COACHING STAFF

Steve Rodriguez
Head Coach | Second Season
Pepperdine, 2001

Steve Rodriguez is in his second year at Baylor following a successful first season in 2016 that saw the Bears achieve several feats that had not been accomplished in a few years. Rodriguez, who enjoyed a successful playing and coaching career at Pepperdine University, was introduced as Baylor University's 19th head baseball coach on June 12, 2015, and earned his first Baylor win on Feb. 20, 2016 in a 9-5 decision over Washington at Baylor Ballpark. The Bears used a seven-run, two-out rally in the sixth inning with seven straight batters reaching base safely to grab the victory.

Noteworthy accomplishments from the 2016 campaign include extending BU's run of qualifying for every Big 12 Championship Series to a 401-300* (.572) record, including a 178-109 (.620) mark in West Coast Conference play, with eight NCAA Tournament appearances, five WCC regular-season titles, three WCC Championship Series crowns and a pair of WCC Tournament titles to his credit. He ranks as the second-winningest coach in program history, his 701 games coached are a school-record and he also earned a pair of WCC Coach of the Year awards.

In 2015, Pepperdine went 32-29 overall, 17-10 in the WCC and captured the WCC Tournament title for the second straight season to earn its eighth NCAA Tournament bid under Rodriguez. The Waves eliminated Clemson and Arizona State in Fullerton Regional action before falling to eventual College World Series entrant Cal-State Fullerton in the championship game. During his three seasons (2015-17), Rodriguez earned 2014 WCC Coach of the Year honors after leading the Waves to a 43-18 overall record (18-9 WCC), the program’s most wins since 1999 and the seventh-most in program history, and a sweep of the WCC regular-season and tournament titles. Pepperdine went on to win the San Luis Obispo Regional with a 3-0 record to advance to its first-ever NCAA Super Regional (since the round was instituted in 1999), dropping a heart-breaking three-game series at nationally seeded TCU.

Following the 2014 season, he served as an assistant coach with USA Baseball’s Collegiate National Team.

Introduced as Pepperdine’s 16th head coach on June 18, 2003, Rodriguez guided the Waves to NCAA Tournament appearances in each of his first five seasons as skipper (2004-08), averaging more than 37 wins per season in the process and winning at least 30 games every year, while capturing a pair of outright WCC crowns (2004 and 2005) and a share of the 2006 league title. Pepperdine also won three consecutive WCC Championship Series from 2004-06, advancing to the NCAA Regional final each season, and hosting its first-ever NCAA Regional in 2006.

The Waves were picked to finish fifth in the 2012 WCC preseason coaches poll, but beat San Diego in the final game of the regular season to clinch the league title and would go on to finish second at the NCAA Stanford Regional. For his efforts, Rodriguez was honored with his first WCC Coach of the Year award.

Rodriguez recruited and coached seven All-Americans at Pepperdine, including 2012 WCC Player of the Year Joe Sever, 2012 Brooks Wallace Award winner Zach Vincej and first-team All-American Aaron Brown, and his players earned 85 All-WCC honors. Four of his former players have reached the major leagues - Chase d’Arnaud, Barry Enright, Eric Thames and Danny Worth -- and his players were drafted by MLB clubs 43 times. The Waves tied a school record with nine players taken in the 2007 MLB Draft and had at least two players selected in 10 drafts.

In addition to enriching Pepperdine’s proud history on the diamond, Rodriguez and his staff were also tireless fundraisers for the program. Those efforts have paid off with the installation of new stadium seats (2004), a new, state-of-the-art scoreboard (2007), a new backstop (2008), a new padded outfield wall (2009) and new turf in the batting cages (2011). Prior to becoming just the third Pepperdine player to later become the program’s head coach, Rodriguez served as a Waves’ assistant coach for four seasons, during which time Pepperdine compiled an overall record of 145-98 (.597), including an 88-32 (.733) mark in WCC play. The Waves captured the 2001 WCC title and made NCAA Tournament appearances in 2001 and 2003.

A fifth-round draft pick of the Boston Red Sox in 1992, Rodriguez played professionally for seven seasons with the Red Sox, Detroit Tigers, Los Angeles Dodgers and Montreal Expos organizations. He reached the majors with both Boston and Detroit in 1995.

A two-time All-American, he was named the 1992 WCC Player of the Year as the Waves posted a 48-11 mark and captured the program’s first-ever College World Series title. Rodriguez was named to the All-CWS team and was part of two memorable plays in Omaha: a grand slam that helped defeat Texas in the semifinal round and a late-inning defensive gem in the Waves’ 3-2 win over Cal State Fullerton in the championship game. During his three seasons (1990-92) at Pepperdine, the Waves posted a 126-51-5 (.706) record, including a 72-26 (.735) mark in league play, with league titles and NCAA Tournament trips in 1991 and 1992.

Rodriguez’ career batting average of .367 ranks second on the Waves’ all-time list, and despite playing just three seasons of collegiate baseball, he is tied for third on the school’s all-time career runs scored chart (187) and is fourth in hits (271). A first-team All-WCC selection in 1991 and 1992, Rodriguez made a big splash as a sophomore in 1991 when he batted .419, the third-highest single-season average in school history. His 104 base hits that season set a Pepperdine single-season record that still stands and he still ranks among the top 10 in five different single-season categories. In 2001, Rodriguez was named one of the WCC’s Top 50 athletes of all time, and was selected to the conference’s 40th Anniversary baseball team in 2007. On Oct. 16, 2016, Rodriguez was inducted into the Pepperdine University Department of Athletics Hall of Fame.

The two-time member of Team USA played in the 1991 Pan American Games and earned “Player of the Series” honors against Mexico and Cuba. He was also named “Player of the Series”...
against Korea while a member of Team USA in 1992.

Following his professional playing career, Rodriguez enrolled
in classes at Riverside Community College and Chapman
University before returning to Pepperdine, where he received
a bachelor’s degree in public relations in December of 2001.
He earned a master’s degree in educational technology from
Pepperdine in 2003.

Rodriguez and his wife, Kimberlee, have a daughter, Julia,
who is a sophomore at Baylor, and a son, Nolan. In October 2007,
he was honored by the City of Malibu with the Jake Kuredjian
Award for his service to the community. In January 2010,
Rodriguez won the Top Chef Award at the Baseball Coaches
Cooking Challenge hosted by the ESPN Zone in Anaheim, Calif.,
and successfully defended his title in 2011.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

BAYLOR, 2016-
• Head Coach
• Second season

PEPPERDINE, 2004-2015
• Head Coach
• 401-300 (.572) record, 163-109 (.599) in West Coast Conference
• Second-winningest coach in program history
• 701 games coached are school record
• 2014 West Coast Conference Coach of the Year
• 2014 USA Baseball National Team Assistant Coach
• 2012 West Coast Conference Coach of the Year
• 1 NCAA Super Regional (2014) -- Program’s first appearance
• 2 West Coast Conference tournament championships (2014-15)
• 3 West Coast Conference Championship Series titles (2004-06)
• 5 West Coast Conference regular season championships (2004-06, 2012, 2014)
• 18 All-America selections
• 8 Freshman All-America selections
• 5 All-District selections
• Coached 2012 Brooks Wallace Award winner Zach Vincej
• 3 WCC Player of the Year winners
• 3 WCC Pitcher of the Year winners
• 1 WCC Freshman of the Year winner
• 2 WCC Defensive Player of the Year winners
• 3 ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Award winners
• 85 All-WCC selections
• 19 WCC All-Freshman selections
• 2 Academic All-District selections
• 1 WCC Scholar-Athlete of the Year
• 15 WCC All-Academic selections
• 43 MLB draft picks -- 9 in the top 5 rounds
• 4 former players have reached MLB -- Chase d’Arnaud, Barry
Enright, Eric Thames and Danny Worth
• 3 USA Baseball National Team selections

USA BASEBALL NATIONAL TEAM, 2014
• Assistant Coach

PEPPERDINE, 2000-03
• Assistant Coach
• Helped team to 145-98 (.597) record, 88-32 (.733) mark in WCC
• 2001 WCC title

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, 1990-92
• 1992 College World Series champion
• 1992 West Coast Conference Player of the Year
• Two-time All-American second baseman
• 1992 All-College Word Series Team
• Career .367 batting average ranks second in program history
• 187 career runs scored are tied for third in program history
• 271 career hits are fourth in program history
• Two-time first-team All-WCC choice
• 104 hits in 1991 are most in program single season history
• Named one of WCC’s top 50 athletes of all time
• Named to WCC’s 40th anniversary baseball team in 1997

USA BASEBALL NATIONAL TEAM, 1991-92
• Named Player of the Series in 1991 Pan American Games against Mexico and Cuba
• Named Player of the Series in 1992 Pan American Games against Korea

BOSTON RED SOX SYSTEM, 1992-1995
• Winter Haven Red Sox (A+), 1992
• Lynchburg Red Sox (A+), 1993
• New Britain Red Sox (AA), 1994
• Pawtucket Red Sox (AAA), 1994-95
• Boston Red Sox (MLB), 1995

DETROIT TIGERS SYSTEM, 1995-1997
• Detroit Tigers (MLB), 1995
• Toledo Mud Hens (AAA), 1996
• Toledo Mud Hens (AAA), 1997

MONTREAL EXPOS SYSTEM, 1998
• Ottawa Lynx (AAA), 1998

LOS ANGELES DODGERS, 1998
• Albuquerque Dukes (AAA), 1998

EDUCATION

PEPPERDINE, 1990-92, 2001-03
• Bachelor’s degree in public relations in 2001
• Master’s degree in educational technology in 2003

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

PEPPERDINE HEAD COACH, 2004-15
• 2015 NCAA Fullerton Regional (Cal State Fullerton)
• 2014 NCAA Fort Worth Super Regional (TCU)
• 2014 NCAA San Luis Obispo Regional (Cal Poly)
• 2012 NCAA Palo Alto Regional (Stanford)
• 2008 NCAA Palo Alto Regional (Stanford)
• 2007 NCAA Long Beach Regional (Long Beach State)
• 2006 NCAA Malibu Regional (Pepperdine)
• 2005 NCAA Long Beach Regional (Long Beach State)
• 2004 NCAA Fullerton Regional (Cal State Fullerton)

PEPPERDINE ASSISTANT COACH, 2000-03
• 2003 NCAA Long Beach Regional (Long Beach State)
• 2001 NCAA Los Angeles Regional (USC)
COACHING STAFF

RODRIGUEZ YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>School</th>
<th>Overall</th>
<th>League/Finish</th>
<th>Postseason</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>30-32</td>
<td>19-11/1st</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>41-23</td>
<td>21-9/1st</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>42-21</td>
<td>15-6/T-1st</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>35-22</td>
<td>14-7/3rd</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008*</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>38-21</td>
<td>14-6/2nd</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009*</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>31-23</td>
<td>12-9/T-3rd</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010*</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>24-30</td>
<td>12-9/T-3rd</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011*</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>22-34</td>
<td>7-14/7th</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>36-23</td>
<td>16-8/1st</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>27-24</td>
<td>13-11/5th</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>43-18</td>
<td>#18-9/1st</td>
<td>NCAA Super Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>Pepperdine</td>
<td>32-29</td>
<td>#17-10/2nd</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016</td>
<td>Baylor</td>
<td>24-29</td>
<td>10-14/6th</td>
<td>NCAA Regional</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Totals*</td>
<td></td>
<td>425-329</td>
<td>173-123 (.584)</td>
<td>8 NCAA appearances</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

@West Coast Conference Series Champion; #West Coast Conference Tournament Champion

*Note: Due to NCAA sanctions against the University, Pepperdine later vacated all wins and NCAA Tournament appearances in baseball between the 2008-11 seasons. Pepperdine's adjusted overall NCAA records for each season are 0-19 (2008), 0-23 (2009), 0-30 (2010) and 0-34 (2011).

BAYLOR ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Years</th>
<th>Overall</th>
<th>PCT.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Steve Smith</td>
<td>1995-2015 (21)</td>
<td>744-523-1</td>
<td>.587</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mickey Sullivan</td>
<td>1974-94 (21)</td>
<td>649-428-4</td>
<td>.602</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dutch Schroeder</td>
<td>1962-73 (12)</td>
<td>196-165</td>
<td>.543</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morley Jennings</td>
<td>1928-39 (12)</td>
<td>120-78-1</td>
<td>.605</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Frank Bridges</td>
<td>1920-27 (8)</td>
<td>95-73</td>
<td>.565</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A.E. Jones</td>
<td>1946-50, 53 (6)</td>
<td>89-52</td>
<td>.631</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lloyd Russell</td>
<td>1940-41, 58-61 (6)</td>
<td>72-58-1</td>
<td>.553</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ralph Glaze</td>
<td>1910-13 (4)</td>
<td>54-27</td>
<td>.667</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boyd SoRelle</td>
<td>1954-57 (4)</td>
<td>48-45</td>
<td>.516</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C.P. Mosley</td>
<td>1914-19 (6)</td>
<td>47-60</td>
<td>.439</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>L.F. Burleson</td>
<td>1906-08 (3)</td>
<td>25-34</td>
<td>.423</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Steve Rodriguez</td>
<td>2016-</td>
<td>24-29</td>
<td>.453</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>R.N. Watts</td>
<td>1903-04 (2)</td>
<td>14-18</td>
<td>.438</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lee Carroll</td>
<td>1905 (1)</td>
<td>12-7</td>
<td>.631</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vic Bradford</td>
<td>1951 (1)</td>
<td>10-10</td>
<td>.500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chuck Devereaux</td>
<td>1952 (1)</td>
<td>9-6</td>
<td>.600</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E.J. Mills</td>
<td>1909 (1)</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>.421</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Floyd Crow</td>
<td>1942 (1)</td>
<td>8-8</td>
<td>.500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>J.C. Ewing</td>
<td>1902 (1)</td>
<td>5-9</td>
<td>.357</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>1902-2016</td>
<td>2,230-1,642-7</td>
<td>.575</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**COACHING STAFF**

**4 JON STRAUSS**  
**ASSISTANT COACH | SECOND SEASON**  
**LONG BEACH STATE, 1996**

Jon Strauss is in his second season at Baylor and brings more than 20 years of collegiate coaching experience after spending six seasons alongside Steve Rodriguez at Pepperdine as the team’s pitching coach and recruiting coordinator, and serves the same role at BU.

In his first season with the Bears in 2016, Strauss mentored 2016 MLB 19th round pick and second-team All-Big 12 choice LHP Daniel Castano, All-Big 12 honorable mention RHP Drew Tolson and first-team All-Big 12 honoree RHP Troy Montemayor. Additionally, Montemayor’s phenomenal breakout season under Strauss earned him a 2016 ABCA first-team All-Region nod as he converted 14 of 15 save chances with a 0.78 ERA and 22 strikeouts in 23 innings.

During his time with the Waves, the Southern California native helped Rodriguez win two West Coast Conference regular season titles, two WCC Tournament titles, make three NCAA Regional and one Super Regional appearances. He helped develop All-American and 2014 WCC Pitcher of the Year Aaron Brown along with 15 All-WCC pitchers, four WCC All-Freshman Team pitchers and had 12 pitchers taken in the MLB Draft. From 2010-15 Pepperdine pitchers compiled a 3.78 ERA and 1.39 WHIP with 34 complete games, 24 shutouts, 71 saves, 3,002 hits allowed, 1,264 walks and 2,194 strikeouts in 342 games and 3,053.1 innings.

Prior to his time at Pepperdine, Strauss had three separate stays with Long Beach State as an assistant coach (1995-2000, 2006, 2008-09). At LBSU, he helped the program win three Big West championships, two WCC Tournament titles and a No. 3 national ranking to end the 1993 season. He served as an assistant coach at Galveston College for two seasons, winning a conference title in 2000 and finishing ranked fourth nationally. He served as an assistant at Blinn College for six years, helping Blinn to a pair of conference titles and a No. 3 national ranking to end the 1993 season.

As a player, Strauss spent two seasons at College of the Canyons before being a catcher at Long Beach State for College World Series runs in 1993 and 1994. He spent a year in the New York Yankees’ minor league system before graduating from LBSU in 1996 with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology. He and his wife Nikki have two sons, Casey and Braden, and a yellow lab named Cutter.

**6 MIKE TAYLOR**  
**ASSISTANT COACH | SECOND SEASON**  
**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M, 1997**

Mike Taylor is in his second season with Baylor and brings over 20 years of collegiate coaching experience. He serves as hitting and third base coach for the Bears.

In his first season in 2016, Taylor helped the Bears improve their hitting numbers across the board as they hit .274 (highest average for BU since 2012) as as team with 494 hits (most since 2013), 92 doubles (most since 2012), 14 triples (most since 2012), 34 home runs (most since 2012 and equaling the past two seasons combined), 242 RBI (most since 2013) and 272 runs (most since 2012). Taylor’s guidance helped get All-Big 12 honorees for IF Steven McLean (second team), OF/1B Kameron Esthay (second team) and C Matt Menard (honorable mention).

Serving the 2014 and 2015 seasons as hitting, catching and third base coach for Houston under Todd Whitting, he helped UH to a pair of 40-win seasons, 2015 American Athletic Conference regular season title, 2014 AAC Championship title, two NCAA Regionals and one Super Regional. He had five hitters picked in the MLB Draft, three ABCA All-Region hitters and eight All-AAC hitters. From 2014-15 the UH offense averaged 5.4 runs per game, hit .272 and blasted 61 home runs with 574 walks in 129 games.

Before joining Houston, Taylor was an assistant coach at Rice for 12 seasons under legendary head coach Wayne Graham. He helped the Owls to 12 straight conference titles and a 2003 College World Series title. While at Rice over 85 players under his tutelage were chosen in the MLB Draft, including third baseman Anthony Rendon as the sixth overall pick in 2011.

Prior to his tenure at Rice, the Houston native spent eight seasons at the junior college level. He was an assistant coach at Galveston College for two seasons, winning a conference title in 2000 and finishing ranked fourth nationally. He served as an assistant at Blinn College for six years, helping Blinn to a pair of conference titles and a No. 3 national ranking to end the 1993 season.

As a player, Taylor was a shortstop for Graham at San Jacinto College. He helped the team to a national title as a freshman in 1987 and a national runner-up finish in 1988 before spending five seasons in the Toronto Blue Jays organization. Graham has called him “the best shortstop I’ve ever coached.”

While coaching at Blinn, Taylor completed his undergraduate degree in human performance at Prairie View A&M in 1997. He and his wife Amy have four daughters: Macy Marie, Madisyn, Molly Kate and McKinley.
COACHING STAFF

RUBEN NORIEGA
ASSISTANT COACH | SECOND SEASON
LINDENWOOD, 2009

Mat Snider is in his second year as director of operations with the Bears. He handles all business operations and team operational efficiencies.

Snider serves as the lynch pin between the baseball office and ticketing, marketing and facilities offices within Baylor Athletics. Specific duties include coordination of practice and game video needs for coaches, team and recruiting travel, equipment management, assistance with on-campus recruiting visits, compliance and student-athlete services.

A Los Altos, California, native, Snider played baseball for four years at Pepperdine under former Waves head coach and current Baylor head coach Steve Rodriguez from 2012-15 as a right-handed relief pitcher. In 47 appearances (one start) over 55.2 career innings, he posted a 1-2 record with a 4.20 ERA and 42 strikeouts while holding hitters to a .248 batting average against. He helped Pepperdine make the NCAA Tournament and win the West Coast Conference title three times.

The four-time academic honor roll and two-time West Coast Conference All-Academic Team choice graduated from Pepperdine in May of 2015 with a degree in business administration. Following graduation, Snider worked with the San Francisco 49ers as a member of the logistics and operations team before arriving at Baylor in the fall of 2015.

Ruben Noriega enters his second season as assistant coach with the Bears. Noriega’s duties will include working with the catchers, coaching first base, assisting with the hitters and serving as Baylor Baseball Camp Director.

Noriega spent the 2015 season at Western Oregon University, where he helped lead the Wolves to their 15th straight conference championship. While at WOU, Noriega’s duties included coaching the outfielders, base running, assisting with the offense and assisting with recruiting.

In the summer of 2014, Noriega served as the field manager for the Wisconsin Rapids Rafters in the Northwoods Summer Collegiate League. With the Rafters, Noriega coached two Rawlings Big Stick Award winners and one Finest in the Field award winner.

Prior to WOU, Noriega served an assistant baseball coach at California for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. While at Cal, Noriega worked with the outfielders, coached first base, assisted with the infielders, assisted with the catchers and served as camp director.

Before going to Cal, Noriega spent the 2012 season as an assistant coach at San Jose State. While at SJSU, the baseball program reached an all-time APR (Academic Progress Rate) high (982).

Additionally, Noriega spent two seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Lindenwood University, in St. Charles, Mo. With the Lions, Noriega served as hitting coach and outfield coach, oversaw the strength and conditioning program and assisted with recruiting. During Noriega’s first year as hitting coach at Lindenwood (NAIA) in 2010, the Lions had a team batting average of .323 and an on-base percentage of .421. The team totaled 91 doubles and 42 home runs while outscoring their opponents 390-236. The Lindenwood offense had six all-conference selections and finished with a 41-15 record and a Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) championship. In 2011, Lindenwood posted several top-30 national marks, including team batting average (.325, 26th), hits (529, 19th), doubles (119, sixth), RBI (315, 27th) and runs scored (348, 30th). The Lions also had the conference player of the year and four all-conference selections.

From 2009-2011, Noriega coached for the East Los Angeles Dodgers Organization, which competes in three summer collegiate leagues, including the Western Baseball Association (three-time league champions 2009, 2010, and 2011), the Southern California Collegiate League and the Orange County Collegiate League.


Prior to attending Lindenwood, Noriega received his associate’s degree from Los Angeles Harbor College in 2007, his bachelor’s in educational studies from Lindenwood in 2009 and his master’s in education emphasis in strength and conditioning from Lindenwood in 2011. Noriega and his wife, Mckenzie, have one son, Nash, and a dog named SJ. They reside in Robinson, Texas.