

FIRST-EVER SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL COACH

MARK SNYDER



PLAYER • COACH • AUTHOR • MENTOR • LEADER

Mark Snyder is one of the most respected names in college football. He became Shawnee State University's first-ever head football coach in 2026. He is building a team that will begin competition in the Mountain East Conference of NCAA Division II in fall 2028.

Coach Snyder is a South Point, Ohio native, an Ironton High School graduate, and an honorary Kentucky Colonel. His coaching career spans decades and started immediately after he graduated from Marshall University where he still holds both the school and conference record of 10 interceptions in a single season. He returned to Marshall University in 2005 to become Head Coach of the Thundering Herd, after coaching under Jim Tressel for a combination of nearly ten years as defensive coordinator at Youngstown State University and Ohio State University. In his four years at Ohio State, the Buckeyes posted a 40-11 overall record, a 3-1 record in bowl games, and won the 2002 national championship.

Coach Snyder has been called one of the best defensive minds in college football and is author of the book "101 Defensive Line Drills" published in 2000. As Shawnee State Football's first head coach, Snyder said he plans to build a winning competitive program from the start — "chasing excellence in every aspect of life, including in the classroom, on the field, and in the community."

Mark and his wife, Beth, who is a native of Ironton, Ohio and a graduate of the University of Kentucky, have three daughters, Chelsea, Lindsay, and Shaylee.

COACHING CAREER

2026	Shawnee State University, Head Coach
2023	Orlando Guardians of the USFL, defensive line & linebackers coach
2022	Houston Gamblers of the USFL, linebackers coach
2018–2019	Florida State, defensive ends coach
2015–2017	Michigan State, linebackers coach and special teams coordinator
2012–2014	Texas A&M, defensive coordinator
2010–2011	South Florida, defensive coordinator
2005–2009	Marshall University, Head Coach
2001–2004	Ohio State University, defensive coordinator
1996–2000	Minnesota, defensive ends coach
1991–1996	Youngstown State University, defensive coordinator
1989–1990	UCF Knights, linebackers coach

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PLAYING CAREER

1985–1988 Marshall University, Safety