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SACRAMENTO

THE COACHES



BRENNAN MARION

Head Coach | First Year | Tulsa, '09

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Brennan Marion was named the 13th head football coach at Sacramento State on Dec. 21, 2024.

AT UNLV

- One of the top offensive coordinators in the country, Marion came to the Hornets after spending two seasons at UNLV (2023-24).
- Under his watch, the Rebels had great success, posting a 19-8 overall record and qualifying for a pair of bowl games.
- In 2024, UNLV ranked 14th in the FBS with a school-record setting average of 36.2 points per game. The team's average of 251.2 rushing yards per game would also be the most for the school in over 45 years. For his efforts, Marion was named one of five finalists for the Football Scoop Offensive Coordinator of the Year.
- In Marion's "Go-Go" offense, five UNLV offensive players earned either first or second team all-Mountain West in 2024. That included WR Ricky White III, who became the first player in school history to post two 1,000-yard seasons, and Hajj-Malik Williams, who became just the second Rebel quarterback since 1996 to be named either first or second team all-league.
- Following the 2023 season, Marion earned the Mountain West Wire Coordinator of the Year honor and was a nominee for the prestigious Broyles Award in just his first season at UNLV.
- During the season, the team scored 40+ points in a school-record six games and had 24 points in a school-record 10 straight games.
- The Rebels finished sixth in the FBS in third-down conversions (49.3 percent), tied for eighth in red-zone offense (93.1 percent) and 22nd in scoring (34.4 ppg).
- UNLV was the Mountain West regular season co-champion and boasted a first team All-American in wide receiver Ricky White III, a Mountain West Freshman of the Year in quarterback Jayden Maiava and a rookie who led the nation among all freshmen in rushing touchdowns with 12 in Jai'Den Thomas as part of a school-record 39 overall rushing scores.

AT TEXAS

- Marion came to UNLV from Texas where he served the 2022 season as the passing game coordinator and wide receivers coach. The Longhorns finished with a top 25 scoring offense (34.5 PPG) while Marion tutored Big 12 Conference receiving touchdowns leader Xavier Worthy, who became the 28th overall pick in the 2024 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs.

AT PITT

- Marion coached 2021 Biletnikoff Award winner Jordan Addison at Pittsburgh. The nation's top wideout was a consensus first team All-American after setting a school single-season record with 100 catches for 1,593 yards and an FBS-leading 17 touchdowns. He would become a first round NFL Draft pick by the Minnesota Vikings.





AT HAWAII

- Served as wide receivers coach at Hawaii in 2020.
- Oversaw the development of all-Mountain West receiver Calvin Turner who was named the New Mexico Bowl Most Outstanding Offensive Player after compiling 252 all-purpose yards and scoring two touchdowns in the Rainbow Warriors' 28-14 win over Houston.

AT WILLIAM & MARY

- In 2019, Marion was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at William & Mary, where he dramatically improved the Tribe's production in every major statistical category.
- The Tribe nearly doubled its scoring average while its total offensive output increased by almost 100 yards per contest.

AT HOWARD

- First NCAA Div. I coaching opportunity came at Howard, where he posted two exceptional seasons (2017-18) as the Bisons' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.
- In 2017, quarterback Caylin Newton was named the MEAC Rookie of the Year after becoming the first freshman in conference history to surpass 3,000 yards of total offense (3,185).
- Marion's offense sparked Howard to a 7-4 record in 2017, including a memorable 43-40 win over UNLV — the largest upset in college football history.

EARLY CAREER

- Coached the running backs at Oklahoma Baptist in 2016 and spent the 2015 season as an offensive quality control assistant at Arizona State.

AS A PLAYER

- In two seasons at Tulsa (2007-08), he compiled 2,356 yards on 82 receptions with 19 touchdowns.
- A two-time all-Conference-USA selection and the 2007 C-USA Newcomer of the Year.
- Set NCAA records for yards per catch in both a season (31.9 in 2007) and a career (28.7).
- Was a standout at De Anza JC where he led California's junior colleges with 1,196 receiving yards and 16 touchdowns on 60 receptions in 2006.
- Following his collegiate playing career, Marion signed free agent contracts with the NFL's Miami Dolphins, as well as the Canadian Football League's Montreal Alouettes.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Tulsa in 2009.
- A native of Greensburg, Pa., Marion was a four-year letterman in three different sports (football, basketball and track) at Greensburg Salem HS.
- Marion has three children, Mariah, Brennan and Melrose.
- Married his wife, Maddie, in 2024.

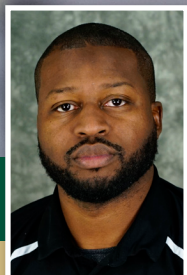
HOMETOWN

Greensburg, Pa.

- Is the seat of Walla Walla County.
- Is four hours from Portland and 4.5 from Seattle.
- Was established in 1818 with Fort Nez Percé.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Head Coach (2025-pres.)
- **UNLV**
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2023-24)
- **Texas**
Passing Game Coordinator/Receivers (2022)
- **Pittsburgh**
Wide Receivers (2021)
- **Hawaii**
Wide Receivers (2020)
- **William & Mary**
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2019)
- **Howard**
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2017-18)
- **Oklahoma Baptist**
Running Backs (2016)
- **Arizona State**
Offensive Quality Control (2015)
- **Waynesboro Area High School (Pa.)**
Head Coach (2014)
- **St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School (Calif.)**
Head Coach (2013)
- **The Harker School (Calif.)**
Wide Receivers (2012)
- **West Valley JC**
Wide Receivers (2011)



KENNETH MERCHANT

Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks | First Year | Southern Connecticut State, '17

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Was hired as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Sacramento State in December of 2024.

AT UNLV

- Spent the 2023 and 2024 seasons as an offensive analyst at UNLV where he worked alongside Brennan Marion.
- During his time with the Rebels, UNLV went 20-8 overall, including two appearances in bowl games.
- Team averaged a school record 36.2 points per game in 2024 and ran for 251.2 rushing yards per game — the most by a Rebel team in over 45 years.
- Was the offensive play-caller for UNLV in its 24-13 win over Cal in the Art of Sport LA Bowl.

MONROE COLLEGE

- Merchant was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Monroe College in 2022. He previously had coaching stints at Pace, Long Island, Buffalo, Howard and ASA College.

PERSONAL

- A native of White Plains, N.Y., began his collegiate career at ASA College before playing at Morgan State and Southern Connecticut State.
- Graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from Southern Connecticut State in 2018.

HOMETOWN

White Plains, N.Y.

- Located in northern Orange County and is 34 miles south of downtown Los Angeles.
- Founded in 1874 and incorporated in 1956.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2025-pres.)
- **UNLV**
Offensive Analyst (2023-24)
- **Monroe College**
Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks (2022)
- **Long Island**
Assistant (2021)
- **Buffalo**
Offensive Quality Control (2020)
- **Howard**
Assistant (2018-19)
- **ASA College**
Assistant (2017)



AC PATTERSON

Co-Off. Coordinator/Running Backs | First Year | UTEP, '14

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Was hired as co-offensive coordinator and running backs coach in December of 2024.

AT PORTLAND STATE

- No stranger to the Big Sky Conference, Patterson had two stints at Portland State, including serving as the Vikings' assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and running backs coach.
- In 2023, Patterson's offense averaged 33.8 points per game and ranked fifth in the nation in rushing at 224.0 yards per game — the most by a PSU team in seven seasons.
- The following season, the team averaged 29.3 ppg and 203.2 rushing ypg. Dante Chachere was one of the top dual-threat quarterbacks in the FCS, finishing the year with 1,970 passing yards and 723 rushing yards while accounting for 24 touchdowns.
- Known for his recruiting acumen, Patterson has played a vital role in the Vikings' outstanding signing classes prior to the 2023 and 2024 seasons. PSU's 2023 class was rated number one in the Big Sky and third in the nation by 247Sports.com. The following year, Patterson was named the top recruiter in the FCS and Big Sky Conference by 247Recruiting.
- When Patterson was originally hired at Portland State in 2015, he was the youngest (22) Division I football coach in the country. During his first two years at PSU Patterson produced quality offensive line play that had been a standard at Portland State for many years. Those two seasons ranked among the top four rushing performances in PSU history.
- Four Viking starters earned all-Big Sky Conference honors in 2015. Tackle Kyle Smith was named second team, tackle Mike Davis and guard/center Cam Keizer were named to the third team, and guard Randin Crecelius earned honorable mention. In 2016, Keizer was named first team, Crecelius earned third team and Tyshon Mosley was named honorable mention all-Big Sky.
- In 2017, Patterson moved over to assist in coaching running backs. In 2018, Patterson took over as tight ends coach and the all-important responsibility of recruiting coordinator. Patterson guided Charlie Tau-moepeau to all-conference and All-American honors.

AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS

- Served as an offensive quality control and assistant running backs coach with Minnesota from 2019-21.

AS A PLAYER

- Played offensive line at UTEP from 2011-12.
- Due to knee injuries and four surgeries he had to retire from collegiate football.
- Became a student assistant under Mike Price at UTEP. He assisted with recruiting, doing film breakdown and player reports, and also did UTEP game film breakdown.
- In 2014, Patterson served as a volunteer assistant coach at Jefferson High School in El Paso.
- Starred at Bishop Gorman HS in Las Vegas earning all-league and all-state honors. His team won back-to-back state titles.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from UTEP with a degree in history in 2014.
- His father, Andre, coached 14 years in the NFL, including with the Minnesota Vikings) and 14 years collegiately.
- AC and his wife, Mary, have one son.

HOMETOWN

Las Vegas, Nev.

- Is the most populous city in Nevada and the seat of Clark County.
- The Las Vegas metro area is the second largest in the Southwest.
- Settled in 1905 and incorporated in 1911.
- Name is Spanish for "the meadows".

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Co-Off. Coordinator/Runnings Backs (2025-pres.)
- **Portland State**
Offensive Line (2015-16)
Tight Ends (2017-18)
Recruiting Coordinator (2018, 2022-24)
Offensive Coordinator (2022-24)
Running Backs (2022-24)
- **Minnesota Vikings**
Off. Quality Control/Asst. Running Backs (2019-21)



MARCUS PATTON

Def. Coordinator | First Year | Kansas State, '05

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Was hired as the team's defensive coordinator in December of 2024.

AT COLORADO STATE

- Served as the cornerbacks coach at Colorado State from 2022-24.
- In his first season at CSU, his group helped the Rams rank third in the conference in pass defense efficiency at 111.11.
- Chigozie Anusiem led the corners, tying for the team lead with nine passes defended on his way to all-Mountain West honorable mention honors.
- In 2024, Dom Jones earned honorable mention all-Mountain West. That season, Jones posted 61 total tackles to go along with a pair of interceptions and eight pass breakups.
- Colorado State finished the regular season with an 8-4 overall record and went 6-1 in the MWC. The team advanced to the Snoop Dogg Arizona Bowl.

AT TARLETON STATE

- Spent six seasons at Tarleton State where he served as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach.
- Led Tarleton's first NCAA Div. I campaign in the unprecedented spring football season of 2021. The Texans went 5-3 in their first season at the FCS level and earned their first win over a Division I program against FBS Independent New Mexico State.
- The Texans allowed just 16.4 points per game and only 300 yards per contest in 2018.
- The team won its first outright Lonestar Conference title and advanced to the NCAA regional finals with a 12-1 record and a No. 5 national ranking.
- The Texan defense recorded 17 interceptions, allowed 101.2 rushing yards per game and had 33 sacks in 13 games. The defense also posted two shutouts.
- Coached three All-Americans in Devin Hafford (CB), Tyrell Thompson (DT) and Jai Edwards (FS) and a pair of defenders who went on to the NFL in linebacker EJ Speed, who was drafted in the fifth round of the 2019 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts, the highest draft pick in program history, and Tyrell Thompson, who signed a free agent deal with the Los Angeles

Rams and was later drafted into the XFL.

- In 2019, he helped Tarleton to another undefeated regular season and LSC Championship. Under Patton's leadership, Tarleton boasted the LSC Defensive Player of the Year (B.J. Jefferson), LSC Defensive Line-man of the Year (Jordan Wells), and LSC Defensive Back of the Year (Prince Robinson).
- He coached Tarleton's Cody Burtischer to one of the most decorated seasons by a single player in school history as the senior was named first-team All-LSC, All-Region, AFCA All-America, and the Lone Star Conference Linebacker of the Year in 2017. Patton's defense also boasted EJ Speed, who earned second-team honors and led the nation in forced fumbles, as well as honorable mention all-LSC players Dominique Martin, Chase Varnado, Basil Jackson, and Treston Ridge.

AT COLORADO MESA

- Spent the 2014-15 seasons as the defensive coordinator at Colorado Mesa.
- In 2015, his Maverick defense was one of the best in the nation and finished in the top-10 in the country in multiple defensive categories including: fourth-down conversion defense, defensive touchdowns scored, and turnover margin with 28 defensive takeaways including 19 interceptions.
- Mesa also finished No. 11 in the nation in red-zone defense and No. 12 in the nation in scoring defense after allowing just 17.8 points per game.

EARLY CAREER

- Spent time as a collegiate assistant coach at Fairmont State, Seton Hill, UCLA, Indiana State, and South Florida, played football for Kansas State from 2000-04.

AS A PLAYER

- A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Patton earned a bachelor's degree in social science from Kansas State.

HOMETOWN

St. Louis, Mo.

- Founded in 1764.
- The second largest city in Missouri.
- Located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers.
- Hosted the 1904 World's Fair and Summer Olympics.
- Was the first non-European city to host the Olympics.
- Home of the Gateway Arch which is the tallest man-made monument in the Western Hemisphere.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Defensive Coordinator (2025-pres.)
- **Colorado State**
Cornerbacks (2022-24)
- **Tarleton State**
Defensive Coordinator/Secondary (2016-21)
- **Colorado Mesa**
Defensive Coordinator (2014-15)
- **Fairmont State**
Co-Defensive Coordinator (2013)
- **Seton Hill**
Secondary (2012)
- **UCLA**
Defensive Graduate Assistant (2011)
- **South Florida**
Defensive Graduate Assistant (2010)
- **Lakeland HS (Fla.)**
Defensive Backs (2007-09)
- **Miami HS (Fla.)**
Assistant (2006)
- **Port St. Lucie HS (Fla.)**
Defensive Coordinator (2005)
- **Clayton HS (Mo.)**
Assistant (2004)



JOSH BROWN

Co-Def. Coordinator/Inside Linebackers | First Year | San Jose State, '03

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Returned to Sacramento State to serve as co-defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach in January of 2025.
- Coached a pair of FCS All-Americans and first team all-Big Sky selections during his first tenure with the Hornets (2007-08).
- Cyrus Multalo was an All-American both seasons and left the school ranked third with 326 career tackles. Mike Brannon was a two-time first team all-Big Sky selection and named All-America in 2007.

AT MCNEESE

- Was the co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach at McNeese State in 2024.
- Micah Davey was named second team all-Southland Conference after tallying 90 total tackles despite missing four games. Davey finished the year with 11.3 tackles per game and had 10-plus stops in five games, including 17 in the win over Southern.

AT UTEP

- Had two stints at UTEP, spending 2020-21 as the Miners' secondary and safeties coach and then returning in 2023 as the defensive pass game coordinator.
- Safeties Justin Prince and Broderick Harrell, rated third and fifth respectively on the team in tackles during the 2020 campaign. Prince notched 37 stops, while Harrell added 32. Prince was an honorable mention All-Conference USA player.

AT NEVADA

- Brown was the safeties coach at Nevada for the Wolf Pack's Famous Idaho Potato Bowl appearance versus Ohio in 2019.

AT CAL POLY

- Defensive coordinator/linebackers coach at Cal Poly from 2012-19.
- The Mustangs rated among the top-three in the Big Sky in points allowed and total defense in 2012, 2013 and 2015.
- Cal Poly also ranked in the top-three in the league in rushing defense on four occasions (2012, 2013,

2016, 2017). His 2013 unit was among the national leaders in points allowed (19th) and rushing defense (25th), while his 2017 squad was also top-25 (19th) in red zone defense.

- In 2013, Brown coached the Big Sky Co-Defensive Player of the Year in defensive tackle Sullivan Grosz. He also coached Nick Dzubnar, who shattered the school record for tackles in a season in 2014 and went on to play for the San Diego Chargers.
- Spent the 2010 and 2011 campaigns at Cal Poly as special teams coordinator and linebackers coach, overseeing punt return, kickoff and kickoff return units that rated among the nation's best.

OTHER STOPS

- Was the safeties coach at Hawaii in 2022.
- Spent time at Foothill College as special teams coordinator (2000-05), Arizona State as defensive line graduate assistant (2006) and Kansas as quality control coach/linebackers (2009).

PERSONAL

- He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from San Jose State in 2003, and added a master's in curriculum and education from Arizona State in 2007.
- Brown and his wife, Kasey, have a son, Ty, and a daughter, Tatum.
- Brown's father-in-law, Mike Church, a former assistant coach at UTEP and longtime high school coach.

HOMETOWN

San Luis Obispo, Calif.

- Is the seat of San Luis Obispo County.
- Name translates to St. Louis the Bishop.
- Located halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.
- Is the home to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.
- Founded in 1772 and incorporated in 1856.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Co-Def. Coord./Inside Linebackers (2025-pres.)
Recruiting Coord./Linebackers (2007-08)
- **McNeese State**
Co-Def. Coord./Safeties (2024)
- **UTEP**
Def. Pass Game Coordinator (2023)
Secondary/Safeties (2020-21)
- **Hawaii**
Safeties (2022)
- **Nevada**
Safeties (2019)
- **Cal Poly**
Def. Coordinator/Linebackers (2012-19)
Special Teams Coord./Linebackers (2010-11)
- **Kansas**
Quality Control (2009)
- **Arizona State**
Def. Graduate Assistant (2006)
- **Foothill JC**
Def. Line Graduate Assistant (2000-05)
- **Gavilan JC**
Assistant (1999)
- **San Luis Obispo HS**
Assistant (1998)



DARRIN WALLS

Cornerbacks/Def. Pass Game Coordinator | First Year | Notre Dame, '11

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Named the team's cornerbacks coach and defensive pass game coordinator in December of 2024.

AT ALBANY

- Coached at Albany for four years, beginning as a cornerbacks coach before adding co-defensive coordinator responsibilities.
- Helped the Great Dane defense enjoy a historic season in 2023, en route to the team's first-ever NCAA FCS semifinal appearance and first ever CAA title.
- The UAlbany defense paced the entire country in rushing defense, allowing an FCS low of 87.6 yards per game and just 11 rushing touchdowns.
- In the CAA, the Great Danes allowed the fewest yards per play (4.9), the third-fewest yards per game (322.5), and the third-fewest touchdowns (33).
- Tight coverage in Walls' secondary allowed the defensive line to thrive, finishing with 50 sacks on the year.
- The secondary itself had a strong season, picking up 17 interceptions over 15 games. All-American Amir Hall led the group with five interceptions, finishing in a tie for the fourth most in the entire FCS.

AS A PLAYER

- Played six seasons in the NFL as a cornerback.
- Was signed by the Atlanta Falcons as an undrafted free agent in 2011 after playing college football at Notre Dame.
- In 2011, Walls signed with the New York Jets. He was activated from the practice squad on November 22, and made his Jets debut that evening during a nationally-televised Thanksgiving Day game against the division-rival New England Patriots at MetLife Stadium.
- He played in six games that season, mostly on special teams, and made his first career start in the finale against Buffalo.
- A full-time starter at right cornerback in 2014, Walls led the Jets with 12 passes defended and co-led the team with two interceptions.
- Following the 2015 season, Walls signed a one-year contract with the Detroit Lions in 2016 before transitioning to coaching.

- Played four seasons at Notre Dame where he appeared in 45 games, starting 34.
- Finished his career with 104 total tackles with 3.5 for loss.
- Enters 2025 tied for sixth in school history with two interceptions for touchdowns and is tied for eighth with 20 career pass breakups.
- A second-team high school All-American out of Woodland Hills HS in Pittsburgh, Pa.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Notre Dame in 2011 with a degrees in sociology and psychology.

HOMETOWN

Pittsburgh, Pa.

- The second largest city in Pennsylvania and the 26th largest metro area in the United States.
- Located at the convergence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers which form the Ohio River.
- Known as Steel City.
- Home to 68 colleges and universities.
- Corporate home to Alcoa, Dick's Sports Goods, Kraft Heinz, PNC, PPG and U.S. Steel.
- Founded in 1758 and made a city in 1816.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Cornerbacks/Def. Pass Game Coord. (2025-pres.)
- **Albany**
Co-Defensive Coordinator (2023-24)
Cornerbacks (2021-24)
- **Slippery Rock**
Defensive Backs (2020)
- **Baldwin HS**
Defensive Coordinator (2017-19)



ROB WENGER

Special Teams Coordinator | First Year | Colgate, '08

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Joined the Sacramento State coaching staff in December of 2024 at the team's special teams coordinator.

AT MINNESOTA

- Served as the special teams coordinator at Minnesota from 2017-24.
- The Gophers ranked second in the nation in punt return defense in 2018 (1.11) and 2019 (0.17) and led the nation in 2018 in punt returns with an average of 22.25.
- Kicker Emmit Carpenter left Minnesota as the most accurate kicker (79.1%) in school history and is the school's second all-time leading scorer (276 points).
- Punter Ryan Santoso, who made his NFL debut in 2019 with the Tennessee Titans as a kick-off specialist, averaged 43.0 yards per punt in 2017 at Minnesota.
- Punter Jacob Herbers punted 93 times in 2018-19 and put only two balls in the end zone for a touchback. He placed 37 punts (39.7%) inside the 20 and 46 punts (49.4%) were fair caught.
- In 2020, Minnesota did not record any touchbacks and 12 of the team's 27 punts were inside the 20. In addition, 11 of the 27 punts were fair caught.
- In 2019, freshmen Michael Lantz made 8-of-11 field goals, was second on the team in scoring with 71 points and his 47 PATs were the second most in school history in a single season.
- Coached the Golden Gophers rush ends from 2020-24. Boye Mafe and Ezezi Otomewa were selected in the second and fifth rounds, respectively, in the 2021 NFL Draft. That year marked the first time since 1958 that two Minnesota defensive linemen were selected in the same draft.

AT WESTERN MICHIGAN

- Worked at Western Michigan from 2013-16.
- In 2016, Darius Phillips was named MAC Special Teams Player of the Year. Phillips returned a kickoff and punt for a touchdown in 2016, a feat he accomplished in three straight seasons. Punters James Coleman and Derrick Mitchell combined to average 40.68 yards on only 44 punts. Butch Hampton, made 19-of-24 field goals, which included a season-long

47-yarder. Hampton, who was a Freshman All-American, totaled 128 points (19 FGs and 71 PATs) to set the all-time, single-season points record in the MAC.

- In 2015, Wenger saw two of his players recognized by the MAC for their breakout seasons, as Phillips earned second-team honors as a kick returner and Andrew Haldeman was named third-team as a place kicker.
- In 2014, punter J. Schroeder was named third team all-MAC, while Phillips was named a Sporting News Freshman All-American and led the conference in kick return yards and average at 26.1.

EARLY CAREER

- Was as an operations assistant at Rutgers in 2008 and worked in player development during the 2008 and 2009 seasons.
- From 2010-12, Wenger coached at his high school alma mater St. Thomas Aquinas in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as well as Allegheny College, working primarily with defensive players.
- Served in the same capacity at Allegheny in Meadville, Pa. In 2011-12, he was elevated to defensive coordinator at St. Thomas Aquinas and then was elevated to the same position, as well as recruiting coordinator, in 2012 at Allegheny.

AS A PLAYER

- Wenger played linebacker and fullback at Colgate from 2004-06.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Colgate with a degrees in sociology and anthropology in 2008 and earned his master's in education with a specialization in athletic administration from Nova Southeastern in August of 2010.
- Wenger and his wife Jacqui were married in July 2016 and have one daughter, Skyler.

HOMETOWN

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

- Located 30 miles north of Miami along the Atlantic Ocean.
- Is the seat and most populated city in Broward County.
- Built in 1838 and incorporated in 1911.
- Named after a fort that was built in the Second Seminole War.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Special Teams Coordinator (2025-pres.)
- **Minnesota**
Special Teams Coord./Rush Ends (2020-24)
Special Teams Coordinator (2017-19)
- **Western Michigan**
Special Teams Coordinator (2013-16)
Defensive Ends (2014)
Graduate Assistant (2013)
- **Allegheny**
Defensive Coordinator/Recruiting (2012)
Assistant (2010-11)
- **St. Thomas Aquinas HS (Fla.)**
Defensive Coordinator (2011-12)
- **Rutgers**
Player Development (2008-09)
Operations Assistant (2008)



ROBBIE BELL

Tight Ends | First Year | Louisville, '20

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Hired in December of 2024 as the team's tight ends coach.

AT GEORGIA TECH

- Came to the Hornets after being an offensive line quality control coach at Georgia Tech in 2024.
- The Yellow Jackets went 7-6 during the season, including a berth in the Birmingham Bowl.
- The team's season was highlighted by a pair of wins over ranked opponents, capped by a 28-23 victory over then-#4 Miami late in the year.

AT EASTERN KENTUCKY

- Served as quality control coach at Eastern Kentucky during the 2022 season.
- That team went 7-5 overall and qualified for the first round of the NCAA FCS Playoffs.
- The Colonels averaged 36.2 points and 452.5 offensive yards per game.

AS A PLAYER

- Competed at Louisville where he was a multi-year starter.
- After redshirting as a true freshman, he started all 13 games in 2017 for a team which ranked third in the NCAA FBS in offense.
- Limited to just one game in 2018, he returned to start all 13 games at right guard in 2019.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Louisville in 2020 with a degree in political science.

HOMETOWN

Hoschton, Ga.

- Located in western Jackson County.
- Is 50 miles southeast of Atlanta.
- 2020 population was 2,666.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Tight Ends (2025-pres.)
- **Georgia Tech**
Offensive Line Quality Control (2024)
- **Eastern Kentucky**
Quality Control (2022)



NATHAN KENION

Safeties | First Year | UNLV, '07

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Named the team's safeties coach in December of 2024.

AT DIABLO VALLEY JC

- Came to the Hornets with 17 years of coaching experience.
- Served as the defensive coordinator at Diablo Valley JC in 2024 where he helped the Vikings to a 6-5 overall record, including a win over Reedley JC in the Golden Valley Bowl.

AT DE LA SALLE HS

- Served on the staff at De La Salle HS from 2008-22.
- Started his career as the team's running backs coach and added the role of defensive backs coach two years later.
- Promoted to defensive coordinator for his final three seasons.
- During his tenure, the team won state championships in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015.
- Ran KT Prep where he trained 18 players who went on to earn All-America honors. That list included one Gatorade National Defensive Player of the Year and 12 future NFL players.

AS A PLAYER

- Attended De La Salle where he excelled in basketball, track and football.
- Served as a team captain in football for the Spartans and was named second team all-state as a senior after recording over 100 tackles from his safety position.
- Began his collegiate career at Saint Mary's before transferring to UNLV for his final two seasons.
- Named a team captain for the Rebels as a senior.
- Invited to the San Francisco 49ers minicamp in 2007 and played in the Arena Football League in 2009-10 while also beginning his coaching career at the same time.

PERSONAL

- Earned a bachelor's degree from UNLV in 2007.

HOMETOWN

Vallejo, Calif.

- Located 30 miles northeast of San Francisco and 60 miles west of Sacramento.
- Home of Cal Maritime Academy, Mare Island Naval Shipyard and Six Flags Discovery Kingdom.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Safeties (2025-pres.)
- **Diablo Valley JC**
Defensive Coordinator (2024)
- **De La Salle High School**
Defensive Coordinator (2020-22)
Running Backs/Defensive Backs (2008-20)
- **KT Prep 7v7**
Director (2013-24)



SIDHART KRISHNAMURTHI

Wide Receivers | 1st Year | Stanford, '20

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Hired the team's wide receivers coach in December of 2024.

AT SAN JOSE STATE

- An offensive quality control coach during the 2024 season where the Spartans posted a 7-6 record and played in the Hawaii Bowl.
- The team averaged 409.8 yards of offense per game and was led by All-American Nick Nash.
- The wide receiver led the nation with 104 receptions for 1,382 yards and 16 touchdowns.

AT THE HARKER SCHOOL

- Head coach and special teams coordinator at The Harker School from 2022-23.
- Team averaged over 50 points per game and secured the second-best winning percentage in school history.
- Was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at the school in 2021.

AS A PLAYER

- Played four seasons at Stanford as a wide receiver.
- With the Cardinal, the team won the Pac-12 Championship in 2015 and claimed a Rose Bowl victory in 2016 and Sun Bowl title in 2018.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Stanford with a degree in economics.

HOMETOWN

Saratoga, Calif.

- Located in Santa Clara County and is part of the Silicon Valley.
- Was settled in 1847 as Campbell's Gap and was the site of a sawmill.
- Named after Saratoga Springs, N.Y., due the mineral springs in the area.
- Incorporated in 1956.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Wide Receivers (2025-pres.)
- **San Jose State**
Offensive Quality Control (2024)
- **The Harker School**
Head Coach/Special Teams Coord. (2022-23)
Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks (2021)



ED MCGILVRA

Defensive Line | 1st Year | LaVerne, '17

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Hired the team's defensive line coach in December of 2024.

AT COLLEGE OF CANYONS JC

- Returned to College of the Canyons in 2024 as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach where the defense was ranked first in multiple statistical categories (sacks, TFLs, turnovers, etc.).
- Canyons finished 8-3 that season and had seven all conference award winners on the defense along with the defensive player of the year.
- Spent the 2018-2022 seasons at College of the Canyons JC where he was responsible for the defensive line and special teams.
- Coached several NCAA Div. I signees as well as the top-ranked JUCO recruit in the country at their position (2018 & 2022) who went on to sign to Arkansas and Virginia Tech.
- Had five players in his 2021 class sign to Power Four programs which was the most in the state of California.

AT NOTRE DAME HS

- For the 2023 season, was the defensive coordinator at Notre Dame HS in Sherman Oaks, Calif.
- Team had four shutouts during the season.

AT MOORPARK JC

- Spent three seasons at Moorpark JC as the defensive line coach (2014-17) and special teams coordinator (2017).
- Coached numerous defensive linemen that went on to continue their careers at NCAA Div. I programs, with six of his former players receiving all SCFA honors and player of the year awards.

PERSONAL

- Known for his training of NFL talent.
- Hosts some of the top tier talent every off-season including: Khalil Mack, Aidan Hutchinson, Quennin Williams, Kenny Clark, Laiatu Latu and more.
- Has a roster of over 50 active players that train with him over the off season periods as well as 17 first round draft picks.
- Developed some of the top talent for every NFL Draft cycle and all star games (Senior Bowl, Shrine Bowl).
- Three of his clients have won MVP honors at the Senior Bowl.
- Graduated from Laverne in 2017 with a degree in sports management.

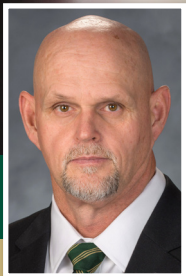
HOMETOWN

Thousand Oaks, Calif.

- Second largest city in Ventura County.
- Located in the northwest portion of Greater Los Angeles.
- Incorporated in 1964.
- Home to Cal Lutheran J.D. Power and Associates.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Defensive Line (2025-pres.)
- **College of the Canyons**
Def. Coordinator/Linebackers (2024)
Def. Line/Special Teams (2018-22)
- **Notre Dame HS (Calif.)**
Def. Coordinator (2023)
- **Moorpark JC**
Def. Line (2014-17)
Special Teams (2017)



KRIS RICHARDSON

Offensive Line | Seventh Year | Chico State, '94

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Kris Richardson was hired as Sacramento State's Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach in January of 2019. He was elevated to Associate Head Coach/Run Game Coordinator in December of 2022.
- During Richardson's first season, the Hornets went 9-4 overall, earned a share of the Big Sky Conference title and advanced to the FCS Playoffs for the first time in school history.
- His offensive line was led by Wyatt Ming and Nick Bianco who both earned all-conference honors. Ming, who was a first team selection at center, went on to play in the Hula Bowl All-Star Game.
- The unit surrendered just 16 sacks during the season and ranked among the top 10 in the FCS in sacks allowed per pass attempt. Additionally, the team rushed for 2,201 yards and amassed 6,033 yards of total offense.
- In 2021, the line was anchored by center Thomas Parker who was a first team all-Big Sky selection and earned All-America honors.
- Kooper Richardson (Kris' son) and Brandon Weldon also earned second team all-Big Sky.
- In 2022, Richardson's offensive line had four players earn all-Big Sky accolades with guards Jackson Slater and Weldon being named to the first team and tackle Troy Stiefel and center Nathan Mejia landing on the second team.
- The unit featured six different starters and paved the way to the team being the seventh-ranked rushing offense in the FCS and ranked third in total offense.
- Sacramento State averaged 5.41 yards per rush during the year and set the school record in rushing yards in a season with 3,163 yards while allowing just 16 sacks in 13 games.
- The following year, Richardson coached three offensive linemen to all-Big Sky honors. Slater returned to the first team and joined Jon Osterhout (1998-99) as the only offensive linemen in school history to earn the honor in consecutive years. Left tackle Ivan Garza and center Nathan Mejia each earned honorable mention.
- Despite starting eight players on the line during the year, the unit combined to surrender just 16 sacks in 13 games.
- In 2024, Richardson coached Jackson Slater to first

team all-Big Sky accolades for the third consecutive season — making him the first offensive lineman in school history to do so.

- Slater competed at the Senior Bowl and NFL Combine before being drafted by the Tennessee Titans in the fifth round.
- Throughout the season, the offensive line battled injuries and were forced to start nine different players. Despite the heavy rotation, the unit responded by allowing just 14 sacks in 12 games.

AT FOLSOM HS

- Richardson came to the Hornets after serving on the Folsom High School staff for 24 years, including his final 14 as the varsity head coach.
- The Bulldogs posted a 162-27-1 record under his leadership and became one of the most dominant programs in area history.
- From 2010-18, Folsom went 127-10 with nine league titles, seven Sac-Joaquin Section Championships and four state crowns.
- His teams won the CIF Div. 1-AA titles in 2017 and 2018.
- Following the 2017 season, Richardson was named the Cal-Hi Football Coach of the Year.
- Folsom sent over 30 players to NCAA Div. I schools during his tenure including quarterbacks Jake Browning (Washington) and Dano Graves (Cal Poly), safety Jordan Richards (Stanford/New England Patriots/Atlanta Falcons), offensive lineman Jonah Williams (Alabama/Cincinnati Bengals) and wide receiver Joe Ngata (Clemson).
- The Bulldogs also set the CIF state record for points as well as recording the most passing yards in a year in four consecutive seasons.
- In 2017, Folsom finished the year ranked 18th in the MaxPreps national poll. The Bulldogs were 16-0 and outscored their opponents 770-301.
- In 2018, Folsom retained its CIF Div. 1-AA crown with a 21-14 overtime win over Cathedral Catholic.
- The team started the season with a 14-0 loss at De La Salle but won its final 14 games and finished the year ranked 17th nationally by MaxPreps.
- The Bulldogs averaged 55.4 points per game during the win streak while holding opponents to 13.9 ppg.
- The team advanced to the state championship with

an 84-46 win over previously unbeaten Central HS of Fresno.

PERSONAL

- Richardson and his wife, Kelly, have three children: Kooper, Kaden and Katie.
- Kooper and Kaden both played on the offensive line for the Hornets and are now in coaching. Kooper is a graduate assistant at Boise State while Kaden is at Sacramento State.

HONORS

- Cal-Hi Football Coach of the Year (2017)

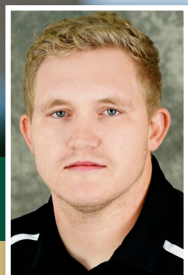
HOMETOWN

Pacheco, Calif.

- Located in Contra Costa County in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Is 19 miles northeast of Oakland and 27 miles northeast of San Francisco.
- Was founded in 1857.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Assistant Head Coach/Off. Line (2019-24)
Offensive Line (2025-pres.)
- **Folsom HS**
Co-Head Coach (2002-04; 2012-15)
Head Coach (2005-11, 2016-18)



JAKE VANG

Edge Rushers | 1st Year | Kansas State, '17

AT SACRAMENTO STATE

- Joined the Sacramento State staff in December of 2024.

AT COLORADO STATE

- Came to the Hornets after three seasons (2022-24) on Jay Norvell's Colorado State staff.
- Began his tenure with the Rams as a defensive quality control coach before being elevated to defensive analyst.

AT MICHIGAN STATE

- Was a defensive intern for the Spartans during the 2020 and 2021 seasons.
- 2021 team went 11-2 and won the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl over Pitt.

AT KANSAS STATE

- Served as a defensive graduate assistant from 2017-19.
- Assisted the defensive staff and helps run the offensive scout team.
- Was as a student assistant coach working with the interior defensive line in 2014 and 2016, while he assisted with the linebackers in 2015.
- Provided preparatory work and broke down film.
- Entered the program as a student equipment manager in 2013.

PERSONAL

- Earned his bachelor's in mechanical engineering from KSU in 2017 with a minor in leadership studies.

HOMETOWN

Wichita, Kan.

- The most populous city in Kansas.
- Located in south-central Kansas along the Arkansas River.
- Began as a trading post along the Chisolm Trail in the 1860s.
- Incorporated in 1870.
- Is the corporate home to Coleman, Pizza Hut and Beechcraft.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Sacramento State**
Edge Rushers (2025-pres.)
- **Colorado State**
Defensive Analyst (2024)
Defensive Quality Control (2022-23)
- **Michigan State**
Defensive Intern (2020-21)
- **Kansas State**
Defensive Graduate Assistant (2017-19)
Student Assistant (2013-16)



SUPPORT STAFF



ZACH POTTER

General Manager

First Year

Nebraska, '25



CHRIS PARRY

Assistant General Manager

Seventh Year

Cal Poly, '88



ALIYAH WALKER

Dir. of Football Administration

First Year

Glennville State, '11



TONY "SHARK" ROZIER

Special Assistant to the Head Coach

First Year

UC-Davis, '21



KENNY O'MARY

Asst. A.D./Dir. of Sports Performance

First Year

Glennville State, '11



KENNY MACKLIN

Director of Football Operations

Fifth Year

San Francisco State, '20



JOEY MOSS

Director of Player Personnel

First Year

Sacramento State, '22



BOBBY FRESQUES

Lead Analyst/Dir. of Alumni Relations

Seventh Year

Sacramento State, '92



KYLE WAGNER

Offensive Analyst

First Year

South Alabama, '16



ANTHONY LAWS

Special Teams Analyst

First Year

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LEM ADAMS

Off. Quality Control/Asst. Wide Rec.

First Year

South Alabama, '16



DAN REAKES

Director of Scouting

First Year

South Alabama, '16



SUPPORT STAFF



JUSTIN HOULIHAN

Offensive Graduate Assistant
Third Year
Sacramento State, '22



KADEN RICHARDSON

Offensive Graduate Assistant
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Sacramento State, '24



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Dir. of Speed/Graduate Assistant
First Year
Pitt, '22



TREVOR TROUT

Defensive Graduate Assistant
First Year
USC, '21



CJ POLLARD

Recruiting/Special Projects
First Year
USC, '21



JAKE CRUZ

Offensive Assistant
First Year



DOM FREDRICKSON

Assistant Running Backs/Off. Line
First Year



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First Year



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CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS

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Senior Dir. of Player Personnel
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Recruiting Assistant
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**JAKE
SAAVEDRA**

Head Athletic Trainer
First Year
Fresno State, '15



**BRYLEIGH
NIXON**

Operations Assistant
First Year
Sacramento State, '24



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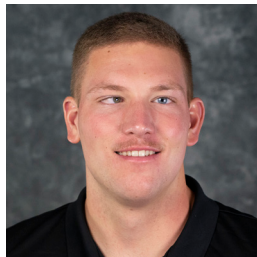
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