



**DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL**



**COACHING STAFF**

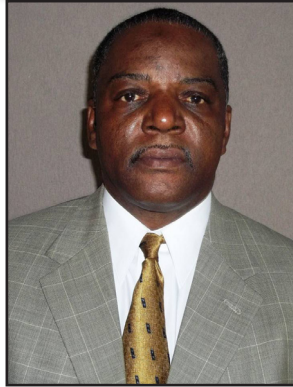




# DELAWARE STATE

# KERMIT BLOUNT

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**Head Coach**  
**First Season**  
**Winston-Salem State '80**  
**Richmond, Va.**

Delaware State University President Harry L. Williams announced Kermit Blount as the new head coach of the Hornets on Feb. 4, 2011.

Blount brings 27 years of collegiate coaching experience to Delaware State University - including 16 as the head football coach for Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina.

It didn't take long for Blount to earn the respect of the Hornet players and the Delaware State University family. He quickly became an ambassador for the university and the football program throughout the region, in addition to establishing new academic, training, practice and accountability policies for the team. Along the way, he found time to attract a top-notch staff of assistant coaches and support personnel to DSU.

Despite just a few weeks to prepare, Blount also directed the Hornets to a successful 2011 spring camp, during which time, new offensive and defensive formations were installed.

DSU President Williams said that Coach Blount's record speaks for itself.

"Coach Blount has proven he knows how to guide student-athletes to championship-level seasons as well as accomplish high standards of academic success," Dr. Williams said. "The Search Committee is to be commended for its diligence in reviewing the candidates, in engaging in earnest deliberations and arriving at its recommendation."

Delaware State University Director of athletics Derek Carter says Blount brings a wealth of experience to the Hornet football program.

"Kermit Blount stood out among the many outstanding candidates for the position because of his broad experience, proven leadership and vision for Delaware State University football," Carter said. "His record of leading young men to success on the field and in the classroom makes him an ideal fit for the university and the football program."

Blount expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the Delaware State University football program during his remarks.

"First of all, I want to thank President Williams and the DSU administration, along with the search committee, for the privilege of coaching the Hornets," Blount. "This program has a rich tradition, and the foundation for success is already in place. I'm looking forward to working with the university, our players, supporters and the community to take this team to the next level."

During his tenure at Winston-Salem, Coach Blount had a career record 91-87-3, which included his final 2009 season with the Rams in which he led the team to an 8-2 record. He guided the Rams to two Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Championships and a total of three CIAA Championship game appearances. He also led Winston-Salem to two Pioneer Bowl appearances, one of which the team emerged as victor (1999).

## Blount Year by Year

1993	WSSU	6-4-1	.545
1994	WSSU	6-5	.545
1995	WSSU	4-4-2	.400
1996	WSSU	4-7	.364
1997	WSSU	6-4	.600
1998	WSSU	5-5	.500
1999	WSSU	8-3*	.727
2000	WSSU	9-3*	.750
2001	WSSU	8-3	.727
2002	WSSU	4-6	.400
2003	WSSU	7-3	.700
2004	WSSU	4-6	.400
2005	WSSU	6-4	.600
2006	WSSU	4-7	.364
2007	WSSU	6-5	.545
2008	WSSU	3-8	.273
2009	WSSU	1-10	.091
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>91-87-3</b>	<b>.503</b>

\* Denotes CIAA Champions

## Blount's Coaching Honors

- 1999 CIAA Coach of the Year
- 1999 D.C. Pigskin Coach of the Year
- 2000 CIAA Coach of the Year
- 2000 D.C. Pigskin Coach of the Year
- 2000 100 Percent Wrong Club Coach of the Year

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Blount is the winningest coach in the history of the Winston-Salem State football program. In fact, he reached the top of the list with a 28-27 come-from-behind win against Delaware State in Dover, Del., in 2008. He has also led the Rams to 25 percent of their conference championships, directing WSSU to two of its eight conference titles as a head coach and to two more conference titles as a quarterback on the team's 1977 and 1978 squads.

Blount was honored as the CIAA Coach of the Year and as the Washington D.C. Pigskin Coach of the Year, as well as the 100% Wrong Club Coach of the Year - each award in both 1999 and 2000.

Throughout his coaching career, Blount has been associated with programs that have experienced phenomenal success. In all, he has been in a leadership role with teams that have won a total of six conference titles at both the NCAA Division I and Division II levels.

Blount began his coaching career in his home state of Virginia at Armstrong Kennedy High School in Richmond as a quarterbacks coach and assistant offensive coordinator. Following two seasons at the high school level Blount moved on to the collegiate ranks in 1983.

In 1983 he became a graduate assistant and assistant quarterbacks coach at East Carolina University where he would begin his collegiate coaching career. Following his stint with the Pirates, Blount joined the staff at Howard University, where he assumed the responsibilities of offensive coordinator from 1984-89 under Bison head coach Willie Jeffries.

Soon after his arrival in the nation's capital, Blount's presence was felt as he directed a potent Bison offense to the 1987 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Championship. Following his time at Howard, he spent four more

years as part of Jeffries' staff at South Carolina State University (MEAC) in Orangeburg, South Carolina before returning to his alma mater, Winston-Salem State University, as the head football coach in 1993.

During his coaching career, Blount and his coaching staffs have been responsible for recruiting and coaching student-athletes that have earned a total of 106 all-conference selections. In addition, Blount has guided a pair of conference player-of-the-year recipients, one All-America selection and a two-time Academic All-America honoree.

His priority on academics resulted in more than 20 percent of Winston-Salem State University football scholarship student-athletes earning above a 3.0 GPA during the 2007-08 academic year and 22 football players have been named to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Commissioner's All-Academic team over the span of the last two seasons.

During Blount's tenure, the Rams' football team GPA was the highest since the data has been tracked by the WSSU Office of Athletic-Academic Support and Blount and his coaching staff have graduated 79 percent of football student-athletes over the most recent five-year reporting period. Blount helped increase the Winston-Salem players' graduation rate from 42% in 1993 to 80% by 2009.

Throughout Blount's career, a number of his players have risen to play professionally in the NFL, CFL and the Arena Football League, including William Hayes, a third round draft pick and starting defensive end for the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

Not only has Blount helped to shape the futures of former student-athletes at WSSU, he has also helped to guide the careers of countless assistant coaches and coordinators. Blount has helped four of his former assistant coaches move on to successful head coaching careers at the collegiate level.

A 1980 graduate of Winston-Salem State University, Blount enjoyed a fruitful playing career as a Ram. As a four-year starter at quarterback at WSSU, Blount guided the Rams to back-to-back CIAA titles in 1977 and 1978 earning all-conference and All-America

honors along the way. The 1978 All-American sat atop the WSSU record books for more than 25 years before his 3,330 career passing yards were surpassed in 2004.

A native of Richmond, Va., Blount has a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from Winston-Salem State University.

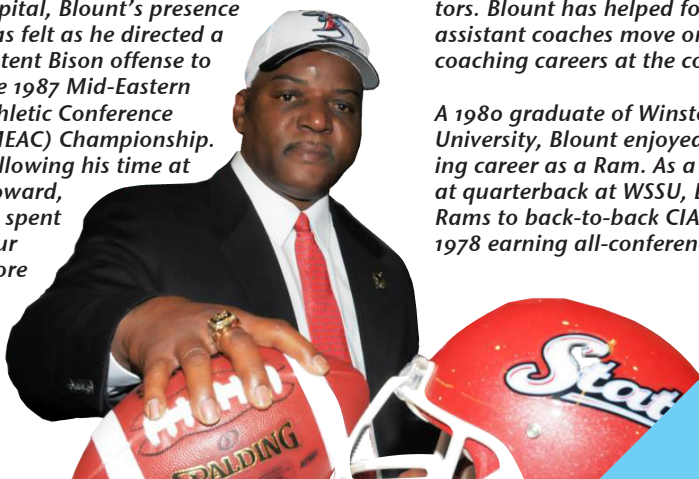
Kermit and wife Ava have two grown children, April and Bryan.

## Blount's Resume

- 2011-Present: Delaware State University**  
Head Coach
- 1993-2009: Winston-Salem State University**  
Head Coach
- 1989-92: South Carolina State University**  
Assistant Coach
- 1984-88: Howard University**  
Assistant Coach
- 1983: East Carolina University**  
Assistant Coach
- 1981-82: Armstrong Kennedy H.S. (Va.)**  
Assistant Coach

- Playing Career:**
- 1975-1978:** Quarterback
  - 1977 & 1978 All-CIAA
  - 1977 & 1978 CIAA Champion
  - 1978 All-American
  - Winston-Salem State University

- Education:**
- Bachelor's - Physical Education
  - Winston-Salem State University '80





# DELAWARE STATE

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## Blount Year by Year

### Blount vs. All-Opponents

Bethune-Cookman	2-2
Bowie State	5-3
Carson-Newman	1-3
Catawba	0-4
Coastal Carolina	0-2
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Mtg</b>
Delaware State	1-2
Elizabeth City State	7-3
Fayetteville State	8-5-1
Florida A&M	1-3
Fort Valley State	2-0
Grambling State	0-2
Hampton	2-3
Howard	2-4
Johnson C. Smith	12-1
Livingstone	9-3-1
Morgan State	1-2
North Carolina A&T	2-9
North Carolina Central	9-7
Norfolk State	1-5-1
Savannah State	2-1
Shaw	1 <sup>st</sup> Mtg
South Carolina State	1-6
Southern Ill.-Carbondale	0-1
St. Augustine's	4-0
Tuskegee	1-3
UC Davis	0-1
Virginia Military Institute	1 <sup>st</sup> Mtg
Virginia State	5-6
Virginia Union	11-4
West Virginia Tech.	1-0
Wofford	1-0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91-87-3</b>
<b>WINNING %</b>	<b>(.503)</b>

Bold indicates 2011 opponent

<b>1993</b>	at Elizabeth City	47-6	W	<b>1999 CIAA CHAMPIONS</b>	Catawba	17-14	L	<b>2005</b>	Catawba College	20-10	L
	North Carolina A&T	49-21	L		at North Carolina A&T	20-7	L		at Howard	20-6	L
	at Howard	31-10	L		at Virginia Union	17-0	W		at South Carolina State	52-12	L
	at Livingstone	35-20	W		at Fayetteville State	44-0	W		Elizabeth City State	24-23	W
	at Fayetteville State	20-17	W		vs. Livingstone	34-0	W		at Virginia Union	31-0	W
	Norfolk State	54-54	T		North Carolina Central	20-7	W		at Fayetteville State	26-24	W
	North Carolina Central	46-28	W		Virginia State	17-14	W		at Livingstone	42-14	W
	at Bowie State	24-13	L		Johnson C. Smith	25-6	W		North Carolina Central	20-17	L
	Johnson C. Smith	23-6	W		Elizabeth City State*	21-6	W		Johnson C. Smith	28-9	W
	at Virginia Union	35-27	W		vs. Grambling State	25-23	L		Saint Augustine's	35-33	W
	Virginia State	48-28	W		vs. Tuskegee\$	23-7	W				
					* CIAA Championship				<b>2006</b>		
					\$ Pioneer Bowl				at Catawba College	21-7	L
<b>1994</b>	vs. S. Carolina State	48-27	L		<b>2000 CIAA CHAMPIONS</b>	at North Carolina A&T	39-28	W	at North Carolina A&T	41-14	W
	at North Carolina A&T	53-7	L		South Carolina State	40-6	W		South Carolina State	35-6	L
	at Johnson C. Smith	51-25	W		Bowie State	40-6	W		at Florida A&M	25-21	L
	Livingstone	17-12	W		at Hampton	40-6	L		Coastal Carolina	31-12	L
	Fayetteville State	39-28	L		Virginia Union	34-19	W		Howard	12-0	W
	at Norfolk State	50-48	L		Fayetteville State	28-14	W		at Bethune-Cookman	10-6	L
	Bowie State	40-14	W		Livingstone	28-7	W		at Savannah State	38-6	W
	at North Carolina Central	21-6	W		at North Carolina Central	28-19	W		at #17 Hampton	13-3	L
	Wofford	23-10	W		at Virginia State	20-13	L		Saint Augustine's	26-6	W
	Virginia Union	56-14	W		at Johnson C. Smith	44-12	W		at Norfolk State	31-14	L
	vs. Virginia State	38-35	L		at Elizabeth City State	44-0	W				
					vs. Virginia Union*	31-28	W		<b>2007</b>		
<b>1995</b>	Ft. Valley State	33-6	W		vs. Tuskegee**	12-9	L		North Carolina A&T	28-7	W
	North Carolina A&T	45-21	L		* CIAA Championship				at Coastal Carolina	28-21	L
	Elizabeth City	21-19	L		** Pioneer Bowl				at Morgan State	19-17	W
	at Livingstone	17-17	T		<b>2001</b>				at South Carolina State	20-7	L
	at Fayetteville State	17-17	T		Carson-Newman	27-16	W		at Howard	24-21 (ot)	L
	Johnson C. Smith	28-12	W		at Tuskegee	30-23	L		vs. Florida A&M	27-23	W
	North Carolina Central	42-19	L		at Bowie State	17-14	W		at Bethune-Cookman	14-9	W
	at Bowie State	20-7	L		at Virginia Union	24-22	L		Hampton	20-19	W
	at Virginia Union	43-0	W		at Fayetteville State	14-2	W		#13 Delaware State	23-20	L
	Virginia State	20-14	W		at Livingstone	31-0	W		North Carolina Central	35-10	W
					North Carolina Central	14-0	W		Norfolk State	23-20	L
<b>1996</b>	at Ft. Valley State	15-10	W		Virginia State	44-10	W		<b>2008</b>		
	at North Carolina A&T	31-7	L		Johnson C. Smith	17-0	W		at North Carolina A&T	14-8	L
	at Elizabeth City	14-11	L		Elizabeth City State	45-6	W		Savannah State	16-13	L
	at Southern Illinois	48-18	L		Virginia Union*	31-24	L		Morgan State	21-7	L
	Fayetteville State	6-0	W		* CIAA Championship				South Carolina State	43-17	L
	Livingstone	39-6	L		<b>2002</b>				Howard	34-10	W
	at North Carolina Central	28-0	L		at Carson-Newman	47-35	L		at Florida A&M	23-0	L
	at Virginia State	17-15	L		Tuskegee	36-15	L		Bethune-Cookman	27-6	L
	at Johnson C. Smith	14-6	L		at Bowie State	24-12	W		at Hampton	35-30	W
	Virginia Union	21-14	W		Virginia Union	18-15	L		at Delaware State	27-26	W
	Norfolk State	13-7	W		Fayetteville State	30-26	L		at North Carolina Central	23-16	L
					Livingstone	23-6	W		Norfolk State	17-14	L
<b>1997</b>	North Carolina A&T	27-7	L		at North Carolina Central	23-12	W		<b>2009</b>		
	Savannah State	27-24	W		at Virginia State	12-7	L		North Carolina A&T	19-10	L
	at Virginia Union	13-6	W		at Johnson C. Smith	49-0	W		Florida A&M	34-10	L
	at Fayetteville State	18-16	L		at Elizabeth City State	15-14	L		Morgan State*	16-10	L
	at Livingstone	41-7	L		<b>2003</b>				at South Carolina State	27-10	L
	North Carolina Central	30-29	L		Carson-Newman	21-14	L		at Howard	7-3	L
	Virginia State	21-12	W		vs. Ft. Valley State	27-21	W		at UC Davis	45-14	L
	Johnson C. Smith	40-7	W		Virginia State	33-27	W		at Bethune-Cookman	16-10	W
	Elizabeth City	48-0	W		at West Virginia Tech.	35-33	W		Hampton	16-13	L
	at Bowie State	21-0	W		at Virginia Union	29-17	L		Delaware State	24-21	L
					at Fayetteville State	22-14	L		North Carolina Central	18-10	L
<b>1998</b>	at Catawba	10-7	L		at Livingstone	42-23	W		at Norfolk State	28-21	L
	at North Carolina A&T	20-12	L		North Carolina Central	47-0	W		*Giants Stadium - E. Rutherford, N.J.		
	Virginia Union	21-0	W		Johnson C. Smith	38-0	W				
	Fayetteville State	17-14	W		St. Augustine's	54-19	W				
	Livingstone	38-33	L		<b>2004</b>						
	at North Carolina Central	43-8	W		at Carson-Newman	48-32	L				
	at Virginia State	41-22	L		Ft. Valley State	21-19	L				
	at Johnson C. Smith	29-19	W		Tusculum	37-20	L				
	at Elizabeth City	28-6	W		Virginia Union	20-13	W				
	vs. Grambling State	35-28	L		at Bowie State	7-6	L				
					Fayetteville State	21-14	L				
					Livingstone	31-21	W				
					at North Carolina Central	35-33	L				
					at Johnson C. Smith	31-20	W				
					at St. Augustine's	31-13	W				



# ARRINGTON JONES

*Arrington Jones is in his first season with the Hornets, bringing more than 22 years of collegiate coaching to the staff.*

*His most recent coaching position was head coach/offensive coordinator at Division II Virginia Union University from 2003 to '07. His tenure with the Panthers was highlighted by the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Eastern Division title and Pioneer Bowl (CIAA Championship Game) appearance in 2007. Jones was honored as the CIAA Coach-of-the-Year that season.*

*Virginia Union's 2007 quarterback Lamar Little was named CIAA Offensive Player-of-the-Year after passing for 2,340 yards and accounting for 37 touchdowns (28 passing; 9 rushing). The '07 Panthers were ranked as high as No. 20 among all NCAA Division II teams and No. 6 in the Southeast Region.*

*From 2001 to '03, Jones served as offensive coordinator/recruiting coordinator under (current DSU head coach) Kermit Blount at Winston-Salem State University. The Rams appeared in the CIAA Championship Game in 2001.*

*Prior to his time at Winston-Salem State, Jones spent 15 seasons at Virginia State University. He was assistant head coach/offensive coordinator from 1990 to 2000 after serving as the Trojans' special teams coordinator from 1986 to '90. His tenure at VSU was highlighted by a CIAA championship in 1995.*

*Before entering the coaching ranks, Jones spent four years in professional football. After being selected by the San Francisco 49ers in the fifth round of the 1981 NFL draft, he spent part of the '81 season with the team.*

*Jones was a member of the United States Football League's Washington Federals from 1983 to '86.*

*The Richmond, Va., native holds a bachelor's in Physical Education from Winston-Salem State University and a master's in Educational Administration and Supervision from Virginia State University.*



**Offensive Coordinator  
Quarterbacks Coach  
First Season**

**B.S. - Winston-Salem State '81  
M.A. - Virginia State**

## Jones' Resume

- 2011-Present: Delaware State University**  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Quarterbacks Coach
- 2003-07: Virginia Union University**  
Head Coach  
Offensive Coordinator
- 2001-03: Winston-Salem State University**  
Offensive Coordinator/  
Recruiting Coordinator
- 1990-00: Virginia State University**  
Assistant Head Coach/  
Offensive Coordinator
- 1986-90: Virginia State University**  
Special Teams Coordinator
- 1983-86: USFL**  
Running Back  
Washington Federals
- 1981: NFL**  
Running Back  
San Francisco 49ers

### Education:

- Bachelor's - Winston-Salem State '81
- Master's - Virginia State University '90



# DELAWARE STATE

# MICHAEL KETCHUM

# DC

**Defensive Coordinator**  
**Linebackers Coach**  
**First Season**  
**B.S. - Guilford College '78**  
**M.A.- Florida '84**



*Ketchum joined the Delaware State staff in March 2011 after six seasons as an assistant coach at Winston-Salem State University, including five as the Rams' defensive coordinator.*

*Ketchum was responsible for turning around a Winston-Salem State defense that ranked near the bottom of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (CIAA) in five statistical categories in the year before his arrival.*

*During his first year as the Rams' defensive coordinator in 2005 Winston-Salem improved to fifth in the CIAA in pass defense from last the previous season.*

*In 2006 the changes continued as Ketchum signed a stellar recruiting class and saw immediate success in his decision to switch from a traditional 4-3 defense to a 3-5 formation.*

*The 2007 season was witness to a defense that recorded 418 total tackles, generated 21 opponent turnovers, an average of nearly two forced turnovers per game, and surrendered only 203 points on the season. Ketchum's defense held opponents to 10 points or less three times in 2007 and never surrendered 30 points in any of the Rams' 11 games en route to helping WSSU record the first winning season in the program's Division I history.*

*Ketchum was instrumental in the development of Winston-Salem lineman William Hayes, now a member of the NFL's Tennessee Titans. Hayes was selected in the fourth round, 103rd overall, by the Titans in the 2008 NFL draft.*

*In 2009, Ketchum's defense yielded only 22.2 points per game and gave up only 183 first downs en route to recording 67 tackles for loss, 18 sacks and 22 takeaways. Under his tutelage the young WSSU defense saw nine players record 40 or more tackles with sophomore defensive lineman Akeem Ward earning 70 total tackles.*

*Ketchum, a 1978 graduate of Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C., turned in a 53-85 record in 14 seasons as head coach at his alma mater. He ranks second in Guilford history in wins and was the ODAC Coach of the Year in 1991 and 1997 when the Quakers won league titles. In 1994 Ketchum led Guilford College to an 8-2 record, a mark which helped the teams crack into the NCAA Division III South Region rankings for the first time in the program's history.*

*Ketchum got his start in football as a standout defensive lineman at Guilford. During his collegiate playing career, Ketchum was named the team's Defensive MVP during his senior season (1978). Following his playing career Ketchum, moved on to his first collegiate coaching job as a graduate assistant at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. While at UF Ketchum completed coursework to earn a M.A. in Education Administration in 1984 while serving two seasons on the nationally-ranked Gators' football coaching staff.*

*He also served a year as an Assistant Director of Athletics at Guilford.*

*Ketchum, 55, is married to the former Belinda Rowan. The couple has two children, a son Matt (24), and a daughter, Lilly (20).*

## Ketchum's Resume

**2011-Present: Delaware State University**  
Defensive Coordinator/  
Linebackers Coach

**2005-11: Winston-Salem State University**  
Defensive Coordinator

**2004-2005: Guilford College**  
Assistant Director of Athletics

**1991-2004: Guilford College**  
Head Coach

**1989-1991: Guilford College**  
Assistant Coach

**1982-83: University of Florida**  
Graduate Assistant Coach

**Education:**  
Bachelor's - Guilford College '78  
Master's - University of Florida '84



# CURTIS THOMAS

The former Delaware State star receiver is in his 12th season on the coaching staff, the longest among current members. Thomas will again direct the Hornet wide receivers, in addition to special teams this season.

In 2010, Hornet sophomore wide receiver Justin Wilson made history by becoming the first player in Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference history to lead the league in receptions (5.4 pg), receiving yards (85.2 pg) and touchdown catches (11). Wilson set a team record with 59 receptions and his 937 receiving yards ranked second-best for a season in team history during the 2010 season.

Thomas' work with special teams last season was highlighted by the play of Larrone Moore, who earned All-America and All-MEAC recognition as a kickoff returner after leading all Football Championship Subdivision players with a 34.8 yard average. He returned two kickoffs for touchdowns. The Hornets were second in the MEAC and 32nd in the nation in kickoff returns last season (22.3 ypr).

In 2009, DSU featured four receivers with 20 or more catches. Sophomore Darius Jackson was No. 5 in the MEAC in receptions per game (4.1), while junior Larrone Moore was No.10 (3.3). Jackson was also 10th in the MEAC in receiving yards per game (47.6), while Moore was 14th (31.5). In addition, Jackson tied a team record with 11 receptions in the Hornets' 30-20 win over Howard last season.

Thomas also directed the Hornet kick returners in 2009. Delaware State was tops in the MEAC, and 13th in the nation, with a 23.5 yard kickoff return average last season. Travis Tarpley was second in the MEAC, and 10th among all FCS players, with a 26.3 yard kickoff return average in '09. He had a top return of 85 yards in 2009. Larrone Moore was third in the MEAC and 14th in the nation in kickoff returns, averaging 25.6 yards on 18 attempts, highlighted by a 90-yard touchdown against South Carolina State and a 51-yard effort at Michigan.

The Hornets had six wide receivers with double-figures in catches during the 2008 season. Eddie Brown was eighth in the MEAC in receptions-per-game last season (3.3 pg).

From 2004-07, Thomas helped Shaheer McBride (2004-07) develop into one of the Hornets' all-time great receiver. McBride, formerly with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles, is Delaware State's all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards, and tied for the career high in touchdown catches. McBride was a two-time All-MEAC First Team selection and was the league's Rookie-of-the-Year as a freshman.

Thomas played a key role in the success of wide receiver Thomas Bolden, who set a school-record with 57 catches in 2004.

Former NFL standout Darnerian McCants benefitted from Thomas' tutelage while at Delaware State. In 2000, McCants set DSU and MEAC records with 18 touchdown catches, tops among all Division I-AA players that year. McCants was selected to three All-America teams, and was a fifth round draft of the NFL's Washington Redskins. He also competed for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Thomas was wide receivers coach when Albert Horsey set Delaware State records for career receptions and receiving yards in 2000.

Thomas was in charge of Delaware State's kickoff return team when returner DaShaun Morris was selected to two All-America teams (SportsNetwork, Associated Press) in 2002.

As a DSU receiver in 1994, Thomas had 44 catches to tie for third on the Hornets' all-time list for receptions in a season. His 823 receiving yards that season ranks fifth in school history, while his eight touchdown receptions in '94 ties for fifth in the team record book. Thomas was also a member of Delaware State's 1991 MEAC championship team.

Following his Delaware State playing career, Thomas signed a free agent contract with the National Football League's New York Giants. He competed in three preseason games in 1995. Thomas was also drafted by the World Football League London Monarchs in 1996 and had short stints with the Baltimore Stallions and Birmingham Barracudas of the Canadian Football League.

Thomas earned a bachelor's and master's from Delaware State University.

He has a son, Ian, age 9.



# AC

**Assistant Coach**  
**Wide Receivers/Special Teams**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Season**  
**B.S. - Delaware State '96**  
**M.A. - Delaware State '04**

## Thomas' Resume

<b>2000-Present:</b>	<b>Delaware State University</b> Assistant Coach Wide Receivers Special Teams
<b>1996:</b>	<b>WFL</b> Wide Receiver London Monarchs
<b>1995:</b>	<b>CFL</b> Birmingham Barracudas
<b>1995:</b>	<b>CFL</b> Baltimore Stallions
<b>1995:</b>	<b>NFL</b> Wide Receiver (pre-season) New York Giants

### Education:

Bachelor's - Delaware State University '96  
 Master's - Delaware State University '04



# DELAWARE STATE

# JEFF BRAXTON

# AC

Assistant Coach  
Defensive Line

Sixth Season (non-consecutive)  
B.A. - Salisbury State  
M.A. - Salisbury State '04



In addition to his duties as defensive line coach, Braxton also directs the team's recruiting operations. He previously served as the Hornets' offensive line coach during the 2006 and '07 seasons, and offensive coordinator from 2000 to 2003. In addition, he was a Delaware State assistant in 1995 (offensive line) and '96 (linebackers). During the 2007 season, the Hornets won their first MEAC Championship in 16 years.

Braxton returned to Delaware State in March 2011 after serving as head coach at Cheyney University from 2008 to 2010. He served as offensive coordinator at Tennessee State University during the 2005 season. In 2004, he was an assistant at Towson (Md.) University.

During the 2006 season, in which Braxton was Delaware State's offensive line coach, his troops helped pave the way for Emmanuel Marc to rush for 1,230 yards, the fourth best single-season mark in team history.

With Braxton as offensive coordinator, Delaware State had a school-record 32 touchdown passes in 2000. That season, the Hornets averaged 222.9 yards per game passing and 168.5 rushing. In addition, the 2000 Hornets featured a 2000-yard passer (2,386 by Rahsaan Matthews) and a 1000-yard rusher (1,186 by Grayland King) for the first time in school history. Matthews was selected as the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Offensive Player-of-the-Year that season. Tight end Darmerian McCants (former NFL standout) set DSU and MEAC records with 18 touchdown catches during the 2000 season. McCants was a Division I-AA All-America and All-MEAC First Team selection that year.

The 2000 Hornets also exceeded 40 points in five games, tying a school record.

Braxton's 2001 Delaware State offense was second in the MEAC in rushing at 211.5 yards per game. Maurice Foster was tops in the MEAC with 1,127 rushing yards that year. The 2001 Hornets also scored 30 or more points in five games.

After leaving Delaware State following the 1996 season, Braxton served as an assistant coach at Hofstra University. He helped lead the Flying Dutchmen to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in 1997.

In 1998, he was an assistant at Towson University, and the following year was on the staff at Fordham (NY) University.

Prior to his first stint at Delaware State, Braxton was offensive line coach at Morehouse College (GA) during the 1994 season.

From 1993 to '94, he was linebacker coach at cross-town Wesley College (Del.). He was on the Wesley staff that guided the team to the 1993 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Southeast championship.

Braxton's coaching career also includes stops at Cheyney University (Pa.) and Bowie (Md.) State.

The Washington, D.C., native lettered as an offensive lineman at Salisbury State College. He was a member of the 1986 Sea Gull team that won 13 straight games before losing to Augustana (IL) in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, the NCAA Division III championship game. The '86 Salisbury State team shares the ECAC record for most wins in a season.

Braxton earned a B.A. in Communications Arts from Salisbury State, and a M.A. in Education in 2004. He is a member of the American Football Coaches Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.

He is married to the former Teresa Hudson. They have four children, Ilihad, Tiarra, Terrence and Tania.

## Braxton's Resume

<b>2011-Present:</b>	<b>Delaware State University</b> Assistant Coach Defensive Line
<b>2008-10:</b>	<b>Cheyney University</b> Head Coach
<b>2006-07:</b>	<b>Delaware State University</b> Assistant Coach Offensive Line
<b>2005:</b>	<b>Tennessee State University</b> Offensive Coordinator
<b>2004:</b>	<b>Towson University</b> Assistant Coach
<b>2000-03:</b>	<b>Delaware State University</b> Offensive Coordinator
<b>1999:</b>	<b>Fordham University</b> Assistant Coach
<b>1998:</b>	<b>Towson University</b> Assistant Coach
<b>1997:</b>	<b>Hofstra University</b> Assistant Coach
<b>1996:</b>	<b>Delaware State University</b> Assistant Coach Linebackers
<b>1995:</b>	<b>Delaware State University</b> Assistant Coach Offensive Line
<b>1994:</b>	<b>Morehouse College</b> Assistant Coach Offensive Line
<b>1993-94:</b>	<b>Wesley College</b> Assistant Coach Linebackers
<b>Prior to 1993:</b>	<b>Bowie State University</b> Assistant Coach
<b>Education:</b>	Bachelor's - Salisbury State Master's - Salisbury State '04





## NICK CALCUTTA

Calcutta rejoined the Hornets in February 2010 after serving as the offensive line/tight ends coach at MEAC rival Howard the prior year.

During his first stint at Delaware State, Calcutta served as defensive line/special teams coordinator under former head coach Bill Collick in 1996.

While at Howard in 2009, Calcutta's offensive line earned credit for allowing just 15 quarterback sacks in 11 games, second-best in the MEAC. The Bison allowed just one sack for every 23.5 pass attempts, also second in the league.

Calcutta was offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Winston-Salem State during the 2007 and '08 seasons. Under his guidance, the Rams improved their offensive output by more than 50 points in 2007. WSSU increased its scoring average from 16.9 points per game in 2006 to more than 21 points in 2007.

Under Calcutta's direction in 2007, the Rams scored 20 or more points in eight of their 11 games en route to the first winning season in the team's Division I history. That season, senior quarterback Monte Purvis recorded the team's first 1000-yard season since 2002.

Before joining the WSSU staff in June 2007, Calcutta served as offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator at Howard University.

Calcutta began his collegiate coaching career in 1983 as outside linebackers coach at Southern Illinois in Carbondale, Ill., for head coach Rey Dempsey. In Calcutta's first season at SIU, he helped lead the Salukis to the NCAA Division I-AA National Championship.

Following the national championship season at SIU, Calcutta served as offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at St. Joseph's College Rensselaer, Ind., and outside linebackers coach at Memphis State.

Following his stints at St. Joseph's and Memphis State, he joined legendary head coach Willie Jeffries at Howard for three seasons (1986-88) as offensive line coach and director of football operations. From there, he served four years as offensive line coach and tight ends coach at South Carolina State University (1989-92).

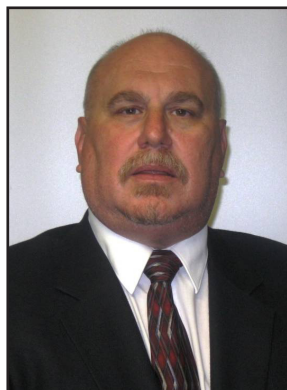
After serving two years as offensive coordinator at the University at Buffalo (1993-94), Calcutta moved on to Tennessee State University as its offensive line/tight ends coach in 1995.

He also had a three-year stint as assistant head coach/offensive line coach at Austin Peay State University, and was offensive coordinator at Clarion University of Pennsylvania (from 2002-05).

During two-year tenure at Savannah State, Calcutta was offensive line/tight ends coach, pro liaison, and director of football operations for head coach Bill Davis.

After graduating from North Schuylkill (Pa.) High School, Calcutta attended Mansfield University. From there, he went to Millersville University where he earned a bachelor's in secondary education in 1982.

Calcutta is married to the former Judy Crews of Carbondale, Ill. The couple has a five-year old daughter, Nicole.



# AC

**Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line  
Fourth Season (non-consecutive)  
B.S. - Millersville '82**

### Calcutta's Resume

- 2010-Present: Delaware State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line
- 2009: Howard University**  
Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line/Tight Ends
- 2007-08: Winston-Salem State University**  
Offensive Coordinator  
Quarterbacks Coach
- 2006: Howard University**  
Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator
- 2002-05: Clarion University**  
Offensive Coordinator
- 2000-02: Austin Peay State University**  
Assistant Head Coach  
Offensive Line
- 1999-00: Savannah State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line/Tight Ends  
Pro Liaison/Director of Football Operations
- 1995: Tennessee State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line/Tight Ends
- 1993-94: University at Buffalo**  
Offensive Coordinator
- 1989-92: South Carolina State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Offensive Line/Tight Ends
- 1986-88: Howard University**  
Offensive Coordinator  
Director of Football Operations
- 1985: Memphis State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Outside Linebackers
- 1984: St. Joseph's College**  
Offensive Coordinator  
Recruiting Coordinator
- 1983: Southern Illinois University**  
Assistant Coach  
Outside Linebackers

Education:  
Bachelor's - Millersville University '82



# TORY WOODBURY

**AC**

*Assistant Coach  
Running Backs  
First Season*

*B.A. - Winston-Salem State '00*



*The former Winston-Salem State University and National Football League standout joined the Delaware State staff in March 2011.*

*A four-year letter winner at Winston-Salem under head coach Kermit Blount, Woodbury is the Rams' all-time leading passer with 4493 yards. He's also second on the school's career list for total offense (5,527 yards) and pass attempts (648) and tied for second in touchdown passes (38). In addition, he holds school single-season marks for passing yards (1,823) and total offense (2,177 yards).*

*As a junior in 1999, Woodbury led Winston-Salem (9-3 overall) to its first Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) championship since 1990 and a 27-14 victory over Tuskegee in the annual Pioneer Bowl (CIAA vs. SIAC champions). That season, he was selected as Black College Player-of-the-Year, All-CIAA First Team, Pioneer Bowl MVP and team MVP. In addition, he fell four passes short of the NCAA Div. II record for pass completions in a season. Woodbury did not throw an interception during the '99 season.*

*While a senior in 2000, he guided the Rams (10-3 overall) to their second straight CIAA championship and Pioneer Bowl appearance. Woodbury was named MVP of the Pioneer Bowl for the second straight year and was an All-CIAA First Team selection in 2000.*

*He was an All-CIAA Second Team pick and team MVP after helping lead WSSU to a 7-3 record as a sophomore in 1998.*

*Woodbury was inducted into the Winston-Salem State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.*

*The New York Jets selected Woodbury in the seventh round of the 2001 National Football League draft. In three seasons with the Jets, he was a back-up to QBs Chad Pennington and Vinny Testaverde and a standout special teams performer. He also competed as a wide receiver for the Jets.*

*Woodbury's professional football career also includes stints with the NFL's New Orleans Saints and Buffalo Bills, Canadian League's Ottawa Renegades, Cologne Centurions (NFL Europe) and the Arena League's New Orleans Voodoo.*

*He has also served as a successful coach at Providence High School and Garinger High School in North Carolina.*

*Woodbury earned a bachelor's in sports management from Winston-Salem State University in 2000.*

## Woodbury's Resume

- 2011-Present:** Delaware State University  
Assistant Coach  
Running Backs
- 2007-2011:** Garinger High School  
Providence High School  
Carver High School  
Atkins High School  
Quarterbacks Coach  
Charlotte, N.C.
- 2006:** NFL Europe  
Quarterback  
Cologne Centurions
- 2006:** NFL  
Quarterback  
Buffalo Bills
- 2005:** CFL  
Quarterback  
Ottawa Renegades
- 2004:** AFL  
Quarterback  
New Orleans Voodoo
- 2003:** NFL  
Quarterback  
New Orleans Saints
- 2001-02:** NFL  
Quarterback  
Wide Receiver  
Special Teams  
New York Jets

Education:  
Bachelor's - Winston-Salem State University '00



# BRYANT FOSTER

Bryant Foster brings a wealth of experience and a reputation as an outstanding recruiter to the Hornets. He joined the Delaware State University staff in April 2011 after serving the past four years as an assistant at his alma mater, Gardner-Webb University, in Boiling Springs, N.C.

With Foster on its defensive staff as cornerbacks coach in 2010, Gardner-Webb ranked sixth among all FCS schools in pass defense and was No. 15 in total defense. In addition, each of the “Bandits” starting cornerbacks were selected to the All-Big South Conference First Team last season.

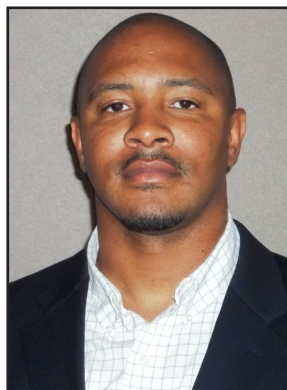
Foster guided Gardner-Webb’s defensive line during the 2007 and ’08 seasons, during which a freshman lineman earned All-Big South recognition.

Prior to his coaching tenure at Gardner-Webb, Foster was line-backer coach at the University of the South Sewanee (Tenn.) from 2005-2006. Each year he coached an All-Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference linebacker.

A native of Chesnee, S.C., Foster is also a veteran of the high school coaching ranks in the Palmetto State, having served as an assistant with the Greer High School Yellowjackets during the 2003 and ’04 season. He helped lead Greer to the 2003 Class 3A State Championship.

Foster got his first college coaching job as a defensive assistant at Presbyterian (S.C.) College in 2002, and was selected to coach in the Division II Cactus Bowl College All-Star Game that year. He had a one-year stint at his old high school alma mater, Chesnee (S.C.) High, and at Wade Hampton (S.C.) High.

Foster graduated from Gardner-Webb in 1999 with a degree in Management Information Systems. He was a three-year starter for the Bandits at cornerback, safety and outside linebacker under coaches Woody Fish and Steve Patton.



# AC

Assistant Coach  
Cornerbacks  
First Season  
B.S. - Gardner-Webb ‘99

## Foster’s Resume

- 2011-Present: Delaware State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Cornerbacks
- 2007-2010: Gardner-Webb University**  
Assistant Coach  
Cornerbacks
- 2005-06: University of South Sewanee**  
Assistant Coach  
Linebackers
- 2003-04: Greer High School (S.C.)**  
Assistant Coach
- 2002: Presbyterian College**  
Assistant Coach  
Defense
- 2001: Chesnee High School (S.C.)**  
Assistant Coach
- 2000: Wade Hampton High School (S.C.)**  
Assistant Coach
- Education:  
Bachelor’s - Gardner-Webb ‘99



# DELAWARE STATE

# WILLIAM KING

# AC

Assistant Coach  
Safeties  
First Season  
B.A. - Marshall '95



William King joined the Hornet staff in the spring of 2011. He most recently served as defensive line coach/recruiting coordinator at Concord University (W.V.) in 2010. The Lions posted an 8-3 overall record last season.

While at Concord, King helped the Lions to an increase of 13 forced turnovers and 11 more sacks from the previous season. In addition, several Concord defensive players earned 2010 All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) honors.

From 2006 to 2009, King was defensive coordinator at West Virginia State University. He helped lead the Yellow Jackets to their first NCAA Division II national ranking in 2007. During King's tenure at West Virginia State, seven defensive players earned All-WVIAC First Team recognition, including Andrew Eggleton (LB), the 2009 conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year and 2007 Freshman-of-the-Year (DE) Elisha Merchant.

Prior to his time at West Virginia State, King was linebackers coach at Delaware State's MEAC rival Morgan State University from 2002 to '05.

King has also served as an assistant coach at Elon University and James Madison University.

The Charleston, W.V., native was a Division I-AA All-America performer at Marshall University. In 1993, King was selected as the Southern Conference Defensive Player-of-the-Year after posting a school-record 107 unassisted tackles and 178 total stops. He also set a Thundering Herd record with 29 tackles-for-loss in '93.

King earned a bachelor's in Sports Management & Marketing from Marshall in 1995.

### King's Resume

- 2011-Present: Delaware State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Safeties
- 2010: Concord University**  
Assistant Coach  
Defensive Line  
Recruiting Coordinator
- 2006-09: West Virginia State University**  
Defensive Coordinator
- 2002-05: Morgan State University**  
Assistant Coach  
Linebackers
- Prior to 2002: Elon University**  
Assistant Coach
- James Madison University**  
Assistant Coach
- Tusculum College**  
Assistant Coach

Education:  
Bachelor's - Marshall University '95