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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) — [Mike Gravier](#), the assistant head coach for the Valparaiso University football team last season, has been named an assistant football coach at Eastern Michigan University, Head Coach [Chris Creighton](#) announced today, Feb. 19. He will serve as the team's tight ends and special teams coach.

"Coach Gravier is a Michigander, and we are excited about him joining our staff here at Eastern," mentioned Coach Creighton. "He has been a collegiate head coach and brings a lot of experience to our staff."

Gravier joined the Valparaiso coaching staff in June of 2013 as the program's assistant head coach, while also overseeing the offensive line and acting as the run game coordinator. He also assumed the interim head coach role in the final game of the 2013 season.

Gravier arrived at Valpo after spending three years as head coach and offensive coordinator at Bluefield College. Gravier led the Bluefield program as it was revived following a 70-year hiatus, guiding the Rams in an exhibition season in 2011 before they began intercollegiate play as a member of the Mid-South Conference (NAIA-DI) in 2012.

A native of Michigan, Gravier spent a four-year stint as head coach at Malone College from 1995 to 1998, taking the reins after two seasons as offensive coordinator. Gravier went 30-12-1 over his four seasons at the helm, including

three Mid-States Football Association division titles and two trips to the NAIA playoffs, highlighted by an appearance in the NAIA quarterfinals in 1995. He was named MSFA Coach of the Year in 1995.

In addition to his head coaching experience, Gravier brings a wealth of experience as an assistant coach to the Eastern Michigan staff.

Gravier began his career with five years of coaching at the high school level after playing football and earning his bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University while earning his master's degree from Western Michigan University. He spent the next six years as an assistant coach at Kalamazoo College, Western Michigan University, Southeast Missouri State University, and Michigan Technological University, before beginning his six-year stint with Malone.

He was called back to his alma mater to coach in 1998 and spent two additional seasons as a high school coach in Georgia before devoting his career in 2001 to faith-based ministries, including Christian Outreach International in Florida, where for three years he served as director of sports ministry.

The Mike Gravier File

Name: [Mike Gravier](#)
High School: White Pine H.S. - White Pine, Mich.
College: Grand Valley State University - Bachelor's degree in Physical Education - 1982
Western Michigan University - Master's degree in Physical Education - 1987
Family: Wife-Lynda; Children-Anna, Kevin, Molly

Coaching Experience

Year School Position

2013 Valparaiso University Assistant Head Coach/Off. Line/Run Game Coord.;Interim Head Coach (one game)
2010-12 Bluefield College Head Coach
2009 Concord University Assistant Coach/Tight ends
2004-10 Heaven Sent Ministries Director of OperationSHARE
2001-04 Christian Outreach International Director of Sports Ministry
1999-01 Twiggs County (Ga.) Schools Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator
1998 Grand Valley State University Assistant Coach
1995-98 Malone College Head Coach
1992-94 Malone College Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator
1989-91 Michigan Technological University Assistant Coach/QBs/RBs/WRs
1988-89 Southeast Missouri State University Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers
1987-88 Western Michigan University Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers
1986-87 Kalamazoo College Assistant Coach/Quarterbacks
1985-86 Plainwell (Mich.) High School Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator
1982-87 Martin (Mich.) High School Junior Varsity Coach
1982 Northview (Mich.) High School Assistant Coach
1980-82 Grand Valley State University Student-athlete

Head Coaching Record: 30-24-1