

ANNOUNCEMENT



The Master's Academy Welcomes Upper School Assistant Principal and Head Football Coach



Please join us in welcoming Mr. Zane Vance to The Master's Academy family. As Upper School Assistant Principal, he will join Dana Dionne and Jason Kimak as part of the administrative team. Zane is moving to the Oviedo area from Ohio and will start at TMA on April 16. In addition to his administrative role, Zane will be the Head Football Coach and also start a strength and conditioning program for all TMA athletes.

Zane Vance brings to The Master's Academy twenty-seven years of experience as a football coach. He spent fourteen years at the high school level and thirteen years as a Division I college assistant. He has been a high school Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator, Offensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, and Recruiting Coordinator.

His most recent position was at Kent State University. He served as the Linebackers coach, Special Teams Coordinator, and Recruiting Coordinator. During his time at Kent State, the Golden Flashes ranked in the Top 25 of total defense in the NCAA three times. Kent State also led the nation in kickoff coverage in 2009, and followed with a number 3 ranking in 2010. Among the players he had the opportunity to tutor are current NFL members Josh Cribbs, Usama Young, Abe Elam, Danny Muir, and Julian Edelman.

Zane previously served as the Linebacker coach and Special Teams Coordinator at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport, TN. The Indians amassed an 88-15 mark from 1996-2003, making the 6A State Semi-finals three times in that span. Current Dallas Cowboy Gerald Sensabaugh was a prominent contributor to his Special Teams efforts. Zane has a Bachelor's Degree from East Tennessee State University and his Master's Degree from Austin Peay State University. He played Linebacker for East Tennessee State from 1981-1984.

Coach Vance began his career as the Defensive Line Coach at East Tennessee State University from 1989-1991. It was there that he recruited long time Tampa Bay Buccaneer Pro Bowler Donnie Abraham and Seattle Seahawk safety Maurice Kelly.

He and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 22 years and have five sons: Nathaniel (20), Taylor (17), Isaac (13), Seth (10), and Luke (7).

The following is a quote from Senior Athletic Director, Sean Gillespie:

"We are very pleased to be able to hire this Godly man, who has a heart for today's youth, as well as extensive experience coaching football. Coach Vance has been successful everywhere he has been, both collegiately and in the high school ranks. You don't have to spend very much time with him to understand his passion for both competing in football as well as investing into the lives of young people. Make sure when on campus that you get a chance to meet him and extend a warm welcome to the newest member of the TMA family."