

HEAD COACH CHRIS HOLTMANN

Chris Holtmann Era Starts Fast in Columbus

Chris Holtmann begins his second season at the helm of the Buckeyes in 2018-19 following an inaugural season at Ohio State in which he was named the 2018 Big Ten Coach of the Year while leading the Buckeyes to a 25-9 overall record, a No. 2 finish in the Big Ten regular-season standings (15-3) and a Second Round appearance in the 2018 NCAA Tournament.

The Big Ten Coach of the Year award was the second COY honor in as many seasons, and third overall for Holtmann, who earned Big East COY in 2017. The Big East award culminated three seasons as head coach at Butler University. Holtmann became the 14th head coach in Ohio State history when he was named to the position June 9, 2017.

The Buckeyes exceeded any and all expectations in Holtmann's first season in Columbus. Picked to finish no better than 11th in preseason media polls, the Buckeyes stormed out to a 9-0 record in Big Ten Conference play, the best start to a league season by a first-year Big Ten coach in 95 years.

Highlighting the 2018-19 season were home wins over Michigan, overcoming a first-half 20-point deficit, and No. 1 Michigan State along with a road victory at No. 3 Purdue, the Boilermakers' only home loss of the season.

Holtmann, the USBWA District V Coach of the Year and a finalist for the 2018 Naismith COY Award, not only earned awards in 2017-18, he coached award winners as well.

Keita Bates-Diop, who suffered a season-ending leg injury early in the 2016-17 season, returned to the Ohio State roster as a redshirt junior in 2017-18 to become the 2018 Big Ten Player of the Year while also earning Consensus Second Team All-America honors (Associated Press, NABC, Sporting News, USBWA). He helped the Buckeyes to the most wins (25) under a first-year head coach in Ohio State history. Bates-Diop also was a 2018 First Team All-Big Ten selection while teammate Jae'Sean Tate was named Second Team All-Big Ten. Kaleb Wesson earned a spot on the 2018 Big Ten All-Freshman Team.

As a team, the Buckeyes returned to the national rankings prior to a road game at Northwestern in which Ohio State, ranked No. 20 in the weekly Associated Press poll, downed the Wildcats 71-65 Jan. 17, 2018. Ohio State remained in the poll the remainder of the season, reaching as high as the No. 8 spot before ending the season at No. 17.

Following three incredibly successful seasons at Butler, Holtmann agreed to take over the Ohio State men's basketball program June 9, 2017. He was introduced as Ohio State's 14th head coach in the history of the program June 12, 2017.

Holtmann led the Bulldogs to a 70-31 record over three seasons (2014-17) as head coach at Butler, including a 25-9 mark in 2016-17. The Bulldogs advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011



Chris Holtmann at a Glance

- Enters second season as Ohio State Head Coach (25-9 Record; 2017 to present)
- Three seasons as Butler Head Coach (70-31 Record; 2015-17)
- Sixth season as a head coach (114-85 Record; 2011-13, 2015-17)
- 2017-18 Big Ten Coach of the Year
- 2017-18 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2018 USBWA District V Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 John McLendon Award Winner (collegeinsiders.com)
- 2016-17 and 2014-15 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
- 2014-15 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
- Three Seasons as Gardner-Webb Head Coach (44-54 Record; 2011-13)
- 2013 Big South Conference Coach of the Year

in his final year in Indianapolis. Butler's 2016-17 season included a 14-5 regular-season record against 12 teams that made the 2017 tournament field.

The Bulldogs had non-conference wins over Arizona, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Vanderbilt, Vermont and Bucknell, in addition to a pair of wins over Villanova. Butler's win over Villanova at Hinkle Fieldhouse Jan. 4, 2017 was the second win over a No. 1-ranked team in Butler history.

The 2016-17 campaign marked the third-consecutive season Butler made the NCAA Tournament and won at least one NCAA Tournament game under Holtmann. He joined Roy Williams, John Calipari and Mike Brey as the only active coaches to lead their current teams to NCAA Tournament wins each of their first three seasons.

Holtmann is one of only two coaches in Butler history to lead the Bulldogs to the NCAA Tournament in each of his first three seasons – Brad Stevens is the other.

A highly-touted recruiter, Holtmann and his staff

HOLTMANN QUICK FACTS

- **Full Name:** Christopher Holtmann
- **Born:** Nov. 11, 1971
- **Hometown:** Nicholasville, Kentucky
- **High School:** Jessamine County HS
- **Alma Mater:** Taylor, 1994 (Psychology); Ball State, 2000 (Masters/Athletic Administration)
- **Playing Career:** Lettered from 1991-94 at Taylor (Ind.) University. As a senior, earned All-America honors while leading Taylor to a No. 1 ranking in the NAIA rankings.
- **Coaching Career:** Taylor (GA), 1997; Geneva (asst.), 1998-99; Taylor (asst.), 1999-2003; Gardner-Webb (asst.), 2003-08; Ohio (asst.), 2008-10; Gardner-Webb (head coach), 2010-13; Butler (asst.), 2013-14; Butler (head coach), 2014-17; Ohio State (head coach), 2017 to present.
- **Assisted Under:** Paul Patterson (Taylor); Jeff Santarsiero (Genevia); Rick Scruggs (Gardner-Webb); John Groce (Ohio); Brandon Miller (Butler).
- **Highlights:** Big Ten Coach of the Year (2018), Big South Coach of the Year (2013), Big East Coach of the Year (2017); Collegeinsider.com John McLendon National Coach of the Year (2017); NAIA All-American (1994).

signed the two highest-ranked classes in Butler history (2016, 2017).

Picked to finish sixth in the preseason BIG EAST coaches poll, Butler posted a 12-6 BIG EAST mark to place second in the 2016-17 league standings. Those same BIG EAST coaches selected Holtmann as the conference's Coach of the Year.

Holtmann is the 2016-17 recipient of the John McLendon Award, presented annually by Collegeinsider.com to college basketball's coach of the year. Additionally, for the second time in three seasons at Butler, Holtmann was named a finalist for the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award.

The 2015-16 Bulldogs averaged 79.9 points per game, which ranked in the Top 25 nationally. Butler opened the season with an 11-1 non-conference record, climbing as high as ninth in the *Associated Press* poll and 10th in the *USA Today* Coaches Poll.

To say that Holtmann's initial season at the helm of the Butler program was a success would be an understatement. He guided a Butler team that was picked to tie for seventh in the BIG EAST to a 23-11 campaign, a tie for second place in the BIG EAST regular-season race and a berth in the 2015 Tournament.

Along the way, the Bulldogs knocked off five teams ranked in the "Top 25" at the time, including No. 5/6 North Carolina at the Battle 4 Atlantis, and picked up a second round NCAA Tournament win.

Butler, unmentioned in the national polls at the

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start of the season, was among teams receiving votes or ranked in the "Top 25" in 16 of the final 17 weeks of the season. The Bulldogs climbed to as high as No. 15 in the AP national poll and No. 18 in the *USA Today* national poll. Butler tied the fourth-best turnaround in BIG EAST history (+8) and matched the 11th-highest single-season win total in school history. For his efforts, Holtmann was named a finalist for both the Naismith National Coach of the Year Award and the Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award.

Holtmann left a position as head coach at Gardner-Webb to become an assistant coach at Butler prior to the 2013-14 season. After one year as an assistant, Holtmann found himself back in the lead chair. On Oct. 2, 2014, Butler Head Coach Brandon Miller requested and was granted a medical leave of absence. Holtmann was appointed interim head coach and given the task of leading the Bulldogs through the start of the 2014-15 season. Three months later, on Jan. 2, 2015, Butler removed the "interim" tag and named Holtmann head coach of the Bulldogs.

Holtmann served as head coach at Gardner-Webb for three seasons (2011-13), leading the North Carolina school through a successful rebuilding effort. He took the Runnin' Bulldogs from eight wins in 2009-10 to a school Division I record 21 victories and a berth in the CollegeInsider.com postseason tournament in his last year. Gardner-Webb won 10 of its final 11 games in 2012-13 and finished a game out of first place in the Big South Conference. For his efforts, Holtmann was named Big South Conference Coach of the Year and NABC District 3 Coach of the Year.

Prior to taking the head coaching position at Gardner-Webb, Holtmann spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Ohio University under former Butler and Ohio State assistant John Groce. Holtmann helped build back-to-back top classes as recruiting coordinator for the Bobcats, and he was part of the staff that led Ohio to the 2010 Mid-American Conference Tournament title and an upset of No. 3-seed Georgetown in the opening round of the 2010 NCAA Tournament. Before his stint at Ohio, he served for five seasons as an assistant coach at Gardner-Webb, including four seasons as associate head coach.

A native of Nicholasville, Ky., Holtmann was an NAIA All-American guard at Taylor University. He helped lead Taylor to a 25-9 record, a No. 1 national ranking and a berth in the NAIA National Tournament in 1993-94. He served as a graduate assistant coach at Taylor in 1997-98, spent one season as an assistant coach at Geneva College and then returned to Taylor as an assistant coach under head coach Paul Patterson. In his final two seasons at Taylor, the Trojans posted a 50-16 record, won back-to-back conference titles and ranked in the "Top 15" of the NAIA national poll.

Holtmann earned a degree in psychology from Taylor in 1994 and a Master's Degree in athletic administration from Ball State in 2000. He and his wife, Lori, have one daughter, Nora Jane.

AS AN ASSISTANT

Year	School	Record	Conference	Postseason
1998-99	Geneva	11-20		
1999-2000	Taylor	19-14	6-8	
2000-01	Taylor	17-16	7-7	
2001-02	Taylor	25-7	11-3	
2002-03	Taylor	25-9	10-4	NAIA First Round
2003-04	Gardner-Webb	9-20	6-14	
2004-05	Gardner-Webb	18-12	13-7	
2005-06	Gardner-Webb	9-20	6-14	
2006-07	Gardner-Webb	9-21	7-11	
2007-08	Gardner-Webb	16-16	9-7	
2008-09	Ohio University	15-17	7-9	
2009-10	Ohio University	22-15	7-9	
2013-14	Butler	14-17	4-14	

AS A HEAD COACH

Year	School	Record	Conf/Place	Postseason
2010-11	Gardner-Webb	11-21	6-12/9th	
2012-12	Gardner-Webb	12-20	6-12/9th	
2013-13	Gardner-Webb	21-13	11-5/2nd (South)	CIT First Round
3-Year Gardner-Webb Record	Record	44-54	23-29	
2014-15	Butler	23-11	12-6/3rd	NCAA Third Round
2015-16	Butler	22-11	10-8/4th	NCAA Third Round
2016-17	Butler	25-9	12-6/2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
3-Year Butler Record	Record	70-31	34-20	
2017-18	Ohio State	25-9	15-3/2nd	NCAA Second Round
2018-19	Ohio State			
Second Year at Ohio State		25-9	15-3	
7-Year Collegiate Record		139-94 (.597)		4 NCAA/1 CIT





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HOLTMANN VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent.....	W	L	Opponent.....	W	L	Opponent.....	W	L	Opponent.....	W	L
Alice Lloyd College.....	1	0	Gonzaga.....	0	2	Missouri State.....	1	0	Temple.....	1	0
Appalachian State.....	1	0	High Point.....	2	4	Nebraska.....	1	0	Tennessee.....	1	1
Arizona.....	1	0	Howard.....	1	0	Norfolk State.....	1	0	Tennessee Martin.....	1	0
Arizona State.....	0	1	Illinois.....	1	1	North Carolina.....	1	3	Tennessee Tech.....	1	1
Austin Peay.....	1	0	Indiana.....	3	2	North Carolina Asheville.....	2	4	Texas.....	1	0
Belmont.....	1	0	Indiana State.....	2	1	Northern Colorado.....	1	0	Texas Southern.....	1	0
Bucknell.....	1	0	Iowa.....	2	1	Northeastern.....	1	0	Texas Tech.....	1	0
Butler.....	0	2	IUPUI.....	1	0	Northwestern.....	3	0	Utah.....	1	0
Campbell.....	2	2	Kennesaw State.....	1	0	Notre Dame.....	0	1	Vanderbilt.....	1	0
Central Arkansas.....	1	0	Lees-McRae.....	1	0	Oklahoma.....	0	2	Vermont.....	1	0
Charleston.....	2	0	Liberty.....	1	4	Penn State.....	0	3	Villanova.....	2	4
Charleston Southern.....	4	2	Lipscomb.....	1	1	Presbyterian.....	2	3	Virginia.....	0	1
Chattanooga.....	2	0	Longwood.....	1	0	Providence.....	2	5	Virginia Intermount.....	1	0
Cincinnati.....	2	0	Louisville.....	0	1	Purdue.....	2	0	Virginia-Wise Highland.....	1	0
Citadel.....	3	0	Loyola Maryland.....	1	0	Radford.....	4	2	VMI.....	3	3
Clemson.....	0	2	Maine.....	1	0	Robert Morris.....	1	0	Wake Forest.....	0	1
Coastal Carolina.....	3	4	Marquette.....	5	1	Rutgers.....	2	0	Western Carolina.....	1	0
Covenant.....	1	0	Maryland.....	1	0	Savannah State.....	0	1	William and Mary.....	1	1
Creighton.....	3	3	Mary Washington.....	1	0	Seton Hall.....	5	1	Winthrop.....	3	4
Delaware State.....	1	0	Mercer.....	1	0	South Carolina State.....	1	1	Wisconsin.....	1	0
DePaul.....	7	0	Miami, Florida.....	0	1	South Dakota State.....	1	0	Wofford.....	0	1
East Carolina.....	0	2	Miami, Ohio.....	1	0	Southern Ill. Edwardsville.....	1	0	Xavier.....	3	5
Eastern Kentucky.....	0	1	Michigan.....	1	2	Southern Utah.....	1	0	Totals (.597).....	139	94
Elon.....	0	1	Michigan State.....	1	0	Spalding.....	1	0			
Florida State.....	0	1	Middle Tennessee.....	1	0	St. John's.....	5	1			
Georgetown.....	4	3	Minnesota.....	1	0	Stanford.....	1	0			



RYAN PEDON, ASSISTANT COACH



SECOND SEASON

Ryan Pedon enters his second season as an assistant coach at Ohio State after joining the staff in June 2017. The Columbus native returned home after spending two seasons as an assistant on Chris Holtmann's staff at Butler.

In year one at Ohio State, Pedon helped the Buckeyes exceed all expectations. The Buckeyes qualified for the NCAA Tournament, reaching the Second Round. Ohio State finished the season with a 25-9 overall record. The Buckeyes recorded a 15-3 Big Ten Conference regular-season record to help the Buckeyes to a second-place finish in the league standings.

In Pedon's two seasons at Butler, the Bulldogs tallied a 47-20 record and advanced the NCAA Tournament twice. In 2016-17, the Bulldogs went 25-9, finished second in the BIG EAST and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011. In 2015-16, Butler went 22-11 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Before his time at Butler, Pedon spent two seasons at Illinois as an assistant to head coach (and former Ohio State assistant) John Groce. Pedon also spent three seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Toledo, helping the Rockets to 19 wins in 2011-12, and five seasons at Miami (Ohio), where the RedHawks won the MAC Tournament title in 2007 to earn the school's first NCAA Tournament bid since 1999.

Pedon also served as director of basketball operations at Kent State from 2002-05 and as a graduate assistant at Miami (Ohio) from 2000-02.

Pedon played college basketball at Wooster, where he was a three-year letterwinner and helped the Fighting Scots to three NCAA Tournaments and three North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) regular-season championships. In 2000, he won Wooster's prestigious "Bear Award."

Pedon received his bachelor's degree in communications from Wooster in 2000 and a master's degree in sport organization from Miami (Ohio) in 2002. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a son, Maddox.

2017-Present – Ohio State, Assistant Coach
 2015-17 – Butler University, Assistant Coach
 2013-15 – Illinois, Assistant to the Head Coach
 2010-13 – Toledo, Assistant Coach
 2005-10 – Miami (Ohio), Assistant Coach
 2002-05 – Kent State, Director of Basketball Operations
 2000-02 – Miami (Ohio), Graduate Assistant

MIKE SCHRAGE, ASSISTANT COACH



SECOND SEASON

Mike Schrage (pronounced "SHRAWG-ee") begins his second season as an assistant coach at Ohio State after joining the Buckeyes in June 2017. Schrage came to Ohio State after one season as an assistant on Chris Holtmann's staff at Butler in 2016-17.

In year one at Ohio State, Schrage helped the Buckeyes exceed all expectations. The Buckeyes qualified for the NCAA Tournament, reaching the Second Round. Ohio State finished the season with a 25-9 overall record. The Buckeyes recorded a 15-3 Big Ten Conference regular-season record to help the Buckeyes to a second-place finish in the league standings.

Schrage possesses 19 seasons of coaching experience, including time spent at Stanford and Duke.

In 2016-17, Schrage helped the Butler Bulldogs to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011 while posting a second-place finish in the BIG EAST and a 25-9 overall record.

Prior to his stint at Butler, Schrage assisted under head coach Johnny Dawkins for eight seasons at Stanford. The Cardinal signed 16 players ranked in the Top 100 nationally in his time as recruiting coordinator. Four Stanford players were selected in the NBA Draft after their collegiate careers in Schrage's time in Palo Alto and five played in the NBA.

Schrage also mentored Chasson Randle, Illinois Mr. Basketball in 2011, to first team Academic All-America honors as he became Stanford's all-time leading scorer. In Schrage's eight seasons, the Cardinal appeared in the postseason five times, including an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in 2014, and won at least 20 games on four occasions.

Schrage also spent time at Duke University, serving as the Blue Devils' director of basketball operations from 2002-08 and the program's academic and recruiting coordinator from 1999-02. In his time in Durham, Schrage was a part of Duke's 2001 national championship team and a pair of NCAA Final Four squads.

Schrage graduated from Indiana with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology in 1998, serving as a four-year student manager under Bob Knight from 1994-98. After graduation, Schrage worked as an administrative assistant under head coach Rod Barnes in 1998-99. In addition, he worked with the United States Olympic Team as a member of its support staff in 1996 and spent time as video coordinator for the USA Basketball Senior National Team at the 2006 World Championship games in Japan and the 2007 Tournament of America in Las Vegas.

Schrage and his wife, Amanda, have a son, Andrew, and a daughter, Sophia.

2017 -Present – Ohio State, Assistant Coach
 2016-17 – Butler University, Assistant Coach
 2008-16 – Stanford University, Assistant Coach
 2002-08 – Duke University, Director of Basketball Operations
 1999-2002 – Duke University, Academic and Recruiting Coordinator
 1998-99 – University of Mississippi, Administrative Assistant
 1994-98 – Indiana University, Student Manager

TERRY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT COACH



SECOND SEASON

Terry Johnson is in his second season as an assistant coach, joining the Buckeye staff in June 2017 after spending 10 seasons as an assistant coach at Butler.

In year one at Ohio State, Johnson helped the Buckeyes exceed all expectations. The Buckeyes qualified for the NCAA Tournament, reaching the Second Round. Ohio State finished the season with a 25-9 overall record. The Buckeyes recorded a 15-3 Big Ten Conference regular-season record to help the Buckeyes to a second-place finish in the league standings.

In 10 seasons as an assistant at Butler, Johnson helped the Bulldogs to eight NCAA Tournaments, including consecutive Final Fours in 2010 and 2011, four regular-season conference championships and three conference tournament titles. The Bulldogs ranked in the Top 25 nationally eight times in those 10 seasons, had seven players garner Academic All-America honors and sent two players to the NBA. In 2015, Johnson was invited to the Villa 7 Consortium, which brings together university athletics directors and the country's elite assistant coaches in an effort to prepare the next generation of college basketball leaders.

Prior to assisting at Butler, Johnson spent the 2006-07 campaign as an assistant on Dane Fife's staff at IPFW and served as director of basketball operations at Butler from 2004-06. Johnson also served in an administrative capacity at Auburn in 2003-04 and had stops as an assistant coach at Lincoln Trail Junior College, Indiana Tech and IPFW.

Johnson played both basketball and baseball at Lincoln Trail from 1992-94, where he was named all-conference in both sports and was named an honorable mention All-American in basketball. From there, he went to Lamar University and again played both sports from 1994-96, leading the basketball team in assists and steals two years in a row. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree from IPFW in 1998, earning all-conference, team MVP and Co-Male Athlete of the Year honors while playing baseball for the Mastodons. Johnson went on to play baseball professionally for the Tri-City Posse of the Western League for two years and the Anderson Lawmen of the Heartland League for another season. In addition, Johnson earned his master's degree in sports administration from Western Kentucky in 2011.

Johnson and his wife, Kristen, are parents of three boys, twins Jalen and Jordan, and Caden.

2017- Present – Ohio State, Assistant Coach
 2007-17 – Butler University, Assistant Coach
 2006-07 – IPFW, Assistant Coach
 2004-06 – Butler University, Director of Basketball Operations
 2003-04 – Auburn, Administrative Position
 2001-03 – Lincoln Trail Junior College, Assistant Coach
 1999-2001 – Indiana Tech, Assistant Coach
 1997-99 – IPFW, Assistant Coach

DAVID EGELHOFF, DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS



17TH SEASON

David Egelhoff is in his 13th season as the director of basketball operations and 17th overall in a full-time capacity with the Buckeyes. He directs the day-to-day operations of the program and acts as the main liaison between the team and other areas in the athletics department and university. He oversees team budget, travel, scheduling and program advancement. Prior to his current role, he spent three years as the program's video coordinator assisting in self- and opponent-video analysis.

Recent projects he has worked on include enhancing the game day experience for fans through promotions and use of technology. In addition, during the Fall of 2006, he presented a plan to Ohio State's Athletics Administration detailing the need for facility additions for the men's and women's basketball programs. That plan has resulted in a new practice facility attached to the Schottenstein Center. The project, completed in the summer of 2013, includes renovated locker rooms, women's gym and athletic training room along with a new weight room and men's practice gym.

Egelhoff spent the 2002-03 season working in basketball operations for the Orlando Magic. There he assisted in preparing video edits for the coaches and team, evaluated collegiate talent and assisted in draft war room procedures. He also has been selected as a member of the support staff for various USA Basketball teams and events including the 2002 Youth Development Festival in Colorado Springs, Colo., the 2002 Junior World Championship Qualifying Team in Miami, Fla., and the 2005 World Championship Qualifying Team in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Egelhoff spent five seasons (1998-2002) as a student manager at Ohio State, serving as the head manager his senior year. He received his undergraduate degree in business administration from the Fisher College of Business in 2001. He received a master's degree in sport management from Ohio State in 2005. He and his wife, Kelsey, a three-time Ohio State graduate with a Ph.D. in speech and hearing science, reside in Clintonville. The couple have two daughters, Elizabeth and Katelyn.

MIKE NETTI, ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD COACH



SECOND SEASON

Mike Netti is in his second season at Ohio State as special assistant to head coach Chris Holtmann. Netti had been an assistant coach at East Carolina for four seasons (2014-17) and previously spent three years as an assistant on Holtmann's staff at Gardner-Webb.

In Netti's four seasons at East Carolina, the Pirates won 58 games as Netti saw a pair of student-athletes garner American Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team honors. During his first season in Greenville in 2013-14, Netti also helped guide Akeem Richmond to an NCAA-best 155 3-pointers made. As an assistant under Holtmann at Gardner-Webb, Netti helped the Runnin' Bulldogs to a school Division I record 21 victories in 2012-13. In addition, Netti helped guide guard Tashan Newsome to second team All-Big South Conference honors.

Prior to joining Holtmann for the second time at Gardner-Webb, where he also was an assistant from 2002-06, Netti spent two seasons at Lackawanna (Pa.) College, leading the school to 43 wins in his two seasons as two Falcons earned NJCAA Division II All-America honors, and spent two seasons as an assistant coach at St. Francis (N.Y.).

Netti was a two-year varsity letterman at Division III Alvernia College in Reading, Pa., helping the team to a Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Title and a berth in the NCAA Division III Tournament. He graduated from Syracuse University in 2002.

JAMES "SCOONIE" PENN, DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



SECOND SEASON

James (Scoonie) Penn enters his second season as Ohio State's director of player development. Penn was a letterwinner for the Buckeyes from 1999-2000 and garnered second team All-America honors in 2000.

Penn, who played two seasons at Ohio State after transferring from Boston College, was named Big Ten Player of the Year in 1999 and was a two-time first team All-Big Ten pick. The Salem, Mass., native captained the Buckeyes and was named team Co-MVP both seasons. In his two seasons, Penn averaged 16.3 points and 4.1 rebounds to go along with 284 assists for the

Buckeyes. He ranks 46th all-time in scoring at Ohio State with 1,076 points and his 123 points scored in NCAA Tournament play rates seventh in program history.

Penn, who was voted into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013, was drafted by the Atlanta Hawks in the second round of the 2000 NBA Draft and spent his entire playing career overseas. He played 11 seasons in Europe for teams in Italy, Croatia and Greece, averaging 11.4 points, 2.8 assists and 2.6 boards per contest.

SUPPORT STAFF

JEFF DEITS

ATHLETIC TRAINER



Jeff Deits is in his second season as athletic trainer for the Ohio State men's basketball team. Deits served as the athletic trainer for the Ohio State men's hockey team from 2007-10 and again from 2013-17, sandwiched around three years on staff at Wichita State.

He earned his master's degree in sport humanities from Ohio State in 2009 and a bachelor of science in sport and exercise science with an emphasis in athletic training from Northern Colorado in 2007. Deits currently holds certifications as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Corrective Exercise Specialist and Performance Enhancement Specialist.

In addition to his responsibilities with the men's basketball program, Deits also is the athletic trainer for the Buckeyes' women's golf team. Prior to Ohio State, he has also had internships with the Central Hockey League's Colorado Eagles and the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League.

Deits lives in Columbus with his wife, Amanda, and children, Claire, Chloe, Aubrey, and Amelia.

SUPPORT STAFF

QUADRIAN BANKS

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH



Quadrian Banks is in his second season as strength and conditioning coach at Ohio State after being hired in July 2017. Ohio State is the fifth men's basketball program that Banks has worked with over his career.

Banks came to Ohio State after a year in performance and conditioning with the Indianapolis Colts. Before he worked with the Colts, Banks was the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Philadelphia Eagles. Prior to joining the Eagles, he was the director of athletic performance for two seasons at Gardner-Webb University. He also served as the assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of Mississippi (2008-10) and University of Richmond (2007-08).

Banks attended the University of Texas at Austin and received his undergrad degree (Kinesiology – Health Promotion and Fitness) in 2003. He earned a Masters of Education at Prairie View A&M in 2005.

Banks Professional Timeline

- Ohio State Men's Basketball Strength and Conditioning Coach (July 2017-present)
- Indianapolis Colts Performance and Conditioning (Jan. 2016 to July 2017)
- Philadelphia Eagles Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach (March 2013-Jan. 2016)
- Gardner-Webb Director of Athletic Performance (Jan. 2011-March 2013) – Basketball
- University of Mississippi Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach (Aug. 2008-May 2010) – assisted with basketball
- University of Richmond Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach (July 2007-Aug. 2008)
- Hampton University Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach (Jan. 2007-July 2007) – assisted with basketball
- Prairie View A&M University Head Strength & Conditioning Coach (Aug. 2004-Dec. 2005)
- University of Texas Student Strength and Conditioning Intern Coach (2001-04). – assisted with basketball

Certifications

- USA Weight Lifting – Sport Performance Coach
- National Strength and Conditioning Association Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist
- Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coach Certified

GREG ODEN

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACH



Greg Oden is in his second year as a student assistant coach with the Buckeyes. The 2007 NBA Draft first overall pick of the Portland Trailblazers is working on his degree as part of Ohio State's Degree Completion Program. Oden assists with practices and works with the Ohio State post players.

As an Ohio State player in 2006-07, Oden earned second team All-America honors, first team

All Big-Ten accolades and was the NCAA National Defensive Player of the Year as well as the Big Ten's defensive player of the Year.

KYLE DAVIS

VIDEO COORDINATOR



Kyle Davis begins his third season as the video coordinator for the Ohio State men's basketball program in 2018-19. Davis is a two-time Ohio State graduate with a Bachelor's degree in sport industry (2013) and a Masters in sports management (2015). He spent four years as an undergraduate manager with the Buckeyes from 2010-14 and a graduate manager from 2015-16.

Davis' main duties will be to oversee the video operations of the program. He will assist in the daily operations management, including on-campus recruiting activities, gameday and travel logistics, organizing camps and clinics and assisting with purchasing and budget tracking as well as other administrative duties.

DAN WALLENBERG

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS



Dan Wallenberg is in his 12th year as the associate athletics director for communications at Ohio State. He joined the athletics department staff in July of 1998 and begins his 21st season as the men's basketball contact in the OSU Athletics Communications Office.

A 1989 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, he holds a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in political science.

Wallenberg is responsible for the overall management of the athletics communications office.

Prior to joining the OSU staff, he served as associate sports information director at Kansas State (1996-98) and Western Kentucky (1993-96). At Kansas State, he worked with men's basketball and the nationally-ranked football teams.

While at Western Kentucky, he served as the publications coordinator, volleyball and women's basketball contact.

A native of Calumet City, Illinois, Wallenberg is the former sports editor of the Marion (Ill.) *Daily Republican* and later the Harrisburg (Ill.) *Daily Register*. While working in the newspaper business, he won Illinois Press Association awards for both writing and photography.

He interned in the sports information offices at both SIUC and the University of Illinois and is a member of CoSIDA and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

In February of 2002, he served as the media subcenter and volunteers supervisor at the primary men's ice hockey venue (E-Center) during the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

During the summer of 1996, he worked as a press operations manager (field hockey) at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

Wallenberg and his wife, Laura, reside in Columbus. The couple have one daughter, EV and a son, Evin.

SUPPORT STAFF

BRETT RYBAK

ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS



Brett Rybak is in his 10th year in the Ohio State athletics communications office and fifth with the Ohio State men's basketball program. He joined the athletics communications staff as an intern in July of 2009.

Rybak came to Ohio State from Florida International University, after also previously working at Otterbein College.

Rybak has worked with baseball, women's soccer and women's gymnastics during his tenure at Ohio State. In addition, Rybak serves as the editor of the Ohio State football gameday program. While at FIU, he worked as the contact for women's basketball and women's soccer and was the secondary contact for the baseball team.

Rybak is a 2008 graduate of Otterbein College where he lettered two years for the baseball team and worked for four years as a sports information student assistant. He did his student internship in the athletics communications office at Ohio State during his senior year at Otterbein.

Rybak and his wife Ellen reside in Westerville.

ADAM HATEM

ATHLETICS ACADEMIC COUNSELOR



Adam Hatem is beginning his third season working as the Student-Athlete Support Services Office (SASSO) senior athletics academic counselor with the men's basketball program. Overall, he is finishing up his fourth year in SASSO after previously working for two and a half years at Elon University in the same capacity.

Hatem assists in the area of athletics academic counseling and working with the student-athletes and staff on day-to-day academic concerns,

monitoring academic progress and meeting with prospective student-athletes and their families. A native of Charlotte, North Carolina, Hatem played soccer at High Point University where he received his B.S. in Business Administration and Sport Management. From there Hatem continued his academic pursuits at Georgetown University, receiving his Master's in Sport Industry Management. Hatem resides in Grandview.

DR. JIM BORCHERS

OSU ATHLETICS HEAD TEAM PHYSICIAN



Former Buckeye student-athlete Jim Borchers is in his 15th season as a team physician and third as head team physician in the Ohio State athletics program. He is in his eighth year working with men's basketball. In addition to working with the men's and women's basketball programs, Borchers also provides medical treatment for the Ohio State football team. He has previously

worked with student-athletes from men's and women's soccer, men's and women's lacrosse, men's and women's tennis, field hockey and softball.

A native of Bellbrook, Ohio, Borchers walked on with the Buckeyes and earned four varsity awards as the regular long snapper between 1990 and 1993. He received the Ike Kelley Special Teams Player of the Year Award in

1992. A four-year Academic All-Big Ten honoree and a four-year OSU Scholar-Athlete, he graduated from Ohio State in 1993 with a degree in chemistry. He earned his M.D. from Northeastern Ohio University's College of Medicine in 2000 and a master's in public health from Ohio State in 2009.

Borchers completed his residency in family medicine from Toledo Hospital in 2003 and his sports medicine fellowship from the Northwest Ohio Sports Medicine Institute in 2004.

Jim and his wife, Mary, have three children: Emily, William and Joseph.

DR. GRANT JONES

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON



Dr. Grant Jones is in his 22nd season as an Ohio State orthopedic surgeon.

Jones, a native of Upper Arlington, Ohio, graduated from Denison University with a bachelor of science degree in 1988. He earned his medical doctorate from the Ohio State College of Medicine in 1992 and completed his Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Hughston

Clinic in Georgia. A full professor of orthopedic surgery at Ohio State, Jones has numerous honors and awards to his credit. Most recent was his induction into the Capital One Academic All-America Hall of Fame in the summer of 2015.

In 2012, Jones was selected for the exclusive American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons society, which has just over 200 members worldwide. In the spring of 2012, he presented research in Lake Como, Italy and Geneva, Switzerland. In 2013, Jones was the featured guest international lecturer at the International Arthroscopy, Shoulder, and Sports Medicine Course in Cartagena, Colombia. He also has been awarded two Neer Awards (2011 and 2013) which are given to the authors of the top international research papers in shoulder and elbow surgery.

Jones presently serves on the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine (AOSSM) Traveling Fellowship Committee. He also was selected to be a team physician for U.S. Lacrosse in 2011 and is the head team physician for Upper Arlington High School.

In 2008, Jones participated in the AOSSM traveling fellowship to South America (one of four American orthopedic surgeons selected).

In 2007, Jones was awarded the Ohio Athletic Trainers Association Team Physician of the Year Award. He also spent part of the summer in Chile lecturing on shoulder and elbow injuries and was named to the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine National Publications Committee.

He recently took on the role (2009) of team physician for the Columbus Clippers, the Triple A affiliate of Major League Baseball's Cleveland Indians. The Clippers are located in Columbus.

The class valedictorian at both Upper Arlington High School (1984) and at Denison (1988), Jones was a team captain for the Denison football squad and team MVP in 1988. He was the Woody Hayes National Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1987 and was an All-North Coast Athletic Conference performer in 1986 and '87. *Time Magazine* selected him for its Achievement Award as one of the Top 20 College students in the nation in 1987. He is an active member and national speaker for numerous medical societies and is an Article Reviewer for four major orthopaedic surgery journals.

Jones and his wife, Jamie, reside in Upper Arlington with their son Hudson and daughter Evelyn.

SUPPORT STAFF

ERIC BUCHANAN

EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Eric Buchanan, a native of Clintonville, Ohio, is entering his 23rd year as an equipment manager at Ohio State and 10th with the men's basketball program. His duties range from negotiating equipment purchases with various manufacturer representatives to handling game-day equipment related issues. Buchanan has been involved in the equipment industry since 1991, when he volunteer equipment manager for the University

of Cincinnati football team. He held that position until he graduated in 1994 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He received a master of arts degree in athletic administration in 1995 from Ohio University, while serving as a graduate assistant equipment manager for OU's basketball, football and track programs. Prior to his appointment at Ohio State Oct. 1, 1996, Buchanan spent a year as an assistant equipment manager at the University of California at Berkeley and worked with the football, women's basketball, swimming, water polo, rugby and golf teams. He also was a volunteer intern with the Oakland Raiders while at California. Buchanan currently resides in Columbus.

DEBBY CACCHIO

HEAD COACH'S SECRETARY



Debby Cacchio retired as the secretary to head coach Thad Matta following the 2012-13 season. She was an Ohio State University employee for more than 29 years. She currently assists the men's basketball program part time in an administrative capacity.

Cacchio has been a long-time volunteer for Children's Hospital through the Memorial

Tournament, the Nationwide Children's Hospital Golf Tournament and the former Wendy's Championship LPGA Tournament.

A Grandview Heights, Ohio, native, Cacchio and her husband, John, reside in Dublin. The couple's son Chad is a former Ohio State receiver (1998-2000). He is married with two daughters, Sophia and Stella and practicing dentistry in Upper Arlington. His wife, Stacey, is a doctor in Columbus.