



# ELIJAH SHAAH

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Defensive Coordinator

#### Linebacker Coach, Assistant Recruiting Coordinator

Siena Heights University 2022-Current

**CHALLENGE:** To elevate the Siena Heights defense to a championship level, and improve upon a 3<sup>rd</sup> down defense that ranked outside of the top 5 of the MSFA for the past 3 seasons.

**ACTIONS:** Installed a 3 high safety defense to provide the defense with another creative look, simplified the base defense to allow players to play fast and confidently.

#### RESULTS:

- 2023 the SHU defense ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MSFA in Passing YPG (175.4)
- 2023 the Saints Defense led the MSFA in forced fumbles and fumble recoveries
- 2023 the SHU Defense featured 4 all conference defenders
- The 2022 SHU defense placed 5<sup>th</sup> nationally in YPG (234), 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally in Rushing YPG (53.1) which both led the conference
- The defense tied for 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in total sacks (36.5), 9<sup>th</sup> nationally in 3<sup>rd</sup> down defense and 1<sup>st</sup> in the MSFA
- Coached Linebacker Kole Murlin to being named the *Cliff Harris Award winner* for the NAIA, along with receiving 1<sup>ST</sup> Team All-American honors- Murlin was also named Conference Defensive Player of the Year
- (7) Saint defenders garnered All-MSFA recognition in 2022
- (5) Saints were voted first team All-MSFA in 2022
- The Saints defense broke a combined (15) school record
- (12) student-athletes garnered Academic All-MSFA honors, including 9 NAIA Scholar Athletes (cumulative GPA 3.5+)

### Defensive Backs Coach, Assistant Recruiting Coordinator

Gannon University 2021-2022

#### Accomplishments

- Coached Chris Farnsworth to Second Team All PSAC

#### Coaching and On-Campus Responsibilities

- Trained defensive back fundamentals through position specific drills (focused on skills/techniques)
- Served as the recruiter for multiple areas/programs top prospects
- Assist with organizing and logistics of official visits to campus including transportation for recruits
- Responsible for charting tendencies of opponents
- Analyzed opponent's offensive tendencies, formations, top run concepts and passing concepts
- Assisted defensive coordinator with defensive pass gameplan/play calling
- Film coordinator in charge of overseeing film breakdown and upload
- Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

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## EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration  
Lawrence Tech University 2021

B.A. Sports Management 2018  
Siena Heights University

## **Defensive Backs Coach, Assistant Recruiting Coordinator, Graduate Assistant**

Lawrence Tech University 2019-2021

- Trained fundamentals through position specific skills, drills, and techniques
- Assist/orchestrate, design, and edit recruiting manuals
- Created recruiting database and evaluation system for the program
- Served as the recruiter for multiple recruiting areas and programs top prospects
- Participated in the evaluation and grading of defensive back practice and game performance
- Analyzed opponent's offensive tendencies, formations, top run concepts and passing concepts
- Responsible for breaking down game film, compiling weekly stats and charting tendencies of each upcoming opponents.

## **Assistant Director of Recruiting & Operations**

Sound Mind Sound Body Detroit, MI 2018-2021

- Assist with planning and day of operations of national and local athletic showcases, including travel and itinerary.
- Assist with scheduling, planning, communication, and executing a 100-player spring break college and showcase bus tour
- Served as editor of the SMSB Recruiting Magazine
- Scheduled, planned, and oversaw timing of weekly practice sessions
- Assist with planning conditioning programs to enable players to reach max performance on the field
- Checked, cleaned, and repaired all sports equipment

## **RECRUITING EXPERIENCE**

2022-Current Football Recruiter, Siena Heights University

- Succeeded in recruiting West MI, Detroit and surrounding suburbs, Flint, Saginaw, Lansing, Ann Arbor, and Transfer Portal

2021-2022 Football Recruiter, Gannon University

- Succeeded in recruiting the areas of West PA, Philly, NW Ohio, and Michigan

2019-2021 Football Recruiter, Lawrence Tech University

- Succeeded in recruiting the areas of West MI, Detroit, Georgia, and Northeast Indiana

2018-2021 Football Recruiter, Sound Mind Sound Body

- Succeeded in recruiting the areas of West MI and Detroit

## **COLLEGIATE PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

**Siena Heights University LB 2014-2019**

- All Conference performer in 2019
- 3-Year team captain
- 3-Year starter as a LB
- Team record for wins 2 years in a row
- Conference Champions