

## HEAD COACH CHRIS HOLTMANN

Chris Holtmann begins his third season at the helm of the Buckeyes in 2019-20 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.

His second edition of Ohio State Basketball also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and finished the year with a 20-15 record.

The Big Ten Coach of the Year award in 2018 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 third season as Ohio State Head Coach (45-24 Record; 2017 to present)
- Three seasons as Butler Head Coach (70-31 Record; 2015-17)
- Eight seasons as a head coach (159-109 Record)
- 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 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

### 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 (Geneva); 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).

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 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

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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 ColleagueInsider.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

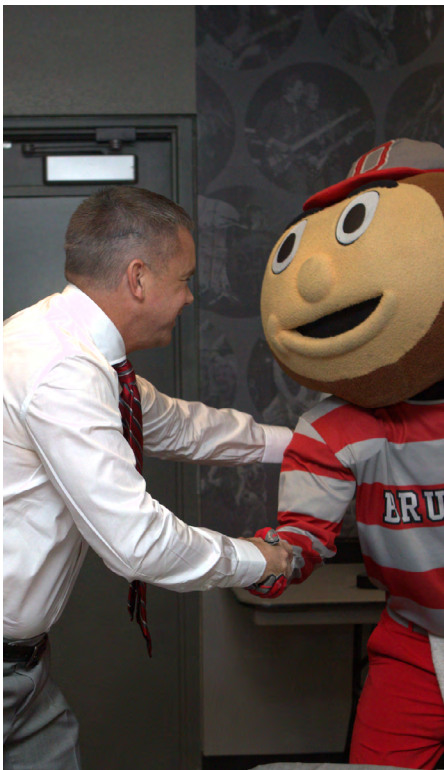
Year	School	Record	Conf/Place	Postseason
2010-11	Gardner-Webb	11-21	6-12/9th	
2012-12	Gardner-Webb	12-20	6-12/9th	
2013-13	Gardner-Webb	21-13	11-5/2nd (South)	CIT First Round
<b>3-Year Gardner-Webb Record</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>44-54</b>	<b>23-29</b>	
2014-15	Butler	23-11	12-6/3rd	NCAA Third Round
2015-16	Butler	22-11	10-8/4th	NCAA Third Round
2016-17	Butler	25-9	12-6/2nd	NCAA Sweet 16
<b>3-Year Butler Record</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>70-31</b>	<b>34-20</b>	
2017-18	Ohio State	25-9	15-3/2nd	NCAA Second Round
2018-19	Ohio State	20-15	8-12/8th	NCAA Second Round
2019-20	Ohio State			
<b>Third Year at Ohio State</b>		<b>45-24</b>	<b>23-15</b>	
<b>8-Year Collegiate Record</b>		<b>159-109 (.593)</b>		<b>5 NCAA/1 CIT</b>



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### HOLTMANN VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Alice Lloyd College ..... 1	0	Houston ..... 0	1	North Carolina ..... 1	3	Tennessee Martin ..... 1	0
Appalachian State ..... 1	0	Howard ..... 1	0	North Carolina Asheville ..... 2	4	Tennessee Tech ..... 1	1
Arizona ..... 1	0	Illinois ..... 2	2	Northern Colorado ..... 1	0	Texas ..... 1	0
Arizona State ..... 0	1	Indiana ..... 5	2	Northeastern ..... 1	0	Texas Southern ..... 1	0
Austin Peay ..... 1	0	Indiana State ..... 2	1	Northwestern ..... 4	1	Texas Tech ..... 1	0
Belmont ..... 1	0	Iowa ..... 3	2	Notre Dame ..... 0	1	UCLA ..... 1	0
Bucknell ..... 2	0	Iowa State ..... 1	0	Oklahoma ..... 0	2	Utah ..... 1	0
Butler ..... 0	2	IUPUI ..... 1	0	Penn State ..... 1	3	Vanderbilt ..... 1	0
Campbell ..... 2	2	Kennesaw State ..... 1	0	Presbyterian ..... 2	3	Vermont 1 ..... 1	0
Central Arkansas ..... 1	0	Lees-McRae ..... 1	0	Providence ..... 2	5	Villanova 2 ..... 2	4
Charleston ..... 2	0	Liberty ..... 1	4	Purdue ..... 2	2	Virginia 0 ..... 0	1
Charleston Southern ..... 4	2	Lipscomb ..... 1	1	Purdue Fort Wayne ..... 1	0	Virginia Intermount 1 ..... 1	0
Chattanooga ..... 2	0	Longwood ..... 1	0	Radford ..... 5	2	Virginia-Wise Highland 1 ..... 1	0
Cincinnati ..... 3	0	Louisville ..... 0	1	Robert Morris ..... 1	0	VMI 3 ..... 3	3
Citadel ..... 3	0	Loyola Maryland ..... 1	0	Rutgers ..... 2	1	Wake Forest 0 ..... 0	1
Clemson ..... 0	2	Maine ..... 1	0	Samford ..... 1	0	Western Carolina 1 ..... 1	0
Cleveland State ..... 1	0	Marquette ..... 5	1	Savannah State ..... 0	1	William and Mary 1 ..... 1	1
Coastal Carolina ..... 3	4	Maryland ..... 1	2	Seton Hall ..... 5	1	Winthrop 3 ..... 3	4
Covenant ..... 1	0	Mary Washington ..... 1	0	South Carolina State ..... 2	1	Wisconsin 1 ..... 1	1
Creighton ..... 4	3	Mercer ..... 1	0	South Dakota State ..... 1	0	Wofford 0 ..... 0	1
Delaware State ..... 1	0	Miami, Florida ..... 0	1	Southern Ill Edwardsville ..... 1	0	Xavier 3 ..... 3	5
DePaul ..... 7	0	Miami, Ohio ..... 1	0	Southern Utah ..... 1	0	Youngstown State ..... 1	0
East Carolina ..... 0	2	Michigan ..... 1	3	Spalding ..... 1	0	<b>Totals</b> ..... <b>159</b>	<b>109</b>
Eastern Kentucky ..... 0	1	Michigan State ..... 1	3	St John's ..... 5	1		
Elon ..... 0	1	Middle Tennessee ..... 1	0	Stanford ..... 1	0		
Florida State ..... 0	1	Minnesota ..... 2	0	Syracuse ..... 0	1		
Georgetown ..... 4	3	Missouri State ..... 1	0	Temple ..... 1	0		
Gonzaga ..... 0	2	Nebraska ..... 2	0	Tennessee ..... 1	1		
High Point ..... 3	4	Norfolk State ..... 1	0				



## RYAN PEDON, ASSISTANT COACH



### THIRD SEASON

Ryan Pedon enters his third 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. Ohio State again reached the NCAA Second Round a year ago with a win over Iowa State. The Buckeyes were 20-15 overall last year.

In Pedon's two seasons at Butler, the Bulldogs tallied a 47-20 record and advanced to 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

## TERRY JOHNSON, ASSISTANT COACH



### THIRD SEASON

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

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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

## JAKE DIEBLER, ASSISTANT COACH



### FIRST SEASON

Jake Diebler, who most recently was an assistant coach at Vanderbilt, was named to the same position at Ohio State April 22, 2019.

Diebler joined the Vanderbilt coaching staff as an assistant coach in April of 2016 after spending three years as the video coordinator at Ohio State and the previous two seasons as an assistant coach on Bryce Drew's staff at Valparaiso, where he helped Drew and the Crusaders to Horizon League regular-season titles in 2012 and 2013.

While at Ohio State, Diebler helped the Buckeyes advance to two NCAA Tournaments and also helped mentor Aaron Craft, the 2014 National Defensive Player of the Year, and the No. 2 overall pick in 2015 NBA Draft and 2015 First-Team All-American, D'Angelo Russell.

Prior to his stint with the Buckeyes, Diebler coached at Valparaiso with Drew, where he was part of a staff which helped lead Valparaiso to 22 wins and the regular-season championship in 2012. Diebler also helped the Crusaders to a berth in the 2012 Postseason National Invitation Tournament. In the 2012-13 season, the Crusaders posted a 26-8 overall record, won the Horizon League regular-season championship for consecutive years, and a berth in the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

Known as one of the Crusaders' hardest-working players on both ends of the court during his time as a player, Diebler set a Valpo Division I record by starting each of the Crusaders' 98 games over the final three seasons of his career. He also had a string of 278-consecutive minutes played over seven games in the final half of his senior season.

Diebler ranked among the Horizon League Top 10 in a trio of categories as a senior, finishing fourth in minutes played (33.8/game), sixth in 3-pointers made (1.8/game) and eighth in steals (1.3/game). He finished his Crusader career 10th in Valpo history with 130 career steals and 16th all-time at Valpo with 229 career assists. He also holds the all-time Ohio high school career record in assists and steals.

A standout in the classroom, Diebler earned Academic All-League honors and Horizon League Academic Honor Roll mention during his career, as well as being named to the NABC Honors Court. Diebler graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing from Valparaiso in May 2009 and with an MBA in 2011.

His brother Jon, played for the Buckeyes from 2008-11, and is the Big Ten all-time leader in made 3-pointers and is the all-time leading scorer in Ohio High School basketball history (3,208).

Coaching runs in the family for Diebler. His father Keith, coached high school basketball in the state of Ohio for almost 40 years, while his older brother Jeremiah coached high school basketball as well.

2019-Present – Ohio State Assistant Coach  
 2017-2019 – (3 years) Vanderbilt Assistant Coach  
 2014-2016 (3 years)– Ohio State Video Coordinator  
 2012-2013 (2 years) – Valparaiso – Assistant Coach  
 2011 (1 year) – Valparaiso – Director of Operations  
 2010 (1 year) – Valparaiso – Student Assistant

## DAVID EGELHOFF, DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS



### 18TH SEASON

David Egelhoff is in his 14th season as the director of basketball operations and 18th 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



### THIRD SEASON

Mike Netti is in his third 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.

## TERENCE DIALS, DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



### FIRST SEASON

Terence Dials, the 2006 Big Ten Player of the Year and 2015 inductee into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame, was named the director of professional development with the men's basketball program Sept. 4, 2019.

Dials, who lettered in 2002 and then from 2004-06, played 132 games during his career, scoring 1,566 points and grabbing 867 rebounds. His point total rates No. 14 all-time in Ohio State history while his rebound total is ranked No. 5.

His duties will primarily include providing and arranging professional development and community service opportunities for the Buckeyes. Dials will work with the Eugene D. Smith Leadership Institute to arrange internships, mentors, job fairs and other personal and career growth initiatives for student-athletes. He also will provide academic support, oversight and mentoring.

#### Noting Dials' Ohio State Playing Career

- Big Ten Player of the Year, First Team All-Big Ten, 2006.
- No. 14 on the Ohio State all-time scoring list with 1,566 career points.
- Led the Buckeyes with 509 (15.9 ppg.) points in 2005 and with 488 (15.3 ppg.) in 2006.
- One of 32 Buckeyes to score 500 points in a single season.
- Ranks No. 4 all-time at OSU in career field goal percentage (604-1,082/.558).
- Led Ohio State in field goal percentage in both 2005 (198-345/.574) and 2006 (194-347/.559).
- Ranks No. 3 all-time in Ohio State history in career free throws attempted (552).
- Ranked No. 5 all-time at OSU with 876 career rebounds.
- Led the Buckeyes in rebounding in 2004 (198/6.6 rpg.), 2005 (253/7.9) and 2006 (257/8.0).
- As a freshman in 2002, finished No. 2 among Ohio State rookies all-time with a .623 field goal percentage (86-138).

## SUPPORT STAFF

### JEFF DEITS

#### ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jeff Deits is in his third 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 third 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

### KYLE DAVIS

#### VIDEO COORDINATOR

Kyle Davis begins his fourth 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 13th year as the associate athletics director for communications at Ohio State. He joined the athletics department staff in July of 1998 and begins his 22nd 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, Eivin.

### BRETT RYBAK

#### ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

Brett Rybak is in his 11th year in the Ohio State athletics communications office and sixth 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.

## SUPPORT STAFF

### MEGAN LEITNAKER

#### ATHLETICS ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

Megan Leitnaker is in her first season as the academic counselor for the men's basketball team in 2019-20. Leitnaker, a native of Columbus, Ohio, also works with the men's volleyball, softball, and synchronized swimming teams.

A former women's basketball player herself, Leitnaker began her collegiate career at St. Bonaventure before transferring to University of Findlay.

She earned her degree in mathematics and secondary education from Findlay in 2007 and then received her master's degree in applied mathematics from the University of Dayton in 2009. While at Dayton, she spent a year as a graduate assistant in the mathematics department and a year in the compliance office.

After earning her master's degree, she worked one year as an adjunct mathematics instructor at Columbus State Community College before joining the Ohio State Student Athlete Support Services Office staff in 2010.

The former Megan Cable, she was married to Brant Leitnaker in the summer of 2018. The couple currently resides in Columbus.

### DR. JIM BORCHERS

#### OSU ATHLETICS HEAD TEAM PHYSICIAN

Former Buckeye student-athlete Jim Borchers is in his 16th season as a team physician and third as head team physician in the Ohio State athletics program. He is in his ninth 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 23rd 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.

### 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 served as a 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.



## SUPPORT STAFF

### ANDREW DAKICH

#### PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Andrew Dakich, who played for the Buckeyes for one season in 2017-18 as a graduate transfer, was added to the Ohio State basketball staff as a program assistant in early September of 2019.

He spent the 2018-19 season as a student assistant coach while finishing his graduate degree in sports coaching.

Dakich earned his undergraduate degree (history) from the University of Michigan in 2017 after spending four years with the Wolverines.

Dakich appeared in 34 games at Ohio State, helping the Buckeyes to a 25-9 record and a second round appearance in the NCAA Tournament. He averaged 19 minutes a game.

In his current role he will assist with a variety of administrative tasks related to video editing, camps, clinics, banquets, gameday events, general correspondence with the public, campus tours and office operation.

### ROBBIE RUCKI

#### PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Robbie Rucki begins his fourth season as a program assistant for the Ohio State men's basketball program in 2019-20.

Rucki earned his undergraduate degree in marketing from Ohio State University in 2016. He spent four years as an undergraduate manager with the Buckeyes from 2012-16.

In his current role he will assist with a variety of administrative tasks related to camps, clinics, banquets, gameday events, general correspondence with the public, campus tours and office operation.

He and his wife, Laura (also an OSU grad) reside in Columbus.