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NFL-NCAA COACHES ACADEMY KICKS OFF IN DALLAS MAY 22

30 former NFL players to take part

The NFL and NCAA will offer the second annual NFL-NCAA Coaches Academy on May 22-24 in Dallas, it was announced today. The program, developed last year by NFL Player Engagement and the NCAA, will provide 30 former NFL players (*list below*) with tools and networking opportunities for potential careers as football coaches.

Many of the participants currently have high school or college coaching positions. The NCAA also will invite football coaches who have less than eight years of college coaching experience to take part.

"This is an excellent opportunity for players who are looking to continue their careers on the football sidelines to learn leadership, management and administrative skills from football coaches at all levels," said **TROY VINCENT**, NFL vice president of player engagement.

Sessions will include instruction from NFL, college and high school coaches, business leaders and athletic administrators. Topics include how to build a personal and professional brand; managing budgets; successful networking; media messaging; coaching contracts; building relationships in college; effective leadership; understanding the academic landscape; and the interview process. Participants also will experience mock interview sessions. Keynote speakers include Baylor University head coach **ART BRILES**, former Notre Dame and Stanford head coach **TYRONE WILLINGHAM** and NFL Network analyst and former Redskins and Texans general manager **CHARLEY CASSERLY**.

"Our partnership with the NFL provides a broader base of networking and access to essential information and key influencers for football coaches who want to become head coaches," said **ROBERT VOWELS**, NCAA vice president of student-athlete affairs. "We look at this Academy as an opportunity that could positively influence the diversity numbers in the collegiate coaching ranks and as a way to get exposure for some of the most talented coaching minds in the football industry. We believe the partnership and the Academy overall will have a positive effect for the NCAA and the NFL immediately and in the future."

The NFL also partners with the NCAA on a Life Skills and Professional Development Summit each February.

Following is a list of participants in the NFL-NCAA Coaches Academy:

Player	Current team (Former teams)	Current Title/Institution
Charlie Anderson	Free Agent (KC)	
Thomas Arth	Former (Practice Squad – IND)	Co-Off. Coordinator - John Carroll University (University Heights, OH)
Donnell Bennett	Former (KC, WAS)	Head Coach - Northeast High School (Oakland Park, FL)
Carlos Bradley	Former (SD, PHI)	Executive VP - International Student Athlete Academy
Vincent Brown	Former (NE)	LB Coach/ Asst. Special Teams Coord. - University of Virginia
Jessie Chatman	Former (SD, MIA, NYJ)	
Darrell Colbert	Former (KC)	

Eric Fairs	Former (HOU, ATL)	
Barry Foster	Former (PIT)	
Randall Godfrey	Former (DAL, TEN, SEA, SD, WAS)	University of Georgia
Scottie Graham	Former (NYJ, MIN, CIN)	Director of Player Engagement - NFLPA
Willie Green	Former (DET, TB, CAR, DEN)	WR Coach - Ouachita Baptist University (Arkadelphia, AR)
Cortez Hankton	Former (JAX)	
Michael Haynes	Former (CHI)	DL Coach - Crowley High School (Crowley, TX)
Reggie Howard	Former (NO, CAR, MIA)	Defensive Coordinator - Kirby High School (Memphis, TN)
Joe Jacoby	Former (WAS)	OL Coach - Shenandoah University (Winchester, VA)
Antwan Lake	Former (DET, ATL, NO)	
Brandon Lynch	Former (Practice Squad – IND)	Secondary Coach - Lenior-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC)
Michael Myers	Former (DAL, CLE, DEN, CIN)	
Marcus Price	Former (SD, NO, BUF)	
Gregory Richmond	Former (Practice Squad – PHI)	DL Coach - Northeastern State University (Tahlequah, OK)
Jacoby Shepherd	Former (STL, NYJ, DET)	
John Simon	Former (TEN, WAS)	
Thomas Tapeh	Former (PHI, MIN)	Coach - Camden High School (Camden, NJ)
Charrod Taylor	Former (Training Camp – NYG)	Def. Coord./Strength & Conditioning - Hamline University (St. Paul, MN)
Clarence Vaughn	Former (WAS)	Coach - Get NFL Ready
Larry Webster	Former (MIA, CLE, BAL, NYJ)	Asst. Coach - Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Brandon Williams	Former (Practice Squad – DEN, CIN)	Warren Academy
Roosevelt Williams	Former (CLE, CHI)	DBs/ Special Teams Coord. - Widener University (Chester, PA)
Lance Zeno	Former (CLE, GB)	Assistant Coach - Chapman University (Orange, CA)

NFL Player Engagement assists players in reaching their highest potential on and off-the-field with guidance, support, and resources provided before, during, and after their NFL experiences. NFL Player Engagement works with three core audiences: Prep, Life, and Next.

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