

Coaches Spotlight

MEET COACH MIKE CORONA

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Q: What do you do outside of coaching?

A: For St. Joe's, I work primarily in fundraising for the athletic department, and help supplement the admission department's efforts in recruiting students and families to St. Joe's. Outside of St. Joe's, I work as an instructional coach at a small college, helping faculty develop their instructional competency and classroom culture.

Q: What has been your proudest moment as a coach at St. Joe's so far?

A: I don't have a proudest moment, but I am overall proud of how successful our program has been in developing good people, as well as our 100% college placement rate.

Q: What are your goals for the team this upcoming season, and what challenges do you anticipate?

A: Our goals in August were to roster 150 players, relentlessly compete in everything, and win the Monsignor Martin Championship. We completed two of those three goals. The challenges in football are always managing the physical, mental, and emotional health, and the social and academic decisions of 150 teenagers.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your coaching style and why?

A: Bill Walsh has been the biggest influence on me in coaching. He approached coaching through a professional lens, emphasizing instructional pedagogy, relationship-centered management, and data-informed decision making. I was fortunate to begin my career working for coaches who played and coached with Bill.

Q: When you're not coaching, how do you like to spend your free time?

A: I don't have a ton of free time, but I make sure that what free time is available is spent with my family.

Q: What's one fun fact about you that people might not know?

A: I began my professional career working in the movie business for Sony Pictures in Los Angeles.

Q: What's your favorite motivational quote or coaching mantra?

A: *A good coach can change a game. A great coach can change a life.* - John Wooden

Q: What's one lesson you hope every player takes away from their time with you?

A: NDCQ - Not Dead, Can't Quit.

