

## **LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH** **DR. RICARDO PEDROARIAS '84 RESIGNS**

### ***Jesuit Prep School Begins Targeted Search to Recruit Head Coach for Storied Program***

**Los Angeles, CA, December 13, 2018** - Loyola High School of Los Angeles, the oldest continually operated educational institution in Southern California, announced today that Head Varsity Football Coach Dr. Ricardo Pedroarias '84 has submitted his resignation as the head football coach for personal reasons. Dr. Pedroarias had been at the helm of the varsity football team since June 2017.

"We are very grateful that Rick has dedicated over 30 years to coaching Loyola football, inspiring our athletes with his passion for the game and our high school," said Loyola Athletic Director Chris O'Donnell '88. "We feel fortunate that Rick is staying at Loyola as a Spanish-language teacher and continuing as a Director of Faculty, where he can share his scholarship and deep understanding of our school's mission."

In addition to leading the varsity football program during the last two years at Loyola, Dr. Pedroarias has been an offensive line, defensive line, linebacker and quarterback coach. From 1987-1990 as an assistant coach and from 1991-1994 as the head coach, Dr. Pedroarias was part of the undefeated sophomore football team before moving on to varsity in 1995. As one of the varsity coaches, he helped garner CIF championships in 2003 and 2005 as well as varsity league titles in 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2003 and 2004. Dr. Pedroarias has also held positions as Assistant Principal for Supervision, Dean of Men, the Co-Director of Loyola's summer session and AP Spanish literature and culture teacher.

With Dr. Pedroarias' departure, Loyola's athletic department is spearheading an internal targeted search for the position to lead the legendary program for the 2019 season. The two candidates are Drew Casani '91, inside linebacker and college recruiting coach; and Mike Gilhooly '88, defensive coordinator coach.

### **About Loyola High School**

Celebrating its 153rd anniversary as the oldest continually operated educational institution in Southern California, Loyola High School of Los Angeles is an academically rigorous Jesuit college preparatory, located just west of downtown Los Angeles and counts with more than 16,000 alumni. Loyola's student body of nearly 1,250 young men represents a remarkable geographic diversity, drawing on 205 zip codes from throughout and beyond Los Angeles County. The school is also ethnically diverse with 46 percent of the student body of Latino, Asian-Pacific or African-American descent. To enable students to achieve the goal of being "Men for and with Others," Loyola students must complete at least 140 hours of community service work before graduation, with many contributing nearly 200 hours. Over the past two decades, Loyola students have donated more than 1.7 million hours of community service, primarily to inner-city schools, neighborhoods and agencies. Please visit us at [www.loyolahs.edu](http://www.loyolahs.edu)

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