



ERIC WASHINGTON

SENIOR DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT/DEFENSIVE LINE

Eric Washington joined the Bills in 2020 as the team's defensive line coach and was promoted to senior defensive assistant/defensive line coach prior to the 2022 season. Previously, he was the defensive line coach (2011-17) and defensive coordinator for the Panthers (2018-19), along with holding various positions with the Bears.



COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

2020-Present: (Bills)

- The Bills 2021 defense ranked first in the NFL in fewest points allowed per game (17.0) for the first time in franchise history and also finished first in fewest yards allowed per game (272.8) and the fewest passing yards per game (163.0). With 19 sacks, Buffalo's defense also fueled a 4-game win streak to finish the regular season
- Rookie DE Greg Rousseau won AFC Defensive Player of the Week after logging the first interception of his career and also finished with five tackles and a sack at Kansas City (10/10/21). Rousseau marked the seventh player Washington has coached to that honor.
- Led the Bills' defensive line unit that helped the team advance to the AFC Championship in 2020.

2011-19: (Panthers)

- Served as the defensive coordinator from 2018-19 and helped LB Luke Kuechly to a first-team All-Pro season in 2018 and second-team All-Pro honors in 2019.
- Under Washington's watch in 2019, the Panthers defense ranked second in the NFL in sacks (53).

- With Washington leading the defense in 2018, Carolina's secondary improved from 28th to 12th in interceptions, 32nd to 13th in passes defended and 18th to 9th in tackles for loss.
- As a defensive line coach from 2011-17, he led one of the most productive defensive lines in the NFL. Since 2012, no group of defensive linemen produced more sacks than Carolina's 219, part of Carolina's NFL-leading 280 total sacks. Carolina ranked in the top 10 in sacks in five of his seven seasons as defensive line coach, including a No. 1 ranking in 2013, a No. 2 in 2016 and a No. 3 in 2017.

2008-10: (Bears)

- Served as the defensive line coach in 2010 and defensive assistant in 2008-09.
- Washington presided over a group that accounted for 25 sacks and helped the Bears rank ninth in the NFL in total defense, second in rushing defense and fourth in scoring defense in 2010.

2004-07: (Northwestern)

- Washington served as the defensive line coach at Northwestern. With the Wildcats, he coached several eventual NFL Draft picks, including Luis Castillo (San Diego, 2005), Barry Cofield (New York Giants, 2006) and Corey Wootton (Chicago, 2010).

COLLEGE

- Played tight end at Grambling State from 1989-90.
- Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Grambling State in 1993.

PERSONAL

- Washington and his wife, Amy, have a son named Ellis.

WASHINGTON'S COACHING HISTORY

NFL

Buffalo Bills	2022-present	Senior Defensive Assistant/Defensive Line
Buffalo Bills	2020-21	Defensive Line
Carolina Panthers	2018-19	Defensive Coordinator
Carolina Panthers	2011-17	Defensive Line
Chicago Bears	2010	Defensive Line
Chicago Bears	2008-09	Defensive Assistant

COLLEGE

Northwestern	2004-07	Defensive Line
Ohio	2001-03	Defensive Line
Texas A&M	1997	Graduate Assistant