



# Football Staff



## Keith Allen Special Teams Coordinator/ Defensive Ends Coach

**K**eith Allen joined the San Jose State University football coaching staff in June 2002 as the special teams coordinator. Now in his second season with the Spartans, he also will work with the defensive ends.

Allen's first season was filled with individual and team special teams accomplishments. The Spartans ranked in the top half of the Western Athletic Conference in net punting, punt and kickoff returns and field goals made. San Jose State topped the WAC and was third nationally in kickoff returns while boasting the nation's best kick returner in Charles Pauley, a finalist for the Mosi Tatapu Award recognizing the nation's top special teams player.

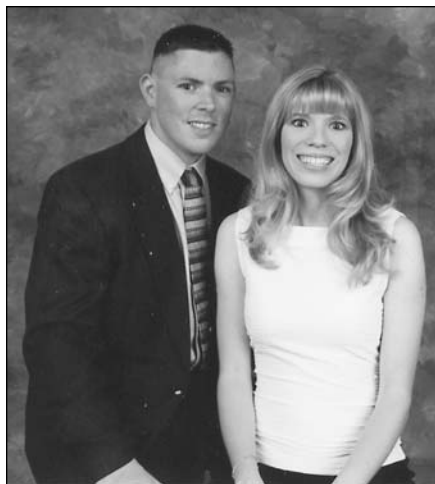


**"Coach Allen is an excellent teacher of special teams. He loves the game, loves his guys and it shows." – Bryce Partridge, San José State punter**

A native of Tulsa, Okla., he traces his desire to coach football back to the fifth grade. Perhaps his grandfather, L.B. Smith, who took him to Dallas Cowboys home games had something to do with his present occupation.

While completing an undergraduate degree program in civil engineering at the University of Oklahoma, Allen began pursuing his goal to coach by working as an undergraduate assistant with the Sooner football team in 1996. He was retained as a graduate assistant for the 1997 season.

After the 1998 season at Northeast Louisiana University, Allen moved to Texas Christian University as the director of recruiting and assistant director of



Keith & Melissa Allen

### They played for Coach Allen

Charles Pauley, NCAA Division I-A kickoff return champion  
Oakland Raiders free agent  
Marcus Helfman, long snapper  
San Francisco 49ers free agent  
Pat Dennis, CB  
Houston Texans

### They worked for Coach Allen

LaDainian Tomlinson, TB  
San Diego Chargers  
Aaron Schobel, DE  
Buffalo Bills

football operations. TCU had winning records during his two seasons and played in the 1998 Sun and 1999 GMAC Mobile Bowls.

**A**llen spent the 2000 and 2001 seasons at Quincy University, as the defensive coordinator, special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator.



"For me, becoming a Spartan was an easy choice. Coach Hill, our staff, and our players make it a great place to work and live. We have a true 'family' environment here, with over 100 people who care for each other, and that makes everyday fun and enjoyable," says Allen.



### Football Coaching & Administrative Experience

- 2003 San José State University special teams coordinator/defensive ends coach
- 2002 San José State University special teams coordinator
- 2000-01 Quincy University defensive coordinator/special teams coordinator/defensive backs coach/recruiting coordinator
- 1998-2000 Texas Christian University director of recruiting/assistant director of football operations
- 1998 Northeast Louisiana University graduate assistant
- 1997 University of Oklahoma graduate assistant
- 1996 University of Oklahoma undergraduate assistant

### Published Works

"Quincy University's Attacking 4-2-5 Defense," *AFC A Coaches' Manual*, Summer 2002

### Education

B.S. (civil engineering) – University of Oklahoma, 1997  
M.L.A. (liberal arts) – Texas Christian University, 2000

### Family Information

Born on July 12, 1974 in Tulsa, Okla.  
Wife – Melissa, an environmental scientist.