

# BRAD CORNELSEN

## OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR & QUARTERBACKS

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### THE CORNELSEN FILE

**Experience:** 22nd season/5th at Virginia Tech  
**Hometown:** Texhoma, Oklahoma  
**High School:** Texhoma (1995)  
**College:** Missouri Southern State (2000)  
**Playing Exp:** Missouri Southern State (1995-98)  
**Family:** Wife – Jaimi; Son – Wyatt;  
 Daughter – Wynn

### COACHING HISTORY

Year	School	Position
2016-20	Virginia Tech	Offensive Coord./QBs
2015	Memphis	Co-OC/Quarterbacks
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2011	Northeastern State	Offensive Coordinator
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2008	Oklahoma State	Quality Control
2007	Illinois State	Quarterbacks
2003-06	Illinois State	Wide Receivers
2002	Oklahoma State	Graduate Assistant
2001	Oklahoma State (fall)	Graduate Assistant
2001	NW Missouri State	Graduate Asst. (spring)
2000	NE Oklahoma A&M	Student Assistant
1999	Missouri Southern State	Student Assistant

### BOWL GAMES/PLAYOFFS (8)

2019	Belk	Virginia Tech
2018	Military	Virginia Tech
2017	Camping World	Virginia Tech
2016	Belk	Virginia Tech
2015	Birmingham	Memphis
2014	Miami Beach	Memphis
2008	Holiday	Oklahoma State
2006	Illinois State	FCS Playoffs
2002	Houston	Oklahoma State

### PROMINENT PUPILS

#### QB Jerod Evans Virginia Tech

Set VT single-season records for TD passes (29), passing yards (3,546) and total offense (4,392) in 2016.

#### WR Isaiah Ford D7-2017 – Miami

Set VT's single-season record with 79 catches in 2016.

#### QB Hendon Hooker Virginia Tech

Won his first six starts in 2019, throwing for 1,126 yards with 10 TDs and no INTs.

#### QB Josh Jackson Virginia Tech

Set Tech freshman records with 2,991 passing yards and 20 TDs in 2017.

#### TE Dalton Keene Virginia Tech

Caught 59 passes for 748 yards & eight TDs from 2017-19.

#### QB Paxton Lynch D1-2016 – Denver

Threw for 8,863 yards with 59 TDs in three seasons at Memphis.

#### WR Trey McVay Northeastern State

Set the NCAA all-division single-game record with 425 receiving yards in 2011.

#### WR Cam Phillips FA-2018 – Buffalo

His 236 catches and 3,027 rec. yards are VT career records.

#### WR Laurent Robinson D3-2007 – Atlanta

All-America selection and MVC Offensive POY in 2005 with league-record 86 catches for a school-record 1,465 yards. Falcons, Rams, Cowboys, Jaguars (2007-12).

#### QB Ryan Willis Virginia Tech

Threw for 3,622 yards with 33 TDs & a 139.3 rating in 2018-19.

### COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Accomplished offensive coordinator and QBs coach enters his fifth season at Virginia Tech.
- Under his direction, the Hokies have produced the top three passing seasons in school history despite utilizing a different primary starting quarterback each year - 261.4 ypg in 2016, 253.8 ypg in 2018 and 239.5 ypg in 2017.
- Three of Tech's top seven team seasonal totals for TD passes have also come during Cornelsen's tenure - 31 in 2016, 29 in 2018 and 24 in 2019.
- Continued his track record of tutoring productive QBs in 2019 as Hendon Hooker won his first six collegiate starts, throwing 10 TDs and no INTs in those games. Quincy Patterson continued his development and guided Tech to a six-OT win vs. UNC thanks to a 122-yard rushing effort.
- Virginia Tech led the ACC and ranked sixth among Power Five squads with a 94.5 Red Zone scoring percentage in 2019. The Hokies scored on 52 of 55 Red Zone trips and posted a 71.2 Red Zone touchdown percentage.
- Versatile and productive tight ends like Dalton Keene and James Mitchell have also been a staple of his offenses. That duo accounted for 11 total TDs in 2019.
- Has overseen three of the top four single-season receiving performances in school history - Isaiah Ford (1,094 yards in 2016) and Cam Phillips (983 in 2016 & 964 in 2017).
- Playing to the strengths of his players has also been a staple of Cornelsen's offenses at Tech. Five players returning in 2020 led the team in rushing in a game last season, while three returning players led the squad in receiving yards in a game in 2019.
- Tech's returning skill players include WR Tre Turner, who has caught 60 passes for 1,088 yards in 2018-19 and RB Keyshawn King, who notched his initial 100-yard rushing game in 2019.
- Despite not entering the starting lineup until the season's third contest in 2018, QB Ryan Willis threw 24 TDs, a mark that tied as the second-best in school history.
- QB Josh Jackson led all FBS freshman QBs by averaging 255.0 ypg of total offense in 2017, while his 59.6 completion percentage ranked second.
- Under Cornelsen's direction, Virginia Tech tied or broke 10 offensive single-season records in 2016.
- With Cornelsen calling the plays in 2016, the Hokies tied or set school bests in points (490), total TDs (61), first downs (330), passing first downs (172), TD passes (31), total offense (6,223), completion pct. (62.1%), passing yards (3,660), pass completions (279) and total plays (1,087).
- The Hokies also ranked fifth in the ACC in scoring (35.0 ppg), total offense (444.5 ypg), rushing (183.1 ypg), pass efficiency (149.8) and time of possession (31:15).
- Helped QB Jerod Evans register one of the most productive seasons of any quarterback in school annals in 2016.
- In his only season of FBS competition, Evans set eight single-season records for the Hokies, including marks for total offense (4,392), passing yards (3,546), TD passes (29), total TDs accounted for (41) and rushing yards by a QB (846).
- Along with current Tech head coach Justin Fuente, helped take a Memphis program that had gone 3-21 in the two seasons prior to their arrival to a squad that went 19-7 and earned back-to-back bowl berths in 2014-15.
- During his final two campaigns for the Tigers, Lynch completed 64.8 percent (555 of 856) of his passes for 6,807 yards with 50 TDs and 13 INTs (147.9 rating).
- By contrast, in the three seasons (2009-11) prior to Lynch's arrival at Memphis, the Tigers compiled a 5-31 record, threw for 7,182 yards with 37 TDs and 36 INTs.
- Under Cornelsen's tutelage in 2015, Lynch threw for 3,776 yards, with 28 touchdowns and only four interceptions. He tied an FBS record with seven touchdown passes in the first half of Memphis' 63-0 victory over SMU.
- In 2015, Memphis finished 11th nationally in scoring offense (40.2 ppg). The Tigers also converted 48.8 percent (101 of 207) of the time to rank eighth in the FBS.

- In 2014-15, the Tigers averaged 185.0 rushing ypg and scored 60 TDs on the ground, producing 11 games with 200 or more net rushing yards.
- The Tigers set a school record for points in consecutive seasons (993 in 2014-15) and boasted a +19 turnover differential (53 takes/34 gives) over that timeframe.
- In 2014, Lynch guided the Tigers to a Miami Beach Bowl win over BYU. Lynch was the MVP after throwing four TDs and running for three more TDs, tying an FBS record for touchdowns responsible for in a bowl game.
- In 2012, Cornelsen mentored QB Jacob Karam who completed 64.2 percent (176 of 274) of his passes, while throwing 14 TDs and a school-low three INTs.
- At Northeastern State in 2011, he helped the offense become among the nation's leaders in passing offense (13th, 291 ypg) and total offense (22nd, 440 ypg).
- In 2011, Northeastern State receiver Trey McVay became a first-team All-America pick, catching 82 passes for 1,533 yards. He set a school single-season record for receiving yards. His 425-yard performance vs. Harding set an NCAA single-game record at any level for most receptions in a game. His 16 catches and six TDs in that contest also established school records.
- Developed QB Luke Drone developed into an All-Gateway Conference choice at Illinois State in 2007.
- In 2005, Cornelsen helped Laurent Robinson become an All-America selection. His 292-yard game against Indiana State in 2005 still stands as a conference record.
- Spent the spring of 2001 at NW Missouri State working as a graduate assistant under College Football Hall of Fame head coach Mel Tjeerdsma before taking a similar role at Oklahoma State under head coach Les Miles.
- His father, Bruce, two uncles and several cousins comprise a Cornelsen coaching family tree that has been synonymous with successful football at the college and high school levels in Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas.

### PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

- First NCAA Division II quarterback to pass for at least 4,000 yards and rush for at least 2,000 yards during his career at Missouri Southern State from 1995-98.
- Missouri Southern State Athletics Hall of Fame (2014).
- Was on the same Oklahoma roster as current Tech head coach Justin Fuente in the 1995 Oil Bowl, an annual Oklahoma vs. Texas high school summer all-star game.
- Earned Oklahoma all-state honors in football, basketball and track at Texhoma High School.