



# PIERSON PRIOLEAU

## SAFETIES COACH

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### THE PRIOLEAU FILE

**Coaching Exp:** 12th season/4th at Virginia Tech  
**Hometown:** Alvin, South Carolina  
**High School:** Macedonia  
**College:** Virginia Tech (1999)  
**Playing Exp:** Virginia Tech (1995-98)  
 NFL (1999-10)  
**Family:** Wife – Alicia  
 Sons – PJ, Pace and Parker  
 PJ is a wide receiver for the Hokies.

### COACHING HISTORY

Year	School	Position
2022	Virginia Tech	Safeties
2019-21	Virginia Tech	Director of Player Development – Defense
2012-18	Radford HS	Defensive Coordinator

### NFL PLAYING CAREER

• In 12 NFL season, Prioleau played in 160 games (50 starts), registering 465 tackles (358 solo), eight TFL, seven forced fumbles, one interception and six sacks.

#### San Francisco D4-1999

• In two years with the 49ers, he played in 28 games, making one start. He recorded 102 tackles, three forced fumbles and registered an interception in 2000.

#### Buffalo FA-2001

• In four years, Prioleau played in 54 games with 26 starts in Buffalo. He recorded 203 tackles (146 solo) and four tackles for loss. He started in all 16 games in 2002.

#### Washington FA-2005

• Played in 31 games (eight starts) in his three seasons making 87 total tackles.

#### Jacksonville FA-2008

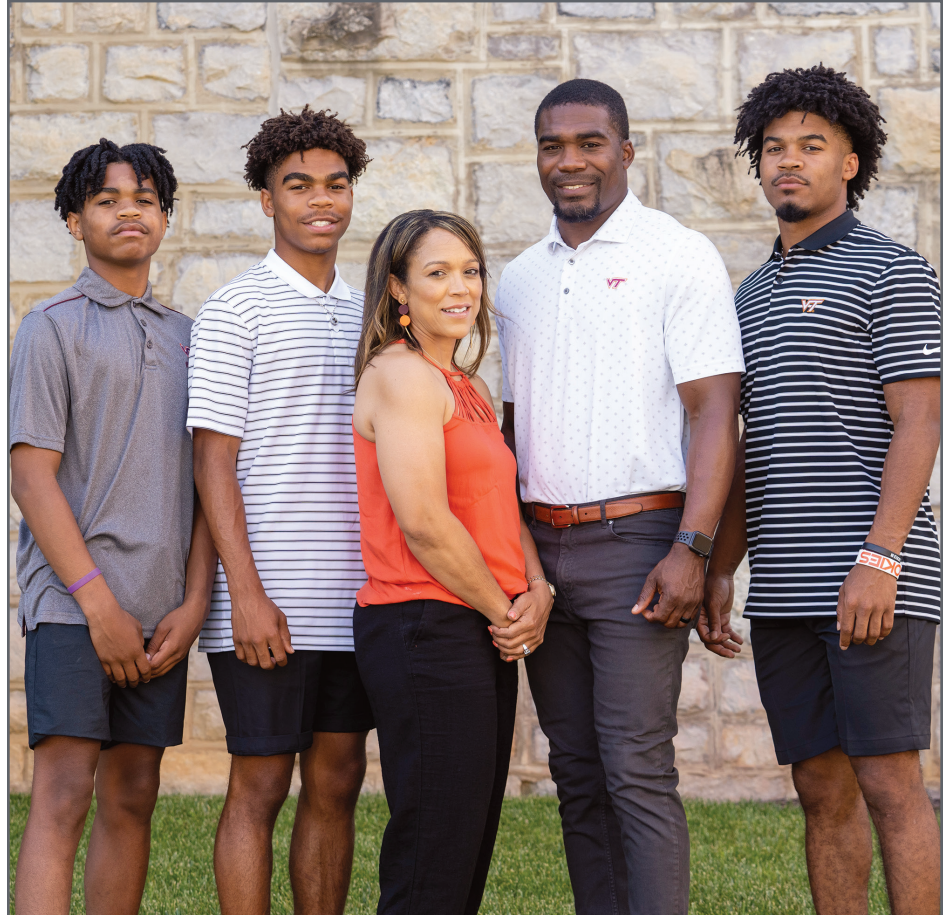
• Played in all 16 games, making one start. Registered 26 tackles on the season.

#### New Orleans FA-2010

• Concluded his career with the Saints winning Super Bowl XLIV. During the season he played in 15 games with one start, tallying 18 tackles. Tallied 47 total tackles in two seasons with New Orleans.

### BOWL GAMES PLAYED (4)

Year	Bowl	School
1998	Music City Bowl	Virginia Tech
1998	Gator Bowl	Virginia Tech
1996	Orange Bow	Virginia Tech
1995	Sugar Bowl	Virginia Tech



### COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- Virginia Tech Football head coach Brent Pry promoted Prioleau to serve as safeties coach.
- He returned to Virginia Tech in 2019 as director of player development – defense.
- Prior to his return to Blacksburg, Prioleau served as defensive coordinator at Radford High School after his retirement from the NFL in 2012.
- He also worked as a health and physical education instructor at Belle Heth Elementary School in Radford starting in 2015. He owns a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Virginia Tech.
- He also participated in the NFL Business Management and Entrepreneurial Program at Northwestern University in 2006 and served a Bill Walsh Minority Coaching Fellowship with the St. Louis Rams in 2014.

### PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

- A first-team All-BIG EAST selection and a team captain for Frank Beamer as a senior in 1998, Prioleau played an integral role in helping Tech establish itself as a national football power in the 1990s. A four-year letterwinner for the Hokies, he native enjoyed a 12-year NFL career and earned a Super Bowl XLIV ring with the New Orleans Saints.
- Inducted as part of the ACC Football Legends Class of 2012, Prioleau was a three-year starter for Beamer and defensive coordinator Bud Foster, totaling 237 career tackles and two touchdowns. He was named first-team All-Big East as a junior in 1997 and earned third-team All-America honors from The Sporting News. As a senior, he led a defense that was first in the BIG EAST in scoring defense, allowing just 12.9 points per game.
- A fourth-round selection of the San Francisco 49ers in the 1999 NFL Draft, Prioleau played in 160 career regular season games (50 starts) with San Francisco (1999-00), Buffalo (2001-04), Washington (2005-07), Jacksonville (2008) and New Orleans (2009-10), accumulating 446 total tackles (348 solo), one interception, one safety and four fumble recoveries.