, and the Tar Heels also rushed for 193.8 yards per game, their highest average since 1994.

Anderson went to Chapel Hill after a record-setting run as Southern Mississippi's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The Golden Eagles set school records for total offense in each of Anderson's last two years. He was part of a Southern Miss staff that won a school-record 12 games in 2012, including the Conference USA championship over previously-unbeaten Houston, and the Hawaii Bowl over Nevada.

Under the eye of Anderson, the Golden Eagles were one of 14 teams in the country that averaged more than 200 yards per game in both rushing and passing in 2011. The Golden Eagles had nearly 6,500 yards of total offense and set a school record with 461.4 yards per game. In addition, USM was 15th nationally in scoring offense, 16th in total offense and 21st in rushing offense. Anderson's offense posted 30-or-more points in 10 of 14 games in 2011, including a season-high 63 in a win over Navy.

In 2010, Southern Miss was 18th in total offense, 20th in rushing offense and 35th in passing offense. The Golden Eagles also averaged 36.9 points per game to rank 15th in the nation. That season,

Anderson's quarterbacks were among the most efficient in the nation with only eight interceptions thrown – including one by a wide receiver – to 24 touchdowns.

Anderson came to Southern Miss after spending the 2007 campaign at Louisiana-Lafayette as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. The Ragin' Cajuns posted the No. 6-rated rushing offense nationally (251.6 ypg) in 2007 and became the Sun Belt's first-ever 3,000-yard rushing team (3,019).

Anderson, who was in private business from 2004-06, previously worked at Middle Tennessee, where he helped direct an offensive unit as co-offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach from 2002-04.

Anderson also spent three seasons at New Mexico, serving as the wide receivers coach in 2001 and running backs coach from 1999-2000. The UNM rushing attack was responsible for a major share of the Lobo offense in 2000. The Lobos averaged 148 yards per game on the ground, which accounted for 56 percent of the team's total offense.

Before joining the FBS ranks, Anderson worked at Trinity Valley Community College (1995-98) in Athens, Texas, where he helped lead the Cardinals to the 1997 NJCAA National Championship.

Anderson began his coaching career at Eastern New Mexico in 1992 (graduate assistant) and 1993 (full-time), where he tutored the wide receivers. He then moved on to Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, to coach the wide receivers as HPU won the Texas IAA conference title in 1994.

A two-year letterwinner at wide receiver for Sam Houston State from 1990-91, Anderson was named Southland Conference all-academic as a senior. He also played for two years as a quarterback and receiver at Baylor (1988-89) before transferring. Anderson graduated with his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Sam Houston State in 1992. He also attained his master's degree in sports administration from Eastern New Mexico in 1994.

Anderson and his late wife, Wendy, who passed away after a three-year battle with cancer, were married for 27 years and had three children together in daughter, Callie, and sons, Coleton and Cason. Anderson was remarried to his wife Brittany in 2021 and they have two children together in daughters Collins and Ellison. Tragically in February of 2022, Cason was also lost and laid to rest alongside his mother in Anderson's hometown of Hubbard, Texas.





## JOE CAUTHEN

- **Defensive Coordinator**
- **Stephen F. Austin, 1990**
- **34th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **First Year at Utah State**

Joe Cauthen (Caw-then) is in his first season as Utah State's defensive coordinator. Overall, Cauthen has 33 years of coaching experience, including 27 at the collegiate level, and is entering his 22nd year as a defensive coordinator. He has been part of five conference championship teams, including one national championship, and has coached in seven bowl games.

Cauthen comes to Utah State after spending the 2022 season as the defensive coordinator at Stephen F. Austin, where he helped the Lumberjacks win the Western Athletic Conference Championship. Cauthen's defense ranked among the best at the Football Championship Subdivision level as it forced 19 turnovers with 11 interceptions and eight fumbles and scored a pair of touchdowns.

Under Cauthen, Stephen F. Austin had nine defenders earn all-WAC honors, including a pair of All-Americans in BJ Thompson and Edward Bobino.

Cauthen spent the 2021 season as the defensive coordinator at Buffalo, where the Bulls ranked 14th nationally in red zone defense (.735), 16th in sacks (3.08 pg) and 36th in tackles for loss (6.5 pg).

Prior to coaching at Buffalo, Cauthen spent four months on staff at Arkansas as a defensive analyst.

During the 2019 and 2020 seasons, Cauthen served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Houston. In 2020, his defense ranked 16th in the nation in sacks (3.00 pg) and 21st in tackles for loss (7.4 pg).

Cauthen also spent five seasons (2014-18) as the defensive coordinator at Arkansas State under Blake Anderson, helping ASU to a pair of conference championships and five bowl games.

Overall, the Red Wolves ranked among the top-21 teams in the nation in defensive touchdowns during Cauthen's final four seasons with 22. The 2015 campaign saw ASU's defense record an FBS-high eight touchdowns, while also leading the country in interceptions with a school-record 26.

In 2018, Arkansas State ranked 11th nationally in passing defense (177.8 ypg). Individually, defensive end Ronheen Bingham was named the Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year and was one of six A-State players to earn post-season honors.

During the 2017 season, Arkansas State's defense ranked sixth nationally in tackles for loss (8.3 pg), ninth in fourth down conversions (.364), 19th in sacks (2.92 pg), 21st in defensive touchdowns (3), 21st in third down conversions (.330), 27th in fumbles recovered (10), 29th in turnovers gained (24), 32nd in passes intercepted (14) and 33rd in rushing defense (136.1 ypg).

Following the 2017 season, eight players were named all-Sun Belt Conference, including defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones, who was tabbed the Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.

In 2016, Arkansas State led the nation with 9.6 tackles for loss per game and was sixth nationally with 3.31 sacks per outing. Rolland-Jones was

among nine defensive players named all-Sun Belt, helping the Red Wolves rank fourth in the nation in fourth down conversion percentage defense (.250), eighth in defensive touchdowns (4), 19th in scoring defense (21.5 ppg), 23rd in pass efficiency defense (117.25), 24th in fumbles recovered (11) and 29th in total defense (362.8 ypg).

Cauthen's defensive unit finished the 2015 season ranked second in the country in turnovers gained (34), 11th in fourth-down conversion percentage defense (.333), 19th in third-down conversion defense (.335), 41st in sacks (2.38 pg) and 44th in rushing defense (151.5 ypg).

During Cauthen's first year at Arkansas State in 2014, the Red Wolves ranked 14th in the nation in defensive touchdowns (4), 15th in passes intercepted (16), 17th in team sacks (2.85 pg), 21st in turnovers gained (28), 27th in third down percentage defense (.359), 28th in fumbles recovered (12) and 36th in tackles for loss (6.6 pg).

Prior to Arkansas State, Cauthen spent three seasons at Middle Tennessee, serving as the defensive line coach in 2012 and 2013 after working as the linebackers coach in 2011. He was also the special teams coordinator all three years at MTSU.

The Blue Raiders put together back-to-back eight-win seasons during Cauthen's last two years at the school and played in the Armed Forces Bowl in 2013. In 2013, the Blue Raiders ranked fifth in the nation in turnovers gained with 33, including 15 interceptions and 18 fumble recoveries.

Cauthen also spent four seasons as the defensive coordinator at Valdosta State. In 2010, Cauthen helped lead the Blazers to a Gulf South Conference Championship after his defense ranked 23rd nationally in total defense and 18th in scoring defense. His unit was led by All-American and National Defensive Player of the Year Larry Dean, who had 122 tackles.

Cauthen's defense was dominant during the 2008 season as it finished 24th nationally in scoring defense (18.6 ppg), 31st in total defense (304.6 ypg) and 31st in rushing defense (108.3 ypg).

In 2007, Cauthen directed a unit that finished 14th in the nation in scoring defense (17.6 ppg) as Valdosta State won its second national title. That year, VSU led the nation in passes intercepted with 27 and was second in turnovers gained with 40.

Prior to Valdosta State, Cauthen had coaching stints at Texas A&M-Commerce, Stephen F. Austin and Trinity Valley Community College. During his seven seasons with Texas A&M-Commerce, Cauthen coached six All-Americans, four Lone Star Conference (LSC) Linebackers of the Year, three Defensive Lineman of the Year, one Defensive Back of the Year and 34 defensive players that earned LSC honors.

Cauthen earned his bachelor's degree in health and kinesiology with a minor in biology from Stephen F. Austin in 1990. He also obtained a master's degree in sports administration from Texas-Tyler in 1997. Cauthen is married to the former Annittia Chapman and they share five children: Sam, Brooklyn, Hayden, Dakota and Jackson.

### /// THE CAUTHEN FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Defensive Coordinator
2022	Stephen F. Austin – Defensive Coordinator
2021	Buffalo – Defensive Coordinator
2021	Arkansas – Defensive Analyst
2019-20	Houston – Defensive Coordinator/LB
2014-18	Arkansas State – Defensive Coordinator/LB
2012-13	Middle Tennessee – Special Teams Coord./DL
2011	Middle Tennessee – Special Teams Coord./LB
2007-10	Valdosta State – Defensive Coordinator
1999-06	Texas A&M-Commerce – Defensive Coordinator
1997-98	Stephen F. Austin – Defensive Line
1996	Trinity Valley CC – Defensive Line
1990-95	Sherman (TX) HS – Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES (7)

Houston (1) – 2020 New Mexico Bowl  
 Arkansas State (5) – 2018 Arizona Bowl; 2017 Camellia Bowl; 2016 Cure Bowl; 2015 New Orleans Bowl; 2014 GoDaddy.com Bowl  
 Middle Tennessee (1) – 2013 Armed Forces Bowl

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (1)

Valdosta State (1) – NCAA Division II, 2007

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (5)

Stephen F. Austin (1) – WAC: 2022  
 Arkansas State (2) – Sun Belt Conference: 2016, 2015  
 Valdosta State (2) – Gulf South Conference: 2010, 2007

#### NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS (3)

Valdosta State (3) – NCAA Division II, 2010, 2008, 2007

#### EDUCATION

1997	Texas-Tyler – Sports Administration (M.A.)
1990	Stephen F. Austin – Health & Kinesiology (B.S.)

#### FAMILY

Wife, Annittia; Children, Sam, Brooklyn, Hayden, Dakota, Jackson





## NICK PAREMSKI

- **Special Teams Coordinator**
- **Wisconsin-La Crosse, 2003**
- **20th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **Third Year at Utah State**

Nick Paremski (Puh-rem-ski), who has 19 years of collegiate coaching experience, including four seasons as a defensive coordinator and another four years as a special teams coordinator, is in his third season as Utah State's special teams coordinator. Paremski also coached USU's outside linebackers in 2021 and 2022.

In all, Paremski has coached in six bowl games and has been a part of six conference championship teams.

During the 2022 campaign, Paremski helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second straight, as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

In 2022, Utah State's special teams finished the year ranked 16th in the nation based on The Freeman Efficiency Index (FEI), as the Aggies blocked four kicks, with three punts and one extra point, to rank 10th in the nation. USU also ranked second in the MW and 33rd in the nation in punt return defense, allowing 5.4 yards per return, and was also third in the MW in both punt returns (8.9 ypr) and net punting (38.9 ypp).

Paremski also coached a pair of specialists to MW Player of the Week honors during the 2022 season in placekicker Connor Coles and punter Stephen Kotsanlee. Kotstanlee finished the year fourth in the MW and 38th in the nation with an average of 43.2 yards per punt, which ranks as the sixth-best average in school history.

In 2021, Utah State had its best season in school history as it tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won its first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Utah State's defense held each of its final three opponents to 13 or fewer points, doing so for the first time since 1983, and five of its last six opponents to 17 or fewer points.

Utah State's defense finished tied for second in the nation with 114.0 tackles for loss, which is also tied for the second-most in school history. And, USU limited its opponents to just 22 touchdowns on 51 trips into the red zone (.431), which ranked 10th nationally.

Paremski coached kickoff returner Savon Scarver, who had one kickoff return for touchdown in 2021 to tie the NCAA record with seven career kickoff returns for scores. Scarver was named second-team all-MW.

Utah State's special teams shined in the MW Championship game, setting a school record with two blocked punts. Furthermore, USU's finished the season 24th in the nation in punt return defense (4.3 ypr).

Prior to Utah State, Paremski spent five seasons (2016-20) at Arkansas State, including serving as the interim defensive coordinator in 2020. During his time with the Red Wolves, he spent two

seasons as the special teams co-coordinator and safeties coach (2019-20), one season as the outside linebackers coach (2018) and two seasons as a quality control assistant (2016-17).

At Arkansas State, Paremski helped the Red Wolves to four straight bowl games (2016-19) and the 2016 Sun Belt Conference Championship.

As the interim defensive coordinator in 2020, Paremski mentored a pair of all-Sun Belt performers in linebacker Justin Rice (first team) and defensive lineman Forrest Merrill (second team). Rice led the nation with 18.5 tackles for loss.

In 2019, Paremski coached a pair of all-conference safeties in Darreon Jackson and BJ Edmonds. The duo helped A-State force 19 turnovers to rank second in the Sun Belt. In all, the Red Wolves recorded 12 interceptions to rank second in the conference and 31st in the nation.

With Paremski also working as special teams co-coordinator, A-State kicker Blake Grupe and punter Cody Grace were both named first-team all-Sun Belt Conference in 2019.

In 2020, Arkansas State ranked 12th in the nation in kickoff return defense (17.03 ypr).

In 2018, Paremski was part of A-State's staff that helped the Red Wolves limit four of their final five opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense. A-State also surrendered no more than 17 points in each of its final five outings. Along the way, the squad had seven defensive players earn all-conference honors.

Paremski also served as a quality control assistant for Arkansas State during the 2016 and 2017 seasons. In 2016, ASU won the Sun Belt championship and defeated UCF in the Cure Bowl.

Prior to Arkansas State, Paremski spent 10 years at West Texas A&M from 2006-15, including the last three as defensive coordinator.

During his time with the Buffaloes, he helped lead the program to Lone Star Conference (LSC) championships in 2006, 2007 and 2012. The 2012 squad was also Super Region 4 champions and a national semifinalist.

Paremski coached 12 NFL or CFL players at West Texas A&M, while also mentoring 20 first-team all-LSC selections and three LSC Defensive Backs of the Year. Paremski also coached one LSC Linebacker of the Year and two LSC Freshmen of the Year.

Prior to West Texas A&M, Paremski served as a graduate assistant coach at Texas A&M-Kingsville from 2004-05. The 2004 season saw the Javelinas win the Lone Star title and secure an NCAA Division II playoff berth.

Paremski earned his master's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University-Kingsville in 2006, and he also holds his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Paremski and his wife, Krista, are the parents of one son, Huston, and one daughter, Alani.

### /// THE PAREMSKI FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023	Utah State – Special Teams Coordinator
2021-22	Utah State – Special Teams Coordinator/OLB
2020	Arkansas State – Interim Def. Coordinator
2019-20	Arkansas State – Special Teams Co-Coordinator/Safeties
2018	Arkansas State – Outside Linebackers
2016-17	Arkansas State – Quality Control Assistant
2013-15	West Texas A&M – Defensive Coordinator
2008-12	West Texas A&M – Asst. Head Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Backs
2007	West Texas A&M – Recruiting Coordinator/ Defensive Backs
2006	West Texas A&M – Cornerbacks
2004-05	Texas A&M-Kingsville – Graduate Assistant
2002-03	Holmen (Wis.) HS – Defensive Backs

#### BOWL GAMES (6)

Utah State (2)	– 2022 First Responder Bowl; 2021 LA Bowl
Arkansas State (4)	– 2019 Camellia Bowl; 2018 Arizona Bowl; 2017 Camellia Bowl; 2016 Cure Bowl

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (6)

Utah State (1)	– Mountain West, 2021
Arkansas State (1)	– Sun Belt Conference, 2016
West Texas A&M (3)	– Lone Star Conference, 2012, 2007, 2006
Texas A&M-Kingsville (1)	– Lone Star Conference, 2004

#### EDUCATION

2006	Texas A&M-Kingsville – MBA
2003	Wis.-La Crosse – Business Administration

#### FAMILY

Wife, Krista; Son, Huston; Daughter, Alani





## KYLE CEFALO

- **Co-Offensive Coordinator / Wide Receivers**
- **Colorado, 2012**
- **11th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **Third Year at Utah State**

Kyle Cefalo (Seph-uh-low), who has 10 years of collegiate coaching experience, is in his third season at Utah State. After spending his first two seasons as the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach, Cefalo was promoted to co-offensive coordinator in 2023.

In all, Cefalo has coached in nine bowl games and been a part of three conference championships.

During the 2022 campaign, Cefalo helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. Cefalo also coached Brian Cobbs (second team) and Terrell Vaughn (honorable mention) to all-MW honors and mentored Justin McGriff, who became the 37th Aggie to record 1,000 career receiving yards. Following the season, Cobbs signed an NFL free agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals.

In 2021, Cefalo helped Utah State to its best season ever as it tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won its first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the year ranked 24th in the nation.

Utah State's offense set six school records in 2021, including 41 touchdown passes, 4,248 passing yards and three receivers with 10-plus touchdown receptions. USU also tied a pair of school records, including 13 100-yard receiving games.

Additionally, Utah State's offense produced over 600 yards of total offense twice, and over 400 passing yards three times, all of which rank among the top 16 performances in school history.

Utah State finished the 2021 season ranked 15th in the nation in passing offense (303.4 ypg), 23rd in total offense (445.6 ypg), and 33rd in scoring offense (32.6 ppg). USU was also the only team that had three players with 10 touchdown receptions.

Individually, senior wide receiver Deven Thompkins set three school records in 2021, including 102 receptions for 1,704 yards. Thompkins also tied two school records with six consecutive 100-yard receiving games and nine 100-yard receiving games.

Thompkins, who was named an Associated Press Third-Team All-American and a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award, was second in the nation in receiving yards.

Cefalo also coached Derek Wright to honorable mention all-MW honors in 2021, while Thompkins was named first team. Thompkins was also named the MW Offensive Player of the Week twice.

Thompkins (Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Wright (Carolina Panthers) and Savon Scarver (Chicago Bears) all signed NFL free agent contracts, while Brandon Bowling was invited to the Chicago Bears rookie mini-camp.

Cefalo joined Utah State after spending four seasons as the wide receivers coach at Arkansas State, including serving as its special teams coordinator his last two years.

During the 2020 season, Cefalo coached the

Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year in Jonathan Adams Jr., who was named an Associated Press Second-Team All-American. A Biletnikoff Award semifinalist, Adams was third in the nation in receptions (79) and touchdown catches (12), and fifth in receiving yards (1,111). Adams signed an NFL free agent contract with the Detroit Lions.

Cefalo also coached Bowling to honorable mention all-Sun Belt honors in 2020, as Arkansas State ranked second in the nation in passing offense (364.4 ypg), 14th in total offense (498.7 ypg) and 35th in scoring offense (32.9 ppg).

In 2019, the Red Wolves ranked 10th in the country in passing offense (312.1 ypg), 26th in scoring offense (33.7 ppg) and 33rd in total offense (439.3 ypg).

As special teams co-coordinator, Arkansas State ranked 12th in the nation in kickoff return defense (17.03 ypr). Furthermore, ASU kicker Blake Grupe and punter Cody Grace were both named first-team all-Sun Belt in 2019. Grupe was also a Lou Groza Award semifinalist.

Arkansas State ranked 17th in the country in total offense (466.2 ypg) and 21st in passing yards (281.5 ypg) on its way to the 2018 Arizona Bowl.

Cefalo coached two-time first-team all-Sun Belt selection Kirk Merritt in both 2018 and 2019. Merritt was also tabbed the league's Newcomer of the Year in 2018 after recording 83 receptions for 1,005 yards and seven touchdowns. Merritt signed an NFL free agent contract with the Miami Dolphins.

In 2019, Omar Bayless shattered the school records for both receiving yards (1,653) and receiving touchdowns (17), while also leading the nation in receiving yards per game (127.2). He was a Biletnikoff Award semifinalist and earned Walter Camp and Associated Press Second-Team All-America recognition before signing an NFL free agent contract with the Carolina Panthers.

Cefalo's first season back at Arkansas State in 2017 saw the Red Wolves rank fifth in the nation in passing offense (342.2 ypg), 10th in total offense (494.8 ypg) and 13th in scoring (37.8 ppg).

Cefalo spent the 2016 campaign as a graduate assistant at Maryland, which doubled its wins from the previous year and played in the Quick Lane Bowl.

His three seasons as a graduate assistant coach at Arkansas State saw the Red Wolves compile three of the top five marks, at the time, in school history for total offense, including a school-record 6,194 yards in 2014.

Arkansas State played in three straight bowl games and won league titles in 2013 and 2015.

Cefalo spent the first six months of 2013 as a recruiting intern at Boise State.

Cefalo enjoyed a successful playing career at Colorado, where he walked on in 2009 before earning a scholarship in the fall of 2011. He originally signed to play baseball at Oregon State, but suffered a season-ending arm injury.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Cefalo earned his bachelor's degree in history from Colorado in 2012. He was named to the Athletics Director's Honor Roll in 2012, as well.

### /// THE CEFALO FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023- Utah State – Co-Offensive Coordinator/WR  
 2021-22 Utah State – Passing Game Coordinator/WR  
 2019-20 Arkansas State – Special Teams Co-Coordinator/Wide Receivers  
 2017-18 Arkansas State – Inside Wide Receivers  
 2016 Maryland – Graduate Assistant  
 2013-15 Arkansas State – Graduate Assistant  
 2013 Boise State – Recruiting Intern

#### BOWL GAMES (9)

Utah State (2) – 2022 First Responder Bowl; 2021 LA Bowl  
 Arkansas State (6) – 2019 Camellia Bowl; 2018 Arizona Bowl; 2017 Camellia Bowl; 2015 New Orleans Bowl; 2014 GoDaddy.com Bowl; 2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl  
 Maryland (1) – 2016 Quick Lane Bowl

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (3)

Utah State (1) – Mountain West, 2021  
 Arkansas State (2) – Sun Belt Conference, 2015, 2013

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2009-11 Colorado – Wide Receiver

#### EDUCATION

2012 Colorado – History





## MITCHELL WHITE

- **Defensive Passing Game Coordinator / Cornerbacks**
- **Michigan State, 2012**
- **Sixth Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **First Year at Utah State**

Mitchell White is in his first season as Utah State's defensive passing game coordinator and cornerbacks coach. White has five years of coaching experience and one conference championship.

White came to Utah State after spending the 2022 season as the cornerbacks coach at Stephen F. Austin, where he helped the Lumberjacks win the Western Athletic Conference Championship. White was part of an SFA defense that ranked among the best at the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) level, forcing 19 turnovers with 11 interceptions and eight fumbles, and a pair of defensive touchdowns.

During the 2022 campaign, Stephen F. Austin had nine defenders earn all-WAC honors, including defensive back Bruce Harmon.

Before joining Stephen F. Austin, White coached at Notre Dame College (2021), University of Mary (2020), the University of Findlay (2019) and the Montreal Alouettes (2018).

As the pass defense coordinator and secondary coach at Notre Dame College in 2021, White helped the Falcons lead the nation in interceptions and turnovers gained as NDC's pass defense improved by over 80 yards per game. And, as the cornerbacks coach at the University of Findlay, he helped the Oilers rank in the top 25 nationally in turnovers gained.

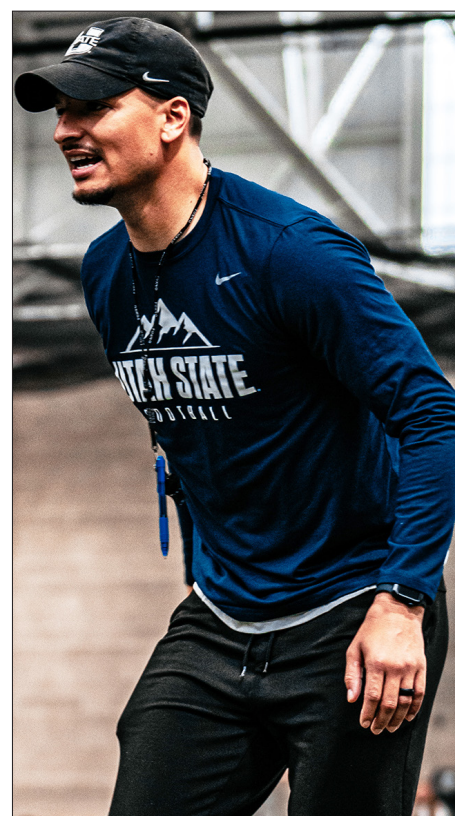
White was a four-year letterwinner (2009-12) at Michigan State, as he appeared in 43 career games and helped the Spartans win the 2010 Big Ten Championship. He also competed in track & field at MSU.

Following his collegiate career, White spent six years in professional football, including in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders (2013) and Philadelphia Eagles (2017). White also played four years in the Canadian Football League and won back-to-back Grey Cups with the Ottawa Redblacks (2016) and Toronto Argonauts (2017). During the 2016 campaign, he was named a CFL East All-Star.

A native of Livonia, Michigan, White graduated from Michigan State in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in human resources in economics.

White's brother, Myles, is the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach at Miami, Ohio.

White and his wife, Bianca, have three sons: Luca, Ezra and Zayn, and one daughter, Zara.



### /// THE WHITE FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Def. Passing Game Coord./CB
2022	Stephen F. Austin – Cornerbacks
2021	Notre Dame College – Pass Defense Coordinator/Secondary
2020	University of Mary – Secondary
2019	University of Findlay – Cornerbacks
2018	Montreal Alouettes – Assistant

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (1)

Stephen F. Austin (1) – WAC: 2022

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2018	Montreal Alouettes – Cornerback
2017	Toronto Argonauts – Cornerback
2017	Philadelphia Eagles – Cornerback
2016	Ottawa Redblacks – Cornerback
2014-15	Montreal Alouettes – Cornerback
2013	Oakland Raiders – Cornerback
2009-12	Michigan State – Cornerback

#### EDUCATION

2012	Michigan State – Human Resources in Economics (B.S.)
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#### FAMILY

Wife – Bianca; Sons, Luca, Ezra, Zayn; Daughter, Zara





## DJ TIALAVEA

- **Tight Ends**
- **Utah State, 2013**
- **Fourth Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **Third Year at Utah State**



DJ Tialavea (Tee-al-uh-vah-uh) is in his third year as the tight ends coach at his alma mater. Overall, Tialavea is entering his fourth season with Utah State as he spent the 2020 campaign as an offensive graduate assistant coaching the tight ends.

During the 2022 campaign, Tialavea helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark. Under Tialavea, Utah State had three tight ends combine to catch 19 passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns.

In 2021, Utah State had its best season in school history as it tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won its first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 road win at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Utah State's offense set six school records during the 2021 campaign, including 41 touchdown passes, 4,248 passing yards and three receivers with 10-plus touchdown receptions. USU's offense also tied a pair of school records with 13 100-yard receiving games and five passing touchdowns in a single game.

Under Tialavea, Utah State had two tight ends combine to catch 15 passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns.

Additionally, Utah State's offense produced over 600 yards of total offense twice, and over 400 passing yards three times, all of which rank among the top-16 performances in school history.

Utah State finished the 2021 season ranked 15th in the nation in passing offense (303.4 ypg), 23rd in total offense (445.6 ypg), and 33rd in scoring offense (32.6 ppg). USU was also the only team in the nation with at least 10 touchdown receptions by three players.

During the 2020 season, Tialavea coached a tight ends group that had three players combine for 73 yards on 10 receptions and one touchdown in USU's shortened six-game campaign due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a player, Tialavea was a four-year letterwinner (2010-13) and three-year captain for Utah State along the defensive line and at tight end, helping the Aggies to three-straight bowl games and the 2012 Western Athletic Conference title.

While at Utah State, Tialavea appeared in 40 games with 17 starts and caught 30 passes for 198 yards and five touchdowns. He also earned academic all-Mountain West

honors following his senior season.

Following his collegiate career, Tialavea spent four years (2014-17) in the NFL. Originally signed by Jacksonville as an undrafted free agent, he also spent time with Buffalo in 2014 before joining Atlanta's practice squad in 2015. He spent two seasons with the Falcons before the Chicago Bears signed him to their practice squad in 2017. On Dec. 24, 2016, Tialavea made his official NFL debut in the Falcons' 33-16 win at Carolina, a game in which he caught a 1-yard touchdown pass.

Tialavea graduated from Utah State with a sports management degree in 2013. He later earned his master's degree in education from USU in 2019. In 2014, he received the Utah State Courage Award.



### /// THE TIALAVEA FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2021- Utah State – Tight Ends  
2020 Utah State – Graduate Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES (2)

Utah State (2) – 2022 First Responder Bowl; 2021 LA Bowl

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (1)

Utah State (1) – Mountain West, 2021

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2017 Chicago Bears – Tight End  
2015-16 Atlanta Falcons – Tight End  
2014 Buffalo Bills – Tight End  
2013 Jacksonville Jaguars – Tight End  
2010-13 Utah State – Tight End/Defensive Line

#### EDUCATION

2019 Utah State – Education (M.S.)  
2013 Utah State – Sports Management (B.S.)





## MIKE ZUCKERMAN

- **Linebackers**
- **Miami, 2012**
- **11th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **Third Year at Utah State**

Mike Zuckerman is in his third season at Utah State and first as the linebackers coach after coaching the inside linebackers his first two seasons. In his 10 years as a collegiate coach, Zuckerman has coached in 10 bowl games and been a part of one conference championship.

During the 2022 campaign, Zuckerman helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark.

Overall, the Aggie defense ranked 11th in the nation in tackles for loss (7.2 pg) and 31st in passing (205.0 ypg) in 2022, led by AJ Vongphachanh's team-best 101 tackles and 10.5 tackles for loss, which were the second-most on the team. Additionally, inside linebacker MJ Tafisi earned honorable mention all-MW honors under Zuckerman, while Max Alford was named the MW Freshman of the Week once.

In 2021, Utah State had its best season in school history as it tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won its first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 road win at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Utah State's defense held each of its final three opponents to 13 or fewer points, doing so for the first time since 1983, and five of its last six opponents to 17 or fewer points.

Utah State's defense finished tied for second in the nation with 114.0 tackles for loss, which is tied for the second-most in school history. And, USU limited its opponents to just 22 touchdowns on 51 trips into the red zone (.431), which ranked 10th nationally.

Additionally, Utah State's defense ranked fourth in the nation in fourth down conversion percentage (.250), eighth with 11 forced fumbles and 27th in third down conversion percentage (.346).

Under Zuckerman, Utah State's Justin Rice was named the MW Defensive Player of the Week twice and was named to the league's second team at season's end.

Zuckerman arrived at Utah State after spending seven seasons (2014-20) in various roles for the Miami Hurricanes. Zuckerman was a senior quality control analyst for defense during the 2019 and 2020 campaigns. He also spent two seasons (2017-18) as a quality control analyst and was a graduate assistant the previous three seasons (2014-16).

During the 2020 campaign, Zuckerman helped a Hurricanes defense that led the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in yards per

pass attempt (6.75) and ranked fourth nationally in tackles for loss (8.6 pg), 16th in fumbles recovered (9) and 33rd in sacks (2.73 pg). Miami finished the season with an 8-3 record, including a 7-2 ACC mark, and played in the Cheez-It Bowl.

In 2019, Zuckerman helped a Miami defense that ranked 13th nationally in total defense (309.8 yapg) and 12th nationally in yards per play allowed (4.7). In addition, the Hurricanes ranked fourth nationally in tackles for loss (8.3 pg), sixth in sacks (3.54 pg), 17th in run defense (114.6 yapg) and 18th in pass defense (195.2 yapg).

In 2018, the Hurricanes ranked fourth nationally in total defense (278.9 yapg) and ranked No. 1 in several categories, including tackles for loss (10.5 pg), third down conversion percentage (.253) and passing defense (135.6 yapg).

The Hurricanes ranked among the nation's leaders in several defensive categories in 2017, including first in team sacks (3.38 pg), third in turnovers gained (31), fourth in tackles for loss (8.5 pg), ninth in opponent yards per play (4.3), 15th in passes intercepted (17) and 16th in passing yards allowed per attempt (5.56).

At the conclusion of the 2016 season, Miami was ranked 20th nationally in total defense (345.5 yapg), ninth in yards per play (4.8), 12th in scoring defense (18.5 ppg), fifth in tackles for loss (8.3 pg), 22nd in team sacks (2.85 pg) and tied for eighth in defensive touchdowns allowed. The Hurricanes also ranked 12th nationally in passing yards allowed per attempt (6.30).

Zuckerman returned to Miami after spending nearly two years as a member of the Rutgers coaching staff. He was a player development assistant in 2013 and was elevated to graduate assistant in 2014 before leaving for Miami.

Prior to Rutgers, Zuckerman spent three years working as a student with the Hurricanes. He earned his start as a volunteer operations assistant before serving as a volunteer offensive assistant for Miami.

Zuckerman got his start in coaching at New Rochelle (New York) High School in 2008, working with the offensive and defensive lines as an assistant coach.

Zuckerman earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Miami in business administration and sports administration, respectively, in 2012 and 2016.

Zuckerman was a four-year member of the New Rochelle HS football team, including serving as captain as a senior.

### /// THE ZUCKERMAN FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Linebackers
2021-22	Utah State – Inside Linebackers
2019-20	Miami – Senior Quality Control Analyst
2017-18	Miami – Quality Control Analyst
2014-16	Miami – Graduate Assistant
2013	Rutgers – Development Assistant
2010-12	Miami – Student Assistant
2008	New Rochelle HS – Interior Lines

#### BOWL GAMES (10)

Utah State (2) – 2022 First Responder Bowl; 2021 LA Bowl  
 Miami (FL) (7) – 2020 Cheez-It Bowl; 2019 Independence Bowl; 2018 Pinstripe Bowl; 2017 Orange Bowl; 2016 Russell Athletic Bowl; 2015 Sun Bowl; 2014 Independence Bowl  
 Rutgers (1) – 2013 Pinstripe Bowl

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (1)

Utah State (1) – Mountain West, 2021

#### EDUCATION

2016	Miami – Sports Administration (M.S.)
2012	Miami – Business Administration (B.S.)





## COOPER BASSETT

- **Offensive Line**
- **Oklahoma State, 2012**
- **11th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **First Year at Utah State**



Cooper Bassett is in his first year as Utah State's offensive line coach. Bassett, who has 10 years of collegiate coaching experience, has been a part of two divisional championship teams and has coached in three bowl games.

Bassett came to Utah State after spending the 2022 season as the offensive line coach at Sam Houston State, where the Bearkats rushed for an average of 162.3 yards per game (4.4 yards per attempt) and allowed just 18 sacks in nine outings to rank first in the Western Athletic Conference in sacks allowed and second in rushing offense. At SHSU, Bassett coached Jordan Boatman to second-team all-conference honors.

Prior to Sam Houston State, Bassett spent the 2021 season directing the offensive line at Southeast Missouri, where his unit helped pave the way for a 1,000-yard rusher in Geno Hess. Bassett also coached a pair of offensive linemen to all-conference accolades in Nate Korte and Zack Gieg.

Bassett also spent four years (2017-20) as the offensive line coach at West Texas A&M, including two seasons as the running game coordinator.

In 2020, Bassett's offensive line paved the way for a West Texas A&M offense that ranked 14th in the nation in rushing with 207.6 yards per game. The Buffs led the Lone Star Conference (LSC) in third (41.4 percent) and fourth down (58.3 percent) conversion percentage, and first downs (99). West Texas A&M ranked eighth nationally in first downs, as well.

Prior to that, the offensive line produced 363 yards in total offense per game during the 2019 campaign. Under Bassett's tutelage, the Buffs rushed for 31 touchdowns, their most in a season in over a decade. West Texas A&M ranked first in the LSC and 15th in the nation in sacks allowed that year.

In 2018, Bassett coached a pair Lone Star Conference performers in Parker Hanna and Travis Vornkahl.

After completing his college career at Oklahoma State (2009-12), where the Cowboys compiled a record of 40-12, Bassett coached at Missouri and Maryland. He spent three seasons at Missouri, where the Tigers finished 23-5 and won back-to-back SEC East Division titles. And at Maryland, Bassett worked primarily with the offensive line during the 2016 campaign.

A native of Tuttle, Oklahoma, Bassett was a four-year letterman and senior captain at Oklahoma State, where he played tight end and defensive line. He earned his bachelor's degree in science from OSU in 2012

and master's in education from Missouri in 2015.

Bassett and his wife, Samantha, are the parents of two sons, Bowen and Briar.



### /// THE BASSETT FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Offensive Line
2022	Sam Houston State – Offensive Line
2021	Southeast Missouri – Offensive Line
2019-20	West Texas A&M – Run Game Coordinator/OL
2017-18	West Texas A&M – Offensive Line
2016	Maryland – Offensive Graduate Assistant
2013-15	Missouri – Offensive Graduate Assistant

#### BOWL GAMES (3)

Maryland (1)	– 2016 Quick Lane Bowl
Missouri (2)	– 2015 Citrus Bowl; 2014 Cotton Bowl

#### DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS (2)

Missouri (2)	– SEC East: 2014, 2013
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#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2009-12	Oklahoma State – Tight End/Defensive Line
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#### EDUCATION

2015	Missouri – Education (M.S.)
2012	Oklahoma State – Science (B.S.)

#### FAMILY

Wife – Samantha; Sons – Bowen, Briar





## TEVITA FINAU

- **Defensive Line**
- **Utah, 2012**
- **Fourth Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **First Year at Utah State**



Tevita Finau (Teh-vee-tuh Fee-now) is in his first season as Utah State's defensive line coach. Overall, he has three years of collegiate coaching experience, has coached in two bowl games and been a part of two conference championships.

Finau came to Utah State after spending the previous three years (2020-22) as a graduate assistant/administrative assistant at the University of Utah, helping the Utes to back-to-back Pac-12 Championships and Rose Bowl appearances.

During the 2022 season, Finau was part of a Utes defense that led the Pac-12 in sacks (2.93 pg) and tackles for loss (6.4 pg), and ranked second in total defense allowing 334.1 yards per game.

Finau also worked with the 2022 Bill Walsh Coaching Fellowship, working with the defensive line of the Los Angeles Rams.

In 2021, Finau helped coach a Utah defense that led the Pac-12 in sacks (3.0 pg) and tackles for loss (6.9 pg), and ranked third in total defense allowing 341.6 yards per game.

Finau also helped Junior Tafuna to second-team all-Pac 12 honors during both the 2021 and 2022 campaigns.

Prior to entering the collegiate ranks, Finau spent five years (2015-19) at Orem (Utah) High School, including serving as the team's co-defensive coordinator for four seasons as he helped lead the Tigers to four-consecutive state championships.

Finau played collegiately at Utah (2010-11) and appeared in 21 games for the Utes, including five starts. During his two years, he recorded 42 total tackles and helped Utah to a pair of bowl games. As a senior, he played in all 13 games with four starts and posted 37 tackles, which included 3.0 sacks and 5.0 tackles for loss. Against Georgia Tech in the Sun Bowl, he recorded a career-high 10 tackles.

Finau also spent three years at Phoenix College (2006-08), where he was named a National Junior College Athletic Association second-team All-American as a freshman in 2007 as he recorded 89 tackles, which included 7.0 sacks and 19.0 tackles for loss, in 10 games, to go along with three forced fumbles. As a sophomore in 2008, he was named the region's co-Defensive Player of the Year and second-team all-conference as he posted 53 tackles, which included 11.0 tackles for loss, to go along with a forced fumble.

Originally from Hamilton, New Zealand, Finau was raised in Tonga and Hawaii, where he was a three-time first-team all-state honoree from 2002-04. He attended Lahaina High School as a freshman and sophomore, Maui HS as a junior and Kahuka HS as a senior, as he helped the Red Raiders to the 2004 Hawaii state championship.

Following his collegiate career, Finau spent five years (2012-16) in the NFL with the Arizona Cardinals, Philadelphia Eagles, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Dallas Cowboys, New York Jets and Houston Texans.

Finau graduated from Utah in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He and his wife, Adrienne, have five children: Aila, Ahea, Aja, Alcie and Soloa.



### /// THE FINAU FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Defensive Line
2022	Utah – Defensive Administrative Assistant
2020-21	Utah – Defensive Graduate Assistant
2016-19	Orem (UT) HS – Co-Defensive Coordinator
2015	Orem (UT) HS – Defensive Line

#### BOWL GAMES (2)

Utah (2) – 2023 Rose Bowl; 2022 Rose Bowl

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (2)

Utah (2) – Pac-12: 2022, 2021

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2016	Houston Texans – Defensive Tackle
2012-16	New York Jets – Defensive Tackle
2012	Dallas Cowboys – Defensive Tackle
2012	Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Defensive Tackle
2012	Philadelphia Eagles – Defensive Tackle
2012	Arizona Cardinals – Defensive Tackle
2010-11	Utah – Defensive Tackle
2006-08	Phoenix College – Defensive Tackle

#### EDUCATION

2012 Utah – Sociology (B.S.)

#### FAMILY

Wife – Adrienne; Children – Aila, Ahea, Aja, Alcie, Soloa





## RODNEY FREEMAN II

- **Running Backs**
- **Abilene Christian, 2009**
- **13th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **First Year at Utah State**



### /// THE FREEMAN FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Running Backs
2022	Michigan State – Offensive Analyst
2022	Colorado Mesa – Offensive Coordinator/WR
2020-21	Klein Forest HS – Offensive Coordinator
2017-19	West Texas A&M – Special Teams Coordinator/WR
2015-16	Abilene Christian – Running Backs
2013-14	Missouri Southern – Wide Receivers
2012	Western State – Wide Receivers/Tight Ends
2011	Lutheran North HS – Co-Offensive Coordinator
2009	Eisenhower HS – Assistant

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2007-08	Abilene Christian – Wide Receiver
2005-06	Stephen F. Austin – Wide Receiver

#### EDUCATION

2009	Abilene Christian – Kinesiology/Exercise Science (B.S.)
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Rodney Freeman II is in his first season as Utah State's running backs coach. Freeman brings 12 years of coaching experience with him to USU.

Freeman came to Utah State after serving as an offensive analyst for Michigan State during the 2022 campaign. Freeman joined the Spartans after spending the spring season as the offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach at Colorado Mesa.

Prior to his appointment at Colorado Mesa, Freeman was the offensive coordinator at his alma mater, Klein Forest High School in Houston, Texas, for the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

At Klein Forest HS, he coached four-star running back Ahmonte Watkins, who signed to play at TCU, to an all-district selection in 2020. In 2021, Freeman coached Kendrick Bradley to an all-district selection as he led the district with over 1,400 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns. Bradley was also named a Houston Touchdown Club finalist and signed to play collegiately at Division II Henderson State. He also mentored both three-star recruit Parker Jenkins and four-star recruit Jelani Watkins to all-district selections that helped contribute to a potent and explosive offense.

Freeman coached three years (2017-19) at West Texas A&M, spending time as both a wide receivers coach and special teams coordinator. The Buffs' special teams unit excelled under Freeman as they ranked first in the nation in kickoff return defense and punt returns. He also coached Tobias Harris, who ranked second in all of NCAA college football in punt return average. Semaj Mitchell had a breakout year under Freeman as the senior wideout recorded a team-high 32 receptions for 457 yards and six touchdowns. Juwan McCall was equally impressive with 29 receptions for 404 yards and four scores, including back-to-back games with over 100 yards receiving. In 2018, Freeman was instrumental in helping Mitchell earn Lone Star Conference honorable mention honors as he led the team in receptions and receiving yards.

During his two seasons (2015-16) at Abilene Christian as a running backs coach, Freeman coached D'Andre Brown, who earned second-team all-Southland honors.

Freeman spent two years (2013-14) at Missouri Southern in Joplin, Missouri, where he worked primarily with the wide receivers. He served as the wide receivers and tight ends coach at Western State Colorado in 2012, where he was responsible for running and facilitating position meetings, while planning and scripting position segment practices.

Before joining the Mountaineers staff, Freeman spent a season (2011) as the co-

offensive coordinator at Lutheran North High School in Houston. He also was the head freshman coach and assistant varsity coach at Eisenhower High School, where he led the freshman team to a 9-0-1 record and a district championship.

The Houston, Texas, native played collegiately at both Abilene Christian (2007-08) and Stephen F. Austin (2005-06). He helped lead the ACU Wildcats to a conference championship as a wide receiver and backup quarterback in 2008. Freeman graduated from Abilene Christian in 2009.





## ETHAN MORRISS

- Safeties
- West Texas A&M, 2015
- Seventh Year as a Collegiate Coach
- Third Year at Utah State



Ethan Morriss is in his third season at Utah State and first as the safeties coach after spending the 2022 season as a senior defensive analyst and the 2021 campaign as a defensive analyst.

During the 2022 campaign, Morriss helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

Overall, the Aggie defense ranked 11th in the nation in tackles for loss (7.2 pg) and 31st in passing (205.0 ypg) in 2022. Additionally, inside linebacker MJ Tafisi earned honorable mention all-MW honors under Morriss, while Max Alford was named the MW Freshman of the Week once.

In 2021, Utah State had its best season in school history as it tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won its first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the year ranked 24th in the nation.

Utah State's defense held each of its final three opponents to 13 or fewer points and five of its last six opponents to 17 or fewer points.

Utah State's defense finished tied for second in the nation with 114.0 tackles for loss, which is also tied for the second-most in school history. And, USU limited its opponents to just 22 touchdowns on 51 trips into the red zone (.431), which ranked 10th nationally.

Utah State's defense also ranked fourth in the nation in fourth down conversion percentage (.250), eighth with 11 forced fumbles and 27th in third down conversion percentage (.346).

Morriss came to Utah State after spending two seasons (2019-20) at Arkansas State as a defensive graduate assistant. In 2019, he helped the Red Wolves to an 8-5 record and a win in the Camellia Bowl.

Prior to Arkansas State, Morriss spent two seasons (2017-18) at Harding University as a graduate assistant working with the defensive backs. During his two seasons with the program, the Bisons posted a combined 20-7 record and advanced to the NCAA DII playoffs.

The 2018 season saw Harding post a 9-3 record and finish No. 20 in the final AFCA poll. The Bisons ranked No. 6 in the nation the previous year after posting an 11-4 mark and advancing to the semifinals of the Division II playoffs.

At Harding, Morriss helped coach four all-Great American Conference (GAC) defensive backs, including 2018 All-Super Region 3 selections Frank Herbert at cornerback, Dra Smith at safety and V'Onte Williams at corner.

Morriss went to Harding after completing his collegiate playing career at West Texas

A&M as a defensive back. He redshirted the 2011 season and was a four-year letterman from 2012-15, earning all-Lone Star Conference honors as both a junior and senior. He completed his career with 137 tackles, five interceptions and eight pass breakups.

Morriss graduated from West Texas A&M in 2015 with his bachelor's degree in sports & exercise science and earned his master's in education from Harding University in 2018.

The native of Sonora, Texas, was a two-time all-West Texas MVP at Sonora High School, where he played quarterback and helped lead the Broncos to the District 13-2A championship as a senior.



### /// THE MORRISS FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-	Utah State – Safeties
2022	Utah State – Senior Defensive Analyst
2021	Utah State – Defensive Analyst
2019-20	Arkansas State – Defensive Graduate Assistant
2017-18	Harding – Defensive Graduate Assistant

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2011-15	West Texas A&M – Defensive Back
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#### EDUCATION

2018	Harding – Education
2015	West Texas A&M – Sports & Exercise Science (B.S.)





## PAUL JACKSON

- **Director of Athletic Development for Football**
- **Montclair State, 2006**
- **17th Year as a Collegiate Coach**
- **Third Year at Utah State**



### /// THE JACKSON FILE ///

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-	Utah State – Director of Athletic Development for Football
2020	South Carolina – Director of Athletic Development for Football
2012-19	Ole Miss – Director of Athletic Development for Football
2011	Southern Mississippi – Director of Athletic Development for Football
2010	Miami (Ohio) – Director of Athletic Development for Football
2007-09	LSU – Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach

#### BOWL GAMES (11)

Utah State (2) – 2022 First Responder Bowl; 2021 LA Bowl  
 Ole Miss (4): 2016 Sugar Bowl; 2014 Peach Bowl; 2013 Music City Bowl; 2012 BBVA Compass Bowl  
 Southern Miss (1): 2011 Hawaii Bowl  
 Miami (Ohio) (1): 2011 GoDaddy Bowl  
 LSU (3): 2010 Capital One Bowl; 2008 Chick-Fil-A Bowl; 2008 BCS National Championship

#### NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (1)

LSU (1): 2007

#### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS (4)

Utah State (1) – Mountain West, 2021  
 Southern Miss (1): Conference USA, 2011  
 Miami (Ohio) (1): Mid-American Conference, 2010  
 LSU (1): Southeastern Conference, 2007

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2004 Montclair State (N.J.) – FB / LB

#### EDUCATION

2009 LSU – Kinesiology (M.S.)  
 2006 Montclair State (N.J.) – Physical Education (B.S.)

#### FAMILY

Wife – Kristina



Paul Jackson is in his third season as Utah State's Director of Athletic Development for football.

During the 2022 campaign, Jackson helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including a pair of All-Americans.

In his first season at Utah State, Jackson helped the Aggies to their best season in school history as they tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won their first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Prior to joining Utah State, Jackson spent the 2020 season as the director of athletic development for football at South Carolina for head coach Will Muschamp.

Prior to South Carolina, Jackson spent eight years as the director for athletic development for football at Ole Miss, working for head coaches Hugh Freeze and Matt Luke. During Jackson's tenure in Oxford, the Rebels achieved four bowl appearances, including back-to-back New Year's Six bowls in 2014 and 2015.

Jackson arrived in Oxford after spending the 2011 season at Southern Mississippi, where he oversaw strength and conditioning for the entire USM athletics department with direct responsibility over football. In his one season there, the football team had its best record in school history at 12-2 and captured the Conference USA championship.

Jackson arrived in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, after serving in 2010 as the director of athletic development for football at Miami (Ohio). In his lone season, he helped the Redhawks to the 2010 MAC Championship and a victory in the 2011 GoDaddy Bowl, becoming the first team in NCAA history to go from double-digit losses to double-digit wins in one year (1-11 in 2009 to 10-4 in 2010).

From 2007-10, Jackson served as an assistant strength coach at LSU, working directly with the Tigers' football and volleyball teams. During his time in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Jackson won an SEC and national championship with the football team, as well as three consecutive SEC Western Division titles and one SEC championship with the volleyball team. While working for the Tigers, Jackson worked under and was mentored by strength and conditioning legend Tommy Moffitt.

A native of White Plains, New York, Jackson got his start in the business as a professional intern strength coach with the NFL's New York Giants. He also spent time as a performance enhancement specialist at the Parisi Speed School in Garwood, New Jersey, where the focus is sport-specific speed and agility training, as well as combine prep.

He is a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) through the National Strength & Conditioning Association.

During his college days at Montclair State (New Jersey), Jackson lettered in football, spending time at both fullback and linebacker. He earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 2006 and later received his master's in kinesiology from LSU in 2009.

He is married to the former Kristina Hull, who played softball at Georgia Tech and has been a Winter Olympic hopeful in the skeleton. The couple met when they were both on the strength and conditioning staff at LSU.





**JULIAN  
WHITEHEAD**

- Assistant Strength Coach
- Mississippi, 2011
- Third Year at Utah State

Julian Whitehead is in his third year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Utah State's football team.

During the 2022 campaign, Whitehead helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including a pair of All-Americans.

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Whitehead came to Utah State after spending the 2020 season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for South Carolina's football team. Whitehead also spent four years as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Ole Miss football. He had stops at Middle Tennessee, Kent State and a private training facility in Atlanta, as well.

Whitehead is a former member of the Ole Miss football team, where he was a two-time letterwinner at defensive back and earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2011. He then finished his playing career at Murray State, where he was also a two-time letterwinner at defensive back and earned his master's degree in human development and leadership in the fall of 2012.

A native of Stone Mountain, Georgia, Whitehead is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), a Sports Performance Coach through USA Weightlifting (USAW) and a Corrective Exercise Specialist (CES) through the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM).



**THOMAS  
GILSON**

- Assistant Strength Coach
- Massachusetts, 2011
- Third Year at Utah State

Thomas Gilson is in his third year with Utah State football and second as an assistant strength and conditioning coach after spending the 2021 season as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant for the Aggies.

During the 2022 campaign, Gilson helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including a pair of All-Americans.

In his first season at Utah State, Gilson helped the Aggies to their best season in school history as they tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won their first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Gilson came to Utah State after spending the 2020 season as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant coach at Incarnate Word. Prior to that, he spent six months as a strength and conditioning intern at South Carolina. He also spent one year as the Director of Sports Performance at Elite Health and Fitness in Stoughton, Massachusetts.

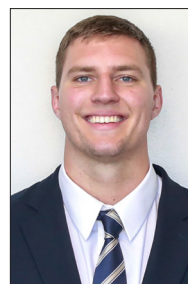
Gilson has also spent time as a position coach as he worked with the wide receivers at both Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Massachusetts, during the 2018 season, and for Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts, during the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

Before coaching, Gilson spent six years playing professionally in the Arena Football League. He began his professional career with the Lehigh Valley Steelhawks and was named the PIFL Offensive Rookie of the Year and second-team all-PIFL, as he had 99 receptions for 1,037 yards and 22 touchdowns, setting franchise records for receptions, receiving touchdowns and points scored.

Gilson's last season of professional football was in 2018 for the Jacksonville Sharks, as he played in 13 games and caught 67 passes for 875 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Gilson played collegiately at Massachusetts and earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2011.

He is a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS).



**ANDY  
KOCH**

- Strength Graduate Assistant
- Utah State, 2022
- Second Year at Utah State

Andy Koch is in his second year as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant with Utah State's football team.

During the 2022 campaign, Koch helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including a pair of All-Americans.

Koch played on the offensive line for three seasons for his alma mater, helping the Aggies appear in back-to-back bowl games in 2018 (GILDAN New Mexico) and 2019 (Tropical Smoothie Cafe Frisco).

As a sophomore in 2020, Koch appeared in five games with four starts. He played in 217 snaps and finished the season with 6.0 knock-downs, including a season-high 3.0 knock-downs against Boise State.

Koch started the first three games of the year in 2019 at right tackle before missing the rest of the season due to injury. The native of Eastvale, California, played in 204 snaps, including a career-high 81 against Wake Forest in the season opener. He finished the season with 12.5 knockdowns, including a career-high 8.5 against the Demon Deacons.

In his first season as an Aggie in 2018, Koch redshirted as he played in three games, tallying 47 snaps along the offensive line.

Prior to Utah State, Koch earned California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section Division 5 first-team honors as a defensive lineman following his senior season at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Eastvale. That year, he recorded 67 tackles, included 15.5 tackles for loss and 9.0 sacks, to go along with two fumble recoveries that he returned for touchdowns.

Koch graduated from Utah State in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science.





## TIM BURMEISTER

- Senior Defensive Analyst
- Wis.-Stevens Point, 2015
- Fourth Year at Utah State

Tim Burmeister is in his fourth season with Utah State and first as a senior defensive analyst. He spent the 2022 season with USU as a defensive analyst, the 2021 campaign as a defensive graduate assistant and served as a special teams administrative assistant for the Aggies in 2020. In his role, Burmeister works primarily with the linebackers.

During the 2022 campaign, Burmeister helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

Overall, the Aggie defense ranked 11th in the nation in tackles for loss (7.2 pg) and 31st in passing (205.0 ypg) in 2022. Additionally, inside linebacker MJ Tafisi earned honorable mention all-MW honors under Burmeister, while Max Alford was named the MW Freshman of the Week once.

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Utah State's defense held each of its final three opponents to 13 or fewer points, doing so for the first time since 1983, and five of its last six opponents to 17 or fewer points.

Utah State's defense finished tied for second in the nation with 114.0 tackles for loss, which is also tied for the second-most in school history. And, USU limited its opponents to just 22 touchdowns on 51 trips into the red zone (.431), which ranked 10th nationally.

Utah State's defense also ranked fourth in the nation in fourth down conversion percentage (.250), eighth with 11 forced fumbles and 27th in third down conversion percentage (.346).

Burmeister also helped linebacker Justin Rice earn second-team all-MW honors in 2021.

Working with the special teams in 2020, Burmeister helped Utah State produce the third-most efficient special teams units in the nation. In all, USU led the MW and was 11th in the nation in punt return defense (1.4 yards per return), and was first in the MW and 15th in the nation in kickoff return defense (17.4 ypr). USU was also second in the MW and 15th in the nation with two blocked kicks (1 field goal, 1 punt), third in the MW and 31st in the nation in net punting (40.4 ypp), and fifth in the MW and 20th in the nation in kickoff returns (24.5 ypr).

Burmeister also helped a pair of Aggies earn honorable mention all-Mountain West accolades in junior kickoff returner Savon Scarver and freshman punter Stephen Kotsanlee. Scarver returned one kickoff for a touchdown during the

season and averaged 31.4 yards on 10 returns, while Kotsanlee was fourth in the MW and 66th in the nation in punting (40.7 ypg). On the season, he had four 50-yard punts and 17 punts downed inside the 20-yard line.

Burmeister came to Utah State after spending the 2019 campaign at Washington State, where he split time as an assistant linebackers coach and defensive quality control assistant. During his time at WSU, Burmeister coached Jahad Woods to all-Pac-12 honorable mention honors after he recorded 141 tackles – fourth-most in the country – the most by a Cougar since 1991. Woods also tallied a team-high 10 tackles for loss, three sacks, three pass breakups, two forced fumbles and one interception.

Prior to joining Washington State, Burmeister worked the previous four seasons on the North Texas coaching staff, including the final three as a defensive graduate assistant and spent the spring of 2019 in a quality control position. The native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, spent the 2015 season as an intern working with the Mean Green defensive backs.

Burmeister moved to coaching the linebackers as a graduate assistant from 2016-18 and helped produce four all-Conference USA linebackers during that span, led by E.J. Ejiya, who earned all-Conference USA first-team honors in 2018 after posting 121 tackles, 25.0 tackles for loss and nine sacks.

Burmeister played defensive back at Wisconsin-Stevens Point from 2011-14 and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and economics in 2015. He later earned his master's degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Burmeister is married to the former Cassidy Alles and the couple has one son, Bruin.



## BLAISE TAYLOR

- Senior Defensive Analyst
- Arkansas State, 2016
- First Year at Utah State

Blaise Taylor is in his first season with Utah State's football program as a senior defensive analyst. In his role with the Aggies, Taylor will be assisting the defensive secondary.

Taylor comes to Utah State after spending the past four years with the Tennessee Titans. In June of 2021, Taylor was promoted from a scouting assistant to a pro scout, where his duties included preparing opponent breakdowns, position matchup breakdowns and offensive and defensive PFF analysis of opponents on a weekly basis. He also evaluated and graded NFL free agents for free agency.

Before making his way to Nashville, Taylor was a defensive graduate assistant at Duke. While with the Blue Devils, he aided in coaching the linebackers in a 4-2-5 scheme and assisted in all phases of special teams, working with all returners in the process.

Taylor was a four-year starter and team cap-

tain at Arkansas State from 2014-17, earning first-team all-Sun Belt Conference honors as both a defensive back and punt returner. He ended his collegiate career as the Red Wolves' record holder for punt return yards (1,151) and pass breakups (30), and the Sun Belt's all-time leader in passes defended (36). His four punt returns for touchdowns also rank second in league history and he holds three of the top-10 marks in school history for punt return yards in a game and in a season as well as the two highest punt return averages in a game all-time.

Taylor helped lead Arkansas State to three straight Sun Belt Championships and bowl games. Taylor ended his career as a two-time all-Sun Belt selection, an Arthur Ashe Jr. Male Sports Scholar of the Year and William V. Campbell Trophy Finalist.

The native of Waco, Texas, earned his master of business administration (MBA) in August of 2017 with a 3.82 GPA, and he also graduated magna cum laude in August of 2016 with his bachelor's degree in business administration.

A member of the Arkansas State chancellor's list, dean's list, athletics director's honor roll and Sun Belt Conference commissioner's list, Taylor earned both degrees in less than four years, a feat that gave him the distinction of being the only current player at that time in the Football Bowl Subdivision to earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees before the start of his true senior season.

Taylor and his sister, Dr. Starr Taylor, who was a guard on the women's basketball team at Arkansas State, created a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization called "The Power of 1 or 2," which works with underprivileged, at-risk children.

Following his stellar career at Arkansas State, Taylor played in the 2018 NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, where he led the National Team with seven tackles, including 1.0 tackles for loss. He also returned one punt for 10 yards.

Prior to joining the coaching ranks, Taylor participated in the New Orleans Saints rookie mini-camp in May of 2018.



## HAYDEN KINGSTON

- Offensive Analyst
- UCF, 2020
- Third Year at Utah State

Hayden Kingston is in his third year at Utah State and first as an offensive analyst after spending his first two seasons as an offensive graduate assistant. He works primarily with the Aggie quarterbacks.

During the 2022 campaign, Kingston helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

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Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Utah State's offense set six school records during the 2021 campaign, including 41 touchdown passes, 4,248 passing yards and three receivers with 10-plus touchdown receptions. USU's offense also tied a pair of school records with 13 100-yard receiving games and five passing touchdowns in a single game.

Utah State's offense also produced over 600 yards of total offense twice, and over 400 passing yards three times, all of which rank among the top-16 performances in school history.

Utah State finished the 2021 season ranked 15th in the nation in passing offense (303.4 ypg), 23rd in total offense (445.6 ypg), and 33rd in scoring offense (32.6 ppg). USU was also the only team in the nation with at least 10 touchdown receptions by three players.

With Kingston's assistance, graduate junior quarterback Logan Bonner set five school records in 2021, including 3,628 passing yards, 36 touchdown passes, four touchdown passes in three-straight games and four touchdown passes in six games in a season. Bonner also tied the school record for passing touchdowns in a game with five. Bonner finished the season seventh in the nation in passing touchdowns.

Kingston came to Utah State after spending four years as a quarterback at UCF. Prior to UCF, he began his collegiate career at Wake Forest.

Kingston earned Florida Class 7A second-team all-state honors as a prep senior at Viera High School in Melbourne, Florida, and was the runner-up for the Florida Dairy Farmers Player of the Year. He also earned first-team all-District 12 and first-team all-Cape Coast Conference honors and was named the *FNLR/Spacecoast Daily* co-Offensive Player of the Year and the Brighthouse Networks Football Offensive Player of the Year as a senior. During his senior season in 2015, he threw for 3,876 yards and 42 touchdowns as he led the state of Florida in passing yards and finished second in the state in touchdown passes.

As a prep junior at Viera HS, he completed 72 percent of his passes and threw 23 touchdowns.

Kingston graduated from UCF in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in human communications.



**BOBBY DODD**

- Senior Special Teams Analyst
- Arkansas State, 2016
- Third Year at Utah State

Bobby Dodd is in his third year with Utah State and first as a senior special teams analyst after spending his first two years as a special teams quality control coach.

During the 2022 campaign, Dodd helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second straight, as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

In 2022, Utah State's special teams finished the

year ranked 16th in the nation based on The Freeman Efficiency Index (FEI), as the Aggies blocked four kicks, with three punts and one extra point, to rank 10th in the nation. USU also ranked second in the Mountain West and 33rd in the nation in punt return defense, allowing 5.4 yards per return. USU was also third in the MW in both punt returns (8.9 ypr) and net punting (38.9 ypp).

Dodd also helped a pair of specialists to MW Player of the Week honors in placekicker Connor Coles and punter Stephen Kotsanlee. Kotstanlee finished the year fourth in the MW and 38th in the nation with an average of 43.2 yards per punt, which ranks as the sixth-best average in school history.

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With the special teams, kickoff returner Savon Scarver had one kickoff return for touchdown in 2021 to tie the NCAA record with seven career kickoff returns for scores. Scarver was named second-team all-MW.

Utah State's special teams shined in the MW Championship game, setting a school record with two blocked punts. Furthermore, USU finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in punt return defense (4.3 ypr).

Prior to Utah State, Dodd spent the 2019 and 2020 seasons at Arkansas State working as a special teams quality control coach.

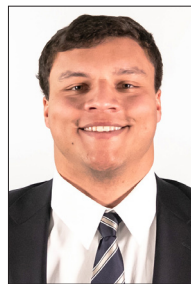
Dodd also spent two seasons at Lamar, serving as the tight ends coach in 2018 and as a quality control coach in 2017.

Dodd arrived at Lamar from Jonesboro, Arkansas, where he spent three seasons (2014-16) working with the Arkansas State quarterbacks and special teams. During his time with the Red Wolves, he helped produce the nation's fourth-ranked kickoff unit. He was also a member of a coaching staff that won Sun Belt Conference titles in 2015 and 2016.

Prior to Arkansas State, Dodd worked as the head student equipment manager at New Mexico for three seasons from 2011-13.

While attending high school at John Curtis Christian School in River Ridge, Louisiana, Dodd worked in a volunteer role with the Tulane University athletic department's equipment office.

Dodd earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Arkansas State in 2016.



**BJ EDMONDS**

- Defensive Graduate Assistant
- Arkansas State, 2019
- Third Year at Utah State

BJ Edmonds is in his third year with Utah State and second as a defensive graduate assistant after spending his first year with the program as a defensive recruiting analyst.

During the 2022 campaign, Edmonds helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl.

Overall, the Aggie defense ranked 11th in the nation in tackles for loss (7.2 pg) and 31st in passing (205.0 ypg) in 2022.

In 2021, Edmonds helped the Aggies to their best season in school history as they tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won their first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the year ranked 24th in the nation.

Edmonds came to USU after spending the 2020 season as an assistant at Kansas Wesleyan.

Edmonds had a four-year career at Arkansas State under head coach Blake Anderson, where he played defensive back. He was a second-team all-Sun Belt Conference selection as a senior in 2019 and garnered honorable mention all-league accolades as a sophomore in 2017.

Edmonds finished his Arkansas State career with 265 tackles, including a career-best 97 in 2019. He had eight career interceptions, to go along with 28 pass breakups and three forced fumbles.

Edmonds earned his bachelor's degree in 2019 in sports management from Arkansas State and is pursuing his MBA at Utah State.



**DERRICK NSUBUGA**

- Defensive Graduate Assistant
- Lindenwood, 2017
- First Year at Utah State

Derrick Nsubuga (Sue-buh-guh) is in his first season with Utah State's football program as a defensive graduate assistant. In his role, Nsubuga will be assisting the defensive ends.

Nsubuga comes to Utah State after spending the past five years at Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, Arizona. From 2019-22, Nsubuga served as the assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, helping the Firebirds capture the 6A state championship in 2020.

While at Chaparral HS, Nsubuga was named the 6A Defensive Coach of the Year by *arizonavarsity.com* and sent five of his defensive linemen to Division I institutions.

Nsubuga graduated in 2017 from Lindenwood with a degree in exercise science. He also played defensive tackle for the Lions.

Prior to Lindenwood, Nsubuga attended Southern Illinois for two years and Arizona State for one year.

After graduating from Lindenwood, Nsubuga spent one season with the Lions as the team's assistant defensive line coach and defensive quality control coach.

The native of Scottsdale, Arizona, was an all-state, all-region and all-Arizona performer for his alma mater, Chaparral HS.





## **BRANDON BOWLING**

- **Offensive Graduate Assistant**
- **Arkansas State, 2020**
- **First Year at Utah State**

Brandon Bowling is in his first year with Utah State as an offensive graduate assistant.

Bowling spent his final season of collegiate football with Utah State as he helped the Aggies to their best season in school history as they tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won their first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the year ranked 24th in the nation.

During the 2021 campaign, Bowling played in all 14 games and made six starts as he finished the season with 56 receptions for 835 yards (14.9 ypr/59.6 ypg). He also had three 100-yard receiving games and 10 touchdowns to rank second on the team in each category. His 10 touchdown catches are tied for the seventh-most in a single season in school history.

Prior to Utah State, Bowling spent five seasons at Arkansas State (2016-20), as he played in 32 games with nine starts, and caught 82 passes for 878 yards (10.7 ypr) and nine touchdowns. He earned honorable mention all-Sun Belt Conference honors following the 2020 season, as he started nine of 11 games and finished the season with 39 receptions for 507 yards and seven touchdowns. Following the 2020 campaign, he ranked sixth in the Sun Belt in receiving touchdowns, 12th in total receptions and 13th in receiving yards as his seven touchdown catches tied for the eighth-most in school history for a single season.

Prior to college, Bowling earned first-team all-District 6-6A recognition at wide receiver as both a junior and senior at Boyd High School in McKinney, Texas. As a senior, he was named the 2015 All-Collin County Utility Player of the Year.

Bowling earned his bachelor's degree in sport management from Arkansas State in 2020.



## **COB SUMMERS**

- **Offensive Graduate Assistant**
- **Harding, 2018**
- **First Year at Utah State**

Cob Summers is in his first year with Utah State as an offensive graduate assistant working with the offensive line.

Prior to Utah State, Summers spent the 2022 season at Louisiana-Lafayette as an offensive line quality control coach, where he helped the Ragin' Cajuns to an appearance in the Independence

Bowl. During the year, ULL averaged 26.2 points and 141.8 rushing yards per game.

Summers also spent two seasons (2020-21) as the offensive coordinator at Holmes Community College in Goodman, Mississippi, as his unit averaged 268.0 rushing yards per game. During his time with the Bulldogs, two of his offensive linemen earned all-conference honors and three earned scholarships to other programs.

During the 2019 campaign, Summers served as the offensive line coach at Mississippi College, as two of his players earned all-conference accolades.

Summers also spent the 2018 season at Holmes CC as the running backs and wide receivers coach, and assistant offensive line coach. Following the season, four of his offensive linemen signed to play at four-year institutions, two of which earned all-state accolades.

Summers also spent time as a student assistant/intern at both Harding University and Holmes CC in 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Summers played collegiately as an offensive lineman at both Holmes CC (2014-15) and Harding University (2016-17). He was a two-year starter for the Bulldogs and played in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game. He then concluded his career at Harding as he helped the Bisons play in the Division II playoffs as both a junior and senior.



## **SCOTTY CONLEY**

- **Director of Football Operations**
- **Texas A&M-Commerce, 1970**
- **Third Year at Utah State**

Scotty Conley is in his third year at Utah State as the Director of Football Operations.

During the 2022 campaign, Conley helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including a pair of All-Americans.

In 2021, Conley helped the Aggies to their best season in school history as they tied the school record with 11 wins (11-3), won their first-ever Mountain West Championship with a 46-13 victory at No. 19 San Diego State, posted a 24-13 win against Oregon State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl and finished the season ranked 24th in the nation in both polls.

Conley came to Utah State after spending three years (2018-20) as the Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations at Arkansas State under head coach Blake Anderson. During his time with the Red Wolves, he helped the program to back-to-back bowl games, including a 34-26 win against Florida International in the 2019 Camellia Bowl.

Conley arrived at Arkansas State after spending the 2016 and 2017 seasons as the Director of

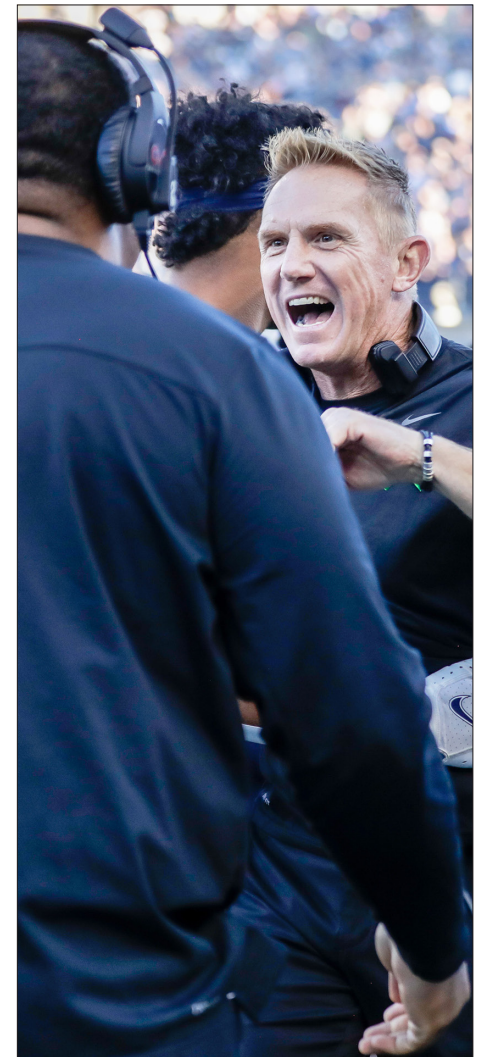
High School Relations at North Texas. He originally went to North Texas in 2009, working as the Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations until 2015. He is also a coaching veteran with over 40 years of experience at the NCAA FBS, Division II and III, junior college and high school levels.

Conley has nine years of head coaching experience, including 1996-2000 at Trinity Valley (Texas) Community College and 2004-08 at Texas A&M-Commerce. He led Trinity Valley to the 1997 national championship and was named the NJCAA Coach of the Year.

Conley also spent time as a college assistant coach at Texas A&M (1980-81), Texas (1982-86), Kansas (1987), Tennessee (1988), Rice (1989), Arkansas (1990-92), Howard Payne (1993-96) and Navy (2001-02).

Conley played football at Texas A&M in 1966, lettering as a member of the freshman team, and went to school there from 1966-68. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration at Texas A&M University-Commerce in 1970 and his master's degree in secondary and higher education in 1973.

Conley and his wife, Glenda, have a son, Chris, and daughter, Cortney, son-in-law Carl Mosier, and three grandchildren (Mack, Hayden and Maggie).





**AUSTIN  
ALBRECHT**

- *Director of Player Development and Community Engagement*
- *Utah State, 2016*
- *Third Year at Utah State*

Austin Albrecht is in his third year with Utah State football and second as the Director of Player Development and Community Engagement after working as an analyst for the offensive line in 2021.

During the 2022 campaign, Albrecht helped Utah State to six wins and its 10th bowl game in the past 12 seasons, including its second in as many years as it appeared in the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl. USU also tied for second place in the Mountain Division of the Mountain West with a 5-3 mark as the Aggies had nine players earn various all-conference accolades, including a pair of All-Americans.

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Utah State's offense set six school records in 2021, including 41 touchdown passes, 4,248 passing yards and three receivers with 10-plus touchdowns. USU's offense also tied a pair of school records with 13 100-yard receiving games and five passing touchdowns in a game.

Utah State's offense also produced over 600 yards of total offense twice, and over 400 passing yards three times, all of which rank among the top-16 performances in school history.

Utah State finished the 2021 season ranked 15th in the nation in passing offense (303.4 ypg), 23rd in total offense (445.6 ypg), and 33rd in scoring offense (32.6 ppg). USU was also the only team in the nation with at least 10 touchdown receptions by three players.

Albrecht came to Utah State after spending four years in the private business sector.

Albrecht spent five years (2012-16) at Utah State and earned honorable mention all-MW honors as both a junior and senior. Overall, he played in 39 games with 28 starts and helped USU to four-straight bowl games and a school-record three-straight bowl wins from 2012-14.

At Alta High School in Sandy, Utah, Albrecht earned second-team all-state honors, was a four-year letterwinner in both football and basketball, and a member of the honor roll all four years.

Albrecht graduated from Utah State in the fall of 2016 with an interdisciplinary studies degree with an emphasis in health and wellness.

Albrecht and his wife Emily have three children, Eli, Milo and Owen.



**JT  
MAY**

- *Director of Internal Operations*
- *Arizona, 2013*
- *Third Year at Utah State*

JT May is in his third season with Utah State's football program and first as the Director of Internal Operations. He also served as an offensive recruiting analyst in 2021 and worked with the quarterbacks in a quality control role in 2020.

May spent the 2022 season as the special teams coordinator and running backs coach at Mica Mountain High School in Arizona.

May came to Utah State after spending four seasons (2016-19) at Pacific University, a Division III school located in Forest Grove, Oregon. While with the Boxers, May was involved with coaching a variety of positions, including defensive line, wide receivers, tight ends and coordinating special teams.

During his time at Pacific, May coached seven players to all-Northwest Conference recognition, including three wide receivers, two defensive linemen, one running back and one punter. He helped coach an offense that ranked seventh nationally in third down conversion percentage and a defense that finished 20th nationally in sacks.

In the summer of 2019, May was on the coaching staff of the Middle School Bowl Game Series, which features five days of practice and competition, and is the final step for middle school aged athletes within the U.S. National Team. Hand selected by the USA Football Coaches, the roster is comprised of the best middle school athletes around the country.

May began his coaching career as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

May played two seasons at Pacific University before transferring to Arizona, where he earned his bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology with a minor in pre-law. He then went on to earn a master's degree in secondary education from Arizona.



**NATALIE  
CLARK**

- *Director of Creative Content*
- *Texas Tech, 2022*
- *First Year at Utah State*

Natalie Clark is in her first season as the Director of Creative Content for Utah State's football program.

In her role with the Aggies, Clark runs all football-specific social media accounts, manages multiple projects (recruiting or in-house) from concept to completion and assists in general recruiting needs as needed throughout the year.

Clark comes to Utah State after spending the 2022 campaign as the football creative media coordinator for the University of Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. While with the Cardinals, Clark oversaw the creative video, photo and graphic design needs.

Clark arrived at UIW after graduating from Texas Tech with a degree in apparel design and manufacturing. During her time with the Red Raiders, Clark was a football graphic design intern for one year and a social media intern on the Fossil Global Social Team during the summer of 2022.

From 2020-22, Clark was the graphic designer for the Raider Riot, which is the official student section of Texas Tech basketball. In 2019, she served as a Red Raider Orientation crew member for the TTU department of transition and engagement.



**CHRIS  
DUNLAP**

- *Director of Equipment Operations*
- *Sam Houston State, 2019*
- *First Year at Utah State*

Chris Dunlap is in his first year at Utah State as the Director of Equipment Operations for football.

Prior to joining the Aggies, Dunlap spent seven years as the football equipment coordinator at Sam Houston State, which included four years as the head student equipment manager.

Dunlap also spent over two years as a teacher with the Huntsville Intermediate School and was named the Teach of the Year in 2020.

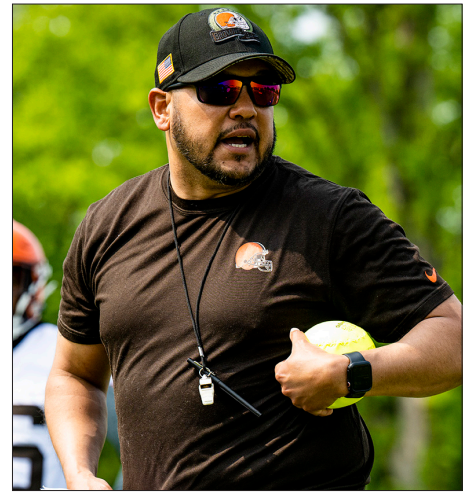
Dunlap graduated from Sam Houston State in 2019 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies/education.



Name	Alma Mater	Years at USU
Scott Ackerman	Southern Utah, 1970	1973-74
Lance Anderson	Idaho State, 1996	2004
Robin Andrea	Washington, 1972	1983-84
Dave Aranda	California Lutheran, 1999	2012
Paul Arslanian	Northern Arizona, 1976	1998-99
Jerry Attaway	California State, 1971	1976-77
Kent Baer	Utah State, 1973	1979-85
Dave Baldwin	CS Northridge, 1978	2009-11
Ephraim Banda	Incarnate Word, 2011	2021-22
Rudy Basovsky	Adams State, 1961	1967
<b>Cooper Bassett</b>	<b>Oklahoma State, 2012</b>	<b>2023</b>
Pat Behrns	Dakota State, 1972	1986-91
Roc Bellantoni	Iona, 1993	2020
Steve Bernstein	Occidental, 1967	1970-72
Brian Billick	Brigham Young, 1977	1986-88
Pat Blackburn	Utah State, 1980	1983-84
Fred Bleil	Westmar, 1971	1986-91
Jovon Bouknight	Wyoming, 2006	2010-18
Bo Bolinger	Oklahoma	1968
Mark Brady	Brigham Young, 1982	1998-99
Gregg Brandon	Northern Colorado, 1978	1991
Julius Brown	Boise State, 2006	2016-18
Ray Brown	East Central U., 2009	2021
Larry Bryan	Utah State, 1965	1975
Dick Bumpas	Arkansas, 1972	1992-94
Bill Busch	Neb.-Wesleyan, 1988	2009-12
Ray Butcher	Utah State, 1961	1974-75
Mike Canales	Utah State, 1984	2016
Mike Caputo	Wisconsin, 2015	2019
<b>Joe Cauthen</b>	<b>Stephen F. Austin, 1990</b>	<b>2023</b>
Ed Cavanaugh	Duke, 1951	1967
<b>Kyle Cefalo</b>	<b>Colorado, 2012</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Charles Chandler	Central Washington, 1988	1995-97
Jeff Choate	Western Montana, 1993	2003-04
Kevin Clune	CS Fullerton, 2000	2009-13, 2015
Bob Cole	Widener, 1982	2000-04
Darryl Collier	Florida A&M, 1979	1992
Stacy Collins	Western Oregon, 1998	2016-20
Jesse Cone	Stanford, 1951	1969-72
Jeff Copp	Boise State, 2001	2005-08
Walt Corey	Miami	1967-69
Moe Cotter	Pittsburg State, 1962	1986-87
Mike Cox	Idaho, 1989	1995-97
Nick Cuccia	Utah State, 1967	1970
Dennis Darnell	Missouri State, 1969	1991
Alex Devine	Mississippi State, 2015	2022
Craig Dickenson	Montana, 1995	2000
Darrell Dickey	Kansas State, 1983	2007-08
Dan Dodd	Drake, 1978	1989-90
Stan Eggen	Moorehead State, 1976	1986-90
Mike Ellison	Utah State, 1971	1972
Justin Ena	BYU, 2001	2019-20
Gene Epley	Indiana (Pa.), 1965	1967-68
Jim Erkenbeck	San Diego State, 1952	1967
Rich Ericson	Weber State, 1990	1998-99
Steve Farmer	Illinois State, 1999	2016-18
Bojay Filimoeatu	Utah State, 2012	2019-20
<b>Tevita Finau</b>	<b>Utah, 2012</b>	<b>2023</b>
Doug Fiore	Miami, 1975	1985-88
Carl Franks	Montana, 1994	2000-02
<b>Rodney Freeman II</b>	<b>Abilene Christian, 2009</b>	<b>2023</b>
Jeff Fries	Arizona, 1965	1970
George Galli	Southern California, 1957	1965-66
Alex Gerke	Utah, 1988	2009-10
Keith Gilbertson	C. Washington St., 1971	1977-81
Rich Groth	Utah, 1966	1971-72
Darrel Guthrie	Utah State, 1951	1960
Brent Guy	Oklahoma State, 1983	1992-94
Garth Hall	Utah State, 1968	1969-72
Norvel Hansen	Utah State, 1949	1963-65
Tom Harrell	Texas, 1947	1985
Wade Harman	Drake, 1986	1989-91
Donnie Henderson	Utah State, 1979	1986-88
Josh Heupel	Oklahoma, 2001	2015
LaMarcus Hicks	Iowa State, 2006	2022
Artie Holmes	Washington State, 1988	1995-97
Jeff Hoover	UC Davis, 1991	2000-04
Cornell Jackson	Sterling, 1986	1990-91
Micah James	Middle Tennessee, 2012	2021-22
Mark Johnson	UC Davis, 1990	2005-08
Shaun Johnson	Utah State, 1995	2006-08
Jeff Jorgensen	Utah State, 1972	1974-79
Lannie Julias	San Jose State, 1964	1976-77
Nate Kaczor	Utah State, 1991	1994-99
Chad Kauha'aha'a	Utah, 1996	2009-10
Chuckie Keeton	Utah State, 2015	2021-22
Eric Kiesau	Portland State, 1986	2000-02
Tony Knap	Idaho, 1939	1959-62
David Kotulski	New Mexico St., 1974	2003-04, '16
Phil Krueger	SE Missouri, 1951	1963
Sid Lane	Utah State, 1968	1968-70
Al Lapuaho	Utah State, 2013	2021
Bill Laveroni	California, 1970	1979-82
R. Todd Littlejohn	Fresno State, 1989	1998-99
Joe Lorig	Western Oregon, 1997	2014-15
Mike Lynch	Montana, 1999	2002-04

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Frank Maile	Utah State, 2007	2011-13, '16-20
Ikaika Malloe	Washington, 1996	2014-15
Rod Marinelli	Cal-Lutheran, 1972	1977-82
Greg Mark	Miami, 1989	1995
John Math	L.A. State, 1958	1964-66
Ralph Maughan	Utah State, 1947	1951-66
Jim McAllister	Whittier, 1961	1972-73
Max McCartney	Whittier, 1958	1967-68
Kevin McGiven	Utah Valley, 2001	2009, 2013-14
Gene McKeegan	Utah State, 1968	1971-72, 83-94
Tom McMahon	Carroll College, 1992	1998-2005
Henry Miller	Northern Arizona, 1989	1998-99
Thurmond Moore	San Jose State, 1978	1994
<b>Ethan Morriss</b>	<b>West Texas A&amp;M</b>	<b>2023</b>
Steve Nejman	Weber State, 1993	1998-99
Jack Nelson	Gustavous Adolphus	1955-57
Don Norris	Utah State, 1967	1967
Derrick Odum	Utah, 1992	2000-02
Todd Orlando	Wisconsin, 1994	2013-14
Mark Orphey	Texas Southern, 2010	2019-20
Bob Owens	LaVerne, 1970	1983-85
John Pappas	Utah State, 1969	1985
<b>Nick Paremski</b>	<b>Wis.-La Crosse, 2003</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Kraig Paulson	Montana, 1987	2000-02
Gary Patterson	Kansas State, 1982	1992-94
Keith Patterson	E. Cen. Oklahoma, 1986	2018
Steve Peck	UC-Riverside, 1969	1977-78
Chris Pella	Utah State, 1966	1967-68, 72-82
Bob Petrino	Carroll College, 1983	1995-97
Paul Petrino	Carroll College, 1989	1995-97
Jason Phillips	Houston, 2001	2019-20
George Porter	San Jose State, 1952	1964-66
Al Prukop	Southern California, 1961	1967-68
John Ramage	Brigham Young, 1982	1985-91
Tom Ramage	Utah State, 1957	1963-64
Pat Randolph	West Virginia, 1988	1989
Corey Raymond	LSU, 1992	2009-10
Bodie Reeder	Eastern Illinois, 2010	2020
David Reeves	Montana, 1989	2000-03
Roberto Rey	Long Beach State, 1982	1985
Danilo Robinson	Utah State, 1997	2005-08
Jack Robinson	Illinois, 1949	1974-75, 83-85
Tommie Robinson	Troy State, 1985	1992-93
Scott Runyan	Wyoming, 1988	1992-94
John Rushing	Washington State, 1995	2003-08
Dwone Sanders	McNeese State, 1990	1994
Mike Sanford	Southern California, 1978	2012
Mike Sanford Jr.	Boise State, 2005	2019
Mike Santiago	Southern Utah, 1977	2005-06
Al Saunders	San Jose State, 1969	1973-75
Dave Schramm	San Diego State, 1988	2020
Denny Schuler	Oregon, 1969	1976-82
Kendrick Shaver	Missouri State, 2002	2011-17
Terry Shea	Oregon, 1969	1976-83
Chris Smeland	Cal Poly, 1974	1995-97
DeAndre Smith	SW Missouri State, 2002	2018
Doug Smith	Pacific, 1952	1971-76
Tracy Smith	LSU, 2003	2006-08
Bruce Snyder	Oregon, 1963	1973
Evan Sorenson	Utah State, 1947	1955-60
Greg Stevens	Eastern Oregon, 1992	2005-08
Chris Tabor	Benedictine, 1993	2002-05
<b>DJ Tialavea</b>	<b>Utah State, 2013</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
Mark Tommerdahl	Concordia, 1982	2017
Mike Trevathan	Montana, 1999	2000-01
Anthony Tucker	Fresno State, 1999	2021-22
Iliasa Tuiaki	Southern Utah, 2006	2009-11
Mike Tuiasosopo	Pacific Lutheran, 1989	1996-99
Dave Tyler	Utah State, 1978	1984
Randy Tyson	Utah State, 1963	1966
Uani 'Unga	BYU, 2015	2018
Dave Ungerer	Southern Conn. St., 1980	2013-15
Art Valero	Boise State, 1981	1995-97
Vance Vice	Oklahoma State, 1990	2005-08
Scott Wachenheim	Air Force, 1984	1992-93
Dewey Wade	Houston, 1959	1969-71
DeWayne Walker	Minnesota, 1981	1993
Paul Wargo	Arizona, 1968	1971-72
Mike Wauffle	Utah State, 1979	1982-84
Mark Weber	Cal Lutheran, 1980	2013-15
Craig Wederquist	Drake, 1983	1988-91
Luke Wells	Oklahoma, 2001	2013-18
Matt Wells	Utah State, 1996	2011-12
<b>Mitchell White</b>	<b>Michigan State, 2012</b>	<b>2023</b>
Frank Williams	Utah State, 1948	1960-62
Joe Wood	Oregon, 1973	1980-82
TJ Woods	Azuza Pacific, 2002	2009-12, '19-20
Calvin Woodworth	Oklahoma, 1956	1958-63
Cliff Yoshida	Cal Poly Pomona, 1963	1970, 72
David Yost	Kent State, 1992	2017-18
Jim Zorn	Cal Poly Pomona, 1976	1992-94
<b>Mike Zuckerman</b>	<b>Miami, 2012</b>	<b>2021-22</b>

Note: 1957-Present. Full-time coaches only.  
**Bold = Current Assistant Coach**



**Ephraim Banda**  
 Cleveland Browns  
 Safeties  
 USU Assistant 2021-22



**Tom McMahon**  
 Las Vegas Raiders  
 Special Teams Coordinator  
 USU Assistant 1998-2005



**Nate Kaczor**  
 Washington Commanders  
 Special Teams Coordinator  
 USU Assistant 1994-99

