



Mark Hudspeth

The University of Louisiana introduced **Mark Hudspeth**, the former Mississippi State passing game coordinator/wide receivers coach and North Alabama head coach, as the school's 25th head coach on December 13, 2010.

In addition to finding success as a head coach, the 42-year old Louisville, Miss., native has learned from some of the most successful football coaches in the country. A 19-year coaching veteran, Hudspeth brings with him a national championship, four conference championships, eight post-season appearances and four Coach of the Year awards.

In nine seasons as a head coach, Hudspeth totaled a 91-22 record.

"We were very fortunate to have many extremely qualified candidates express an interest in becoming the next Ragin' Cajuns head football coach," former Athletics Director David Walker stated at the press conference announcing Hudspeth's hiring. "Each one possessed qualities that we felt would benefit our program. Many are outstanding coaches and outstanding recruiters. All expressed a commitment to the academic success of their student-athletes and most were very involved in their community. Each candidate is an exceptional individual.

"Coach Hudspeth possesses all of these qualities and we are extremely excited that he will lead our football program."

Hudspeth spent the 2009 and 2010 season at Mississippi State, where he helped turn around a football program that had only one winning season in a nine-year span. The Bulldogs finished 2010 with an 8-4 record, earning a Gator Bowl trip vs. Michigan.

Prior to his appointment at Mississippi State, Hudspeth spent seven seasons as the head coach at North Alabama, leading the Lions to a 66-21 record. UNA won a pair of Gulf South Conference championships, made five NCAA playoff appearances and boasted 15 All-Americans.

Attendance increased 122% under Hudspeth and the team grade-point-average was raised a full point to 2.76 - the highest team GPA in school history. UNA was ranked for 54 weeks and ranked in the Top 10 for 38 consecutive weeks. Hudspeth's offense averaged over 35 points per game.

In 2008, Hudspeth led UNA to its fourth-consecutive 10-win season, posting a 12-2 record and a berth in the NCAA Division II semifinals. The Lions ranked sixth nationally, scoring 41.3



The Hudspeth File

Head Coach

**Delta State, 1992
First Season**

Personal

Born: Nov. 10, 1968
Hometown: Louisville, Miss.
Wife: Tyla
Sons: Major & Gunner
Daughter: Carley

Education

■ Delta State, 1992; Central Arkansas 1993

Playing Experience

■ Delta State (safety, quarterback 1987-91)

Bowl Experience

- Toyota Gator Bowl (2010) - Mississippi State 52, Michigan 14
- NCAA Division II Playoffs (2008) as a coach at UNA
- NCAA Division II Playoffs (2007) as a coach at UNA
- NCAA Division II Playoffs (2006) as a coach at UNA
- NCAA Division II Playoffs (2005) as a coach at UNA
- NCAA Division II Playoffs (2003) as a coach at UNA
- NCAA Division II Champions (2000) as a coach at Delta State

Coaching Experience

2009-10	Mississippi State, Passing Coord./Wide Receivers
2002-08	North Alabama, Head Coach
2001	Navy, Offensive Coordinator
1999-00	Delta State, Offensive Coord./S&C Coach

Noteworthy

Hudspeth was a four-year letterman at Delta State University from 1987-91. He was the starting safety in 1990 and led the team in interceptions. In 1991, he was the starting quarterback. In seven seasons as head coach at North Alabama, led the Lions to a pair of Gulf South championships and five playoff berths.



MARK HUDSPETH Year-by-Year

AS HEAD COACH

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	CONFERENCE	NOTES
2002	North Alabama	4-7	3-6	-
2003	North Alabama	13-1	9-0	Gulf South Conference Champions; GSC Coach of the Year; Reached Div. II Semifinals
2004	North Alabama	5-5	4-5	-
2005	North Alabama	11-3	7-2	Reached Div. II Semifinals
2006	North Alabama	11-1	8-0	Gulf South Conference Champions GSC Coach of the Year; Reached Div. II Quarterfinals
2007	North Alabama	10-2	7-1	Reached Div. II Quarterfinals
2008	North Alabama	12-2	7-1	Reached Div. II Semifinals
Total	7 Seasons	66-21	45-15	

AS ASSISTANT COACH

YEAR(S)	SCHOOL	POSITION	POSTSEASON
1999	Delta State	Off. Coordinator/S&C Coach	-
2000	Delta State	Off. Coordinator/S&C Coach	NCAA Division II National Champions
2001	Navy	Offensive Coordinator	-
2009	Mississippi State	Passing Coord./WR Coach	-
2010	Mississippi State	Passing Coord./WR Coach	Toyota Gator Bowl vs. Michigan - W, 52-14; Final AP Ranking - #15

points per game. In 2007, Hudspeth led the Lions to a 10-2 record and reached the national quarterfinals.

In 2006, the Lions had an 11-1 record, won a GSC title and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Division II playoffs. Hudspeth was selected as the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year for the second time by his peers and was also the NCAA Division II Region 2 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

In 2005, Hudspeth led a UNA squad that

went 11-3 and reached the semifinals of the Division II playoffs for the second time in three years.

The Lions went 4-7 in Hudspeth's first season (2002), but posted a 13-1 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II semifinals in 2003. For his efforts, Hudspeth was named GSC Coach of the Year in just his second season as a collegiate head coach and was the Division II Region 2 Coach of the Year by the AFCA. He coached Will Hall, who won the Harlon Hill Trophy (DII Heisman Trophy).

Prior to his stint at North Alabama, Hudspeth served as the offensive coordinator at the United States Naval Academy in 2001.

Hudspeth was the offensive coordinator and strength and conditioning coach at Delta State University from 1999-2000. He helped lead the Statesmen to a NCAA Division II National Championship in 2000 and his offense broke 21 school records, 12 Gulf South Conference records and six NCAA Division II records that year.

Hudspeth served as the head coach at Winston Academy in Louisville, Miss., in 1996 and 1997. He posted a 25-1 record over two seasons including an undefeated regular season mark.

From 1994-95, Hudspeth served as the wide receivers/tight ends coach and then the running backs coach at Nicholls State.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Central Arkansas from 1992-93, winning the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference in 1992.

As a student-athlete, Hudspeth was a four-year letterman at Delta State from 1987-91. He was the starting safety in 1990 and led the team in interceptions. In 1991, he was the starting quarterback. Hudspeth earned his Bachelor of Arts in Health & Education from Delta State in 1992 and his Master's of Science in Secondary School Administration from Central Arkansas in 1993.

Hudspeth was born on November 10, 1968. He is married to the former Tyla McConnell, and has two sons, Gunner and Major, and one daughter, Carley.





Timothy Edwards

A college teammate of Mark Hudspeth at Delta State, **Timothy Edwards** was reunited with Hudspeth in March 2011 when he was named to the Cajuns' coaching staff.

Edwards came to Louisiana after spending the previous three seasons as co-defensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator and defensive line coach at Florida A&M.

At FAMU, Edwards was part of a program that went 25-9 during his three seasons with the Rattlers. He oversaw a strong defensive line that included coaching All-MEAC defensive lineman Cameron Houston in 2008.

Prior to his stint with the Rattlers, Edwards served a five-year tenure at Hampton University. He coached the defensive line and linebackers, in addition to serving as the recruiting coordinator.

Edwards helped bring in a wealth of talent that resulted in one of the best four-year runs in school history. Hampton won three consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championships (2004-06), made three NCAA playoff appearances (2004-06) and captured back-to-back Black College National Championships in 2004 and 2005.

Edwards began his career as a defensive line and linebackers coach for Kentucky State in 1998 and eventually had stops with the AF2's Carolina Rhinos and Pearl River Community College before landing at Hampton in 2003. He was a New Orleans Saints Minority Fellowship Intern during the team's 2007 training camp.

His days on the sideline have helped to develop the professional careers of several former players including: Justin Durant (Jacksonville Jaguars), Kendall Langford (Miami Dolphins), Marcus Dixon (Dallas Cowboys, New York Jets) Cletidus Hunt (Green Bay Packers, NFL), Kitwana Jones (Saskatchewan Rough Riders, CFL), Dewayne Woods (Georgia Force, AFL) and Chris Avery (Grand Rapids Rampage AFL). Edwards coached four All-Americans in Hunt at Kentucky State and Jones, Durant and Langford at Hampton.

Edwards is a 1991 graduate of Delta State, earning a bachelor's degree in aviation management.

He was a two-time First Team All-Gulf South Conference selection as a defensive lineman and played alongside Hudspeth, who was a four-year letterman at DSU from 1987-91. Edwards was inducted into the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame in the fall of 2008.

A 12th round pick in the 1991 NFL Draft, Edwards spent the 1992 season on the New England Patriots roster. He later signed a free agent contract in 1995 with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League, with whom he spent three years.

A native of Philadelphia, Miss., Edwards is a member of the NFL Retired Players' Association, the CFL Retired Players' Association and the American Football Coaches Associations.

He is married to former LuAnn Shockency of Louisville, Ky., and they have three children, Halena, Timothy II and Kenci.



The Edwards File

Defensive Line

**Delta State, '91
First Season**

Personal

Born: August 29, 1968

Hometown: Philadelphia, Miss.

Wife: LuAnn

Children: Halena & Timothy II, Kenci

Education

■ Delta State, 1991

Playing Experience

■ Saskatchewan Roughriders, CFL (defensive line, 1995-97)

■ New England Patriots, NFL (defensive end, 1992)

■ Delta State (defensive line, 1987-91)

Bowl Experience

■ NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs (2006) as a coach at Hampton

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■ NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs (2004) as a coach at Hampton

Coaching Experience

2008-10 Florida A&M, Co-Defensive Coord./Recruiting Coord.

2003-07 Hampton, Defensive Line/Linebackers/Recruiting Coord.

2002 Pearl River CC, Defensive Line

2002 Carolina Rhinos (AF2)

2001 Kentucky State, Defensive Line/Linebackers Coach/NFL Liason

Noteworthy

Was a two-time First Team All-Gulf South Conference selection as a defensive lineman and played alongside Mark Hudspeth, who was a four-year letterman at DSU from 1987-91. Edwards was inducted into the Delta State Sports Hall of Fame in the fall of 2008.

Recruiting Area

Central Louisiana; Beaumont and Orange Triangle Area (Texas)



Jay Johnson

Jay Johnson started at Louisiana in 2011 as the Cajuns' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

He spent the 2010 year as Central Michigan's quarterbacks coach, helping sophomore Ryan Radcliff post one of the top passing seasons in school history. Radcliff completed 282-of-466 passes for 3,358 yards and 17 touchdowns. He threw the second most passes in school history, completed the third most and threw for the third most yards. His 17 touchdown passes tied for the seventh most in school history. Entering the bowl season, Radcliff ranked ninth nationally in both total passing yards and yards per game (279.8) and 11th in completions (23.5 per game).

Johnson came to CMU from Louisville, where he spent the 2008 and 2009 seasons. Prior to Louisville, Johnson was at Southern Miss for five seasons, including three as offensive coordinator (2005-07). The Golden Eagles made five consecutive bowl game appearances during Johnson's time on staff.

In 2007, Southern Miss set a school record with 5,066 yards of total offense. The Golden Eagles ranked Top 25 nationally in rushing in 2006 and 2007, gaining more than 2,000 yards on the ground each season. Southern Miss averaged 27.8 ppg in 2007 and 29.6 ppg in 2005, the program's two highest scoring seasons in a decade.

Johnson worked directly with the Southern Miss quarterbacks from 2005-07, running backs in 2004 and tight ends in 2003. During that time, Johnson worked alongside current-Cajuns offensive line coach Mitch Rodrigue, who held the same position at USM.

Johnson also coached the school's third 1,000-yard running back in school history when Damion Fletcher ran for more than 1,300 yards in consecutive seasons.

Under Johnson's tutelage in 2005, Dustin Almond set the school's single-season record for passing completions (216), passing attempts (392), and total offense (2,762). His 23 touchdown passes were the second most in school history.

Johnson coached at Kansas from 1997-2001, working with the quarterbacks (1997-2000) and running backs (2001).

He also served as offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at both Augsburg (1994) and Truman State (1995-96). He directed Truman State's offense to an average of over 30 points and 400 yards per game in 1995 and 1996.

Johnson began his coaching career at Columbia-Hickman High School in Columbia, Mo., in 1993, serving as quarterbacks, receivers and defensive backs coach. He was a graduate assistant at Missouri in 1994 prior to taking on the offensive coordinator role at Augsburg.

A 1992 graduate of Northern Iowa, Johnson was a three-time All-Gateway Conference selection as a quarterback and two-year team captain. He led UNI to a combined record of 31-8 during his career, three conference championships and three appearances in the I-AA playoffs. He finished his career with almost 500 completions and threw for more than 8,000 yards and 58 touchdowns. The 1992 team finished the season 12-2 overall and ranked No. 3 nationally.

Johnson earned President's Academic Excellence honors in the Gateway Conference and was a Dean's List scholar at Northern Iowa where he compiled a 3.47 GPA. He held a perfect 4.0 grade point average while completing his master's degree at Missouri. That earned him a Superior Graduate Achievement Award from the Department of Health and Exercise Science.

He also taught several courses while at Truman State and Missouri. Jay and his wife, Lori, are the parents of one son, Cole.



The Johnson File

**Offensive Coordinator
Quarterbacks**

**Northern Iowa, '92
First Season**

Personal

Born: Sept. 18, 1969
Hometown: Lakeville, Minn.
Wife: Lori
Children: Cole

Education

■ Northern Iowa, 1992; Missouri, 1994 - M.A.

Playing Experience

■ Northern Iowa (quarterback, 1989-92)

Bowl Experience

■ PapaJohns.com Bowl (2007) - Southern Miss 21, Cincinnati 31
■ GMAC Bowl (2007) - Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7
■ New Orleans Bowl (2005) - Southern Miss 31, Arkansas State 19
■ New Orleans Bowl (2004) - Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10
■ Liberty Bowl (2003) - Southern Miss 0, Utah 17

Coaching Experience

2010	Central Michigan, Quarterbacks
2009	Louisville, Tight Ends
2008	Louisville, Administrative Assistant
2005-07	Southern Miss, Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2004	Southern Miss, Running Backs
2003	Southern Miss, Tight Ends
2001	Kansas, Running Backs
1999-2000	Kansas, Quarterbacks
1997-98	Kansas, Graduate Assistant
1995-96	Truman State, Offensive Coord., Recruiting Coord.
1994	Augsburg, Offensive Coord., Recruiting Coord.
1994	Missouri, Graduate Assistant

Noteworthy

At Northern Iowa, Johnson was a three-time All-Gateway Conference selection as a quarterback and two-year team captain. He led Northern Iowa to three conference championships and three appearances in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. The 1992 team finished the season 12-2 overall and ranked No. 3

Recruiting Area

Acadiana, South Central Mississippi



Marquase Lovings

Marquase Lovings began his tenure as a member of the Ragin' Cajuns' coaching staff in 2011, serving as running backs coach.

Prior to joining the Cajuns, Lovings spent four seasons at Mississippi State. During his first two seasons he worked as the defensive quality control coach, while the last two seasons he served as the defensive graduate assistant working on the staff with Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth.

While at MSU, Lovings worked under four different defensive coordinators, Ellis Johnson in 2007 (later became the defensive coordinator at South Carolina), Charlie Harbison in 2008 (later became the defensive coordinator at Clemson), Carl Torbush in 2009 (later became the defensive coordinator at Kansas) and Manny Diaz in 2010 (later became the defensive coordinator at Texas).

Lovings' main focus with the Bulldogs defense was with the defensive linemen. He worked under defensive line coaches David Turner and Chris Wilson (Wilson became the MSU defensive coordinator in 2011).

The Bulldogs had several standout defensive linemen during Lovings' four years, including Titus Brown. Brown signed an NFL free agent contract and has been on the Cleveland Browns active roster since 2008. Lovings helped three defensive linemen earn All-SEC honors, with Brown (2007 Second Team), Fletcher Cox (2009 Freshman Team) and Pernell McPhee (2010 First Team) taking those honors.

Lovings also has experience coaching in a two bowl games, including MSU's rout of Michigan, 52-14, in the 2011 Gator Bowl. It was the worst loss Michigan had ever suffered in any bowl game in its history.

Lovings also helped MSU win the 2007 Liberty Bowl, as the Bulldogs defense held UCF to just three points. MSU kept UCF star running back Kevin Smith from breaking the NCAA single-season rushing record. The junior finished 61 yards shy of Barry Sanders' mark of 2,628 yards set for Oklahoma State in 1988.

"I was trying to find the holes, but they were playing faster than us," Smith stated after the Liberty Bowl.

In 2007, Lovings' defensive line faced three of the top four rushers in the country during the season, holding each of them well under their season average. MSU limited Arkansas' Darren McFadden to 88 yards (143.8 season avg.), Tulane's Matt Forte to 47 yards (177.3 season avg.) and UCF's Smith to 119 yards (188.3 season avg.).

A graduate and former tight end at Howard University, Lovings also has high school coaching on his resume with stints at Dunbar High in Washington, D.C. and at his alma mater P.K. Younge High in Gainesville, Fla.

He earned his M.S. in Sports Administration from Mississippi State in 2008 and pursued a doctorate in education at MSU.

Lovings was born on Nov. 13, 1983.

The Lovings File



Running Backs

**Howard, '06
First Season**

Personal

Born: November 13, 1983
Hometown: Gainesville, Fla.

Education

■ Howard University, 2006

Playing Experience

■ Howard University (tight end, 2002-03)

Bowl Experience

■ Toyota Gator Bowl (2010) - Mississippi State 52, Michigan 14
■ Liberty Bowl (2007) - Mississippi State 10, UCF 3

Coaching Experience

2009-10 Mississippi State, Graduate Assistant
2007-08 Mississippi State, Defensive Quality Control Coach

Noteworthy

While at MSU, Lovings worked under four different defensive coordinators, Ellis Johnson in 2007 (later became the defensive coordinator at South Carolina), Charlie Harbison in 2008 (later became the defensive coordinator at Clemson), Carl Torbush in 2009 (later became the defensive coordinator at Kansas) and Manny Diaz in 2010 (later became the defensive coordinator at Texas).

Recruiting Area

East Texas, North Louisiana, Shreveport and Monroe



Jorge Munoz

Jorge Munoz returned to the Cajuns coaching staff in 2011 under new head coach Mark Hudspeth and serves as the wide receivers coach.

In 2008, Munoz was added to the Cajuns staff as the Quarterbacks Coach and Passing Game Coordinator. One of his main responsibilities was play calling. In his first season calling plays, UL ranked seventh in the nation in rushing, 13th in total offense and 24th in scoring.

That same season, Munoz helped quarterback Michael Desormeaux record the second most yards of total offense in school history. Desormeaux was named the 2008 Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year. Running back Tyrell Fenroy had his best season as well, rushing for 1,375 yards and 19 touchdowns. Fenroy was a Doak Walker Award Semifinalist, named the 2008 Sun Belt Player of the Year and became the school, SBC and State of Louisiana all-time leading rusher.

The Cajuns "Play Station" attack of 2008 shattered the school record for total offense with 5,390 yards, besting the 1995 record of 4,780 yards. As a team, the Cajuns scored 54 touchdowns, the most in school history. The quick strike offense ranked 10th in the nation with 22 touchdown drives under two minutes and 10th nationally in touchdown drives of five plays or less. UL led the nation with 11 offensive touchdowns of 50 yards or more. In addition, 18 different players made at least one reception, the fourth most in the country.

The offense continued to thrive with Munoz calling the plays in 2009, as 16 different players scored a touchdown. Quarterback Chris Masson threw for 2,406 yards passing – the fourth best single-season total in school history. He came within two completions of tying the school single-season mark as well. As a unit, the Cajuns offense ranked 16th in the NCAA in red zone efficiency.

In 2010, the Cajuns ranked 34th nationally in passing offense, despite starting three different QB's due to injury. All three QB's threw for 250-plus yards in a game and Masson surpassed 4,000 career passing yards – the sixth player at UL to do so. In addition, tight end Ladarius Green led the nation in receiving yards and touchdowns by a tight end and earned All-America honors from CBSSports.com.

Prior to UL, Munoz spent three seasons at Eastern Illinois. He was promoted to Offensive Coordinator in March 2007 after being named co-Offensive Coordinator in the summer of 2006.

Under his direction, EIU ran a more diverse offense in 2006, with four players earning first team All-Ohio Valley honors, including OVC co-Offensive Player of the Year Vincent Webb and third team All-American Micah Rucker. The Panthers ranked 18th in the nation in rushing and either first or second in the OVC in rushing, total offense and pass efficiency.

EIU's offense in 2007 had a 1,000-yard rusher for the fourth straight season with five Panthers earning first team All-OVC honors and three players earning honorable mention All-America honors. EIU ranked 33rd nationally in scoring and 36th in rushing yards.

Munoz spent two seasons as the wide receivers coach at Charleston Southern (2003-04). During the 2004 season, his wide receivers ranked first, second and fourth in the Big South Conference. The Buccaneers passing offense ranked first in the Big South and 17th in the NCAA.

At Anderson University, his 2002 offense ranked fifth in DIII passing and set six school records, while the 2001 offense ranked sixth in passing and set 22 school records. His quarterback was the MVP of the HCAC both seasons.

A 1998 graduate of Bethany College, Munoz was a two-time All-American quarterback. He played one year in the Arena Football League with the Albany (NY) Firebirds. Munoz was a multi-sport standout at San Diego Hilltop HS.



The Munoz File

Wide Receivers

**Bethany College, '98
Fourth Season**

Personal

Born: June 9, 1974
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Wife: Erin
Children: Ava & Alex

Education

■ Bethany College, 1998

Playing Experience

■ Bethany College (quarterback, 1995-96)
■ Albany Firebirds, AFL (quarterback, 1997-98)

Coaching Experience

2008-10 Louisiana, Passing Game Coord./Quarterbacks
2006-07 Eastern Illinois, Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks
2005 Eastern Illinois, Wide Receivers
2003-04 Charleston Southern, Wide Receivers
2001-02 Anderson University, Offensive Coord./QB's
1999-00 Southeastern Missouri, Wide Receivers
1998 Bethany College, Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers

Noteworthy

As passing game coordinator, Munoz directed the Cajuns "Play Station" attack of 2008 which shattered the school record for total offense with 5,390 yards, besting the 1995 record of 4,780 yards...Tutored Cajuns Michael Desormeaux to 2008 Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year honors...While at EIU, the Panthers advanced to the first round of the NCAA FCS playoffs and were ranked in the Top 20 all three seasons.

Recruiting Area

Southwest Louisiana and Houston



Tim Rebowe

Tim Rebowe has strong ties to the state of Louisiana, having coached his entire career in the Pelican State. Rebowe returns to coaching the Ragin' Cajuns' safeties in 2011 under new head coach Mark Hudspeth.

In previous years on the Cajuns' staff, Rebowe coached the Cajuns safeties from 2004-07 and tutored the linebackers from 2008-10.

The Cajuns' linebackers had stellar seasons for three years under Rebowe, with a member of the linebacking corps leading the team in tackles each season.

Rebowe guided linebackers Antwyne Zanders and Grant Fleming, who ranked first and second on the team in total tackles in 2009, respectively. Both players were named All-Sun Belt Conference. For Zanders, it was his third All-SBC recognition, while Fleming earned All-SBC for the second time.

The Cajuns' pass defense had a stellar first year under Rebowe in 2004, finishing with a No. 11 national ranking in passing yards allowed.

Both of Rebowe's starting safeties advanced to the NFL. Strong safety C.C. Brown (101 tackles) was drafted by the Houston Texans in the 2005 NFL Draft and free safety Antwain Spann, who signed as a free agent with the New York Giants, played in NFL Europe and several seasons with the New England Patriots.

In 2005, the Cajuns' pass defense was 23rd nationally, allowing only 190 yards per game despite opponents facing an uphill climb in eight games. The Cajuns trailed after three quarters just twice in 2005.

Rebowe also coached a pair of exemplary student-athletes in Lamar Morgan, a NFF Hampshire Honor Society member and a Draddy Award semifinalist, and Johnny Felders, currently coaching at Istrouma High School.

Rebowe came to UL after three seasons as cornerbacks coach at Sun Belt rival La.-Monroe.

Prior to his stint with the Warhawks, Rebowe spent six years at Nicholls State where he served as defensive backs coach (1995-2000), special teams' coordinator (1995-98), recruiting coordinator (1998-2000) and wide receivers coach (2000). In 1996, the Colonels pass efficiency defense ranked seventh nationally in I-AA.

A native of Norco, La., Rebowe began his coaching career in 1987 at his alma mater, Destrehan High School.

His ties to the Cajuns began in 1994 when former Destrehan High star Damon Mason transferred to Louisiana from Jones County JC. Mason would go on to have one of the best careers by a defensive back in Cajuns history.

Rebowe earned his bachelor of science in physical education from Louisiana State University in 1987.

He is married to the former Kim Robichaux and they have a daughter, Samantha, and a son, Tyler.

The Rebowe File



Safeties

**Louisiana State, '87
Seventh Season**

Personal

Born: February 25, 1963

Hometown: Norco, La.

Wife: Kim

Children: Samantha & Tyler

Education

■ Louisiana State, 1987

Bowl Experience

■ NCAA Division I Championship Playoffs (1996) as a coach at NSU

Coaching Experience

2008-10 Louisiana, Linebackers

2004-07 Louisiana, Safeties

2001-03 ULM, Cornerbacks

2000 Nicholls State, Receivers/Recruiting Coordinator

1995-99 Nicholls State, DBs/Special Teams/Recruiting Coor.

1992-94 Destrehan (La.) HS, Head Coach

1988-91 Destrehan (La.) HS, Defensive Backs/Special Teams

Noteworthy

While at Destrehan High School, Rebowe coached current NFL defensive back Ed Reed (Baltimore), former Green Bay Packer Rondell Mealey and former Cajuns great and Arena Football League star Damon Mason.

Recruiting Area

Baton Rouge, New Orleans and River Parishes of Louisiana



Mitch Rodrigue

Mitch Rodrigue joined Louisiana in 2011 as the Cajuns' running game coordinator and offensive line coach.

Rodrigue, a 20-year collegiate coaching veteran, came to UL after three years on the South Alabama coaching staff working with offensive tackles and tight ends.

In USA's inaugural season, two of Rodrigue's tight ends played a vital role in helping the offense average 439 yards and nearly 46 points per contest.

Prior to his arrival at South Alabama, Rodrigue spent the previous nine seasons at Southern Miss, where he coached the offensive line (2003-07), tight ends (2000-02) and running backs (1999). He was named one of the Top 10 recruiters from a non-BCS conference by Rivals.com in 2006.

From 2003-07, Rodrigue worked directly with current Cajuns offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Jay Johnson.

In 2006, Rodrigue's offensive line allowed just 10 sacks, ranking 18th nationally. The Golden Eagles rushed for an average of 169.9 yards a game, which ranked first in Conference USA and 25th nationally. The Golden Eagles set a school-record with 4,635 yards of total offense, including over 2,000 yards rushing for the first time since 1987, and the school's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2002. The offensive line also collected its first two All-Americans since the 1950s, with the naming of George Batiste and Travis Cooley to different squads.

In 2005, Rodrigue guided the offensive line to another strong season, as the offense finished with 4,288 yards of total offense, the sixth-best performance in school history. The offensive line, led by all-Conference USA performers Batiste and Cooley, only allowed nine sacks, ranking 12th in the nation, and did not allow a sack in six different games.

In 2004, the offensive line, led by Jeremy Parquet (second-team All-Conference USA) and Chris Clark (C-USA All-Freshman Team), surrendered only seven sacks. Parquet was selected in the seventh round by the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2005 NFL Draft.

During his first season leading the USM offensive line (2003), Rodrigue helped the Golden Eagles win their fourth Conference USA title and earn an invitation to the Liberty Bowl despite working with a unit that had lost three starters to the NFL. Rodrigue saw three players - Parquet (first-team), Jim Hicks (second-team) and Chris White (third-team) - garner all-league honors.

Rodrigue coached the running backs in 1999 and the tight ends from 2000-02. He also assisted with the offensive line during his initial stint at Southern Miss, serving as the program's graduate assistant in 1989 and 1990.

During his 11 seasons at USM, the Golden Eagles made nine bowl trips - participating in the GMAC Bowl (2000, '06), New Orleans Bowl (2004, '05), AXA Liberty Bowl (1999, 2003), PapaJohns.com Bowl (2007), Houston Bowl (2002) and All-American Bowl (1990).

Rodrigue also coached several seasons at his alma mater, Nicholls State (1993-98), serving as tight ends and offensive line coach as well as offensive coordinator. His stay coincided with Ragin' Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth, who coached the wide receivers, tight ends and running backs from 1994-95.

While at NSU, Rodrigue helped the Colonels lead the Southland Conference in passing. In addition to his time as the Colonels' offensive coordinator, he served at various times as recruiting coordinator and, after the resignation of Rick Rhoades in 1995, interim head coach. As offensive line coach, Rodrigue's linemen blocked for the school's first 1,000-yard rusher in 1996. Rodrigue was also a student assistant coach in 1987-88 while he finished his undergraduate degree.

Prior to Nicholls State, Rodrigue coached two seasons at Pearl River (Miss.) Community College (1991-92) where he served as offensive line coach, as well as strength and conditioning coach.

Rodrigue earned a bachelor's degree in health & physical education from Nicholls State in 1988 and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Southern Miss in 1990. He was an offensive lineman for one season at Cophiah-Lincoln (Miss.) Community College before transferring to Nicholls State, where he helped the Colonels win the 1984 Gulf Star Conference title and reach the second round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs in 1986.

A native of Thibodaux, La., Rodrigue was born on Jan. 2, 1965. He and his wife, Deidi, have three children, Maci, Madden and Mallori.



The Rodrigue File

**Running Game Coordinator
Offensive Line**

**Nicholls State, '88
First Season**

Personal

Born: January 2, 1965

Hometown: Thibodaux, La.

Wife: Deidi

Children: Maci, Madden & Mallori

Education

■ Nicholls State, 1988; Southern Miss 1990

Playing Experience

■ Nicholls State (offensive line, 1984-86)

■ Cophiah-Lincoln (Miss.) CC (offensive line, 1983)

Bowl Experience

■ PapaJohns.com Bowl (2007) - Southern Miss 21, Cincinnati 31

■ GMAC Bowl (2007) - Southern Miss 28, Ohio 7

■ New Orleans Bowl (2005) - Southern Miss 31, Arkansas State 19

■ New Orleans Bowl (2004) - Southern Miss 31, North Texas 10

■ Liberty Bowl (2003) - Southern Miss 0, Utah 17

■ EV1.net Houston Bowl (2002) - Southern Miss 23, Oklahoma State 33

■ GMAC Mobile Bowl (2000) - Southern Miss 28, TCU 21

■ Liberty Bowl (1999) - Southern Miss 23, Colorado State 17

■ All-America Bowl (1990) - Southern Miss 27, N.C. State 31

Coaching Experience

2008-10 South Alabama, Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends

2003-07 Southern Miss, Offensive Line

2000-02 Southern Miss, Tight Ends

1999 Southern Miss, Running Backs

1993-98 Nicholls State, Tight Ends/Offensive Line/Offensive Coord.

1991-92 Pearl River (Miss.) CC, Offensive Line

1989-90 Southern Miss, Graduate Assistant

1987-88 Nicholls State, Student Assistant

Noteworthy

In 2006, Rodrigue's offensive line at USM rushed for an average of 169.9 yards a game, which ranked first in Conference USA and 25th nationally. The Golden Eagles set a school-record with 4,635 yards of total offense. The offensive line also collected its first two All-Americans since the 1950s.

Recruiting Area

South Louisiana, South Mississippi and Mobile



David Saunders

David Saunders joined the Cajuns in 2011 as the cornerbacks coach and assistant recruiting coordinator.

Saunders came to Louisiana from Mississippi, where he had three stints at Ole Miss, the last beginning in April 2010 as Administrative Operations Coordinator.

He served as the Rebels' linebackers coach in 2006. That post came after a three-year term (2003-05) as head football coach at Millsaps College.

Prior to being named head coach at Millsaps, Saunders spent four years at Ole Miss, including the first two as Assistant to the Athletics Director for Recruiting and the final two as Coordinator of High School and Community College Relations.

During his first employment at Ole Miss, which began in December 1998, Saunders established an acclaimed recruiting program and was lauded as one of the top nine recruiters in the nation by Tom Lemming of ESPN.com.

Saunders joined the Ole Miss athletics staff after working with Tennessee during their National Championship season of 1998, where he assisted with on-campus recruiting.

Prior to accepting the position with the Vols, Saunders served two years as defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator at Arkansas State (1996-97). He spent the 1995 season coaching safeties and special teams at Baylor.

During the 1993 and 1994 seasons, Saunders was the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Nicholls State. It was there that Saunders coached with Ragin' Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth, who was the Colonels wide receivers/tight ends coach in 1994. Saunders coached defensive back Darryl Pounds, who played for the Washington Redskins.

From 1990 to 1992, Saunders coached the defensive line at Georgia Southern and helped lead the Eagles to the 1990 I-AA national championship.

From 1984 to 1989, Saunders coached defensive backs and receivers while serving as recruiting coordinator at Jacksonville State. He worked with Ragin' Cajuns defensive coordinator Greg Stewart, who was also on the staff in 1989.

While at JSU, Saunders coached defensive back Eric Davis, who earned All-Pro honors in the NFL and played for the 1995 Super Bowl Champion San Francisco 49ers. Saunders also coached receiver Keith McKeller, who played in three Super Bowls with the Buffalo Bills, and defensive back Darrel Malone, who played with the Kansas City Chiefs and Miami Dolphins.

Before entering the collegiate coaching ranks, Saunders was an assistant football coach at Andalusia (Ala.) High School from 1982-83.

A native of Douglasville, Ga., received his bachelor's degree from Auburn in 1982. He was a walk-on lineman for the Tigers. While at Auburn, Saunders also assisted with the junior varsity, working with the offensive and defensive lines.

He is married to the former Jan Perry of Andalusia, Ala. The couple has two children, Riley and Kaylee



The Saunders File

**Assistant Recruiting Coordinator
Cornerbacks**

**Auburn, '82
First Season**

Personal

Born: April 6, 1958
Hometown: Douglasville, Ga.
Wife: Jan
Children: Riley & Kaylee

Education

■ Auburn, 1982

Coaching Experience

2010	Ole Miss, Administrative Assistant
2006	Ole Miss, Linebacks
2003-05	Millsaps, Head Coach
1998-2002	Ole Miss, Recruiting Coord.
1998	Tennessee, On-Campus Recruiting Assistant
1996-97	Arkansas State, Defensive Backs/Recruiting Coord.
1995	Baylor, Safeties
1993-94	Nicholls State, Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs
1990-92	Georgia Southern, Defensive Line
1984-89	Jacksonville State, Defensive Backs/Receivers/Recruiting Coord.
1982-83	Andalusia HS, Assistant Coach

Noteworthy

Helped lead Georgia Southern to the 1990 I-AA national championship. During the 1993 and 1994 seasons, Saunders was the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Nicholls State. It was at Nicholls State that Saunders coached with Ragin' Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth, who was the Colonels wide receivers/tight ends coach in 1994. While at Nicholls State, Saunders coached defensive back Darryl Pounds, who played for the Washington Redskins.

Recruiting Area

Mississippi Delta and Florida Parishes of Louisiana



Greg Stewart

Greg Stewart was added to the Ragin' Cajuns' coaching staff in 2011 as the team's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

Stewart's coaching tenure spans 20-plus years, including 18 years of experience at Jacksonville State, with 11 seasons orchestrating the Gamecocks' defense.

Stewart turned the Gamecocks into the most dominant defense in the Ohio Valley Conference. In 2010, JSU turned in one of the biggest upsets in college football, winning at Ole Miss. The Gamecocks narrowly missed upsets the previous year, hanging with No. 15 Georgia Tech and holding Florida State in check in a 19-9 defeat.

In 2009, his defense led the conference in seven major defensive categories, including scoring defense (17.1), yards per game allowed (304.8), passing yards per game allowed (154.9), pass efficiency defense (104.0), opponent first downs per game (15.5), opponent third down conversion percentage (31.2) and turnovers gained (27).

JSU led the OVC in scoring defense for four straight years from 2006-09, allowing just 17.5 points per game in 2006, 23.4ppg in 2007 and 21.7ppg in 2008.

In 2007, the Gamecocks led the league in total defense (354.3 yards per game), rushing defense (145.5 yards per game) and opponent first downs per game (17.8).

In 2006, the Gamecocks allowed just 17.5 points per game, 114.8 rushing yards and only 270.2 yards of total yards, which were all tops in the conference.

The 2005 squad allowed only 20.4 points per game.

After joining the OVC in 2003, the Gamecocks placed 24 defensive players under Stewart on the All-OVC teams, including 12 since 2008.

Stewart began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at JSU in 1989 and was elevated to full-time in 1991.

He helped lead the Gamecocks to the 1992 NCAA Division II National Championship. He coached the Gamecocks outside linebackers from 1989-94, running backs in 1995, defensive backs in 1996 and defensive line in 1997.

Stewart spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach at Delta State from 1998-99. He was on the coaching staff at DSU with current Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth in 1999 when Hudspeth was the offensive coordinator and strength and conditioning coach.

He returned to Jacksonville State in 2000 as the defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach.

Stewart was a four-year starter at nose guard for current Sun Belt foe Troy from 1984-87. He helped guide the Trojans to two NCAA Division II National Championships and earned a degree in sociology in 1988.

The Decatur, Ala., native was born on June 6, 1965. He is married to the former Angela Peacock and they have four children, Jessie Kate, Hannah, Kinsey and Holly.



The Stewart File

**Defensive Coordinator
Linebackers**

**Troy, '88
First Season**

Personal

Born: June 6, 1965

Hometown: Decatur, Ala.

Wife: Angela

Children: Jessie Kate, Hannah, Kinsey & Holly

Education

■ Troy, 1988

Playing Experience

■ Troy (noseguard, 1984-87)

Bowl Experience

■ NCAA Division II National Champions (1992) as a coach at JSU

■ NCAA Division II National Champions (1987) as a player at Troy

■ NCAA Division II National Champions (1984) as a player at Troy

Coaching Experience

2000-10 Jacksonville State (Defensive Coord./Inside Linebackers)

1998-99 Delta State (Defensive Coord./Inside Linebackers)

1997 Jacksonville State (Defensive Line)

1996 Jacksonville State (Defensive Backs)

1995 Jacksonville State (Running Backs)

1989-94 Jacksonville State (Outside Linebackers)

Noteworthy

Stewart spent two seasons as the defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach at Delta State (1998-99). Was on the coaching staff at DSU with current Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth in 1999 when Hudspeth was the offensive coordinator and strength coach. His defensive unit at Jacksonville State led the OVC in scoring defense four straight years (2006-09).

Recruiting Area

Northeast Mississippi and Alabama



Reed Stringer

Reed Stringer joined the Cajuns in 2011 to serve as assistant head coach, tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator.

Prior to working at Louisiana, Stringer served as the offensive player development coach at Clemson in 2010.

Before his time with the Tigers, Stringer spent seven seasons at Mississippi State in a variety of roles. He began as a graduate assistant with the Bulldogs offense, primarily working with the offensive line from 2003-2004. Stringer was then named the tight ends and special teams coach from 2005-08.

He took over as the coordinator of recruiting operations at Mississippi State for head coach Dan Mullen in 2009. Stringer coached alongside current Cajuns head coach Mark Hudspeth during the 2009 season.

Considered to be a relentless and effective recruiter, Rivals.com rated Stringer among the "SEC's Top 10 Recruiters" for 2009. He was personally responsible for recruiting 13 student-athletes for the highly revered 2009 MSU class and his recruiting efforts were a major reason for MSU's quick turnaround under Mullen.

Before being named to his recruiting coordinator position, Stringer spent four seasons as the tight ends coach, adding special teams coordinator duties in his final two seasons.

As tight ends coach, Stringer responded in 2005 by helping Eric Butler become the school's all-time touchdown receptions leader among tight ends with seven scoring catches. In 2007, his tight end corps combined for the most receptions by the position at MSU since 1990. Under Stringer's guidance, Butler and teammate Dezmond Sherrod worked their ways to professional football careers.

His impact was also felt immediately with the special teams. After his average dipped by nearly four yards per punt between his freshman and sophomore seasons, punter Blake McAdams returned to the 40-yard threshold in 2007. Placekicker Adam Carlson, who made just 8-of-16 field goals in his first two seasons at MSU, improved to make 9-of-12 opportunities.

Even more improvement was made by the Bulldogs coverage units, which reduced both kickoff return and punt return yardage against. In 2008, return specialist Derek Pegues finished his career as the SEC's all-time kickoff return yardage leader.

Stringer's coaching career began as a graduate assistant/tight ends coach at Delta State in 2002.

He was a four-year letterman on Delta State's offensive line, helping DSU claim the 2000 NCAA Division II national championship with then-DSU offensive coordinator Mark Hudspeth. Stringer concluded his career with 35 consecutive starting assignments at left tackle. In addition to that '00 national title, he was also instrumental in helping Delta State win the 1998 and 2000 Gulf South Conference championships.

Stringer was a two-time academic All-Gulf South Conference player and an Academic All-American and was named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll three times.

He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from Delta State in 2001 and completed a master's in business administration from Delta State in 2003.

Stringer was born on January 26, 1979 in Canton, Miss. He is married to the former Emily Howell and they have two sons, Smith and Banks.



The Stringer File

**Assistant Head Coach
Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends**

**Delta State, '01
First Season**

Personal

Born: January 26, 1979

Hometown: Canton, Miss.

Wife: Emily

Children: Smith & Banks

Education

■ Delta State, 2001; Delta State 2003 - M.B.A

Playing Experience

■ Delta State (Offensive Line, 1998-2001)

Bowl Experience

■ Meineke Car Care Bowl (2010) - Clemson 26, USF 31

■ Liberty Bowl (2007) - Mississippi State 10, UCF 3

■ NCAA Division II National Champions (2000) as a player at Delta State

Coaching Experience

2010 Clemson, Offensive Player Development

2009 Mississippi State, Coordinator of Recruiting Operations

2005-08 Mississippi State, Tight Ends/Special Teams

2003-04 Mississippi State, Graduate Assistant

2002 Delta State, Graduate Assistant

Noteworthy

Stringer was a two-time academic All-Gulf South Conference player at Delta State and an Academic All-American and was named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll three times. Rivals.com rated Stringer among the "SEC's Top 10 Recruiters" for 2009.

Recruiting Area

Central Louisiana and Central Mississippi



Troy Wingerter

Former Cajuns standout **Troy Wingerter** entered into a new role with the Ragin' Cajuns football program in 2011, becoming the Director of Football Operations for head coach Mark Hudspeth.

Wingerter started his career with the University of Louisiana Athletic Department in 1997. He was the tight ends coach as a graduate assistant from 1997-99 under former coaches Nelson Stokley and Jerry Baldwin.

Wingerter coached the defensive ends in 2001 under Baldwin and served in the role of Cajuns' tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator from 2002-10 for Rickey Bustle. Wingerter was named Bustle's assistant head coach for the 2009 and 2010 season.

Wingerter helped developed the tight ends from a frequent red zone target for Cajuns quarterbacks to a legitimate weapon in the UL offense. Cajuns tight ends made 160 receptions for 2,283 yards with 22 touchdowns from 2008-10.

In 2009, tight end Luke Aubrey led the team in receptions while tight end Ladarius Green topped the team in yards.

Green was a mid-season addition to the 2009 Mackey Award Watch List – one of three underclassmen on the 22-man midseason list. He also earned All-Sun Belt Honors.

In 2010, Green was one of just eight semifinalists for the prestigious Mackey Award. He was a First Team All-Sun Belt selection, a First Team All-Louisiana pick and garnered Second Team All-American honors by CBSsports.com and Fourth Team All-American accolades by Phil Steele.

Entering his senior season, Green was named to the 2011 Mackey Award Watch List and Biltnekoft Award Watch List. Green was also tabbed as a Top 5 draft eligible tight end by espn.com insider Mel Kiper, Jr. and was named a preseason All-American by BleacherReport.com (1st Team), Athlon (2nd Team), GoDaddy.com (3rd Team), Phil Steele (4th Team) and CDSdraft.com (Honorable Mention).

Wingerter tutored a pair of red zone targets in Kevin Belton and Aubrey in 2007 and 2008, respectively. Both players had six receptions, but each caught three for touchdowns. Wingerter coached Josh Joerg during his All-Sun Belt season in 2002.

After earning his bachelor's degree in 1993, Wingerter embarked on a four-year career in corporate business working in Lafayette, New Orleans, Colorado and Montana.

Upon his return to UL, Wingerter earned a master's degree in education.

A native of New Orleans, Wingerter was a first-team All-Louisiana selection and an All-South Independent pick as a senior in 1991. He helped guide the Cajuns to three straight winning seasons during his first three years from 1987-89 and was a permanent team captain as a senior.

In addition, he was selected as a member of the All-Time University of Louisiana football team as compiled by the Lafayette Daily Advertiser.

Wingerter was born July 19, 1969. He and his wife, Cydra, have two sons, Holden and Aiden.



The Wingerter File

Director of Football Operations

**Louisiana, '93
11th Season**

Personal

Born: July 19, 1969

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Wife: Cydra

Children: Holden and Aiden

Education

■ Louisiana, 1993; Louisiana, 1999 - M.Ed.

Playing Experience

■ Louisiana (offensive lineman, 1988-91)

Coaching Experience

2002-10 Louisiana, Recruiting Coordinator/Tight Ends

2001 Louisiana, Defensive Ends

1997-99 Louisiana, Graduate Assistant

Noteworthy

Wingerter was an All-South Independent selection as a senior in 1991...He was also a first team All-Louisiana pick during his senior season...He was named to the All-Time University of Louisiana football team by the Lafayette Daily Advertiser...Is the longest tenured member of the football staff...Named assistant head coach in 2009...Tutored Ladarius Green to a mid-season addition to the 2009 John Mackey Award Watch List and All-Sun Belt honors... In 2010, tight end Ladarius Green was one of just eight semifinalists for the prestigious Mackey Award...He was a First Team All-Sun Belt selection, a First Team All-Louisiana pick and garnered Second Team All-American honors by CBSsports.com and Fourth Team All-American accolades by Phil Steele...Also coached Josh Joerg to All-Sun Belt accolades in 2002.



strength & conditioning STAFF

RUSTY WHITT

head strength & conditioning coach
Alma Mater: Abilene Christian, 1994
Joined UL Staff: October 2010
Born: July 6, 1971
Hometown: Azle, Texas



Rusty Whitt began his tenure as the University of Louisiana's head strength and conditioning coach in October 2010.

Whitt, who served in the United States Army as a Senior Special Forces Communication Sergeant in the 10th Special Forces Group, came to Louisiana from Rice University where he served as assistant coordinator of strength and conditioning from March 2009 until his hiring at UL.

At Rice, Whitt designed and implemented year-round strength, speed, mobility, cardiovascular conditioning and injury rehabilitation programs for football, baseball, track and field and swimming.

Prior to joining the staff at Rice, he served in the United States Army from Aug. 2003-Jan. 2009. He was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) V and VI.

Whitt developed and initiated a comprehensive pre-deployment conditioning program for his Special Forces Team prior to and during OIF V and VI. He received a combat infantry badge, two Iraqi campaign medals and an Army commendation medal with valor.

Whitt began his strength and conditioning career with graduate assistantships at Midwestern State University (Aug. 1995-June 1996) and the University of Texas (June 1996-May 1997). He performed an internship in the strength and conditioning department at the U.S. Olympic Training Center (May-Sept. 1997).

Whitt had stints as an assistant strength and conditioning coordinator for football at William and Mary (Dec. 1997-Aug. 1998) and Louisville (Aug.-Dec. 1998) before being named the head strength and conditioning coach at Sam Houston State in Dec. 1998.

At SHSU, Whitt served as an instructor in the kinesiology department and assisted in the design of a new weight facility. He also worked with current Ragin' Cajuns men's basketball coach Bob Marlin until Aug. 2003.

Over his career, Whitt has participated in the 1997 Fiesta Bowl, 1998 Motor City Bowl, I-AA football playoffs and NCAA men's basketball tournament.

Whitt earned his bachelor's degree in political science and administration from Abilene Christian University in 1994 and his master's degree in kinesiology from Texas in 1997.

He is a certified strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

JAKE RAYBURN

asst. strength & conditioning coach
Alma Mater: Tennessee-Martin, 2001
Joined UL Staff: July 2006
Born: April 6, 1979
Hometown: Martin, Tenn.



Jake Rayburn joined the University of Louisiana strength and conditioning staff in July 2006 as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

In his role, he assists in the day-to-day development and implementation of the off-season, summer, and in-season workouts for the Cajuns football team. His other duties at UL include overseeing the strength and conditioning programs for baseball, softball, men's basketball and volleyball.

Rayburn came to UL from Tulane where he served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for two years. During that time, he worked with women's basketball, soccer and track and field. During the 2005 football season, Rayburn was relocated to Ruston, La., with the football team and was placed in charge of the in-season strength and conditioning program and game-day duties. Upon returning to campus, he conducted off-season workouts for men's basketball.

Prior to arriving at Tulane, Rayburn served as a graduate assistant at Middle Tennessee from 2001-04, assisting with workouts for all 15 sports. During that time, he worked directly with men's & women's tennis and men's & women's golf.

Rayburn is originally from Martin, Tenn., and graduated from Tennessee-Martin in 2001. He also completed an internship at Tennessee during the summer of 2001, where he assisted with football and men's basketball.

He and his wife Andrea have two daughters, Callie and Hailey.

JASON MANIKOWSKI

asst. strength & conditioning coach
Alma Mater: UW-Oshkosh, 2007
Joined UL Staff: June 2011
Born: June 3, 1984
Hometown: Cudahy, Wisc.



Jason Manikowski arrived at the University of Louisiana in June 2011 to serve as an assistant strength and conditioning coach.

Manikowski joined the Cajuns' strength staff after spending the previous 17 months as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant at Texas Christian University.

While at TCU, Manikowski was the head strength coach for the Horned Frogs women's basketball and equestrian programs. He designed all of the strength, speed and agility programs for women's basketball, while assisting with football.

In the summer of 2009, Manikowski served as an intern at TCU where he helped demonstrate proper technique in performing Olympic lifts and improving speed development.

Prior to working at TCU, he was employed as a physical education teacher at St. Catherine's High School in Racine, Wisc.

In 2007, Manikowski was the assistant strength and conditioning coach for football at his alma mater, University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh.

Manikowski holds a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Health Education from UW-Oshkosh, where he was a four-year starting free safety for the Titans. He was a second team Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference All-Conference selection in 2005 and earned a preseason All-American accolade going into his senior campaign for the 2006 season.

