



Graduate Assistant Coaches

Cullen Homolka



Cullen Homolka begins his first season as a graduate assistant at Washburn after a three-year career at running back at Kansas. He is going to coach the running backs at Washburn.

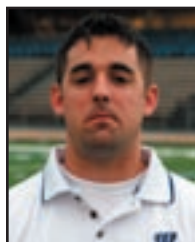
He was a three-time member of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and the Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll. He played on special teams and on offense and was part of the 2005 Fort Worth Bowl Champion Jayhawks and he also played in the 2003 Tagerine Bowl.

Before enrolling at Kansas, he was a honorable mention All-American and named first team all-conference fullback at Garden City Community College.

He is a Claflin, Kan., native and lettered in football and track. He won three state football titles and was the state runner-up in 2000. He was named the team's defensive player of the year as both a junior and senior.

He is the son of James and Katherin Homolka and graduated from Kansas with a degree in history in 2006. He is working on his graduate degree from Washburn in administration.

Brock Luke



Brock Luke begins his first season as a graduate assistant at Washburn. He comes to Washburn after graduating from Clarion University in Pennsylvania with a degree in management. He was a three-year starter at inside linebacker playing for his father Malen. He will coach the defensive line.

He was an all-conference nominee as a senior after recording 39 tackles including 15 solo stops with eight tackles for loss and three sacks with an interception.

He is the son of Malen and Hedy Luke. He is working on his graduate degree in administration at Washburn.

Joan Bayens

Academic Support



Joan Bayens is in her first season as the academic coach for Washburn Athletics. She has focused on helping student athletes in various areas such as time management, study/work ethic, attendance in class and general tutoring. She enjoys having additional "sons" and is thought of as "Momma Joan" by many of the football players. She is a 1980 graduate of Washburn and she received a Master of Administration of Justice from Wichita State University in 1982. Prior to her volunteer work with

Washburn, Bayens has worked in various positions within the State of Kansas.

Joan is married to Gary Bayens, also a Washburn alumnus and chair of the criminal justice department. They have four children, one is an alumn of Washburn, one is attending Washburn, and one will be attending Washburn in 2007.

Oscar Rodriguez



Oscar Rodriguez begins his first season as a graduate assistant at Washburn. He will assist coaching the defensive backs.

In 2004, he coached the safeties at Fort Hays State and in 2005 he was at Randall High School in Texas coaching the defensive backs and track.

Rodriguez was a two-time all-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference pick at strong safety at Fort Hays State. He led the Tigers with eight tackles in the opening

game in Yager Stadium. Before playing for the Tigers, he was a two-year standout at Coffeyville Community College.

The Liberal, Kan. native was a four-year letterwinner for the Redskins going 44-4 in his high school career. He was an all-state, all-conference selection and named defensive back of the year at for the Redskins. He played for Washburn's defensive coordinator Chris Brown at Liberal High School.

He is a 2005 graduate of Fort Hays State and he is beginning his Master's in Administration degree at Washburn.

Frank Crosson



Frank Crosson begins his first season as a graduate assistant at Washburn. He will work with the tight ends this season.

Crosson has more than 30 years of coaching experience after graduating from Ottawa in 1977. He received his master's degree from Pittsburg State in 1984. He has had coaching stints at the collegiate level at Ottawa, Missouri Southern, Cameron and Emporia State and the prep level at North Garland (Texas), Shawnee Heights, Topeka and Hayden High Schools.

Crosson and his wife for 24 years, Karin, have three children - Matt a senior at Notre Dame and Carolyn, a senior at Shawnee Heights.

Pastor T.D. Hicks

Team Chaplain



Pastor T.D. Hicks was raised in the Denver, Colo., area and graduated from Gateway High School where he was an outstanding football player. He attended Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas and Houston Bible Institute in Houston, Texas. In June 2004, Pastor Hicks was called to pastor the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Topeka. This will be his second year as chaplain for the Washburn University football team. Rev. Hicks is a devoted husband to Joan and the proud father of one son, DeAndre Tyrel.

Washburn Assistant Coaches 1961-present

Bill Bachman 1983-84	Larry Elliott 1966-73, 1983-84	B.D. Kennedy 1991-2001	Rance Olison 1983-84	Jim Steele 1985
Dennis Bean 1974-78	Mark Elliott 1985	Gary Kershner 1964	Dale Perine 1991-2000	John Strollo 1983
Duke Benz 1967-68	Ray Glaze 1962	Brian Kramer 1985	Todd Rundle 1996-97	Scott Swofford 1979-80
Travis Boulware 1985-86	Cooper Harris 2002-pr	Keita Malloy 2001	Phil Ramsey 1964-65	Terry Szucs 1981-82
Chris Brown 2002-pr	John Harting 1963	Marion McDonald 1962-63	Rob Robinson 2002-pr	Fred Thompson 1964
Dennis Caryl 1985-89	Ron Heck 1964-65	Mike McGraw 1979-81, 1984	Mike Rutherford 1984	Rodger Tiesing 1973
Jack Clanton 1966-68	Keith Herling 1983-84	Jerry McMillan 1990	Tim Saylor 1966	David Trupp 2002-pr
Mark Clark 1982	Jake Hunter 2001	Brian Miller 2002-pr	Mike Schartz 1998-2000	Max VanLaningham 1978
Bill Danenhauer 1985-89	Clay Johnson 1971-77	Dale Neely 1962-63	Leon Shelinbarger 1964	Mike Waldie 2001
Charlie Dieker 1983-90	Bob Jones 1965	Bob Noblitt 1969-70	Norman Short 1962-63	Steve Walter 1985-95
Dave DiMaggio 1983-85, 1989	Jack Keelan 1962	David Noblitt 1971-74	Ralph Smith 1963	Andy Williams 1990-2000

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