

# MEET THE TEAM

Our team at ESE has a combined 300 plus years of experience identifying, evaluating, and developing players on ALL levels – youth, high school, college, and NFL. We strive to help streamline the recruiting process by reducing the required time to identify, dissect, and evaluate prospective student-athletes.



## ZERICK ROLLINS, SR

### FOUNDER, CEO

Houston native and former highly recruited high school football player out of Kashmere High School. He was an All-Greater Houston selection, first team Super Prep All-American player who was offered over 40 Division One scholarships. He went on to play at Texas A&M where he was a defensive end under head coach R.C. Slocum. Upon graduation, he began his coaching career at his alma mater as a graduate assistant, before advancing to the NFL where he coached 9 seasons with the Seattle Seahawks. In his 9-year tenure he coached Hall of Fame defensive lineman John Randle, and had several players selected to multiple Pro Bowls. Zerick was an active contributor to the Seahawk team that won four consecutive NFC West Championships, 1 NFC Championship and advanced to the first ever Super Bowl appearance, Super Bowl XL.

For the last 10 plus years Zerick has continued to make an impact through identifying and developing student-athletes with CES Sports, Football University, Next Level Athlete, Under Armour, UC Report, Freshman All-American Game, and the NBC National Combine.



## DR. JOHN PETERSON

### VICE PRESIDENT OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

John Peterson is a 47-year veteran in the football profession. He spent 18 years coaching football, along with 29 years in professional football as a General Manager, Player Personnel Director, Director of Football Operations, Area Scout, and educator. In June 2016, he retired from the NFL with 19 years of college scouting service (11 with the Seattle Seahawks and 8 with the Carolina Panthers). During this time Peterson went to Super Bowl XL (Seattle) and Super Bowl L (Carolina). In 2010, he was named the co-recipient of the "Lone Star" C.O. Bracato – NFL Scout of the Year award. Dr. Peterson was also recognized for his scouting excellence by being inducted into the Ourlads Scouting Hall of Fame. He currently teaches and prepares next generation scouts by being an active member of the scouting academy.



## MARCUS HEARD

### CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Marcus Heard, originally from San Antonio, TX, excelled in football at Texas A&M University under Coach R.C. Slocum, earning three championship rings. After graduating with a degree in kinesiology, he joined the Houston Texans' Football Operations, where he spearheaded player development initiatives, including the Sports Combine and Continuing Education program. Heard's efforts helped over 35 players pursue college degrees and succeed beyond the field.



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## ALAN WEDDELL

### DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT

Alan is a 30-year coaching veteran who turned La Marque High School into a perennial powerhouse. From 1990 to 1997, Alan coached the Cougars to 3 straight state championships and 5 consecutive appearances in the state title game. He also was a top recruiter and linebacker coach at Texas A&M and the University of Houston. In 2018, Coach Weddell was inducted into the Texas High School Coaching Association.

## LARRY KIRKSEY

### DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT

Larry is a 49-year coaching professional who has helped identify and tutor players on multiple levels. In his celebrated career, Coach Kirksey has attained 4 championships, 3 on the professional level, and one in college. He has also coached and mentored some of the best players to play the game such as Jerry Rice, Emmitt Smith, Terrell Owens, and Andre Johnson. In 2023, Coach Kirksey was inducted into the Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame.

## TY KNOTT

### DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT

Ty is a seasoned 30-year coaching veteran who has worked in various roles on various levels. His most notable stops include the Jacksonville Jaguars, Green Bay Packers, San Francisco 49ers, and the New Orleans Saints. In 2023, Coach Knott's Seattle Sea Dragon XFL special teams unit was ranked at the top in several categories.

## RICKY THOMAS

### DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT

Ricky has 34 years of coaching/athletics experience on numerous levels. He played his college ball at the University of Alabama where he was a 4-year starter at safety. After his playing career, he started his career in athletics as an academic advisor at his alma mater, before going on to coach for 15 years in the NFL. He coached 5 years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and 10 years with the Indianapolis Colts where he also won a Super Bowl in Super Bowl XLI.

## JERRY COLQUITT

### DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT

Jerry has 30 plus years as a player, coach, scout, and analyst. He was a highly touted high school quarterback who went on to play at the University of Tennessee. In 1995, Jerry was drafted in the 6th round by the Carolina Panthers. After his playing career, Jerry held several coaching and personnel positions with the University of Tennessee, University of Mississippi, Green Bay Packers, and the Seattle Seahawks.

## TONY MARCIANO

### DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT

Tony is a 46-year coaching veteran who has coached and developed players on all levels. Some of his coaching stops consist of TCU, SMU, Incarnate Word, Toronto Argonauts, Indianapolis Colts, and the Houston Texans. Coach Marciano continues to impact the youth level through Football University Teaching Academy and NBC National Combine.



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## **RYAN JONES**

### **DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT**

Ryan is a highly tenured NFL scout who most notably spent 20 years with the NY Giants and was a key contributor to two Super Bowl Teams (Super Bowl XLII and XLVI). He also served as the GM for the New Orleans Game Breakers in the USFL.

## **ELI MONTAGUE**

### **DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT**

Eli is a longtime NFL scout who spent 16 years with the Carolina Panthers in multiple roles. He was a vital part of building a roster that was a consistent NFC contender and played in two Super Bowls (Super Bowl XXXVIII and L).

## **STEVE KAZOR**

### **DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT**

Steve is a highly acclaimed former college/NFL coach, scout, and football executive. As a coach, he worked for the Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears. He was an assistant for the '85 Bears, who is one of the most dominant teams in NFL history. He also spent 15 plus years as a scout for the St. Louis Rams and Dallas Cowboys.

## **KEN MOLL**

### **DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT**

Ken has over a decade of experience as an NFL/CFL scout and player personnel director. He also has vast experience working the NFL combines along with working for ESPN as a scout for Scout Inc.

