

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



## TIM BECKMAN

Tim Beckman was named the 23rd head football coach at the University of Illinois on Dec. 9, 2011. Beckman came to Illinois after three years as head coach at Toledo, where he engineered an impressive turnaround.

After inheriting a team that went 3-9 in 2008, the Rockets improved to 5-7 in 2009 before going 8-5 with a 7-1 record in the MAC, and a berth in the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl in 2010. Toledo posted an 9-4 record this season in 2011, including another 7-1 MAC record, a share of the MAC West Division title and a victory in the Military Bowl. In the last two seasons, Beckman compiled a 14-2 record in MAC games, second-best in the conference over that span.

He has learned under some of the finest coaches in America, including Pat Dye, Urban Meyer, Mike Gundy and Jim Tressel. Beckman's last two recruiting classes have been widely praised, earning a No. 1 ranking among MAC teams by Rivals.com in both seasons after landing two of the three four-star prospects signed by conference schools.

Beckman sent a pair of Toledo players to the NFL in defensive back Barry Church and receiver Stephen Williams in 2010, and had three players earn first-team All-MAC honors in 2011, including Eric Page, who earned first-team honors as a receiver, kick returner and punt returner.

Before accepting Toledo's head coaching position, Beckman had 21 years of experience as an assistant coach. He served as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State (2007-08), the cornerbacks coach at Ohio State (2005-06), the defensive coordinator/assistant head coach at Bowling Green (1998-2004), the defensive coordinator at Elon (1996-97), the secondary coach/recruiting coordinator at Western Carolina (1990-95) and as a graduate assistant at Auburn (1988-89).

Beckman's two seasons as the defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State were successful, as the Cowboys posted a 16-10 record, including a 9-4 mark in 2008, and two bowl appearances.

At Ohio State, Beckman mentored the Buckeye cornerbacks. During his stay at Ohio State, the Buckeyes were 22-3 and played in two BCS bowl games, including the 2007 BCS National Championship game. Along the way, he coached six All-Big Ten defensive backs and five future NFL players.

At Bowling Green, Beckman was a three-time nominee and 2001 finalist for the Frank Broyles Award, presented annually to the nation's top assistant coach. During his stay at Bowling Green, the Falcons won two bowl games, a MAC East division title and finished ranked in the national polls in 2003.

Beckman began his coaching career in 1988 as a graduate assistant at Auburn, where he earned his master's degree in education.

A 1988 graduate of Findlay, Beckman majored in physical education and lettered in 1984 and 1985 on Oiler teams that qualified for the NAIA playoffs both seasons. A native of Berea, Ohio, Beckman and his wife, Kim, have three children: Tyler, Lindsay, and Alex. Tyler is a sophomore quarterback at the University of Findlay.



## DAVE DOEREN

Dave Doeren is heading into his second season as the head coach at Northern Illinois. In his first season at the helm of the Huskies, Doeren made his mark as the winningest first-year head coach in school history, and only the second NID coach all-time to lead his team to a Mid-American Conference championship. Under his direction, Northern Illinois won 11 games in 2011, including the nation's longest winning streak with nine straight wins.

A 16-year collegiate coaching veteran who has helped take teams to eight bowl games and two national championship contests as an assistant, Doeren was named the 21st head football coach in NID history on Dec. 13, 2010 after completing his fifth season at Wisconsin with a trip to the 2011 Rose Bowl. During Doeren's time at Wisconsin, the Badgers posted a 49-15 overall record and played in the Champs Sports Bowl (twice), Outback Bowl and Capital One Bowl.

In January of 2008, Doeren added defensive coordinator duties to his assignment as linebackers coach after spending his first two seasons in Madison as the Badgers' co-defensive coordinator, linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator. The Shawnee Mission, Kansas native has also served on successful coaching staffs at Kansas (2002-05), Montana (2000-01), USC (1998-99) and Drake (1995-97), his alma mater. He began his coaching career at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School in Shawnee, Kansas.

His pupils at Wisconsin have included National Football League linebackers Jonathan Casillas of the New Orleans Saints and DeAndre Levy, the Detroit Lions' middle linebacker. Badgers' linebacker Chris Borland earned 2009 Big Ten Defensive Freshman of the Year honors.

A four-year letterwinner at Drake (1990-93), Doeren earned Academic All-America honors as a senior and graduated with a bachelor's degree in pre-medical biology and a master's in educational leadership.

He and his wife, Sara, have three sons, Jacob, Luke and Connor.

# MEET THE COACHING STAFF...



**Tim Banks** - Tim Banks is in his first season as defensive coordinator and safeties coach for the Illini. Banks spent the past five seasons as a defensive coordinator, two at Cincinnati and the previous three at Central Michigan. Under his guidance, the Bearcats improved 33 spots from 2010 to 2011 in NCAA rushing defense and moved up 21 spots in total defense. Cincinnati led the nation in TFLs in 2011 after ranking No. 38 the year before, and also ranked No. 2 nationally in sacks in 2011, up from No. 38 in 2010. After finishing 4-8 in 2010, the Bearcats rebounded to post a 10-3 record in 2011, including a win over Vanderbilt in the 2011 AutoZone Liberty Bowl. In 2009, Banks' defense at Central Michigan led the MAC in scoring defense and ranked second in rushing defense. The Chippewas also led the MAC in rushing defense in both 2007 and 2008, and in sacks in 2008. Banks was invited to participate in the NCAA Expert Coaches Academy following the 2007 season. Prior to his time at CMU, Banks spent four seasons at Maryland, coaching the secondary in 2006 after guiding the inside linebackers for three years. Banks also coached two years at Memphis (2001-02) and two years at Bowling Green (1999-2000).



**Billy Gonzales** - Billy Gonzales is in his first season at Illinois as the co-offensive coordinator and receivers coach. He came to Illinois after serving as passing-game coordinator and receivers coach at LSU, helping the Tigers to a runner-up finish in the 2012 BCS National Championship Game. In 2011, the Tigers ranked 17th in the nation in scoring offense (35.7 points per game) and 24th in passing efficiency (147.53) as quarterback Jarrett Lee led the SEC with a 152.04 passer rating. Under Gonzales' tutelage, the LSU passing game completed 62.0 percent of its attempts for 2,135 yards while accounting for 21 touchdowns with only five interceptions in 2011. He spent two years at LSU after coaching receivers for five years at Florida, where he helped the Gators to a pair of national championships in 2006 and 2008. In his five seasons in Gainesville, Gonzales sent seven players to the NFL Draft, including 2009 first-round selection Percy Harvin and Chad Jackson, a second-round pick in 2007. Gonzales coached alongside Urban Meyer at Florida, Utah and Bowling Green, coaching receivers at Utah and Bowling Green. Gonzales helped the Utes to a 22-2 record in 2003 and '04, including a 2005 Fiesta Bowl win over Pittsburgh.



**Chris Beatty** - Chris Beatty will serve as co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the Fighting Illini. Beatty comes to Illinois from Vanderbilt, where he helped the Commodores to an appearance in the 2011 Liberty Bowl as wide receivers coach and offensive recruiting coordinator. WR Jordan Matthews was a big-play threat for VU, earning All-SEC honors after catching 41 passes for 778 yards (19.0 ypc) and five touchdowns in 2011. Prior to his time at VU, Beatty spent three seasons at West Virginia as running backs/slot receivers coach and director of recruiting. He helped guide the Mountaineers to a Big East co-championship in 2010 and appearances in the 2010 Champs Sports Bowl, the 2010 Gator Bowl and the 2008 Meineke Car Care Bowl. At West Virginia, Beatty mentored two of the most productive offensive players in the school's history: running back Noel Devine and slot receiver/return specialist Jock Sanders. He also spent one year as running backs coach at Northern Illinois in 2007 and the 2006 season at Hampton University, where he served as offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and receivers coach. That season, he led the Pirates to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship and an appearance in the NCAA Division I Football Championship playoffs. (2008) at Western Carolina and linebackers (2007) and secondary (2001-06) at Ashland University in Ohio.