

# BLAKE HARRELL

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Experienced and enthusiastic leader ready to apply excellent communication skills with demonstrated success coordinating special teams and defenses at elite levels. Committed to innovatively implementing strategic initiatives and drive growth resulting in increased success as demonstrated in winning conference championships four out of the last five seasons. Possesses diverse recruiting network across talent rich states including Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### The Citadel

2014 – Present

*Special Teams Coordinator / Inside Linebackers*

#### Team Accomplishments

- 2015: **Southern Conference Co-Champions** (school's first conference title since 1992)
- 2015: Won 9 games for first time since 1992 (defeated SEC member South Carolina)
- 2015: Won road playoff game for first time in school history
- 2015: Recruited three of team's **All-SoCon** selections
- 2014: Finished with second most wins (5) by first-year coaching staff (defeated FBS member Charlotte)

#### Defensive Accomplishments

- 2015: LB Tevin Floyd named **Second Team All-SoCon**, Led FCS in Interception Return Yards
- 2015: Led FCS in Interception Return TDs (5) and Interception Return Yardage (515)
- 2015: Led SoCon in Interceptions, Turnovers Forced, Tackles-For-Loss and 3<sup>rd</sup> Down Defense
- 2014: LB Tevin Floyd finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the SoCon with in Tackles (6.7 per game)

#### Special Teams Accomplishments

- 2015: Led SoCon and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the FCS in Punt Coverage (3.10)
- 2015: Led SoCon in Kickoff Coverage (20.26)
- 2015: Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the SoCon and 19<sup>th</sup> in the FCS in Kickoff Return (22.73)
- 2015: LB Quinlan Washington named **First Team All-SoCon** Return Specialist
- 2015: Kicker Eric Goins named finalist for Fred Mitchell Award and **Second Team All-SoCon**
- 2014: Cam Jackson finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the SoCon in Kickoff Return (21.1)
- 2014: Kicker Eric Goins finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SoCon in Field Goals Made (9)



### Lenoir-Rhyne University

2007 – 2013

*Special Teams Coordinator / Linebackers / Run Game Coordinator / Recruiting Coordinator*

#### Team Accomplishments

- Three Time South Atlantic Champions (2011, 2012, 2013)
- 2013 National Championship Appearance, #2 Final Team Ranking, #1 seed in Region 2 for NCAA playoffs, 13-2 record, Won 20 of last 21 home games
- 2012 NCAA Playoff Appearance (first postseason appearance in 50 years) finished with a 9-3 record and Nationally Ranked #14
- 2011 South Atlantic Champions (first conference championship in 17 years)
- 2010 finished with a 7-4 record (first winning season since 1994)

#### Defensive Accomplishments

- Defensive Coordinator of the Run Game (2013)
- Led the SAC in majority of defensive statistical categories including *Scoring Defense* and *Total Defense* for four consecutive years

- 2013: Helped lead one of the top Defenses in the **Nation** in Scoring Defense, Run Defense, Team Sacks, Team Tackles for Loss
- 2012 national rankings: Red Zone Defense (**5<sup>th</sup>**), Scoring Defense (**11<sup>th</sup>**), Turnovers forced (**5<sup>th</sup>**)
- Ranked **9<sup>th</sup> Nationally** in Total Defense for 2011
- 2010: Held opponents to 75.7 rushing ypg to finish **4<sup>th</sup> Nationally**
- Tutored **All-American Linebacker** Tanner Botts in 2013 (also **All-Region, All-SAC**)
- Guided linebackers Tanner Botts and Demetrius Green to 2012 **All-SAC Honors**
- Green was 3x All-SAC, 2x All-Region, and 2011 **SAC Defensive Player of the Year**

#### Special Teams Accomplishments

- 2013 Kicker Zac Newman was awarded **All-American, All-Region, All-SAC** honors
- 2013: Punt Return Defense finished **4<sup>th</sup> Nationally**
- Kickoff Return unit finished **4<sup>th</sup> Nationally** in 2011, **16<sup>th</sup>** in 2012
- Punt Return averaged 17.4 yards per return to rank **5<sup>th</sup> Nationally** in 2011
- Kickoff unit held opponents to 18 yards per return in 2012 (**39<sup>th</sup> Nationally**)
- 2011 Tutored **2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American** return man Mike Green (**5<sup>th</sup>** in Nation in Punt Returns) and place kicker Colin Corpe to **All-SAC Honors**, both were members of the All-Region Team
- Tutored **All-SAC** members Michael Green as a return specialist, Zach Newman as Place kicker for the 2012 season, as kick returner Jarrod Spears finished **7<sup>th</sup>** in the **Nation** in return average

#### Recruiting Coordinator (2007-2012)

- Was responsible for recruiting 10 of our 22 starters in the **2013 National Championship Game**
- Recruited four 2013 **All-SAC & All-Region** members as well as three **All-Americans**
- Recruited five of the seven first team **All-SAC** members in 2012
- Recruited **All-SAC** players Demetrius Green (Defensive POY), Mike Green, Major Herron, Kaleb Myrick (Jacob's Blocking Trophy Winner) in 2011

#### **Franklin High School**

2005 – 2006

*Defensive Coordinator (Secondary)*

#### **Fuquay-Varina High School**

2004

*Defensive Coordinator (Secondary)*

#### **McDowell High School**

2003

*Assistant Football Coach – Linebackers*



#### **Western Carolina University**

2001 – 2002

*Football Student Assistant*

#### **CAMP EXPERIENCE**

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University of Florida	2015
Duke University Prospect Camp	2012, 2013, 2014
University of South Carolina Prospect Camp	2014, 2015
University of North Carolina Prospect Camp	2013
Appalachian State University Prospect Camp	2012, 2013
Furman University Prospect Camp	2012, 2013
The Citadel Prospect Camp	2013
Western Carolina University Prospect Camp	2012, 2013
Georgia State Prospect Camp	2012, 2015
Wake Forest Prospect Camp	2011
Blue Chip Academy Elite Camp at Mars Hill College	2010, 2011, 2012
Defensive Team Camp at West Georgia University	2010, 2011, 2013, 2015

## EDUCATION

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**Western Carolina University**, Cullowhee, NC  
*Bachelor of Science – Physical Education / Exercise Science*

December 2002

**Lenoir-Rhyne University**, Hickory, NC  
*Masters of Business Administration*

May 2012

## REFERENCES

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**Mike Houston**  
Head Football Coach  
The Citadel

**Geoff Collins**  
Defensive Coordinator  
University of Florida

**Jerry Odom**  
Head Football Coach  
Tusculum College

**Matt Guerrieri**  
Safeties Coach  
Duke University

**Tommy Laurendine**  
Head Football Coach  
Sewanee: The University of the South

**Fred Goldsmith**  
Former Head Football Coach  
Lenoir-Rhyne, Duke, Rice

**Bruce Hemphill**  
Athletic Director  
McNeese State University

**Todd Lawing**  
Associate Athletic Director  
Western Carolina University