

# Aztec Coaches and Staff Profiles



SEVEN STRAIGHT BOWL GAME APPEARANCES ► 21 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



*Rocky Long has led San Diego State to six postseason bowl appearances in his first six years as head coach.*

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## 54-26

Record as head coach at SDSU

## 116

League record coaching victories in the Mountain West (39 more than any other coach in history)

## 25

Players coached who have been picked in the NFL Draft, tied for the most among active Group of 5 coaches.

## 23

Times led the Aztecs to a come-from-behind victory in his six seasons as head coach

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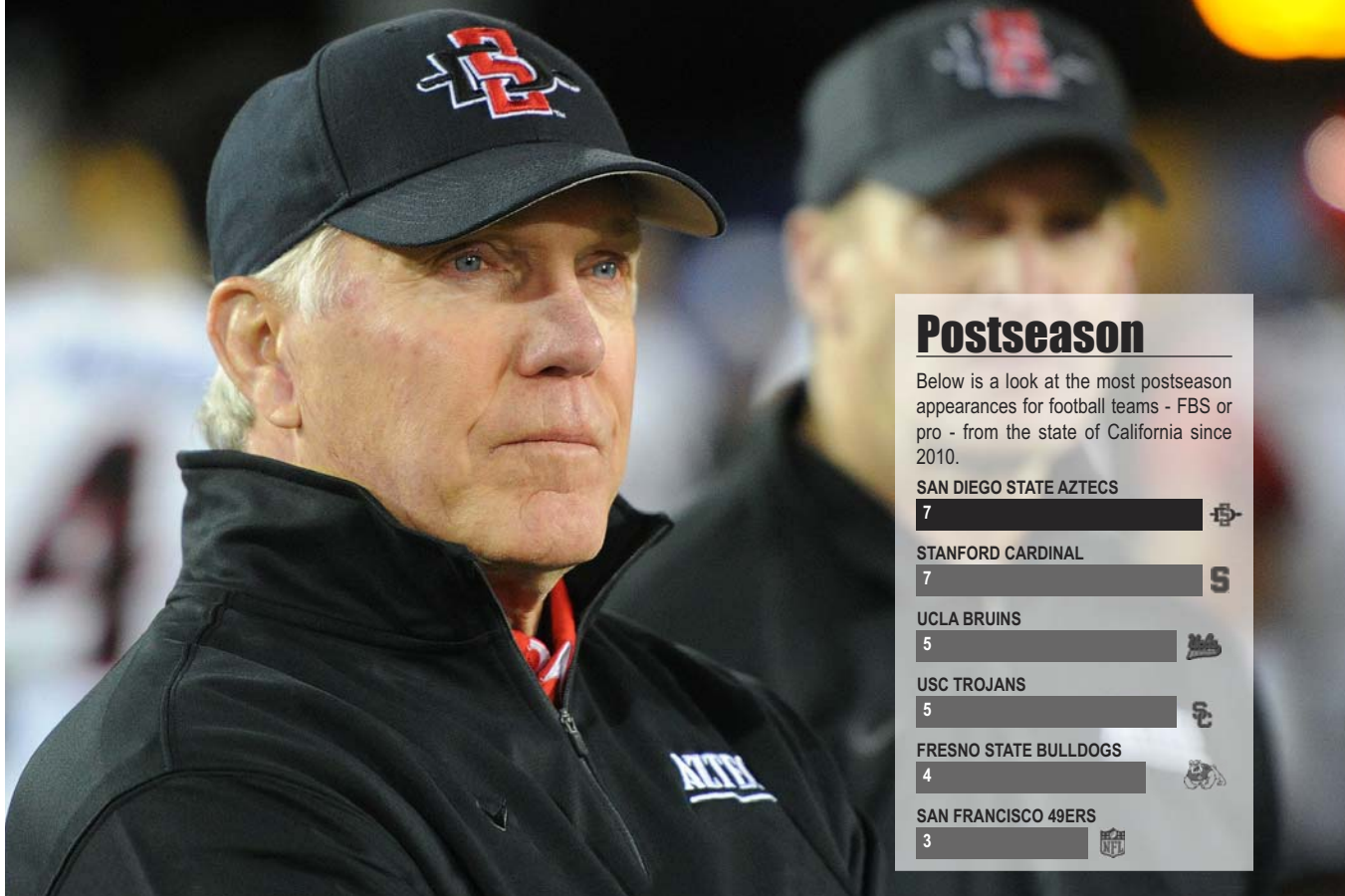
Players selected in the NFL Draft since he became coach in 2011

## 11

SDSU had back-to-back 11-win campaigns for the first time in program history in 2015 and 2016

## 7

School-record consecutive bowl appearances (6 as head coach)



### Postseason

Below is a look at the most postseason appearances for football teams - FBS or pro - from the state of California since 2010.

SAN DIEGO STATE AZTECS	7	
STANFORD CARDINAL	7	
UCLA BRUINS	5	
USC TROJANS	5	
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# Rocky Long

## —HEAD COACH—

→ Three-Time Mountain West Coach of the Year

→ Led SDSU to its first back-to-back 11-win campaigns in the program's 94-year history (2015-16).

In the 18-year history of the Mountain West, no football coach is more synonymous with success than Aztec head coach Rocky Long.

Named San Diego State's 18th head coach on Jan. 12, 2011, he begins his seventh year at the helm of the Aztecs. He was also the squad's defensive coordinator from 2009 through 2016.

Long is the winningest head coach in the history of the Mountain West and has helped usher in two of the biggest turnarounds at MW schools - New Mexico and San Diego State.

Over the last eight seasons (two as defensive coordinator and six as head coach and defensive coordinator), Long helped institute a hard-nosed, blue-collar, physical-style of football on Montezuma Mesa that revitalized a program that had been struggling to find an identity for decades.

Now firmly established, that identity has taken the San Diego State football program to heights that would have been unthinkable just a decade ago. The Aztecs have been to a school-record seven consecutive bowl games and produced back-to-back 11-win campaigns (2015-16) for the first time in program history.

This SDSU run has placed Aztec football among the best in the state and in the nation.

Since 2010, San Diego State's 63-30 record (70.0 percent) trails Stanford among the seven FBS schools in California in winning percentage, placing the Aztecs ahead of, among others, USC, UCLA and Fresno State.

The Scarlet and Black is one of six teams to win at least three conference championships since 2012, joining Alabama (SEC), Arkansas State (Sun Belt), Florida State (ACC), Oklahoma (Big 12) and Stanford (Pac-12).

With seven consecutive bowl appearances, San Diego State is one of just 21 FBS schools to advance to postseason play every

season since 2010 and just one of two - Boise State - to make a bowl appearance each of the last seven seasons from a Group of 5 conference.

Long's seventh Aztec team is a veteran group that many have picked to be the favorite to win the West Division of the Mountain West.

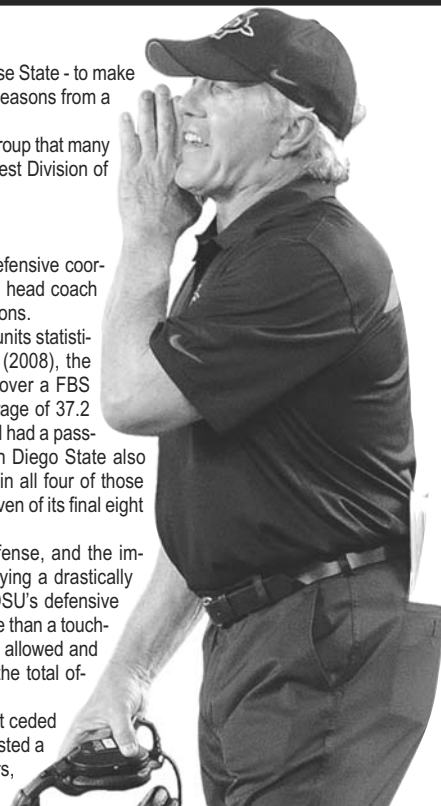
### → The Foundation

In December 2008, Long was named defensive coordinator at San Diego State after serving as head coach at his alma mater, New Mexico, for 11 seasons.

He inherited one of the worst defensive units statistically in the country. The previous season (2008), the Aztecs went 2-10 and posted one victory over a FBS team. The team's defense allowed an average of 37.2 points, 460.8 yards, 247.5 rushing yards and had a passing efficiency defense rating of 151.5. San Diego State also ranked among the bottom eight nationally in all four of those categories, allowing 35 or more points in seven of its final eight games of the season.

Enter Long and his attacking 3-3-5 defense, and the improvement was immediate. Despite employing a drastically different style, Long, in his first year as SDSU's defensive coordinator in 2009, managed to shave more than a touchdown a game off the team's average points allowed and took more than 78 yards per outing off of the total offense allowed figure.

In 2010, Long built a top-40 defense that ceded 20 points or less six times, as the Aztecs posted a winning record for the first time in 12 years, claimed nine victories for the first time since



# Rocky Long - Head Coach



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1977, and captured a bowl victory for the first time since 1969.

## → Building On Success

Following the departure of the previous head coach, Long took over the program entering the 2011 campaign, while continuing to serve as the defensive coordinator.

The 2011 campaign was no different, as he became the first Aztec head coach to lead the team to a bowl game in his debut season. SDSU compiled an 8-5 record, including its first 3-0 start in 30 years, while also snapping a 19-game losing streak against Pac-10/12 foes and a 23-game skid vs. schools from automatic-qualifying BCS conferences.

In 2012, Long garnered his second Mountain West Coach-of-the-Year award after guiding the Aztecs to their first conference championship since 1998 and a third straight bowl appearance. Despite a modest fifth-place prediction in the MW preseason poll, Long and SDSU closed out the regular season by winning seven consecutive games, matching the program's longest victory streak since 1980-81.

During that stretch, the Aztecs ranked fifth in the nation in allowing 4.7 yards per play, while limiting the opposition to 19 points or less on five occasions.

In 2013, Long directed SDSU to an unprecedented fourth straight postseason appearance, capped by an impressive 49-24 victory over Buffalo in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl.

With Long at the controls, the 2013 Aztecs became just the 19th team out of 488 from 1980-2013 to advance to a bowl game after starting the season with an 0-3 record. The gritty SDSU squad flashed its mettle down the stretch, rallying from fourth-quarter deficits in five games and led the FBS Division with three victories when trailing by 14 points or more.

In 2014, San Diego State advanced to its fifth straight bowl game and finishing in a tie for first in the Western Division of the Mountain West. The Aztecs finished in the top 20 nationally in nearly every defensive category, including scoring defense (13th) and total defense (16th). In addition, SDSU posted a perfect 6-0 record at home during the regular season.

The 2015 Aztecs built on their success from a year prior. After opening the season with a 1-3 mark, SDSU ran the gamut with 10 straight wins and a blemish-free 8-0 mark against MW opponents. San Diego State earned its second Mountain West title since 2012, its first outright league championship since 1969 and the 20th conference crown in program history. The Aztecs matched a school record with their first 11-win campaign since 1969, defeating Cincinnati in the Hawai'i Bowl, 42-7, marking their sixth consecutive bowl game appearance.

Long's Aztecs didn't slow down in 2016. SDSU again tied the school record with another 11-win season, the fourth in school history. It was the first time in the program's 94-year history San Diego State produced back-to-back 11-win campaigns. Behind a convincing 34-10 Las Vegas Bowl win over Houston on national television, the Aztecs won consecutive bowl games for the first time in the Division I era and the first time since 1966 and 1967. Additionally, SDSU finished ranked No. 25 in the AP and Amway Coaches Poll. It was the first time the Aztecs finished in the Top 25 in the Coaches Poll for the first time since also being ranked 25th in 1986.

## → The Background

Long had already made the transition from defensive coordinator to head coach once before, as he directed New Mexico to unparalleled success from 1998-2008. During those 11 years, Long compiled a 65-69 record, including seven seasons with six victories or more.

To put that accomplishment in perspective, consider that since 1984, the Lobos are 76-161 with only five six-plus win seasons in the 19 campaigns without Long at the helm.

At New Mexico, Long compiled a school-record 65 victories and led the Lobos to five bowl game appearances in his final seven seasons, despite inheriting a team that had only three winning seasons the previous 15 years. His teams were also bowl eligible in seven of his final eight campaigns.

Long, the 2002 Mountain West Coach of the Year, has earned a national reputation for producing one of the nation's stingiest de-

## Long Tidbits

→ Long was one of four NCAA players that visited U.S. servicemen in Vietnam in the summer of 1971. Along with Johnny Musso (Alabama), Lydell Mitchell (Penn State) and Stan Mauldin (Texas), Long spent two weeks in the country going to different U.S. bases.

→ Long is a member of both the University of New Mexico Hall of Honor (inducted in 1996) and the New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame (inducted in 2011).

→ Long met his wife, Debby, while coaching the Pi Beta Phi sorority team in the spring of 1971. He guided the sorority to consecutive undefeated championship seasons in 1971 and 1972. Long's defense was not scored upon in any game in either year.

→ Bobby Knight paid Long a home visit and recruited the two-sport athlete to play basketball at Army.

→ Long was a three-time academic all-conference selection, earned the WAC Scholar-Athlete Award (1970) and was an honorable mention Academic All-American in 1969. He earned a coveted NCAA postgraduate scholarship in 1974.

→ Long has been on the winning sideline of the San Diego State-New Mexico game in 13 straight meetings. He won the first eight meetings as the head coach at UNM and has been on the sidelines as the defensive coordinator or head coach in Aztec victories in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2014.

→ Long was the starting quarterback at UNM when the Lobos posted consecutive winning seasons in 1970-71. That was the only time that occurred in the 33 seasons between 1964 and 1996.

→ At New Mexico, he left the program as the all-time leading rusher (2,071 yards) and threw 23 interceptions in 30 career games.

→ Both of Rocky and Debby Long's children were Division I student-athletes and have coaching ties. In her first season as the head women's volleyball coach at Division II Queens University, Hannah led the Royals to the program's first NCAA Sweet Sixteen. She was a five-time conference coach of the year honoree at Division III Southwestern University as its winningest women's volleyball coach (.794). Collegiately, she was a two-sports athlete at Portland State. Roxanne, who played basketball collegiately at Oklahoma, was a successful coach at Rogers State, before stepping down to pursue her Ph.D.

fensive units. In his final nine campaigns in Albuquerque, Long's defensive units ranked among the top 30 in fewest yards allowed six times and among the top 40 nationally against the rush every year. In addition, six times his units were among the top 26 in fewest rushing yards allowed per game, including fifth-place finishes in both 2001 and 2003.

While at New Mexico, Long coached 13 players selected in the NFL Draft, 10 players who earned All-America honors and 44 first-team all-conference selections. In addition, four Lobos garnered Academic All-America accolades five times during his tenure.

And Long does not mince words when describing what his vision for his San Diego State football program is.

"Everybody should anticipate that this program eventually will be competing for conference championships, year-in and year-out," Long said. "Now, how many you win is determined by a whole lot of factors, but we ought to be able to get to the point where we compete yearly for it."

Prior to accepting the head coaching position at New Mexico, Long served as defensive coordinator for 12 seasons at three different schools. He was the defensive coordinator for two years under Bob Toledo at UCLA in 1996-97, for five seasons at Oregon State from 1991-95, and for five campaigns at Wyoming from 1981-85.



## Long File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Seventh Year as Head Coach/  
Ninth Overall

■ **Hometown:**  
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Debby, and daughters, Roxanne and Hannah

■ **Alma Mater:**  
New Mexico, 1974

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
New Mexico - 1969-71

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2009-17 .....San Diego State  
Head Coach (2011-17)  
Defensive Coordinator (2009-16)

1998-2008 .....New Mexico  
Head Coach

1996-97 .....UCLA  
Defensive Coordinator

1991-95 .....Oregon State  
Defensive Coordinator

1988-90 .....TCU  
Secondary

1986-87 .....British Columbia Lions (CFL)  
Linebackers

1981-85 .....Wyoming  
Defensive Coordinator

1978-80 .....New Mexico  
Secondary (1979-80)  
Offensive Backs (1978)

1972-73 .....New Mexico  
Graduate Assistant

# Rocky Long - Head Coach



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## On Top

Rocky Long is the winningest coach in Mountain West history and owns a wide gap over all of his contemporaries. Below is a list of active coaches in the league with the number of victories they have obtained while coaching in the conference.

### ROCKY LONG, SDSU

116

### TROY CALHOUN, AIR FORCE

77

### BRYAN HARSIN, BOISE STATE

31

### MATT WELLS, UTAH STATE

28

### BOB DAVIE, NEW MEXICO

27

### MIKE BOBO, COLORADO STATE

14

### CRAIG BOHL, WYOMING

14

He also served as an assistant coach at TCU and the CFL's British Columbia Lions after starting his career at New Mexico as a graduate assistant coach in 1972.

Originally a defensive back, Long became a three-year starter at quarterback for the Lobos from 1969-71. He earned team MVP honors three times and was the Western Athletic Conference Offensive Player of the Year as a senior. He is a 1974 graduate of New Mexico and was awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship.

### → Coaching Highlights

■ Was named the 18th head coach in Aztec football history in January 2011 and became the first San Diego State head coach to lead the team to a bowl game in his debut campaign.

■ Long has amassed the most victories of any Mountain West head coach since the league's inception in 1999.

■ In 2016, guided MW-champion SDSU to its fourth 11-win campaign in program history, accomplished consecutively for the first time in program history. SDSU won its second-straight bowl game for the first time in the Division I era. Long's three bowl game victories are the most in SDSU's Division I era.

■ Was the Mountain West Coach of the Year for the third time in 2015. Long commandeered an Aztec team that won its final 10 games of the season en route to an 11-3 mark, the program's first 11-win season since 1969. SDSU produced an 8-0 record in MW play, the 20th conference championship in program history and a win over Cincinnati in the Hawai'i Bowl.

■ Since his arrival on The Mesa, 15 Aztecs have been chosen in the NFL Draft, including three in 2017, which tied for the most by a Group of 5 school and the most for SDSU since 2013.

■ San Diego State had at least one player selected in each NFL Draft from 2011-15.

■ Came to San Diego State to be the team's defensive coordinator in December 2008.

■ Arrived at SDSU after serving as head coach at New Mexico from 1998-2008. He was tabbed the league's coach of the year in 2002.

■ Compiled a UNM-record 65 victories and led the Lobos to five bowl game appearances in his final seven seasons. His teams were bowl eligible in seven of his last eight campaigns.

■ In his final nine seasons in Albuquerque, Long's defensive units ranked among the top 30 in fewest yards allowed six times and among the top 40 against the rush every year. In both 2001 and 2003, New Mexico's defense ranked fifth nationally in fewest rushing yards allowed per game.

■ Prior to accepting the head coaching position at New Mexico, he served as defensive coordinator for 12 seasons at three different schools. He was the defensive coordinator for two years under Bob Toledo at UCLA in 1996-97, for five seasons at Oregon State from 1991-95, and for five campaigns at Wyoming from 1981-85.

■ Also served as an assistant coach at TCU, with the CFL's British Columbia Lions and started his career at New Mexico as a graduate

## Six-for-Six

Below is a list of the 11 current coaches which have guided their current school to a bowl game in each of their first six seasons as the head coach at an institution.

Head Coach	School
Mark Dantonio	Michigan State
Jimbo Fisher	Florida State
Paul Johnson	Georgia Tech
Brian Kelly	Notre Dame
<b>Rocky Long</b>	<b>San Diego State</b>
Mark Richt	Georgia
Nick Saban	Alabama
David Shaw	Stanford
Bob Stoops	Oklahoma
Dabo Swinney	Clemson
Kyle Whittingham	Utah

assistant coach in 1972.

### → Playing Experience

■ Originally a defensive back, Long was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Lobos from 1969-71. He was the team's MVP three times and the WAC Offensive Player of the Year as a senior.

■ Long played professionally in the CFL with British Columbia in 1972-73 and 1975-76. He also competed in the World Football League with the Detroit Wheels in 1974.

■ Attended Alta Loma High School in Alta Loma, Calif.

### → Education

■ He is a 1974 graduate of New Mexico with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and was awarded an NCAA postgraduate scholarship. Long was a three-time academic all-conference pick and received the WAC Scholar-Athlete Award in 1970.

### → Personal

■ Long and his wife, Debby, have two daughters, Roxanne and Hannah.

■ Both of Long's daughters were Division I student-athletes and have coaching ties. In her first season as the head women's volleyball coach at Division II Queens University, Hannah led the Royals to the program's first NCAA Sweet Sixteen. She was a five-time conference coach of the year honoree at Division III Southwestern University as its winningest women's volleyball coach (.794). Collegiately, she was a two-sports athlete at Portland State. Roxanne, who played collegiately at Oklahoma, was a successful basketball coach at Rogers State, before stepping down to pursue her Ph.D.

## Long Factor

Below is a look at the six seasons prior to Rocky Long joining the SDSU staff and the last eight seasons in which he has been on The Mesa. The number to the right of the figure is the rank among all FBS teams.

Category	2003-08	2009-16
Record	24-47 (100)	67-38 (30)
Conference Record	16-30 (94)	43-20 (17)
Opp. PPG	28.1 (81)	23.6 (28)
Opp. Total Off./Gm.	396.1 (87)	350.9 (21)
Opp. Rush. Yds./Gm.	188.0 (109)	138.8 (22)
Time of Possession	28:36 (116)	30:39 (35)
Rushing Offense	115.9 (110)	192.6 (22)

## Rocky Long Career Head Coaching Record

Year	School	Record	Conf.	Finish	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral	Bowl Game	Scoring Def. Rk.	Total Def. Rk.
1998	New Mexico	3-9	1-7	7th	WAC	2-4	1-5			100	77
1999	New Mexico	4-7	3-4	T-5th	Mountain West	3-3	1-4			73	58
2000	New Mexico	5-7	3-4	T-5th	Mountain West	3-3	2-4			36	17
2001	New Mexico	6-5	4-3	T-3rd	Mountain West	4-2	2-3			36	18
2002	New Mexico	7-7	5-2	2nd	Mountain West	5-1	2-5	0-1	Las Vegas Bowl	56	30
2003	New Mexico	8-5	5-2	2nd	Mountain West	5-2	3-2	0-1	Las Vegas Bowl	39	28
2004	New Mexico	7-5	5-2	2nd	Mountain West	3-2	4-2	0-1	Emerald Bowl	20	25
2005	New Mexico	6-5	4-4	T-4th	Mountain West	2-3	4-2			T-85	69
2006	New Mexico	6-7	4-4	5th	Mountain West	3-5	3-2		New Mexico Bowl	68	80
2007	New Mexico	9-4	5-3	T-3rd	Mountain West	6-1	3-3		New Mexico Bowl	T-14	14
2008	New Mexico	4-8	2-6	T-6th	Mountain West	3-3	1-5			46	45
<b>NEW MEXICO TOTALS (11 Seasons)</b>		<b>65-69</b>	<b>41-41</b>			<b>39-29</b>	<b>26-37</b>	<b>0-3</b>	<b>5 Bowl Appearances</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>30</b>
2011	San Diego State	8-5	4-3	4th	Mountain West	4-3	4-1	0-1	New Orleans Bowl	57	68
2012	San Diego State	9-4	7-1	T-1st	Mountain West	6-2	3-2		Poinsettia Bowl	42	39
2013	San Diego State	8-5	6-2	2nd	Mountain West / West Div.	3-3	4-2	1-0	Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	92	54
2014	San Diego State	7-6	5-3	T-1st	Mountain West / West Div.	6-1	1-5		Poinsettia Bowl	13	16
2015	San Diego State	11-3	8-0	1st	Mountain West / West Div.	6-1	4-2	1-0	Hawai'i Bowl	7	5
2016	San Diego State	11-3	6-2	1st	Mountain West / West Div.	5-1	5-2	1-0	Las Vegas Bowl	17	11
<b>SAN DIEGO STATE TOTALS (6 Seasons)</b>		<b>54-26</b>	<b>36-11</b>			<b>30-11</b>	<b>21-14</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>6 Bowl Appearances</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>HEAD COACHING TOTALS (17 Seasons)</b>		<b>119-95</b>	<b>77-52</b>			<b>69-40</b>	<b>47-51</b>	<b>3-4</b>	<b>11 Bowl Appearances</b>		

# Rocky Long - Year-by-Year



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## ■ New Mexico, 1998

3-9 Overall; 1-7 WAC (7th Place - Pacific)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 5	Idaho State	W 38 - 9
Sept. 12	Utah State	***W 39 - 36
Sept. 19	at New Mexico State	L 27 - 28
Sept. 26	at San Jose State	L 20 - 37
Oct. 3	at Air Force	L 14 - 56
Oct. 10	UTEP	L 19 - 22
Oct. 17	San Diego State	*L 33 - 36
Oct. 24	at Hawai'i	W 30 - 20
Oct. 31	Fresno State	L 20 - 28
Nov. 7	at Brigham Young	L 21 - 46
Nov. 14	Utah	L 7 - 41
Nov. 21	at Central Florida	L 6 - 38

## ■ New Mexico, 1999

4-7 Overall; 3-4 MWC (Tie-5th Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 4	at UTEP	L 10 - 13
Sept. 11	New Mexico State	L 28 - 35
Sept. 18	Northern Arizona	W 45 - 14
Sept. 25	at Boise State	L 9 - 20
Oct. 9	at San Diego State	W 24 - 21
Oct. 16	(21) Brigham Young	L 7 - 31
Oct. 30	UNLV	W 27 - 6
Nov. 6	Colorado State	L 22 - 36
Nov. 13	at Utah	L 7 - 52
Nov. 20	at Wyoming	L 28 - 42
Nov. 27	Air Force	W 33 - 28

## ■ New Mexico, 2000

5-7 Overall; 3-4 MW (Tie-5th Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 26	at Texas Tech	L 3 - 24
Sept. 2	Boise State	L 14 - 31
Sept. 9	Oregon State	L 20 - 28
Sept. 16	at New Mexico State	W 16 - 13
Sept. 23	Northern Arizona	W 35 - 28
Sept. 30	Wyoming	W 45 - 10
Oct. 7	at Colorado State	L 14 - 17
Oct. 21	at Air Force	W 29 - 23
Oct. 28	Utah	W 10 - 3
Nov. 4	San Diego State	L 16 - 17
Nov. 11	at UNLV	L 14 - 18
Nov. 18	at Brigham Young	L 13 - 37

## ■ New Mexico, 2001

6-5 Overall; 4-3 MW (Tie-3rd Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 1	UTEP	W 26 - 6
Sept. 8	at Texas Tech	L 30 - 42
Sept. 22	at Baylor	*L 13 - 16
Sept. 29	at Utah	L 16 - 37
Oct. 6	at Wyoming	W 30 - 29
Oct. 13	(18) Brigham Young	L 20 - 24
Oct. 27	Air Force	W 52 - 33
Nov. 3	at San Diego State	W 20 - 15
Nov. 10	UNLV	W 27 - 17
Nov. 17	Colorado State	L 17 - 24
Nov. 24	New Mexico State	W 53 - 0

## ■ New Mexico, 2002

7-7 Overall; 5-2 MW (2nd Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 23	at North Carolina State	L 14 - 34
Aug. 31	Weber State	W 38 - 24
Sept. 7	at Air Force	*L 31 - 38
Sept. 14	Baylor	W 23 - 0
Sept. 21	at New Mexico State	L 13 - 24
Sept. 27	Texas Tech	L 0 - 49
Oct. 12	at UNLV	W 25 - 16
Oct. 19	at Utah State	*L 44 - 45
Oct. 26	Utah	**W 42 - 35
Nov. 9	San Diego State	W 15 - 8
Nov. 16	at Brigham Young	W 20 - 16
Nov. 23	at (20) Colorado State	L 14 - 22
Nov. 30	Wyoming	W 49 - 20

Las Vegas Bowl - Sam Boyd Stadium  
Dec. 25 vs. UCLA L 13 - 27

## ■ New Mexico, 2003

8-5 Overall; 5-2 MW (2nd Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 30	Texas State	W 72 - 8
Sept. 6	at Texas Tech	L 28 - 42
Sept. 13	Brigham Young	L 7 - 10
Sept. 20	at (24) Washington State	L 13 - 23
Sept. 27	New Mexico State	W 24 - 17
Oct. 4	Utah State	W 34 - 7
Oct. 18	at San Diego State	W 30 - 7

Oct. 25	at (24) Utah	W 47 - 35
Nov. 1	UNLV	L 35 - 37
Nov. 7	Colorado State	W 37 - 34
Nov. 15	Air Force	W 24 - 12
Nov. 22	at Wyoming	W 26 - 3

Las Vegas Bowl - Sam Boyd Stadium  
Dec. 24 vs. Oregon State L 14 - 55

## ■ New Mexico, 2004

7-5 Overall; 5-2 MW (2nd Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 3	Washington State	L 17 - 21
Sept. 11	Texas Tech	W 27 - 24
Sept. 18	at Oregon State	L 7 - 17
Sept. 25	at New Mexico State	W 38 - 3
Oct. 1	(14) Utah	L 7 - 28
Oct. 9	at Air Force	L 23 - 28
Oct. 16	at UNLV	W 24 - 20
Oct. 23	San Diego State	W 19 - 9
Oct. 30	at Colorado State	W 26 - 17
Nov. 13	at Brigham Young	W 21 - 14
Nov. 20	Wyoming	W 16 - 9

Emerald Bowl - SBC Park - San Francisco, Calif.  
Dec. 30 vs. Navy L 19 - 34

## ■ New Mexico, 2005

6-5 Overall; 4-4 MW (4th Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 5	UNLV	W 24 - 22
Sept. 10	at Missouri	W 45 - 35
Sept. 17	New Mexico State	W 38 - 21
Sept. 24	at UTEP	L 13 - 21
Oct. 1	at TCU	L 28 - 49
Oct. 8	Brigham Young	L 24 - 27
Oct. 15	at Wyoming	W 27 - 24
Oct. 22	at San Diego State	W 47 - 24
Oct. 28	Colorado State	L 25 - 35
Nov. 12	at Utah	W 31 - 27
Nov. 19	Air Force	L 24 - 42

## ■ New Mexico, 2006

6-7 Overall; 4-4 MW (5th Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 2	Portland State	L 6 - 17
Sept. 9	at New Mexico State	W 34 - 28
Sept. 16	Missouri	L 17 - 27
Sept. 23	UTEP	W 26 - 13
Sept. 30	at Air Force	L 7 - 24
Oct. 7	Wyoming	L 10 - 14
Oct. 14	at UNLV	*W 39 - 36
Oct. 19	Utah	W 34 - 31
Oct. 28	at Colorado State	W 20 - 19
Nov. 11	TCU	L 21 - 27
Nov. 18	at (23) Brigham Young	L 17 - 42
Nov. 25	San Diego State	W 41 - 14

New Mexico Bowl - Albuquerque, N.M. - University Stadium  
Dec. 23 San José State L 12 - 20

## ■ New Mexico, 2007

9-4 Overall; 5-3 MW (Tie-3rd Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 1	at UTEP	L 6 - 10
Sept. 8	New Mexico State	W 44 - 34
Sept. 15	at Arizona	W 29 - 27
Sept. 22	Sacramento State	W 58 - 0
Sept. 29	Brigham Young	L 24 - 31
Oct. 13	at Wyoming	W 20 - 3
Oct. 20	at San Diego State	W 20 - 17
Oct. 25	Air Force	W 34 - 31
Nov. 3	at TCU	L 0 - 37
Nov. 10	Colorado State	W 26 - 23
Nov. 17	at Utah	L 10 - 28
Nov. 24	UNLV	W 27 - 6

New Mexico Bowl - Albuquerque, N.M. - University Stadium  
Dec. 22 Nevada W 23 - 0

## ■ New Mexico, 2008

4-8 Overall; 2-6 MWC (Tie-6th Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 30	TCU	L 3 - 26
Sept. 6	Texas A&M	L 22 - 28
Sept. 13	Arizona	W 36 - 28
Sept. 20	at Tulsa	L 14 - 56
Sept. 27	at New Mexico State	W 35 - 24
Oct. 4	Wyoming	W 24 - 0
Oct. 11	at (9) Brigham Young	L 3 - 21
Oct. 18	San Diego State	W 70 - 7
Oct. 23	at Air Force	L 10 - 23
Nov. 1	(10) Utah	L 10 - 13
Nov. 8	at UNLV	L 20 - 27
Nov. 15	at Colorado State	L 6 - 20

## ■ San Diego State, 2011

8-5 Overall; 4-3 MW (4th Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 3	Cal Poly	W 49 - 21
Sept. 10	at Army	W 23 - 20
Sept. 17	Washington State	W 42 - 24
Sept. 24	at (22) Michigan	L 7 - 28
Oct. 8	TCU	L 14 - 27
Oct. 13	at Air Force	W 41 - 27
Oct. 29	Wyoming	L 27 - 30
Nov. 5	New Mexico	W 35 - 7
Nov. 12	at Colorado State	W 18 - 15
Nov. 19	(10) Boise State	L 35 - 52
Nov. 26	at UNLV	W 31 - 14
Dec. 3	Fresno State	W 35 - 28

R+L New Orleans Bowl - Mercedes-Benz Superdome  
Dec. 17 vs. Louisiana-Lafayette L 30 - 32

## ■ San Diego State, 2012

9-4 Overall; 7-1 MW (Tie-1st Place)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 1	at Washington	L 12 - 21
Sept. 8	Army	W 42 - 7
Sept. 15	North Dakota	W 49 - 41
Sept. 22	San José State	L 34 - 38
Sept. 29	at Fresno State	L 40 - 52
Oct. 6	Hawai'i	W 52 - 14
Oct. 13	Colorado State	W 38 - 14
Oct. 20	at Nevada	*W 39 - 38
Oct. 27	UNLV	W 24 - 13
Nov. 3	at (19) Boise State	W 21 - 19
Nov. 10	Air Force	W 28 - 9
Nov. 24	at Wyoming	W 42 - 28

SDDCU Poinsettia Bowl - Qualcomm Stadium  
Dec. 20 Brigham Young L 6 - 23

## ■ San Diego State, 2013

8-5 Overall; 6-2 MW (2nd Place - West Division)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 31	Eastern Illinois	L 19 - 40
Sept. 7	at (3) Ohio State	L 7 - 42
Sept. 21	Oregon State	L 30 - 34
Sept. 28	at New Mexico State	W 26 - 16
Oct. 4	Nevada	*W 51 - 44
Oct. 10	at Air Force	W 27 - 20
Oct. 26	(15) Fresno State	*L 28 - 35
Nov. 2	New Mexico	W 35 - 30
Nov. 9	at San José State	W 34 - 30
Nov. 16	at Hawai'i	*W 28 - 21
Nov. 23	Boise State	*W 34 - 31
Nov. 30	at UNLV	L 19 - 45

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl - Boise, Idaho - Bronco Stadium  
Dec. 21 vs. Buffalo W 49 - 24

## ■ San Diego State, 2014

7-6 Overall; 5-3 MW (Tie-1st Place - West Div.)

Date	Opponent	Result
Aug. 30	Northern Arizona	W 38 - 7
Sept. 6	at (21) North Carolina	L 27 - 31
Sept. 20	at Oregon State	L 7 - 28
Sept. 27	UNLV	W 34 - 17
Oct. 3	at Fresno State	L 13 - 24
Oct. 10	at New Mexico	W 24 - 14
Oct. 18	Hawai'i	W 20 - 10
Nov. 1	at Nevada	L 14 - 30
Nov. 8	Idaho	W 35 - 21
Nov. 15	at Boise State	L 29 - 38
Nov. 21	Air Force	W 30 - 14
Nov. 29	San José State	W 38 - 7

SDDCU Poinsettia Bowl - Qualcomm Stadium  
Dec. 23 Navy L 16 - 17

## ■ San Diego State, 2015

11-3 Overall; 8-0 MW (1st Place - West Division)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 5	San Diego	W 37 - 3
Sept. 12	at California	L 7 - 35
Sept. 19	South Alabama	*L 27 - 34
Sept. 26	at Penn State	L 21 - 37
Oct. 3	Fresno State	W 21 - 7
Oct. 10	at Hawai'i	W 28 - 14
Oct. 17	at San José State	W 30 - 7
Oct. 23	Utah State	W 48 - 14
Oct. 31	at Colorado State	W 41 - 17
Nov. 14	Wyoming	W 38 - 3
Nov. 21	at UNLV	W 52 - 14
Nov. 28	Nevada	W 31 - 14

MW Football Championship - Qualcomm Stadium  
Dec. 5 Air Force W 27 - 24

Hawai'i Bowl - Aloha Stadium  
Dec. 24 vs. Cincinnati W 42 - 7

## ■ San Diego State, 2016

11-3 Overall; 6-2 MW (1st Place - West Division)

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 3	New Hampshire	W 31 - 0
Sept. 10	California	W 45 - 40
Sept. 17	at Northern Illinois	W 42 - 28
Oct. 1	at South Alabama	L 24 - 42
Oct. 8	UNLV	W 26 - 7
Oct. 14	at Fresno State	W 17 - 3
Oct. 21	San José State	W 42 - 3
Oct. 28	at Utah State	W 40 - 13
Nov. 5	Hawai'i	W 55 - 0
Nov. 12	at Nevada	W 46 - 16
Nov. 19	at Wyoming	L 33 - 34
Nov. 26	Colorado State	L 31 - 63

MW Football Championship - War Memorial Stadium  
Dec. 3 at Wyoming W 27 - 24

Las Vegas Bowl - Sam Boyd Stadium  
Dec. 17 vs. Houston W 34 - 10

Number to the left of opponent name indicates Associated Press top 25 ranking at game time. \* - indicates overtime period.

## ■ Rocky Long vs. All Foes

Head Coaching Record vs. Opponents

Opponent	W	L
Air Force	10	6
Arizona	2	0
Arizona State	First Meeting	
Army	2	0
Baylor	1	1
Boise State	2	4
Brigham Young	2	10
Buffalo	1	0
Cal Poly	1	0
California	1	1
Central Florida	0	1
Cincinnati	1	0
Colorado State	7	7
Eastern Illinois	0	1
Fresno State	3	4
Hawai'i	6	0
Idaho	1	0
Idaho State	1	0
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	1
Michigan	0	1
Missouri	1	1
Navy	0	2
Nevada	5	1
New Hampshire	1	0
New Mexico	3	0
New Mexico State	9	3
North Carolina	0	1
North Carolina State	0	1
North Dakota	1	0
Northern Arizona	3	0
Northern Illinois	1	0
Ohio State	0	1
Oregon State	0	5
Penn State	0	1
Portland State	0	1
Sacramento State	1	0
San Diego	1	0
San Diego State	9	2
San José State	4	3
South Alabama	0	2
Stanford	First Meeting	
TCU	0	5
Texas A&M	0	1
Texas State	1	0
Texas Tech	1	4
Tulsa	0	1
UC Davis	First Meeting	
UCLA	0	1
UNLV	12	4
Utah	5	6
Utah State	4	1
UTEP	2	4
Washington	0	1
Washington State	1	2
Weber State	1	0
Wyoming	11	4
Totals	119	95

Bold indicates 2017 opponent

# Jeff Horton - Assoc. Head Coach/OC/RBs

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he was the assistant offensive line coach, special assistant to the head coach and an offensive assistant.

■ Was on the sidelines in six bowl games as the quarterbacks coach at Wisconsin from 1999-2005. The Badgers tallied four post-season victories and claimed the 2000 Big Ten championship.

■ Coached Wisconsin signal-caller Brooks Bollinger to a 30-12 record over his four seasons as a starter. Bollinger and quarterback Jim Sorgi were picked in the NFL Draft during his time in Madison.

■ Was the head coach at UNLV for five years. In 1994, he was named the Big West Coach of the Year after leading the Rebels to the conference title and a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl.

■ Compiled a 7-4 record at Nevada in his first season as a head coach in 1993. The Wolf Pack led the nation in offense that campaign, including 4,373 yards passing.

■ In addition, he spent six years as a wide receivers, special teams or running backs coach at Nevada (1985-89, 1992) and two campaigns as an assistant head coach, running backs and wide receivers coach at UNLV (1990-91).

■ Started his collegiate coaching career in 1984 as a graduate assistant at Minnesota under head coach Lou Holtz.

→ **Playing Experience**

■ Was a walk-on wide receiver at Arkansas from 1976-77.

→ **Education**

■ Graduated from Nevada in 1981 with his bachelor's degree and earned his master's from San Francisco in 1993.

→ **Personal**

■ Horton and his wife, Teri, reside in San Diego.

## Horton File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Seventh Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Arlington, Texas

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Teri

■ **Alma Mater:**  
Nevada, 1981  
San Francisco, 1993 (M.S.)

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
Arkansas - 1976-77

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2011-17 .....San Diego State  
Assoc. Head Coach/OC/RBs (2015-17)  
Asst. Head Coach/RBs (2011-14)

2010 .....Minnesota  
Interim Head Coach  
Offensive Coordinator/QBs

2009 .....Detroit Lions  
Quarterbacks

2006-08 .....St. Louis Rams  
Assistant Offensive Line (2008)  
Special Assistant to HC/Offense (2006-07)

1999-2005 .....Wisconsin  
Quarterbacks

1994-98, 1990-91 .....UNLV  
Head Coach (1994-98)  
Assistant Head Coach (1990-91)

1992-93, 1985-89 .....Nevada  
Head Coach (1993)  
Wide Receivers (1992)  
Assistant Coach (1985-89)

1984 .....Minnesota  
Graduate Assistant

→ **At San Diego State**

■ With 33 years of collegiate coaching experience, including seven as a head coach, Jeff Horton begins his seventh season at San Diego State.

■ Prior to the 2015 season, Horton was promoted to associate head coach and offensive coordinator. He is entering his seventh season overseeing the running backs.

■ In his previous four seasons on The Mesa, he served as assistant head coach and running backs coach.

■ Since 2011, when Horton was named SDSU's running backs coach, San Diego State ranks 15th in rushing yards per game (214.9), 17th nationally in average yards per carry (5.1) and 18th in rushing touchdowns (180).

■ In his seven years with San Diego State, Horton has coached each of his starting running backs to All-Mountain West honors, including NFL champion Ronnie Hillman in 2011, Adam Muema in 2012 and 2013, and Donnel Pumphrey from 2014-16.

■ In 2016, Horton was named the FootballScoop Running Backs Coach of the Year when SDSU became the first team in NCAA FBS history to produce a 2,000-yard rusher (Pumphrey) and a 1,000-yard rusher (Rashaad Penny) in the same season. The Aztecs set DI era single-season records in rushing yards (3,680), rushing touchdowns (34), rushing yards per carry (5.8) and points (493).

■ Horton guided Pumphrey to one of the best rushing careers in FBS history. A Heisman candidate, Doak Walker Award finalist and a three-time All-American, Pumphrey finished his career as the NCAA FBS career record holder in rushing yards (6,405) and was fifth in all-purpose yards (7,515), tied for eighth in overall touchdowns (67) and ninth in rushing touchdowns (62). He was picked in the fourth round of the 2017 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

■ The 2015 Aztecs made history, rushing for a then-school record 3,266 yards and producing two 1,000-yard rushers for the first time in program history. SDSU ran for 2,000 yards as a team and produced a 1,000-yard rusher for the sixth year in a row in 2015. The team also had 10 straight games with at least 200 yards rushing to close the season.

■ In 2014, San Diego State set a then-school record for yards per carry, averaging 5.4 yards per rush, ranked 13th nationally.

■ Helped Ronnie Hillman receive All-America recognition from the Associated Press in 2011 after the Aztec running back rushed for a conference-record 1,711 yards, which ranked fourth nationally, and added 19 touchdowns. Hillman, who was one of 10 semifinalists for the Doak Walker Award that season, was selected in the third round of the NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos in April 2012.

→ **Previous Experience**

■ Came to The Mesa after spending the final five games of the 2010 campaign as the interim head coach at Minnesota. With Horton at the helm, the Gophers went 2-3 with victories over a pair of bowl-bound teams in Illinois and Iowa after beginning the year with a 1-6 mark.

■ As the co-offensive coordinator, the Gophers saw drastic improvements from 2009 in the NCAA rankings in total offense (+34 spots), rushing offense (+26), passing offense (+18), scoring offense (+11), turnovers (+82), time of possession (+82) and penalties (+21).

■ Prior to his time at Minnesota, he was the quarterbacks coach for the Detroit Lions in 2009, working with No. 1 overall Draft pick Matthew Stafford. Stafford started 10 games and threw for more than 2,000 yards.

■ NFL career started with the St. Louis Rams from 2006-08, where

## Notable Players Coached

→ **Donnel Pumphrey, RB (SDSU)**

Fourth-Round NFL Draft pick, 2016 Heisman Trophy Top-10 Finish (tied for 10th), 2016 Doak Walker Award Finalist, 2016 Walter Camp Player of the Year Semifinalist, 2016 First-Team All-American (Sports Illustrated, Walter Camp), 2016 Second-Team All-American (AP, AFCA, USA Today, The Sporting News), two-time Honorable-Mention Sports Illustrated All-American (2014-15), two-time MW Offensive Player of the Year (2015-16), three-time First-Team All-MW (2014-16)

→ **Ronnie Hillman, RB (SDSU)**

AP Third-Team All-American, Third-Round NFL Draft pick, Super Bowl champion

→ **Matthew Stafford, QB (Detroit Lions), Detroit Lions**

No. 1 NFL Draft pick, Started 10 games as a rookie

→ **Brooks Bollinger, QB (Wisconsin)**

Four-year starter, NFL Draft Pick in 2003

→ **Jim Sorgi, QB (Wisconsin)**

2006 Super Bowl champion

→ **Jon Denton, QB (UNLV)**

Set 10 NCAA freshman passing records in 1996

→ **Chris Vargas, QB (Nevada)**

Nevada Team of the Century

■ **BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (14)**

→ **San Diego State**

2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawaii Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl, 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2012 Poinsettia Bowl, 2011 New Orleans Bowl

→ **Wisconsin**

2005 Capital One Bowl, 2004 Outback Bowl, 2003 Music City Bowl, 2002 Alamo Bowl, 2000 Sun Bowl, 1999 Rose Bowl

→ **UNLV**

1994 Las Vegas Bowl

→ **Nevada**

1992 Las Vegas Bowl

# Bobby Hauck - Assoc. Head Coach/STC

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## → At San Diego State

- Enters his third season at San Diego State as the special teams coordinator and his second as an associate head coach.
- This marks the 24th time in the last 25 seasons that he has overseen the special teams in his coaching responsibilities.
- He is one of four members of the San Diego State staff who have been a collegiate head coach at another school (Hauck, Rocky Long, Jeff Horton and Kevin McGarry).
- Kick returner Rashaad Penny was the 2016 MW Special Teams Player of the Year for a second straight season, becoming the second kick returner in MW history to win the award twice. The junior tied for second in the nation in kick return touchdowns (2) and was fourth in kick return average (31.2), 26th in total touchdowns (16) and 29th in all-purpose yards per game (133.3).
- In 2016, sophomore John Baron II was a Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award semifinalist after ranking 10th nationally in field goal percentage (.913) and 20th (second in MW) in points per game among kickers (8.50) and field goals per game (1.50). He set a school single-season record in field goals (21) and field goal percentage (.913), and also had the third-most PATs (56) in a season in school history
- Led San Diego State's special teams units in 2015 to a ranking of No. 23 nationally after an average ranking of 79.3 the prior six seasons. The 2015 kickoff return unit ranked second nationally (29.06) and the punt coverage unit ranked 27th in the nation (5.00).
- In 2015, Penny was the program's first Mountain West Special Teams Player of the Year and the first return specialist on the All-



MW first team in conference history after a season in which he finished second nationally with three kickoff return touchdowns and recorded 33.5 yards per kickoff return.

- Kicker Donny Hageman captured an All-MW honorable mention nod in 2015, becoming SDSU's first kicker to earn all-conference honors since 2010.
- Guided long snapper Jeff Overbaugh to a perfect 2015 season (156-for-156) on punt snaps, PAT snaps and field goal snaps, resulting in Rubio Long Snapping Second-Team All-America status. He was also named the Top Specialist at the Reese's Senior Bowl.

## → Previous Experience

- Served as a head coach from 2003-14, with stops at his alma mater Montana (2003-09) and UNLV (2010-14).
- In 2014, his special teams units at UNLV were ranked 30th in the nation in ESPN's end-of-season Power Football Index.
- In 2013, he guided UNLV to its first winning season and first bowl game since 2000. That year, the Rebels advanced to the Heart of Dallas Bowl.
- In the last 31 seasons, only three head coaches have guided UNLV to a bowl game - Jeff Horton (twice), John Robinson and Hauck - and two of those coaches are currently on the Aztec staff (Hauck and Horton).
- While serving as head coach at UNLV, Hauck also served as special teams coordinator. In his five seasons at UNLV, the Rebels ranked 34th nationally in kickoff return average (22.3) and 40th nationally in kick-return average allowed (20.7).
- Served as the head coach at Montana from 2003-09, compiling an 80-17 record and advancing to the FCS playoffs in all seven of his seasons.
- The 80-17 record during that span made Hauck's Montana squad the highest winning percentage (82.5 percent) amongst the 134 schools that played a game at the FCS level during those seven seasons.
- Hauck claimed at least a share of the Big Sky Conference title in all seven of his seasons as the Montana head coach and led the Grizzlies to the national championship game on three occasions (2004, 2008 and 2009).
- In his 97 games as head coach at Montana, the Grizzlies outscored its opponents, 3,079-1,795, for an average of 31.7-18.5.
- Has coached in the Mountain West and Pac-12 (three different schools) in addition to his extensive experience in the FCS.

## → Education

- Earned his bachelor's degree in business and physical education from Montana in 1987.
- Received his master's degree in education administration from UCLA in 1991.

## → Personal

- Hauck and his wife, Stacy, have four children, Sydney, Alexandra, Elise and Robby.



## Hauck File

(pronounced HOWK)

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Third Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Big Timber, Mont.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Stacy, and children, Sydney, Alexandra, Robby and Elise

■ **Alma Mater:**  
Montana, 1988, and UCLA, 1991

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2015-17 ..... San Diego State  
Assoc. Head Coach/STC (2016-17)  
Special Teams Coordinator (2015)

2010-14 ..... UNLV  
Head Coach / Special Teams Coord.

2003-09 ..... Montana  
Head Coach / Special Teams Coord.

1999-2002 ..... Washington  
Defensive Backs (2002)  
Safeties / Special Teams Coord. (1999-2001)

1995-98 ..... Colorado  
Safeties / Special Tms. / Recruiting Coord. (1998)  
OLBs / Special Teams Coord. (1995-97)

1993-94 ..... Northern Arizona  
OLBs / Special Teams / Recruiting Coord.

1990-92 ..... UCLA  
Assistant Recruiting Coordinator (1992)  
Graduate Assistant (1990-91)

1988-89 ..... Montana  
Defensive Line / Secondary (1989)  
Secondary (1988)

1987 ..... Sweet Grass High School (Mont.)  
Assistant Coach

## Notable Players Coached

### → Rashaad Penny, KR (SDSU)

2015 Fourth-Team Phil Steele All-American, two-time MW Special Teams Player of the Year (2015-16), two-time First-Team All-MW (2015-16)

### → John Baron II, PK (SDSU)

2016 Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Semifinalist, 2016 First-Team All-MW

### → Jeff Overbaugh, LS (SDSU)

2015 Rubio Long Snapping Second-Team All-American, 2015 Reese's Senior Bowl Top Specialist

### → Donny Hageman, PK (SDSU)

2015 Honorable-Mention All-MW

### → Devonte Boyd, WR (UNLV)

2014 MW Freshman of the Year, Second Team All-MW

### → Brett Boyko, OL (UNLV)

2014 Second-Team All-MW

### → Devante Davis, WR (UNLV)

2013 Second-Team All-MW

### → Tim Cornett, RB (UNLV)

2013 Second-Team All-MW

### → Brett Boyko, OL (UNLV)

2013 Second-Team All-MW

### → Nolan Kohorst, PK (UNLV)

2012 First-Team All-MW

### → Deante Purvis KR (UNLV)

2012 Second-Team All-MW

## BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (10)

### → San Diego State

2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawai'i Bowl

### → UNLV

2013 Heart of Dallas Bowl

### → Washington

2002 Sun Bowl, 2001 Holiday Bowl, 2000 Rose Bowl

### → Colorado

1998 Aloha Bowl, 1996 Holiday Bowl, 1996 Cotton Bowl

### → UCLA

1991 Sun Bowl

# Danny Gonzales - DC/Safeties

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DANNY GONZALES ◀ COACHES



## Gonzales File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Seventh Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Albuquerque, N.M.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Sandra, and children, Cole, Jake, Chloe and Abby

■ **Alma Mater:**  
New Mexico, 1998, 2002

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
New Mexico - 1994-98

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2011-17 .....San Diego State  
*Defensive Coordinator/Safeties (2017)*  
*Safeties (2011-16)*

2005-08, 1999-2002.....New Mexico  
*Special Teams/Safeties (2005-08)*  
*Graduate Asst. (1999-2002)*



### → **At San Diego State**

■ Danny Gonzales enters his seventh season coaching San Diego State's safeties and his first as the defensive coordinator and safeties coach in 2017.

■ Since 2011, SDSU's 100 interceptions are the third most in the country, while its 14 interceptions returned for a touchdown are tied for the fifth most over that span.

■ The Aztecs' 49 interceptions over the last two seasons are the most in a two-year span in FBS play since Boston College had 51 in the 2007 and 2008 campaigns. SDSU led the country in interceptions (26) in 2016.

■ In 2015, the Aztecs finished among the top 10 in the four main defensive categories, including a tie for second with 23 picks, fifth in total defense (287.3), seventh in scoring defense (16.4) and rushing defense (108.7) and 10th in passing defense (178.6).

■ SDSU produced one of the best defensive efforts in school history in 2014, finishing in the top 20 nationally in nearly every defensive category, including scoring defense (13th) and total defense (16th).

■ Coached Nat Berhe and Eric Pinkins, both of whom were selected in the 2014 NFL Draft. Berhe was a fifth-round selection of the New York Giants, while Pinkins went in the sixth round to the defending Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks.

■ Under his guidance, Berhe became the first Aztec safety in the Mountain West era (since 1999) to garner all-conference accolades three years in a row. Berhe, who landed on the 2013 preseason watch lists for the Jim Thorpe Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy, capped a brilliant collegiate career with first-team all-MW honors after leading the team with a career-high 99 tackles, including 60 solo stops.

■ As a team in 2012, helped the Aztec defense top the MW in rushing defense with 133.5 yards per game. SDSU also showed dramatic improvement in that statistic at the national level, climbing from the 78th spot in 2011 to the 28th position in 2012.

■ Was part of a staff that saw the Aztec defense finish 2011 with a No. 1 conference ranking in sacks (2.23/g), tackles for loss (6.54/g), interceptions (15) and turnovers gained (28).

### → **Previous Experience**

■ He previously was a member of Aztec head coach Rocky Long's staff at New Mexico.

■ From 2005-08, worked with the safeties, punters, kickers and deep snappers at UNM. Under his tutelage, the Lobo safeties combined for 55 pass breakups in 2007-08, and the 2007 New Mexico squad ranked 13th nationally in total defense, 14th in scoring defense and 20th in passing defense.

■ Coached placekicker John Sullivan to consensus All-America

honors. A former walk-on, Sullivan nailed a nation's best 29 field goals in 2007.

■ Placekickers Kenny Byrd (first-team all-MW) and James Aho (freshman All-American), and punter Jordan Scott (honorable mention all-MW) also were honored during Gonzales' coaching stint at UNM.

■ Worked with NFL Draft picks defensive back Glover Quin (Houston Texans) and linebacker/defensive back Quincy Black (Tampa Bay Buccaneers) at New Mexico.

■ Was the school's video coordinator from 2003-05 and started his coaching career as a defensive graduate assistant for the Lobos from 1999-2002.

### → **Playing Experience**

■ Three-year letterwinner at New Mexico as a punter and safety. He earned the team's Chuck Cummings Memorial Award for morale and spirit as a senior.

■ Was a part of the 1997 Lobo squad that won the Western Athletic Conference Mountain Division championship and competed in the Insight.com Bowl. UNM compiled an 9-4 overall record that year, including a 6-2 mark in league action.

### → **Education**

■ Has a bachelor's degree from New Mexico in business administration and general management and a master's degree in physical education and recreation.

### → **Personal**

■ Is married to Sandra and has four children, Cole, Jake, Chloe and Abby.

## Notable Players Coached

### → **Malik Smith, S (SDSU)**

*Three-time All-MW selection*

### → **Nat Berhe, DB (SDSU), New York Giants**

*Three-time All-MW selection, Fifth-round NFL Draft pick in 2014*

### → **Eric Pinkins, DB (SDSU), Seattle Seahawks**

*Sixth-round NFL Draft pick in 2014*

### → **James Aho, PK (New Mexico)**

*2008 Second-Team Freshman All-American*

### → **Quincy Black, DB (New Mexico), Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

*First-Team All-MW, Third-Round NFL Draft pick in 2007*

### → **Kenny Byrd, PK (New Mexico)**

*2006 First-Team All-MW selection*

### → **Clint McPeck, DB (New Mexico)**

*Played for the UFL's Hartford Colonials*

### → **Glover Quin, DB (New Mexico), Houston Texans**

*Fourth-Round 2007 NFL Draft pick, three-time All-MW*

### → **Jordan Scott, P (New Mexico)**

*2007 Honorable-Mention All-MW*

### → **John Sullivan, PK (New Mexico)**

*2007 Consensus All-American*

### **BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (9)**

#### → **San Diego State**

*2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawai'i Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl, 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2012 Poinsettia Bowl, 2011 New Orleans Bowl*

#### → **New Mexico**

*2007 New Mexico Bowl, 2006 New Mexico Bowl, 2002 Las Vegas Bowl*

### **BOWL GAME AS A PLAYER (1)**

#### → **New Mexico**

*1997 Insight.com Bowl*

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# Zach Arnett - Linebackers



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## → At San Diego State

- Zach Arnett was promoted to linebackers coach in the spring of 2014 after spending three years as a defensive graduate assistant.
- Under Arnett's tutelage in 2016, Calvin Munson led SDSU with 116 tackles on the season with a team-high 17 quarterback hurries, 11 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks and three pass breakups. Munson finished his career ranked sixth at San Diego State in tackles (301) and ninth in sacks (18.0). He was a three-time all-Mountain West pick, including a first-team selection each of his last two seasons. Munson signed as an undrafted free agent with the New York Giants.
- In 2015, for the second straight season, two Aztec linebackers garnered All-Mountain West honors. Munson was named to the first team, while Jake Fely was a second-team honoree.
- Two San Diego State linebackers earned all-conference accolades in his first season as a full-time member of the coaching staff, as Josh Gavert and Munson earned honorable mention all-conference recognition in 2014.
- Helped linebacker Nick Tenhaeff earn All-MW honorable mention recognition in 2013. Tenhaeff led the Aztecs with 15.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks and was third on the squad with 64 tackles combined, including 43 solo stops.
- Coached two Aztecs - Fely and Derek Largent - to all-league accolades in 2012. Fely had 90 tackles, and led the team in tackles for loss (11.5), sacks (7) and forced fumbles (2) en route to second-team honors, while Largent was an honorable mention pick

with 61 tackles (9.5 TFL), 6.5 sacks, three fumble recoveries, two interceptions and a forced fumble.

## → Playing Experience

- Prior to his arrival on Montezuma Mesa, Arnett played collegiately for four seasons at New Mexico under current San Diego State head coach Rocky Long.
- Was a standout linebacker for the Lobos from 2005-08, lettering four times and serving as team captain during his senior campaign.
- Saw action in 47 games at New Mexico, recording 200 tackles (84 solo, 116 assisted), with four sacks, six forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.
- Tied for the FBS lead in 2008 with six forced fumbles. Of the five players that had six forced fumbles that season, Arnett played the fewest number of games (12).
- Started all 12 contests as a senior, recording 92 tackles, including 11 behind the line of scrimmage, and an MW record-tying six forced fumbles. Helped UNM rank 36th nationally in rushing defense in 2008.
- New Mexico won 25 games during his four-year stint and made consecutive bowl game appearances in 2006 and 2007.
- Excelled in the classroom, where he was a first-team Academic All-American in 2008. Also was a four-time academic all-conference honoree and scholar-athlete.
- Originally signed to play for the UNM baseball team coming out of high school, but was given a football scholarship the summer before the start of his true freshman season.
- Attended La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, competing in both football and baseball. Was a two-time all-state pick at linebacker and three-time selection at catcher.

## → Education

- Graduated from New Mexico in 2009, with his bachelor's degree in history and a minor in political science.

## → Personal

- Is married to the former Emily Daniels.



## Arnett File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Seventh Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Albuquerque, N.M.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Emily

■ **Alma Mater:**  
New Mexico, 2009

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
New Mexico - 2005-08

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2014-17 ..... San Diego State  
Linebackers

2011-13 ..... San Diego State  
Graduate Assistant - Defense

## Notable Players Coached

### → Calvin Munson, LB (SDSU)

2016 Second-Team Pro Football Focus All-American, 2015 Third-Team Phil Steele All-American, 2016 Lott IMPACT Trophy Quarterfinalist, three-time All-MW pick (2014-16)

### → Jake Fely, LB (SDSU)

Two-time Second-Team All-MW

### → Josh Gavert, LB (SDSU)

2014 Honorable-Mention All-MW

### → Nick Tenhaeff, LB (SDSU)

2013 Honorable-Mention All-MW

### → Derek Largent, LB (SDSU)

2012 Honorable-Mention All-MW

## BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (6)

### → San Diego State

2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawaii Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl, 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2012 Poinsettia Bowl, 2011 New Orleans Bowl

## BOWL GAMES AS A PLAYER (2)

### → New Mexico

2007 New Mexico Bowl, 2006 New Mexico Bowl

# Hunkie Cooper - Wide Receivers



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## Cooper File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Third Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Palestine, Texas

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Tiffany, and children, Brianna, AJ and Destini

■ **Alma Mater:**  
UNLV, 1991

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
UNLV - 1990-91  
Navarro College - 1989

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2015-17 .....San Diego State  
*Wide Receivers*  
  
2009-14....Canyon Springs High (Las Vegas)  
*Head Coach*  
  
2006-08 .....Utah Blaze (AFL)  
*Defensive Backs (2008)*  
*Defensive Coordinator (2007)*  
*Wide Receivers, Linebackers (2006)*

→ **At San Diego State**

- Hunkie Cooper enters his third season at San Diego State. He oversees the wide receiver position.
- In coming to San Diego State, Cooper reunited with his college coach Jeff Horton. Horton, SDSU's associate head coach/offensive coordinator/running backs coach, was Cooper's head coach at UNLV.
- For the second straight season in 2016, junior Mikah Holder led SDSU in receiving yards (581) and touchdown catches (6). He ranked seventh nationally in catch average (21.5) and third in the Mountain West. Cooper's assistance with Donnel Pumphrey also proved essential, as the running back tied with Holder for the team lead in receptions (27) for 231 yards. Pumphrey was a fourth-round pick of the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2017 NFL Draft.
- In 2015, Cooper coached Holder to a breakout season, which included a team-high 439 receiving yards and six touchdown catches. He also assisted Pumphrey in a junior year that resulted in Sports Illustrated honorable mention All-America and Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year honors after leading the Aztecs in rushing yards and receptions, one of four players in the nation to accomplish the feat.

→ **Previous Experience**

- Prior to coming to The Mesa, Cooper served for six seasons as the head coach at Canyon Springs High in Las Vegas.
- Under Cooper's direction, CSHS made the Sunrise Region playoffs all six years, earning Northeast Sunrise Divisional Coach-of-the-Year honors on three occasions.
- In 2014, Canyon Springs was the first Sunrise Region team in more than 40 games to beat perennial power Liberty.
- One of his top players was Pumphrey, a Heisman candidate, All-American and the NCAA FBS career record holder in rushing yards (6,405). He amassed 4,152 yards and 49 touchdowns on 494 attempts (8.4 avg.) over his career at CSHS. In 2012, Pumphrey rushed for 1,491 yards on 160 carries (9.3 avg.) and 19 touchdowns en route to being named the Gatorade Nevada Player of the Year.
- Began his coaching career with a three-year stint (2006-08) on the Utah Blaze (Arena Football League) coaching staff, working with the team's defensive backs, wide receivers, linebackers and serving as the defensive coordinator.

→ **Playing Experience**

- Cooper had one of the greatest careers in Arena Football League history, coming in as the fifth-greatest player in AFL history by the league's Silver Anniversary Committee.
- Named to the Arena Hall of Fame in 2011.
- He led the Arizona Rattlers to a pair of AFL championships (1994 and 1997) and was picked as the MVP of the 1997 AFL Championship game.
- When he retired in 2005, he was the AFL's all-time leader in nearly all return categories. That year, he had his No. 14 jersey retired by the Rattlers in 2005.
- In 2001, Cooper was selected to the all-15th Anniversary first team as both a receiver and linebacker. He finished his career with nearly 9,000 receiving yards to go along with 196 tackles and 15 interceptions, including seven for a touchdown.
- He was named the Ironman of the Year in both 1999 and 2000.
- He earned Ironman of the Game honors in ArenaBowl XI, returning a kick for a touchdown and intercepting a Kurt Warner pass for another score, as the Rattlers defeated the Iowa Barnstormers, 55-33.
- Cooper was named the AFL MVP as a rookie in 1993 after totaling 91 receptions for 1,214 yards and 19 touchdowns, and ended up becoming a 12-time all-pro selection.
- At UNLV, he twice earned All-America honors and all-Big West accolades as a punt returner and kick returner (1989-90).
- Cooper, who played six different positions with the Rebels, scored four touchdowns as an all-purpose player in his first career Division I game.



■ Was the quarterback for national champion Navarro College in 1989.

→ **Education**

■ A 1991 graduate of UNLV.

→ **Personal**

■ Cooper and his wife, Tiffany, have three children: Brianna, A.J., who plays football at Southern Oregon, and Destini.

## Notable Players Coached

→ **Mikah Holder, WR (SDSU)**

Two-time team leader in receiving yards and touchdown catches (2015-16)

→ **Donnel Pumphrey, RB (SDSU)**

Fourth-Round NFL Draft pick in 2017, 2016 Heisman Trophy Top-10 Finish (tied for 10th), 2016 Doak Walker Award Finalist, 2016 Walter Camp Player of the Year Semifinalist, 2016 First-Team All-American (Sports Illustrated, Walter Camp), 2016 Second-Team All-American (AP, AFCA, USA Today, The Sporting News, two-time Honorable-Mention Sports Illustrated All-American (2014-15), two-time MW Offensive Player of the Year (2015-16), three-time First-Team All-MW (2014-16)

→ **DeMarco Murray, RB (Oklahoma)**

2014 AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year

→ **Juron Criner, WR (Arizona)**

Fifth-Round NFL Draft pick in 2012; 209 receptions in college

→ **Lynn McGruder, DT (Oklahoma)**

Started 11 games for the Sooners in 2004

→ **Quinton Carter, FS (Oklahoma)**

Fourth-round NFL Draft pick in 2011

**BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (2)**

→ **San Diego State**

2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawai'i Bowl

# Ernie Lawson - Defensive Line



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## → At San Diego State

- Ernie Lawson enters his second season at San Diego State. He coaches the defensive line.
- Nationally in 2016, SDSU had the sixth-best rushing defense (105.7), 11th-best total defense (315.4) and 18th-best team passing efficiency defense (115.47) in the country.
- Under his tutelage in 2016, Alex Barrett was a first-team all-MW selection for the second straight season, becoming the first Aztec defensive lineman to earn first-team all-MW honors multiple times. He finished his SDSU career tied for fourth in sacks (19.0) and tied for seventh in tackles for loss (40.0). Barrett signed as an undrafted free agent with the Detroit Lions in April 2017.

## → Previous Experience

- Served two seasons as a coach at the high school level.
- In 2015, he was the defensive line coach and head football strength coach at North Side High in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Was the head coach, defensive coordinator and head strength coach at American Canyon (Calif.) High, where he implemented the 3-3-5 defense.
- Spent two years at Michigan as a graduate assistant with the linebackers and defensive line, working under former Aztec head coach Brady Hoke.
- While at Michigan, he worked with former Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Greg Mattison on the intricacies of numerous defenses, including the 3-3-5 in 2014.

## → Playing Experience

- Lawson captained the 2010 SDSU football team to a 9-4 overall record and the program's first bowl berth since 1998.
- A four-year letterwinner from 2007-10, Lawson was an Honorable Mention All-MW performer as a senior, recording 30 tackles, including 9.5 for loss.
- Chosen as San Diego State's co-defensive player of the year in 2010, and received one of the team's captain awards.
- Voted the Aztecs' Most Inspirational Player in 2007. Lawson was also a multi-time scholar-athlete while at SDSU

## → Education

- Earned his bachelor's degree in fitness, nutrition and health from San Diego State in December 2010 and his master's degree in kinesiology from Michigan in May 2014.



## → Personal

- Is married to Alicia and has one daughter, Leila Simone.



## Lawson File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Second Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Vallejo, Calif.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Alicia, and daughter, Leila

■ **Alma Mater:**  
San Diego State, 2010  
Michigan, 2014

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
San Diego State - 2006-2010

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2016-17 .....San Diego State  
Defensive Line

2015 ..North Side High (Fort Worth, Texas)  
Defensive Line / Strength Coach

2014 .....American Canyon (Calif.) High  
Head Coach / DC / Strength Coach

2012-13 .....Michigan  
Graduate Assistant - Defensive Line / Linebackers

## Notable Players Coached

### → Alex Barrett, DT (San Diego State)

Two-time first-team All-MW honoree; Fourth at SDSU in career sacks (19.0) and tied for seventh in career tackles for loss (40.0)

### → William Campbell, DT (Michigan)

Sixth-Round NFL Draft pick in 2013; 2012 Honorable-Mention All-Big Ten

### → Frank Clark, DE (Michigan)

Second-Round NFL Draft pick in 2015; 2013 All-Big Ten second-team

### → Willie Henry, DT (Michigan)

Fourth-Round NFL Draft pick in 2016; ESPN.com All-Big Ten Freshman Team in 2013

## BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (3)

### → San Diego State

2016 Las Vegas Bowl

### → Michigan

2012 Outback Bowl, 2011 Allstate Sugar Bowl

## BOWL GAMES AS A PLAYER (1)

### → San Diego State

2010 Poinsettia Bowl

# Blane Morgan - Quarterbacks



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BLANE MORGAN ◀ COACHES



## Morgan File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Third Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Dallas, Texas

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Mandy, and children, Brodie and Camille

■ **Alma Mater:**  
Air Force, 1999

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
Air Force - 1997-99

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2015-17 .....San Diego State  
Quarterbacks Coach

2003-14 .....Air Force  
Offensive Coordinator/QB (2007-14)  
Wide Receivers (2005-06)  
Varsity/JV Assistant (2003-04)

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### → **At San Diego State**

■ Blane Morgan is in his third season at San Diego State as the quarterbacks coach.

■ In 2016, starting quarterback Christian Chapman's 61.0 completion percentage was the third best by an Aztec since 1996. The redshirt sophomore ranked second in the MW in pass touchdown percentage (11th nationally, 8.0) and touchdown-to-interception percentage (T-23rd nationally, 3.33).

■ The 2015 Aztecs went 12 straight games without throwing an interception, the most in SDSU's Division I era. San Diego State finished the year by going without an interception in 208 passes for the country's longest active streak. The team finished second in the conference with a 142.10 passing efficiency rating and 19th nationally with 14.10 passing yards per completion.

### → **Previous Experience**

■ Morgan coached at Air Force from 2003-14 in three different capacities. The last eight seasons of his tenure with the Falcons, he served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

■ From 2007-14, when Morgan was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Air Force, the Falcons ranked 24th nationally in passing efficiency rating (139.1). During that time, the Falcons ranked third nationally in yards per completion (14.82).

■ As a team, the Falcons enjoyed great success while Morgan served as the offensive coordinator. The Falcons posted a 59-44 record (57.3 percent) and advanced to seven bowl games in that eight-year span.

### → **Playing Experience**

■ A two-year starter and three-time letterwinner at quarterback for Air Force, he posted a 20-3 record as a starter at the position. He owns the highest career winning percentage by any signal caller in Falcons history.

## Notable Players Coached

### → **Shaun Carney, QB (Air Force)**

*Four-year starter; 5,391 yards passing, 2,561 yards rushing*

### → **Tim Jefferson, QB (Air Force)**

*Four-year starter; 4,599 yards passing, 1,988 yards rushing*

### → **Jordan Eason, OL (Air Force)**

*2011 First-Team All-MW*

### → **A.J. Wallerstein, OL (Air Force)**

*2011 First-Team All-MW*

### → **Asher Clark, OL (Air Force)**

*2010 First-Team All-MW*

### → **Nick Charles, OL (Air Force)**

*2009 First-Team All-MW, 2008 & 2007 Second-Team All-MW*

### → **Peter Lusk, OL (Air Force)**

*2009 First-Team All-MW*

### → **Jared Tew, FB (Air Force)**

*2009 First-Team All-MW*

### → **Chad Hall, WR/RB (Air Force)**

*2007 First-Team All-MW*

### **BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (9)**

#### → **San Diego State**

*2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawai'i Bowl*

#### → **Air Force**

*2014 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2012 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, 2011 Military Bowl, 2010 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl, 2009 Bell Helicopter Armed Force Bowl, 2008 Bell Helicopter Armed Force Bowl, 2007 Bell Helicopter Armed Force Bowl*

### **BOWL GAMES AS A PLAYER (2)**

#### → **Air Force**

*1998 Jeep Oahu Bowl, 1997 Las Vegas Bowl*



■ As a senior, Morgan led Air Force to a 12-1 record and earned Western Athletic Conference offensive player-of-the-year honors. He led Air Force to a victory over Washington in the Oahu Bowl.

■ His junior season, Morgan posted a 10-3 record with Air Force.

■ Morgan posted a 3-0 record as a starting quarterback against other service academies.

■ He is the only QB in school history to guide the Falcons to an outright conference title.

■ Was named team most valuable player (1998) as a junior and was the Academy male athlete of the year (1999) as a senior.

■ Ended his three-year career having thrown for 3,324 yards and 22 touchdowns and rushed for 2,567 yards and 39 touchdowns.

■ He recorded multiple interceptions just one time in 28 career games.

### → **Education**

■ Earned his bachelor's degree from Air Force in 1999.

### → **Personal**

■ Morgan and his wife, Mandy, have two children - a son, Brodie, and a daughter, Camille.

■ Morgan played for his father, Barry, at Trinity Christian Academy in Addison, Texas.

■ Blaine's older brother, Beau, was a starting quarterback at Air Force.

# Mike Schmidt - Offensive Line



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## → At San Diego State

- Mike Schmidt enters his sixth season as San Diego State's offensive line coach and his ninth as a member of the Aztec staff.
- Has been influential in San Diego State establishing itself as one of the top rushing programs in the country. Since joining the staff as a full-time assistant coach in 2012, the Aztecs rank 14th nationally in rushing yardage per game (220.7), tied for 17th in rushing touchdowns (152) and 18th in rushing yard per carry (5.1).
- The 2016 Aztecs set program records in rushing yards (3,680), rushing touchdowns (34), rushing yards per carry (5.8), points (493) and field goals (21).
- Guided Nico Siragusa in 2016 to *USA Today* First-Team and AP Third-Team All-America accolades. Over his four years, Siragusa blocked for the all-time leading rusher (Donnel Pumphrey), becoming the first San Diego State offensive lineman to be named a first-team all-MW selection twice in league history. He was the second SDSU offensive lineman drafted in the last three years when he was picked in the fourth round by the Baltimore Ravens.
- In his first collegiate year at the position in 2016, Daniel Brunskill was chosen as a Burlsworth Nominee and captured second-team All-MW honors.
- In 2015, under his tutelage, Siragusa and Pearce Slater earned All-Mountain West first-team honors, the first time in MW history that the Aztecs had two first-teamers on the offensive line and the first time in any league since 1998 (WAC - Pacific Division). It was also the fourth straight season multiple offensive linemen earned all-conference honors.
- The 2015 Aztecs finished fifth in the nation in red zone offense (94.1 pct.), 14th in rushing yards per game (233.3) and 17th in time of possession (32:43).
- In 2014, San Diego State set a then-school record for yards per carry, averaging 5.4 yards per rush. That figure ranked 13th nationally.
- Terry Poole (first team) and Darrell Greene (honorable mention) both earned all-conference accolades on the offensive line in 2014. It marked the third consecutive season that at least two Aztec o-linemen were honored by the league. Poole was drafted in the fourth round by the Seattle Seahawks.
- Under his guidance, SDSU ran for at least 2,000 yards as a team and produced a 1,000-yard rusher for the fifth year in a row in 2013.
- In 2013, the Aztec offensive line helped pave the way for a rushing attack that totaled over 2,000 yards for the fourth consecutive year for the first time in school history.
- Coached multiple all-Mountain West selections for the second year in a row in 2013 after tackle Bryce Quigley earned second-team distinction and guard Poole received honorable mention.
- In his first year as assistant coach in 2012, the Aztec offensive line helped establish team rushing records with 2,869 yards in 578 attempts.
- In 2012, had three players garner all-MW accolades that same season. Guard Nik Embernate signed a free agent contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers after collecting first-team honors; center Alec Johnson was a second-team selection for the second straight year, while Quigley landed on the honorable mention squad.
- Was SDSU's graduate assistant on the offensive side of the ball for two years from 2010-11, working primarily with the offensive line. In 2010, the Aztecs tied for fifth nationally in fewest sacks allowed (0.69/g) and ranked seventh (0.85/g) in the same category in 2011.
- In 2011, helped mentor Tommie Draheim, who became the first Aztec offensive lineman to earn first-team all-MW recognition since 2003. Draheim inked a free agent contract with the Kansas City Chiefs in the spring of 2013 after spending time with the Green Bay Packers and New England Patriots camps in 2012.
- In 2009, volunteered as a student assistant with the team, while completing his undergraduate degree.



## → Playing Experience

- Played offensive line for San Diego State from 2005-08 and was a captain in his senior campaign.
- A former walk-on the defensive line, he changed sides of the ball and earned a scholarship in the fall of 2007.
- Team captain at Madison High School in San Diego from 2004-05. Led the Warhawks to two Harbor League titles, while earning second-team all-CIF, league co-offensive player-of-the-year and first-team all-league honors as a senior.
- Played in the 15th annual Alex Spanos All-Star Classic and was a *San Diego Union-Tribune* all-academic pick.

## → Education

- Graduated from San Diego State with his bachelor's degree in criminal justice in the fall of 2009.

## → Personal

- Schmidt and his wife, Jennifer, reside in San Diego.



## Schmidt File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Sixth Year

■ **Hometown:**  
San Diego, Calif

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Jennifer

■ **Alma Mater:**  
San Diego State, 2009

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
San Diego State - 2005-08

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2009-17 ..... San Diego State  
Offensive Line (2012-17)  
Graduate Assistant - Offense (2010-11)  
Student Assistant (2009)

## Notable Players Coached

- **Nico Siragusa, OL (SDSU)**  
2017 NFL Draft pick, 2016 *USA Today* First-Team and Associated Press Third-Team All-American, two-time first-Team All-MW (2015, 2016)
- **Pearce Slater, OL (SDSU)**  
2015 First-Team All-MW
- **Bryce Quigley, OL (SDSU)**  
Two-time All-Mountain West selection
- **Terry Poole, OL (SDSU)**  
2013 Honorable-Mention All-MW, 2014 First-Team All-MW, 2015 NFL Draft Pick
- **Nik Embernate, OL (SDSU)**  
2012 First-Team All-MW
- **Alec Johnson, OL (SDSU)**  
2011-12 Second-Team All-MW selection, Rimington Trophy Watch List

## BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (7)

- **San Diego State**  
2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawai'i Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl, 2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2012 Poinsettia Bowl, 2011 New Orleans Bowl, 2010 Poinsettia Bowl



# Kevin McGarry - Player Personnel



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## → At San Diego State

- Kevin McGarry enters his seventh season as a full-time member of the San Diego State football staff.
- He is one of four members of the San Diego State staff who have been a collegiate head coach at another school (Rocky Long, Bobby Hauck, Jeff Horton and McGarry).

## Notable Players Coached

- **Miles Burris, LB (SDSU), Oakland Raiders**  
First-Team All-MW honoree, 2012 NFL Draft pick
- **Dylan Ching, WR (USD)**  
Finished career as school's all-time leading receiver, Drafted by CFL's Saskatchewan Roughriders
- **Jeb Dougherty, DB (USD)**  
Two-time Academic All-American, NCAA Division I-AA All-American, AP Third-Team I-AA All-American
- **Dan Herbert, DB (USD)**  
Kodak College Div. II All-American, Academic All-American
- **Dylan Mora, P (USD)**  
I-AA Sports Network Mid-Major First-Team All-American
- **Doug Popovich, DB (USD)**  
Two-Time First-Team Academic All-American, AFCA Third-Team All-American, Sports Network Third-Team and Honorable-Mention All-American
- **Eric Rasmussen, QB (USD)**  
AFCA All-American, Led the nation in passing efficiency in 2002

### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH (3)

- **San Diego State**  
2013 Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, 2012 Poinsettia Bowl, 2011 New Orleans Bowl

### BOWL GAMES AS AN ADMINISTRATOR (3)

- **San Diego State**  
2016 Las Vegas Bowl, 2015 Hawai'i Bowl, 2014 Poinsettia Bowl

- After serving as special teams coach in 2012 and 2013 following a stint as linebackers coach in 2011, he assumed the title of director of player personnel in March 2014.
- In his current role, McGarry handles the day-to-day administrative duties of the Aztecs' recruiting efforts and will contribute to the team's overall talent evaluation.
- Coached two players - punter Joel Alesi (Oct. 7) and return specialist Tim Vizzi (Nov. 25) - who received Mountain West Special Teams Player-of-the-Week recognition in 2013. Alesi was also named to the Ray Guy Award watch list, while Vizzi tied a school record with two punt returns for touchdowns last year.
- Oversaw a special teams unit that returned two kicks for touchdowns in 2012. Also coached two players in kicker Chance Marden (Oct. 22) and returner Colin Lockett (Nov. 5), who earned Mountain West Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors.
- In 2011, coached first-team all-conference linebacker Miles Burris, who led the league in tackles for loss with 19.5, which ranked ninth nationally. Burris also was named to watch lists for the Butkus, Lombardi and Nagurski Awards and was selected in the fourth round the 2012 NFL Draft by the Oakland Raiders.
- Two of McGarry's linebackers, Burris and Logan Ketchum, also received acclaim for their work in the classroom. In the spring of 2012, Burris earned a spot on the National Football Foundation (NFF) Hampshire Honor Society and was a semifinalist for the NFF's William V. Campbell Trophy. Ketchum, meanwhile, was named the 2011-12 SDSU Student-Athlete of the Year and became the first Aztec football player to secure a spot on the Capital One Academic All-District 8 first team since 2006.
- Before beginning his current position, served as an assistant to the Aztec coaches from 2009-10.

### → Previous Experience

- Moved across town after eight campaigns as the head football coach at the University of San Diego from 1996-2003. McGarry compiled a 39-37 overall record with five seasons at .500 or above. His squads also were ranked nationally on three occasions.
- Under McGarry's direction, the Toreros were the No. 1 offense in the nation (Div. I-AA) in 2003, and consistently were rated in the top 20 in various defensive categories. In 2002, he helped then junior quarterback Eric Rasmussen lead the nation in passing efficiency (164.2).
- Was named the Pioneer Football League Coach of the Year in 2002, and had eight players garner All-America honors during his tenure.
- Prior to being named head coach, was USD's defensive coordinator from 1980-95, and was an assistant coach at the school from 1978-80.
- Also was the Toreros' head softball coach from 1980-85.

### → Playing Experience

- Began his collegiate career at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif., where he started at wide receiver and defensive back from 1974-75. He was tabbed the team's MVP his final campaign and was later inducted into Saddleback's Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Transferred to the University of San Diego, playing on both sides of the ball at wide receiver and defensive back from 1976-77. He picked up team defensive player-of-the-year honors his senior season.

### → Education

- Has a bachelor's degree in English/diversified liberal arts and a master's in educational administration from the University of San Diego.

### → Personal

- McGarry and his wife, Mary Ann, have four sons, Pat, Mike, Timbo and Matt.



## McGarry File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Seventh Year

■ **Hometown:**  
San Diego, Calif.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Mary Ann, and children, Pat, Mike, Timbo and Matt

■ **Alma Mater:**  
San Diego, 1979, 1985

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
Saddleback College - 1974-75  
University of San Diego - 1976-77

■ **Professional Experience:**  
2014-17 ..... San Diego State  
Director of Player Personnel

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2011-13 ..... San Diego State  
Special Teams (2012-13)  
Linebackers (2011)

1978-2003 ..... San Diego  
Head Coach (1996-2003)  
Defensive Coordinator (1980-95)  
Assistant Coach (1978-80)

# Jashon Sykes - Asst. A.D. - Football Ops

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## Sykes File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Fifth Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Los Angeles, Calif.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Qiana, and children, Joslyn, Autumn and Semion

■ **Alma Mater:**  
Colorado, 2002

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
Colorado - 1998-2002

■ **Professional Experience:**  
2013-17 .....San Diego State  
*Director of Football Operations*

2006-12 .....Colorado  
*Director of Football Operations (2011-12)*  
*Asst. Operations Dir. and Coord. of Football Relations (2009-10)*  
*Dir. of On-Campus Recruiting (2007-08)*  
*Adm. Asst. - Recruiting and Operations (2006)*

2007-08 .....Denver Broncos  
*Training Camp Assistant Coach*

### → At San Diego State

■ Jashon Sykes begins his fifth season at San Diego State as the team's Director of Football Operations and his third as the Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the football program including scheduling, budgeting, and team travel.

■ Sykes works closely with members of the campus community including the faculty, housing & dining, and academic advising. Other duties include game day management, community outreach, the coordination and planning of team events related to the football program, the annual team awards banquet and special projects.

■ Sykes also serves as the football team's NFL liaison, managing and coordinating pro day, and assisting the potential NFL Aztecs with transitioning from college to the NFL.

### → Previous Experience

■ Before his arrival on Montezuma Mesa, Sykes spent seven years as an administrator at his alma mater, Colorado, including the last two as the Buffaloes' director of football operations in 2011-12. Also served as director of the team's elite high school summer camp.

■ Returned to the Boulder campus in 2006 following a four-year pro playing career, working as an administrative assistant in recruiting and operations for one season before taking on the role of on-campus recruiting director in 2007-08.

■ Spent two summers with the Denver Broncos as a training camp assistant coach. Worked with the linebackers as an intern in 2007, before assuming a dual role in 2008 with the operations department while assisting the defensive line.

### → Playing Experience

■ Starred at linebacker for Colorado, finishing 10th on the school's all-time list with 330 tackles. Also amassed 33 tackles for a loss and 12.5 quarterback sacks during his collegiate career.

■ Played in all 12 games as a true freshman in 1998, starting four of the last five games of the year, including the Buffaloes' victory over Oregon in the Aloha Bowl. Received first-team freshman All-

America honors from *The Sporting News* after making 52 tackles, including 14 in the regular-season finale against Nebraska.

■ Garnered second-team All-America accolades from *Football News* and was a first-team all-Big 12 selection by the Associated Press following his sophomore campaign in 1999. Finished second in the conference with 134 tackles (82 solo), becoming just the fifth Colorado sophomore to lead the team in that statistic since 1965. Also topped the nation with a school-record seven forced fumbles.

■ Was named defensive MVP of the Insight.com Bowl that season after recording nine tackles and returning an interception for a touchdown in the Buffaloes' romp over Boston College.

■ Earned honorable mention all-Big 12 recognition as a junior in 2000, after totaling 111 tackles (78 solo), 3.5 sacks, two pass deflections and one interception.

■ Appeared on preseason watch lists for both the Butkus and Lombardi Awards prior to his senior campaign in 2001. Started the first four games that year before suffering a herniated disc. Opted to declare for the NFL Draft in lieu of pursuing a medical redshirt.

■ Played two seasons for the Denver Broncos in 2003 and 2004 after landing on the team's practice squad in 2002. Made 11 starts during the 2003 season, helping the Broncos post the NFL's fourth-ranked defense by collecting 65 tackles, two fumble recoveries and a block punt. Ended his professional playing career with the Washington Redskins.

■ Prepped at Serra High School in Gardena, Calif., landing on multiple All-America lists. Additionally earned a spot on the *Long Beach Press-Telegram's* prestigious Best-in-the-West Team, receiving a maximum 10 votes. Also won three varsity letters in track as a sprinter and one in basketball.

### → Education

■ Received his bachelor's degree in ethic studies from Colorado in 2002.

### → Personal

■ He and his wife, Qiana, have two daughters, Joslyn and Autumn, and a son, Semion.







## Adam Hall

Assistant Athletic Director - Strength and Conditioning  
Eighth Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '04



### → At San Diego State

- Former Aztec quarterback Adam Hall is in his eighth season in the strength and conditioning program at San Diego State and will begin his sixth overseeing the football program.
- He was promoted to assistant athletic director for strength and conditioning in March 2015 after serving as interim director of strength and conditioning during the 2014 football campaign.
- Worked at SDSU as the assistant strength and conditioning coach from January 2009 until May 2010 during current head coach Rocky Long's first 16 months with the Aztecs. Hall assisted then-strength and conditioning coach Aaron Wellman with all workouts.

### → Previous Experience

- Prior to returning to Montezuma Mesa, he spent two years at Texas where he was the Longhorns' offensive graduate assistant in 2010 and the program's recruiting coordinator in 2011.
- Texas compiled an 8-5 mark in 2011, capped by a victory over California at the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

### → Playing Experience

- Started his collegiate playing career at Texas in 1999, before transferring to San Diego State after his freshman campaign.
- As an Aztec, needed just three seasons to become a 5,000-yard passer, one of only nine players to accomplish that feat at SDSU. Playing through injuries, he still managed to record 423 completions, 5,173 passing yards and 24 touchdowns.
- Produced two of the best individual passing games in school history, throwing for 516 yards against Arizona State on Sept. 14, 2002, and 506 yards at Idaho on Sept. 21, 2002. His 60 attempts against the Sun Devils were a school-record until Adam Dingwell threw 63 times in the 2013 opener vs. Eastern Illinois. In addition, he led the Mountain West in passing efficiency his junior season.
- In the school's career record book, ranks ninth in attempts, eighth in completions and ninth in passing yards.
- Nominated for the 2003 Davy O'Brien Award and was an honorable mention all-league selection as a junior. He also served as one of the team's captains his final campaign.
- Prepped at Westlake High School in Austin, Texas, where he was a decorated athlete, earning first-team 5A all-state honors by the *Associated Press* and second-team accolades by the Texas Sportswriters Association.

### → Education

- Earned his bachelor's degree from San Diego State in 2004 in public administration.
- CSCCA and USAW certified.

### → Personal

- Hall and his wife, Tracy, have two children.

### Hall File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Eighth Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Austin, Texas

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Tracy, and two children

■ **Alma Mater:**  
San Diego State, 2004

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
2000-03  
San Diego State

1999  
Texas

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2015-17  
San Diego State  
Assistant A.D. - *Strength and Conditioning*

2012-15  
San Diego State  
*Football Strength & Conditioning Coach*

2011  
Texas  
*Recruiting Coordinator*

2010  
Texas  
*Graduate Asst. - Offense*

2009-10  
San Diego State  
*Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach*

## Derrick Baker

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach  
Second Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '14



### → At San Diego State

- San Diego State graduate Derrick Baker is in his second season as an assistant strength and conditioning coach with the Aztecs.
- He serves as the strength and conditioning coach for track and field, cross country and men's golf, assisting with football.
- Upon graduating with his bachelor's degree in 2014, Baker served as an intern with the Aztecs' strength and conditioning program from January 2013 until December 2014.
- While working toward his bachelor's degree, he was the head student manager with San Diego State football from 2012-14, conducting daily football operations, assisting with defensive line positions, coordinating practices and games and issuing and maintaining athletic gear and equipment.

### → Previous Experience

- After serving nearly two years as an intern with San Diego State's strength and conditioning staff, he was an intern from January 2015 to July 2015 with California's strength and conditioning program, assisting with football, men's rowing and men's gymnastics.

### → Education

- Earned his bachelor's degree from San Diego State in 2014 in kinesiology.
- NSCA and USAW certified.

## Orin Catrett

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach  
Eighth Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '09, '13



### → At San Diego State

- Two-time San Diego State graduate Orin Catrett is in his eighth year at San Diego State and is in his second season working with Aztec Football.
- In addition to his duties with SDSU football, he is the head strength and conditioning coach for softball, men's and women's tennis and the club rugby team.
- After earning his bachelor's degree from SDSU, he served as a graduate assistant with the Aztecs' strength and conditioning department from January 2009 to January 2011.
- Upon earning his M.A. in kinesiology, he served as a strength and conditioning assistant at San Diego State, working primarily with men's and women's tennis, rowing, club rugby, baseball and softball.

### → Playing Experience

- Played football at Arkansas State for the 2005 and 2006 seasons.
- Prepped at Live Oak High School in Morgan Hill, Calif., where he earned all-conference honors as a senior.

### → Education

- Earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in exercise science from San Diego State in 2009 and his master's degree in the same subject from SDSU in 2013.
- CSCS and USAW certified.

# Graduate Assistants



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## Adam Roberts

Graduate Assistant - Offense  
First Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '15



→ **At San Diego State**

■ Adam Roberts is in his first season as a graduate assistant coach on the offensive side of the ball after completing his eligibility in 2015 with the Aztecs as a tight end and a fullback.

→ **Playing Experience**

- Started 34 of 49 games played in four years atop Montezuma Mesa.
- Was named to the Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List as a senior for his ties to Texas, and his display of performance, integrity and tenacity.
- Started every game his junior and senior seasons.
- Earned Academic All-Mountain West honors each of his four seasons donning the Scarlet and Black.
- At the tight end and fullback positions during his career, recorded 38 receptions and six touchdowns while averaging 93.25 receiving yards per season
- Had a career year in 2013 as a junior, logging 217 receiving yards on 20 receptions with three touchdowns.
- Attended Coronado High School in El Paso, Texas, where he was a two-time first-team all-district and all-city honoree in football.

→ **Education**

- Earned his bachelor's degree in public administration from San Diego State in 2015.
- Currently pursuing his master's degree in liberal arts and sciences.

→ **Personal**

- Born Sept. 28, 1992 in El Paso, Texas

### Roberts File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
First Year

■ **Hometown:**  
El Paso, Texas

■ **Alma Mater:**  
San Diego State, 2015

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
2011-14  
San Diego State

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2017  
San Diego State  
*Graduate Asst. - Offense*



## Zach Shapiro

Graduate Assistant - Defense  
Third Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '10



→ **At San Diego State**

■ Zach Shapiro is in his third season as a graduate assistant coach at San Diego State. His focus is on the defensive side of the ball.

→ **Playing Experience**

- Played defensive line for San Diego State and ended his career in 2009. Once his football eligibility had expired, he played on the SDSU rugby club team.
- Played in all 12 games for the Aztecs during his senior season, recording 18 tackles (eight solos), three tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.
- Saw action in seven games for the Aztecs during the 2008 campaign.
- Originally a walk-on at San Diego State, he earned a scholarship his senior season.
- Played football at Claremont High School, where he was a first-team all-league selection on both offense and defense.
- Played defensive line and fullback.
- Team won the Baseline League title three consecutive years.
- Served as team captain, notching 96 tackles, 10 sacks and five forced fumbles in 2004.

→ **Coaching Experience**

- Served as a linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at Hoover High from 2012-14.
- The team claimed the league title in 2014 and advanced to the CIF championship game for the first time in school history.
- He also coached the rugby team and served as the track and field strength and conditioning coach while at Hoover.

→ **Education**

- Shapiro graduated from San Diego State in 2010 with a degree in social science and an emphasis in anthropology.
- He is currently enrolled in homeland security graduate program.

→ **Personal**

- Born Nov. 5, 1987, in Claremont, Calif.
- Son of Arthur and Mary Jane Shapiro.

### Shapiro File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Third Year

■ **Hometown:**  
Claremont, Calif.

■ **Alma Mater:**  
San Diego State, 2010

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
2008-09  
San Diego State

2007  
Mt. San Antonio College

2005-06  
Nevada

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2015-17  
San Diego State  
*Graduate Asst. - Defense*



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## Demetrius Sumler

Graduate Assistant - Defense/Special Teams  
Second Year at San Diego State  
Colorado '11



### → At San Diego State

■ Demetrius Sumler is in his second year at San Diego State. He works with the Aztecs' defense and special teams.

### → Playing Experience

■ Played for Novi Sad GAT Dukes of the Serbian Association of American Football for the 2014 season.

■ Completed his final season of eligibility at Central Washington in 2012, where he helped the Wildcats to its seventh GNAC title in 10 years en route to earning first-team all-conference honors on offense.

■ Tied the program's single-game rushing touchdown record with five in a homecoming win over Simon Fraser.

■ A three-year letterwinner at Colorado where he played in 36 games for the Buffaloes from 2007-09, making 14 starts.

■ Over his career at Colorado, rushed 199 times for 714 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 19.8 rushing yards per game. He also notched 45 receptions for 333 receiving yards to average 7.4 yards per carry.

■ Was the team's Gold Group Commitment Award winner in 2008 and 2009, given by the coaches to the player committed to all-around excellence. Also named the Fred Casotti Award winner as a sophomore as the most improved offensive back during spring practice.

■ A four-year letterwinner at San Diego's Cathedral Catholic High School in football, where he graduated as the No. 48 running back in the nation (and the No. 98 overall prospect in California) according to *Rivals.com*.

■ Completed his prep career as the San Diego area's all-time leading rusher with 5,696 yards, as well as scoring a combined 67 career touchdowns.

### → Education

■ Graduated from Colorado in 2011 with his bachelor's degree in economics.

■ Currently pursuing his master's degree in liberal arts and interdisciplinary studies.

### → Personal

■ Sumler and his wife, Marissa, live in San Diego.



### Sumler File

■ **Year at San Diego State:**  
Second Year

■ **Hometown:**  
San Diego, Calif.

■ **Family:**  
Wife, Marissa

■ **Alma Mater:**  
Colorado, 2011

■ **Collegiate Playing Experience:**  
2012  
Central Washington

2006-09  
Colorado

■ **Coaching Experience:**  
2016-17  
San Diego State  
*Graduate Asst. - Offense*

## Jackson Eskierka

Graduate Assistant - Offense  
First Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '16



### → At San Diego State

■ Jackson Eskierka is in his fifth year at San Diego State and his first year as a graduate assistant with the football program.

■ From the 2013 through the 2016 seasons, Eskierka was an athletic equipment manager and coaches' assistant for the football team.

■ As an athletic equipment manager, he directed a team of 10 student equipment managers. He also assisted with in-game equipment-related issues, the set up and execution of practices, equipment issue and maintenance and laundry.

■ As a coaches' assistant, during games, he charted plays for

the offensive coaching staff.

### → Education

■ Graduated from San Diego State in December 2016 with his bachelor's degree in sociology, appearing on the Dean's List three times.

■ Currently pursuing his master's degree in liberal arts and interdisciplinary studies.

## Jake Laudenslayer

Assistant for Football Recruiting  
Fourth Year at San Diego State  
Cal Lutheran '11



### → At San Diego State

■ Jake Laudenslayer is in his fourth year at San Diego State and his first year as the assistant for football recruiting.

■ As an offensive graduate assistant working with the Aztec tight ends, he guided David Wells to a spot on the All-MW second team after his four touchdowns were tied for the 22nd most in the country among tight ends.

### → Previous Experience

■ Served as wide receivers coach during the 2012 campaign at his alma mater, Cal Lutheran. Helped Eric Rogers earn Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year honors.

### → Playing Experience

■ Starred at quarterback for two seasons at Cal Lutheran, leading the Kingsmen to consecutive SCIAC championships.

■ Was named the league's offensive player of the year in 2011 after directing CLU to its second straight NCAA Division III playoff appearance.

■ Threw for a combined 4,256 yards and 37 touchdowns during his stint on the Thousand Oaks campus, completing 297 passes on 471 attempts. Also rushed for 620 yards with seven TDs.

■ Signed with Marshall in 2009, but did not see action.

■ Played two seasons at Mendocino College in Ukiah, Calif., following his prep career. Garnered first-team all-state accolades and collected Bay Valley Conference Most Valuable Player honors after leading the Eagles to the league championship in 2007. Also earned first-team all-BVC honors as a sophomore in 2008.

■ Attended Grace Davis High School in Modesto, Calif., where he was an all-Metro League selection in football.

### → Education

■ Graduated from Cal Lutheran in the fall of 2011 with his bachelor's degree in marketing communications.



## Doug Deakin

Assistant for Football Operations  
Sixth Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '10, '14



Doug Deakin begins his 11th season at San Diego State that started as a student-athlete and now as a member of the football staff. This is his third season as the assistant for football operations. In his current position, Deakin assists the director of football operations Jashon Sykes in all aspects of the program.

Previously, Deakin served as a graduate assistant coach on defense and special teams.

Deakin was a fan favorite as a walk-on football player with the Aztecs. A quarterback out of high school, Deakin transitioned into a wide receiver while at SDSU.

He played a combined 24 games during the 2009 and 2010 campaigns, playing on special teams and serving as the team's holder on field goals and extra-point attempts.

Deakin was one of three captains selected by his teammates prior to his senior season in 2010. Ran 13 yards for a first down off a fake field-goal try in the Aztecs' rout of Utah State and saw in action in SDSU's win over Navy in the Poinsettia Bowl.

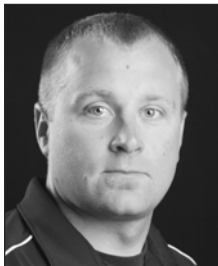
He was awarded the 2008 SDSU President's Award for Highest Standards of Academic and Athletic Excellence. He garnered SDSU scholar-athlete honors and received academic all-Mountain West distinction in 2009. Deakin was also nominated for the College Football Rudy Awards, which recognizes student-athletes who demonstrate excellent character, contribution and commitment as members of their college football teams.

A native of Oak Park, Calif., Deakin received his undergraduate degree in business management from San Diego State in 2010 and a master's degree from SDSU in educational leadership in 2014.

Deakin is married to the former Emily Diggins.

## Brian Murphy

Video Coordinator  
15th Year at San Diego State



Brian Murphy joined the San Diego State athletic department staff in August 2003 as the video coordinator.

In his position, he films and edits the Aztecs' football games and practices and coordinates film exchange with other schools. He is in charge of all video packages used by the football coaches in their scouting and game preparation.

Murphy's responsibilities also include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the video room and assisting with the video needs of other SDSU sports.

In April 2017, he was named the Collegiate Sports Video Association Conference Video Coordinator of the Year for the sixth time in his career (also 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2016). The honor, voted on by his peers, made Murphy a finalist for the Bob Matey National Video Coordinator of the Year award.

From 1997-2000, Murphy was an assistant video director with the San Diego Chargers. He filmed and edited games and practices and assisted the NFL with the Super Bowl held in San Diego in 1998. He also provided the NFL with video support for the 1999 Holiday Bowl.

Murphy graduated from Mira Mesa High School in 1995, and attended both SDSU and Miramar College. He currently lives in Poway with his wife, Shawna, and their daughters, Cali and Finley.



## Gregg Nassen

Assistant Video Coordinator

## Angie Garza

Director of Athletic Equipment Services  
10th Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '04



### Equipment Attendants

Dennis Brown  
Samantha Sneddon

Angie Garza returned to Montezuma Mesa in the spring of 2012 as the director of athletic equipment services.

In her position, she oversees the purchasing, budgeting, fitting, maintenance and distribution of equipment for the entire Aztec athletic program, including the football team.

Previously, she worked at the University of San Diego as the manager of athletic equipment services for three years. At USD, her responsibilities included purchasing, budgeting, maintaining, fitting, laundering, organizing and distributing equipment for all 17 Torero varsity sports.

Garza's first full-time stint at SDSU was from 2004-09, when she was the assistant manager of equipment services. In that position, she helped supervise a staff of three full-time assistants and 12 student managers in the daily operations for 18 varsity sports.

The Los Angeles native has a bachelor of science degree from San Diego State in child development with an emphasis in family development. As an undergraduate, she worked as a student equipment manager for the football team from 2001-04.

Garza is a certified member of the Athletic Equipment Managers' Association and resides in San Diego with her husband, Ricky.



## Sonny Sanfilippo

Assistant Director of Athletic Equipment Services

## Patsy Armstrong

Football Administration Specialist  
13th Year at San Diego State  
UC Santa Barbara '03; San Diego State '08



Now in her fifth year working with San Diego State Athletics, Patsy Armstrong serves as the football administration specialist.

In her role, Armstrong provides executive-level administrative leadership and professional support for head football coach Rocky Long and his staff. She is also responsible for the daily internal operations and serves as the team liaison for student-athletes, human resources, development, marketing and NFL personnel. Armstrong oversees the analytical and evaluation aspects of recruiting and operational needs. She manages social media efforts, supervises the football student interns, and manages community engagements for Long and student-athletes.

Prior to returning to the athletics department, Armstrong worked on campus in the student life and leadership office in the Division of Student Affairs as a student life advisor for seven years.

Armstrong is a 2003 graduate of UC Santa Barbara and received her master's degree from San Diego State in 2008. She currently lives in San Diego with her son, Anthony. She is also an active member of Women Leaders in College Sports and Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA).



## Jessica Amerosa

Academic Advisor

12th Year at San Diego State

Mississippi State '00; Kansas State '06



Jessica Amerosa is in her 12th year as an academic advisor at San Diego State.

She works with the Aztec football team's defensive and special teams players and also is the advisor for the SDSU baseball and softball squads.

Before moving to San Diego, the former Jessica Simmons earned her master's degree in educational psychology with an emphasis in intercollegiate athletics at Kansas State in 2006. While in Manhattan, she also was an assistant academic counselor for the Wildcat football team.

Amerosa has a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice from Mississippi State and worked at Butler County Community College from 2000-04, where she was the athletic academic advisor/assistant coordinator of special needs. The El Dorado, Kan., native is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. Amerosa and her husband, Mathew, reside in San Diego.

## Megan Taormina

Academic Advisor/Learning Specialist

Fourth Year at San Diego State

San Diego State '10, '13



Megan Taormina enters her fourth year as a learning specialist and academic advisor at San Diego State.

In her position, Taormina mentors and tutors in the Student-Athlete Academic Support Services (SAASS) Department, working specifically with the football and men's basketball programs. She meets with the student-athlete in a one-on-one setting, helping him or her accomplish academic goals through a variety of study skills and techniques.

Taormina was also an adjunct instructor and the learning workshops coordinator at Grossmont Community College for three years.

Taormina has both a master's (2013) and bachelor's (2010) degree in English and comparative literature from San Diego State, concentrating on children's literature. She completed the San Diego/Imperial County Community College Association (SDICCCA) internship program in 2013 and was a teaching associate (2012-13) and teaching assistant (2013) at SDSU while working towards her master's degree.

Taormina is a member of the Modern Language Association, the Children's Literature Association and the California Association of Teachers of English. A San Diego native, Taormina and her husband, Anthony, live in La Mesa.

## Dr. SaBrina "Bre" White

Assistant Director of Academic Services

18th Year at San Diego State

Utah State '94, '97; San Diego State '07, '11



Dr. Bre White is in her 22nd year as a student-athlete support services professional and enters her 18th year at SDSU, where she is the assistant director of academic services. She works directly with the Aztec football team (offense), as well as the men's and women's golf, women's basketball and cross country and track and field squads. White also is in charge of the department's community service program and works with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Prior to coming to San Diego State, White was an academic coordinator at Utah State for six years (1994-2000). She started off her career as an interim academic coordinator at her alma mater in 1994 right after graduation, and then was hired as a full-time academic coordinator in 1995. With the Aggies, she served as an advisor for the football, men's basketball, women's soccer, women's volleyball, men's golf, softball, gymnastics, and men's and women's tennis and track and field teams.

White earned her first degree from Utah State in liberal arts and science, and later went on to earn a second bachelor's degree in business. She received her master's degree in educational leadership, with an emphasis in student services, from San Diego State in 2007, and was tabbed the college of education's outstanding graduate student. White finished her Doctorate of Education (Ed.D) in 2011, completing her dissertation on "Transfer Shock and the Student-Athlete".

Born in Wethersfield, England, White enjoys boxing, crocheting and scrapbooking, and is looking forward to running her second half marathon one day. She also is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. She is a lifetime member of the SDSU alumni association and is now an "Aztec for Life."

## Scott Horvath

IT Coordinator & Coaches Communications

17th Year at San Diego State

Ohio State '98



Scott Horvath enters his 17th season at San Diego State and his 11th in Aztec athletics.

Horvath serves as the department's information technology coordinator and is in his 14th year working with the football coaches' communications on game days.

The Newark, Ohio, native previously was an IT consultant for business services and internet commerce across campus at SDSU. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1998 from Ohio State in management information systems before a two-year stint as IT manager for the city of Columbus, Ohio.

Horvath and his wife, Polly Kanel, who volunteers in the SDSU athletic department, reside in La Mesa with their pets.

# Support Staff - Medical Staff



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## Patrick Spieldenner

Assistant A.D. - Sports Medicine / Head Athletic Trainer  
Fourth Year at San Diego State  
San Diego State '04; New Mexico '06



Patrick Spieldenner enters his fourth year as a head athletic trainer and his second as the Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine at San Diego State.

Spieldenner arrived at SDSU after spending two years as the head athletic trainer for the Indiana football team. With the Hoosiers, Spieldenner was the medical coordinator on all aspects for the football team, working directly and closely with the head coach, coaching staff, strength and conditioning staff and nutritionists.

Prior to his appointment at IU, Spieldenner spent six years as an assistant athletic trainer at Nebraska. With the Cornhuskers, Spieldenner assisted with all aspects of the athletic medicine efforts for the football team, including year-round preventive care, immediate care for injured athletes at practice and games and the reconditioning of injured athletes.

Before accepting the position at Nebraska, Spieldenner served as the head men's soccer athletic trainer and assistant football athletic trainer at New Mexico. He earned his master's degree in physical education at UNM with an emphasis in sports administration in December 2006.

Spieldenner received his bachelor's degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in athletic training from SDSU in 2004, where he spent more than three years as a student athletic trainer.

Spieldenner also had season-long appointments with the NBA-D League's Albuquerque Thunderbirds and the NFL Europe's Rhein Fire, as well as season and summer internships with the NFL's San Diego Chargers.

Spieldenner has two sons, Maddox and Lex.



## Jacob Callahan

Assistant Athletic Trainer



## Ian Baldwin

Assistant Athletic Trainer



## Nik Turner

Assistant Athletic Trainer

## Dr. Christopher Behr

Team Physician/Head Orthopedic Surgeon  
19th Year at San Diego State



Dr. Christopher T. Behr currently serves as head team orthopedic surgeon and has been with San Diego State Athletics since 1999. He is a graduate of Cornell and Cornell University Medical College.

Dr. Behr completed his orthopedic residency and sports medicine fellowship at the renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City, where he worked closely with the New York Giants.

Dr. Behr is board certified in orthopedic surgery and is a partner in the San Diego Orthopedic Associates Medical Group.

## Dr. Allen Richburg

Director of Athletic Medicine  
20th Year at San Diego State



Dr. Allen Richburg enters his 20th year as a member of the SDSU athletic medicine staff.

An All-America wrestler at Fresno State, Richburg is a graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Medicine. He trained in family practice at the UCLA Santa Monica Family Practice Residency and completed his training in the San Diego Sports Medicine Fellowship Program.

He is a family physician at the San Diego Sports Medicine and Family Health Center, the head physician at Patrick Henry High and Grossmont College, and a U.S. Olympic team physician at the USOC Arco Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif.

## Dr. Scott Evans

Team Physician  
10th Year at San Diego State



Dr. Scott Evans is in his 10th year as a member of the SDSU Athletics sports medicine staff.

Evans earned his undergraduate degree from Brigham Young University, where he was the valedictorian of the College of Health and Human Performance, and obtained his medical degree from George Washington University.

Evans served his family medicine residency at the University of Utah and completed his fellowship in sports medicine at UCLA. While at UCLA, he worked as a team physician in the Bruins' athletic department.

Evans is a physician at San Diego Sports Medicine and also works as the team physician at Francis Parker High School.

### Other Team Physicians

- Dr. Doug Dengerink
- Dr. Alexandra Myers
- Dr. Rebecca Rodriguez
- Dr. Stephan Rohrer

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