

Khayat becomes 11th BC head football coach

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While students were on Christmas break relaxing after completing the fall semester, Brevard was busy at work hiring former NFL tight end Bill Khayat to be the eleventh head football coach in school history.

The Camden, New Jersey native was formally introduced in a press conference at the college on Thursday, Jan. 12.

During the press conference, Athletic Director Juan Mascaro displayed his enthusiasm in the hiring of Khayat. "We are excited to have someone with Coach Khayat's vision, energy and charisma for the game of football," Mascaro said. "He brings a great deal of professional and collegiate coaching experience, along with the drive to make Brevard College a Division III powerhouse. Under Coach Khayat's leadership, I look forward to the success of our student-athletes in the classroom and on the field."

Khayat will be replacing the all-time winningest football coach at Brevard, Paul Hamilton, who resigned in November following the 2016 season.

Bill Khayat returns to coaching following a successful career at Duke University and a stint in the NFL as a tight end. Khayat was All-ACC second team in both 1994 and 1995 while becoming the first tight end in 25 years to lead the Blue Devils in receiving.

He was also an All-American Honorable Mention in 1994 and set records for both receptions and yards in the Hall of Fame Bowl in 1995.

Following his career at Duke, he had a stint in the NFL with the Dallas Cowboys, Kansas City Chiefs, Baltimore Ravens, Tennessee Oilers, and the Carolina Panthers.

Prior to earning the head coaching gig at Brevard, Khayat has 16 years of coaching experience at both the collegiate and professional

level. He was part of the Tennessee State coaching staff for a total of six seasons as well as the Assistant Offensive Line coach for the Arizona Cardinals from 2004-2006 and the Assistant Tight Ends Coach for the Washington Redskins from 2007-2009.

During his career, Khayat has been on the sidelines with successful NFL coaches and various Hall of Famers. He's coached among

the likes of Joe Gibbs, Dennis Green, Jim Zorn, and Mike Holmgren.

As the Tornados prepare for the 2017 season, Khayat will look to lead Brevard to its first winning season since the 2009-2010 season. They will open up the season as a member of the Division III USA South Conference. With Khayat the helm, the future for Brevard College football is bright and headed in the right direction.



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New BC Football Coach Bill Khayat spoke at a press conference in the Porter Center on Thursday, Jan. 12 for the first time since being hired.