

# COACHES AND STAFF



## MIKE BREY

Glenn and Stacey Murphy Head Men's Basketball Coach  
19th Season at Notre Dame

"He is so normal, he is abnormal," ESPN analyst Seth Greenberg often says about Glenn and Stacey Murphy Head Men's Basketball Coach Mike Brey. Perennially voted as one of the most likeable and easy to work with coaches in college basketball, Brey's accomplishments – both on and off the court – are anything but normal.

Entering his 19th season on the Notre Dame sidelines, Brey is the all-time winningest men's basketball coach in school history while becoming the only Irish head coach to reach 400 victories under the Golden Dome.

Boasting 403 wins at Notre Dame and 502 in his career, Brey has led the Irish through the program's most sustained period of excellence since his hiring in July of 2000. Under his leadership, Notre Dame has competed in the postseason 17 of 18 seasons with 12 NCAA tournament berths, three Sweet 16 trips, two Elite Eight appearances and the 2015 ACC Championship.

Brey was named head coach at Notre Dame on July 14, 2000. In his first season with the Irish, he led the team to the 2001 BIG EAST West Division championship and quickly established his program as one of the best in the BIG EAST.

Notre Dame finished in the top five of the final BIG EAST conference standings eight times in 13 seasons, advancing to the conference tournament semifinals six times. Brey finished his time in the BIG EAST Conference fourth on the all-time wins list (he is currently tied for fifth).

Notre Dame moved to the Atlantic Coast Conference for the 2013-14 season and after a single season of adjustment, Brey quickly established that the Irish were ready to compete in the best basketball conference in the nation.

The 2014-15 team compiled a program-best 32-6 overall record, eventually advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight. It was on 'Tobacco Road,' however, that the Irish announced their presence to the new league by defeating Miami (FL), Duke and North Carolina in the Greensboro Coliseum to claim the 2015 ACC Championship.

Since that first 2015 ACC crown, Notre Dame has appeared in the conference tournament final (2017) and semifinal (2016) to further reinforce its position as one of the top program's in the ACC.

In 2011, Brey was the recipient of both the Associated Press and the Henry Iba/USBWA National Coach of the Year award after leading the Irish to a 27-7 record, perfect 17-0 record at home and second place finish in the BIG EAST. Brey also was named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2008.

In 2017-18, Brey became the 11th active Division I coach to earn 400 or more victories at his current institution. Entering the 2018-19 season Brey is tied for 23rd on the active career wins list at the Division I level with 502.

Before arriving at Notre Dame, Brey was the head basketball coach at the University of Delaware, where he compiled a 99-52 mark from 1995-2000 and won America East Co-Coach of the Year honors in 1998. Leading into his time at Delaware, he was an assistant coach at Duke University. During his eight years at Duke, the Blue Devils advanced to the Final Four six times and won back-to-back national championships in 1991 and 1992.

Prior to entering the collegiate ranks, Brey played for and coached with legendary high school coach Morgan Wootten at DeMatha High School. He played two years at DeMatha, helping the Stags to a 55-9 record. After his graduation from George Washington, Brey spent five seasons as an assistant coach at his high school alma mater, helping DeMatha compile a 139-22 record, four league titles and a number-one national ranking by USA Today in 1984.

Brey serves on the Coaches vs. Cancer National Council and has helped raise over three million dollars for the organization. He also has partnered with the American Heart Association to create the Men of Heart initiative, raising funds and awareness for men's heart health. Brey is on the National Advisory Board of the Positive Coaching Alliance. He has also been inducted into the University of Delaware and the George Washington University Athletics Halls of Fame.

## AN ATHLETIC FAMILY

Brey was a standout guard in his collegiate playing days, competing for three seasons at Northwestern Louisiana State (now Northwestern State) from 1977-80. He led the team in assists and steals all three years and still ranks among the top 10 in career assists at Northwestern State. He played his final collegiate season at George Washington in 1980-81 after sitting out the 1979-80 season as a transfer. He averaged 5.0 points and 4.8 rebounds per game for the Colonials, serving as team captain and eventually earning the team's Most Valuable Player Award.

Brey comes from an athletic family of educators. His late father, Paul, was a high school athletics director in Maryland while his mother, the late Betty Mullen, was the women's swimming coach at George Washington.

Betty was perhaps the family's most accomplished athlete, as she attended Purdue University and swam for the AAU team in West Lafayette, Indiana. For a time, she held a world record in the butterfly events and competed for the United States at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. Betty's brother, Jack Mullen, played guard at Duke University and was a member of the school's first ACC championship team in 1950.

Brey's mother passed away on March 21, 2015, hours before Notre Dame defeated Butler 67-64 in overtime of the NCAA Tournament in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He coached the game that night as a tribute to his mother and the inspiration she provided to him throughout his career, with the Irish team only learning of his mother's passing after the conclusion of the game. Brey's father, Paul, passed away on Dec. 20, 2015.

Brey's younger sister, Brenda, swam competitively at LSU and is a physical education teacher in the Rockville, Md., area. His younger brother, Shane, was a high school standout at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Md.

Born March 22, 1959, Brey is a 1982 graduate of George Washington with a degree in physical education. He has two children – Kyle and Callie – and a granddaughter, Olivia Marie. Kyle was a tight end and fullback for the University of Buffalo from 2006-09, then moved into the coaching ranks as a quality control coach at Kansas, Youngstown State and Ohio State. He is currently the head football coach at Ardery Kell High School in Charlotte, North Carolina.

## NOTABLE SEASONS

### 2000-01

Brey inherited a talented roster, including All-American Troy Murphy and current Director of Basketball Operations Harold Swanagan. Coming off a 22-15 mark from a season before and just missing out on a berth to the NCAA Championship, Brey helped Notre Dame take the next step and return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1988-89 season, finishing 20-10 overall, 11-5 in the Big East Conference and winning the Big East West Division Championship. The Irish defeated Xavier 83-71 in their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in 12 years, then fell to Mississippi in the second round.

### 2001-02

If 2000-01 marked the return of Notre Dame basketball to the national scene, the 2001-02 season verified that the program was there to stay. A third straight 20-win season (22-10), a 10-6 mark in the Big East (good for second in the division) earned the team a No. 8 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Irish defeated Charlotte in the first round, then battled No. 1 seed Duke into the game's final moments before falling to the Blue Devils 84-77. The season featured six sold out games in Purcell Pavilion (the most in six seasons) and Notre Dame's first appearance in the Big East tournament semifinals. Current Irish assistant coach Ryan Humphrey served as one of Brey's three team captains during the season and earned first team All-Big East honors.

### 2002-03

It was another giant step forward for the program in 2002-03, as Notre Dame advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time since 1987, defeating Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Illinois in the first two rounds of the tournament in Indianapolis, Indiana, before falling to Arizona in Anaheim, California. The 24-10 campaign featured a program-first three consecutive wins over top-10 ranked teams, as the Irish defeated No. 10 Marquette, No. 8 Maryland and No. 2 Texas in consecutive outings.

### 2006-07

Notre Dame returned to the NCAA Tournament with a 24-8 overall record and 11-5 mark in the Big East, as Brey earned his first Big East Coach of the Year award. The Irish began the season with a 15-2 record, the program's best start since 1978-79, and finished the year 18-0 at Purcell Pavilion – the first undefeated season at home since 1968-69.

### 2007-08

A 25-8 record, along with a 14-4 final total in Big East play would earn Brey his second straight conference coach of the year award and the Irish returned to the NCAA Tournament to defeat George Mason before falling to Washington State in the second round. During the season, the Irish pushed their home-court winning streak to 37 games.

### 2008-09

The run of postseason appearances continued for the Irish, with a trip to the NIT semifinals capping a 21-15 overall record. The team was led by Ryan Ayers, a current assistant coach with the Irish, and Luke Harangody, who became the first player to lead the Big East in scoring and rebounding in back-to-back seasons. The season was highlighted by the team's 39th consecutive home court victory over Furman on Nov. 30, 2008, eclipsing the 60-year old school record that was set at the Notre Dame Fieldhouse from 1943-48. The team eventually pushed the home court win streak to 45 games, the longest in the nation at the time, before it was ended against Connecticut on January 24, 2009.

### 2009-10

Notre Dame returned to the NCAA tournament for the sixth time in 10 years, finishing the season with a 23-12 record and a 10-6 record in the Big East. The Irish won six of their last eight games, including three victories over

ranked opponents and advanced to the Big East tournament semifinals for the third time. Senior point guard Tory Jackson became the second player to lead the Big East in assists for three consecutive seasons, joining Syracuse's Sherman Douglas.

### 2010-11

A fifth consecutive 20-win season culminated with a 27-7 record, 14-4 in Big East play, that earned Brey the Associated Press Coach of the Year Award. Reaching as high as fourth in the national polls during the year, the Irish would finish ranked 14th, the program's highest mark since the 1978-79 campaign. Notre Dame also received a No. 2 seed to the NCAA Tournament, the highest seed earned in the Brey era at Notre Dame. For the third time in five seasons, the Irish finished undefeated at home with a 17-0 record.

### 2011-12

Poised to take another step forward, a key injury to All-America candidate Tim Abromaitis in the preseason forced Brey to reset the roster. The reset worked, as the team finished 22-12 overall and returned to the NCAA tournament for the eighth time in 12 years under Brey's leadership. The Irish advanced to the Big East semifinals for the third consecutive season and won a program-best nine consecutive conference games. Another highlight of the season was Notre Dame's 67-58 victory over No. 1 Syracuse at Purcell Pavilion on Jan. 21, 2012, the 10th win over a top-ranked team for the Irish and the sixth straight at Purcell (an NCAA record).

### 2012-13

The final season of Big East competition for the Irish saw the team finish 25-10 overall and advance to their fourth straight NCAA tournament appearance. The Irish finished 5-4 against nine ranked opponents during the year and advanced to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament for the fourth time. Brey finished his time in the Big East as the league's fourth all-time winningest coach with 146 wins, behind Jim Boeheim (416), Jim Calhoun (309) and John Thompson (231).

### 2014-15

After missing out on the postseason for the first time in the Brey era, the 2014-15 team bounced back in memorable fashion, compiling perhaps the finest season in Notre Dame basketball history. Led by seniors Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton, the Irish finished 32-6, won the ACC Championship tournament in just the second year in the conference and advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight to battle number-one seed Kentucky in the most-watched collegiate basketball game on cable television. The Irish ended up as just the third team to win the ACC tournament in the state of North Carolina by posting wins over Duke and North Carolina along the way.

### 2015-16

Working off the momentum of the 2014-15 season and the NCAA Elite Eight run, the Irish owned March again to become the only school in the country with back-to-back visits to the Elite Eight in the past two seasons. Rallying to defeat Michigan, Stephen F. Austin and Wisconsin, the Irish would fall to North Carolina in the East Regional Final. The season also featured the program's first victory at Cameron Indoor Stadium over Duke and a victory over number-one ranked North Carolina in Purcell Pavilion.

**2016-17**

The Irish posted a remarkable 9-0 start to the 2016-17 season, the best nine-game start to a season of the Mike Brey era at Notre Dame. The run included a perfect 4-0 record through the Legends Classic to mark the third in-season tournament title of the Brey era. The team then posted a 5-0 start in ACC play to set the program standard for a conference record through five games. Memorable home court victories over No. 9/9 Louisville and No. 14/15 Florida State set the stage for a run to the ACC Championship game.

**SUPERLATIVES**

- 403-202 (.667) record at Notre Dame - 18 seasons
- 502-254 (.664) overall career record - 23 seasons
- 2015 ACC Championship
- 2015, 2016 NCAA Elite Eight Appearances
- 2003, 2015, 2016 NCAA Sweet 16 Appearances
- 17 20-win seasons (14 at Notre Dame)
- 14 NCAA Championship appearances (12 at Notre Dame)
- Tied for fifth all-time in Big East Conference wins (146-100, .593)
- 2016-17 Notre Dame led the nation in free throw percentage and set a new ACC record (80.0)
- 2007-08 Notre Dame led the nation in assists per game (18.4)
- 2000-01 Big East West Division Champions
- Most wins by a first-year head coach at Notre Dame (20)
- 1998, 1999 America East Conference Champions
- First head coach at Delaware to post three consecutive 20-win seasons

**AWARDS**

- 2011 Associated Press Coach of the Year
- 2011 United States Basketball Writers Association Henry Iba Coach of the Year
- 2011 Basketball Times Coach of the Year
- 2011 CollegiateInsider.com Jim Phelan Coach of the Year
- 2011 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 2008 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 2008 Skip Prosser Award
- 2007 BIG EAST Coach of the Year
- 2003 NABC District 10 Coach of the Year
- 1997 America East Co-Coach of the Year
- University of Notre Dame Honorary Monogram (2006)
- Delaware Athletics Hall of Fame
- George Washington University Athletics Hall of Fame
- DeMatha High School Distinguished Alumnum Award
- 2003 Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award
- 2014 Ray Meyer Coach Award

**MILESTONE WINS AT NOTRE DAME**

- 1 - vs. Sacred Heart, 104-58, Nov. 18, 2000
- 100 - vs. Georgetown, 70-64, Feb. 15, 2005
- 200 - vs. Providence, 93-78, Dec. 30, 2009
- 300 - vs. Georgia Tech, 65-62, Feb. 26, 2014
- 394 (all-time wins mark at Notre Dame) - vs. NC State, 88-58, Jan. 3, 2018
- 400 - vs. Pittsburgh, 73-56, March 3, 2018

**MILESTONE CAREER WINS**

- 1 - Delaware 100, Washington (MD) 58, Nov. 27, 1995
- 50 - Delaware 66, Boston University 58, March 7, 1998
- 100 - Notre Dame 104, Sacred Heart 58, Nov 18, 2000
- 200 - Notre Dame 62, Providence 61, Feb. 19, 2005
- 300 - Notre Dame 74, USF 73, Jan. 5, 2010
- 400 - Notre Dame 82, Binghamton 39, Nov. 14, 2014
- 500 - Notre Dame 67, Pittsburgh 64, March 6, 2018

**CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICANS**

- Jerian Grant, 2014-15
- Troy Murphy, 2000-01

**SECOND TEAM CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICANS**

- Ben Hansbrough, 2010-11
- Luke Harangody, 2007-08 and 2008-09

**ALL-AMERICANS**

- Bonzie Colson, Second Team, 2016-17
- Jerian Grant, First Team, Consensus, 2014-15
- Ben Hansbrough, Second Team, 2010-11
- Luke Harangody, First Team, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10
- Ryan Humphrey, Second Team, 2001-02
- Troy Murphy, First Team, Consensus, 2000-01

**NBA DRAFT SELECTIONS**

- 2016, Demetrius Jackson, 2nd Round, 45th Selection, Boston Celtics
- 2015, Jerian Grant, 1st Round, 19th Selection, Washington Wizards
- 2015, Pat Connaughton, 2nd Round, 41st Selection, Portland Trailblazers
- 2010, Luke Harangody, 2nd Round, 52nd Selection, Boston Celtics
- 2002, Ryan Humphrey, 1st Round, 19th Selection, Utah Jazz
- 2001, Troy Murphy, 1st Round, 14th Selection, Golden State Warriors

**CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

- 2011, Ben Hansbrough, Big East
- 2008, Luke Harangody, Big East
- 2001, Troy Murphy, Big East

**CURRENT NBA PLAYERS**

- Pat Connaughton, Milwaukee Bucks
- Jerian Grant, Orlando Magic
- Demetrius Jackson, Philadelphia 76ers

**ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS**

- Matt Farrell, 2018, Third Team
- Bonzie Colson, 2017, First Team
- Demetrius Jackson, 2016, Second Team
- Zach Auguste, 2016, Third Team
- Jerian Grant, 2015, First Team, 2013 Second Team
- Pat Connaughton, 2015, Third Team
- Eric Atkins, 2014, Third Team
- Jack Cooley, 2013 First Team, 2012, Second Team
- Ben Hansbrough, 2011, First Team
- Tim Abromaitis, 2011, Third Team
- Luke Harangody, 2010, 2009, 2008, First Team
- Kyle McAlarney, 2008, First Team
- Russell Carter, 2007, First Team
- Colin Falls, 2007, First Team
- Chris Quinn, 2006, First Team
- Chris Thomas, 2003-04, Second Team, 2002, 2005, Third Team
- Matt Carroll, 2003, First Team
- Ryan Humphrey, 2002, First Team
- Ryan Humphrey, 2001, Third Team
- Troy Murphy, 2001, First Team

**COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS**

- Chris Quinn, 2006
- Tim Abromaitis, 2010, 2011

**NOTABLE WINS**

- February 21, 2001 - Notre Dame 76, Boston College 75 Martin Ingelsby's off balance jumper knocks off 10/9 Boston College.
- February 24, 2001 - Notre Dame 85, Virginia Tech 61 Notre Dame claims the BIG EAST West Division title.
- March 16, 2001 - Notre Dame 83, Xavier 71 First NCAA tournament victory at Notre Dame since 1989.
- January 12, 2002 - Notre Dame 56, Pittsburgh 53 Notre Dame scores final eight points to end 23/25 Pittsburgh's 10-game win streak.
- February 9, 2001 - Notre Dame 116, Georgetown 111 (40T) Then the longest game in BIG EAST history, Chris Thomas plays all 60 minutes.

- December 2, 2002 - Notre Dame 92, Marquette 71 Chris Thomas' 32 points and 10 assists lead the Irish past Dwyane Wade's 13th-ranked Golden Eagles.
- December 7, 2001 - Notre Dame 78, Maryland 67 Senior transfer from Maryland, Danny Miller, scores 17 as the Irish take down 9/8 Maryland in Washington, D.C.
- December 8, 2001 - Notre Dame 98, Texas 92 Irish post their third consecutive victory over a top-10 ranked team, knocking off 2/2 Texas to claim the BB&T Classic tournament title.
- February 9, 2003 - Notre Dame 66, Pittsburgh 64 Chris Thomas finds Torin Francis for a lay up with .6 seconds remaining in a matchup of two top-10 teams at Purcell Pavilion.
- March 22, 2003 - Notre Dame 68, Illinois 60 Notre Dame earns its first NCAA Sweet 16 berth of the Brey era with a dominating win over the Big Ten tournament champions.
- February 9, 2004 - Notre Dame 80, Connecticut 74 Recovering from losing five of their last seven games, Notre Dame knocks off fifth-ranked Connecticut.
- January 30, 2005 - Notre Dame 78, Connecticut 74 Connecticut enters the Joyce Center ranked (17/19) and leaves with a loss, as Torin Francis and Dennis Lattimore dominate in the paint.
- February 8, 2005 - Notre Dame 68, Boston College 65 Notre Dame ends 4/4 Boston College's 20-game win streak to begin the season.
- December 7, 2006 - Notre Dame 99, Alabama 85 Notre Dame overwhelms 4/4 Alabama, led by Russell Carter's 27 points.
- November 25, 2008 - Notre Dame 81, Texas 80 A classic battle in the Maui Invitational, 8/8 Notre Dame defeats 6/6 Texas behind 29 points from Luke Harangody.
- November 30, 2008 - Notre Dame 83, Furman 61 Notre Dame cruises to its school-record 39th straight home court victory over the Paladins.
- January 5, 2008 - Notre Dame 88, Seton Hall 79 The Irish set the school record for consecutive wins at home (45) and match the BIG EAST record (20) as Luke Harangody scores 30 points with 16 rebounds.
- February 12, 2009 - Notre Dame 90, Louisville 57 Notre Dame posts its largest victory over a BIG EAST opponent in dominating fashion over 5/5 Louisville.
- February 28, 2011 - Notre Dame 93, Villanova 72 Notre Dame explodes for a school-record and BIG EAST tying record 20 three-point field goals on senior night.
- March 5, 2011 - Notre Dame 70, Connecticut 67 Notre Dame sweeps the season series with eventual national champion Connecticut.
- January 7, 2012 - Notre Dame 67, Louisville 65 (OT) Another classic Notre Dame - Louisville overtime slug match highlighted by Eric Atkins tying the game to force overtime, then scoring the final six points of the game.
- January 21, 2012 - Notre Dame 67, Syracuse 58 Inspired by a video of previous Irish teams knocking off number one, Notre Dame claims the program's eighth victory over the Associated Press top-ranked team.
- February 18, 2012 - Notre Dame 74, Villanova 70 Down 14 in the second half, a furious rally at Villanova pushes the game into overtime, where underclassmen Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton hit key three-point field goals to cap the rally.
- November 29, 2012 - Notre Dame 64, Kentucky 50 Bolstered by a raucous student body, Notre Dame blows by 8/8 Kentucky.
- February 9, 2013 - Notre Dame 104, Louisville 101 (5OT) The longest game in school history is highlighted by Jerian Grant scoring 12 points in the final 28 seconds of regulation while Garrick Sherman scores all 17 of his points in the five overtime periods.
- January 4, 2014 - Notre Dame 79, Duke 77 Notre Dame defeats 7/7 Duke in the program's first Atlantic Coast Conference game.
- January 5, 2015 - Notre Dame 71, North Carolina 70 The Irish claim the program's first win in five trips to Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- March 14, 2015 - Notre Dame 90, North Carolina 82 Notre Dame turns a 63-54 deficit into a 80-66 lead en route to the program's first ACC title.
- March 21, 2015 - Notre Dame 67, Butler 64 (OT) A Sweet 16 NCAA berth is earned in overtime, as Pat Connaughton blocks Butler's final regulation shot attempt, then hits a key three pointer in overtime.
- January 16, 2016 - Notre Dame 95, Duke 91 Bonzie Colson leads the Irish

to the program's first victory at Cameron Indoor.

- February 6, 2016 - Notre Dame 80, North Carolina 76 Notre Dame earns its third consecutive victory over North Carolina, this time knocking off the 2/1 Tar Heels.
- March 20, 2016 - Notre Dame 76, Stephen F. Austin 75 Rex Pflueger tips in the game-winning basket in the game's final seconds to push the Irish to their second consecutive Sweet 16.
- March 25, 2016 - Notre Dame 61, Wisconsin 56 Demetrius Jackson's two steals in the game's final minutes caps a remarkable comeback to deliver a second straight NCAA Elite Eight appearance.
- March 9, 2017 - Notre Dame 71, Virginia 58. March 10, 2017 - Notre Dame 77, Florida State 73 Notre Dame earns its second ACC championship game berth in four seasons and claims its first victory over Virginia as an ACC opponent.
- November 22, 2017 - Notre Dame 67, Wichita State 66 Notre Dame rallies from a 14-point halftime deficit to shock the Shockers and claim the program's first Maui Invitational title. Senior Martin Geben's two free throws with just seconds remaining prove to be the game winning points.
- January 3, 2018 - Notre Dame 88, NC State 58 Mike Brey becomes the all-time winningest coach in Notre Dame men's basketball history behind a complete team performance as the Irish blow by the Wolfpack by 30 points to claim the program's most lopsided ACC conference victory.
- March 7, 2018 - Notre Dame 71, Virginia Tech 65 With their postseason hopes on the line and trailing by 21 points, Notre Dame posts the greatest rally in program history, outscoring the Hokies 45-18 over the final 15 minutes of play to advance to the ACC quarterfinals.



## 2018-19 COACHES AND STAFF

### BREY VS. OPPONENTS AT NOTRE DAME

Akron	1	0
Alabama	2	2
Albany	1	0
American	1	0
Arizona	0	1
Army	4	0
Ball State	0	1
Baylor	0	1
Belmont	1	0
Boston College	13	1
Boston University	1	0
Brown	2	0
Bryant	3	0
Bucknell	2	0
Butler	1	1
BYU	1	0
California	1	0
Canisius	4	0
Central Florida	1	0
Central Michigan	0	1
Chaminade	1	0
Charleston Southern	1	0
Charlotte	1	0
Chicago State	5	0
Cincinnati	8	3
Clemson	5	1
Colgate	3	0
Colorado	1	0
Columbia	1	0
Connecticut	7	13
Coppin State	1	0
Cornell	2	0
Creighton	0	1
Dartmouth	2	0
Delaware	2	0
Delaware State	2	0
DePaul	14	3
Duke	5	6
Eastern Michigan	1	0
Evansville	1	0
Fairleigh Dickinson	1	0
Florida International	1	0
Florida State	4	4
Fordham	1	0
Fort Wayne	7	0
Furman	2	0
George Mason	1	0
George Washington	1	0
Georgetown	9	10
Georgia	1	1
Georgia Tech	6	5
Georgia Southern	1	0
Gonzaga	1	1
Grambling State	1	0
Hampton	1	0
Hartford	1	0
Harvard	1	0
Hawaii-Pacific	1	0
Hofstra	1	0
Holy Cross	0	1
Idaho State	1	0
Illinois	2	0
Indiana	3	6
Indiana State	1	1
Iowa	2	1
Iowa State	0	1
Kansas State	1	0
Kennesaw State	2	0

Kentucky	2	6
Lafayette	2	0
Lehigh	1	0
Liberty	3	0
Long Island	2	0
Louisville	7	11
Loyola Chicago	2	0
Loyola Maryland	1	0
Loyola Marymount	1	1
LSU	1	0
Maine	2	0
Marist	1	0
Marquette	7	8
Maryland	2	2
Massachusetts	1	0
Miami Florida	5	4
Miami Ohio	2	1
Michigan	1	3
Michigan State	1	1
Milwaukee	2	0
Mississippi	0	1
Mississippi Valley State	1	0
Missouri	0	1
Monmouth	3	1
Morehead State	1	0
Mount St. Mary's	3	0
Navy	1	0
NC State	4	3
New Hampshire	1	0
New Mexico	1	0
Niagara	2	0
North Carolina	3	8
North Carolina A&T	1	0
North Dakota State	0	1
North Florida	2	0
Northeastern	1	0
Northern Illinois	3	0
Northwestern	1	1
Ohio State	0	2
Old Dominion	0	1
Oregon	0	1
Penn State	0	2
Pittsburgh	13	10
Portland	1	0
Princeton	1	0
Providence	11	3
Purdue	3	1
Quinnipiac	1	0
Rider	1	0
Rutgers	14	6
Sacred Heart	2	0
Saint Louis	2	0
Sam Houston State	1	0
Samford	1	0
San Francisco	1	0
Santa Clara	1	0
Savannah State	1	0
Seattle	1	0
Seton Hall	13	4
South Dakota	1	0
Southeastern Louisiana	1	0
St. Francis Brooklyn	1	0
St. Francis PA	3	0
St. John's NY	8	8
St. Joe's	0	1
St. Peter's	1	0
Stephen F. Austin	1	0
Stetson	1	0
Stony Brook	3	0
Syracuse	8	16

Tennessee Tech	1	0
Chattanooga	1	0
Texas	2	0
The Citadel	1	0
UAB	1	0
UCLA	2	2
UMass-Lowell	1	0
UMBC	1	0
USC Upstate	1	0
USF	10	1
Valparaiso	1	0
Vanderbilt	3	0
Vermont	1	0
Villanova	7	7
Virginia	1	6
Virginia Tech	8	1
Wake Forest	5	2
Washington State	0	1
West Virginia	14	6
Western Illinois	1	0
Wichita State	2	0
Winston-Salem State	1	0
Winthrop	0	1
Wisconsin	2	0
Wofford	1	0
Xavier	1	1
Youngstown State	2	0



## ROD BALANIS

Associate Head Coach  
19th Season at Notre Dame

### ABOUT

Only one person has been with Mike Brey since he was named the University of Notre Dame's head basketball coach in July 2000, and that is Notre Dame Associate Head Coach Rod Balanis. Beginning his 19th season as a member of the Fighting Irish coaching staff, no individual has been more loyal and understands better the model of consistency that Brey has built on the hardwood at Notre Dame than Balanis.

Balanis became the coordinator of basketball operations in July 2000 and was one of Brey's first hires when he became the Irish head coach. Following three seasons in that position, Balanis was promoted to assistant coach in May 2003 and was moved to associate head coach for the 2016-17 season.

Balanis' expertise and flexibility has allowed him to work with both the Irish frontline players and guards during his 18 full seasons at Notre Dame. Similar to Brey, Balanis has ties to the Atlantic Coast Conference, having played at Georgia Tech under legendary coach Bobby Cremins in the early 1990s.

Balanis has played an integral role in Notre Dame's success, both on the court and on the recruiting trail. Since the 2000-01 campaign, Irish teams have earned NCAA Championship berths in 12 seasons, including the 2014-15 squad that finished the season with a 32-6 record (second-most wins in school history) after advancing to the program's first NCAA Elite Eight appearance since 1979.

The Irish followed up the 2014-15 season with another memorable trip to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2015-16, knocking off Michigan, Stephen F. Austin and Wisconsin while advancing to the NCAA East Regional Final. Along the way, the 2016-17 team earned the program's first victory over Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, knocked off top-ranked and eventual national runner-up North Carolina in Purcell Pavilion and advanced to the ACC Championship semifinals.

Over the past four seasons, the Fighting Irish have posted a program-best 103 overall wins and seven wins in the NCAA tournament.

Since Balanis' arrival, Notre Dame teams have compiled a 403-202 (.666) mark overall. While a member of the BIG EAST Conference, Irish teams compiled a 136-84 (.618) record in regular-season play, finished in the top five of the conference regular-season standings on eight occasions and earned 10 or more wins during the regular season nine times. From 2006-13, Notre Dame recorded a school-record seven consecutive 20-win seasons and made the NCAA Championship six times.

Balanis helped bring the first conference tournament title to the program in 2015 by way of victories over Miami (Fla.), Duke and North Carolina. He also played a part in a regular-season championship in Brey's inaugural season as the Irish won the 2001 BIG EAST West Division title.

Balanis helped mentor former Irish guards Kyle McAlarney ('09) and Tory Jackson ('10). McAlarney finished his Notre Dame career as one of the program's top three-point shooters and set the school's single-season mark with 124 three-pointers in 2008-09. Jackson finished as the BIG EAST assist leader in both his freshman and sophomore seasons, and was named to the BIG EAST All-Rookie Team in 2007.

Balanis has been instrumental in the development of Notre Dame's post play as well. He worked extensively with former All-American and 2008 BIG EAST Player of the Year Luke Harangody and played a big part during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 campaigns in the maturation of forward Jack Cooley. As a junior, Cooley was a second-team all-BIG EAST selection and was honored as the league's most improved player as he led the Irish in both scoring (12.5 ppg) and rebounding (8.9). In his senior season, Cooley was

a first team all-BIG EAST selection and was the only player in the league to average double figures in both scoring (12.4) and rebounding (10.1) during the conference regular season.

Balanis has played a key role in Notre Dame's recruiting efforts as well. He served as the primary contact in the recruitment of former Irish stand outs Jerian Grant and Pat Connaughton. Grant earned first team consensus All-America honors, a unanimous first team all-ACC honoree and copped MVP honors at the ACC Championship, while Connaughton was a third team all-league selection and garnered NCAA Midwest Region All-Tournament team honors.

Grant and Connaughton were drafted 19th and 41st overall, respectively, in the 2015 National Basketball Association Draft. The occasion marked the first time since 1992 that Notre Dame had two players selected in the same draft. Grant is a current member of the Orlando Magic, while Connaughton is on the Milwaukee Bucks roster.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame at the start of the 2000-01 campaign, he spent four years as an assistant coach at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. In his first season at Colgate, Balanis had the opportunity to coach and work with Adonal Foyle, a seven-year member of the NBA's Golden State Warriors. Foyle, the eighth overall pick in the 1997 NBA Draft, finished his career as the NCAA's career shot-blocking leader.

Balanis played at Georgia Tech for Bobby Cremins from 1990-94, enrolling at the Atlanta, Georgia, school in the fall of 1989. He was part of teams that made four trips to the NCAA Championship and appeared in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) once. The Ramblin' Wreck reached the Sweet 16 twice in that five-year span and earned a berth in the 1990 Final Four held that year in Denver, Colorado.

A native of Williamsburg, Virginia, Balanis excelled in the classroom while at Georgia Tech, earning Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Honor Roll recognition. The Boy Scouts of America also honored him for his outstanding character and citizenship when he was named "Peach of an Athlete" in 1993.

Following his graduation, Balanis went to Greece, where he played professionally for Aris Thessaloniki of the Greek First Division during the 1994-95 season.

He graduated from DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md., in 1988 after an outstanding prep career playing for legendary coach Morgan Wootten. Mike Brey served as an assistant at DeMatha at the time Balanis was attending the school. Balanis helped the Stags to an 84-16 record and nine tournament titles during the course of his four seasons. He also set the school's single-game assist mark when he had 14 in one game.

Balanis hails from a family with coaching roots at the collegiate level as his father, George, served as the head basketball coach at William & Mary from 1974-77.

Balanis graduated with honors from Georgia Tech with a bachelor's degree in management. He and his wife, the former Liz Barker, were married in August 2002. She was a former standout tennis player at Wake Forest and served as the assistant women's tennis coach at Notre Dame for six seasons. The couple has three sons, Andrew, Lukas and Theodore.



## RYAN HUMPHREY

Assistant Coach  
3rd Season at Notre Dame

### ABOUT

Ryan Humphrey is entering his third season at Notre Dame in 2018-19. He returned to his alma mater in the summer of 2016-17 after serving as the Director of Player Development at Northwestern University and finishing off an outstanding professional basketball playing career.

Humphrey had an immediate effect on the Irish front line players in 2016-17, particularly All-American forward Bonzie Colson. A first-team All-ACC selection, Colson averaged a double-double and set career marks for scoring, rebounding and blocked shots in Humphrey's first year on the Irish bench.

Humphrey was a key component of Mike Brey's first Notre Dame squad that returned Irish basketball to national prominence. A transfer from Oklahoma who sat out the 1999-2000 season due to NCAA regulations, Humphrey averaged 14.1 points and 9.0 rebounds per game in 2000-01, earning third-team all-BIG EAST honors and helping the Irish finish with a 20-10 and claim the program's first-ever conference title by finishing first in the BIG EAST West Division.

Moving to a captaincy role in 2001-02 with David Graves and current Director of Basketball Operations Harold Swanagan, Humphrey was named the Notre Dame Monogram Club Team MVP after leading the Irish with 18.9 points, 10.9 rebounds and 2.8 blocks per game. He finished the season with 11 straight double-doubles and helped the Irish return to the second round of the NCAA tournament with a 22-11 record.

In his two years with the Irish, Humphrey blocked 166 shots, just 35 off the school record (201 by Jordan Cornette from 2001-05) and his 2.8 career blocks per game average is the best in school history. In his final season, Humphrey established the school record for single-season blocked shots with 87 and his 2000-01 and 2001-02 blocked shot average of 2.7 and 2.8 rank first and second, respectively, on the Notre Dame single season lists.

Humphrey spent the first two years of his collegiate career at Oklahoma and was a third-team all-Big 12 selection as a sophomore. Searching for a change of scenery from OU, Humphrey transferred to Notre Dame in part to play for Matt Doherty, who recruited him while an assistant at Kansas. Doherty coached the Irish during the 1999-2000 season, then left to coach North Carolina at the end of the season.

His professional career started when he was drafted by the Utah Jazz with the 19th selection of the 2002 NBA Draft. Humphrey was traded to Orlando Magic on draft night for the rights to the 20th overall selection, Curtis Borchardt. His first season with the Magic was limited to 13 games by knee tendinitis and he was traded to the Memphis Grizzlies in March of 2003.

Humphrey played for the Grizzlies through the 2004-05 season and finished his NBA career appearing in 85 games and averaging 2.3 points and 2.2 rebounds per contest. He continued his career in Italy for the 2005-06 season, playing 17 games for Bipop-Carire Reggio Emilia and three games in the Spanish League for Polaris World Murcia. Humphrey's stops around the world playing professional basketball included Puerto Rico, Cyprus, Uruguay, Argentina and Venezuela. His lifetime statistics from the collection of 'Euro League' games are 127 GP, 1,644 points (12.9 pg) and 778 rebounds (6.1 pg).

Humphrey also enjoyed a stand out season in his hometown of Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the NBA D-League's 66ers in the 2008-09 season, averaging 15.7 points and 7.4 rebounds per game.



## HUMPHREY IN THE NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK

- 1st in blocked shots average (2.8)
- 3rd in total blocked shots (166)
- 10th in rebound average (10.0)
- 16th in scoring average (16.6)

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2002 Basketball News Second-Team All-American
- 2002 All-Big East First Team
- 2002 Basketball Times All-Mideast Team
- 2002 Notre Dame Monogram Club Team MVP
- 2001 Hawaii Pacific Thanksgiving Classic MVP
- BIG EAST Player of the Week (Nov. 26, 2001)
- 2001 All-Big East Third Team
- 1999 All-Big 12 Third Team (at Oklahoma)
- 1998 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention (at Oklahoma)
- Big 12 Freshman of the Week (Dec. 29, 1997) (at Oklahoma)

## PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2012 Latinbasket.com All-Liga Sudamericana Second Team
- 2012 Latinbasket.com All-Uruguay LUB Second Team
- 2011 Eurobasket.com All-Spanish LEB Gold Third Team
- 2010 Eurobasket.com All-Spanish LEB Gold Second Team
- 2010 Eurobasket.com Spanish LEB All-Imports Team
- 2007 Eurobasket.com All-Cyprus League Second Team
- 2007 Eurobasket.com Cyprus League All-Imports Team

## HUMPHREY NOTES

Participated in the 2002 NCAA Final Four Slam Dunk Contest . . . in the summer of 1998 was one of 32 collegians who participated in the USA Goodwill Games Team trials and was one of the last two players cut before the final roster . . . saved some of his best basketball at Notre Dame during the NCAA tournament, averaging 16.3 ppg, 10.3 rpg and 3.5 bpg in four appearances . . . if his total rebounds from Oklahoma were added to his Notre Dame totals, would rank sixth all-time in Notre Dame history with 1,040 rebounds . . . was just three points shy (997) of scoring 1,000 points in his two-year Notre Dame career . . . a powerful post presence and slam dunk specialist, Humphrey is still remembered for shattering a fiberglass backboard on a rebound dunk during practice in November of 2000 . . . has a twin sister, Robyn, who also started college at Oklahoma and transferred to Notre Dame . . . spent time in the summer pro leagues for the Orlando Magic (2002), Memphis Grizzlies (2003, 2004) and Golden State Warriors (2006) . . . also spent some time on the Minnesota Timberwolves preseason camp in 2006 and the Los Angeles Clippers roster during the 2006 season . . . he and his wife, RaSheda, have two sons, Ryan and Rylan.



## RYAN AYERS

Assistant Coach  
3rd Season at Notre Dame

### ABOUT

Ryan Ayers is entering his third season with the Fighting Irish in 2018-19. Focused on the Irish perimeter players, Ayers has made an immediate impact on the Notre Dame guard play and the team's recruiting efforts off the court.

Under Ayers' tutelage, the Notre Dame perimeter of V.J. Beachem, Matt Farrell and Steve Vasturia all earned honorable mention all-ACC honors in 2016-17 while helping the Irish advance to the ACC championship game and the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The 2017-18 season saw Farrell match the school record for three pointers in a single game, while then-sophomore T.J. Gibbs established himself as one of the best scoring guards in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Ayers saw action in all four years on the Irish roster, appearing in 117 games and making 51 starts. He served as team captain in 2008-09 alongside teammates Zach Hillesland, Kyle McAlarney and Luke Zeller. A sweet shooting swing guard/forward, Ayers is fourth on the all-time list for career three-point shooting percentage (.424) and is 11th in three-point field goals made (170).

While his shooting stroke might be remembered most by Irish fans, Ayers also was a dogged defender who earned the team's Defensive Player of the Year Award in 2009. He blocked 47 shots during his Irish career (including 25 his senior season), a total that would rank just outside the top 20 on the all-time Notre Dame list.

For his career at Notre Dame, Ayers averaged 6.5 ppg, 2.4 rpg with 106 assists and 72 steals. He was also a stand out in the classroom, earning a spot on the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Ayers served as an assistant coach at Bucknell for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 seasons. Ayers helped the Bison earn the Patriot League regular-season title both seasons and earn two trips to the National Invitational Tournament. He worked with first-team all-Patriot League player Chris Hass, aided Nana Foulland into earning all-rookie honors in 2015 and second team all-league honors in 2016 and guided Stephen Brown to third-team all-league honors and a spot on the 2016 all-league defensive team.

In the summer of 2014, Ayers served as assistant coach, assistant general manager and a player on The Fighting Alumni, a group of former Irish players who participated in the inaugural The Basketball Tournament. The team of Notre Dame alumni won the 32-team event, earning a \$500,000 winner-take-all payment.

Ayers scored 15 points and contributed five rebounds in the championship game against Team Barstool. The Fighting Alumni donated \$40,000 of their winnings to Glenn and Stacey Murphy Head Men's Basketball Coach Mike Brey's Coaches vs. Cancer initiatives.

Ayers started his professional basketball career with the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of the NBA D-League in 2009-10, playing in 50 games with a 9.7 ppg average. He moved to Finland for the 2010-11 season to play for Namika Lahti, scoring 17.6 ppg in 43 games.

The 2011-12 season found him in France, playing for Boulazac Basket Dordogne, where he averaged 11.0 ppg in 40 contests. He split time in 2012-13 between France and the Austin Toros of the D-League before heading back to Finland for the 2013-14 season. As part of KTP Basket Kotka in Finland, Ayers played 45 games, averaged 13.9 ppg and played 12 games in the 2014 EuroChallenge, earned Eurobasket.com All-EuroChallenge Honorable Mention honors.



## AYERS IN THE NOTRE DAME RECORD BOOK

- 4th, Three-Point Field Goal Percentage (.424)
- 11th, Three-Point Field Goals Made (170)
- 11th, Three-Point Field Goals Attempted (401)

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2009 Notre Dame Best Defensive Player
- 2008 Notre Dame Most Improved Player Award
- 2007 Team Irish Award
- 2008-09, 2007-08, 2005-06 BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team

## AYERS NOTES

Younger brother, Cameron, was a standout guard at Bucknell from 2010-14 and 2014 Patriot League Player of the Year . . . father, Randy Ayers, is currently a scout for the Brooklyn Nets and also was head coach at Ohio State (1989-97) and with the Philadelphia 76ers (2003-04) . . . holds the school record for three pointers in a game at Purcell Pavilion with nine (tied with two other players), scoring 35 points on 9-14 shooting from three point range against South Dakota in 2008-09 . . . in that game with South Dakota, the Irish set the school record for three pointers in a game with 19, which was eventually bested by the 2010-11 team with 20 against Villanova . . . one of his top performances of 2008-09 came vs. Providence, playing all 40 minutes while scoring 28 points and grabbing eight rebounds . . . hometown is Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, and attended Germantown Academy during his prep career.



## ERIC ATKINS

Video Coordinator  
3rd Season at Notre Dame

## ABOUT

Eric Atkins is entering his third season as the Video Coordinator at the University of Notre Dame. He helps with the day-to-day oversight of the program, breaks down game film for the coaching staff and aides the administration of the Notre Dame Boys Basketball Camps during the summer.

A 2014 Notre Dame graduate, three-time Irish captain and all-ACC selection, Atkins was one of the most prolific point guards in Notre Dame men's basketball history. He concluded his career as the fifth Irish player to score 1,000 points (1,421) and post 500 assists (589). An iron man on the court, Atkins appeared in 133 contests (tied for second all-time) and started 105 (ninth all-time) - including 97 consecutive games in the starting five.

Leading the Irish into their first season in the Atlantic Coast Conference in 2013-14, he was the first Notre Dame player to earn an ACC Player of the Week award and is still the only Irish player to earn that designation in back-to-back weeks (Dec. 30, 2013, and Jan. 6, 2014). He was named a third-team all-ACC selection by the league's coaches after averaging 13.0 ppg and 4.0 apg.

Atkins' professional basketball career started in Greece, when he played 26 games for KAOD in 2014-15, averaging 7.0 ppg and 2.0 apg. He joined the Erie Bay Hawks in the NBA D-League for the 2015-16 season, playing in 24 games, averaging 6.5 ppg and 3.0 apg. Atkins also spent time on the Utah Jazz roster and the Idaho Stampede in the D-League during 2015.

## ATKINS HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 All-ACC Third Team
- 2014 Notre Dame Monogram Club Team MVP
- ACC Player of the Week (Dec. 30, 2013 and Jan. 6, 2014)
- 2011, 2012 Notre Dame Outstanding Playmaker Award
- 2013 Notre Dame Captain's Award
- BIG EAST Weekly Honor Roll (Feb. 6, 2012, Dec. 3, 2012, and Jan. 21, 2013)

## ATKINS NOTES

Played his prep career at Mount Saint Joseph High School in Baltimore, Maryland . . . two-time Baltimore Catholic League MVP . . . started all 35 games as a junior in 2012-13, playing a team and career high 1,340 minutes (38.3 per game) . . . was the 54th player to reach 1,000 points in a career . . . hit the game-winning three point shot with 0.8 seconds remaining in an overtime victory over Boston College on Feb. 1, 2014 after sending the game into overtime with two free throws with one second remaining in regulation . . . scored 19 points with 11 assists in Notre Dame's victory over No. 7/8 Duke on Jan 4, 2014, the program's first ACC contest . . . boasted a 2.37 career assist-to-turnover ratio.



## HAROLD SWANAGAN

Director of Basketball Operations  
10th Season at Notre Dame

Harold Swanagan, a forward on the University of Notre Dame men's basketball team from 1998-02, is in his 10th season as the Director of Men's Basketball Operations after being named to the position on July 15, 2009. Previously, he served as the athletic department's coordinator of student welfare and development from 2005-09.

As director of basketball operations, Swanagan plays an integral role in the overall day-to-day operations of the Irish basketball program. Swanagan also serves as the director of the Notre Dame basketball summer camps. He works closely with Notre Dame's marketing department and student welfare and development office in coordinating the team's community service efforts.

A four-year monogram winner, Swanagan, who served as a tri-captain for the Irish during his senior season in 2001-02, played professionally in Europe for two seasons. His first stint was with ENAD in Nicosia, Cyprus, during the 2002-03 season, followed by a year with Autun in Autun, France, in 2003-04.

Swanagan returned to Notre Dame in May 2004 and served as an intern with the strength and conditioning program during the 2004-05 school year before assuming his post in the student welfare and development office.

While playing forward for the Irish, the Hopkinsville, Kentucky native appeared in 127 contests and made 78 starts while averaging 6.2 points and 4.6 rebounds per game. Swanagan also helped Notre Dame to a 78-52 overall record and 37-29 mark in BIG EAST play during his four seasons.

In his senior season (2001-02), he averaged career bests of 8.1 points and 6.7 rebounds per game while leading the Irish to a 22-11 record (10-6 in BIG EAST play) and their second consecutive trip to the second round of the NCAA Championship. That year, he also earned a spot on the BIG EAST Academic All-Star Team.

A member of the 2000-01 Notre Dame team that won the school's first BIG EAST regular-season title, Swanagan helped the Irish capture the conference's West Division crown with an 11-5 record en route to a final 20-10 mark during Irish head coach Mike Brey's first season. Swanagan and his teammates made their first NCAA Championship appearance in more than a decade in 2001 and advanced to the second round.

As a sophomore in 1999-2000, Swanagan helped Notre Dame to a 22-15 record and a berth in the championship game of the National Invitation Tournament.

Since returning to the South Bend area, Swanagan played professionally for the Elkhart Express (formerly of the International Basketball League) from 2005-07 and led that franchise to two IBL championships in 2006 and 2007. He also served as assistant varsity girls basketball coach at nearby Marian High School during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons.

In his role with the student welfare and development department, Swanagan was part of the department's award-winning Life Skills and

student-athlete development programs.

Much of Swanagan's job centered around coordinating community service activities for the more than 700 student-athletes on the school's 26 athletics teams and career development. Swanagan earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters in May 2002 and received a master's degree in education with an emphasis in educational leadership from Indiana University-South Bend in May 2009.

Swanagan and his wife, Andrea, reside in South Bend. She also is a 2002 Notre Dame graduate and received her MBA from the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business. She is a strategic planning program director in the Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research.

The couple have two daughters, Elena and Vera and a son, Xavier.



## WILLIAM "SKIP" MEYER

Athletic Trainer - 40th Season at Notre Dame

William "Skip" Meyer is in his 40th year at the University of Notre Dame and is the longtime athletic trainer for the Irish men's basketball program, spanning more than 1,000 games during his career.

A native of Torrington, Connecticut, Meyer joined the Notre Dame staff after serving a three-year stint as trainer at Lehigh University. While at the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, institution, Meyer worked with the baseball, basketball and football teams.

Meyer, who attends to the health care and treatment of all Irish varsity athletes, attended Central Connecticut State College. He received his bachelor's degree in recreation and a bachelor's of science degree in health and physical education in 1974. While at Central Connecticut, he served as a student trainer.

Meyer obtained a master's of education degree from Trenton State College (now the College of New Jersey) in 1976 while working as a graduate assistant student trainer. In addition to his responsibilities as an assistant trainer, he also teaches a variety of courses in the Notre Dame physical education department.

He is a member of the American College of Sports Medicine and a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Meyer was acknowledged for his dedication and service to the University's athletics program in June 2003 when the Notre Dame Monogram Club awarded him an honorary monogram. He and his wife, the former Pam Colangelo, are natives of Torrington, Connecticut. They are the parents of a son, Christopher, who earned both his undergraduate and MBA from Jacksonville University, and daughter, Lindsey, a graduate of Indiana University-South Bend and current Notre Dame employee in the Office of Human Resources.



## TONY ROLINSKI

Director of Strength and Conditioning  
20th Season at Notre Dame

Tony Rolinski, a veteran member of the University of Notre Dame strength and conditioning staff since 1998, is in his ninth season working with the men's basketball and hockey teams.

Named a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach in 2014, Rolinski's integral role with both the men's basketball and hockey teams earned him an honorary monogram in September of 2016.

He joined the Irish strength and conditioning staff following a one-year

stint as the head strength and conditioning coach at Duquesne University during the 1997-98 school year, when he implemented and oversaw programs for 20 varsity sports.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Rolinski received his bachelor's degree in health education with a minor in exercise science from Penn State in 1991. From 1994-96, while earning his master's degree in exercise physiology at the University of Pittsburgh, he served as an intern on the Panther football staff where he assisted with all aspects of the strength and conditioning program. Following his stint at Pittsburgh, Rolinski was the head strength and conditioning coach at North Hills High School in Pittsburgh (1996-97).

Rolinski has earned certifications from the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (SCCC) and National Strength and Conditioning Association (CSCS).

Rolinski and his wife, the former Julie Connolly, have two daughters, Allie and Jaclyn, and two sons, Jake and Jared.



## PAT HOLMES

Director of Academic Services for Student Athletes  
16th Season at Notre Dame

Pat Holmes has served as the Reese and Carol LaBar Director of Academic Services for Student-Athletes at the University of Notre Dame since January 2003. He and his staff provide counseling, guidance and tutoring for more than 700 Fighting Irish student-athletes. Holmes also is the primary academic counselor for the men's basketball and women's tennis programs.

Prior to his appointment as director, he served as academic counselor for five years in the department. During that time, he worked with the men's swimming, men's tennis, fencing, softball, rowing and football teams.

Under Holmes' direction, Notre Dame student-athletes have achieved unprecedented success. During the past 15 years, over 90 student-athletes have earned Academic All-America recognition. In 2005-06, a school-record 14 Irish athletes garnered Academic All-America accolades, including 2006 graduate and Irish basketball standout Chris Quinn, a first team selection.

Holmes received his bachelor's degree in marketing from Notre Dame in 1979. Following graduation, he served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and taught at the high school level. He then spent eight years as director for the Higher Achievement Program (HAP), a supplemental educational program for gifted students in the poorest neighborhoods of Washington, D.C. His responsibilities included developing and directing HAP's Follow Through Program, which helped place students into academically challenging educational programs and supported them once they were enrolled.

Holmes and his wife, Tish, are the parents of five children — Kelly (a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago), Patrick (a 2012 Notre Dame graduate), Christopher (a 2016 Notre Dame graduate), Mary Kate (a 2016 Notre Dame graduate) and Kiely (a sophomore at Creighton University) — and have two grandsons.