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Media Release

North Charleston High School Announces Coach Omar Collier as Head Football Coach

North Charleston, SC (August 6, 2026) - North Charleston High School is pleased to announce a leadership transition within its football program. Effective immediately, Athletic Director Coach Adrain Grady will transition into a more administrative role to focus on leading and supporting the school and the athletic department. As part of this transition, Coach Omar Collier has been named Interim Head Football Coach of the North Charleston High School Cougars.

While stepping away from the day-to-day responsibilities of leading the football program, Coach Grady will remain an active member of the coaching staff, assisting Coach Collier and continuing to support the student-athletes and overall success of Cougar Football.

Coach Grady has played an instrumental role in rebuilding the football program while also strengthening the overall athletic department. His leadership has focused on creating a culture of accountability, improving athletic opportunities for student-athletes, enhancing facilities, and establishing a strong foundation for long-term success.

Coach Collier brings more than 15 years of defensive coordinator experience at both the high school and collegiate levels. Throughout his career, he has earned a reputation for developing disciplined student-athletes, building strong football cultures, and leading successful defensive programs. He has been part of championship-caliber teams, helped develop state champions, and implemented systems centered on discipline, accountability, and resilience.

Most recently, Coach Collier has served as the Cougars' Defensive Coordinator, where he played a key role in establishing a renewed defensive identity and contributing to the continued growth of the football program.

"I am truly honored and humbled to be named the interim head football coach at North Charleston High School," said Collier. "I want to sincerely thank our administration for its trust and confidence in me to lead this program. I also want to recognize Coach Grady for the foundation he has built. He has invested in these young men and this program, and I look forward to building upon that foundation as we continue moving Cougar Football forward."

Coach Grady expressed his full confidence in Coach Collier and emphasized that this transition allows the athletic department to continue its momentum while ensuring the football program remains in capable hands.

“Serving as the head football coach at North Charleston High School has been one of the greatest honors of my career,” said Grady. “I am proud of the foundation we have built together and excited about the future of Cougar Football. As athletic director, my responsibilities continue to grow, and this transition allows me to devote additional time and attention to supporting every athletic program at North Charleston High School.”

Principal Henry Darby said he was elated and happy about the transition.

“As athletic director, Coach Grady was inundated with all sports as well as helping the Cougar Family with its academic successes,” said Darby. “As a result, he had the clairvoyance to allow Coach Collier, who is well-experienced and respected, to be the school's interim head football coach.”

Grady described Coach Collier as an outstanding leader, teacher, and mentor who has earned the respect of student-athletes and the coaching staff.

“I have complete confidence in his ability to lead this program, and I look forward to continuing to serve alongside him as a member of the coaching staff,” added Grady. “Our mission remains unchanged: to develop young men of character while pursuing excellence on the field, in the classroom, and throughout our community.”

Collier agreed, saying the mission is bigger than football.

“We will build a program centered on discipline, accountability, and resilience,” Collier said. “We want our student-athletes to succeed in the classroom, in competition, and in life while making our school and community proud.”

Coach Collier will begin leading the program immediately as the Cougars continue preparations for the upcoming football season. North Charleston High School is excited about this new chapter and remains committed to providing an outstanding experience for its student-athletes while continuing to build a championship culture.

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