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## MISSION STATEMENT

Wayne State University believes that intercollegiate athletics are an important and wholesome adjunct to the principal purposes of the University: (1) the advancement of knowledge through research and investigation; and (2) the dissemination of knowledge through teaching. To that end, participants in intercollegiate athletics must be, first and foremost, students whose fundamental aim is to obtain a sound education.

A major mission of the University is to achieve an increasing level of excellence in the quality of its programs and to enhance the visibility and recognition of the University as a whole. Students who participate in intercollegiate athletics are directly involved in the implementation of this mission of excellence, and by such participation, provide a unifying objective of community and University.

Wayne State University believes that a well-balanced program in intercollegiate sports is important so long as it remains in proper focus as an ancillary of the real purposes of the University; so long as it remains under academic control; so long as the players are bona fide students; and so long as the coaches strive to instill qualities of honesty, sportsmanship and clean play.

## ON THE COVER

The 2019 Wayne State University football media guide front cover highlights this year's theme of Bring the Noise with senior linebacker Leon Eggleston above the Detroit skyline.

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

Location	Detroit, Michigan	48202
Founded		1868
Enrollment	25,101 (15,952 undergraduate)	
Nickname/Colors	Warriors/Green (561) and Gold (1245)	
President	Dr. M. Roy Wilson	
Faculty Athletics Representative	Tim Butler	
Athletics Phone	313-577-4280	

## FOOTBALL INFORMATION

Affiliation/Conference	NCAA Division II/GLIAC
Stadium	WSU Stadium/Adams Field
Capacity/Turf	6,439/FieldTurf
Head Coach/Phone	Paul Winters/313-577-4288
Overall Record/WSU Record	83-84 (15 years)/Same
Office Phone	313-577-4288
2018 Overall Record/GLIAC	2-9/1-7
GLIAC Finish	T-8th
Starters Returning/Lost	15/7
Offense	6/5
Defense	9/2
Special Teams (Kickers and Punters)	1/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	47/20
Offense	21/11
Defense	24/7
Special Teams	2/2
Newcomers (Freshmen/Transfers)	35 (33/2)

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## 2019 WSU FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

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## MEDIA INFORMATION

### INFORMATION

Wayne State football releases and other information can be accessed via the Internet. Log on to [wsuathletics.com](http://wsuathletics.com) to receive information on all 18 intercollegiate sports. The football site includes a schedule, roster, all press releases (usually in portable document format [.pdf] as well as text format) and results (including game summaries), as well as up-to-date statistics.

### CREDENTIALS

Press and photo credentials for Warrior football games should be requested AT LEAST ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE. Seating is limited to working press only. Requests should be directed to Jeff Weiss, SID, WSU Sports Information Office, 5101 John C. Lodge, 101 Matthaei, Detroit, MI 48202. The one entrance is through the ticket booths located at the south end of the stadium.

### INTERVIEWS

All interviews with players and coaches should be arranged through the Sports Information Office. Please allow at least 24 hours to set up interviews. Arrangements will be made for telephone and in-person interviews at a mutually-agreeable time.

### PARKING

Media parking for WSU Stadium/Adams Field is located in Lot 50 off Warren Avenue just south of the stadium's ticket booths.

### KEY WSU MEDIA OUTLETS

#### NEWSPAPERS

**DETROIT FREE PRESS**  
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[clickondetroit.com](http://clickondetroit.com)

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[fox2detroit.com](http://fox2detroit.com)

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### DIRECTIONS TO WSU STADIUM/ADAMS FIELD

*From the West* – Take I-94 East. Exit at Trumbull Avenue. Crossover Trumbull Avenue and follow the Service Drive around to Warren Avenue. Then turn right onto Warren Avenue. Parking is in Lot 50 off Warren Avenue.

*From the East* – Take I-94 West. Exit at Woodward/Brush Avenues. Remain on Ford Service Drive to Woodward Avenue. Turn left onto Woodward Avenue, going south to Warren Avenue. Turn right onto Warren Avenue. Continue west on Warren Avenue to Lodge Freeway (M 10) overpass. Lot 50 is located on your right just past the overpass.

*From the North* – Take I-75 South to Warren Avenue exit. Turn right onto Warren Avenue. Continue west on Warren Avenue to Lodge Freeway (M 10) overpass. Lot 50 is located just past the overpass.

*From the South* – Take I-75 North to Lodge Freeway (M 10) North. Exit at Forest/Warren Avenues. Turn left onto Warren Avenue (2nd light). Cross over Lodge Freeway and turn right into Lot 50.

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

Only those accredited photographers working on assignment will be issued credentials from the Sports Information Office. Photographers are allowed to shoot from the 30-yard line to the back of the end zone on both sides of the field. Photographers are not allowed on the game field or at the bench areas during contests.

### PRESS BOX SERVICES

Programs, game notes and other pertinent information will be supplied in the press box, located at the top of the Stadium's west side. A complete box score and play-by-play will be available shortly after the completion of the game.

### POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

A post-game press conference will be held approximately 20 minutes after the conclusion of the game. WSU coach Paul Winters and selected players will be available in the team meeting room located in the WSU Football Building.

### VISITING RADIO

Visiting radio stations will receive one phone line for their game broadcasts in the second tier of the WSU Press Box.

### RADIO

The flagship station of Wayne State University football is WDTK (1400 AM/101.5 FM) in Detroit. All WSU football games can be heard live on the internet at [patriotdetroit.com](http://patriotdetroit.com).

### INTERNET VIDEO

All 2019 Wayne State University football home games will be available online through [wsuathletics.com](http://wsuathletics.com) via Warriors All-Access.



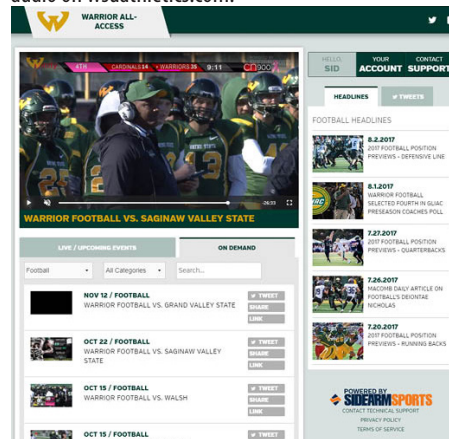
The 2019-20 school year will mark the 10th season of Warrior All-Access at [wsuathletics.com](http://wsuathletics.com)

Not only will all home WSU football, basketball, volleyball, softball and baseball games be available for viewing by a world wide audience on a pay-per-view basis, but also other videos featuring interviews with WSU coaches and staff, and student-athletes.

In addition, selected home events for tennis (indoors and outdoors) will also be available.

Fans wanting to watch Wayne State events via Warrior All-Access will need a high-speed internet connection and Google Chrome is the suggested web browser. Games will be sold on an individual basis with special viewing packages also available.

Warrior All-Access will also feature On-Demand Audio and Video with the stored archived video and audio on [wsuathletics.com](http://wsuathletics.com).



## 2019 Travel Plans

### TRUMAN STATE (SEPT. 13-14)

Hampton Inn by Hilton  
2604 North Baltimore Street  
Kirksville, Mo. 63501  
660-956-4686

### QUINCY (SEPT. 20-21)

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndam  
200 South 3rd Street  
Quincy, Ill. 62301  
217-222-5620

### NORTHERN MICHIGAN (OCT. 4-5)

Holiday Inn of Marquette  
1951 US 41 West  
Marquette, Mich. 49855  
906-225-1351

### NORTHWOOD (OCT. 25-26)

Doubletree by Hilton  
One Wenonah Park Place  
Bay City, Mich. 48708  
989-891-6000

### DAVENPORT (NOV. 1-2)

The Grand River Hotel  
270 Ann St. NW  
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504  
616-363-9001

### GRAND VALLEY STATE (NOV. 15-16)

Holiday Inn Grand Rapids-Airport  
3063 Lake Eastbrook Blvd. SE  
Kentwood, Mich. 49512  
616-285-7600

### TRAVEL NOTES

- Days listed indicate departure from/return to WSU
- For all six trips, the team will depart from WSU the day before the game and return immediately following the game
- The Warriors will travel to all road contests via bus
- The travel schedule is subject to change





# CITY OF DETROIT

## DETROIT PROFILE

### Population

City: 672,795 (July 2016)  
 Metropolitan Area: 3,861,066  
 (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb  
 Counties – U.S. Census Bureau, July 2016)  
 U.S. CMSA Rank: 12th  
 (Detroit-Ann Arbor-Flint CMSA)  
 Founded: July 24, 1701 (incorporated, 1815)

Television Market: 11th

Fortune 500 Company Headquarters: 13

Mayor: Mike Duggan

• **Major Industry** – Internationally known for automobile manufacturing and trade, the world headquarters of General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Company and Chrysler LLC are located in metro Detroit. The area ranks as a leader in the production of alternative fuel, auto manufacturing and life science. The area ranks as a leader in the production of paints, non-electrical machinery and automation equipment, as well as pharmaceutical, rubber products, synthetic resins and garden seed. Other national and international corporations headquartered here include The Budd Company, American National Resources, Kelly Services, SBC, Federal Mogul and Kmart, plus pizza giants Domino's, Hungry Howie's and Little Caesars. These companies employ more than 2 million metro Detroiters.

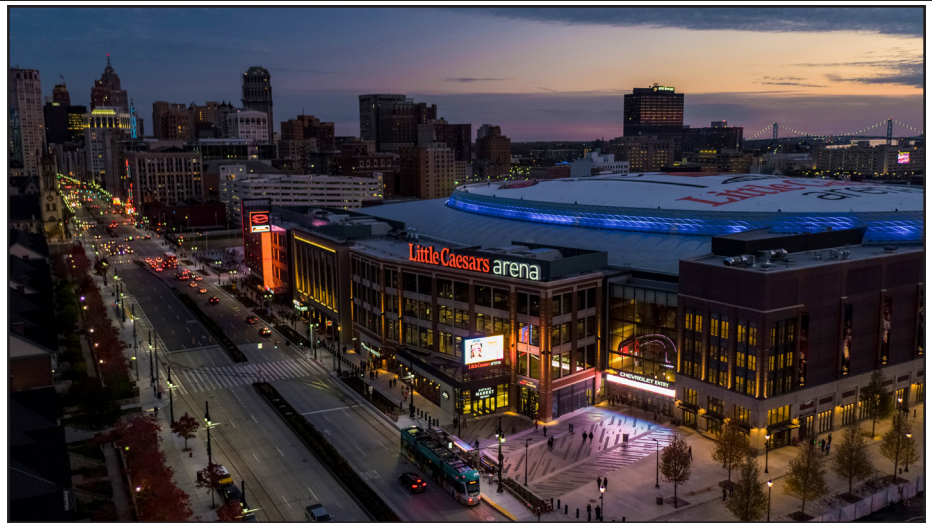
### Land Area

City: 138.8 square miles  
 Metropolitan: 1,337 square miles  
 Elevation: 581 feet above sea level at Detroit River

Average Snowfall: 41.1 inches  
 Mean Annual Temperature: 48.6

### Fun Facts About Detroit

- It is estimated that a new idea for a startup is generated in Detroit every 27 minutes.
- The Detroit area boasts the second largest concentration of engineers among the country's 85 largest metro areas, behind only Silicon Valley.
- is home to the Motown sound founded by Berry Gordy Jr. in 1957
- is the potato chip capital of the world, based on consumption
- has country's largest island park within a city – Belle Isle Park
- is home to the world's only floating post office, the J.W. Westcott II, can be found on the Detroit River
- Detroit's community gardens produce 200 tons of fresh fruits and vegetables per year.
- is second in the nation in the sale of fishing rods
- is home to one of the tallest hotels in the Western Hemisphere – the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, at 73 stories
- receives freighters from more than 100 world ports on the Detroit River
- has the most registered bowlers in the United States
- is the oldest city in the Midwest, and the only one from which one can look south to Canada.
- The Ambassador Bridge, linking Detroit with Windsor (Ontario, Canada) is one of the longest international suspension bridges in the world.
- Detroit has Henry Ford, the man who put America on wheels, to thank for the advent of snack food. He allowed workers on his assembly line to take short breaks, which led to the trend of workers purchasing small bags of food that could be quickly consumed.
- The Eastern Market, a major commercial food distribution center famous for the quality, freshness and variety of its produce, meat, fish and even flowers, has been in existence since 1892.
- was the first city in the nation to assign individual telephone numbers in 1879



Little Caesars Arena, home of the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Pistons, opened in the fall of 2017 (Olympia Development of Michigan).

### Famous Detroiters

- Tim Allen, actor, comedian
- Anita Baker, singer
- Francis Ford Coppola, film director and producer
- Dave Coulier, actor and comedian
- Aretha Franklin, singer
- Thomas Hearns, boxer
- Casey Kasem, radio star
- Charles Lindbergh, pilot
- Lone Ranger, radio star that debuted on WWJ Radio
- Joe Louis, boxer
- Madonna, actress, singer
- Eminem (b. Marshall Mathers), singer
- Kid Rock (b. Robert James Ritchie), singer
- Smokey Robinson, singer
- Diana Ross, actress and singer

- Bob Seger, singer
- Tom Selleck, actor
- Jack White, singer/The White Stripes
- Robin Williams, actor and comedian
- Stevie Wonder, singer

- The Detroit Metro Sports Commission (DMSC) markets and sells metro Detroit as a premier destination for regional, national and international amateur sporting events.
- The Detroit area has a long, successful history of hosting a variety of tournaments and events including NCAA, AAU and USSSA events. Metro Detroit was the location for the 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star game, Super Bowl XL in 2006, the 2009 NCAA Basketball Final Four, the 2010 NCAA Men's Frozen Four and the 2017 AAU Junior Olympic Games.



Ford Field, home of the Detroit Lions and Super Bowl XL.





## PRESIDENT M. ROY WILSON



Dr. M. Roy Wilson became the 12th president of Wayne State University on August 1, 2013.

Since assuming leadership, President Wilson has realigned the university's numerous research divisions to emphasize team science and cluster hiring of scientists. This effort was reflected in the \$90 million lBio multidisciplinary research facility, which opened in 2015. He also developed a strategy to improve the pipeline of underrepresented students trained in the biomedical sciences. As part of this strategy, he formed a coalition of Detroit-based universities and colleges to

launch the NIH-funded Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) Program at the university in 2015. He also launched the Wayne Med-Direct program—which guarantees exceptionally talented high school students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds admission to Wayne State's medical school—to develop the next generation of physician leaders.

Enhancing the student experience has been high on President Wilson's agenda. Campus beautification efforts have included the \$26.5 million renovation of the Student Center Building and the redesigned green space surrounding Fountain Court. In 2016 the university unveiled plans to overhaul student housing to meet the increased demand for living space; the first phase of the Anthony Wayne Drive Apartments opened in August 2018. The university opened the new Mike Ilitch School of Business located near downtown Detroit in 2018 as well, made possible by a \$40 million investment from Mike and Marian Ilitch. Groundbreaking took place for two other major projects in 2018—the \$65 million Hilberly Gateway Performance Complex for theatre, music, dance, and the arts, and the renovation of an unused science library into the STEM Innovation Learning Center, an instructional learning environment for undergraduate STEM students.

As part of a plan to increase the diversity of Wayne State's campus, President Wilson created the position of Associate Provost for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer in 2014. He also created

the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement to provide an inclusive environment and promote awareness initiatives that encourage academic success for underrepresented minorities and historically marginalized students.

Prior to joining Wayne State, President Wilson served as deputy director for strategic scientific planning and program coordination at the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health.

Previously, he was dean of the School of Medicine and vice president for health sciences at Creighton University, president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and concurrently, chancellor of the University of Colorado Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus and chair of the Board of Directors of University of Colorado Hospital. President Wilson also chaired the Board of Directors of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and was acting president during part of that time.

President Wilson was installed as the board chair of the Association of American Medical Colleges in November 2017. He serves on numerous other medical and civic boards, both locally and nationally.

President Wilson's research has focused on glaucoma and blindness in populations from the Caribbean to West Africa. Among many other honors, he is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He received his undergraduate degree from Allegheny College, an M.S. in epidemiology from UCLA, and an M.D. from Harvard Medical School.



## Wayne State University Board of Governors



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(Chair)**





## ATHLETICS DIRECTOR ROB FOURNIER



Since Rob Fournier was named Director of Athletics at Wayne State University on September 1, 2000, a lot has changed. In those 19 years, the department's competitive success, classroom achievements, community outreach initiatives and the physical structure of the athletic campus has seen a significant transformation. That development has followed a strategic plan that models business forecasting and has realized defined goals/objectives. The results are well-documented.

In 2019, Fournier initiated and negotiated a contract with the Detroit Pistons for a new 3,000-seat, \$25 million basketball arena on the WSU campus which will also be the home to the Pistons G-League squad. The new facility is slated to open in the fall of 2021.

That competitive success is evident in Wayne State's national standing against all Division II institutions. WSU's 18 best finishes in the prestigious NACDA Cup standings (which measures the overall competitive success of athletic programs around the country) have all occurred in the last 18 years including the three highest marks ever in the past 10 years – 11th in 2009, 14th in 2014 and 21st in 2010. Those finishes secured an unprecedented top four (4%), top five (5%) and top seven (7%) percent ranking among all Division II athletic programs in the country. Ten (10) athletic teams advanced to the NCAA tournament last season.

Additionally, in those 19 years, 47 WSU coaches have been named conference coach of the year, while five have gone on to be distinguished as National Coach of the Year. In 2012, the women's swimming and diving program won the first national title since women's fencing in 1989. Football had its best season ever in 2011 reaching the Division II national championship game.

During Fournier's tenure at WSU, Warrior athletic teams have won 37 conference regular-season titles, 14 league tournament titles and 10 postseason regional, super regional or national titles.

For his efforts, Fournier was honored by NACDA as the 2008 Central Region Athletics Director of the Year.

Last year WSU had twenty-five (25) All-Americans. In the 102 years of WSU Athletics, 436 of the 674 all-time All-Americans have been honored since Fournier arrived.

Another strategic measurement continues to be

noteworthy. The 2018-19 academic year continued both academic achievement and community volunteerism. Sixteen (16) of WSU's seventeen (17) athletic programs (women's indoor and outdoor track is counted as one) have cumulative grade-point averages above 3.00 with a composite cumulative GPA of all WSU student-athletes at 3.31. The annual NCAA Federally-mandated Student-Athlete Academic Success Rate is at 78 percent which has risen over 30 percent in Fournier's tenure from programs such as: survival skills, connect-mentoring and learning specialists!

In addition, in the last 12 months, WSU student-athletes contributed an exemplary 10,280 community service hours volunteering at a variety of Detroit initiatives. In the past eight years alone, student-athletes have committed 81,449 community service hours with such programs as Habitat For Humanity, University Prep Elementary, Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Warming Center, Adopt a Family Thanksgiving Basket, Basic Needs Drive, Be The Match Donor Registry, Covenant House Michigan, NSO (Neighborhood Service Organization), SOCKS in the City, L.I.N.K. Mentoring (Local Intervention Network for Kids), S.M.A.R.T.S. Mentoring, Big Brother Big Sisters, Make-A-Wish Foundation, COTS, Toys for Tots, Forgotten Harvest, Gleaners Food Bank and Manhood Mentoring Project to name only some of the programs.

The conference recognized those achievements with an unprecedented association's honor of the Sportsmanship Award and Community Service Award in 2013.

The rise in both academic average and community outreach has been dramatic, consistent and unprecedented. In addition, in the latest federally-mandated graduation rate report, it noted WSU student-athletes received an undergraduate degree at a rate 166 percent higher than the comparable campus population. These, and other academic achievements, are recognized at the annual academic banquet, which he started in 2001 and combines a salute to the University's faculty.

Fournier's ability to generate private and corporate support has dramatically altered the physical setting of the athletic campus and the practice/competitive opportunities for WSU student-athletes.

In his 19 years, he has secured \$19,329,549 in revenue for the athletic department. That total has helped complete the following facility initiatives: football locker room; the Doris J. & Donald L. Duchene, Sr. Athletic Facility; new men's and women's basketball coaches offices and film room; baseball's replica Fenway Park baseball stadium which displays the former Tiger Stadium scoreboard on its famous "Green Monster" facade; softball locker room and coaches offices, along with a grandstand, walkway and press box; a Boston Garden-like parquet floor for basketball; Hall of Fame foyer; swimming video board, pool deck and bleachers in the natatorium; football ticket booths and stadium entrance; outdoor marquee; FieldTurf football field; a new outdoor track; scoreboards for baseball and football with a video display; trainer's treatment areas; and new USTA outdoor tennis courts with scoreboard. Recently, the final two million dollars for the Harwell Stadium was secured and a new \$600,000 football locker room addition was completed. The 11,000 square foot Athletic

Performance Center (APC) opened in the spring of 2018.

The physical transformation has been both noticeable and imaginative, and boasts a number of cosmetic infrastructure changes as well.

Fournier added a radio and statewide television package to WSU media outreach. He also added the athletic department's first website, a quarterly magazine (Warrior Within) and a weekly coach's show (Winters on Wednesdays). He also directs and oversees the University's intramural and club sport programs and the Mort Harris Recreation and Fitness Center.

Furthermore, Wayne State is the only school in the country to designate a week of activities to promote Women's Athletics as "W" Week will be having its 11th annual celebration in April 2020 highlighted by "W" Day.

The addition of new programs in women's indoor and outdoor track and field, and women's golf follows an internal gender-equity plan designed to better opportunities.

Fournier served three years (2005-06-07) as a member of the NCAA regional-ranking football committee then spent seven seasons (2009-10-11-12-17-18-19) on the NCAA softball regional ranking committee, and served as the regional representative on the national committee in both 2018 and 2019. He currently serves as a member of the GLIAC Awards/Honors Committee, and previously served on the finance committee, the infractions committee, the scheduling committee and the long-range budget planning committee.

Prior to joining Wayne State, Fournier served as the Senior Associate Commissioner and general counsel for the Mid-American Conference. While serving as the acting Commissioner of the Conference (1999), he moved the league office from Toledo to Cleveland, wrote and secured a long-term contract for the men's basketball tournament at Quicken Loans Arena and secured the three largest corporate gifts in the history of the MAC including First Energy as the tournament sponsor for the men's postseason basketball tournament.

He also wrote and negotiated the initial Motor City Bowl football contract that is the MAC's longest postseason Bowl alignment. As the chief compliance officer for the league, Fournier investigated and reported on over 350 infraction cases that insured fairness in case resolution and corrective action. At the request of institutions, he has appeared before the NCAA Committee on Infractions and conducted campus reviews of compliance effectiveness in financial aid, rules education, eligibility and institutional control. He has served as liaison to various NCAA committees for which the conference held cabinet positions. The MAC presidents recognized Fournier's achievements when they unanimously conferred a Certificate of Commendation and a mark of esteem for his efforts in 1999.

A licensed attorney, he received his bachelor's degree summa cum laude and his master's with honors from the University of Akron. He was a national forensics champion and qualified for the national finals in six events. Fournier also received his law degree from Akron in 1986 and was admitted to the Ohio bar that same year where he is still licensed to practice.





## HEAD COACH PAUL WINTERS



Paul Winters begins his 16th season as the Wayne State University head football coach in the fall of 2019. He was named to the AFCA Board of Trustees in January of 2017.

WSU had 13 All-GLIAC performers during the 2018 campaign, plus Kyle Toth became the first CoSIDA Academic All-American since Josh Renel in 2011. In addition, the Warriors had the second-most GLIAC All-Academic honorees (37) in program history, while playing the sixth-toughest schedule in all of Division II. In addition, a school record nine seniors received membership into the National Football Foundations Hampshire Honor Society.

During the 2017 campaign, WSU finished 5-6 overall despite losing more than 150 man-games to injury, including numerous All-GLIAC honorees, along with playing the 26th toughest schedule. The squad produced 36 Academic All-GLIAC recipients.

Winters led the Warriors to their eighth winning campaign in the last nine years in 2016 along with a school record 39 student-athletes receiving Academic All-GLIAC recognition. In addition, seven seniors received membership into the National Football Foundations Hampshire Honor Society.

WSU led the GLIAC and was 13th nationally in fourth-down defense (27.8 percent), while ranking 16th in kickoff return average (24.00 yards per return), which was best in the GLIAC. The Warriors were sixth nationally (first in the GLIAC) in both red zone defense (61.8 percent) and rushing offense (273.4 yards per game).

His 2015 squad was extremely disciplined ranking fifth in the nation in fewest penalty yards per game (36.18). The WSU offense ranked 18th nationally in yards per completion (14.83), 21st in red zone offense (86.8%), 33rd in time of possession (31:44) and 43rd in rushing offense (194.0 yards per game).

Sophomore running back Romello Brown was sixth in the nation in rushing touchdowns (19) and 16th in total rushing yards (1,287), while freshman quarterback D.J. Zezula was 13th in yards per completion (15.01) and Anthony DeDamos led all GLIAC linebackers in tackles for loss (1.5 per game).

Brown was a Second Team All-GLIAC selection as well as WSU's Offensive Most Valuable Player. Rabeah Beydoun was a GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team honoree along with being recognized by the National Football Foundation with Hampshire Honor Society accolades.

The previous year, Winters had 26 student-athletes named to the 2014 Academic All-GLIAC teams with 15 players earning All-GLIAC accolades. His squad was extremely disciplined ranking seventh in the nation in fewest penalties per game (4.45). In addition, senior linebacker Nores Fradi was voted GLIAC Defensive Back of the Year and a AFCA First Team All-American.

For the 2013 campaign, he had 24 student-athletes named to the Academic All-GLIAC teams with six players earning All-GLIAC accolades. His squad was extremely disciplined ranking fourth in the nation in fewest penalties per game (3.27) and fifth in penalty yards per game (30.55).

In the 2012 season finale, he equaled the school mark for games coached (101) by a WSU football coach. He had 26 student-athletes receive Academic All-GLIAC honors along with 11 players being named to the All-GLIAC teams.

After guiding the winningest team in school history in 2011, he was honored for his efforts with the AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year award.

His 2011 squad set the school record for overall wins (12) and road wins (8), while winning four consecutive road playoff games to reach the national title contest. In addition, senior left tackle Joe Long was the recipient of the Gene Upshaw Award as the top lineman (both offensive and defensive) in Division II. Senior running back Josh Renel was a First Team CoSIDA Academic All-America selection becoming the first football CoSIDA Academic All-American since 1975.

Senior safety Jeremy Jones along with six other teammates earned All-America accolades for the 2011 season.

The Warriors ranked in the top 40 nationally in eight different categories for the 2011 campaign -- ninth in fewest sacks allowed (0.94 per game), 14th in sacks (3.00 per game), 23rd in scoring offense (34.38 ppg), 26th in passing efficiency (144.02), 33rd in rushing offense (200.56 ypg), 37th in turnover margin (+0.56 per game), 39th in rushing defense (123.31 ypg), and 40th in kickoff returns (21.62 ypr).

In addition to setting the following single-season school records -- rushing yards (3,209), rushing attempts (699), rushing TDs (43), passing efficiency rating (144.0), average yards per pass attempt (8.4), total offense (6,083), all-purpose yards (7,880), points (550), total TDs (74), extra points (70), kickoff returns for a touchdown (3), interception return yards (401), tackles for loss (109/84 solo + 50 asst.), quarterback sacks (48.0/40 solo + 16 asst.) and pass break-ups (54) -- Wayne State also became the first NCAA Division II school to play 16 games in a season, and the only one heading into the 2018 campaign.

Winters became the school's all-time football wins leader when the Warriors recorded a double-overtime victory at Hillsdale on Oct. 22, 2011.

The 2011 senior class compiled a 35-14 mark surpassing the previous wins mark of 30 by the 1978 class. In addition, 30 members of the 2011 national finalist squad received conference all-academic accolades.

In 2010, WSU set then school records for overall wins (9), conference wins (8), points in a season (347), passing completion percentage (59.9%), and yards per pass attempt (7.67), while tying the institutional mark for touchdowns in a season (45).



### Winters' Year-by-Year Head Coaching Record

Year	Games	Wins	Losses	Pct.	League	Wins	Losses	Pct.	Finish	PF	PA
2004	10	1	9	.100	GLIAC	1	9	.100	13th	115	403
2005*	10	3	7	.300	GLIAC	3	7	.300	T-8th	158	224
2006	11	6	5	.545	GLIAC	6	4	.600	T-4th	287	255
2007	11	3	8	.273	GLIAC	2	8	.200	12th	335	383
2008	11	8	3	.727	GLIAC	7	3	.700	T-3rd	222	161
2009	11	6	5	.545	GLIAC	5	5	.500	8th	322	320
2010&	11	9	2	.818	GLIAC	8	2	.800	1st/South	347	228
2011	16	12	4	.750	GLIAC	7	3	.700	Nat'l Runner-Up	550	382
2012	10	5	5	.500	GLIAC	5	5	.500	6th/North	213	244
2013	11	3	8	.273	GLIAC	3	7	.300	T-6th/North	246	341
2014	11	7	4	.636	GLIAC	6	4	.600	T-3rd/North	360	235
2015	11	6	5	.545	GLIAC	5	5	.500	T-4th/North	305	319
2016	11	7	4	.636	GLIAC	7	4	.636	3rd/North	363	240
2017	11	5	6	.455	GLIAC	4	5	.444	6th	262	331
2018	11	2	9	.182	GLIAC	1	7	.125	T-8th	262	318
<b>Career</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>.497</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>.473</b>		<b>4347</b>	<b>4384</b>

\*-Does not include forfeit by Saginaw Valley.

&-T-2nd overall in the GLIAC





## HEAD COACH PAUL WINTERS



Coach Winters with son Christian, and daughters Melanie, Monica and Natalie. Melanie graduated from Baldwin Wallace, where she is the most celebrated female student-athlete in BW history having been a 13-time NCAA Division III All-American in track. Monica graduated from The Ohio State University, while Natalie graduated from the University of Mount Union where she was a four-year letterwinner on the track squad as a thrower.

All these accomplishments plus a 12th-place ranking in the final regular-season AFCA national poll earned Winters the AFCA Division II Regional Coach of the Year award.

His 2010 offense ranked 30th nationally in rushing (194.73 yards per game), 45th in scoring (31.55 points per game), 46th in passing efficiency (135.41) and 59th in total offense (381.00 yards per game). Jones became the first WSU defensive player to earn First Team All-America honors in school history following the 2010 campaign.

The two-time GLIAC Coach of the Year (2006 and 2008), Winters led the Warriors to four consecutive winning seasons (2008-11) for the first time since 1974-78.

In addition, senior running back Joiqie Bell was selected as the NCAA Division II Player of the Year (Harlon Hill Trophy), played in the Senior Bowl and participated in the NFL Combine in Indianapolis after rushing for 29 touchdowns and 2,084 yards in 2009. Bell played eight NFL games during the 2010 regular season and totaled nearly 1,000 all-purpose yards in 2012 with the Detroit Lions. Bell teamed with Reggie Bush in 2013 to become the first running back tandem with over 500 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards each in an NFL season. In 2014, Bell rushed for 860 yards and seven touchdowns. His seven-year NFL totals are 2,241 rushing yards and 22 rushing touchdowns, along with 1,638 receiving yards.

Winters' 2008 squad became the first team in school history to be ranked in the AFCA poll. Earlier that year, he was one of 28 coaches nationally selected to participate in the 2008 NCAA Expert Coaches Academy.

Winters became the first WSU football coach to earn GLIAC Coach of the Year honors since Dick Lowry in 1975 following a successful 2006 campaign in which the Warriors ranked 10th nationally in kickoff returns, and 13th in both rushing offense and punt return defense. WSU was also ranked regionally until the final poll.

In 2006, Bell eclipsed the NCAA Division II freshman rushing record by gaining 2,065 yards and became the first WSU player named to the AFCA All-America squad since the AFCA began selecting All-America teams in 1945. Bell and David Chudzinski were also named to the AP Little, D2Football.com and Daktronics All-America squads and were joined by Derrion Fuqua on the Hansen's Gazette All-America team.

After helping the Warriors improve five places in the GLIAC standings from 2004 to 2005, WSU improved another four places in 2006 and recorded the first winning season in more than a decade.

In his 15 years at WSU, Winters has coached 15 Academic All-District honorees, 62 All-Region selections and 169 All-GLIAC award winners, plus 10 GLIAC of-the-Year recipients and 371 GLIAC All-Academic honorees.

Winters was hired as the school's 19th football coach by WSU Director of Athletics Rob Fournier on December 17, 2003, after serving on the staff at the University of Akron the previous nine years.

Prior to his appointment at WSU, Winters was listed as one of the top 10 African-American head coaching candidates in the nation by the Black Coaches Association.

After the 2000 season, and for the second time, Winters was nominated for the Broyles Award, a national honor recognizing the nation's top Division I-A assistant coach. In addition, he was chosen Assistant Coach of the Year by the Northeastern Ohio Chapter of the National Football Foundation from among 13 universities and colleges.

Before returning to Akron, Winters was an assistant

football coach at the University of Wisconsin for two seasons (1990-91). Prior to UW, he was on the coaching staff at the University of Toledo for four seasons (1986-89).

In his previous stint on the Akron coaching staff, Winters served on Jim Dennison's staff as offensive backfield coach for two seasons after being a graduate assistant for the 1982 and 1983 campaigns.

Winters was inducted into the UA Athletic Hall of Fame on Feb. 2, 1990. He earned a bachelor of science degree in industrial management in '80 and a M.S. degree in education in 1984. The seventh all-time leading rusher in school history, he rushed for 2,613 yards during his Zips career and was named 1980 UA Athlete of the Year. Winters was a three-time letterman and a three-time recipient of the Harry "Doc" Smith Award as the outstanding player in his class. In '79, Winters was selected as the Zips' offensive MVP. He was a prep star at Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary.

A former member of the AFCA Division II Board of Coaches, Winters served on the NCAA Regional Ranking Committee as well as the NCAA Rules Committee.

Winters has four children, Christian, Monica, Melanie and Natalie and is married to the former Mya Hill.





## ASSISTANT COACHES/WEST-KAZMIERSKI



Lou West enters his third season on the Warriors coaching staff in the Fall of 2019 as the co-defensive coordinator, secondary coach and defensive passing game coordinator.

Last fall (2018), he helped tutor three All-GLIAC honorees in Second Team selection Greg McDade, and Honorable Mention recipients Tieler Houston and Kyle Toth. Houston was also voted WSU's Defensive Rookie of the Year, while Toth was a CoSIDA Academic All-American. The Warriors ranked seventh nationally in fewest passing yards allowed per game (148.5).

In his first season with the Warriors, West helped mentor three Academic All-GLIAC honorees. In addition, cornerback James Howard was voted to

the All-GLIAC Second Team, and junior cornerback Myron Riley, a junior college transfer, was voted WSU's Defensive Rookie of the Year.

West spent the 2015 and 2016 seasons as defensive coordinator and safeties coach at Alabama State. The Hornets defense finished second in the SWAC in scoring defense (24.8 ppg) in 2015 and again in 2016 (27.4). ASU was second in the SWAC allowing 365.2 yards per game in 2015, while leading the league in rushing defense (142.4 ypg). The Hornets were second in pass defense efficiency (124.2 rating) in 2015, and second in rush defense (132.0 ypg) the following year. In addition, ASU was third in the conference in turnovers gained with 22 (11 interceptions plus 11 fumbles) in 2016.

Prior to his appointment at ASU, West coached the defensive backs and linemen at Mississippi Delta Junior College (2013-14). He spent 2011 and 2012 as the defensive coordinator at Garden City Community College where they won the Mississippi Bowl over Copiah-Lincoln. He coached the defensive line and special teams at Rose-Holman in 2009 and 2010.

West spent three seasons (2005-07) as the head coach at Indiana State. During that time, he tutored five different All-Gateway Football Conference selections and seven others who earned Academic All-Conference recognition. Defensive back Bryan Jackson was a 2016 CoSIDA Academic All-District honoree.

He served as defensive coordinator at the University of Toledo for four seasons (2001-04) before becoming head coach for the Sycamores. During his tenure with the Rockets, West helped UT to a 36-14 record, three MAC West titles, two MAC Championship game victories and three bowl appearances.

Prior to joining the Rockets staff, West worked as the safeties coach at the University of Notre Dame for two seasons (1999-2000). In his first year, A-Jani Sanders led the team in tackles for loss and was named to the All-Independent squad. Sanders, along with fellow safety Deke Cooper signed free agent contracts with NFL teams. During West's second season (2000) in South Bend, the Fighting Irish went 9-3 and made an appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Tony Driver, a free safety, was drafted in the sixth round of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Buffalo Bills after earning All-Independent squad honors.

From 1995-98, West served as the defensive backs coach at Virginia Tech. In 1998, the Hokies ranked second nationally in interceptions (23), fourth in scoring defense (12.9), seventh in total defense (284.9), and 11th in pass efficiency defense (103.4 rating). The Hokies picked off three passes en route to a 38-7 win over Alabama in the Music City Bowl that season.

During his four years at Virginia Tech, the Hokies appeared in four consecutive bowl games. VT ranked in the Top 25 in three of his four years on staff. Under his tutelage, five Hokies garnered First Team All-Big East honors. Two players (Torrian Gray and Antonio Banks) were selected in the first four rounds of the 1997 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings.

West spent one season as the secondary coach at Kent State (1994) after six seasons (1988-93) as defensive backs, outside linebackers, and tight ends coach at Cincinnati. He began his career as a graduate assistant with Arizona in 1977 before working as the defensive backs coach at Arizona Western JC in 1979 and 1980. West took over as defensive backs coach at Middle Tennessee State for two seasons (1981-82) before spending the 1983 season with the University of Minnesota. He served as defensive backs coach at Western Michigan University in 1984 and 1985.

He graduated from McKinley High School before attending the University of Cincinnati (1973-76), where he played defensive back. West earned three letters and recorded four interceptions and six fumble recoveries during his career. Following his senior campaign, he played in the Blue-Gray Classic and the North-South Shrine Bowl.

A native of Niles, Ohio, West earned his bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati in 1977 and a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Arizona in 1980.

West and his wife Gail, are the parents of four children – Andre, Adrian, Alexandria and Orenthal – and eight grandchildren.



Scott Kazmierski enters his 16th year on the Wayne State football coaching staff in the Fall of 2019 and his 15th as the defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator.

He joined the Warrior football program in the spring of 2004 as running backs coach and moved to his current position in June of 2005. He added responsibilities as co-defensive coordinator and defensive running game coordinator in 2017.

During his WSU tenure, Kazmierski has mentored 41 Academic All-GLIAC selections, 21 All-GLIAC honorees, three CoSIDA Academic All-District recipients, three all-region selections, and one All-American (Greg Hasse in 2011).

In 2018, Kazmierski helped Derrick Coleman receive Honorable Mention All-GLIAC recognition for the second time in his career.

During the 2017 campaign, Kazmierski mentored two GLIAC All-Academic Excellence selections, and one All-Academic honoree. In addition, Justin Hollins ranked second nationally in fumbles recovered (4). As a team, WSU finished 19th in Division II with 12 fumbles recovered.

In 2016, he tutored four Academic All-GLIAC recipients, along with three All-GLIAC honorees in First Team recipient Dalton Binkowski and Honorable Mention Team selections Coleman and Nathan White. In addition, Binkowski was the Cortez Smith Award winner.

In 2015, he guided one Honorable Mention All-GLIAC recipient (Derrick Rodgers) and three Academic All-GLIAC honorees in Coleman, Mazur and Alex Medenbach.

He mentored two 2014 Academic All-GLIAC selections in Mazur and Medenbach, along with WSU Defensive Rookie of the Year award recipient Jake Carrizales. Carrizales was a Second Team All-GLIAC selection, while Justice Akuezue and Sam Sillmon were both named to the All-GLIAC Honorable Mention team. Carrizales was third in the GLIAC in both sacks and tackles for loss per game, while Sillmon was among the conference leaders in fumble recoveries.

He tutored two Honorable Mention All-GLIAC selections in 2013 (Ryan Hankins and Greg Hasse) along with three Academic All-GLIAC honorees in Ashawn Butler, Andrew Matt and Medenbach.

In 2012, he guided two all-league honorees in Serxho Guralעי and Andrew Matt along with three Academic All-GLIAC selections. Cecile was the 2012 WSU Football Ron Solack #35 Award winner, while Guralעי was bestowed the Cortez Smith award.

The 2011 WSU defense ranked 14th nationally in sacks (3.00 per game) and 39th in rushing defense (123.31 yards per game) as Wayne State reached the national championship game for the first time in school history. The Warriors were ranked second in the final AFCA poll after setting a school record with 12 overall wins, four playoff victories, and eight triumphs on the road. In addition, Kazmierski coached six GLIAC All-Academic team members, while junior defensive end Greg Hasse earned All-America accolades.

In 2010, he had one First Team All-GLIAC selection in Daunte Akra (who also earned all-region accolades), while Hasse was an honorable mention all-conference choice.

Athan Anagonye was named to the All-GLIAC honorable mention team in 2009, while three of his players earned GLIAC All-Academic team accolades. In 2008, Jason Thomas was voted to the All-GLIAC First Team, while Andrew Bates was a CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team selection. Bates and Anagonye were both named Honorable Mention All-GLIAC team, the first of two straight accolades for Anagonye.

Kazmierski was instrumental in the turnaround of the Warrior defense going from 125th in scoring defense in 2007 (34.8 points per game) to sixth in 2008 (14.6 ppg). Bates was a Second Team Academic All-District selection in 2007, while four of his players were named to the GLIAC All-Academic team.

In 2006, Chris Smilo earned honorable mention All-GLIAC accolades. Two of his players, Dan Barnes and Jason Thomas, were named to the GLIAC All-Academic team with Barnes being voted to the CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team.

Two of his defensive linemen earned all-region honors (Michael Hall - Hansen's Gazette; and Leo Wells - D2Football.com) in 2005 with Wells being voted to the All-GLIAC First Team. It was the first such honor for a WSU defensive lineman since 1998.

A native of Okemos, Kazmierski graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 2003. While at EMU, he majored in political science with a minor in history.

He began his coaching career at his alma mater (OHS) as a varsity assistant from 1998-2001. Kazmierski spent the 2001 campaign as a student coach at EMU. He served two years (2002-2003) as defensive coordinator at Ypsilanti Lincoln High School.

Kazmierski and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Novi with their sons, Jackson and Alexander.



Jackson, Stephanie, Scott and Alexander Kazmierski





## ASSISTANT COACHES/CALLEY-PETERSON



Chris Calley joined the Wayne State University football coaching staff in August of 2018 and will serve as the wide receivers coach for the second consecutive year in 2019.

During his inaugural season with the Warriors, he mentored two All-GLIAC players in Second Team honoree Darece Roberson and Honorable Mention selection Kyle Lewis. Roberson was fifth nationally in yards per catch (21.44 / min. 25 catches), while WSU ranked 39th in Division 2 in yards per completion 13.74. Calley's wide receivers corps combined for 74 catches, 1,122 receiving yards and nine of the 12 receiving touchdowns. In addition, four of his players received Academic All-GLIAC recognition, including three on the GLIAC All-

Academic Excellence Team (Corey Ester, Shane Holler and Logan Smith).

Calley came to WSU after spending 2017 as defensive backs coach and special teams coordinator at Lindenwood-Belleville. Prior to joining the Lynx, he was the defensive backs coach, recruiting coordinator and special teams coordinator at Urbana University for two seasons (2015 and 2016).

In 2014, Calley served as the defensive coordinator at Chandler Park Academy helping the Eagles to the Charter School Conference Championship, after spending the three previous years at Adrian College. He began as defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator in 2011, then served as co-defensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator the next two seasons (2012 and 2013).

The Bulldogs compiled a 23-8 overall record in those three years and won a league title in 2012. In 2011, Calley mentored First Team All-MIAA selection Bryan Garbarino and Second Team All-MIAA pick Keman Jacobs. Adrian ranked seventh nationally and first in the MIAA in pass efficiency defense (89.28). In addition, Adrian ranked 16th nationally and first in the MIAA in scoring defense (14.2 points per game), and the pass defense ranked 14th nationally and first in the MIAA allowing 138.2 yards per contest through the air.

In 2012, the Bulldogs had one of the best secondary's in school history based on the numbers. Adrian allowed just one passing touchdown in conference play and ranked first in the MIAA and 14th in NCAA Division III in pass defense (150.55 yards per game). In addition, AC led the MIAA and were 34th nationally in pass efficiency defense (107.53). The defensive backs recorded three interceptions during league action in 2012.

He began his coaching career as a student assistant coach working with the cornerbacks at AC in 2009, followed by a one-year stint as wide receivers coach at Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2010. He helped produce All-American Jared Jenkins as well as two other Pointers who received First Team All-WIAC honors.

Calley graduated from Adrian in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in International Business, where he was a standout cornerback for the Bulldogs and also excelled on the track.

On the football field, Calley started all 10 games as a junior and senior. He recorded 20 tackles, three interceptions and five pass breakups as a junior and followed that with 22 tackles, one interception and eight pass breakups as a senior. He was named First Team All-MIAA (Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association) as a senior.

Calley was a member of three consecutive MIAA champion 4x100 meter relay teams in 2007-2009 earning First Team All-MIAA in 2007 (42.03), 2008 (42.05) and 2009. He was the MIAA Male Track Athlete of the Year in 2009 after winning the 400m dash (49.66) and the 4x100m relay (42.44). Calley also won the 200m (22.08) at the MIAA Jamboree. He broke the school record in the 200 meters and also in the 4x100 meter relay during his time at Adrian.

A 2004 graduate of Warren Lincoln High School, Calley is engaged to Abbey Pett, and has a four-year-old son Britton.



Chris Calley and Britton.



Jay Peterson joined the Wayne State University football coaching staff in April of 2019 and will serve as the linebackers coach this fall.

Peterson has 34 years of coaching experience at the professional, collegiate and high school levels. He made the trip down I-94 East to join the Warrior staff after spending the five previous seasons (2014-18) as the running backs coach at Eastern Michigan.

In 2018, his five-member contingent had 316 carries for 1,395 yards and 12 touchdowns with just one fumble lost. The running game racked up 14 touchdowns and a total of 1,560 yards in 2017. Junior running back Ian Eriksen ran for a career-high 810 yards to go along with eight scores.

Behind a rebuilt offensive line that gelled down the stretch, EMU racked up 815 yards on the ground with four 100-yard rushers during the final four games of the year.

EMU's offense made a splash in 2016 en route to its first bowl appearance in 29 years, as the Eagles ranked 35th in the FBS in total offense at 455.2 yards per game. The team shattered the school record for total offense with 5,917 yards, breaking the previous record of 5,010.

During the 2015 campaign, EMU finished the year with 39 touchdowns, a mark that tied for the fifth-most in a single-season during the squad's 124-year history, while its 4,560 yards of total offense was also the fifth most. On the ground, EMU churned out the 14th-best single-season rushing total at 1,894 yards.

Prior to going to Ypsilanti, Peterson completed a three-year stretch (2011-13) as an assistant coach at Miami University, his alma mater. He served the final two seasons as the RedHawks' defensive coordinator while also coaching the team's linebackers. Under his tutelage, six of Peterson's defensive players earned All-MAC honors in his three seasons. That total includes three-time First Team All-MAC defensive back Dayonne Nunley, who finished this season with 88 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, one interception and 13 pass break-ups.

Peterson joined the RedHawks after stops at Illinois State University (2009-10) and EMU (2004-08).

In his first season with the Redbirds, Peterson helped turn around a defensive unit that only totaled three interceptions and 11 quarterback sacks in 2008 and posted a turnover margin (-1.36) that ranked No. 115 nationally out of 118 FBS teams. The 2009 Redbird defense totaled 14 interceptions, the most for an ISU team since 2006 when the Redbirds picked off 17 passes, and recorded 25 sacks on the season.

In his first tour at EMU, he served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach from 2004-08, while also holding the title of assistant head coach during the 2007 and 2008 seasons.

In five seasons, the Eastern Michigan defense improved dramatically, from a high of 469.6 yards allowed per game in 2004 to a drop of almost 100 yards in 2006, at 388.3 yards per game.

Under Peterson's guidance, EMU linebacker Daniel Holtzclaw was named to the 2008 Bronko Nagurski Trophy watch list and the 2008 Rotary Lombardi Award preliminary watch list. Holtzclaw was also named a freshman All-American in 2005 and a First Team All-MAC selection in 2007.

Prior to joining the Eastern Michigan staff, Peterson spent five years (1999-2003) at Big Ten Conference member Northwestern. While at Northwestern, Peterson served as the defensive line coach his last two seasons, after previously working with the Wildcat linebackers and special teams.

In 2001, Northwestern's linebackers were rated among the best in the nation, with two players, Kevin Bentley and Billy Silva, both making the Bronko Nagurski Trophy watch list. He also coached Napoleon Harris, who was a first-round pick by the Oakland Raiders in 2002.

Prior to his Northwestern stint, Peterson was an assistant coach in charge of linebackers and helped with the special teams at Miami from 1991-98. During his career at Miami, Peterson coached several All-MAC linebackers, including two-time MAC Defensive Player of the Year JoJuan Armour. Armour was named a Third Team All-American by the Associated Press. Another Peterson pupil, Dustin Cohen, was named Third Team All-America by The Football News, along with Armour.

He has also spent time coaching in the professional ranks, as he served three summers in the NFL Minority Coaching Internship program, serving various roles with the Indianapolis Colts (1995), Detroit Lions (1997) and Chicago Bears (2001). He was also an assistant football coach at three high schools in Ohio: Cadiz (1985-87), Cincinnati Anderson (1988-89) and Cincinnati Withrow (1990).

Peterson was a standout running back for the then-Redskins, where he earned four varsity letters from 1980-83 at Miami. His career total of 2,874 rushing yards ranks fifth on MU's all-time career rushing list. He was a co-captain as a senior and a First Team All-MAC selection in 1982, a second team pick in 1983 and an honorable mention choice in 1981.

Peterson, who graduated from Miami in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and his wife, Freda, have a daughter, Jada.





## ASSISTANT COACHES/REARDON-WOOSTER



Jeff Reardon enters his seventh consecutive year and 11th total at Wayne State in the Fall of 2019. He re-joined the staff in March of 2013 as the tight ends coach after spending the 2012 campaign as the secondary coach at Baldwin Wallace University.

He moved to quarterbacks coach for the 2014 campaign and will spend his sixth year coaching the signal callers in 2019. Reardon will also serve as the passing game coordinator for the third straight season in 2019.

During the 2018 season, WSU quarterback Jake AmRhein finished 29th nationally in yards per completion (13.95) and was also a GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team selection. Christian Klink earned a spot on the GLIAC All-Academic

Team.

In 2017, he tutored four Academic All-GLIAC honorees, including AmRhein, who earned All-Academic Excellence recognition. WSU ranked 18th nationally in fewest passes had intercepted (6), 15th in time of possession (32:54), 33rd in fewest sacks allowed (1.36 per game), 37th in red zone offense (84.8%) and 45th in third-down conversion (42.2%). In addition, D.J. Zezula was 23rd nationally in passing efficiency rating (152.3) and 33rd in passing yards per completion (13.47).

He mentored Honorable Mention All-GLIAC selection D.J. Zezula in 2016, plus had three of his quarterbacks (Klink, Trevor Van Tubbergen and Zezula) receive Academic All-GLIAC recognition. Under Reardon's guidance, the QBs helped WSU score the third-most TD in the GLIAC (52), finish sixth nationally in rushing offense (273.4 ypg) and 23rd in yards per completion (14.59).

He guided two 2015 Academic All-GLIAC recipients, along with WSU's Offensive Rookie of the Year in true freshman quarterback D.J. Zezula. In addition, Carl Roscoe was the recipient of the squad's Randy Guzowski Award which goes to the individual who has demonstrated team leadership and shown exemplary school and community citizenship. In 2015, the WSU offense ranked 18th nationally in yards per completion (14.83) and 21st in red zone offense (86.8%), with Zezula ranking 13th nationally in yards per completion (15.01), 24th in yards per attempt (8.46) and 49th in passing efficiency rating (140.9).

In 2014, Reardon tutored Roscoe who finished ninth in the NCAA in passing yards per completion (15.09) and 16th in passing yards per attempt (8.59). In addition, WSU was third nationally in red zone offense at 90.5 percent. Roscoe was also an Academic All-GLIAC honoree for 2014.

Reardon also guided kickers Paul Graham and Majd Khytaz in 2014. Both were Academic All-GLIAC selections with Graham tying for the national lead in field goal percentage (93.3%) and finishing 19th in field goals made per game (1.27). In addition to being WSU's Special Teams MVP, Graham was Second Team All-GLIAC, a finalist for the Fred Mitchell Award and was named to the *Beyond Sports Network* All-Super Region 4 Third Team. In his first season back in Detroit in 2013, Reardon mentored three Academic All-GLIAC selections with two being named to the All-Academic Excellence team.

At BWU in 2012, he tutored All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) safety Tom Goebel, who was second on the team with 61 total tackles, tied for the team lead with three interceptions, and led the squad with eight total pass breakups. The Yellow Jackets compiled a 7-3 record.

Reardon originally joined the WSU football staff in March of 2008 and served as an assistant defensive backs coach in both 2008 and 2009 after serving as a student assistant coach at Hope in the fall of 2007. After working at Hope during the spring of 2010, he returned to WSU in the summer of 2010 to serve as video coordinator and safeties coach.

The 2011 Wayne State squad reached the national championship game for the first time in school history. The Warriors were ranked second in the final AFCA poll after setting a school record with 12 overall wins, four playoff victories, and eight triumphs on the road.

Two of his players received GLIAC all-academic honors, while senior safety Jeremy Jones was voted GLIAC Defensive Back of the Year as well as to numerous All-America squads.

In 2010, Jones became the first WSU defensive player in school history to earn First Team All-America accolades.

In 2009, he helped coach one all-league performer (Jones) and four academic all-conference selections.

A 2007 graduate of Hope College, he was named to the 2006-07 MIAA Academic Honor Roll and also lettered in football in 2005 and 2006.

The Stanwood native graduated from Sturgis High School in 2003. Jeff and Lauren are the proud parents of daughters Sadie and Sydnie.



Sadie, Jeff, Sydnie and Lauren



Former Wayne State University student-athlete Scott Wooster joined the WSU football coaching staff in the spring of 2009 and served his first four years as the tight ends coach before moving to offensive line coach in the spring of 2013. The 2019 campaign will be his seventh season as offensive line coach, and 11th on Paul Winters' staff.

Last fall (2018), he tutored two First Team All-GLIAC selections in Tommy Richardson and Israel Helms, along with WSU Offensive Rookie of the Year Reid Thompson. WSU ranked 28th nationally in fewest tackles for loss allowed per game (5.09), and 39th in yards per completion (13.74). In addition, seven of his student-athletes received Academic All-GLIAC recognition.

During the 2017 campaign, Wooster mentored an inexperienced offensive line (combined three career starts) that helped WSU rank 29th in fewest tackles for loss allowed (4.82 per game), 33rd in fewest sacks allowed (1.36 per game), 37th in red zone offense (84.8%), and 38th in rushing offense (192.9 yards per game). In addition, two members of his group received GLIAC All-Academic Excellence honors, while Helms was named to both the Honorable Mention All-GLIAC Team and the GLIAC All-Academic Team. True freshman right tackle Lane Potter received WSU's Offensive Rookie of the Year award.

In 2016, Wooster tutored two All-GLIAC performers in Nate Theaker (GLIAC Offensive Lineman of the Year) and Robert Kelly. Theaker earned numerous All-America accolades (AFCA, D2CCA and *Associated Press*) and participated in the NFLPA Bowl as well as the NFL Combine. A total of seven offensive linemen earned Academic All-GLIAC recognition, including five who were named to the All-Academic Excellence Team for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. Three of his student-athletes received membership into the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society. WSU scored the third-most TD in the GLIAC (52) in 2016 and finished sixth nationally in rushing offense (274.3 ypg), 10th in fewest TFL allowed (4.18 pg) and 23rd in yards per completion (14.59).

He mentored two All-GLIAC performers in 2015, while on the classroom side, the offensive line contingent produced two Academic All-GLIAC Excellence Team honorees, along with four who received Academic All-GLIAC recognition. In 2015, the WSU offense ranked 18th in yards per completion (14.83), 21st in red zone offense (86.8%) and 43rd in the rushing offense (194.0 yards per game).

In 2014, he mentored two NFF Hampshire Honor Society selections in Thom Box and Ben Walker. Ten members of his group were GLIAC All-Academic honorees, including five who earned Academic All-GLIAC Excellence recognition. Theaker was a First Team All-GLIAC honoree with Walker receiving Honorable Mention All-GLIAC accolades. Box was the squad's recipient of the Randy Guzowski Award.

On the field in 2014, Wooster's corps ranked 12th nationally in fewest sacks allowed (0.91 per game) and 23rd in fewest tackles for loss allowed (5.18 per game). WSU also ranked third in Division II in red zone offense at 90.5 percent which coincided with 28 rushing touchdowns and 215 rushing yards per game.

At the conclusion of the 2013 campaign, four of his offensive linemen were named to the GLIAC All-Academic Team with one earning All-Academic Excellence accolades. In addition, Kelly was the recipient of the Warriors Offensive Rookie of the Year award, while Walker was an Honorable Mention All-GLIAC selection. WSU rushed for over 190 yards per game and 20 touchdowns during the 2013 season.

His 2011 tight ends corps helped the Warriors to a school record for overall wins (12), road wins (8), while winning four consecutive road playoff games to reach the national title contest. The Warriors ranked in the top 25 nationally in two offensive categories for the 2011 campaign -- ninth in fewest sacks allowed (0.94 per game) and 23rd in scoring offense (34.38 ppg).

WSU was second in the league in both rushing touchdowns (27) and fewest sacks allowed (9). In NCAA rankings, the Warriors were sixth in fewest sacks allowed per game (0.82) and 30th in rushing offense (194.73 yards per game).

After attending Eastern Michigan in the fall of 1995, he transferred to WSU in the spring of 1996 and

saw limited action that season for the Tartars. He then started all 11 games for WSU in both 1997 and 1998 at right tackle. As a senior and team captain, Wooster lettered as a left guard in 1999. He was twice named to the MIFC All-Academic team (1997 and 1999).

Wooster earned his undergraduate degree from WSU in 2001 and a master's in exercise science with a concentration in exercise & sport psychology in 2007, also from WSU. Prior to joining the WSU coaching staff, he served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Warren Mott High School.

He is married to former WSU softball player Christina Vitale, and the couple resides in Shelby Twp. with their daughter, Eliana Faith.



Scott, Elliana and Christina Wooster





## GRADUATE/VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES



Brad Bez joined the Wayne State football staff in the summer of 2019 and will be a graduate assistant coach working with the offensive line this fall.

Bez played 18 games as an offensive lineman for Kalamazoo College from 2015-18, including starting all 10 games during the 2018 campaign at right guard for the Hornets, who went 7-3. He also started at left guard during his junior campaign.

A 2019 graduate from KC with a bachelor's degree in History and a minor in Political Science, Bez had internships with both Michigan State and Kalamazoo College.

A native of Okemos, Mich., Bez attended the 2018 NCAA Career in Sports Forum and was a four-time Dean's List honoree from KC.



Gerren DuHart joined the Wayne State University Football coaching staff in August of 2019. DuHart will serve as a graduate assistant coach helping with the defensive backs as well as video production.

He played in 47 contests during his four seasons (2011-14) with the Green and Gold, starting his final 40 games at cornerback. He ranks second in school history in career pass break-ups (27), fifth in passes defended (33) and 22nd in career interception return yards (89).

DuHart, who served as a team captain, was voted to the All-GLIAC First Team as a senior, as well as receiving USA College Football All-America Second Team honors in 2014. He was named to the

Beyond Sports Network All-Super Region 4 Second Team in his final year.

The 2011 recipient of WSU's Defensive Rookie of the Year award, DuHart was instrumental in the Warriors advancing to the national championship game. He made two solo tackles including one for loss (tackled punter after a bad snap on fourth down) and a pass break-up in the win at St. Cloud. The following week, DuHart recorded a pass break-up and six tackles (5-1) in the victory at Nebraska-Kearney. In the national semifinal contest, he had a fourth down pass break-up in the final minute to preserve the win at Winston-Salem. DuHart recorded six tackles (2-4) and his first career interception in national championship game. He also had his first career kickoff return vs. Pittsburg State.

A three-time member of the Coach's Academic Honor Roll, DuHart graduated in December 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Media Arts and Studies.

He spent three seasons (2015-17) as an assistant varsity football coach at his alma mater, Toledo Central Catholic. DuHart is also the owner of Premier Highlights.

The Toledo native earned Associated Press Division 2 All-State accolades as a senior for the Fighting Irish.



Jeremiah Mullinax joined the Wayne State University football coaching staff in August of 2019 where he will serve as a graduate assistant coach working with the tight ends.

He graduated from Western Michigan University in May of 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Business with a concentration in Sports Marketing. After redshirting for the Broncos in 2013, Mullinax played in 11 games in 2014 primarily on special teams, making seven tackles.

Mullinax appeared in 10 contests in 2015 with two of his five receptions going for touchdowns - 29 yards against Michigan State and one yard at Ohio State. He had a season-best two catches against

Middle Tennessee in the Bahama Bowl, which was the first bowl game win in school history.

He transferred to WMU from Concordia-Ann Arbor and earned a full scholarship after walking on. He played in 10 games in 2011 for the inaugural CU Cardinals football team making 20 tackles (7-13) with a pass break-up as a safety.

A recipient of the Senior Leadership Award from WMU, Mullinax was invited to the Spring League (Napa, Calif.) in 2017, and also had a tryout with WWE in Orlando in 2017. He worked in the private sector for both State Farm and Quicken Loans since graduation and played in the Arena Football League in the spring of 2019 for the West Michigan Ironmen.

A native of Lincoln Park, Mullinax graduated from Southgate Anderson in 2011. He was a four-year member of the SAHS Academic Honor Roll and was a starter on the District Championship squad. Mullinax was voted to the All-Downriver Dream Team, All-State Honorable Mention, Special Teams MVP, and served as a team captain for the Titans.



Dylan Dunn joined the Wayne State University football coaching staff in April of 2018, and will serve as an assistant running backs coach for the second straight season in 2019.

In his inaugural year with the Warriors, he helped mentor Second Team All-GLIAC honoree James Hill, who was also voted WSU's Offensive MVP. Hill finished 16th in D2 averaging 6.44 yards per carry. In addition, fullback Stephen Charron received the WSU Football Serxho Guralecti/Ultimate Warrior Award for outstanding work in the weight room, while fullback Randy Garvin was selected as the Randy Guzowski Award winner for his team leadership and exemplary school and

community citizenship.

Dunn came to WSU after spending 2017 as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach and running backs coach at Farmington High School. The previous season, he coached running backs and cornerbacks at FHS. In his lone season as offensive coordinator, the Falcons averaged 27 points per game and rushed for nearly 2,000 yards. In 2017, he mentored running back Kendall Williams to Honorable Mention All-State honors and Second Team All-Area recognition.

Dunn spent the spring of 2016 as a volunteer secondary coach at Adrian College.

A native of Livonia, Dunn graduated from Adrian College in 2016 with a double major in History and Religion. He is currently working towards a MDiv at Moody Theological Seminary.

Dunn received the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's (MIAA) Pete Schmidt Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award in 2015, which is given to one senior football player in the conference for academics and community service. He rushed for 132 yards in nine games as a senior, including a 41-yard scamper against Benedictine. Dunn had a rushing touchdown vs. Alma in 2014 as he played in 11 games. His longest run of 2014 came vs. Mount Union in the NCAA Division 3 playoffs.

A 2012 graduate of Livonia Stevenson, Dunn played for Tim Gable and Matt Fielder during his high school career, then Jim Deere at AC.



Matt Johnston joined the Wayne State University football staff in the summer of 2015 as assistant linebackers coach. He has worked with the linebackers and special teams with the fall of 2019 being his fifth year as a volunteer coach.

WSU finished 31st nationally in punt return average (13.07) in 2018, while Johnston helped tutor Honorable Mention All-GLIAC kicker Shane Hynes, who also received WSU's Special Teams Player of the Year award. Last fall, Johnston helped mentor First Team All-GLIAC honoree Anthony Pittman, along with Honorable Mention All-GLIAC selection Leon Eggleston.

In 2017, he assisted Wayne State in finishing 37th in D2 with four blocked kicks. In addition, Johnston helped mentor place-kicker Paul Graham, who led the GLIAC in field goal percentage (84.6) and tied-for-second in field goals made (11). Two of his kickers earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

He helped the Warriors finish 15th nationally in kickoff return defense (16.82 yards per return) in 2016.

In 2015, Johnston mentored two All-GLIAC recipients. In addition, eight members of the linebacking corps received Academic All-GLIAC recognition, including five on the All-Academic Excellence Team. Drew Dowds was recognized as the squad's Defensive Rookie of the Year, while Anthony DeDamos led all GLIAC linebackers and was 40th nationally in tackles for loss with 1.5 per game.

Johnston spent two seasons (2013 & 2014) at Manchester University (N. Manchester, Ind.) as linebackers coach and video coordinator. In 2013, he coached Zach Dashner to Division 3 All-North Region accolades. Dashner led the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) with six picks.

He was the running backs and fullback coach at Kentucky Christian University for the 2013 spring ball season. Before going to KCU, Johnston had been a graduate assistant linebackers coach at William Penn University of Iowa for two years (2011 & 2012), while also serving as the defensive coordinator for the J.V. squad. He earned his master's degree from WPU in business leadership.

In 2010, Johnston was the offensive coordinator at Warren Fitzgerald High School after serving as running backs coach at Adrian College, his alma mater, for two seasons in 2008 and 2009. In 2008, Adrian led the league with 238.5 rushing yards per game. He was also the JV offensive coordinator at Adrian. He helped the 2010 WFHS squad to an 8-4 record, a district runner-up finish, and a state playoff berth. The offense averaged over 330 yards per game, including 203.2 on the ground.

Johnston was a three-year letterwinner for the Bulldogs (2005-07) and began an internship with the AC strength and conditioning program where he also served as an assistant defensive line coach. He graduated from Adrian College with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Spanish. During his time at Adrian, he was President of SGA (Student Government Association).

A native of St. Clair Shores, Mich., Johnston played his high school football at Lutheran East. While at LEHS, he was a 2004 Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Division IV Second Team All-State outfielder, while also earning All-Metro Conference honors in football.

