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## Media Release

### **Wando selects Rocco Adrian to be interim head football coach**

#### **Wando High School**

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Superintendent of Schools

**Karolyn Belcher**  
Chief Academic Officer

**Sharon Randall**  
Interim Executive Director of  
Secondary Learning Community

**Sherry Eppelsheimer, Ed.D.**  
Principal

**Mount Pleasant, SC** – Rocco Adrian has multiple years of experience as a coach at the college level. In the fall of 2020, Adrian will draw on that experience to guide the Wando High School football program. The state's largest high school named him the interim head coach today.

Adrian, who has been Wando's defensive backs coach for the past two years, will try to lead the Warriors back to the playoffs this coming season.

"We are excited to have Rocco Adrian lead our football team in 2020," said Wando's principal, Dr. Sherry Eppelsheimer. "He knows our student-athletes, our coaches, and our community and understands what it means to *Walk the Warrior Way.*"

Before joining the Wando family, Adrian worked on the coaching staffs of Furman University (his alma mater), North Greenville University (was the defensive coordinator there), and Gardner-Webb University. He also has eight years of coaching experience at the high school level when he served on the Christ Church School coaching staff; he was the Cavaliers' defensive coordinator from 2005 to 2007.

Adrian earned four varsity letters at Furman University, where he racked up 114 career tackles, four pass break-ups, and an interception as a safety. He helped the Paladins reach the NCAA playoffs in 1996, and earned two team awards his senior year: the Robert B. King Award (which goes to the individual who sets the best example of being a team player) and the Purple Heart Award (he came back from a serious injury the year before).

"This is a tough time to step into this position while school is closed," said Adrian. "However, I have experience with adversity, and I know the players and coaches here at Wando are prepared to handle adversity as well. I am so thankful for this opportunity, and I appreciate the support and faith from the leadership here at Wando."

Adrian was a standout at Deltona High School in Florida, and his father, Pete, has four decades of coaching experience at the college level.

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