



## **Foothill Teacher and Coach Jason Jellerson Named Knights Head Coach**

Monday, December 23, 2024

**SANTA ANA, CA**—Eight-year Foothill High School veteran teacher and coach, Jason Jellerson, has been chosen as the school's new head varsity football coach. The Football Boosters will host a reception to welcome Jellerson on Monday, January 6th at 5:30PM in the Foothill Quad.

Jellerson, an accomplished coach of two sports, and an integral part of a Utah State Championship run, an Anaheim High School Championship run, and a 2023 Foothill High School CIF Lacrosse Southern Section championship, is slated to take the helm of one of the county's most reputable programs, effective Monday, December 23, 2024.

Said Foothill Principal Dr. Michelle Villa, "We are thrilled to welcome Coach Jellerson into this role on campus. His extensive experience, proven success on the field, and his connection to our school and the Foothill community, make him the perfect person to build on our history of success."

Jellerson, who teaches Special Education at Foothill High School, said "I am honored to have this opportunity, and excited to take on this challenge. Our goal is to see athletes achieve success in the classroom, on the field, and well beyond their time as Knights."



Jellerson began his coaching career at his alma mater, Park City High School, after graduating from Chapman University. Upon moving back to Orange County, Jellerson taught at Anaheim High School for 13 years, coaching his first four. His success at Anaheim High School led him to become an assistant coach at Orange Lutheran High School, where he coached under Jim Kunau and Chuck Petersen for nine seasons.

After eight years of teaching and coaching at Foothill High School, Jellerson will take over a program led for 25 years by outgoing and retiring teacher and coach, Doug Case. Jellerson's 27 years of coaching experience and teaching expertise make him the ideal candidate to lead a program that has promoted excellence in the classroom and on the field for over 60 years.

Jellerson graduated in 1998 from Chapman University, where he played football. His wife, Jenni, is also a teacher, in Orange Unified School District, and they have two sons: Easton (21) and Bode (19), both of whom graduated from Foothill High School and are both attending the University of Utah.

Foothill Knights Football has appeared in the CIF Southern Section finals in 1965, 1983, and 2002, and last won the championship in 1981. Jellerson will be the school's 13th head football coach in 62 years.

Go Knights!