



HEAD COACH SAM PITTMAN



Sam Pittman, one of the nation's premier recruiters, was named the 34th head coach in Razorback history prior to the 2020 season.

Preaching belief, it did not take long for Pittman to make the state proud. Under the first-year head coach, Arkansas compiled a 3-7 record against an ultra-challenging SEC-only schedule in a season marred by the COVID-19 pandemic. In week two, the Razorbacks defeated No. 16 Mississippi State on the road, 21-14, snapping a 20-game SEC losing streak and claiming their first win against a ranked team since November 2016. Pittman oversaw immediate change on both sides of the ball with the offense averaging 51 more total yards per game and the defense forcing seven more interceptions than the 2019 team. Linebacker Grant Morgan earned Walter Camp second-team All-America honors, becoming the 16th Razorback in program history to earn the nod from the nation's oldest All-America team.

Pittman guided the Razorbacks to their 43rd all-time bowl berth, becoming the fifth coach in school history to lead the team to a bowl in his first season and first since Houston Nutt in 1998 (Florida Citrus Bowl). The 2020 Texas Bowl, however, was canceled due to COVID-19 issues within TCU's program.

Before his return to Fayetteville, Pittman spent four seasons on staff at Georgia, including the 2019 season when he served as associate head coach and offensive line coach for the Bulldogs. He arrived in Athens in 2016 as the offensive line coach as part of Kirby Smart's first staff. In his four seasons with the Bulldogs, Pittman helped Georgia to unprecedented success including three-straight Southeastern Conference Eastern Division titles. Pittman's linemen paved the way for the Bulldogs' rushing attack in 2019 led by D'Andre Swift, who finished fourth in the league with 1,216 yards just ahead of Arkansas' Rakeem Boyd (1,133). Andrew Thomas, Isaiah Wilson and Solomon Kindley led the way up front on Pittman's o-line and

later heard their names called in the NFL Draft with Thomas and Wilson going in the first round.

The 2017 Bulldogs were a special team, winning 13 games, the SEC championship and making the school's first-ever College Football Playoff appearance - a win over Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl. Georgia's offense that year was the best in the SEC and ninth nationally in rushing, led by Nick Chubb and Sony Michel. During his four seasons in Athens, he was part of a staff that produced four Top 10 recruiting classes, including the nation's No. 1 class in 2018.

An original member of Bret Bielema's staff at Arkansas in 2013, Pittman helped build the Razorbacks' offensive line into one of the league's best. He quickly made an impact, helping Travis Swanson earn first-team All-America honors and Rimington Trophy finalist honors in 2013. His first two offensive lines at Arkansas led the SEC in sacks allowed per game and his offensive line in 2014 paved



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the way for two 1,000-yard rushers in Jonathan Williams and Alex Collins. The unit averaged 328.4 pounds per player, making it the largest offensive line in the FBS and NFL that season.

In Pittman's final year in Fayetteville his offensive line contributed to an offense that finished second in the SEC in total offense (456.8 ypg), second in scoring (40.2 ppg) and third in passing offense (264.2 ypg). During his tenure with the Razorbacks, Pittman mentored some of the best offensive linemen at Arkansas in recent memory, including Swanson, Sebastian Tretola, Dan Skipper and Frank Ragnow.

The Oklahoma native has coached at seven different Power 5 schools during his 32 years of coaching, including Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, North Carolina and Tennessee. With a wealth of experience, Pittman is widely regarded as one of the nation's best offensive line coaches. He has coached 17 players that have been selected in the NFL Draft since 2013, including first round picks Andrew Thomas (4th in 2020), Isaiah Wilson (29th in 2020), Ragnow (20th in 2018), Isaiah Wynn (23rd overall in 2018), Ja'Wuan James (19th overall in 2014) and Jonathan Cooper (7th overall in 2013).

Overall, Pittman has coached seven offensive linemen that were selected in the first round of the NFL Draft, including Stockar McDougle (20th overall in 2000). Swanson also became the highest drafted Razorback center in school history at the time when he was picked 76th overall in 2014.

Pittman's coaching career began in 1987 as the head coach at Princeton (Mo.) HS. He coached at Hutchinson (Kan.) CC for three seasons, including the final two as the head coach, before getting his first FBS opportunity as Northern Illinois' offensive line coach in 1994. He later returned to NIU to help the Huskies to a pair of division championships and two bowl games and was the first assistant head coach in program history. While in DeKalb, Pittman's offensive line paved the way for Garrett Wolfe and Michael Turner, two standout running backs. Wolfe led the nation rushing for 1,928 yards in 2006, while Turner finished second in the nation as a senior at Northern Illinois in 2003 with 1,648 yards.

Pittman got his first experience in the SEC in 2012 when he joined the staff at Tennessee.

Pittman played defensive end at Pittsburg State, where he was a first-team NAIA All-American and twice earned all-conference recognition. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1986 and was inducted into the PSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998. As a senior at Grove High School, Pittman won the state Class 3A shot put title. He and his wife, Jamie, reside in Fayetteville.



THE PITTMAN FILE

Birthdate: Nov. 28, 1961
Birthplace: El Reno, Okla.
High School: Grove HS - Grove, Okla.
College: Pittsburg State (Kan.), 1986 B.S. Education
Family: Wife - Jamie

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1984-85	Pittsburg State (Kan.) (Student Assistant)
1986	Beggs (Okla.) HS (Assistant Coach)
1987-88	Princeton (Mo.) HS (Head Coach)
1989-90	Trenton (Mo.) HS (Head Coach)
1991	Hutchinson (Kan.) CC (Offensive Line)
1992-93	Hutchinson (Kan.) CC (Head Coach)
1994-95	Northern Illinois (Offensive Line)
1996	Cincinnati (Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends)
1997-98	Oklahoma (Offensive Line)
1999	Western Michigan (Offensive Line)
2000	Missouri (Offensive Line)
2001	Kansas (Offensive Line)
2003	Northern Illinois (Offensive Line)
2004-06	Northern Illinois (Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line)
2007-10	North Carolina (Offensive Line)
2011	North Carolina (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line)
2012	Tennessee (Offensive Line)
2013-15	Arkansas (Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator)
2016-18	Georgia (Offensive Line)
2019	Georgia (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Line)
2020-pres.	Arkansas (Head Coach)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1980-83 Pittsburg State (Kan.)
First team NAIA All-American, twice All-Conference ... Inducted into PSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998.



FOOTBALL STAFF



**BARRY
ODOM**

**Associate Head Coach/
Defensive Coordinator/Safeties**

Former Missouri head coach Barry Odom enters his second season as the Razorbacks' defensive coordinator/associate head coach in 2021, while also coaching the Arkansas safeties. Since arriving on The Hill, Odom has wasted no time developing one of the most turnover-happy defenses in the country.

Under Odom's watch, the Hogs' 18 takeaways during the 2020 campaign ranked 25th nationally. Arkansas' 13 interceptions were second most in the SEC and 13th most in the FBS. The Razorback defense featured the nation's only freshman duo to record three or more interceptions in Hudson Clark (3) and Jalen Catalon (3). The defense improved, allowing nine points per game fewer than 2019, and showed a 10% upgrade on opponent third down conversion percentage. Linebacker Grant Morgan earned first-team All-SEC and Walter Camp second-team All-America honors, becoming the 16th Razorback in program history to earn the nod from the nation's oldest All-America team. Morgan anchored Odom's first defense by leading the nation in tackles per game despite playing in only nine games. Morgan led the SEC in tackles per game to become the third linebacker in Odom's system to lead the league in tackles per game. He paired with fellow linebacker Bumper Pool to produce 212 tackles (Morgan 111, Pool 101). Catalon was also named a FWA Freshman All-American.

Prior to his arrival at Arkansas, Odom spent four years as head coach at Mizzou, his alma mater, leading the Tigers to a pair of bowl games and finishing the 2018 regular season ranked 23rd in the College Football Playoff poll.

Odom's Missouri teams were known for their stout defenses thanks to his prowess on that side of the ball. The Tigers ended the 2019 regular season as one of the nation's top defenses, ranking 14th nationally and third in the SEC in total defense (312.0 ypg). His defense also did not allow many points, giving up just 19.4 points per game to rank 17th in FBS. The defense was particularly strong against the pass, ranking sixth in the nation and second in the SEC with just 179.3 yards per game allowed. Linebacker Nick Bolton led the way, making a league-leading 107 tackles, earning first-team All-SEC recognition.

Odom became just the fourth coach in Missouri history to lead the Tigers to a bowl game in two of his first three seasons when Mizzou earned a berth in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl in 2018. That Tiger team finished strong for the second year in a row, going 4-0 in November including a 38-17 win at No. 11 Florida that was Missouri's largest road win over a ranked opponent since 2008. His 2017 team won six-straight to finish the regulation season 7-5 and earn a trip to the Texas Bowl. That season saw Odom turn the program around after starting 0-4 in SEC play, winning the next four league games to become the first SEC team to start conference play 0-4 and finish 4-4.

Odom returned to Missouri in 2015 as the program's defensive coordinator and produced immediately with the Tigers ranking ninth nationally in total defense, allowing just 302.0 yards per game. That defense became the first Mizzou defense to rank inside the nation's Top 10 since the NCAA started keeping defensive stats in 1978. The same defense ranked seventh nationally in scoring defense (16.2 ppg) & pass defense (169.2 ypg) and second in tackles for loss (8.8 per game).

The Maysville, Oklahoma, native earned his first defensive coordinator gig at Memphis in 2012, transforming Memphis into a defensive power. In 2014, his defense ranked fifth nationally in scoring defense (17.1 ppg) and 22nd nationally in total defense (343.3 ypg) to help Memphis go 10-3. That season marked an incredible turnaround for the Tigers' defense that ranked 117th nationally prior to his arrival. Memphis improved defensively each year under Odom rising from 50th nationally in total defense (383.6 ypg) in 2012 to 39th (370.7 ypg) in 2013 to 22nd in his final year.



Odom's Missouri roots run deep having started as a linebacker for the Tigers 1996-99, which included a pair of bowl game trips (1997, 1998). He ended his career with 362 tackles and a spot inside the school's Top 10 all time. He also served as a team captain as a senior in 1999.

Following graduation, he worked for the Tiger Scholarship Fund while working on his master's in education. After a brief three-year stint as a high school coach - first at his alma mater Ada (Okla.) HS as an assistant then as head coach for two years at Rock Bridge HS in Columbia, Missouri - he returned to Missouri as a graduate assistant in 2003. He began his climb in the organization a year later when then head coach Gary Pinkel promoted him to Director of Football Recruiting. After two years, Pinkel again promoted Odom making him the Director of Football Operations in 2006. He moved back onto the field in 2009 when he took over the Tigers' safeties for three seasons before heading to Memphis.

Odom and his wife, Tritia, have three children - sons, James Trump and Garyt Robert, and daughter, Anna Lockwood.

THE ODOM FILE

Birthdate: November 26, 1976
Birthplace: Lawton, Okla.
High School: Ada HS - Ada, Okla.
College: Missouri, 1999 B.S. Education, 2004 M.Ed
Family: Wife - Tritia; Sons - James Trump and Garyt Robert; Daughter - Anna Lockwood

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000	Ada (Okla.) HS (Assistant Coach)
2001-02	Rock Bridge (Mo.) HS (Head Coach)
2003	Missouri (Administrative Graduate Assistant)
2004-05	Missouri (Director of Football Recruiting)
2006	Missouri (Director of Football Operations)
2007-08	Missouri (Assistant Athletic Director/Director of Football Operations)
2009-11	Missouri (Safeties)
2012-14	Memphis (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers)
2015	Missouri (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers)
2016-19	Missouri (Head Coach)
2020-pres.	Arkansas (Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Safeties)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1996-99	Missouri
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SCOTT FOUNTAIN

Assistant Head Coach/
Special Teams Coordinator

Scott Fountain enters his second season as assistant head coach and special teams coordinator at Arkansas.

In his first year in Fayetteville, the Razorbacks received steady play from long snapper Jordan Silver, who graded out as one of the top long snappers in the SEC. Arkansas' kickers combined to go 8-for-12 on field goals while the team's punters averaged 42.1 yards per punt. De'Vion Warren averaged 20 yards per kickoff return before suffering a season-ending injury at Florida.

Fountain came to Arkansas after spending 2019 at Georgia in the same role. The Bulldogs saw immediate success with Fountain at the controls, led by kicker and Lou Groza Award winner Rodrigo Blankenship. The first-team All-SEC kicker capped an impressive career at UGA going 27-for-33 (81.8%) on field goals and making all 46 extra points as the Bulldogs won the 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl. Blankenship was also a weapon on kickoffs allowing just 14 returns all season. Punter Jake Camarda improved in 2019 as well, upping his average to 46.8 yards per punt to rank sixth nationally.

In 2018, Georgia had two of the SEC's top special teams players in return man Mecole Hardman and Blankenship. Hardman led the SEC in punt return average (20.1), was fifth in kick return average (25.2) and was named to the ESPN.com All-America first team.

A Lou Groza semifinalist, Blankenship earned second team All-SEC honors after finishing fifth in the SEC in scoring by kickers (8.7 points per game) and booted his school record 154th consecutive PAT. He also posted 82 kickoff touchbacks (season record) extending his school career record to 170.

As a team, the Bulldogs were first in the SEC in punt return yards (366) and punt return average (16.6; seventh nationally) and tied for first in punt return touchdowns (2).

Fountain also contributed to the Bulldogs' emergence on special teams in 2017. Hardman averaged 25.3 yards per kick return, ranking second in the SEC and 21st nationally. Georgia's special teams unit also held opponents to 5.9 yards per punt return and 19.5 yards per kick return. Those numbers were all reduced from a year prior, as opponents averaged 6.1 yards per punt return, 23.8 yards per kick return and notched two 95-yard kickoff returns versus the Bulldogs in 2016.

Additionally, Blankenship hit on 20 of his 23 field goal attempts, including a 55-yarder in the 2018 Rose Bowl vs. Oklahoma and a 51-yarder in overtime of the national championship game. He made all 63 of his PAT attempts, kicked 67 touchbacks (a Georgia season record at the time and third nationally) and was named a semifinalist for the 2017 Lou Groza Award. Punter Cameron Nizialek averaged 45.0 yards per punt to rank ninth nationally and was named a semifinalist for the 2017 Ray Guy Award.

Fountain joined Georgia's full time, on-field staff, in 2018, after filling the same position at Mississippi State during the offseason. Fountain was the special teams analyst at Georgia during the 2017 season.

Before joining Georgia's staff, Fountain had spent the previous eight years as a member of the football program at Auburn, the first four as the Tigers' player personnel director and the latter four coaching tight ends and special teams. From 2014-16, Fountain coached kicker Daniel Carlson, a three-time Lou Groza Award finalist.



Fountain, a part of three SEC championship teams, led Auburn's administrative and recruiting efforts from 2009-12. He followed Gene Chizik to Auburn after spending two seasons (2007-08) on Chizik's staff at Iowa State as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator.

Fountain has coached in four national championship games (1997, 2010, 2013, 2017) since beginning his collegiate coaching career at Florida State (1994-96) as an offensive graduate assistant. He then spent seven seasons as an offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Central Florida. Before his eight-year stint at Auburn, Fountain also made coaching stops at Middle Tennessee (2004-05), Georgia Southern (2006) and Iowa State (2007-08).

He began his coaching career in high school, making four stops in Alabama, including Flomaton HS (1988) and W.S. Neal HS (1989), his alma mater. He became a head coach for the first time at Frisco City HS (1990-92) and made his final high school stop at Monroe County (1993).

Fountain earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Samford in 1988 and a master's degree in educational leadership from Florida State in 1998.

He is married to the former Rosie Hidalgo and the couple has four sons: Brookes, Hunter, Tanner and Skyler.

THE FOUNTAIN FILE

Birthdate: February 28, 1966

Birthplace: Brewton, Ala.

High School: W.S. Neal HS - Brewton, Ala.

College: Samford, 1988 B.S. Physical Education; Florida State, 1998

M.A. Educational Leadership

Family: Wife, the former Rosie Hidalgo; Sons - Brookes, Hunter, Tanner and Skyler

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1988	Flomaton (Ala.) HS (Assistant Coach)
1989	W.S. Neal (Ala.) HS (Assistant Coach)
1990-92	Frisco City (Ala.) HS (Head Coach)
1993	Monroe County (Ala.) HS (Head Coach)
1994-96	Florida State (Offensive Graduate Assistant)
1997-03	Central Florida (Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator)
2004-05	Middle Tennessee (Offensive Line)
2006	Georgia Southern (Offensive Line)
2007-08	Iowa State (Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator)
2009-12	Auburn (Player Personnel Director)
2013-16	Auburn (Tight Ends/Special Teams)
2017	Georgia (Special Teams Analyst)
2018-19	Georgia (Special Teams Coordinator)
2020-pres.	Arkansas (Assistant Head Coach/Special Teams Coordinator)



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KENDAL BRILES

Offensive Coordinator

Kendal Briles, one of the brightest offensive minds in college football, enters his second season as the Razorbacks' offensive coordinator in 2021.

Running back Treylon Smith and wide receiver Treyton Burks broke out during the 2020 season, thriving in Briles' explosive offense. Arkansas averaged 391.5 total yards of offense per game, more than a 50-yard increase from the previous year.

Smith led the Hogs with 710 rushing yards (10th in SEC) and five touchdowns, turning in a career-best effort at Missouri with 172 yards on the ground and three touchdowns. Burks, meanwhile, ranked fifth in the SEC and 22nd nationally with 820 receiving yards, the most by a Razorback receiver since 2015. Burks led Arkansas with seven touchdown receptions and ranked third in the SEC in receiving yards per game (91.1). Additionally, quarterback Feleipe Franks set the school's single-season competition percentage record, connecting on 68.5% (163-of-238) of his passes. Franks passed for 2,107 yards and 17 touchdowns, including the first four-touchdown game of his career at Auburn to make him the first Razorback since 2015 with four TD passes in a game. Franks was steady all season for the Hogs, throwing at least one touchdown pass in eight of the nine games he played in and multiple TDs in five games. He also passed for at least 200 yards in eight games and eclipsed the 300-yard mark twice, including a career-high 339 yards against LSU.

Briles owns a wealth of knowledge and a track record of success as a play caller throughout his coaching career. The 2015 Broyles Award finalist led offenses at each of his four coaching stops - Florida State, Houston, Florida Atlantic and Baylor. Since taking over play-calling duties prior to the Cotton Bowl at the end of the 2014 season, when his Baylor offense set an NCAA bowl record with 601 passing yards against Michigan State, Briles' offenses have averaged 39.5 points per game.

At Florida State, Briles took over a struggling offense that ranked 103rd in total offense (361.2 ypg) and 113th in scoring (21.9 ppg) in 2018. In his lone season with the Seminoles, he engineered an offense that improved greatly in both categories gaining 403.2 yards per game and scoring 29.1 points per game. The Noles' running game saw the biggest improvement going from one of the worst in the FBS (91.1 ypg) in 2018 to 133.8 yards per game this season. The FSU offense also saw huge turnarounds in the red zone (78.1% in 2018, 86.5% in 2019) and third down conversions (29.1% in 2018, 37.5% in 2019). Briles' offense was led by a pair of All-ACC performers this season in RB Cam Akers and WR Tamorrion Terry. Akers ran for 1,144 yards and 14 touchdowns during the regular season to rank 20th in the nation with 104 yards per game. His rushing yards are the sixth-highest in a single-season at FSU with his 14 rushing scores ranking seventh all time.

Briles called one of the most explosive offenses in the nation in 2018 at Houston, ranking in the top 10 in both total offense (7th - 512.5 ypg) and points per game (5th - 43.9 ppg). The Cougars were one of just three teams to rank in the top 25 nationally in passing and rushing, averaging 295.5 yards (16th in FBS) through the air and 216.8 yards (24th) on the ground. Houston's offense was explosive, scoring at least 30 points in each of the first 12 games of the season, including a NCAA-leading 10 games of at least 40 points. The offense put points on the board in 47 of 52 quarters and opened the year with a program-best eight straight games of 40-plus points. The Cougars had 42 scoring drives of less than two minutes and ranked fifth in the country with 92 plays of 20-plus yards with the offense's 44 plays of at least 30 yards ranking seventh in the nation.

Junior quarterback D'Eriq King flourished under Briles' direction, putting together one of the best seasons in the nation in 2018. King, who was injured in the team's 11th game, needed only 10 games to break the American Athletic Conference's single-season touchdown responsibility record with 50. His average of 27.5 points responsible for per game led the nation and was four points higher than the next-closest competitor, Heisman Trophy finalist Dwayne Haskins. King also led the AAC in total offense, passing touchdowns, passing efficiency and completion percentage. His 36 passing touchdowns ranked sixth in the nation, while his pass efficiency rating of 167.0 and his 332.4 yards of total offense per game ranked seventh. King, who was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Award and Davey O'Brien Award, had at least two passing touchdowns and one rushing score in all 10 games he finished in 2018, the longest streak by an FBS player in more than 20 years, and against USF became only the 13th player in FBS history to pass for 400 yards and rush for 100 yards in the same game.

Briles coordinated the offense at FAU in 2017 helping the Owls to the sixth-best rushing attack in the FBS with 285.3 yards per game. The same offense ranked eighth nationally with 40.6 points per game and ninth in total offense with 498.4 yards per game. The Owls' offense helped lead the program to its first Conference USA championship and an 11-3 record, including a win in the Boca Raton Bowl. RB Devin Singletary became FAU's first Associated Press All-American and was named C-USA MVP after leading the nation with 32 rushing touchdowns. He rushed for 1,920 yards before being picked in the third round of the NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears.



Briles spent the first nine years of his coaching career at Baylor helping the Bears to unprecedented success, including back-to-back Big 12 titles. He served in numerous roles for the Bears as the inside wide receivers coach, passing game coordinator and recruiting coordinator before taking over as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for his final two seasons in Waco. His recruiting efforts were recognized in 2013 and 2014 as the Big 12's Recruiter of the Year.

He was a Broyles Award finalist in 2015 after leading Baylor's offense to historic numbers, leading the NCAA with 48.1 points per game and 616.2 yards of total offense - the third-highest average in a single season in NCAA history. OL Spencer Drago was a consensus All-American and WR Corey Coleman won the Biletnikoff Award leading nine Bears on the All-Big 12 teams. Briles and Baylor ended that season with a win over No. 10 North Carolina in the Russell Athletic Bowl racking up a NCAA bowl-record 645 rushing yards and a bowl record 756 yards of total offense. His 2016 offense led the Big 12 in rushing with 241.2 yards per game. Baylor's 2013 offense produced the second-highest total offense season average in NCAA history with 618.8 yards per game.

During his seven years as the Bears' wide receivers coach, he tutored four All-Americans and five eventual NFL receivers, including Terrance Williams and Kendall Wright. Williams, who was a third-round pick by the Dallas Cowboys in the 2013 NFL Draft, broke the Baylor single-season receiving record and led the nation with 1,832 yards on his way to being only the sixth unanimous All-American in program history. Wright, the 20th overall selection in the 2012 NFL Draft, was an All-American in 2011 and broke every major school receiving record.

He was an outstanding high school quarterback in Texas, earning Texas 4A Offensive Player of the Year in each of his final two seasons after generating 9,322 yards of total offense and accounting for 98 touchdowns. He began his collegiate playing career at Texas, where he redshirted in 2001 before playing seven games at safety and intercepting two passes in 2002. He then transferred to Houston and moved to wide receiver, catching 70 passes for 680 yards and a score. He earned his bachelor's degree in sport management from Houston in 2005 and was inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

Briles and his wife, Sarah, have three children: sons, Jaytn and Kru, and daughter, Kinley.

THE BRILES FILE

Birthdate: November 10, 1982

Birthplace: Stephenville, Texas

High School: Wolfforth Frenship HS - Wolfforth, Texas

College: Houston, 2005 B.S. Sports Management

Family: Wife - Sara; Sons - Jaytn and Kru; Daughter - Kinley

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2008-11	Baylor (Assistant Coach/Inside Wide Receivers/ Offensive Recruiting Coordinator)
2012-14	Baylor (Passing Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers/ Offensive Recruiting Coordinator)
2015-16	Baylor (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2017	Florida Atlantic (Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2018	Houston (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2019	Florida State (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2020-pres.	Arkansas (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2001-02	Texas
2003-05	Houston



FOOTBALL STAFF



**JERMIAL
ASHLEY**

Defensive Line

Jermial Ashley begins his first season as Arkansas' defensive line coach in 2021 after spending the last six seasons (2015-20) in the same role at Tulsa.

Ashley helped Tulsa produce one of the American Athletic Conference's top defenses in 2020, allowing just 333 yards per game, trailing only Cincinnati. Jaxon Player was named All-AAC First Team and recorded 9.5 tackles for loss as the Golden Hurricane reached the AAC Championship Game and appeared in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl.

In 2019, Ashley coached a defensive line that saw Trevis Gipson get selected in the fifth round of the NFL Draft by Chicago. In 2018, he helped the Tulsa defense transition from a base 4-man front to a 3-3-5 alignment, improving defensive numbers. The team recorded the nation's eighth-best pass defense, while allowing opponents 120+ yards less in total offense than a year earlier. Ashley's second season saw an improvement by 110.1 yards and 10 points per game. He was part of two more bowl appearances at Tulsa in the 2015 Camping World Independence Bowl and 2016 Miami Beach Bowl.

Ashley spent 2013-14 at Trinity Valley Community College in Texas, helping the Cardinals go 22-2. In his first season, the Cardinal defense led the Southwest Junior College Football Conference (SWJCFC) in total defense, rushing defense, scoring defense and quarterback sacks. TVCC posted a 10-2 record that season, while winning the SWJCFC title, regional championship and the Heart of Texas Bowl with a 72-23 win over Mesa (Ariz.) College. TVCC repeated as conference, regional and Heart of Texas Bowl Champions in 2014 while compiling a perfect 12-0 record.

Ashley was a graduate assistant at Oklahoma State for three seasons (2010-12) working with defensive coordinator and defensive line coach Bill Young. Ashley was on staff when the Cowboys went to the 2010 Alamo Bowl, 2011 Fiesta Bowl and 2012 Heart of Texas Bowl. During his time at OSU, Ashley helped coached three defensive linemen who earned all-Big 12 honors, including Ugo Chinasa, Jaimie Blatnik and Big 12 Newcomer of the Year Calvin Barnett.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Ashley attended Keller Fossil Ridge High School and played two seasons at Tyler Junior College, where he was an NJCAA All-America defensive end. He then enrolled at Kansas, where he was a two-year starting defensive end for the Jayhawks and earned All-Big 12 honors in 2004 and 2005.

Following his playing career, Ashley signed a free agent contract with the Cleveland Browns. He also spent a few years in private business before entering the coaching profession at Oklahoma State in 2010.

Ashley earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Kansas in 2008. He and his wife, Calli, have two daughters, Eliana and Emory, and son Miles.



THE ASHLEY FILE

Birthdate: January 28, 1983
Birthplace: Fort Worth, Texas
High School: Fossil Ridge HS - Fort Worth, Texas
College: Kansas, 2008 B.S. Economics
Family: Wife - Calli; Daughters - Eliana and Emory; Son - Miles

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2010-12	Oklahoma State (Graduate Assistant - Defensive Line)
2013-14	Trinity Valley Community College (Defensive Line)
2015-20	Tulsa (Defensive Line)
2021-pres.	Arkansas (Defensive Line)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2004-05	Kansas
2002-03	Tyler Junior College



FOOTBALL STAFF



**SAM
CARTER**

Cornerbacks

Sam Carter enters his second season as the Razorbacks' cornerbacks coach in 2021.

In year one under Carter's tutelage, Arkansas' secondary quickly displayed its prowess as a talented ballhawking group. The Hogs' 13 interceptions during the season were second most in the SEC and 13th most in FBS. The Razorback defensive backfield featured the nation's only freshman duo to record three or more interceptions in Hudson Clark (3) and Jalen Catalon (3).

Carter joined the Hogs from Missouri where he served as a defensive quality control and analyst for Barry Odom, now the Razorbacks' defensive coordinator. Carter helped the Tigers' defense rank as one of the best in the nation, particularly in the secondary, in 2019. Missouri's pass defense ranked sixth in the FBS and second in the Southeastern Conference allowing only 179.3 yards per game. The Tigers were even tougher with the ball in the air, leading the nation by allowing opponents to complete just 50.3% of passes for 2,151 yards – seventh fewest in FBS.

Mizzou had four players inside the SEC's top 25 of passes defended, including three defensive backs in Joshua Bledsoe, Khalil Oliver and Tyree Gillespie. Carter was a standout, All-Big 12 safety at TCU prior to starting his coaching career. The New Orleans native played in 49 games for the Horned Frogs from 2011-14, starting 39 including all 38 over his final three years. As a senior, he was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, a Senior CLASS Award finalist and a Senior CLASS Award second-team All-American.

THE CARTER FILE

Birthdate: October 20, 1990

Birthplace: New Orleans, La.

High School: Alief Hastings HS - Houston, Texas

College: Texas Christian University, 2014 B.S. Sociology

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-19 Missouri (Defensive Quality Control/Analyst)

2020-pres. Arkansas (Cornerbacks)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2011-14 TCU





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**KENNY
GUITON**

Wide Receivers

Kenny Guiton enters his first season as Arkansas' wide receivers coach in 2021.

The former Ohio State quarterback spent the 2020 season at Colorado State as part of head coach Steve Addazio's coaching staff. Despite the Rams playing only four games due to COVID-19, wide receiver Dante Wright finished second in the Mountain West in receiving yards per game (105).

Guiton guided the wide receivers at Louisiana Tech in 2019, helping the Bulldogs to a 10-3 record and a win over Miami (Fla.) in the Walk On's Independence Bowl. He tutored one of the best receiving corps in Conference USA as the team had the fourth-best passing offense in the league. He developed Adrian Hardy and Malik Stanley into All-Conference USA honorable-mention performers, led by Hardy's 42 catches for 534 yards and Stanley's 40 receptions for a team-high 649 yards.

He spent 2017-18 as the wide receiver coach at Houston, working with Arkansas offensive coordinator Kendal Briles while he was the Cougars' offensive coordinator in 2018. The Cougars ranked fifth nationally in scoring (43.9 ppg), seventh in total offense (512.5 ypg) and 16th in passing offense (295.5 ypg). Houston scored 30+ points in all 12 regular season games and 40+ in 10 of those games.

Under Guiton's tutelage, Marquez Stevenson earned All-American Athletic Conference honors, catching 75 passes for 1,019 yards. Steven Dunbar earned the same honor in 2017 after catching 76 passes for 1,070 yards and three touchdowns.

Guiton spent four months at Texas as a quality control coach before returning to Houston to lead the team's wide receivers for head coach Major Applewhite. He began his career in coaching as a graduate assistant at Houston from 2015-16, working under head coach Tom Herman, his former offensive coordinator at Ohio State. Guiton was part of Cougars teams that went 13-1 and 9-4 as a graduate assistant, which included the 2015 Chick-fil-a Peach Bowl victory over No. 9 Florida State. Over his four total years at Houston, he saw the program reach four straight bowl games and helped produce a 1,000-yard receiver in all four seasons.

Guiton played quarterback at Ohio State from 2009-13, appearing in 22 games while throwing for 893 yards and 16 touchdowns. As a senior, he started two games and played in eight total, completing 69% of his passes and tossing 14 touchdowns for the 12-2 Buckeyes. In his second career start, he set a program-record with six first-half touchdown passes against Florida A&M.

As a professional, Guiton participated in mini-camp for the Buffalo Bills in 2014 before joining the Arena Football League's LA KISS.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio State in family resource management in 2013.

He and his wife, Rachell, have two sons: Jordan and Jaxson.



THE GUITON FILE

Birthdate: June 27, 1991
Birthplace: Houston, Texas
High School: Aldine Eisenhower HS - Houston, Texas
College: Ohio State, 2013 B.S. Family Resource Management
Family: Wife - Rachell; Sons - Jordan, Jaxson

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2015-16 Houston (Graduate Assistant)
2017 Texas (Quality Control)
2017-18 Houston (Wide Receivers)
2019 Louisiana Tech (Wide Receivers)
2020 Colorado State (Wide Receivers)
2021-pres. Arkansas (Wide Receivers)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2009-13 Ohio State
2014 Buffalo Bills
2014 LA KISS (Arena Football League)



FOOTBALL STAFF



CODY KENNEDY

Offensive Line

Cody Kennedy begins his first season as Arkansas' offensive line coach in 2021 after originally being hired to coach the Razorbacks' tight ends following a brief stint at Southern Miss during the 2020 offseason as the team's run game coordinator and offensive line coach.

He joined new Southern Miss head coach Will Hall in Hattiesburg after spending the 2019 and 2020 seasons working with Hall, then Tulane's offensive coordinator, as the Green Wave's offensive line coach. Kennedy helped Tulane establish one of nation's premier rushing offenses, ranking inside the FBS top 20 in each of his two seasons in New Orleans.

In 2020, Tulane scored 32 touchdowns on the ground, tied for seventh-most in the nation, and ranked 17th nationally averaging 217.1 rushing yards per game, leading the American Athletic Conference in rushing for the second straight year. Kennedy helped guide Tulane to its second bowl berth in as many seasons, mentoring offensive linemen Corey Dublin and Sincere Haynesworth to All-AAC Second Team recognition.

The Green Wave produced a school-record 3,162 rushing yards in Kennedy's first season in 2019, ranking second in program history in rushing yards per game (243.2), rushing touchdowns (33) and rushing first downs (166). Nationally, Tulane placed 11th in rushing yards per game and 15th in total rushing yards. Dublin was named All-AAC Honorable Mention at the year's end.

Kennedy spent the 2018 season as a graduate assistant at Georgia, working under Arkansas head coach Sam Pittman, who was the offensive line coach at UGA. The Bulldogs ran for 238.8 yards per game, the best mark in the SEC and 16th-best nationally, earning a top-10 ranking in the final AP Poll.

From 2016-17, Kennedy served his second stint at West Georgia as offensive line coach. The Wolves ranked inside Division II's top 50 in total offense (418.2), rushing offense (182.8 ypg) and first down offense (283) and registered a 9-4 record. Four of his offensive linemen earned All-Gulf South Conference honors while center Harley Vaughan and tackle Austin Kastl were both named All-Americans.

In 2016, Kennedy worked as Hall's offensive line coach and helped West Georgia to a 7-4 record. Prior to that season, Kennedy was the offensive line coach at UNC Pembroke and assisted the Braves to a 6-4 record, a four-win improvement from the previous season.

As West Georgia's offensive line coach in 2014, the Wolves went 12-4 and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals. Kennedy oversaw a unit that paved the way for a league-leading 226.6 rushing yards per game (20th nationally) and 34 touchdowns (T-13th nationally).

Kennedy spent 2012-13 as a graduate assistant at West Alabama where he helped lead the Tigers to a pair of Gulf South Conference titles, a postseason appearance



and a 17-7 record. The Tigers led the league (18th nationally) in rushing offense (225.1 yards/game) in 2012, and ranked 20th, nationally, in rushing offense in 2013.

Kennedy played offensive line at Southeastern Louisiana from 2008-11 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He later earned a master's degree in teaching physical education from West Alabama in 2014.

THE KENNEDY FILE

Birthdate: July 1, 1989

Birthplace: Norfolk, Va.

High School: Florence HS - Florence, Ala.

College: Southeastern Louisiana, 2012 B.S. Physical Education;

West Alabama, 2014 M. Ed Teaching Physical Education

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-13	West Alabama (Graduate Assistant, Offensive Line)
2014	West Georgia (Offensive Line)
2015	UNC Pembroke (Offensive Line)
2016-17	West Georgia (Offensive Line)
2018	Georgia (Graduate Assistant)
2019-20	Tulane (Offensive Line)
2020	Southern Miss (Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line)
2021-pres.	Arkansas (Offensive Line)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2008-11	Southeastern Louisiana
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FOOTBALL STAFF



DOWELL LOGGAINS

Tight Ends

Arkansas alum Dowell Loggains begins his first season as tight ends coach for the Razorbacks in 2021 after spending 16 years in the NFL primarily as a quarterbacks coach, including seven seasons as an offensive coordinator. From 2010-20, he was either an offensive coordinator or quarterbacks coach for the Tennessee Titans, Cleveland Browns, Chicago Bears, Miami Dolphins or New York Jets.

Most recently, Loggains spent the 2019 and 2020 seasons as the New York Jets offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. During Loggains' first season at The Meadowlands, he guided an offense that was among the league's most proficient on opening drives, scoring 40 first possession points - tied for ninth most in the NFL. Quarterback Sam Darnold's numbers saw an uptick from his rookie campaign, increasing his win total, completion percentage, passing yards, touchdown passes and passer rating while also lowering his interceptions.

Before joining the Jets, Loggains oversaw a Miami offense that averaged 4.68 yards per rush, the NFL's ninth-best mark. The Dolphins also ranked second in the league with 14 passing touchdowns of 20+ yards. Additionally, he helped running back Kenyan Drake become one of just nine players in the league to register at least four rushing and receiving touchdowns while producing over 1,000 total yards.

In three seasons with Chicago, his first as the quarterbacks coach in 2015, Loggains mentored Jay Cutler to a career season as the 10-year veteran posted then single-season bests in passer rating and yards per attempt, all while reducing his interception total by seven from the previous season.

The following season in 2016, Loggains was promoted to offensive coordinator and helped running back Jordan Howard finish sixth in the league with 1,313 yards rushing as a rookie. In 2017, he helped Mitchell Trubisky, the second overall selection in the draft, transition to NFL starter as the quarterback finished second among rookie passers in yards and passer rating in 12 starts.

He also groomed another rookie that season, fourth-round pick Tarik Cohen. The running back became the first rookie since 1965 and first player since 1975 to record a rushing, passing, receiving and punt return touchdown in the same season. Both running back Jordan Howard and guard Josh Sitton earned Pro Bowl selections under Loggains' watch during the year as Howard again produced 1,000+ yards rushing.

In one season with the Browns, Loggains helped quarterback Brian Hoyer to a career season as the six-year veteran won seven games (in 13 starts) and threw for over 3,000 yards while the offense produced 31 passes of 25+ yards, the 10th most of any team in the league. He worked under offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, now the San Francisco 49ers head coach.

Beginning his coaching career with the Titans in 2006, Loggains spent eight seasons in Tennessee in a variety of roles, ultimately serving as the offensive coordinator for the final five games of 2012 and all of 2013. After head coach Mike Munchak elevated him to full-time offensive coordinator, he helped wide receiver Kendall Wright and running back Chris Johnson become just the organization's fifth 1,000-yard receiving/rushing combo as Wright brought in 94 catches for 1,079 yards and Johnson gained 1,077 yards on the ground.



He began his career with the Titans as a coaching administrative assistant (2006-07) and quality control coach (2008-09) before spending the next three seasons as the quarterbacks/passing game coordinator, helping quarterback Vince Young achieve a career-high passer rating in 2010, garnering a Pro Bowl appearance.

Earning his start in the NFL with Dallas while working as a scouting assistant for legendary coach Bill Parcells, he helped the Cowboys with opponent film breakdown and statistical analysis to be used for game-plan preparation.

Loggains walked on at Arkansas in 2000 as a quarterback and holder before earning a scholarship and becoming a four-year letterman, appearing in 50 games. In his career as a quarterback, he completed one pass for 11 yards and ran twice for five yards.

Loggains and his wife Beth - a former Arkansas cheerleader who he met on the 2000 Las Vegas Bowl trip - have four children: daughters Reese, Aven and Connor and son, Ryne.

THE LOGGAINS FILE

Birthdate: Oct. 1, 1980
Birthplace: Newport, Ark.
High School: Abilene Cooper HS - Abilene, Texas
College: Arkansas: B.S. Kinesiology, (2003) and M.ed. Education (2005)
Family: Wife - Beth; Daughters - Reese, Aven and Connor; Son - Ryne

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005 Dallas Cowboys (Scouting Assistant)
2006-13 Tennessee Titans (Coaching Administrative Assistant, Quality Control, Quarterbacks/Passing Game Coordinator/Offensive Coordinator)
2014 Cleveland Browns (Quarterbacks)
2015-17 Chicago Bears (Quarterbacks, Offensive Coordinator)
2018 Miami Dolphins (Offensive Coordinator)
2019-20 New York Jets (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2021-pres. Arkansas (Tight Ends)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2000-04 Arkansas



FOOTBALL STAFF



**MICHAEL
SCHERER**

Linebackers

Michael Scherer enters his first season as Arkansas' linebackers coach in 2021 after his promotion from defensive analyst by head coach Sam Pittman.

Scherer came with associate head coach/defensive coordinator Barry Odom from Missouri to Arkansas in 2020. He was vital in the turnaround of the Razorback defense, stepping into an on-field coaching role during the Florida week when Odom served as head coach during Pittman's absence due to COVID-19.

A former linebacker at Missouri, Scherer reunited with Odom, his college coach, in 2019 when he was hired as a graduate assistant.

Scherer played linebacker at Mizzou from 2012-16, totaling 266 tackles, 17.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack and one interception, seeing action in 38 games over his four-year career. A knee injury suffered against Middle Tennessee limited him to seven games as a senior after posting back-to-back seasons of 90+ tackles to rank second on the team each season.

Scherer graduated with a bachelor's degree in business from Missouri in 2016.

THE SCHERER FILE

Birthdate: Nov. 15, 1993

Birthplace: St. Louis, Mo.

High School: Country Day HS - St. Louis, Mo.

College: Missouri, 2016 B.S. Business

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 Missouri (Graduate Assistant)

2020 Arkansas (Defensive Analyst)

2021-pres. Arkansas (Linebackers)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2012-16 Missouri





FOOTBALL STAFF



JIMMY SMITH

Running Backs

Jimmy Smith enters his second season as Arkansas' running backs coach in 2021.

Smith oversaw a rushing offense that produced 151.3 rushing yards per game in 2020 against an SEC-only schedule in his first year in Fayetteville. Trelon Smith emerged as the team's feature back, producing a team-high 710 rushing yards while ranking seventh in the SEC averaging 5.3 yards per carry. Smith ran for 172 yards and three touchdowns against Missouri, becoming the first Razorback ball carrier to reach those marks since 2016.

Smith spent 2019 as the running backs coach at Georgia State. The Panthers featured one of the best running attacks in the Sun Belt led by first-team All-Sun Belt running back Tra Barnett, who paced the league and ranked 11th nationally in rushing yards per game (111.8). Barnett and the Panthers ranked 13th nationally accruing 241.6 rushing yards per game on the ground as a team.

Smith was a part of Georgia State's historic upset win at Tennessee when the Panthers outrushed the Volunteers, 213-93, winning, 38-30, on the season-opening weekend for the program's first-ever win over a Power 5 opponent.

Prior to jumping to college football, Smith spent 12 years at Cedar Grove High School in Metro Atlanta, including his last six years as athletic director, head football coach and head track and field coach.

In six seasons at the helm of the football program, he led the Saints to a 67-14-1 record. From 2015-18, Smith guided Cedar Grove to two Class AAA state championships in 2016 and 2018 - the first two state titles in school history - as well as berths in the state final four in 2015 and 2017, all while winning 51 games.

Smith earned numerous coaching accolades, including a pair of Georgia Coach of the Year awards in Class AAA (2016 and 2018) as well as multiple region and county coach of the Year honors. He coached six prep All-Americans and more than 30 of his former student-athletes went on to play at the collegiate level.

Smith arrived at Cedar Grove in 2007 as an assistant football coach, working with receivers and defensive backs before being elevated to offensive coordinator in 2010 for three seasons. He took over as head coach in 2013. As the head track and field coach, Smith led Cedar Grove to four consecutive state titles (2015-18) as well as the first state titles in school history. He was honored as the 2018 Region 5-AAA Athletic Director of the Year.

He began his coaching career at Darlington (S.C.) High School, his alma mater, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for one season in 2005.

Smith was a quarterback at Tennessee State, helping the Tigers to back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference championships in 1998 and 1999. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Fayetteville State in 2002 and added a master's of education from Georgia State in 2009.

Smith, a native of Darlington, S.C., and his wife, Quanisha, have a son, Jermaine II, and a daughter, Joss.



THE SMITH FILE

Birthdate: July 27, 1979

Birthplace: Darlington, S.C.

High School: Darlington (S.C.) HS - Darlington, S.C.

College: Fayetteville State (N.C.), 2002 B.S. Business Administration;

Georgia State, 2009 M.Ed

Family: Wife - Quanisha; Son - Jermaine II; Daughter - Joss

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005	Darlington (S.C.) HS (Offensive Coordinator/QBs)
2007-09	Cedar Grove (Ga.) HS (Assistant Coach)
2010-12	Cedar Grove (Ga.) HS (Offensive Coordinator)
2013-18	Cedar Grove (Ga.) HS (Head Coach)
2019	Georgia State (Running Backs)
2020-pres.	Arkansas (Running Backs)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1998-99	Tennessee State
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FOOTBALL STAFF



**JAMIL
WALKER**

Director of Strength & Conditioning Coach

Jamil Walker's presence in the Arkansas program as the Director of Strength and Conditioning is obvious headed into his second season in Fayetteville.

Along with his staff, Walker's work with the Razorbacks to evolve the team into a bigger, more physical team took shape last summer and showed up on game days in the fall. Headed into this season the strength staff's work with the team's offensive line has been the most impressive with every member of the unit weighing over 300 pounds.

Walker joined the Razorbacks from Georgia, where he was the associate strength and conditioning coach for the Bulldogs for three years.

Prior to Georgia, he was an assistant football strength and conditioning coach at Wisconsin. The former Badger remained at his alma mater as an intern in the strength and conditioning program in 2008 and became an assistant coach during the spring of 2009.

At the time of his graduation, Walker was part of the winningest senior class in Wisconsin history, going 40-11 over his four-year playing career. Walker and the Badgers won the 2006 Capital One Bowl and followed that with a 12-1 record during the 2006 season and another win in the 2007 Capital One Bowl.

Walker graduated from UW with a bachelor's degree in 2008 and is certified through the CSCCA and USAW.

He is originally from Rolling Meadows, Illinois and has a son Julian.





FOOTBALL STAFF



**ED
ELLIS**

**Senior Associate Director
of Strength & Conditioning**

Ed Ellis begins his second year at Arkansas, rejoining the Razorbacks after working as the senior associate director of strength and conditioning at Georgia for four years.

Ellis enters into his 35th year in the field in 2021 including 25 years as a head strength and conditioning coach with stops at UCF, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Illinois State, Ole Miss and Arkansas. Ellis has worked with teams that have appeared in 19 bowl games.

In May of 2003, Ellis was awarded the highest honor in his field of expertise when he was certified as a master strength and conditioning coach (MSCC). The title of master strength and conditioning coach represents professionalism, knowledge, experience, expertise as well as longevity in the field. He is also CPR/AED certified. He serves on the Board of Directors for the CSCCA.

At UCF, Ellis worked directly with the football program while overseeing the strength, speed and conditioning efforts for UCF's 16 sport athletics program. During his time at UCF, the Knights recorded four 10-win seasons including 12-1 in 2013 and 2014 Fiesta Bowl victory over Baylor.

Ellis spent time in the same capacity at Georgia Tech from 2001-04. While head strength and conditioning coach at Wake Forest from 1994-2001, Ellis was named the 2000 Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year for the Atlantic Coast Conference by the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Prior to his stretch at Wake Forest, Ellis spent four years, from 1991-94, as head strength and conditioning coordinator at Illinois State and two years (1989-91) as an assistant strength coach at Ole Miss. He began his career as a graduate assistant at Arkansas from 1987-89.

Ellis earned his bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Alabama in 1987 and received a master's degree in education from Arkansas in 1989.

He is married to the former Dyann Edmondston of Medford, New York. The couple have two daughters, Jessica and Nicole, and two sons, Eric and Brian.



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