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After the event, we want your feedback on what we can improve on and what else you'd like to see from the forum. The next Surefire will be held at the University of South Carolina on January 9-10, 2020.

Enjoy your time in America's Finest City, and please let me know if you need anything during your stay.

Sincerely,



Jason Penry

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# BACKGROUND

Modeled after the Villa 7 networking event for college basketball, the Surefire Baseball Forum matches D1 administrators with top assistant baseball coaches from across the country. The purpose of Surefire is two-fold: prepare assistant coaches for head coaching roles and create more interest for college baseball among athletic administrators.

# AGENDA

## Held at the University of San Diego

### Thursday, January 10 - Garden of the Sea

6:00 p.m. – Opening Reception

### Friday, January 11 - Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Facility

7:00 a.m. – Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – Speed Networking

9:30 a.m. – Break

9:45 a.m. – Breakout Presentations

#### >> Coaches: Panel Discussion: "The Search"

Dan Guerrero, Director of Athletics, UCLA

Dave Heeke, Director of Athletics, University of Arizona

Ken Landphere, Senior Associate Athletics Director, Arizona State University

#### >> Administrators: "The Future of College Baseball"

Don Barnum, Global Sports Leader, DLR Group

Mike Gustafson, President, College Baseball Foundation

Mike Rooney, College Baseball Analyst, ESPN

Eric Sorenson, Reporter, ESPN, Athlon Sports, and D1Baseball

10:30 a.m. – Speed Networking

11:45 a.m. – Breakout Presentations

#### >> Coaches: Panel Discussion: "You're Hired: The First 90 Days"

Drew Bishop, Director of Baseball Operations, University of Texas

Jen Cohen, Director of Athletics, University of Washington

Rich Hill, Head Coach, University of San Diego

Terry Mohajir, Director of Athletics, Arkansas State University

#### >> Administrators: "Trends in Ticketing Technology"

Jane Kleinberger, Founder, Paciolan

12:30 p.m. – Lunch On-The-Go

# ATTENDEE ROSTER

## ADMINISTRATORS

Craig Anderson (Miami)

Marco Born (Lamar)

Greg Burke (Northwestern State)

Lisa Campos (Texas - San Antonio)

Rob Clark (Long Beach State)

Jen Cohen (Washington)

Jim Donovan (Cal State Fullerton)

Andy Fee (Long Beach State)

Daniel Feig (USC Upstate)

Shaney Fink (Seattle)

Chris Freet (Kansas)

Dan Guerrero (UCLA)

Ken Halpin (Winthrop)

Dave Heeke (Arizona)

Kevin Hurley (Texas A&M)

Ryan Ivey (Stephen F. Austin State)

Ken Landphere (Arizona State)

Steve Lopes (USC)

Patrick Lyons (Seton Hall)

Jeremy McClain (Troy)

Bill McGillis (San Diego)

Adam Miller (Memphis)

Terry Mohajir (Arkansas State)

Joel Nielsen (Kent State)

Milton Overton (Kennesaw State)

Chris Pezman (Houston)

Craig Pintens (Loyola Marymount)

Desiree Reed-Francois (UNLV)

Eric Roedl (Oregon)

Scott Sidwell (San Francisco)

Ziggy Siegfried (Cal State Bakersfield)

Tamica Smith Jones (UC Riverside)

Tanya Vogel (George Washington)

JD Wicker (San Diego State)

## COACHES

Chad Baum (Cal State Fullerton)

Greg Bergeron (Long Beach State)

Sergio Brown (Arizona)

Bill Cilento (Wake Forest)

Trip Couch (South Carolina)

Danny Evans (Gonzaga)

Donegal Fergus (UC Santa Barbara)

Dan Fitzgerald (Dallas Baptist)

Cooper Fouts (Purdue)

Aaron Gershenfeld (The Citadel)

Randy Hood (UNC Wilmington)

Josh Jordan (Duke)

Sean Kenny (Georgia)

Carl Lafferty (Ole Miss)

Bradley LeCroy (Clemson)

Kevin McMullen (Virginia)

Bill Mosiello (TCU)

Joe Oliveira (San Diego State)

Jeff Palumbo (East Carolina)

Sam Peraza (San Diego State)

Nick Schnabel (Michigan)

Andrew See (Clemson)

Justin Seely (Texas A&M)

Jake Silverman (Nevada)

Derek Simmons (Kent State)

Nate Thompson (Arkansas)

Brock Ungricht (San Diego)

Clay Van Hook (Oklahoma)

Gregg Wallis (Grand Canyon)

Bryant Ward (UCLA)

Teddy Warrecker (Cal Poly)

Nate Yeskie (Oregon State)

# ADMINISTRATORS

## **Craig Anderson // University of Miami**



Craig Anderson was appointed to the athletics department's executive senior staff and named Senior Associate Athletics Director in July 2015. In his current role, he provides direct oversight for the compliance office and serves as the sport administrator for men's basketball and baseball. Anderson joined the Hurricanes in March 2013, having previously served in similar roles at NC State, the University of Virginia and UNLV.

Anderson is actively involved in national governance activities. He currently serves on the NCAA Division I Initial-Eligibility Waivers Committee and previously served on the ACC Constitution & Bylaws Committee.

A native of Corning, NY, Anderson received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh where he worked for four years. He earned his master's degree in athletic administration from Marshall University.

## **Marco Born // Lamar University**



Marco Born was named director of athletics in 2018 at Lamar University after four years as a member of the Louisiana Tech senior athletics staff. At Louisiana Tech, Born oversaw external operations, while also serving as the sport administrator for baseball. Born played an integral part in renegotiating a new multi-media rights contract with Learfield and was also part of the execution of a new five-year exclusive, all-sports contract with Adidas.

Prior to Louisiana Tech, Born spent ten years at Middle Tennessee as a student-athlete and administrator, including stints as associate athletics director and assistant athletics director for ticketing and marketing. He served on the senior staff for five years. During his time as a student-athlete at Middle Tennessee, Born was a letter-winner for the Blue Raiders tennis program where he captured the All-American championship and the NCAA

Division I Doubles championship. He is a member of the Middle Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Born earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Middle Tennessee in 2007 and his master's in sports management in 2009. He is married to the former Emily Vest, a former tennis player at Middle Tennessee. The couple have one daughter, Scarlett Elizabeth.

## **Greg Burke // Northwestern State University**



Greg Burke has been the Demons' athletics director since 1996. He is the longest serving AD at any Louisiana or Southland Conference institution. Highlights in Burke's two decades as athletic director include 41 Southland Conference regular-season or tournament championships.

Numerous Burke hires had great success at Northwestern State that propelled them to national prominence in subsequent positions, including former baseball coach John Cohen, now the athletic director at Mississippi State. Over 100 more former NSU student-athletes, coaches and support staff members, most of them with Burke as AD or assistant AD (1986-92), are working in college athletics at some level. Former Demons are head coaches in the SEC, Big XII, Mountain West Conference, Conference USA, Ohio Valley, SWAC, and Southland Conference.

His wife, Susu, is a Natchitoches native, NSU graduate and an elementary teacher. They have one daughter, Catherine.

## **Lisa Campos // University of Texas at San Antonio**



Dr. Lisa Campos was announced as UTSA's Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics and Athletics Director in late 2017. She took the reins of the Roadrunners after five years as the Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at Northern Arizona University (NAU). During her time in Flagstaff, NAU captured 32 conference championships and nine teams advanced to NCAA postseason competition.

When Campos was named Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at NAU, she became one of 26 females and the youngest in the country to lead a Division I program at the time of her hire. She currently sits on the prestigious NCAA Division I Football Oversight Committee, a subcommittee of the new governance model. Prior to her time at NAU, Campos served as Senior Associate Athletic Director at the University of Texas at El Paso from 2006-12, when she cultivated several significant gifts to the program and oversaw a multi-million dollar budget.

Campos earned both her bachelor's degree in business administration and her master's degree in student affairs in higher education from Colorado State. She holds a doctorate degree in educational leadership from UTEP. She and her husband have a son, Christopher.

### **Rob Clark // Long Beach State University**



Dr. Rob Clark joined Long Beach State's senior staff in 2015 and now serves as Executive Senior Associate Athletic Director. Clark was most recently the Sr. Associate Athletic Director of Development at Georgia State in Atlanta. At Georgia State, Clark led the first-ever Athletics Capital Campaign and guided the Panthers' Division I football transition from FCS to FBS.

Previous to Georgia State, Clark served at the University of New Mexico, where he led the major gifts and annual giving efforts. Prior to UNM, Clark was Associate AD for Development at Angelo State, leading the school's athletic component of the Texas Tech System's \$1 billion capital campaign. He helped secure gifts for the building of a new baseball facility. Clark also served as the special assistant to the Senior Associate Athletics Director and Compliance Coordinator at Texas A&M.

Clark is no stranger to Southern California, he is a 2005 graduate of Occidental College with a bachelor's degree in diplomacy and world affairs. He went on to earn his master's degree (2006) and completed his doctorate in Kinesiology at Texas A&M (2010). Clark was a football student-athlete at Utah State and finished as team captain at Occidental.

### **Jennifer Cohen // University of Washington**



Jennifer Cohen was named the University of Washington's Director of Athletics in 2016. She has been with the UW since 1998, primarily overseeing the athletic department's fundraising efforts. In just over two years under her watch, Cohen has led Husky Athletics to unprecedented success in the classroom, in competition and in the community. Cohen is credited with bringing in Mike Hopkins to lead the Husky men's basketball program in 2017. She made additional coaching hires for Men's Golf, Women's Basketball, Gymnastics, Women's Rowing, and Cross Country/Track & Field. Additionally, Cohen secured a 10-year, \$119 million apparel partnership with Adidas.

The 2018 spring was memorable for many Husky fans, as both the baseball and softball teams advanced to the College World Series. It was the first-ever trip for UW baseball, while softball – making its 13th appearance – played its way to the championship series.

A native of Tacoma and 1991 graduate of San Diego State University, Cohen earned her master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in sports administration, from Pacific Lutheran University in 1994. Her professional experience includes a variety of roles in intercollegiate athletics administration at Pacific Lutheran, the University of Puget Sound and Texas Tech University. She and her husband, Bill, are the parents of two sons, Tyson and Dylan.

### **Jim Donovan // California State University, Fullerton**



Jim Donovan, a veteran collegiate athletics administrator with more than 20 years of experience, is in his seventh year as the Director of Athletics at Cal State Fullerton, a role in which he was appointed in 2012. Under Donovan's leadership, the Titans have won 21 Big West Conference Championships and the Titan baseball team made the College World Series in two of the last four seasons.

The Anaheim native came to Cal State Fullerton after serving as Director of Athletics at the University Hawaii from 2008-12. At Hawaii, he spearheaded a fund-raising effort that secured more

than \$40 million in public and private capital improvement projects. On the field, the Rainbow Warriors competed at a high level, making 20 postseason appearances. Donovan spent 17 years in athletics at Hawaii, in a variety of roles, prior to a six-year hiatus as the Executive Director of the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl from 2002-08.

The 1983 graduate of Hawaii was a two-year offensive lineman for the Rainbow Warriors. Donovan also earned an executive master's degree from UH. He is married to the former Tracy Orillo and they have two children, Jacqueline and Joshua.

### **Andy Fee // Long Beach State University**



Andy Fee was hired in April of 2017 as the Director of Athletics at Long Beach State and has immediately made an impact on the fortunes of the Beach. In providing for the best possible student-athlete experience, Fee has played a key role in the completion of a number of major capital projects and made his first three head coaching hires during his first year at Long Beach State, selecting new coaches for the women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's golf programs.

With an extensive background in athletics administration with an emphasis on development and operations, Fee came to the Beach after seven years at UC Santa Barbara, serving as the Deputy Athletics Director. Prior to his move to Santa Barbara, Fee served as the Associate Athletics Director at the University of San Diego. Fee oversaw all athletic operations including event management, master planning, scheduling, maintenance, and purchasing for the department's athletics venues.

Before his move to San Diego, Fee worked at Arizona State University in operations while he completed his B.A. from ASU and an M.A. in Education from the University of Phoenix. A native of California, Andy and his wife, Nicole, reside in Long Beach along with their dog Sparky.

### **Daniel Feig // University of South Carolina Upstate**



Daniel Feig started as the Director of Athletics/Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics at USC Upstate in June 2018. Feig arrived at USC Upstate from Southern Miss, where he served as Executive Associate Athletic Director, assisting with the day-to-day management and administration of all aspects of athletics.

He joined Southern Miss in the fall of 2013 following two years as Director of Compliance at the University of Alabama. Prior to working at Alabama, Feig served as an Assistant Athletic Director at Arkansas State. Before beginning his career in collegiate athletics, Feig worked as an attorney for Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, P.A. and Carr, Allison, P.C. in Birmingham, Alabama.

Feig is a 2000 Bachelor of Arts graduate of Birmingham-Southern College, where he was a member of the Men's Soccer team that earned Final Four spots in three of his playing years. He also earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Alabama School of Law in 2003. He resides in Spartanburg with his wife, Claudine, and their three sons, Noah, David and Mark.

### **Shaney Fink // Seattle University**



Shaney Fink was named the Director of Athletics for Seattle University in late 2016. Fink arrived at Seattle U from the University of San Diego, where she served as Senior Associate Athletics Director and Senior Woman Administrator. Her full tenure at USD spanned more than 17 years and included previous roles in compliance and student services, academic support and as an assistant volleyball coach for the Toreros.

At USD, Fink was responsible for day-to-day operations and management of 17 NCAA Division I teams and 450 student-athletes. She was a key point person for many leadership, strategic planning, inclusion and fundraising initiatives during her tenure. Fink assisted in development and management of the department budget. During her USD tenure, she chaired or served on numerous NCAA, conference, and campus committees.

Prior to USD she gained coaching experience at the high school,

college (Colgate University) and international levels. Upon completion of her collegiate volleyball career at University of California at Berkeley, Fink competed professionally in beach and indoor volleyball, domestically and internationally. Fink earned her B.A. in Social Science from Berkeley and her Master's Degree at USD in Counseling. Shaney and her husband, Tom Vorkoper, have three children - Lucas, Mia and Leon.

### **Chris Freet // University of Kansas**



Chris Freet was named deputy athletics director at the University of Kansas in late 2018. He oversees all external units, including communications, Rock Chalk Video, social media, development, marketing and fan experience, as well as partnerships with Jayhawk IMG Sports Marketing and Aspire Ticket Sales.

Prior to Kansas, Freet was the senior associate athletics director at the University of Arkansas, where he arrived in 2014. In that role he oversaw the department's external areas, including marketing, promotions, creative and digital services, trademark licensing, retail and e-commerce merchandise, ticket operations, the Razorback Sports Network, media relations and public relations.

He joined Arkansas Athletics after spending four years at the University of Miami, where he served as senior associate athletics director. Prior to his arrival in Coral Gables, Freet served for nearly three years as assistant athletics director at the University of South Florida, and five years in multiple positions at the University of Oklahoma.

Freet received his bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2002. He and his wife, Courtney, have a son, Dayton, and a daughter, Georgia.

### **Dan Guerrero // University of California, Los Angeles**



Sixteen years and 30 NCAA Championships later, Dan Guerrero's mantra of 'image and substance' has clearly been established at a level that few others in his profession can approach. During his tenure, he has spearheaded in excess of \$430 million in new

and renovated UCLA athletic facilities. Impressively, UCLA Athletics became the first university to 100 NCAA team championships.

Guerrero was the first athletic director at the NCAA Division I level to earn three NACDA Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year awards. He has extensive experience in committee work at both the NCAA and conference level. Currently, he serves on the Division I Men's Basketball Oversight Committee, which he chaired the previous two years. As the chair of the committee, he was involved with the negotiation of the new \$10.8 billion, 14-year NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament television package, as well as the decision to expand the Tournament to 68 teams.

He came to UCLA from UC Irvine, where he had served as UCI's Director of Athletics for ten years, helping to elevate that program to unprecedented success. Prior to arriving at UCI, Guerrero worked at Cal State Dominguez Hills, where he led that program to national prominence while serving as Athletic Director for five years.

A proud alumnus of UCLA, Guerrero played second base for the Bruins for four years. Known as "Warrior" during his playing career, he was inducted into the UCLA Baseball Hall of Fame. He earned a master's degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills. He is married to the former Anne Marie Aniello, and they have two grown daughters.

### **Ken Halpin // Winthrop University**



Dr. Ken Halpin was named Winthrop University's Director of Athletics in the summer of 2016. He is responsible for the administration of all aspects of Winthrop's NCAA Division I athletics program. Halpin previously served as deputy athletic director at Eastern Washington University. In his five years at EWU, Halpin served in multiple roles.

Halpin received a Ph.D. in higher education administration from Washington State in 2015 and an M.A. from Gonzaga University in 2008. He earned a B.A. from Willamette University in 2005, where he was an All-Conference performer in both football and baseball. He lives in Rock Hill with his wife, Amber, their two sons—Kenny and Jonathan, and daughter Jill Marie.

## **Dave Heeke // University of Arizona**



Dave Heeke was named Arizona's Director of Athletics in February of 2017. A veteran in college athletics and the Pac-12 Conference, Heeke has extensive experience in all aspects of the field, having served as Athletics Director at Central Michigan University for 11 years and in the Oregon athletics department for 18 years, finishing his tenure there as senior associate athletics director/chief of staff.

Heeke is a nationally recognized leader among college athletics directors. He was appointed to the NCAA Division I Athletic Director Advisory Group in June of 2013, one of just 11 Division I Athletic Directors nationwide to be selected for the appointment. Heeke has also been a member of the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and the Division I Football Issues Committee. He twice served on the baseball committee, first from 2006-08 and again from 2010-15, serving as the chair for the 2014-15 season. He was also a part of the football committee from 2008-13, serving as chair in 2012-13.

A Michigan native, Heeke received a bachelor's degree from Albion College and a master's degree from Ohio State University. At Albion, he was a co-captain of the baseball team and a member of the club hockey team. Heeke and his wife, Liz, have three boys, Ryan, Max and Zach.

## **Kevin Hurley // Texas A&M University**



Kevin Hurley, a longtime Texas A&M University athletics administrator, was named senior associate athletics director in June 2014. Hurley serves as the sport administrator for the Aggie baseball, women's soccer and equestrian programs. Hurley, who spent more than twenty years at Texas A&M, coordinated the redevelopment of Kyle Field, a \$450 million project that is recognized as the largest in the history of college football.

Before coming to Texas A&M, Hurley was the home and visiting clubhouse manager for the Triple-A Omaha Royals at Rosenblatt Stadium and was involved in the College World Series for 13 years. Hurley also served as the assistant director of championships at the Missouri Valley Conference for two years.

Hurley, a native of Billings, Montana, graduated from Creighton

University in 1990 with a degree in accounting. He received a master's of science degree in accounting from Texas A&M in 2000. Hurley is married to the former Julie Musial and the couple has a daughter, Darby, and a son, Jarrett.

## **Ryan Ivey // Stephen F. Austin State University**



Ryan Ivey was named Stephen F. Austin State University's Director of Athletics in July 2018. His ultimate goal for the department is to become the best mid-major NCAA Division I athletic program in the nation. He arrived to SFA after a three-year tenure as the director of athletics at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee.

Prior to his tenure with the Govs, Ivey served as the Director of Athletics with NCAA Division II institution Texas A&M-Commerce. He helped orchestrated one of the biggest turnarounds in the entire NCAA Division II landscape during his two-year stint with the Lions, hiring the head football coach who secured a national championship for the Lions in 2017. Previously, Ivey spent six years at McNeese State University in Louisiana, before his tenure at Texas A&M-Commerce. He has also served in various roles with the University of Memphis, University of South Dakota and Memphis Redbirds.

A student-athlete at Memphis, Ivey was the squad's punter and holder. Most notable, Ivey held for eventual two-time Super Bowl champion Stephen Gostkowski (New England Patriots). Ivey earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Memphis as well. Ivey is married to the former Kelley Holt. The couple has two sons - Jett and Ace.

## **Ken Landphere // Arizona State University**



Ken Landphere, respected sports industry veteran, joined Arizona State University as a Senior Associate Athletics Director in September 2016. Landphere joined Sun Devil Athletics after spending the previous 14 years as the Director of Football Operations at Octagon, where he served first as an agent and then in overall

management and operations.

From 1987-2001, Landphere and ASU's Ray Anderson were partners at AR Sports, where they represented professional athletes and coaches in the NFL, MLB and NCAA. The two distinguished themselves in the representation and trailblazing of minority coaches in football, such as Tony Dungy, Herman Edwards, Dennis Green, Marvin Lewis and Tyrone Willingham, among others. Their agency was also among the first to earn a strong reputation for highly effective advocacy during the early evolution of MLB player-club arbitration and for creating successful international baseball operations in Japan and Latin America. In 2001, AR Sports merged with Octagon.

Landphere graduated from Santa Clara University's Law School in 1989 with an emphasis on Labor and Sports Law, and received his bachelors in advertising from San Jose State University. Prior to SJSU, Landphere was a baseball student-athlete for two seasons at San Diego State.

### **Steve Lopes // University of Southern California**



Dr. Steve Lopes was named Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of USC Athletics in August 2012. He has been an integral member of the athletics department for 34 years. Currently responsible for the athletic department's \$110 million annual operating budget. He was responsible for the oversight of the \$270 million Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Renovation, including assisting in fundraising and project management. Lopes has been involved with all department coaching searches over the past five years, including the three major men's sports of football, basketball and baseball.

Also an Assistant Adjunct Professor at USC, Lopes annually teaches a graduate level course in Athletic Administration. Lopes is the Executive Director and Program Coordinator of the Sports Management Institute, a sports management executive education program sponsored by the athletic departments at USC, Michigan, Texas, Notre Dame, North Carolina and Georgia.

A native of Winnemucca, Nevada, he holds a bachelor's degree from Linfield College where he lettered in football and wrestling. Lopes also earned a doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the

University of Pennsylvania and two master's degrees from USC. The Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce honored Lopes and his wife, Helaine, as the 2015 Citizens of the Year. They have two children, Jennifer and Matt, who both attend USC.

### **Patrick Lyons // Seton Hall University**



Patrick Lyons was named as Seton Hall's Vice President in 2011. Lyons arrived at Seton Hall after spending seven years as Iona College's Director of Athletics. He was the chief administrator for the Gaels' 21 NCAA Division I athletics programs. Throughout his career, Lyons has served on several notable national committees. Further, his career has been marked by significant facility improvement and fundraising achievements, across multiple sports.

As a coach, Lyons led the Iona golf team to its most successful four-year span. At the helm of the Gaels from 1998-02, he directed the squad to three conference championships and earned a berth in the NCAA Golf Championship in each of his three full seasons. Lyons also served as assistant hockey coach from 1997-2000.

A native of Rhode Island, Lyons was a two-sport standout in hockey and golf at Iona College. One of the most prolific scorers in school history, he led all of NCAA Division I hockey in goals per game during his playing days. He captained the golf team during his junior and senior seasons, having earned the Joseph O'Connell award, given annually to Iona's most outstanding student-athlete. In 1999, Lyons earned his master's degree in teaching from Iona and earned an MBA from the Hagan School of Business in 2004. Lyons is married to the former Rachel Cintolo, who is a member of the faculty at Rutgers University.

### **Jeremy McClain // Troy University**



Jeremy McClain was named Troy University's Director of Athletics in 2015, following three years as the Deputy Director of Athletics at Southern Miss. At Troy, the program has experienced unparalleled success on the field and in the classroom. Troy was the only school in the country in 2016-17 to win a bowl game and both its respective conference men's and women's basketball tournaments.

At Southern Miss, McClain oversaw the day-to-day operations of the Athletics Department, which featured over 100 employees. Additionally, McClain was responsible for revenue generation. As the primary fundraiser for the Golden Eagles, McClain led a staff that set records in 2013 for the annual fund and the overall Southern Miss Athletic Foundation. Prior to his time at Southern Miss, McClain served as Director of Athletics at Delta State University for five years, beginning in 2007. During his tenure, the football team appeared in the championship game, and in 2012, the baseball team earned a runner-up finish at the NCAA Division II College World Series.

McClain earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Delta State in 1999, where he was a Division II All-American in baseball. He also earned his M.B.A. from Delta State in 2002. After graduation, he played five years of professional baseball. He is married to the former Christie Cannon, and the couple has three children, son Cannon, and daughters Kate and Piper.

### **Bill McGillis // University of San Diego**



Bill McGillis was introduced as the University of San Diego's new Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Athletics in December 2016. McGillis arrived at the University of San Diego from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he served as Director of Athletics starting in 2013. Prior to his arrival at Southern Miss, McGillis served as the Executive Associate Athletic Director at the University of South Florida for six years.

Before USF, McGillis served as the Director of Athletics at the University of Evansville from 2002 to 2007. The Evansville baseball program won a program record 43 games in 2006 en route to a Missouri Valley Conference Championship, an NCAA Regional and within three wins of the College World Series.

McGillis also spent four years at the University of New Mexico and 13 years at the University of Houston. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in sports administration from St. Thomas University (Fla.) in 1984. He and his wife Margie, both natives of Seattle, have five children.

### **Adam Miller // University of Memphis**



Adam Miller was named the Assistant Athletic Director for Development in the summer of 2016. Miller serves as the sport administrator for Tiger baseball. Miller came to the Bluff City following two years at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay as a member of the department's senior executive staff. During his time at Green Bay, Miller oversaw the two most successful fundraising years in the program's history.

Additionally, he served as the sport administrator for the men's and women's soccer programs and men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Working closely with the Green Bay director of athletics, Miller was also responsible for the hiring of five head coaches. Miller came to Green Bay from his alma mater, Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla., where he excelled in a variety of development positions.

Miller was a standout on and off the field during his time as a student-athlete at Florida Southern. While obtaining a 4.0 grade point average in the classroom, Miller competed for the Mocs' baseball team. He was named the Florida Southern Most Outstanding Scholar Athlete in 2009 and earned the Scholar Athlete Award for baseball in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Miller graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in business administration. In 2011, he obtained a master's degree in business administration and finished first in a class of 142 students.

### **Terry Mohajir // Arkansas State University**



Terry Mohajir was named director of athletics in 2012. With his leadership, the Red Wolves have enjoyed unprecedented overall success academically, competitively and financially. The department's budget has increased from \$15.9 to \$43.1 million in less than five years. Facilities have also received a number of facelifts since his arrival, with over \$80 million in construction and renovations. The growth of A-State's brand under Mohajir led to signing a new 10-year agreement in 2016 with Learfield Sports.

During Mohajir's tenure, A-State has won four football conference championships with three different head coaches. His hires have been

heralded by the national media as some of the best in the country. National recognition has also occurred from the Red Wolves Leadership Academy program, designed with the sole purpose to obtain 100 percent job placement for all student-athletes upon graduation, a key target that has been achieved each year.

Mohajir's career path went through three other Division I institutions: Missouri-Kansas City, Florida Atlantic and Kansas, before leading him back to his alma mater. The Overland Park, Kansas native graduated from Arkansas State, where he was a starting safety on the football team. He is married to the former Julie Hammond and they have two daughters, Maria and Molly, and son, Marco.

### **Joel Nielsen // Kent State University**



Joel Nielsen was hired as Kent State University's Director of Athletics in 2010. In Nielsen's eight years, Kent State's athletic department has prospered athletically, academically and in the community. The Golden Flashes under Nielsen have claimed five Jacoby and Reese Trophy honors, which recognize the MAC's top women's and men's athletics programs. No other institution has received the award more than twice. Overall, he has guided the department to 61 MAC regular season or tournament championships and three individual national champions. An additional major athletic highlight has included baseball's first appearance in the College World Series (2012).

Nielsen's previous experience casts a vast net over intercollegiate athletics, having served as the director of athletics at every level of the NCAA. He previously served for seven years as the athletics director at the University of South Dakota, spearheading their transition to NCAA Division I. His resume includes serving as athletics director at Colorado College, as well as administrative positions with Wake Forest, Illinois State and Northern Illinois.

Nielsen earned a B.S. degree in business finance and a master's degree in sports administration, both from Minnesota State University, Mankato. While at MSU, Nielsen played football and baseball. Nielsen and his wife, Sharon (who was a scholarship golfer at Northern Illinois), have three daughters, all who are Kent State golf letter-winners.

### **Milton Overton // Kennesaw State University**



A 25-year veteran of college athletics administration, Milton Overton was named director of athletics at Kennesaw State in 2017. Overton previously spent two years as director of athletics at Florida A&M University. At FAMU, for the first time in more than a decade, the athletics department boasted a balanced budget in 2016-17, while achieving three consecutive years of record-breaking fundraising and ticket-sales growth.

Overton oversaw seven units at the University of Alabama from 2009 to 2015, including the nation's top trademark licensing program – Crimson Tide Productions – marketing and branding, outbound ticket sales, photography, coaches film video group, athletics information and event technology, track and field, and cross country. Prior to Tuscaloosa, he also provided oversight of seven Texas A&M University sport programs. He also served in various roles with TCU and the University of Oklahoma.

A four-year starter as an offensive lineman at the University of Oklahoma, Overton earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. Overton was the founder and CEO of Enki System Inc., from 2000-2011, which provided software solutions for athletic and academic support programs across the country. He is a 2009 graduate of the NCAA Pathway Program – formerly known as the NCAA's Fellows Leadership Development Program. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Overton has two sons, Micaiah and Lebbeus.

### **Chris Pezman // University of Houston**



Chris Pezman was named Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Houston in 2017. The 1992 Houston Football team captain arrived in Houston after spending four years as Senior Associate Athletics Director for Facilities, Operations & Event Management, and Capital Projects/Chief Operating Officer at the University of California – Berkeley.

At Cal, Pezman reorganized his departments to gain operational and financial efficiencies, and implemented a comprehensive work order system to appropriately maintain \$1 billion in physical assets

under his purview. He also oversaw capital projects for athletics and served as the primary football administrator.

Well known throughout the city of Houston, Pezman remained involved with his alma mater following his graduation and earned his master's degree from UH in 1995. He served in various positions with UH athletics before taking on a role with NRG Park and SMG Management. Pezman quickly rose up the ranks during his time with SMG-NRG Park, before returning as Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations at Houston for the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

The Laguna Beach, California native, and two-time Southwest Conference Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll member, earned his undergraduate degree in economics. Pezman is married to the former Marisol Guillamondegui and the couple has three children: Seth, Sydney and Sarah.

### **Craig Pintens // Loyola Marymount University**



Craig Pintens was named Athletic Director at Loyola Marymount University in the summer of 2018. A proven athletic administrator with leadership experience at national championship-winning programs, Pintens arrived at LMU from the University of Oregon, where he served as senior associate athletic director for seven years.

At Oregon, he helped lead athletics to tremendous success in competition and transformed the fan experience, strategic planning processes, athletics operations, promotions, and fundraising while overseeing the marketing and communications departments. Pintens, who served as the president of National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators in 2013-14, guided each of the revenue-producing departments under his oversight to record numbers.

Prior to his tenure at Oregon, Pintens worked in the athletic departments at Louisiana State University, Marquette University and the University of Texas-Pan American. At LSU, Pintens implemented strategic ticket sales plans, leading to record ticket sales and attendance numbers, while also developing a social media strategy that led to one of the largest social media imprints in college athletics. At Marquette, he enacted fundraising initiatives that increased the donor base by 33 percent.

Pintens is also a member of the Wisconsin Bar; he earned his Juris Doctor from Marquette University School of Law and his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater. He resides in Westchester with his wife, Jill, and children Kaitlin, Jackson, Tate and Avery.

### **Desiree Reed-Francois // University of Nevada, Las Vegas**



Since being named the Director of Athletics in 2017, Desiree Reed-Francois has begun to transform UNLV Athletics. In 2018, she announced the largest corporate commitment in UNLV Athletics' history. She was also instrumental in successfully negotiating with the NFL's Oakland Raiders for UNLV's use in the new \$1.8 billion Las Vegas Stadium. Reed-Francois is the first Hispanic female and woman of color athletics director at the FBS level.

Reed-Francois came to UNLV with more than two decades of experience, most recently serving at Virginia Tech. As second-in-command to the athletics director, she was responsible for the day-to-day operations of 22 sports and more than 600 student-athletes. Working closely with Whit Babcock, Reed-Francois was instrumental in the recruitment and hiring of current Hokies head football coach Justin Fuente and coaches for women's basketball, lacrosse, volleyball, and wrestling.

Prior to Virginia Tech, Reed-Francois spent two years at the University of Cincinnati as a member of the executive staff. During her career in athletics administration, she has also worked at the University of Tennessee, Fresno State University, Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, the University of California Berkeley, and the University of San Francisco. At Tennessee, Reed-Francois was the first female administrator in SEC history to oversee men's basketball.

Reed-Francois earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA, where she was a former student-athlete on the rowing team, and a juris doctorate from the University of Arizona College of Law. She and her husband, Joshua, have a son, Jackson.

## **Eric Roedl // University of Oregon**



Eric Roedl joined the Oregon athletics department as Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director in January 2012. In his current role, he serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the university's 20-sport, \$115 million athletic program, and also as the sport administrator for the Ducks' baseball and men's and women's tennis programs. Roedl also provides leadership to the Ducks' external operations units, which generate over \$60 million in revenues annually. He is a past president of the College Athletics Business Management Association.

Prior to his arrival at Oregon, Roedl served in various capacities with Temple University Athletics for eight and a half years. Most recently, he served as Temple's deputy athletics director and as the sport administrator for the Owls' football, men's basketball and baseball programs. Prior to Temple, Roedl served as associate director of athletic business affairs at the College of William & Mary.

Roedl attended Villanova University as an undergraduate and served as co-captain of the tennis team while graduating summa cum laude. He also earned a master's degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and an MBA from The College of William & Mary. He and his wife Nicole reside in Eugene with their three sons EJ, Ryan and Jake.

## **Scott Sidwell // University of San Francisco**



Scott Sidwell was appointed to his position as director of athletics at the University of San Francisco in 2011, after spending five and a half years in senior roles at Syracuse University. He now directs a department that includes 15 intercollegiate varsity teams comprised of over 250 student-athletes. Sidwell also presides as the chair of the WCC's Executive Council and was appointed as the chair of the NCAA Division I baseball selection committee in November of 2016, building on two previous years as a regional committee chair.

An experienced fundraiser, Sidwell helped jumpstart efforts to improve USF's athletic facilities as part of a larger University-wide comprehensive campaign. He helped secure a historic \$15 million gift from John A. and Susan Sobrato, which helped form USF's first-ever master plan for athletic facilities. One of the many facility

improvements included construction for the new Benedetti Diamond in April of 2016, giving the USF baseball program one of the finest ballparks on the West Coast.

During his tenure at Syracuse, Sidwell spearheaded the athletic department's efforts for The Campaign for Syracuse University, which raised over \$106 million under his leadership. Prior to joining the athletics staff at Syracuse, Sidwell spent five years at his alma mater, Tulane University in various roles.

A former student-athlete, Sidwell spent two years at Brown where he was a unanimous All-Ivy League selection in baseball. He spent his last two years at Tulane and as a senior, helped the Green Wave to a berth in the NCAA Regionals. Following his graduation, Sidwell served on Tulane's coaching staff for two seasons and helped the Green Wave to the program's inaugural Conference USA title. Scott and his wife, Samantha, reside in San Francisco with their three children: Madison, Beau and Lily.

## **Kenneth "Ziggy" Siegfried // California State University, Bakersfield**



Kenneth "Ziggy" Siegfried was named Director of Athletics at California State University, Bakersfield in 2015. He joined the department in 2012 as the senior associate athletics director. Siegfried oversees an NCAA Division I intercollegiate sports program comprising of 16 varsity sports programs, 310 student-athletes and 85 employees. Siegfried established four pillars of success in 2014. The focus of the department on these four areas has led to the most successful years in the department's Division I history.

The Memphis native arrived in Bakersfield from the University of Memphis where he worked for eight years. During his time in Memphis, he held various positions including serving on the senior staff in the athletics department and also serving on the University fundraising leadership team during a successful \$250 million campaign.

Siegfried attended the University of Memphis where he earned a bachelor's degree in education and sports management. He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Middle Tennessee State University. Siegfried and his wife, Karen, have five children, William, Samuel, Caroline, Miriam, and their late sister Delilah.

## **Tamica Smith Jones // University of California, Riverside**



Tamica Smith Jones is the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics for the University of California, Riverside. In her first year leading the Highlanders, they won the 2015 Big West Conference Championships in Women's Golf, Men's Golf, earned the program's first individual national champion in its Division I era, and had their best finish in the Big West Conference Commissioner's Cup standings. In addition, Women's Basketball went undefeated in Conference play, finishing first in the regular season standings. During her tenure, the Highlanders have won six individual Big West Championships.

Prior to UC Riverside, Smith Jones served as senior associate AD at the University of Texas, San Antonio (UTSA). Previous to her stint at UTSA, she served as Athletics Director for Clark Atlanta University, leading the Panthers to seven Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, including the first men's basketball title in 46 years and first-ever women's cross country and volleyball crowns.

A leading voice on women in sports and minority coaches, Smith Jones serves on multiple NCAA working groups on these important issues which includes serving as an active member of the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee. In 2017, she was named the Women Leaders in College Sports Division I Administrator of the Year and recognized as one of the 100 Most Influential African-Americans in Los Angeles.

## **Tanya Vogel // George Washington University**



Tanya Vogel assumed the role of Director of Athletics and Recreation at George Washington in 2018. In her third stint with GW, Tanya Vogel has seen intercollegiate athletics from every vantage point. First as a student-athlete competing in soccer as an undergraduate, Vogel learned firsthand what the student-athlete experience should be. She later returned to the university as head coach of the soccer program, before serving in a development capacity.

Vogel spent three years at Northern Arizona, handling many roles. Her versatility and experience are also manifested in the number of committees on which she's served. In 2013, Vogel was selected for the

prestigious NCAA Pathway Program, which works to elevate senior-level administrators to the next step as directors of athletics. Most recently, Vogel was selected to participate in the Women Leaders in College Sports Executive Institute. The program was designed to teach executive leadership solutions and help advance high-level women administrators to executive positions within athletics.

Before embarking on a career in administration, Vogel served as her alma mater's head coach for 12 seasons. Hired in January 2000, Vogel won 82 games as head coach of GW's women's soccer team. In 2002, Vogel became the first women's soccer player inducted into the GW Athletic Hall of Fame. She holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in exercise and sports science and also completed her MBA at GW.

## **John David Wicker // San Diego State University**



John David Wicker was named as San Diego State University's Director of Athletics in 2016. Wicker was SDSU's Deputy Athletic Director from 2011 until leaving for Georgia Tech in July 2015. During his first term at SDSU, he was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Aztecs athletics department, overseeing many department units, while also having sport oversight for football, rowing, and men's and women's basketball.

Prior to his time at SDSU, he was an Associate Athletic Director at Washington State from 2001-2011. From 1999 to 2001 Wicker served at Southern Miss. At USM, he oversaw regular season and championship event operations, coordinated day-to-day maintenance of facilities, and was the liaison to the university on all capital projects. Wicker also spent three years at Georgia, where he also worked for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games in preparation for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

The SDSU athletic department has enjoyed great success in recent years. The football team made its ninth consecutive bowl game appearance in 2018. The baseball team won a Mountain West championship in 2018 and appeared in the Corvallis regional.

Wicker graduated from Mississippi State in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in professional accountancy. He received his master's degree in education with an emphasis in sports management from Georgia in 1997. He resides in Santee, California with his wife, Rachel, and daughters, Scarlett Anne and Waverly Lile.

# COACHES

## Chad Baum // Cal State Fullerton



Chad Baum starts his 20th year as a collegiate coach in 2019 and is a veteran of six College World Series appearances as a Titan player and coach. In all, Baum has worked with 30 Titan position players who were selected in the major league draft and also worked with six Titan major leaguers. He had spent seven seasons as an assistant coach at both UC Irvine and Santa Clara before returning to Fullerton. Overall, he holds a 641-425 record as an assistant at the NCAA Division I level. He has coached more than half of those games as a member of the Titans coaching staff (2000-04, 2012-present).

In 2005, he left Fullerton to be a part of Dave Serrano's first staff at UC Irvine, where he served two seasons. He moved out of the Big West Conference and into the West Coast Conference in 2007 when he joined Mark O'Brien's staff at Santa Clara. While in the Bay Area, Baum served as the Broncos' third base coach, primary hitting/catching instructor and also assisted in the program's recruiting efforts.

Baum, who graduated with a degree in 1999, was a Titan team captain in 1998 and 1999, when Fullerton reached the College World Series. He earned his master's degree in 2005 from Azusa Pacific. He, his wife, Kristin, and daughter, Kennedy, live in Anaheim Hills.

## Greg Bergeron // Long Beach State University



Greg Bergeron returns for his fourth season as a member of the Long Beach State coaching staff. He has over two decades of coaching experience. During his coaching career, Bergeron has worked with over 90 players who have been selected in the MLB Draft, including 10 who have advanced to the Major Leagues. Following the 2017 season, Bergeron was promoted to Associate Head Coach after serving two seasons.

He spent the previous decade as the hitting coach on Dave Serrano's staff, which most recently landed him at the University of Tennessee

as Serrano's Associate Head Coach. All of Bergeron's previous playing and coaching experience came in Southern California. In Bergeron's four years at Cal State Fullerton, the Titans made the postseason in all four years. His success in Fullerton was a continuation of the success that he also found at UC Irvine, where he also helped the Anteaters to a College World Series appearance for the first time in school history. Prior to UCI, Bergeron spent eight years coaching at the Junior College level with a year at Cerritos College and seven at El Camino College in California.

His coaching career began at Loyola Marymount as a volunteer assistant in 1996. He finished his playing career at LMU, earning All-WCC honors as a senior in 1994.

## Sergio Brown // University of Arizona



Sergio Brown is in his fourth season with the Arizona baseball program as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. He won a national championship as a player at Cal State Fullerton in 1995 and brings with him a wealth of experience at top west coast programs. He had two stints at his alma mater (2001-03 and 2007-10), as well as time with UC Irvine (2004-07), UC San Diego (2012), and Cal State Northridge (2013).

As a coach, he has been to the College World Series twice, with UC Irvine (2007) and Cal State Fullerton (2009). A highly regarded recruiter at each of his stops, he secured the nation's 14th-ranked class in 2008, fifth-best class in 2009, and eighth-ranked class in 2010.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Cal State Fullerton in 1995 and earned his master's degree from Azusa Pacific University in 1998.

## Bill Cilento // Wake Forest University



Bill Cilento enters his tenth year as an assistant coach at Wake Forest in 2019. In his time as a coach, 53 of his student-athletes have gone on to play professionally, including five big leaguers. Notably, he also oversaw the development of National Player of the Year Will Craig.

The Demon Deacons have developed into one of the nation's top offenses under Cilento's watch. In 2017, the team finished a game away from the College World Series after a 43-20 overall record - the most wins in 15 years. He has helped the Demon Deacons post six straight winning seasons for the first time since the program tallied seven straight from 1997-2003.

Cilento joined the Wake Forest staff after serving the previous three seasons at Brown University. He made an immediate impact with the Brown baseball program in his first season in 2007, helping the Bears to their first-ever Ivy League Championship. Before his time at Brown, he was an assistant at the University New Orleans for two seasons. Previous to New Orleans, Cilento was an assistant at his alma mater, Siena. He was a four-year starter at Siena and was a member of two MAAC regular season championship teams.

A native of Maryland, Cilento graduated from Siena College in 2003 with a degree in accounting. He lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with his wife Jennifer and his daughters, Brooke, Katie, and Megan.

### **Trip Couch // University of South Carolina**



Trip Couch started at the University of South Carolina in the summer of 2017. The Gamecocks advanced to the super regionals in 2018. Prior to South Carolina, Couch spent seven seasons in his second stint as an assistant coach at the University of Houston, as recruiting coordinator and took over a more active role with the offense.

Following his first stint with the University of Houston (1995-2000), Couch served as an assistant at Texas in 2001 before joining the Arizona Diamondbacks as a scout in 2002. He scouted in the states of Texas and Louisiana and oversaw all try-out camps in the territory. While with Arizona, Couch signed four players that have reached the Major Leagues. He was previously an assistant coach at Louisiana-Lafayette.

Couch is married to the former Tiffany Williams. The couple has three daughters, Chandler, Kendall, and Katelyn.

### **Danny Evans // Gonzaga University**



Danny Evans enters his 16th season as a member of the Gonzaga University baseball coaching staff in 2019. Serving as the associate head coach since 2009, Evans is the primary recruiting coordinator, third base and infield coach.

Evans has witnessed the growth of the baseball program during his tenure. During that time the Zags have had nine 30 win seasons, most recently winning 33 in 2018. The Bulldogs have claimed four West Coast Conference titles, winning the league in 2009, 2013, 2016, and 2017. He helped guide the club to a national ranking in six different seasons. The Bulldogs have been voted as high as No. 19 twice: once by Baseball America in 2009 and the other by Collegiate Baseball in 2017.

The Bulldogs have flourished with Evans on the recruiting trail. In addition to nationally recognized recruiting classes, the Zags have seen a number of players get drafted into Major League Baseball. During Evans' career, 41 Bulldogs have been selected during the MLB draft.

A 2003 graduate of Gonzaga, Evans was a four year letterwinner for the Zags and appeared in 162 games throughout his career. Bouncing between shortstop and third base, Evans was recognized his senior season with All-WCC Second Team honors.

### **Donegal Fergus // University of California, Santa Barbara**



In the summer of 2018, Donegal Fergus agreed to terms to become the associate head coach at UC Santa Barbara. Fergus joins the UCSB staff after spending the past five seasons at the University of Washington. He served as Washington's assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Upon Fergus' arrival to Washington following the 2013 season, the Huskies enjoyed one of their most successful stretches in program history. Washington advanced to three NCAA tournaments in five seasons with Fergus on staff, including an appearance in the College World Series in 2018.

The Huskies also achieved their highest ranking in team history,

reaching the No. 5 spot in the Baseball America, Perfect Game and Collegiate Baseball Poll. Fergus assembled nationally-ranked recruiting classes at Washington. His eye for talent also translates at the next level as Washington has had 26 players selected in the Major League Baseball draft since Fergus' arrival, including a school record eight selections in 2014.

He also has experience as a head coach at Lower Columbia College and Tacoma CC, as well as time as an assistant at Seattle University. A native of Oregon, Fergus played baseball at Linfield College where he earned a bachelor's degree. He later earned a master's degree from American Military University. Fergus is married to his wife, Kim, and they have three children, Seamus, Finnegan and Maclean.

### **Dan Fitzgerald // Dallas Baptist University**



Dan Fitzgerald enters his seventh season at DBU and serves as the Patriots' Associate Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator. Regarded as one of the top recruiters in the country, Baseball America rated Fitzgerald as the No. 7 assistant coach in the nation in 2018, while D1Baseball.com ranked him as the 17th best recruiter in college baseball in 2016.

Since he arrived at DBU in 2013, the Patriots have landed 46 players on the Missouri Valley All-Conference Team that were recruited and signed by Fitzgerald. During his six seasons at DBU, Fitzgerald has seen 10 players garner top honors in the Missouri Valley Conference. At the professional level, 22 of Fitzgerald's signees at DBU have been selected in the Major League Baseball Draft.

Fitzgerald came to DBU from Des Moines Area Community College in Boone, Iowa, where he was the head coach from 2008 - 2012. In his five years at the helm of DMACC, his Bears advanced to the Junior College World Series on four separate occasions. His club also captured five straight conference championships and players were drafted 14 times in the half decade. Fitzgerald also saw 36 players sign with NCAA Division I programs. No stranger to NCAA Division I Baseball, Fitzgerald started his coaching career at the University of Iowa in 2000. Fitzgerald also coached at Northern Iowa Community College and Flagler College.

A native of Minnesota, Fitzgerald attended and played baseball at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin-River Falls before graduating with a degree in English from the University of Minnesota in 2000. Most recently, he earned a Masters of Education in Kinesiology from Dallas Baptist University in 2016. Fitzgerald and his wife, Kelly, have three young sons: Will, Max, and Ben.

### **Cooper Fouts // Purdue University**



Former Pepperdine recruiting coordinator and Indiana native Cooper Fouts joined Purdue baseball as an assistant coach in July 2018. Fouts brings 13 seasons of collegiate coaching experience to West Lafayette, highlighted by five seasons over two stints at Pepperdine (2011-12, 2016-18). In his new role, Fouts will co-lead the recruiting efforts.

Fouts helped Pepperdine win West Coast Conference titles in 2012 and 2018. He worked under current Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez during his first term with the Waves. Fouts has also served as an assistant coach at Utah Valley (2013-15), College of Southern Nevada (2007-10) and Lubbock Christian University (2006). His final season at CSN featured Bryce Harper winning the Golden Spikes Award and being selected No. 1 overall in the 2010 MLB Draft. He also served as a recruiting coordinator at Utah Valley, where he helped the Wolverines win 71 games over three seasons.

He graduated from Las Vegas' baseball powerhouse Bishop Gorman High School in 2001. He was selected in the 26th round of the MLB Draft by the Oakland Athletics, but opted to enroll at the College of Southern Nevada. After one season, he made the move to the Division I level, where he was a three-year starting catcher for Texas Tech from 2003 to 2005. He earned his bachelor's degree in exercise sports science from Texas Tech in 2006. He and his wife, Bri, were married in 2010 and have three children – Harper, Emmit and Nash.

## **Aaron Gershenfeld // The Citadel**



Aaron Gershenfeld enters his second season as the recruiting coordinator and hitting coach at The Citadel. Gershenfeld returned to The Citadel where he served as a volunteer assistant in 2015. In the first year under his guidance, The Citadel's offense saw improvements in 12 statistical categories.

Prior to The Citadel, Gershenfeld was at Vanderbilt working with the team's hitters and catchers. During the 2017 season, the Commodores earned an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament and won the Clemson Regional to advance to the Super Regional at No. 1-overall seed Oregon State. Gershenfeld spent the 2016 season at East Tennessee State as the team's hitting coach. Under his guidance, ETSU ranked among the nation's best in numerous offensive categories. Only two Division I schools had more hitters drafted than ETSU's four in 2016, the school's most since 2006.

As a player at Louisville, Gershenfeld was a member of the 2013 and 2014 teams that were nationally ranked and reached the College World Series. The Cardinals won the Big East in back-to-back seasons in 2012 and 2013 and the 2014 Atlantic Coast Conference title. A 2014 graduate of Louisville, Gershenfeld graduated with cum laude honors in sport administration and was a member of the All-ACC Academic Team his senior season.

## **Randy Hood // University of North Carolina Wilmington**



Randy Hood has made an immediate impact since he first stepped foot on the UNCW campus in 2001 and he continues to keep the Seahawks among the national leaders offensively as he enters his 18th season with the program in 2019. During his time, the Seahawks have advanced to the NCAA tournament nine times and won five Colonial Athletic Association tournament titles. After his seventh season with the Seahawks, Hood was elevated to the position of Associate Head Coach. He coordinates the Seahawks' recruiting, as well as oversees the hitters and outfielders.

Hood played at Campbell University from 1987-90 and led the

Camels to their first NCAA Regional appearance in his senior season. In his final year, Hood led the Big South Conference in batting (.366). He then played five full seasons of professional baseball and was a teammate of NBA great Michael Jordan at Birmingham in 1994. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Campbell. Hood and his wife, Patricia, reside in Wilmington with their daughter, Mackenzie Elise.

## **Josh Jordan // Duke University**



Josh Jordan joined the Duke baseball program in June of 2012. Last season, he was named the ABCA/ Baseball America Assistant Coach of the Year. Jordan was promoted to Associate Head Coach in July of 2015. In addition to his role as recruiting coordinator, Jordan also works with Duke's catchers and outfields and teaches both hitting and base running.

Ranked in the preseason for the first time in program history, the 2018 Blue Devils lived up to the early season hype, recording the first 40-win season in program history while also earning a program-record 18 ACC wins and advancing to the first NCAA Super Regional in school history. With a 45-18 overall record, Duke not only set a program record for wins in a season but also reached 30 wins for the fifth straight year, the program's longest such stretch since 1998. During Jordan's time with the program, 25 Blue Devils have been selected in the professional draft.

Prior to his arrival in Durham, Jordan spent six seasons as an assistant coach at Appalachian State. The Mountaineers won 30 or more games in each of Jordan's six seasons with the program. Before joining the ASU staff, Jordan spent the 2006 season with Young Harris College, helping the Mountain Lions to a runner-up finish in the 2006 National Junior College Athletic Association Region XVII Tournament. At Young Harris, Jordan coached Charlie Blackmon, currently a member of the Colorado Rockies. Prior to his stint at Young Harris, Jordan spent two seasons at Fort Hays State in Kansas.

Jordan is a graduate of Catawba College, where he played 1999-2002. He also earned a master's degree from Fort Hays State in 2005. Jordan and his wife, Erika, reside in Durham, North Carolina with their son, Jaxon, and daughter, Lillian.

## Sean Kenny // University of Georgia



Sean Kenny recently completed his second season with the Georgia Bulldogs after being named the pitching coach in 2017. Kenny's impact with the pitching staff helped Georgia post its finest season in a decade as the Bulldogs earned a No. 8 national seed for the NCAA Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Athens Regional Final.

A native of Michigan, Kenny came to Georgia after five seasons at the University of Michigan. The Wolverines finished the 2017 season with a 42-17 mark and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships. The pitching staff led the Big Ten in earned run average and strikeouts. Kenny came to Michigan after spending three seasons at the University of Maryland where he worked as the Terrapins' pitching coach. Prior to going to Maryland, Kenny spent six seasons as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Pepperdine. He helped guide the Waves to three West Coast Conference titles. Before heading to Pepperdine, Kenny worked at the University of San Diego where he served as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator. He helped USD to two West Coast Conference titles and recruited the nation's 22nd-best class for 2004. Kenny began his coaching career at Saint Mary's College in California, before moving to Laney Community College in Oakland.

Kenny is a graduate of Eastern Michigan where he earned All-Mid-American Conference honors as a pitcher for the Eagles. He was a 17th round selection of the New York Mets in the 1993 MLB draft and played three seasons of professional baseball. He earned a master's from Saint Mary's in 2000. Kenny and his wife Marissa have one son, Ayden.

## Carl Lafferty // University of Mississippi



Carl Lafferty has spent 12 seasons as an assistant coach with Ole Miss, including nine as the team's recruiting coordinator. Since the 2010 season, Lafferty has served as the Rebels' recruiting coordinator, bringing in nationally ranked recruiting classes year after year. Eight of his recruiting classes

have been ranked in the top 25, including five in the top 10 and three in the top five nationwide.

Lafferty's 2016 class was ranked No. 1 in national recruiting rankings conducted by Baseball America and D1Baseball.com. The top ranking became the first No. 1-ranked recruiting class in the history of Ole Miss Athletics. His success in putting together some of the nation's best classes has not gone unnoticed by his peers. In a 2016 survey conducted by D1Baseball.com, Division I baseball coaches named Lafferty as the fourth-best recruiting coordinator in the country. In his time as a Rebel coach, he has developed 29 pitchers who have gone on to the professional ranks. Lafferty helped guide Ole Miss to the College World Series in 2014 for the first time since 1972.

A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he played for the Rebels from 1998-2001, finishing his career in the first year of the Bianco era. Lafferty also served as team captain his senior season. Following his college career, he spent several years playing in the professional ranks. Lafferty is married to the former Lauren Nelson of Baldwyn, Mississippi. The couple has three children, William Carl Lafferty IV, and twins, Henry and Drew.

## Bradley LeCroy // Clemson University



Bradley LeCroy completed his 11th year as assistant coach with the Tiger program in 2018. He is in his second stint in Tigertown, as he previously served as a volunteer assistant coach. LeCroy currently serves as recruiting coordinator. He has secured multiple top-ranked recruiting classes and was rated as the No. 9 assistant coach in the nation by Baseball America prior to the 2013 season, and the No. 10 recruiter in the nation by D1Baseball prior to the 2017 season.

The Tigers have had great success in recent years. Clemson totaled 47 overall wins and won a share of the ACC regular-season title in 2018. In 2017, the Tigers totaled 42 wins and hosted a regional. The 2017 squad was ranked in the top 10 for 10 straight weeks. The team won 44 games in 2016, the ACC championship and secured a top-eight national seed.

He spent three seasons (2008-10) as Tennessee's infielders coach and recruiting coordinator. Two of his recruiting classes with the Volunteers were ranked in the top 25. Before his stint in Knoxville, LeCroy served at Western Carolina for two seasons. In 2007, the Catamounts were in the top 11 in the nation in runs per game, homers per game, slugging percentage, doubles per game and batting average.

LeCroy earned his bachelor's degree and four letters from Clemson. He is married to the former Meredith Chandler. She was a four-time letterwinner in tennis at Clemson, was named ACC Outstanding Senior Female Scholarship Athlete. The couple has two sons, Crew and Cooper.

### **Kevin McMullan // University of Virginia**



In his 16th season at Virginia, and 12th as associate head coach, Kevin McMullan serves as Virginia's recruiting coordinator and hitting coach. He is known as one of the top recruiters and developers of players in the country. McMullan was twice recognized in a poll of 70 Division I head coaches by Baseball America as the top assistant coach in college baseball, first in 2012 and again in 2017.

The 2009 National Assistant Coach of the Year, McMullan has helped guide Virginia to 668 wins in his 15 seasons, an average of over 44 wins per season. Virginia reached the NCAA Tournament in each of McMullan's first 14 seasons, one of 15 programs ever to reach the NCAA tournament 14-straight seasons. Virginia advanced to its first College World Series in 2009, setting off a remarkable stretch with UVA racking up 452 wins in the last 10 years. UVA owns the fourth most wins since reaching its first College World Series and reached the pinnacle of college baseball in 2015 as the Cavaliers earned their first NCAA national championship. In this period UVA has made four trips to the College World Series. In 24 years as a college coach, McMullan has had over 80 players signed by professional organizations.

Prior to his time at Virginia, McMullan served as a manager in the Atlanta Braves organization. Before joining the Braves' organization, McMullan served as acting head coach at East Carolina in 2001-02

for Keith LeClair, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. During that season, McMullan coached ECU to a 43-20 record, Conference USA Championship and NCAA Regional Final.

At ECU, he served as the recruiting coordinator, hitting coach and catching instructor. In McMullan's three years at ECU, they were among the top five programs in the country in wins. In his three years, the Pirates finished in the Top 25 each season. In 2002, he recruited and coached National Freshman Player of the Year Darryl Lawhorn.

McMullan also served as an assistant coach at St. John's and coached at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of IUP. Aside from his numerous coaching experiences, McMullan also had a decorated career as an athlete. He enjoyed a pro baseball career and was a two-sport NCAA All-American as a catcher in baseball and linebacker in football at IUP. McMullan is married to the former Sandra Leishman and the couple has three children, Maggie, Emma and Jack.

### **Bill Mosiello // Texas Christian University**

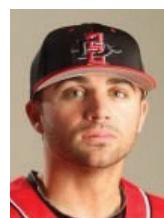


Bill Mosiello joined the TCU coaching staff in the summer of 2013. He serves as the associate head coach, overseeing the role of hitting/offensive coach. Since his arrival on campus, Mosiello has helped guide the team to four straight appearances in the College World Series. He came to TCU after spending two seasons at Tennessee.

He has over 20 years of collegiate coaching experience and seven more years of experience as a minor league manager. Mosiello served as the manager of the Angels Double-A affiliate, the Arkansas Travelers, where he tutored phenom Mike Trout for two seasons.

Mosiello made the move to the Division I level in 1991 at Cal State Fullerton, where he spent two seasons. In 1992, the Titans advanced to the College World Series championship game. After his two years at Tennessee (1993-94) and one season as the pitching coach at Ole Miss, Mosiello spent five seasons (1996-2000) at Oklahoma with part of his tenure as associate head coach.

## **Joe Oliveira // San Diego State University**



Joe Oliveira enters his seventh season with the Aztecs as the hitting coach/recruiting coordinator. During his time at San Diego State, Oliveira has been a part of five Mountain West Championship teams alongside four 40-plus win seasons and five NCAA regional appearances. As hitting coach, Oliveira has helped the Aztecs to be one of just nine teams in the country to have hit .300 or better the last two years.

Oliveira, who leads the program's recruiting effort, has landed multiple top-25 recruiting classes. He has been named the top recruiter in the Mountain West in a vote of the league's head coaches.

Prior to his coaching career, Oliveira was a player in the Baltimore Orioles organization, the team that drafted him in the 15th round out of the University of the Pacific in June 2010. A four-year letterman at Pacific (2006-10), Oliveira was a three-time all-big West Conference selection. He was also named to the 2009 Johnny Bench Award Watch list, an honor presented to the top collegiate catcher in the nation. Oliveira earned his bachelor's degree from Pacific in 2009, as well as a master's degree from there in 2011.

## **Jeff Palumbo // East Carolina University**



Jeff Palumbo, a 12-year coaching veteran at the Division I level, will open his fourth year as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at ECU. His recruiting efforts have garnered consecutive Top 25 national rankings, while also being tabbed as one of the nation's Top 30 recruiters by his peers.

Palumbo also has coaching stints at George Mason, UCF and Virginia Commonwealth. At VCU (2012-14), Palumbo's clubs ranked either first or second in the conference in fielding percentage, which included a No. 7 national standing in 2013. During his UCF tenure (2009-11), he helped guide UCF to a 39-23 record - its best since 2005 - and its first trip to the NCAA Tournament in seven years. In 2009, Palumbo and the Knights put together Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's fourth-ranked recruiting class and followed

with the nation's 20th-best class heading into the 2011 season. At George Mason (2006-08), Palumbo spent three seasons as the program's recruiting coordinator and hitting coach.

A two-time Colonial Athletic Association Defensive Player and Scholar Athlete-of-the-Year selection at George Mason, Palumbo finished his career as the Patriots all-time leader in hits. In 2010 he was selected as a member of the CAA's Silver Anniversary team. Palumbo, a 2004 cum laude graduate of George Mason, and his wife Sarah have two sons Grayson and Parker.

## **Sam Peraza // San Diego State University**



Sam Peraza enters his fourth season as the Aztecs' pitching coach after being named to the position in July 2015. Peraza returned home to the west coast from Florida International where he served as the pitching coach during the 2014 and 2015 seasons. He has 15 years of pitching coaching experience and during his career, he has produced five conference Pitchers of the Year and nine All-American pitchers. Heading into the 2019 season, SDSU has led the Mountain West in earned run average in each of the past two seasons.

Peraza's first season as Florida International's pitching coach (2014) was a record-setting season for the Panther pitching staff. FIU posted a Conference USA single-season record for most shutouts (14) and lowest team ERA (2.29). The Panthers pitching staff was dominant from a national perspective as well. Their team ERA ranked fifth nationally, while the record-setting 14 shutouts ranked third nationally. Peraza's work in his first season with FIU earned him a finalist spot for the inaugural C-USA Assistant Coach of the Year award.

He spent the 2013 season leading the pitchers at Cal State Northridge, where the Matador pitching staff had one of its best seasons in program history. His pitching staff produced the best team earned run average in the program's last 21 years. Cal State Northridge's team had the program's most overall wins and conference (Big West) wins since 2002. Peraza's previous five seasons came at Cal State Los Angeles where he served as the Head Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator. Before his

time at Cal State L.A., Peraza was the head assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Eastern Oklahoma State College for the 2007 season.

Peraza graduated from SDSU in 2002. He is married to Nevada, and they have two sons: Cy Marshall and Ace Samuel.

### **Nick Schnabel // University of Michigan**



Nick Schnabel completed his sixth season as an assistant coach for the University of Michigan baseball program in 2018. Schnabel is the recruiting coordinator for the Maize and Blue as well as working with the Wolverine infielders. Michigan's 2018 incoming class was perhaps the most highly-touted class in program history, ranked in the top ten nationally. The ranking marked the highest ranking a Big Ten class has ever earned. He has also helped secure other nationally ranked classes.

Prior to Ann Arbor, Schnabel was East Carolina's hitting instructor, infield coach and recruiting coordinator for three seasons. Before ECU, Schnabel served for two seasons as the hitting instructor, recruiting coordinator and third base coach at Liberty University. Schnabel spent two seasons at the U.S. Military Academy, serving as Army's hitting instructor. Schnabel was at Chipola College in Florida in 2005. He started his college coaching career as a volunteer coach at East Carolina in 2004. That season, ECU won a school-record 51 games and competed in the NCAA Super Regionals. The Pirates finished the season eighth in the country.

Schnabel played at East Carolina, where he was a first team All-Colonial Athletic Association selection and the Defensive Player of the Year in 1999. He helped the Pirates to consecutive league championships and top NCAA Regional seeds. Following graduation, Schnabel spent four years in the Montreal Expos organization in five levels of the farm system. He is a 2003 graduate of East Carolina, is married to the former Emily Gail Cox. The couple has two children, Cal and Caroline.

### **Andrew See // Clemson University**



Andrew See completed his third year with the Tiger program as pitching coach in 2018. He was named one of the top-11 assistant coaches in the nation after the 2016 season by D1Baseball and was also rated tied for the 29th-best recruiter in the nation by D1Baseball prior to the 2017 season.

See previously worked three seasons (2013-15) as pitching coach at Duke. In 2014 and 2015, See led the Blue Devils to their top two earned run average finishes since the advent of the aluminum bat. From 2007-12, See served as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for Ohio University. During his final three seasons with the Bobcat program, he served as associate head coach. His 2008 and 2010 recruiting classes earned honorable mention honors by Collegiate Baseball. In 2005 and 2006, See was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Appalachian State after serving one season as an assistant coach at UNC Greensboro in 2004.

He played three seasons at Ohio from 1999-01, after transferring from Georgia following his freshman campaign. In addition to playing center field and first base at Ohio, he was a starting pitcher in the weekend rotation for two years and served as the Bobcat closer as a senior. The native of Michigan is married to Shauna, and graduated from Ohio in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in sport industry and also earned a master's degree in coaching education from Ohio.

### **Justin Seely // Texas A&M University**



Justin Seely was named assistant coach in 2010 after spending the 2009 season as the Aggies' volunteer assistant coach. He serves as the recruiting coordinator and works with the outfielders and hitters. In all ten of his years with the program, Texas A&M has made trips to the NCAA Tournament.

He came to A&M after spending 2008 as an assistant coach at Texarkana College.

Seely was a starter on Nebraska's first two College World Series teams, Seely spent the 2006 and 2007 seasons as a volunteer assistant at his alma mater. He spent the two seasons prior to Nebraska as an assistant coach at Paris (Texas) Junior College.

A native of Nacogdoches, Texas, Seely began his collegiate career at Northeast Texas Community College. Seely, who received his degree from the University of Nebraska in 2003, is married to the former Tara Hill of Garland, Texas. The couple have a son, Slade Andrew, and a daughter, Sydney.

### **Jake Silverman // University of Nevada**



Jake Silverman is in his fourth season as an assistant coach with the University of Nevada baseball program, where he started to oversee recruiting in 2017. Silverman helped the Pack haul in a ranked recruiting class in 2016 as selected by Collegiate Baseball. It was the first nationally ranked recruiting class in school history. In 2018, Nevada captured the Mountain West Conference regular season title. Two years prior, the Wolfpack advanced to the finals of the conference tournament for the first time.

Silverman spent five seasons with UCLA as an assistant coach, helping the Bruins compile a 202-103-1 record in that span with four postseason appearances. Silverman and UCLA earned two trips to the College World Series while capturing the 2013 NCAA Championship. A native of California, he is a former collegiate player at Fullerton College (2006-07) and Cal State Fullerton (2008). His coaching career began as an undergraduate assistant coach with the Titans before his stint at UCLA. In two seasons as an undergraduate assistant coach at Cal State Fullerton, Silverman helped the Titans advance to the College World Series in 2009 and to an NCAA Super Regional in 2010.

Silverman earned an associate's degree from Fullerton College before earning a bachelor's degree in communications from Cal State Fullerton in 2009.

### **Derek Simmons // Kent State University**



Derek Simmons joined the Kent State baseball staff in July 2017. The Golden Flashes were the Mid-American Conference regular season and tournament champions in 2018 and appeared in the Lubbock Regional. Simmons arrived from Alabama where he was an assistant coach for a season. Prior

to Alabama, Simmons coached for four seasons at Kennesaw State. He has previous MAC experience as the hitting coach and volunteer assistant coach at Central Michigan from August 2010 to July 2012, helping the Chippewas claim a 2011 MAC West title.

He started his playing career at the University of Montevallo, before becoming a two-year letterwinner and captain at Georgia State. After college, Simmons played one season in independent professional baseball before entering the coaching profession. He and his wife Erin have two children, Bella and Braxton.

### **Nate Thompson // University of Arkansas**



Nate Thompson served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Arkansas last year, when the Razorbacks finished as the national runner-up at the College World Series. He came from Missouri State where he spent three seasons. Thompson helped the Bears reach the NCAA Super Regionals and win a Missouri Valley Conference championship.

Thompson joined the Bears staff in July 2014 as MSU's lead hitting instructor and recruiting coordinator. His first full year with MSU produced one of the top recruiting classes in program history. Anchored by a home-grown crop of standouts, the Bears' 2015 recruiting class was ranked 35th in the nation by Collegiate Baseball. Thompson was named the best recruiter in the Missouri Valley Conference by D1Baseball.com.

Prior to Missouri State, he was assistant coach at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas for four years (2011-2014). Before Hutchinson, Thompson spent three seasons at Nebraska as the Cornhuskers' volunteer assistant. Following the completion of his own collegiate playing career at Dallas Baptist, he began his coaching career as a student assistant with the Patriots. From DBU, Thompson moved into a graduate assistant role at Fort Hays State, where he served as the Tigers' primary hitting and outfield coach.

A native of Kansas, Thompson graduated from Dallas Baptist in 2006 and earned a master's degree at Fort Hays State in 2008. He married the former Anna Schardt in 2009, and the couple has two daughters, Nevaeh and Natalie.

## **Brock Ungricht // University of San Diego**



Brock Ungricht joined the USD coaching staff in June 2018. Ungricht plays a key role with recruiting and all aspects of the daily operation, while serving as the program's hitting coach.

The past two seasons Ungricht, a San Diego native, was an Area Scout for the St. Louis Cardinals organization. Prior to that, he spent six seasons at Stanford University, where 19 of his players were drafted. The 2011, 2012 and 2014 Stanford teams each reached the Super Regionals, as Ungricht worked with the team's hitters and catchers.

He spent three seasons as a student-athlete at San Diego State, batting .373 as a freshman All-American with 48 RBI over 63 games.

## **Clay Van Hook // University of Oklahoma**



Clay Van Hook joined Oklahoma in July of 2017. Van Hook joins the Sooners after a six-year run at Rice. Since 2012, Van Hook was on the coaching staff at Rice under long-time head coach Wayne Graham. Hired as the volunteer assistant for the 2012 season, Van Hook was moved into a full-time role in 2013 as the Owls' hitting coach. He also held responsibilities as the team's recruiting coordinator, infielders' coach and coached third base on game days. The Owls made the NCAA Tournament each year during his six-year tenure.

Before joining the staff at Rice, Van Hook served as an assistant coach at McNeese State for three seasons from 2009-11. As a student-athlete, he transferred to UT from Navarro after his freshman season and spent three years at UT. Van Hook was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in 2007.

Van Hook, earned his degree at Texas in 2008, while serving as a student-coach. He and his wife, Selina, have a daughter Avery Michel and a son Briscoe.

## **Gregg Wallis // Grand Canyon University**



Gregg Wallis enters his sixth season with the Grand Canyon baseball program in 2019, serving as an assistant coach for five seasons and taking over the duties of recruiting coordinator following the 2016 season. Wallis joined the Lopes in their first season of transition back to the NCAA Division I level in 2014. In his five years with Grand Canyon, the Lopes saw unprecedented success for a team transitioning to the Division I level. GCU won the 2015 and 2017 Western Athletic Conference championships.

The 2019 season marks Wallis' 14th year on collegiate baseball coaching staffs. He has previously held positions at Tennessee, Cal State Fullerton and his alma mater, UC Irvine. Wallis came to GCU after three seasons at Tennessee. Prior to his time in the SEC, Wallis spent three seasons at Cal State Fullerton. He held a variety of roles during his time with the Titans including serving as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. As a member of the Fullerton staff, Wallis helped the Titans advance to the Super Regionals twice and College World Series. An alumnus of UC Irvine, Wallis spent two seasons on the team's staff upon graduation. He served one year as an undergraduate assistant in 2006 before moving to the director of baseball operations position for a College World Series-qualifying club in 2007.

Wallis played collegiately at UC Irvine from 2002-2005, and was the first player to sign with head coach John Savage. A three-time Academic All-American, and four-time Big West Conference Scholar-Athlete, Wallis graduated in 2005.

## **Bryant Ward // University of California, Los Angeles**



Bryant Ward is in his fourth season as Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator for the UCLA Baseball program, after joining the staff in the summer of 2015. In addition to taking the lead on recruiting efforts, Ward is the infield and hitting coach for the Bruins. He has been among the top recruiters in the nation during his time at UCLA, producing nationally-ranked classes in all four of his years. The 2015 class was ranked No. 3 in the country, followed by the No. 16 class in both 2016 and

2017. The 2018 group was ranked No. 6 in the country, the highest ranking for any program in the west.

Prior to his arrival in Westwood, Ward spent five seasons as assistant coach/recruiting coordinator at Loyola Marymount University. In his first season with LMU, he secured the nation's 23rd ranked class (as ranked by Baseball America) – the first ranked class in 15 years for the Lions. The North Carolina native also secured the nation's No. 22 ranked class in 2013, to give LMU two top-25 classes in three seasons. Prior to joining LMU, Ward served four seasons as an assistant coach for the University of South Florida (2007-10), two seasons on the Cal State Fullerton staff (2005-06) and one season as an assistant coach at Pitt (N.C.) Community College (2004).

As a player, Ward was a four-year standout at East Carolina University. He earned a degree in communications from ECU and currently resides in Hermosa Beach with his wife, Anna, their daughter, Harper Iris Ward, and their sons, Jackson Bryant Ward and William Dylan Ward.

### **Teddy Warrecker // Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo**



Teddy Warrecker joined the Cal Poly baseball program as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator in August 2010. Previously, he served 10 seasons as head baseball coach at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). Warrecker coached over 50 players who went on to play at the four-year and professional levels.

He attended the University of Arizona before signing with the Cleveland Indians after his junior year. He spent six years in the minor leagues as a pitcher. After professional baseball, Warrecker completed his bachelor's degree at Cal State Northridge and recently finished his master's degree from the United States Sports Academy.

Warrecker played for his father and head coach, Fred Warrecker, who retired in 2015 after 42 seasons as head coach. Prior to his stint at SBCC, he assisted his father. Warrecker and his wife Taryn, have two sons: Troy and Crosby.

### **Nate Yeskie // Oregon State University**



Nate Yeskie completed his 10th season with Oregon State in 2018, helping the team to its third national championship in Omaha. The 2017 Assistant Coach of the Year by D1Baseball.com and the Pitching Coach of the Year per Collegiate Baseball, Yeskie has presided over and guided a pitching staff that has been one of the most dominant in the Pac-12 Conference and nationally since he joined the program in 2009.

Yeskie served as the pitching coach at his alma mater, UNLV, from 2005 to 2007. Prior to returning to UNLV as a coach, Yeskie spent five seasons in the Minnesota Twins Minor League system, reaching as high as Double-A. Minnesota selected the right-hander after he finished his UNLV career with a 22-12 mark, including 16 complete games.

He married the former Brittney Belshe, a former Oregon State volleyball player, in January 2012. The couple resides in Corvallis, and have a daughter, AJ.



