# Anthony Brinson

Veteran Collegiate Coach

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## Biography

Tony Brinson is currently the Defensive Coordinator for Nichols College. Brinson comes to Nichols after serving 2 years at FBS level UMASS under legendary coach Don Brown as the Senior Defensive Analyst working with the linebackers.

Before his time in Amherst, Brinson completed a 2nd tour of duty at FCS Wagner College where he served as the Assistant Head Coach and coached the linebackers. That time at Wagner, Brinson produced a 2-time NEC Defensive Player of the Year, a Buck Buchanan Nominee and an FCS All-American. He coached Eagles Linebacker/Rush Titus Leo who played under Brinson in 2018 and in 2021/2022 before he was drafted in the 6th round to the Indianapolis Colts.

Prior to his 2nd stint at Wagner, Brinson served as the Defensive Coordinator at Morehead State University in 2019. At Morehead State, he produced the leading player in the PFL for sacks, TFLs and forced fumbles. His team ranked 29th in FCS for passing yardage allowed and ranked 25th in the country for fumble recoveries. Brinson produced 4 All-Conference PFL Players and 2 All-Academic PFL selections. Brinson helped the Eagles to their best record since 2015.

Before Morehead, Brinson served as the Assistant Head Coach, Defensive Coordinator, Recruiting Coordinator and Special Teams Coordinator during his 1st stint at Wagner College. In 8 years, Brinson produced 14 NFL/CFL players, 34 All-Conference honorees, 2 FCS All-Americans, a pair of 2-time NEC and ECAC Defensive Players of the Year, 2 Buck Buchanan Finalists, 2 Team MVPs and Defensive MVPS, and 2 Senior Bowl recipients.

Brinson developed Vikings linebacker Cam Gill who emerged as the NEC's All-Time sack leader and won Super Bowl LV with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Under Brinson, Gill was one of 3 All-NEC performers, along with linebacker Santoni Graham and defensive lineman Chris Williams, on a 2018 defensive unit that led the NCAA in sacks and ranked in the top 25 nationally in takeaways. Gill was also a 2018 AP 3rd-Team All-American and a candidate for the Buck Buchanan Award. Another Brinson protege, is  Atkanta Flacon Chris Williams who signed with the Indianapolis Colts in 2020.

In 2017, Brinson's defense ranked No. 1 in the NEC in both sacks and TFLs, while ranking No. 2 in rushing defense. His 2016 season saw the Seahawks rank in the top 25 nationally in sacks, TFLs, rushing defense, and scoring defense, while ranking 26th in total defense.

Under Brinson's guidance the 2016 Seahawks produced 3 All-NEC Performers as Defensive End Jordan Baskerville and Safety Tim Hayes earned First Team All-League honors while Linebacker Quinton Hampton earned Second Team All-League honors. Together, the trio helped Wagner rank No. 1 in Red Zone Defense, No. 3 in Total Defense (327.8 yd avg) and Rushing Defense (99.3 yd avg) in the NEC.

One of Brinson's former pupils is veteran NFL linebacker Julian Stanford who was a 2011 First-Team All-NEC performer. A retired member of the Carolina Panthers, Stanford previously played for the New York Jets, Jacksonville Jaguars, Detroit Lions, and Buffalo Bills. Two of Stanford's teammates, also coached by Brinson, inked NFL free agent deals following the 2011 season in safety Jeremiah Brown with the Jaguars and DE Quintin Anderson with the Buccaneers. In 2017, linebacker Najee Harris was a free agent signee with the

Oakland Raiders.

Brinson also developed several players who have gone on to compete in the CFL. C.O. Prime, a 2013 free agent signee of the NFL Indianapolis Colts, went on to enjoy long career in his native Canada as a member of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Additionally, in 2018, linebacker Mathieu Loiselle and DL Charbel Dabire both inked CFL contracts.

In 2014, the Seahawk defensive unit, spearheaded by its linebacker play, led the NEC in a host of categories while also ranking in the NCAA Top 10 in 3 major categories – Rushing Defense, No. 2 (83.1), Total Defense, No. 6 (281.3) and Scoring Defense, No. 10 (18.0). Thanks in large part to the relentless brand of defense displayed by the Green & White, the 2014 Seahawks went 7-4 overall and 5-1 in league, sharing the NEC title. This marked Wagner's 2nd NEC title in 3 years as the Seahawks won the 2012 championship en route to an appearance in the Division I NCAA Playoffs. Brinson helped develop senior Max Wassel into a First-Team All-NEC performer whose 81 tackles,  ranked No. 6 in the NEC. In addition, his 21 TFLs ranked No. 2 in the NEC.

Much of the groundwork that led to the 2012 NEC title was laid in 2011 under Brinson’s direction as defensive coordinator. That season, Wagner ranked No. 1 in the NEC in three different categories: rushing defense (141.1 yards per game), red zone defense (71.8%) and takeaways (29).

Brinson spent time at Columbia University, where he produced a First Team All-Ivy, a Second Team All-Ivy, a Walter Camp All-American, an ECAC FCS All-Star, an Associated Press Second Team selection, and a Collegeperformance.com Tight End of the Year. The leader in FCS S

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## Statement

I have had the privilege of coaching at many different levels of football as both a position coach and a coordinator. My experience in both scholarship & non-scholarship football, academic institutions and FBS football have made me a very well-rounded coach. I have a wide evaluation base, having evaluated and recruited potential college players from Massachusetts to Florida and areas in the Midwest/West coast. I have a proven track record of player and coaches development utilizing a positive coaching/educational style. Over the years, I have helped produce 35 All-Conference players, 17 NFL/CFL players, 2 Two-time All-Americans, 2 Academic All-Americans, 2 Two-time Conference Players of the Year, as well as 2 Buck Buchanan and 1 Walter Camp FCS award winners/nominees.

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## Achievement

### Defensive Coordinator 1996 Holiday Bowl
Served as the Defensive Coordinator for the NJ/NY Div3 All Star Bowl & LB coach

### Defensive Coordinator 1997 East/West Bowl
Served as Defensive Coordinator for the East Coast Team & LB Coach

### 2012 NCAA FCS Playoffs 2nd Round
Linebacker Coach

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## Education

### Master in Education
MS at Saint Peters College

### BS in Marine Science
BS at University of Rhode Island

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## Feature

The Champions 2014
The LB's

CHAMPIONS 2014
2014 Championship Coaches

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Cam and me

TEVAUGHN and CAM
THE MEN and ME

CHRIS WILLIAMS NFL
CHRIS and ME

CAM and JULIAN thanks
The men took a break to say thanks!

UMASS LB's
The MINUTEMEN LB's

JULIAN and ME
LB JULIAN STANFORD

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## PRINCIPLES

• F.A.C.T.S.
Family, Accountability, Commitment, Trust, Selflessness

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## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Charbel Dabire
Hamilton Tigercats | Football
DL

Tevaughn Grant
Green Bay Blizzard played at Wagner College | Football
LB

Julian Stanford
Detroit Lions played at Wagner College | Football
LB

DL Julian McLeod
Toronto Argonauts | Football
DL

Titus Leo
Philadelphia Eagles played at Wagner College | Football

OLB/DE

Cam Gill
Minnesota Vikings played at Wagner College | Football
LB

Chris Williams
Atlanta Falcons played at Wagner College | Football
DL

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## COACHING CAREER

### Senior Defensive Analyst-Assistant Linebackers — UMASS
MAC | Football | 2023 - 2025

### Assistant Head Coach, LB Coach — Wagner College
NEC | Football | 2021 - 2023
2021-2022- Linebacker Coach
Accomplishments:
2021-22: Produced a Two-time NEC Defensive Player of the Year, Buck Buchanan Nominee and FCS All-American

### Defensive Coordinator, OLB coach — Morehead State University
Pioneer | Football | 2019 - 2020
2019- Defensive Coordinator / Safeties Coach / Outside Linebackers
•Recruiting area NJ, NY, CT, Louisville Area, California JUCOS
Accomplishments:
2019: Produced the Leading Player in PFL for Sacks, TFLS, and Forced Fumbles
2019: Ranked Top 25 FCS for Fumbles Recovered
2019: Ranked 28th in FCS for Passing Yardage allowed
2019: Produced 4 All Conference PFL Players, 2 All-Academic PFL Players

### Defensive Coordinator, Assistant Head Coach, Recruiting Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator — Wagner College
NEC | Football | 2011 - 2019
Served in many capacities:
2018 Defensive Coordinator, Assistant Head Coach, Linebackers
2017 Defensive Coordinator, Secondary Coach
2016 Defensive Coordinator, Defensive Line Coach
2015 Recruiting Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, Linebackers Coach
2014 Recruiting Coordinator, Linebackers Coach
2012-2013 Linebackers Coach
2011 Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers Coach

Accomplishments:
2018 Ranked #1 in Sacks NEC / 39th in FCS
2018 Ranked #3 3rd Down Defense NEC/ 31st FCS
2018 Ranked #4 in Total Defense NEC
2018 Ranked #25 in Takeaways FCS
2017 Ranked #1 in Tackles for Loss NEC / 23RD IN FCS
2017 Ranked #1 in Sacks NEC / 8TH in FCS
2017 Ranked #1 in Rushing Defense NEC
2016 Ranked #2 in Scoring Defense NEC / 18th in FCS
2016 Ranked #22 in Rushing Defense FCS
2016 Ranked #3 in Total Defense NEC / 25th in FCS
2014 Co-NEC Champions

2014 Ranked #2 in Total Defense NEC / 6TH in FCS
2014 Ranked #2 in Rushing Defense FCS / 1st in NEC
2014 Ranked #16 in 3rd Down Defense FCS
2014 Ranked #10 in Scoring Defense FCS
2014 Ranked #2 in Tackles for Loss FCS
2012 *Ranked top 25 FCS
2012 *NEC Champions (advancing to Round 2 of FCS playoffs)
2012 *Ranked #1 in Total Defense in NEC / 19th in FCS
2012 *Ranked #1 in Scoring Defense in NEC / 9th in FCS
2012 *Ranked #2 in Pass Defense in NEC / 19th in FCS, 1st in Interceptions in NEC
2012 *Ranked #1 in Run Defense in NEC / 40th in FCS
2011 *Ranked #1 in Red Zone Defense in NEC / 25th in FCS
2011 *Ranked #1 in Run Defense in NEC
2011 *Ranked #1 in Takeaway Defense in NEC / 8th in FCS, 4th in FCS for Fumble Recoveries
2011-2018 *Produced 14 NFL/CFL Players, 15 All Conference Honorees, 2 FCS All-Americans (2 Two-Time Winners), 2 Two-Time NEC & ECAC Defensive Players of the Year, 2 Buck Buchanan Finalist, 2 Team MVPS & Defensive MVPS, 1 East-West Shrine Bowl Recipient, and 1 Hula Bowl recipient.

### Tight Ends Coach — Columbia University
IVY | Football | 2008 - 2011
Accomplishments:
2010 *Produced Second Team All-IVY (09') and First Team All-Ivy (10'), Walter Camp All-American, ECAC FCS All Star, Associated Press 2nd teamer, CollegePerformance.com Tight End of the Year, leader in FCS stats (receptions, yards, TD's) for all Tight Ends (10'), and led IVY league in TD catches.
2009 *helped program to achieve 4th place ranking in the IVY league (09') (first time since 1996)
2009 *helped produce the #2 ranked rushing offense in the IVY league (09')
2009 *helped to produce the #1 Offense in passing efficiency, #4 Offense in both rushing & passing.

### Assistant Coach — University of Rhode Island
CAA | Football | 2004 - 2008
2006-2007 Secondary Coach, Cornerbacks
2004-2005 Defensive Line Coach, Defensive Ends

Accomplishments:
*2006-2007 produced 3 CAA / A-10 All Conference players
*2004-2007 produced 4 players who set records in Univ. of Rhode Island history books
*helped improve 3rd Down Defense from 10th in 2003 to 3rd in 2005 in the A-10 Conference
*helped unit to achieve a ranking 28th nationally in 3rd Down Defense
*helped improve 4th Down Defense from 11th in 2003 to 1st in 2005 in the A-10 Conference
*helped improve Red Zone Defense from 6th in 2003 to 2nd in 2005 in the A-10 Conference
*helped improve Sack count from 10th /19 in 2003 to 5th /28 in 2005

### Defensive Coordinator, Special teams Coordinator, Recruiting Coordinator — Bryant University
CAA | Football | 2001 - 2004
2003-Recruiting Coordinator, Co-Defensive Coordinator, Special Teams Coordinator, Secondary Coach
2002- Recruiting Coordinator, Secondary Coach
2001- Recruiting Coordinator, Wide Receivers Coach

Accomplishments:
2002-2003 *developed 4 All-Conf NE-10 players in the secondary, 2 who still hold school records.
2002-2003 *held 11 of 22 opponents to 16 points or less per game
2003 *produced a top player in the NE-10 Conference for single interceptions (12 INT's)
2003 *helped unit to achieve #7 ranked pass defense in Div 2 / #3 ranked in NE-10
2001-2003 *helped start a program from scratch, turning it into a conference contender
2003 *increased overall kickoff return / punt return yardage by 15%
2003 *led NE-10 conference in kickoff coverage
2003 *recruited and coached freshman All-Conference punter

Defensive Coordinator — Kean University

NJAC | Football | 1996 - 1999

1999 Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers Coach
1998-1997 Defensive Coordinator, Secondary Coach
1996- Wide Receivers Coach

SA/GA — University of Rhode Island

CAA | Football | 1993 - 1995

1993- RB GA
1994- DB GA