

Terrance Dennis

Special Teams Coordinator/WRs Coach at Cornell University Sprint Football

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CAREER RECORDS

Assistant Coach — Avila University

NAIA - National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics | 4 seasons | 32W-9L (78.0%)

Special Teams Coordinator — Hogan Preparatory Academy

1 seasons | 7W-3L (70.0%)

Assistant Special Teams Coordinator — University of Central Missouri

NCAA Division II - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II | 1 seasons | 11W-2L (84.6%)

Running Backs Coach — William Jewell College

NCAA Division II - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II | 2 seasons | 8W-14L (36.4%)

Biography

Christ-follower, proud father of 3, University of Missouri football alum (2011), member of the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches, Master of Education in Educational & Counseling Psychology (MU 2014), and current Special Teams Coordinator/WRs Coach at Cornell University Sprint Football in Ithaca, NY.

Cornell University: Present

- Special Teams Coordinator/WRs Coach

William Jewell College: 2024 to 2026

- Running Backs: 2025
- Wide Receivers: 2024
- Coached all-conference WRs Jalen Bethany & AJ Austene
- Running Backs: Current
- Created and spearheaded 2025 winter conditioning program

University of Central Missouri: 2023

- Assistant Special Teams Coordinator/KPS Coach/Asst. DL Coach

Avila University: 2019-2023

- Tight Ends/FBs & Specialists: 2019-2021
- Running Backs/Team Academic Coordinator: 2022

Hogan Preparatory Academy: 2017-2018

- Varsity Special Teams Coordinator
- Head Middle School Football Coach

KC Police Athletic League: 2013, 2015

- Volunteer Assistant/Asst. Head Coach

Prior to William Jewell:

- Guest Coach for the Edmonton Elks of the Canadian Football League (CFL) - Training Camp 2024
 - Spent one season at Central Missouri, helping the Mules to an MIAA Championship and appearance in the second round of the NCAA-II playoffs.
 - Coached on the defensive side of the ball (UCM), as well as special teams, including mentoring kicker Luke Dobson to a school record 67 consecutive PAT.
 - Coached all conference Defensive Linemen, David Olajiga (1st Team all MIAA - Baltimore Ravens FA) and Weston King (2nd Team all MIAA)
 - Won conference championships with the (Avila) Eagles in 2020 and 2022 and coached six players to All-Conference honors
 - Finished the 2022 season ranked No. 13 nationally (NAIA), the highest in school history, along with team's 1st NAIA playoff appearance in school history.
 - Coached All-America running back Malik Nesbitt, All-America returner Melvin Reid, and the No. 8 nationally-ranked kickoff return unit.
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Statement

I am a driven, detail-oriented, and intentional football coach who strives to produce championship men of character, both on and off the field. I value elite consistency, persistence, and effort in all phases of my faith, personal life, and work. I strive to create a winning edge second to none, driven by enthusiasm, selflessness, grit, and attention to detail - with goals of championships, and introducing opponents to our preparation.

Achievement

Participant: 2026 Tampa Bay Buccaneers National Coaching Academy

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

One of 25 coaches chosen by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers staff and leadership to take part in curriculum-based programming and unprecedented access to Buccaneers coaches, staff, & front office personnel, including participation in Buccaneers rookie minicamp from May 4-10, 2026.

Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Inductee

2004-2006 Raymore-Peculiar High School football team

University of Missouri Unsung Hero Award

Undergraduate honorary program which acknowledges the selfless acts of initiative and commitment performed by individuals on the MU campus.

University of Missouri Diversity Leadership Award Nominee

Recognizes and supports outstanding student leaders who are dedicated to creating a positive and diverse learning community at Mizzou.

Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup Honorable Mention Finalist

Presented to six distinguished athletes from any sport – male/female high school, male/female intercollegiate, and male/female professional – who best display character, teamwork, and citizenship, the attributes Athletes for a Better World deems central to transforming individuals, sport, and society. The award establishes the recipients as athletes of excellence both on and off the field, role models both as performers and persons, the most important and distinctive honor athletes can achieve.

Education

Master of Education

University of Missouri

Educational & Counseling Psychology

Bachelor of Arts

University of Missouri

Interdisciplinary Studies (Black Studies, English, Communication)

Career

Running Backs Coach at William Jewell College

Wide Receivers Coach: 2024

Running Backs Coach: Current

Assistant Special Teams Coordinator at University of Central Missouri

Assistant Coach at Avila University

Tight Ends/FBs & Specialists: 2019-2021

Running Backs & Team Academic Coordinator: 2022

Special Teams Coordinator at Hogan Preparatory Academy

Feature

Feelings Aren't Facts | It Had 2 Happen Podcast

May 2026 interview with Dr. Erica Wilson on her podcast, It Had 2 Happen, where we discussed the correlation between emotion, logic, and faith, and how that transfers from coaching to life off the field.

Let Nothing Stand in Your Way | It Had 2 Happen Podcast

Embracing the power of positive thinking and determination.

IT Had 2 Happen™ Studios Presents Through The Eyes Of NFL M.O.M.S (Mothers Of Motivated Sons) "Let Nothing Stand In Your Way" featuring Terrance Dennis 800/100200/200400 @600pm.

November 2023: NCMFC Coach's Spotlight

National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches Member Spotlight, where I was contacted, interviewed and highlighted during my time as the Asst. Special Teams Coordinator at the University of Central Missouri. An article was generated and sent out to members of NCMFC, of which I highlighted my coaching journey from start in little league, to then, my 5th year as a college coach. The article was only shared with NCMFC members and encouraged coaches like myself, who even at the time was still a volunteer, as well as my aspirations to one day coach for my alma mater, or hometown Kansas City Chiefs.

March 2025: NCMFC Coach's Showcase

Live, national zoom call for coaches who are members of the National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches (NCMFC).

PODCAST: Speaker's Circle with Josh Matejka and Terry Dennis

Terry is a former Mizzou Wide Receiver and current Football Coach at Avila University in Kansas City. He is joining the team here to help provide perspective from someone who played football, specifically at Mizzou.

Josh and Terry talk Terry's time at Mizzou, what Terry likes out of Coach Odom, how important that family aspect of a Football Team is, and much more.

Not a black or white issue: Former Missouri football player shares his experiences, thoughts on protests

Sports Illustrated interview, shedding light on the racial protests centering around the University of Missouri.

From College Football to Coach with Terrance Dennis

Podcast interview with Rob Finkelstein of Alumni Direct LLC.

PRINCIPLES

- Faith
 - Selflessness
 - Commitment
 - Attention to Detail
 - Mental Toughness
 - Enthusiasm
 - Grit
 - Consistency
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

JaQuez Snell

Avila University |
2022 All-Conference Utility

Malik Nesbitt

Avila University | Football
2022 All-American

Luke Dobson

University of Central Missouri | Football
Single season record for consecutive made PATs (67)

Aj Austene

William Jewell College | Football
All-Conference: 2024

Jalen Bethany

William Jewell College | Football
All-Conference: 2024

Kaivon Mortazavi

Avila University | Football
All-Conference: 2020

Andrew Williams

Avila University | Football
All-Conference TE: 2019
All-Conference TE/WR: 2020-2022

Melvin Reid

Avila University | Football
2022 All-American

ATHLETIC CAREER

Wide Receiver — Kansas Koyotes

CPIFL | Football | 2014 - 2014

Wide Receiver — Mid-Missouri Outlaws

CPIFL | Football | 2013 - 2013

Wide Receiver — University of Missouri

NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2007 - 2011

Former walk-on Div. I Wide Receiver and Long Snapper

COACHING CAREER

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CSFL | Football | 2026

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Special Teams Coordinator — Hogan Preparatory Academy

| Football | 2018 - 2019

Volunteer Assistant — Kansas City Police Athletic League

| Football | 2013 - 2015

Volunteer Assistant/Asst. Head Coach for 2013 and 2015 seasons

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