



**MARK DANTONIO**  
HEAD COACH  
FIFTH SEASON

In just four seasons, Mark Dantonio has restored the pride and tradition of Spartan football.

A Zanesville, Ohio, native with Midwest ties, Dantonio has 31 years of collegiate coaching experience and coached in his 15th bowl game as the Spartans faced Alabama in the 2011 Capital One Bowl. It marked Dantonio's second New Year's Day game as a head coach, as he guided MSU to a 2009 appearance in the Capital One Bowl against Georgia.

Dantonio, who led Michigan State to a school-record 11 wins in 2010 and a share of its first Big Ten Championship since 1990, was named the Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year, as selected by the conference's media panel. A finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant, Eddie Robinson and Liberty Mutual National Coach of the Year Awards, Dantonio helped manage the third-biggest turnaround among NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision teams during the regular season, as the Spartans improved from 6-7 in 2009 to 11-1 in 2010. He was also named the AFCA (American Football Coaches Association) Region 3 Coach of the Year, and earned National Coach of the Year honors from CBSports.com, Scout.com and Rivals.com.

Thanks to its 28-22 victory at Penn State in the regular-season finale, Michigan State recorded its first win in State College since 1965 – the year before Joe Paterno took over as Penn State's head coach – and finished in a three-way tie with Wisconsin and Ohio State for the 2010 Big Ten Championship. With successive wins over Minnesota, Purdue and Penn State to close out the regular season, the Spartans posted a perfect 3-0 record in November for the first time since 1999. MSU also dealt Wisconsin its only loss of the 2010 regular season, 34-24, in the Big Ten opener. The Spartans finished the season ranked No. 14 in both The Associated Press and USA TODAY/Coaches' Polls, giving MSU its highest finish in the final polls since 1999. It also marked MSU's second finish in the Top 25 in the past three years (No. 24 in 2008).

A total of 16 Spartans received All-Big Ten recognition on the first team, second team or honorable mention, including senior linebacker Greg Jones, senior punter Aaron Bates, sophomore running back Edwin Baker and sophomore placekicker Dan Conroy, who each earned All-Big Ten first-team honors from the media. One of the top linebackers in school history, Jones was named a first-team consensus All-American for the second straight season, becoming only the third Spartan to accomplish the feat. He also became just the seventh player in program history to receive first-team All-Big Ten honors three times. Jones (New York Giants) and cornerback Chris L. Rucker (Indianapolis Colts) were selected in the sixth round of the 2011 National Football League Draft.

With appearances in the 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Alamo Bowl and 2011 Capital One Bowl, Dantonio is the first coach in Michigan State history to earn a postseason bowl bid in each of his first four seasons. He has 33 victories in his first four seasons at MSU, which are the most by any Spartan head coach in his first four years (Chester Brewer ranks second, with 30 wins from 1903-06).

From his first day on the job, Dantonio has pledged to support student-athletes as they pursue excellence, both in the classroom and on the playing field. In his first four seasons, 82 percent

(61 of 74) of his Michigan State players who have completed their eligibility have earned their undergraduate degrees. In addition, 43 Spartans have earned Academic All-Big Ten honors, including 2009 Academic All-American Blair White.

Riding the momentum generated by his first four seasons, Dantonio and his coaching staff have put together three-straight recruiting classes in 2009-11 that analysts rank among the nation's Top 25.

Led by Jones and one of the most explosive offenses in the Big Ten, the Spartans earned their third consecutive bowl bid in 2009.

A consensus first-team All-American, Jones became the first Spartan to win Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year accolades after recording 154 tackles, finishing first in the conference and third nationally in 2009. He also led the team and ranked among the national leaders in tackles for loss (14 for 69 yards) and sacks (9 for 53 yards). Jones was rated the No. 1 linebacker in the nation by CollegeFootballNews.com and earned the Linebacker Trophy (Linebacker of the Year) by the College Football Performance Awards.

In addition, defensive tackle Jerel Worthy was named a Freshman All-American, marking the third-straight year a Spartan landed on a Freshman All-America Team, and cornerback Jeremy Ware was chosen by the Oakland Raiders in the seventh round of the 2010 NFL Draft.

Offensively, Michigan State featured the No. 2 passing attack in the Big Ten, averaging nearly 270 yards per game. The Spartans also finished second in the league in scoring (29.7 points per game) and third in total offense (406.2 ypg.).

MSU established a school record with 28 touchdown passes in 2009, and the 3,502 passing yards ranked second in the school record book. Sophomore quarterback Kirk Cousins, an honorable mention All-Big Ten pick by the media, finished the regular season ranked among the Top 10 Spartan single-season leaders in passing yards (2,680 – fourth), pass completions (198 – sixth) and touchdown passes (19 – tied for seventh).

The Spartan passing game was built around wide receiver Blair White, who was a first-team All-Big Ten selection by the coaches while recording career highs in receptions (70), TD catches (9) and receiving yards (990), all of which rank among MSU's Top 10 single-season leaders.

MSU's special teams featured the school's all-time leading kicker in Brett Swenson, who scored 377 career points. A first-team All-Big Ten selection and Lou Groza Award semifinalist, Swenson also became MSU's career leader in field goals (71 made) and extra points (164 made) during the 2009 season. He closed out his career ranked among the Big Ten's all-time leaders in kick scoring (second), field goals (tied for third), total points (fourth) and extra points (sixth).

One of 15 semifinalists for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award, Dantonio had a breakthrough season as a head coach in 2008. Under his leadership, the Spartans went 9-3 in the regular season and compiled a 6-2 record in the Big Ten, the best league mark for the program since 1999. Michigan State defeated five bowl-bound teams, with victories over Florida Atlantic, Notre Dame, Iowa, Northwestern and Wisconsin. The Spartans, who made their first New Year's Day Bowl appearance in nine seasons, finished the season ranked No. 24 in both the Associated Press and USA Today Polls.

Three Michigan State players were named first-team All-Big Ten by the league's head coaches: senior running back Javon Ringer, senior safety Otis Wiley and Jones. A total of 15 Spartans received All-Big Ten recognition on the first team, second team or honorable mention.

Ringer became MSU's first consensus All-American since 2004, earning first-team accolades from Walter Camp and the Associated Press. The Doak Walker Award finalist had one of the finest seasons in Spartan history, scoring a school-record 22 touchdowns and rushing for 1,637 yards, which ranked second in the school record books. Ringer was selected by the Tennessee Titans in the fifth round of the 2009 NFL Draft.

In his first season as head coach at Michigan State, Dantonio sparked a three-game turnaround as the Spartans finished the 2007 regular season with a 7-5 record, securing the program's first bowl bid in four years with a berth against Boston College in the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla. Dantonio became just the third first-year coach in Michigan State history to earn a postseason bowl bid, joining Saban (1995 Independence Bowl vs. LSU) and John L. Smith (2003 Alamo Bowl vs. Nebraska).

Michigan State (7-6 overall) produced seven victories despite playing one of the nation's most demanding schedules, as the Spartans' 2007 opponents had a combined record of 75-57 (.568) during the regular season. The Spartans went 4-3 in games played against bowl-bound teams in 2007. Michigan State lost six



## THE DANTONIO FILE

**PERSONAL DATA:** Born Mark Dantonio in El Paso, Texas, on March 9, 1956. Family: wife Becky and two daughters, Kristen and Lauren.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant at Ohio U. (1980); graduate assistant at Purdue (1981); defensive coordinator at Butler (Kan.) Junior College (1982); graduate assistant at Ohio State (1983-84); defensive secondary coach at Akron (1985); defensive secondary coach and defensive coordinator at Youngstown State (1986-90); defensive secondary coach at Kansas (1991-94); defensive secondary coach (1995-2000) and associate head coach (2000) at Michigan State; defensive coordinator at Ohio State (2001-03); head coach at Cincinnati (2004-06).

**COACHING RECORD:** 51-36 (.586) in seven years as a college head coach; 18-17 (.514) in three years at Cincinnati (2004-06); 33-19 (.635) in four seasons at Michigan State (2007-).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in education from South Carolina in 1979; master's degree in education from Ohio U. in 1980.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Three-year letterman as a defensive back at South Carolina (1976-78).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 1987 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1989 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1990 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1983 Fiesta Bowl, 1984 Rose Bowl, 1992 Aloha Bowl, 1995 Independence Bowl, 1996 Sun Bowl, 1997 Aloha Bowl, 2000 Florida Citrus Bowl, 2002 Outback Bowl, 2003 Fiesta Bowl, 2004 Fiesta Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



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games by a combined total of 31 points, including two in overtime (Northwestern and Iowa). All six games were decided by seven points or less.

Michigan State finished the year strong, winning its final two games of the regular season for the first time since 1999 with victories at Purdue and over Penn State, both bowl-bound teams. Dantonio became the first coach in Spartan history to begin his initial season 4-0, as Michigan State opened the 2007 campaign with wins over UAB, Bowling Green, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame. With the 31-14 victory over the Irish,

the Spartans became the first opponent to win six-straight games in the 77-year history of Notre Dame Stadium.

In 2007, Michigan State featured one of the Big Ten's most prolific offensive attacks. The Spartans ranked second in the conference in scoring offense (33.1 points per game), third in rushing offense (198.2 yards per game) and fourth in total offense (416.8 ypg.). Michigan State also was listed among the NCAA's top 30 in rushing offense (No. 25) and scoring offense (No. 29). The Spartans scored a school single-season record 430 points and produced top 10 single-season totals in six other offensive categories.

Michigan State also displayed dramatic improvement on the defensive side of the football in 2007. The Spartans ranked fourth in the Big Ten and No. 30 nationally in rushing defense, allowing just 125.9 ypg. Michigan State held four opponents under 50 yards rushing (UAB, Bowling Green, Indiana and Boston College). After finishing eighth in the Big Ten and No. 88 nationally in total defense in 2006, the Spartans improved to fourth in the league and No. 32 in the NCAA, allowing 345.5 ypg.

Three Spartans from the 2007 team were selected in the 2008 NFL Draft: wide receiver Devin Thomas (Washington Red-skins, second round), tight end Kellen Davis (Chicago Bears, fifth round) and defensive end Ervin Baldwin (Chicago Bears, seventh round).

Dantonio, who served as head coach at Cincinnati for three seasons prior to his return to East Lansing, became Michigan State University's 24th head football coach on Nov. 27, 2006. He previously spent six years as an assistant coach at Michigan State from 1995-2000.

The 55-year old Dantonio established himself as one of the nation's up-and-coming coaches during his three-year tenure at Cincinnati, where he compiled an 18-17 overall record and led the program in its transition from Conference USA to the BIG EAST Conference.

In 2006, Dantonio led the Bearcats to a 7-5 overall record and a 4-3 BIG EAST mark, making Cincinnati bowl eligible for the second time in three years. Dantonio accomplished the feat against the second-toughest schedule in the country, as UC's opponents compiled a 69-42 record. His Bearcats upset then-No. 7 Rutgers, 30-11, on Nov. 18, handing the Scarlet Knights their first loss of the season and marking the highest-ranked opponent ever defeated by UC.

Highly respected as one of the top defensive coaches in the country, Dantonio's Bearcats finished the 2006 regular season ranked among the NCAA leaders in six statistical categories: No. 21 in tackles for loss (6.8 per game), No. 23 in pass efficiency defense (109.3 rating), No. 27 in rushing defense (107.5 ypg.), No. 31 in total defense (304.3 ypg.), No. 34 in scoring defense (19.3 ppg.) and No. 34 in sacks (2.4 per game). UC held seven of its 12 regular-season opponents to less than 100 yards rushing. In the win over Rutgers, Cincinnati held the nation's No. 15 rushing offense to a season-low 50 yards on the ground, and limited the NCAA's No. 3 rusher, Ray Rice, to a season-low 54 yards.

Six Bearcats earned All-BIG EAST honors in 2006, including three first-team selections: defensive tackle Terrill Byrd, linebacker Kevin McCullough and free safety Dominic Ross. Three UC players received second-team all-conference honors, including offensive guard Trevor Canfield, tight end Brent Celek and cornerback Mike Mickens. Celek, who set UC career records for receptions, receiving yards and TDs by a tight end, was taken by the Philadelphia Eagles in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL Draft.

In 2005, Dantonio brought together one of the nation's youngest teams, with the Bearcats starting as many as five first-year freshmen on defense and posted a competitive 4-7 record in the program's first season in the BIG EAST.

In 2004, he became the first head coach in 23 years to direct a team to a winning season in his first year at UC. Dantonio also became only the second head coach in Cincinnati history (along with Sid Gillman) to take the Bearcats to a bowl game in his first season. The Bearcats' went 7-5 in 2004, including a 5-3 mark in Conference USA to finish second in the league standings, and defeated Marshall (32-

14) in the Fort Worth Bowl. Cincinnati led C-USA and ranked No. 26 in the NCAA in pass defense, allowing 194.2 yards per game. The Bearcats also ranked second in C-USA in total defense (341.3 ypg.) and third in both scoring defense (26.7 ppg.) and pass efficiency defense (121.5). Offensively, quarterback Gino Guidugli ranked 15th in the country in passing efficiency (146.5) and directed the Bearcats to the 30th-ranked offense in the nation (405.6 ypg). Three players were chosen in the 2005 NFL Draft (defensive end Trent Cole, linebacker Tjquan Hagler and cornerback Daven Holly).

In his three seasons at Cincinnati, 21 of Dantonio's players earned All-BIG EAST honors and 40 received academic all-conference recognition. In back-to-back years (2006-07), Cincinnati's program was presented the American Football Coaches Association Academic Achievement Award for attaining a graduation rate of at least 70 percent for its student-athletes.

Prior to his appointment at Cincinnati, Dantonio served as the defensive coordinator under Jim Tressel at Ohio State for three seasons, where his defensive unit helped the Buckeyes to a combined record of 32-6.

In 2003, Ohio State's defense was the second toughest against the run, allowing 62.3 yards per game, and was ranked No. 10 in total defense (296.9 ypg.) and No. 16 in scoring defense (17.6 ppg.). Those efforts helped the Buckeyes post an 11-2 record and finish No. 4 in the final polls.

Dantonio assembled the defense which led Ohio State to the 2002 National Championship, as the Buckeyes ranked second in the NCAA in scoring defense (13.1 ppg) and third in rushing defense (77.7 ypg.). Six Buckeye defenders were named first-team All-Big Ten during his tenure and 13 were drafted by the pros, including a pair of first-round selections in 2004 (defensive end Will Smith and cornerback Chris Gamble).

Dantonio is quite familiar with East Lansing, as he spent six years (1995-2000) as Michigan State's secondary coach, including five seasons under Nick Saban and one under Bobby Williams. He was promoted to associate head coach in 2000. During his six-year tenure as an assistant, the Spartans compiled a 39-30-1 record.

Under his supervision, the Spartan secondary ranked among the NCAA leaders in pass efficiency defense three of his last four years, finishing No. 10 (101.6) in 1998, No. 16 (103.9) in 1997 and No. 22 (104.5) in 2000. In his last season as secondary coach, the Spartans only allowed 164.1 yards a game through the air, ranking seventh in the country in 2000.

Dantonio contributed to Michigan State's successful 1999 season, during which the Spartans went 10-2, won the Florida Citrus Bowl, led the Big Ten in total defense and ranked No. 7 in the final polls. He tutored cornerback Amp Campbell, who earned third-team All-America honors from the Associated Press.

Dantonio came to Michigan State following four seasons under Glen Mason at Kansas (1991-94) where he coached the defensive secondary. In 1992, the Jayhawks produced an 8-4 record and defeated BYU, 23-20, in the Aloha Bowl.

Dantonio previously spent five years at Youngstown State under Tressel, helping the Penguins to three trips to the NCAA I-AA playoffs. While serving as defensive coordinator in 1990, Youngstown State posted a perfect 11-0 regular-season record and ranked second nationally.

His coaching credits also including stops at Akron (defensive secondary, 1985), Ohio State (graduate assistant, 1983-84), Butler (Kan.) Junior College (defensive coordinator, 1982), Purdue (graduate assistant, 1981) and Ohio University (graduate assistant, 1980). During his stint as a graduate assistant under Earle Bruce at Ohio State, the Buckeyes played in the 1983 Fiesta and 1984 Rose Bowls.

Dantonio earned three letters as a defensive back for Coach Jim Carlen at South Carolina (1976-78). He earned a bachelor's degree in education from South Carolina in 1979. Dantonio later earned a master's degree in education from Ohio U. in 1980.

He picked up all-state and all-league honors as a prep football player at Zanesville (Ohio) High School and was selected to play in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

In their first two years as honorary co-chairs, Dantonio and his wife Becky have helped raise \$2.4 million for the Children's Miracle Network at Sparrow Children's Center.

## DANTONIO'S CAREER RECORD – HEAD COACH

YEAR	SCHOOL	Overall			Conference			FINISH	POSTSEASON BOWL
		W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT		
2004	CINCINNATI	7	5	.583	5	3	.625	T-2ND (C-USA)	FORTH WORTH BOWL – CHAMPIONS
2005	CINCINNATI	4	7	.364	2	5	.286	T-6TH (BIG EAST)	
2006	CINCINNATI	7	5	.583	4	3	.571	T-4TH (BIG EAST)	INTERNATIONAL BOWL*
2007	MICHIGAN STATE	7	6	.538	3	5	.375	T-7TH (BIG TEN)	CHAMPS SPORTS BOWL
2008	MICHIGAN STATE	9	4	.692	6	2	.750	3RD (BIG TEN)	CAPITAL ONE BOWL
2009	MICHIGAN STATE	6	7	.462	4	4	.500	T-6TH (BIG TEN)	VALERO ALAMO BOWL
2010	MICHIGAN STATE	11	2	.846	7	1	.875	T-1ST (BIG TEN)	CAPITAL ONE BOWL
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>.586</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.574</b>		<b>SIX BOWL GAMES*</b>

\* Did not coach UC in bowl game.

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**DAN ROUSHAR**  
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/  
TIGHT ENDS  
FIFTH SEASON

Dan Roushar enters his fifth year on the Michigan State coaching staff and his first as offensive coordinator. He also will coach the tight ends.

A 27-year coaching veteran, this marks the fifth time that Roushar will be an offensive coordinator in his career. He most recently served as offensive coordinator at Illinois during the 2004 season, and has also directed offenses at Northern Illinois (1998-2002), Ball State (1994) and Butler (1989-92). In his last four seasons coaching the offensive line at Michigan State, Roushar's linemen earned All-Big Ten recognition on eight occasions.

Michigan State's improved rushing attack in 2010 was fueled by a solid offensive line that featured the same core of starters throughout the entire season. Although the unit began the year with three new starters and a position switch from right tackle to left tackle for D.J. Young, the Spartans established their running identity early in the season, rushing for more than 200 yards in five of the first six games.

Young's move proved to be a success, as he garnered second-team All-Big Ten honors from the coaches, while junior left guard Joel Foreman was a third-team All-America selection by Phil Steele. Sophomore Edwin Baker was the main beneficiary of the Spartans' offensive line play, as the first-team All-Big Ten pick by the media ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 30th in the NCAA FBS averaging 92.4 rushing yards per game.

Two Spartan offensive linemen earned All-Big Ten recognition in 2009 under Roushar's direction, as center Joel Nitchman was named second-team All-Big Ten by the media and Foreman garnered honorable mention accolades by the coaches and media. For the second straight season, Roushar's unit was one of the most effective in the Big Ten protecting the quarterback, as the Spartans gave up only 14 sacks, the fewest amount of any team in the conference.

The Spartans featured the nation's fourth-leading rusher in Javon Ringer in 2008. In addition, the unit allowed just 24 sacks all season, ranking fourth in the Big Ten. Four of MSU's five starters were awarded postseason honors, including second-team All-Big Ten selections Roland Martin (right guard) and Jesse Miller (right tackle). Nitchman earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors while Foreman was named Freshman All-American.

Michigan State was one of the top rushing teams in the nation during the 2007 regular season, thanks in large part to the offensive line. Roushar had to juggle his lineup several times, using eight different starting combinations, but he led his unit to be one of the most productive in the Big Ten as the Spartans ranked fourth in the conference and No. 25 in the NCAA in rushing with 198.2 ypg. He tutored left tackle Pete Clifford, who went on to earn second-team All-Big Ten honors.

Roushar arrived in East Lansing after serving as offensive line coach under Coach Dantonio at Cincinnati for two seasons (2005-06).

Prior to joining the Cincinnati coaching staff, he worked with the running backs at Illinois for two seasons (2003-04), adding the duties of offensive coordinator in 2004.

Roushar spent six years as offensive line coach at Northern Illinois (1997-2002), where he also served as the offensive coordinator for the final five seasons. During his tenure at NIU, the Huskies earned a share of back-to-back Mid-American Conference West Division titles in 2001 and 2002. In his six years in DeKalb, NIU also produced four 1,000-yard rushers, including Michael Turner who finished second in the NCAA in rushing in 2002 while averaging 159.6 yards per game. In 2000, the Huskies ranked among the national leaders in rushing offense (No. 12 at 228.1 ypg.), total offense (No. 19 at 427.8 ypg.) and scoring offense (No. 12 at 37.2 points per game). The 427.8 total yards per game marked the second-best single-season average in NIU history and the school's best figure since 1963.

*For Roushar's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE ROUSHAR FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Patti and four children: Marissa, Mallory, Maura and Danny.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined staff on Nov. 30, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College - Offensive backfield coach (1986-88) and offensive coordinator/offensive line coach (1989-92) at Butler; offensive line coach at Rhode Island (1993); offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Ball State (1994); quarterbacks coach (1995) and offensive tackle/tight ends coach (1996) at Illinois; offensive line coach (1997) and offensive coordinator/offensive line coach (1998-2002) at Northern Illinois; running backs coach (2003) and offensive coordinator/running backs coach (2004) at Illinois; offensive line coach at Cincinnati (2005-06).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in physical education from Northern Illinois in 1984.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College - Two-year letterwinner as a quarterback at Northern Illinois (1981-82).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach - 1988 NCAA Division II Playoffs, 1991 NCAA Division II Playoffs, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**PAT NARDUZZI**  
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR  
FIFTH SEASON

Pat Narduzzi is in his fifth season as defensive coordinator at Michigan State.

Narduzzi's unit in 2010 had its best showing since his arrival in East Lansing. Michigan State concluded the regular season ranked among the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision leaders in rushing defense (No. 21 allowing 121.9 ypg.), scoring defense (No. 26 allowing 20.1 ppg.), total defense (No. 31 allowing 337.8 ypg.) and pass efficiency defense (No. 33 with a 117.0 rating). In addition, MSU allowed only one 100-yard rusher all season (Game 11 by Purdue's Keith Carlos).

The biggest difference in MSU's turnaround was takeaways - after forcing just 14 in 2009, MSU totaled 24 in 2010. The Spartans recorded 17 interceptions, its highest total since 2004, which ranked third in the Big Ten and tied for 23rd in the nation.

For the fifth time under Narduzzi, a defensive player was named to the All-Big Ten first team, as senior linebacker Greg Jones became just the seventh player in program history to earn first-team honors three times. Jones, who led the team with 106 tackles, also earned consensus first-team All-America accolades for the second straight year, making him just the third Spartan to accomplish that feat (George Webster and Bubba Smith, 1965-66).

In addition to Jones, six more Spartan defenders received All-Big Ten recognition on either the second team or honorable mention in 2010. Senior linebacker Eric Gordon was a second-team pick by both the coaches and media, while the entire secondary (cornerbacks Johnny Adams and Chris L. Rucker; safeties Marcus Hyde and Trenton Robinson) was honored. Sophomore defensive tackle Jerel Worthy, who led the team with four sacks, received honorable mention.

Narduzzi was named the National Coordinator of the Week by Rivals.com after the Spartans held Michigan to a season-low 162 rushing yards as Michigan State handed the Wolverines their first loss of the season, 34-17, on Oct. 9.

In 2009, Jones became the first Spartan to be named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year after leading the conference and ranking third nationally with 154 tackles. Jones was rated the No. 1 linebacker in the nation by CollegeFootballNews.com and earned the Linebacker Trophy (Linebacker of the Year) by the College Football Performance Awards.

In addition to Jones, Worthy was named a Freshman All-American after ranking second on the team in tackles for loss (9 for 34 yards) and sacks (4.5 for 23 yards). He became the second player to earn Freshman All-America honors under Narduzzi at MSU (Jones in 2007).

Michigan State's strength in 2009 was stopping the run, as the Spartans ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 24th nationally by allowing just 113.2 rushing yards a game. MSU limited their opponents to fewer than 100 rushing yards in six games during the season. The Spartans also put pressure on the quarterback, ranking third in the conference and 17th (tied) in the country with 35 sacks.

In 2008, MSU placed two players - Jones and safety Otis Wiley - on the All-Big Ten first team, marking the first time since 2000 that the Spartans have had two defensive first-team selections in the same season. Jones led the Big Ten during conference play in tackles, while Wiley anchored the Spartan secondary and ranked among the league leaders in interceptions (4) and passes defended (11).

In 2007, the Spartans recorded 40 sacks, 24 more than it produced the entire 2006 season. In fact, the 40 sacks were the third-highest total in MSU single-season history and exceeded the Spartans' combined sack totals for the previous two seasons (32). The Spartans ranked fourth in the Big Ten (tied) and No. 14 in the NCAA, averaging 3.08 sacks per game. In addition, MSU ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 30th nationally in rushing defense (125.8 ypg.).

*For Narduzzi's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE NARDUZZI FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Donna and four children: Arianna, Christina, Patrick and Isabella.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined staff on Dec. 6, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College - Graduate assistant coach (1990-91) and receivers coach (1992) at Miami-Ohio; linebackers (1993-97) and defensive coordinator (1998-99) at Rhode Island; linebackers coach at Northern Illinois (2000-02); defensive coordinator at Miami-Ohio (2003); defensive coordinator at Cincinnati (2004-06).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in physical education from Rhode Island in 1990; master's degree in sports psychology from Miami-Ohio in 1992.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College - Three-year starter at linebacker at Rhode Island (1987-89); one year at linebacker at Youngstown State (1985).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach - 2003 GMAC Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.

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**HARLON BARNETT**  
SECONDARY COACH  
FIFTH SEASON

Harlon Barnett, a four-year letterwinner at Michigan State (1986-89) as a defensive back who was named a captain as a senior, is in his fifth season as the Spartans' secondary coach. Barnett returned to East Lansing with seven years of professional playing experience and four seasons of coaching experience under his belt.

Barnett oversaw perhaps the most improved secondary in the nation in 2010. After ranking near the bottom of the conference in several pass defense categories in 2009, the Spartans bounced back to rank among the national leaders in pass break-ups (16th with 52), passes defended (17th with 69) and interceptions (tied for 23rd with 17). Michigan State finished third in the Big Ten in pass efficiency defense (121.3 rating), third in interceptions and fifth in passing defense (165.5 yards

allowed per game).

Michigan State was one of just two schools in the conference (Iowa) to have all four of its starters in the defensive backfield earn postseason recognition from the Big Ten. Cornerbacks Johnny Adams and Chris L. Rucker, along with free safety Trenton Robinson, made the All-Big Ten second team as selected by the coaches, while strong safety Marcus Hyde was named to the second team by the media. Rucker was selected by the Indianapolis Colts in the sixth round of the 2011 NFL Draft. The unit combined for 17 interceptions, most at MSU since 2004, after collecting just six in 2009. The interceptions helped fuel MSU's positive turnover margin, as the Spartans leaped from 94th in the nation in 2009 to 31st in that department last season.

In 2009, senior cornerback Jeremy Ware earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors after recording a career-high 52 tackles and five pass break-ups while starting every game. Ware went on to be selected in the seventh round of the 2010 NFL Draft by Oakland.

Barnett's secondary unit displayed depth and tenacity during the 2008 season. A rash of injuries forced Barnett to utilize nine different starting lineups, as four players made their first career starts. Week after week, a new player stepped up and produced when given an opportunity. Leading the way was Otis Wiley, a first-team All-Big Ten selection and Jim Thorpe Award finalist who ranked among the league leaders in interceptions (4) and passes defended (11).

In his first season at MSU, Barnett led a secondary that ranked fourth in the Big Ten in pass defense. Under his direction, former walk-on turned team captain Travis Key earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors in his first year as a starter, as Key ranked third on the team in tackles (69) and second in pass break-ups (6) and interceptions (2) in 2007.

A native of Cincinnati, Barnett was a three-year starter for Coach George Perles at Michigan State. He was a member of the 1987 Big Ten and 1988 Rose Bowl championship team that went 9-2-1 overall and finished eighth in the final polls. Barnett, who also played in the 1989 Gator Bowl and the 1989 Aloha Bowl during his time as a Spartan player, earned first-team All-America recognition by The Sporting News as a senior in 1989. He was a primary reason that the Green and White ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten and No. 11 nationally in both rushing defense (95.4 ypg.) and total defense (280.5 ypg.). He compiled 73 stops, high among Spartan defensive backs, along with three interceptions and three fumble recoveries. He finished his career with 154 tackles, six interceptions and 13 pass break-ups.

Following his impressive career at Michigan State, Barnett was taken in the fourth round of the 1990 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns, where he played for three seasons (1990-92). He spent two seasons at New England (1993-94) and two more with Minnesota (1995-96).

For Barnett's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

## THE BARNETT FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Tammy and two children: Todd and Tori.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined staff on Dec. 1, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant coach at LSU (2003); secondary coach at Cincinnati (2004-06).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in communication from Michigan State in 1990.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterwinner as a defensive back at Michigan State (1986-89) and named captain as a senior. Professional – Spent seven seasons in the National Football League, including stints with the Cleveland Browns (1990-92), New England Patriots (1993-94) and Minnesota Vikings (1995-96).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player – 1985 All-American Bowl, 1988 Rose Bowl, 1989 Gator Bowl, 1989 Aloha Bowl, 1994 NFL Playoffs, 1996 NFL Playoffs. Coach – 2004 Sugar Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**TED GILL**  
DEFENSIVE LINE  
FIFTH SEASON

Now in his fifth year as the defensive line coach at Michigan State, Ted Gill has continued his career-long trend of developing productive and impactful players.

Gill molded a young line in 2010 that featured only one senior to help the Spartans rank among the national leaders in several categories during the regular season, including scoring defense (No. 26 allowing 20.1 points per game) and total defense (No. 31 allowing 337.8 yards per game). The line was instrumental in stopping the run, as the Spartans ranked third in the Big Ten and 21st nationally in the regular season by giving up just 121.9 rushing ypg. In addition, MSU allowed only one 100-yard rusher all season (Game 11 by Purdue's Keith Carlos).

Sophomore defensive tackle Jerel Worthy earned All-Big Ten honorable mention honors after leading the line with 40 tackles and four sacks. A Freshman All-American in 2009, Worthy also ranked third on the team with eight tackles for loss last season.

Senior defensive end Colin Neely had a career year in his final season under Gill, ranking first on the team with 10 tackles for loss while compiling a career-high 34 tackles. In addition, junior Kevin Pickelman and sophomore Tyler Hoover showed significant improvement, as both players recorded career highs in tackles.

Spartan defensive linemen have garnered All-Big Ten recognition six times during Gill's tenure, including Jonal Saint-Dic, who was a second-team All-American in 2007. In addition, Ogemdi Nwagbuo, who Gill mentored in 2007, just completed his second season playing for the San Diego Chargers.

The 2009 Spartan defensive line featured two new starters and a steady mix of underclassmen in the rotation, but the unit still managed to help the defense rank third in the Big Ten and 17th nationally in sacks. The line was also instrumental in stopping the run, as the Spartans were fourth in the Big Ten and 24th nationally by allowing just 113.2 rushing ypg. MSU limited its opponents to fewer than 100 rushing yards in six games.

Veteran end Trevor Anderson led the line with 45 tackles (7.5 for loss) and earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors. Anderson, who also played under Gill at Cincinnati, amassed 39.5 tackles for loss and 22 sacks in his career.

In 2008, three Spartans on the defensive line earned honorable mention All-Big Ten honors, including seniors Justin Kershaw and Brandon Long, who both recorded career highs in tackles for loss and sacks. Anderson, in his first year as a Spartan after transferring from Cincinnati, collected a career high and team-leading eight sacks, which ranked sixth in the Big Ten.

Michigan State's defensive line saw a dramatic improvement in Gill's first season, as Saint-Dic and Ervin Baldwin enjoyed breakout years. Saint-Dic, a first-team All-Big Ten selection, set a Big Ten record and led the nation with eight forced fumbles. The senior ranked fourth in the conference and 16th in the NCAA in sacks with 10, marking the sixth-best total on MSU's single-season chart. For his efforts, Saint-Dic was named a second-team Walter Camp All-American and was one of eight finalists for the Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award. Baldwin, a seventh-round draft choice by the Chicago Bears, led the team and ranked third in the Big Ten with 18.5 tackles for loss, which was the second-highest total in school history.

For Gill's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).

## THE GILL FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Pamela and six children: Libby, Nikki, Seneca, John, Erica and Tracy.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined staff on Nov. 30, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College - Graduate assistant coach at Idaho State (1971-73); offensive line coach at Utah (1974-76); defensive line coach at New Mexico State (1977); defensive coordinator and defensive line coach at Ball State (1978-81); defensive coordinator at Cornell (1982); defensive line and linebackers coach at Army (1983); defensive line and linebackers coach at North Carolina (1984-87); defensive line coach at Rice (1988-89); defensive line and linebackers coach at Iowa (1990-94); defensive coordinator at Oklahoma State (1995); defensive line coach at Cincinnati (2003-06). Professional - Defensive line coach at NFL's Carolina Panthers (1996-98); defensive line coach at CFL's Los Angeles Xtreme (2001); defensive coordinator at CFL's Montreal Alouettes (2002).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in education from Idaho State in 1973.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College - Two-year letterwinner as a linebacker and nose tackle at Idaho State (1968-69).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach - 1986 Aloha Bowl, 1991 Rose Bowl, 1991 Holiday Bowl, 1993 Alamo Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.

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**BRAD SALEM**  
RUNNING BACKS/  
RECRUITING COORDINATOR  
SECOND SEASON

Brad Salem, a former head coach at NCAA Division II Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D., is in his second year as running backs coach at Michigan State and his first as recruiting coordinator.

Under Salem's direction last season, Michigan State's running backs improved their totals from 2009. The resurgent running game was led by Edwin Baker, who became just the sixth sophomore in MSU history to reach the 1,000-yard milestone as he compiled 1,201 rushing yards and scored 13 touchdowns. A first-team All-Big Ten honoree by the media, Baker ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 30th nationally in rushing, averaging 92.4 yard per game.

Baker wasn't only one making noise in the backfield in 2010.

True freshman Le'Veon Bell exploded onto the scene in the first half of the season, collecting 549 yards and eight rushing TDs in the first six games, including a 141-yard effort in the season opener against Western Michigan, the most rushing yards ever by a Spartan in their collegiate debut. Bell closed his first season with 605 yards rushing and was named to the ESPN.com and Rivals.com All-Big Ten Freshman Team. Sophomore Larry Caper, the team's leading rusher in 2009, was also a regular in the playing rotation.

In five seasons (2005-09) as head coach at Augustana College, Salem compiled a 31-26 record.

Salem led Augustana College to back-to-back 8-4 records and consecutive trips to the Mineral Water Bowl in 2008-09. The eight wins matched the school single-season record. In its first two seasons as members of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, Augustana finished fourth and tied for third, respectively, in the final standings and had 10 players earn South Division first-team all-conference honors.

After getting off to a 3-0 start in 2009, the Vikings made their first appearance in the American Football Coaches Association Division II Top 25 since 1989. Augustana finished fifth in the NSIC in total offense, averaging 400.9 ypg.

In 2008, Augustana won six of its last eight games, including a 37-16 victory over Missouri Western State in the Mineral Water Bowl in Excelsior Springs, Mo., as the Vikings rushed for 281 yards and five touchdowns against the Griffons. Augustana ranked among the NSIC leaders in rushing offense (third at 203.7 ypg.), scoring offense (third at 30.8 points per game) and total offense (fourth at 379.7 ypg.) in 2008.

In his first season as head coach in 2005, Salem guided Augustana to a 6-5 record – the program's first winning season in three years.

Prior to being promoted to head coach, he spent two seasons as an assistant coach under Jim Heinitz, serving as quarterbacks coach in 2003 and offensive coordinator in 2004.

From 1994-95, Salem served as a graduate assistant under George Perles and Nick Saban at Michigan State, working with the quarterbacks and wide receivers.

A native of Sioux Falls, S.D., Salem shares his love of coaching football with his father Joe, former head coach at South Dakota (1966-74), Northern Arizona (1975-78) and Minnesota (1979-83); as well as his older brother Tim, tight ends coach and special teams coordinator at Central Florida; and his twin brother Brent, offensive coordinator at O'Gorman High School.

*For Salem's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE SALEM FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Christina, sons Elijah and Jeremiah.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Second. Joined staff on Feb. 19, 2010, from Augustana (S.D.) College.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant coach at Michigan State (1994-95); offensive and recruiting coordinator at Luther (Iowa) College (1997-98); passing game and recruiting coordinator at South Dakota (1999-2001); quarterbacks coach at Augustana College (2003); offensive coordinator at Augustana College (2004); head coach at Augustana College (2005-09).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Augustana College in 1992; master's degree in athletic administration from South Dakota in 1996.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Quarterback at Northern Arizona (1988-89); quarterback and wide receiver at Augustana (1990-92).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 1995 Independence Bowl, 2008 Mineral Water Bowl, 2009 Mineral Water Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**TERRENCE SAMUEL**  
WIDE RECEIVERS  
FIRST SEASON

Terrence Samuel, a 13-year coaching veteran who played his collegiate football at Purdue, is in his first year as wide receivers coach at Michigan State. Samuel spent the 2010 season at Central Michigan under former Spartan quarterback and assistant coach Dan Enos.

During his only season at CMU, Samuel mentored Cody Wilson, who posted one of the top individual receiving seasons in school history. Wilson caught 83 passes for 1,137 yards and five touchdowns, recording just the sixth individual 1,000-yard receiving season in school history. His 83 receptions rank fifth in school history for a single season, while his 1,137 yards rank third. He ranked ninth nationally in receiving yards per game (94.8), 11th in receptions per game (6.9) and 13th in total receiving yards. Wilson was named the team's Herb Deromedi

Most Valuable Player for the 2010 season and earned All-Mid-American Conference second-team accolades.

In addition, Kito Poblach concluded his career in 2010 ranking in the Top 10 in school history in career receptions (154, eighth), receiving yards (1,908, ninth) and touchdown receptions (15, tied for seventh). Poblach caught at least one pass in each of the final 36 games of his career.

Prior to his stop in Mount Pleasant, Samuel coached receivers at North Dakota State for two seasons (2008-09). In 2008, he worked directly with Kole Heckendorf, who spent the 2009 season with the Detroit Lions.

Samuel arrived at North Dakota State after making a second stop at Nebraska-Omaha. He was the offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Nebraska-Omaha in 2007, helping lead the Mavericks to a 10-1 overall record and North Central Conference championship. Running backs Brian McNeill (first team) and Nate Wurth (second team) both earned all-conference honors.

Samuel coached receivers at Southeast Missouri State in 2006 following his original three-year stint at Nebraska-Omaha.

He coached defensive backs at Nebraska-Omaha in 2003 and 2004, then assumed the duties of special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach in 2005. Samuel mentored All-America linebacker Kenny Onatolu, now a member of the Minnesota Vikings, in 2005, and he was part of a coaching staff that led the Mavericks to conference championships in 2004 and 2005.

Samuel began his coaching career at Nebraska-Omaha as a graduate assistant from 1998-2000. He also spent the 2001 and 2002 seasons as a graduate assistant at Arizona.

Samuel was a four-year letterman (1991-94) as a receiver for Coach Jim Colletto at Purdue. While at Purdue, he was the recipient of the 1994 Kiwanis Citizenship Award, which is presented to a Boilermaker football player who excels most in the combined roles of player, student and community volunteer.

*For Samuel's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE SAMUEL FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Jaclyn and two children: Brooklyn and Draven.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** First. Joined staff on Feb. 11, 2011, from Central Michigan.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant coach at Nebraska-Omaha (1998-2000); graduate assistant coach at Arizona (2001-02); defensive backs coach (2003-04) and outside linebackers coach/special teams coordinator (2005) at Nebraska-Omaha; wide receivers at Southeast Missouri State (2006); the offensive coordinator and running backs coach at Nebraska-Omaha (2007); wide receivers coach at North Dakota State (2008-09); wide receivers coach at Central Michigan (2010).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in communication and psychology from Purdue in 1995; his master's degree in recreation administration from Nebraska-Omaha in 2001.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year letterman as a wide receiver at Purdue (1991-94).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 2000 NCAA Division II Playoffs, 2005 NCAA Division II Playoffs, 2007 NCAA Division II Playoffs.



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**MARK STATEN**  
OFFENSIVE LINE  
FIFTH SEASON

Mark Staten is in his fifth year on the coaching staff at Michigan State and his first as the offensive line coach. He was promoted to offensive line coach in February after serving as the tight ends/tackles coach and recruiting coordinator the past four years. Staten adds a mix of professional playing experience with a solid coaching background.

Last season, Staten oversaw two of the most talented tight ends in the Big Ten, in senior Charlie Gantt and junior Brian Linthicum.

Gantt, who was a second-team All-Big Ten pick by the media, had 24 receptions for 301 yards and three touchdowns. He was an honorable mention All-American by SI.com and was named to the midseason watch list for the Mackey Award, which is awarded to the nation's top tight end. Gantt ranked among the

top tight ends in Spartan history, finishing his career tied for third in TD receptions (9) and sixth in both receptions (65) and receiving yards (951).

A transfer from Clemson, Linthicum was on the preseason watch list for the Mackey Award, as Michigan State was the only school in the country to have two tight ends on the list. He recorded 18 catches for 230 yards and one TD in 2010 and has caught 38 passes for 496 yards in his two-year Spartan career.

Staten also worked with the tackles the past four seasons, and his mentoring of D.J. Young paid dividends in 2010 as Young moved from right tackle to left tackle. A second-team All-Big Ten selection by the coaches, Young and left guard Joel Foreman anchored an offensive line that ranked fifth in the Big Ten and 40th nationally in rushing during the regular season, averaging 168.8 yards per game.

As recruiting coordinator, Staten helped put together a 2009 recruiting class that analysts ranked among the nation's Top 25 (MaxPreps/Tom Lemming No. 12, PrepStar No. 15, Rivals.com No. 17 and Scouts, Inc. No. 21). The Spartans followed that effort with another stellar class in 2010 that was ranked among the nation's Top 30 (MaxPreps/Tom Lemming No. 22, Rivals.com No. 29).

In 2009, four Spartan tight ends combined for 56 receptions, 780 receiving yards and eight TD catches. In addition to coaching the tight ends, Staten's work with the offensive line helped the unit allow the fewest amount of sacks in the Big Ten (14).

In 2008, Staten's offensive line unit helped pave the way for Javon Ringer, the nation's fourth-leading rusher and consensus first-team All-American. Under Staten's tutelage, right tackle Jesse Miller earned his first career Big Ten honors, garnering second-team accolades from the league's media.

Staten played an instrumental role in helping the Spartan offensive line become one of the best units in the Big Ten in 2007. He tutored left tackle Pete Clifford, who went on to earn second-team All-Big Ten honors. With the tight end position playing more of a prominent role in MSU's new offensive system, Staten also helped Kellen Davis have his most productive year as a Spartan. Davis, a fifth-round NFL Draft pick by the Chicago Bears, recorded career highs in receptions (32), receiving yards (513) and touchdowns (6) as a senior.

Following the 2006 regular season, Staten was one of eight assistant coaches to follow head coach Mark Dantonio from Cincinnati to East Lansing. In 2006, Staten tutored team MVP Brent Celek, who set Cincinnati career records for receptions (88), receiving yards (1,114) and touchdowns (14) by a tight end. Celek, a second-team All-BIG EAST selection as a senior, was chosen by the Philadelphia Eagles in the fifth round of the 2007 NFL Draft.

*For Staten's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE STATEN FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Dana, sons Quinn and Maximus.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined staff on Nov. 30, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant coach at Miami-Ohio (2001); graduate assistant coach at Ohio State (2002-03); tight ends/tackles and recruiting coordinator at Cincinnati (2004-06).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Miami-Ohio in 2001.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year starter as a defensive tackle at Miami-Ohio (1989-92). Professional – Spent parts of two seasons in the National Football League, with the Cincinnati Bengals (1993) and New England Patriots (1993-94).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 2003 Fiesta Bowl, 2004 Fiesta Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**MIKE TRESSEL**  
LINEBACKERS/SPECIAL TEAMS  
FIFTH SEASON

Mike Tressel is in his fifth year as the linebackers and special teams coach at Michigan State.

In his role as linebackers coach over the last four seasons, Tressel mentored Greg Jones and Eric Gordon, two of the top linebackers in the nation who combined for 796 tackles in their careers.

A back-to-back first-team consensus All-American, Jones led the Spartans in tackles (106), forced fumbles (3) and quarterback hurries (6) and ranked tied for first in tackles for loss (10 for 20 yards) in 2010. He became just the seventh player in program history to receive first-team All-Big Ten honors three times.

A model of consistency, Jones led the team in tackles in 31 of his last 39 games and became only the second player in

MSU history to lead the Spartans in tackles for four-straight seasons (linebacker Dan Bass, 1976-79). The Cincinnati, Ohio, native started 46 of 52 career games and ranks among MSU's all-time leaders in tackles for loss (second with 44.5), tackles (third with 457) and sacks (sixth with 16.5). Jones became the first Spartan to win Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year accolades after collecting 154 tackles in 2009, the most in the conference and third nationally. He was rated the No. 1 linebacker in the nation by CollegeFootballNews.com and earned the Linebacker Trophy (Linebacker of the Year) by the College Football Performance Awards.

Jones was selected in the sixth round (No. 185 overall) of the 2011 NFL Draft by the New York Giants.

Gordon started more games (49) than any player in Spartan history, including 40 consecutive starting assignments. He finished his career ranked among MSU's all-time leaders in tackles for loss (10th with 29), tackles (12th with 331) and sacks (21st with 9.5). A second-team All-Big Ten selection by the coaches and media as a senior, Gordon was second on the team and 13th in the Big Ten with 92 tackles (7.1 avg.) in 2010, which tied his career high.

Tressel also oversees a successful special teams unit that has been one of the best in the Big Ten since his arrival. Over the last four years, MSU has had two first-team All-Big Ten placekickers (Brett Swenson, Dan Conroy), a first-team All-Big Ten punter (Aaron Bates), and has featured conference leaders in both kick returns (Devin Thomas) and punt returns (Keshawn Martin).

Last season, Bates ranked first in the Big Ten and 13th in the nation with his 45.0-yard punting average to earn first-team All-Big Ten accolades and second-team All-America honors by SI.com. In addition, Martin ranked first in the conference and 11th nationally in punt returns (14.2 avg.), and sophomore Dan Conroy was a first-team All-Big Ten selection after going 14-for-15 in field goals during his first year as the starting placekicker.

Not only did the unit rank among the national leaders statistically in 2010, but it also delivered in the clutch. Four of the biggest plays during Michigan State's Big Ten Championship season arrived on special teams, including: Bates' 29-yard completion to Charlie Gantt on a fake field goal in overtime that won the game against Notre Dame; Martin's 72-yard punt return for a touchdown that gave MSU the lead for good in the win over Wisconsin; Bates' 21-yard pass to Bennie Fowler on a fake punt in the fourth quarter that sparked MSU's comeback at Northwestern; and Denicos Allen's blocked punt late in the fourth quarter against Purdue that led to the game-winning touchdown.

*For Tressel's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE TRESSEL FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Megan, son Logan and daughter Quincy.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined staff on Dec. 1, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant coach at South Dakota (1996-97); offensive line coach (1998-2000) and offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach (2001) at Wartburg (Iowa) College; graduate assistant linebackers coach at Ohio State (2002-03); linebackers and special teams coach at Cincinnati (2004-06).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cornell (Iowa) College in 1996; master's degree in sports administration at South Dakota in 1998.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Four-year starter in the secondary at Cornell (Iowa) College (1992-95).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 1999 NCAA Division III Playoffs, 2003 Fiesta Bowl, 2004 Fiesta Bowl, 2004 Fort Worth Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.

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**DAVE WARNER**  
QUARTERBACKS  
FIFTH SEASON

Under the direction of Dave Warner the last four seasons, Spartan quarterbacks have been posting record numbers.

In his second year as the starter in 2010, Kirk Cousins blossomed his junior season and posted one of the finest statistical seasons in Michigan State history. An honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by the coaches and media, Cousins ranked among the Top 10 Spartan single-season leaders in completion percentage (67 percent - second), pass completions (226 - third), passing yards (2,825 - third), touchdown passes (20 - tied for fourth), total offense (2,689 yards - fourth) and pass attempts (338 - sixth). He also ranked fifth in the Big Ten and No. 18 in the NCAA Football Subdivision in passing efficiency with his 150.7 rating.

Cousins tied a Michigan State record by throwing a touchdown pass in 16 consecutive games (spanning from 2009 to 2010), and also had one stretch of six consecutive 200-yard passing games. For his efforts, he was named one of 16 semifinalists for the Davey O'Brien Award, which is presented to the nation's top quarterback.

Cousins played his best when the game was on the line, as his 170.1 second-half passing efficiency rating ranked No. 11 among all NCAA FBS quarterbacks. In the second half (24 quarters and overtime), he connected on 70 percent (102-of-146) of his passes and threw 11 TDs.

A two-time team captain, Cousins owns a 16-9 record as a starter and is moving up the Michigan State career charts as well. He ranks first in completion percentage (.643) and passing efficiency (146.7), fourth in passing (5,815 yards) and total offense (5,727 yards), and sixth in pass completions (456) and touchdown passes (41). In addition to Cousins, Warner also tutored Keith Nichol, who threw for 764 yards and seven TDs in 2009 while compiling a 143.2 quarterback rating. With their successful seasons, Cousins and Nichol combined to give Michigan State the No. 2 passing attack in the Big Ten Conference, averaging nearly 270 yards per game. The Spartans also ranked No. 1 in the league and 17th in the nation in passing efficiency with their 145.1 quarterback rating. MSU established a school record with 28 touchdown passes in 2009, and the 3,502 passing yards ranked second in the school record books.

In 2007 and 2008, Warner mentored Brian Hoyer, who became one of the most productive quarterbacks in Spartan history. Hoyer ranks among MSU's career leaders in pass attempts (No. 2 at 896), passing yards (No. 3 with 6,159), pass completions (No. 3 at 500) and TD passes (No. 7 with 35). Hoyer, who threw for more than 2,000 yards in back-to-back seasons, is one of just three MSU quarterbacks to record 6,000 career passing yards. Warner also developed Hoyer's game management skills, as the senior captain accumulated a 16-11 record and led the Spartans to back-to-back bowl appearances. After signing a free agent contract in April 2009, Hoyer has worked his way into the back-up quarterback role for the New England Patriots the last two seasons.

Warner has been a quarterbacks coach and/or offensive coordinator or passing game coordinator for 22 of his previous 27 seasons as a college assistant.

*For Warner's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE WARNER FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Leigh Ann, son Jackson (7), daughter Alexandra (20).

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth. Joined the staff on Dec. 1, 2006, from Cincinnati.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College - Graduate assistant at Syracuse (1982-83); running backs coach (1984-85) and quarterbacks coach (1986-87) at Kent State; quarterbacks coach at Kansas (1988-96); quarterbacks coach at Bucknell (1997); passing game coordinator at Wyoming (1998); offensive coordinator at Connecticut (1999-2000); passing game coordinator at Houston (2001-02); wide receivers coach at Southern Miss (2003-04); quarterbacks coach at Cincinnati (2006).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in speech communications from Syracuse in 1982; master's degree in physical education from Syracuse in 1984.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College - Three-year letterwinner as a quarterback at Syracuse (1979-81).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Player - 1979 Independence Bowl. Coach - 1992 Aloha Bowl, 1995 Aloha Bowl, 2003 Liberty Bowl, 2004 New Orleans Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**KEN MANNIE**  
HEAD STRENGTH &  
CONDITIONING COACH  
17TH SEASON

Ken Mannie enters his 17th year as Michigan State's head strength and conditioning coach for football, while additionally directing and overseeing the strength and conditioning programs for all men's and women's sports.

Mannie is a certified strength and conditioning specialist with the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa), the National Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (NSCA) and holds an honorary certification with the International Association of Resistance Trainers (IART). In May 2002 at its annual conference in Salt Lake City, the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association awarded Mannie the title of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach (MSCC) in recognition of his credentials, professional contributions, mentorship, expertise, and longevity in the field. He is also a professional member of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), and the American Association for Health Education (AAHE).

Mannie has been a keynote speaker and roundtable participant at several national conventions and seminars.

In both 2006 and 2007, Mannie was named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers in recognition for his numerous and ongoing educational efforts in the field of strength and conditioning and in bringing awareness to the anabolic drug abuse problem in sports. He has been recognized and is widely-published on his adamant stance against performance-enhancing drugs.

In June, 2007, the Varsity S Club inducted him as an honorary member.

He has written over 300 articles and four book chapters on the various aspects of strength/conditioning, speed/power development, sports nutrition, motivation, athletics, and the anabolic drug abuse issue. Since 2000, Mannie has written the monthly column "Powerline" for Coach and Athletic Director, the nation's oldest and most prestigious coaching publication. He is also a frequent contributor to the Championship Performance newsletter.

He also serves on the advisory boards for the National Strength Professionals Association (NSPA), the information-based Athletic Strength and Power (ASAP) website, and the Ultimate Strength and Conditioning website. Mannie has coached numerous All-Americans, as well as a host of players who went on to have highly successful NFL careers. Additionally, he has served as a consultant to several NFL teams on training equipment, program design, and the organization and administration of testing protocols.

Prior to his arrival at Michigan State, Mannie spent nine years in a similar capacity at the University of Toledo (1985-94). He worked for Nick Saban in 1990 when the Rockets won a share of the Mid-American Conference title and finished 9-2. He served as a graduate assistant along with Mark Dantonio at Ohio State in 1984, working with the Buckeyes' Big Ten championship football team.

A native of Steubenville, Ohio, Mannie taught and coached on the high school level for 10 years (1975-84). He spent nine of those years at his alma mater Steubenville Catholic Central where he coached football, wrestling and track.

He began his coaching career as a student assistant at Akron in 1974, working with the offensive guards and centers. A former walk-on, Mannie became a three-year letterman and two-year starter at offensive guard for Akron from 1971-73. He started on the '71 Zips' team that finished 8-2 and ranked eighth nationally in the Division II polls.

*For Mannie's complete bio, please visit [msuspartans.com](http://msuspartans.com).*

## THE MANNIE FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Marianne and daughter Alaina Antoinette, a 2010 graduate of Michigan State University.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** 17th. Joined staff on Dec. 8, 1994, from Toledo.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College — Graduate assistant at Ohio State (1984); head strength and conditioning coach at Toledo (1985-94). Also coached and taught at the high school level for ten years.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Akron in 1974; master's degree in health and physical education with an emphasis in exercise science from Ohio State in 1985.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College — Three-year letterman and two-year starter at offensive guard at Akron (1971-73).

**BOWL EXPERIENCE:** Coach — 1985 Rose Bowl, 1995 Independence Bowl, 1996 Sun Bowl, 1997 Aloha Bowl, 2000 Florida Citrus Bowl, 2001 Silicon Valley Football Classic, 2003 Alamo Bowl, 2007 Champs Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.

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**TOMMY HOKE**  
ASSOCIATE HEAD STRENGTH &  
CONDITIONING COACH  
EIGHTH SEASON

Tommy Hoke is in his eighth year as associate head strength and conditioning coach at Michigan State.

Hoke was named a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach (MSCC) in May 2010 by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA), which is the highest honor given to a strength and conditioning professional.

The 43-year-old Hoke came to Michigan State following eight seasons at Appalachian State (1996-2003), including three years as an assistant before being promoted to head strength and conditioning coach in 1999 by head football coach Jerry Moore. In his role as head strength and conditioning coach, he organized workouts for Appalachian State's 20 varsity sports.

A certified strength and conditioning specialist, Hoke played an integral part in helping Appalachian State football to a combined record of 67-30 (.691) from 1996-2003, including

a 48-16 record (.750) in Southern Conference games. The Mountaineers made five-straight appearances in the NCAA I-AA playoffs from 1998-2002. During his tenure, 13 Appalachian State players were invited to National Football League training camps.

Prior to his second stint at Appalachian State, Hoke spent one year as assistant strength and conditioning coach at Texas Tech (1995-96) where he worked primarily with the Red Raiders' men's basketball, women's soccer, softball and track and field programs while assisting football.

Hoke first arrived on the Appalachian State campus in 1992, working for four years as assistant strength and conditioning coach (1992-95).

He began his coaching career as an assistant track and field coach at UNC Wilmington in 1991.

A native of Durham, N.C., Hoke lettered in track and field at UNC Wilmington, competing in the javelin and shot put in 1990. He also participated in soccer in 1986.

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**TIM ALLEN**  
DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL  
OPERATIONS  
FOURTH SEASON

Tim Allen, who previously worked together with Spartan head coach Mark Dantonio and quarterbacks coach Dave Warner at Kansas in the early 1990s, is in his fourth season as director of football operations at Michigan State.

Allen oversees the day-to-day operations and budget of the football program. His duties include coordinating team travel, bowl game preparations, future scheduling and facility updates to the Skandalaris Football Center. In addition, Allen serves as the summer football camp director and is Coach Dantonio's liaison to the equipment staff, training room, video department, field maintenance and all athletic administration.

Allen previously spent 19 seasons on Glen Mason's coaching staff at Kansas (1988-96) and Minnesota (1997-2006).

Allen came to Michigan State following 10 years at Minnesota where he served as assistant athletics director for football operations. During his tenure, the Golden Gophers made seven postseason bowl appearances, including five straight trips from 2002-06, and finished ranked among the nation's Top 25 on two occasions (1999: ESPN/USA TODAY No. 17 and Associated Press No. 18; 2003: No. 17 ESPN/USA TODAY and AP No. 20). From 1999-2005, Minnesota averaged better than seven wins per season (50 total).

Allen previously spent 11 seasons at Kansas, first as a defensive graduate assistant in 1986 before being promoted to administrative assistant for football operations in 1987. He was retained when Mason became the Jayhawks' head coach in 1988. During his stint in Lawrence, Allen was part of one of college football's most dramatic turnarounds as Kansas recorded a pair of Aloha Bowl victories (1992 over BYU and 1995 over UCLA) and two Top 25 finishes (1992: AP No. 22 and United Press International No. 23; 1995: No. 9 AP and No. 10 UPI). While at Kansas, he served as the academic liaison for football and organized the on-campus recruiting efforts in addition to his other football operations duties.

From 1982-85, he worked as an assistant football coach (wide receivers, 1982-83; defensive backs/special teams coordinator, 1984-85) and admissions counselor at his alma mater, Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. In October 2003, Allen and members of the 1984 Threshers' football team that posted an undefeated regular-season record (9-0) en route to winning the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) championship and finishing second in the NAIA Division II final rankings were inducted into the Bethel College Athletic Hall of Fame.

A native of Seneca, Kansas, Allen earned two letters as a wide receiver and was elected team captain as a senior at Bethel College.

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## THE HOKE FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Rachel and two children: Drew (14) and Jennifer (11).

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Eighth. Joined staff on April 26, 2004, from Appalachian State.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – assistant track and field coach at UNC Wilmington (1991); assistant strength and conditioning coach at Appalachian State (1992-95); assistant strength and conditioning coach at Texas Tech (1995-96); assistant strength and conditioning coach at Appalachian State (1996-1998); head strength and conditioning coach at Appalachian State (1999-2003).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in physical education from UNC Wilmington in 1990; master's degree in exercise science from Appalachian State in 1993.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Lettered in track and field at UNC Wilmington (1990).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 1998 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 1999 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 2000 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 2001 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 2002 NCAA I-AA playoffs, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.

## THE ALLEN FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Rochelle and four children: Brett, Brianna, Brooke and Brandon.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fourth. Joined staff on June 13, 2008, from Minnesota.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College - Wide receivers coach (1982-83) and defensive backs coach/special teams coordinator (1984-85) at Bethel College; defensive graduate assistant (1986), administrative assistant for football operations (1987) and director of football operations (1988-96) at Kansas; assistant athletics director for football operations at Minnesota (1997-2006).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science in health, physical education and recreation from Bethel College in 1986.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College - Two-year letterman as a wide receiver at Bethel College.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach - 1984 NAIA Division II playoffs, 1992 Aloha Bowl, 1995 Aloha Bowl, 1999 Sun Bowl, 2000 MicronPC.com Bowl, 2002 Music City Bowl, 2003 Sun Bowl, 2004 Music City Bowl, 2005 Music City Bowl, 2006 Insight Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**DINO FOLINO**  
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL/  
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT &  
RELATIONS  
10TH SEASON

Former Spartan assistant coach Dino Folino enters his 10th year as director of personnel/player development and relations at Michigan State.

Folino's responsibilities include coordinating football student-athlete housing and summer jobs program, high school coaches clinics and football fantasy camp. In addition, he serves as the football office's liaison to National Football League scouts, student-athlete support services, sports marketing department, MSU Football Players Association and Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Prior to accepting a position in athletics administration, he spent 27 years in the college coaching ranks. Folino returned to Michigan State following four years at Vanderbilt (1998-2001), where he coached the secondary and served as defensive coordinator under Woody Widenhofer.

He worked one season as a defensive coordinator at Alma College (1997) and two years as the defensive backs coach at Albion College (1995-96).

Folino previously spent seven years as the secondary coach at Michigan State (1988-94) under George Perles. During his tenure, the Spartans made four bowl appearances (1989 Gator, 1989 Aloha, 1990 Sun and 1993 Liberty) and won a share of the 1990 Big Ten championship. In 1994, Michigan State led the Big Ten in passing defense (103.1 rating). In addition, Folino coached three first-team All-Big Ten selections: safety John Miller (1987-88), safety Harlon Barnett (1989) and cornerback Demetric Martin (1994). Barnett, who now serves as secondary coach under first-year Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio, also earned first-team All-America honors from The Sporting News in 1989.

His college coaching credits also include stops at Rice (1986-87), Penn (1985), Pittsburgh (1981-84), Cincinnati (1977-80), New Hampshire (1976) and Ohio State (1974-75). During his stint under Jackie Sherrill at Pittsburgh, the Panthers finished ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 three-straight years (No. 4 in 1981, No. 10 in 1982 and No. 18 in 1983) while earning trips to the 1982 Sugar, 1983 Cotton and 1984 Fiesta Bowls. Folino began his coaching career as a graduate assistant under legendary Coach Woody Hayes at Ohio State, where the Buckeyes won two-straight Big Ten championships in 1974-75 and made back-to-back Rose Bowl appearances (1975-76).

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## THE FOLINO FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife Anita and eight children: sons, Anthony, Chuck, John and Danny; and daughters, Alyse, Ann, Ellen and Carlyann. Couple also has nine grandchildren: Johnny, Dano, Jack, Drew, George, Caroline, June, Charlie and Lilian.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** 17th overall. Rejoined staff in 2002.

**PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:** College – Graduate assistant at Ohio State (1974-75); defensive backs coach at New Hampshire (1976); defensive backs coach at Cincinnati (1977-80); defensive backs coach at Pittsburgh (1981-84); defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach at Pennsylvania (1985-86); defensive backs coach at Rice (1986-87); defensive backs coach at Michigan State (1988-94); defensive backs coach at Albion College (1995-96); defensive coordinator at Alma College (1997); defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator at Vanderbilt (1998-2001).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in education from Villanova in 1971; master's degree in educational administration from Ohio State in 1975.

**PLAYING EXPERIENCE:** College – Three-year starter at free safety for Villanova (1968-70).

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** Coach – 1975 Rose Bowl, 1976 Rose Bowl, 1976 NC AA Division II Playoffs, 1982 Sugar Bowl, 1983 Cotton Bowl, 1984 Fiesta Bowl, 1989 Gator Bowl, 1989 Aloha Bowl, 1990 Sun Bowl, 1993 Liberty Bowl, 1996 NC AA Division III Playoffs, 2003 Alamo Bowl, 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



**BRAD LUNSFORD**  
DIRECTOR OF EXECUTIVE  
FOOTBALL OPERATIONS  
FIFTH SEASON

Brad Lunsford enters his fifth year as a full-time member of the Spartan football staff as director of executive football operations.

Lunsford's primary responsibilities include coordinating team travel, preseason camp, training table and food services as well as administrative oversight over all practice sessions. In addition, he supervises the comp ticket program for MSU players during the regular season and postseason; develops all administrative manuals for the program; plus assists in planning the yearly calendar as well as camps and clinics. Lunsford also organizes and coordinates all day-to-day football-related activities for head coach Mark Dantonio and serves as the football office's liaison to the athletic communications staff.

The 28-year-old Lunsford spent one year at Delaware State, serving as the school's first director of football operations. In his dual role as assistant athletics director, he oversaw all operations of the Hornet program in 2006, managing day-to-day administrative tasks while arranging team travel and scheduling.

Prior to spending the 2006 season at Delaware State, Lunsford worked for five years in the Michigan State football office. From September 2000 to May 2004, he was the assistant to the recruiting coordinator, managing all mailings for high school and junior college film requests, maintaining the program's recruiting database and organizing a nationwide recruiting board. In 2003, he was employed by Palace Sports and Entertainment in Auburn Hills, Mich., as a basketball operations intern for the WNBA's Detroit Shock.

Upon earning his bachelor's degree in public policy from Michigan State in May 2004, Lunsford changed roles and was promoted to assistant director of football operations. Serving in a graduate assistant capacity for the 2004 and 2005 seasons, he helped former Assistant Athletics Director/Director of Football Operations in all administrative duties, including recruiting functions, team travel and managing and training student administrative and recruiting aides.

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## THE LUNSFORD FILE

**FAMILY:** Wife April.

**YEARS AT MICHIGAN STATE:** Fifth on full-time staff as director of executive football operations.

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:** College – Assistant to the recruiting coordinator at Michigan State (2000-2003); assistant director of football operations at Michigan State (2004-05); assistant athletics director/director of football operations at Delaware State (2006).

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's degree in public policy from Michigan State in 2004; master's degree in sports administration from Michigan State in 2005.

**POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE:** 2007 Champs Sports Bowl, 2009 Capital One Bowl, 2010 Valero Alamo Bowl, 2011 Capital One Bowl.



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**RANDY GILLON**  
SPEED COACH  
FOURTH SEASON

Randy Gillon begins his fourth season as the speed coach for the Michigan State football program. Gillon currently is in his sixth season as an assistant coach of the Spartans' track and field team, primarily working with the sprinters and hurdlers.

During his time with the Spartans, Gillon has coached 21 NCAA regional qualifiers, including Leslie Aririguzo in the 100m hurdles the last two seasons and the 4x100 relay squad in 2010, and two NCAA national qualifiers; most recently, Keenan Michael qualified in the 400m hurdles in 2010. Also, Gillon has mentored six All-Big Ten honorees. Four Spartans have set school-records during his tenure, including Orr in the indoor 60m and indoor 400m and Shane Wells in the indoor 60m hurdles.

Prior to his arrival in East Lansing, Gillon worked with the Illinois State track and field program for two years. He began his stint as a volunteer coach, and then was promoted to an assistant coach for his second season with the Red Birds. He began his coaching career as a volunteer coach for the Illinois women's track and field team upon graduation.

Gillon previously directed the Prime Function Strength and Rehabilitation Training Systems in Toronto, where he designed and oversaw strength training, weight management, rehabilitation, and general fitness programs for both competitive and non-competitive athletes from various sports. Gillon also served as a consultant to First Line Kinesiologist Inc., providing therapeutic exercises to post-injury individuals.

Gillon is a member of the NSCA, USATF and the Ontario Kinesiologist Association (OKA) and Ontario Track and Field Association (OTFA), with certifications in kinesiology and strength and conditioning.

Gillon earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 2000 and a master's degree in kinesiology with a focus in biomechanics from the University of Illinois in 2002. A three-year letterwinner for the track and field program, Gillon graduated eighth on Illinois' all-time record chart with a time of 14.15 in the 110m high hurdles.



**ARCHIE COLLINS**  
DEFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT  
SECOND SEASON

Former Michigan State walk-on safety Archie Collins is in his second year as a graduate assistant on the Spartan coaching staff. He assists the defensive staff, working primarily with secondary coach Harlon Barnett.

The 34-year-old Collins returned to Michigan State after coaching in the Detroit Public School League for seven years. During his tenure in the PSL, he coached nine players who went on to earn all-state honors and 28 players who gained all-city recognition.

A Detroit native, Collins spent four years as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Southeastern High School (2006-09) where he helped the Jungaleers win back-to-back district and division championships in 2008-09. In addition, Southeastern won the PSL city title in 2008. During his tenure as defensive coordinator, the Jugaleers recorded 15 shutouts, 126 takeaways and scored 16 defensive touchdowns.

During the 2005 season, Collins served as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Mackenzie High School.

He worked for two seasons as the defensive backs coach at his high school alma mater, Cass Tech (2003-04). During his two-year stint, the secondary registered 29 interceptions, 22 pass break-ups and scored four defensive TDs.

Shortly after his arrival as a walk-on, Collins earned a scholarship and became a two-time letterman (1996-97) for the Spartans. He was selected Special Teams Player of the Week twice during his career: against Penn State in 1996 and Purdue in 1997. Current Spartan head coach Mark Dantonio served as his position coach during his collegiate career.

Collins, who earned his bachelor's degree in finance from MSU in 1998, is currently pursuing a master's degree in kinesiology.

Collins and his wife Brandi have a daughter, Amber, and a son, Archie IV.



**NICK RUFFING**  
OFFENSIVE GRADUATE ASSISTANT  
FIRST SEASON

Nick Ruffing is in his first year as a graduate assistant on the Michigan State football staff. The 26-year-old Ruffing will assist the Spartan offensive staff, working with offensive line coach Mark Staten.

The East Lansing, Mich., native spent the last two years working as a graduate assistant in the weight room under Ken Mannie.

Ruffing previously served as an assistant coach for five years under Bill Feraco at East Lansing High School. He coached the varsity offensive line his last two years, helping the Trojans win two district championships and one regional title. During his tenure at East Lansing High School, Ruffing coached current Spartans Blake Treadwell and Danny Folino.

He was a two-year letterman as an offensive tackle at East Lansing High School where he played for Coach Jeff Smith.

Ruffing earned his bachelor's degree in kinesiology and a specialization in coaching from Michigan State in 2008. He is scheduled to receive his master's degree in kinesiology/sports administration in December 2011.



**RYAN MANALAC**  
VIDEO INTERN / DEFENSE  
FIRST SEASON

Former Cincinnati linebacker Ryan Manalac begins his first year as a video intern for the Michigan State football program.

A four-year letterman for the Bearcats from 2005-08, Manalac spent his first three years in the program playing for Mark Dantonio. He started all 14 games for Cincinnati as a senior in 2008, including the 2009 FedEx Orange Bowl against Virginia Tech, and recorded a career-best 82 tackles to lead the team. Manalac ranked second on the Bearcats in tackles as a junior with 76, including a career-high 5.5 for losses.

A native of Pickerington, Ohio, Manalac earned his bachelor of business administration from Cincinnati in December 2008. As a senior, he was presented the C-Club Strothman Award for academic and athletic excellence.

Manalac joined the National Football League's Buffalo Bills as an undrafted free agent for preseason camp in August 2009. After being waived, he later signed with the team's practice squad before being promoted to the 53-man roster in January 2010.

Manalac is currently pursuing a master's degree in kinesiology at Michigan State.



**JOSH ROUSE**  
VIDEO INTERN / OFFENSE  
FIRST SEASON

Former Michigan State fullback/linebacker Josh Rouse is in his first year as a video intern for the Michigan State football program.

The 24-year-old Rouse earned three letters as a fullback/linebacker from 2006-08. After missing the entire 2009 season with a toe injury, he suffered a career-ending neck injury in the 2010 season opener against Western Michigan. Following MSU's 2010 Big Ten Championship season, Rouse was named recipient of the "Biggie" Munn as the team's most inspirational player.

He had three receptions for 24 yards and 10 tackles in 36 career games. His first career reception from Brian Hoyer went for a 7-yard score on a third-and-goal play in the fourth quarter at Michigan in 2008, as MSU posted its first win in Ann Arbor since 1990.

A native of Newton, Conn., Rouse was a two-way starter (tight end and linebacker) and captain for Coach Dennis Orlando at Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, Pa. He recorded 96 tackles, including 35 for losses with five sacks, while helping Valley Forge to an 8-0 record in 2005 - its first undefeated season in 16 years. Rouse attended the same prep school that produced former Spartan All-America linebacker Julian Peterson.

He earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in social science - human resources from MSU in May 2010. Rouse is currently pursuing a master's degree in kinesiology.



**PAM HENNING**  
ASSISTANT COACHES  
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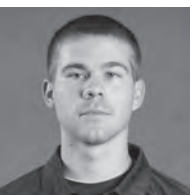
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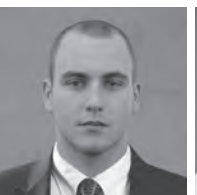
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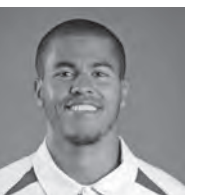
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