

**LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL OF LOS ANGELES**  
**PROMOTES DREW CASANI '91 TO**  
**HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH**

*Jesuit Prep School's Linebacker/College Recruiting Coach and  
Physical Education Teacher  
to Lead Cubs*

**Los Angeles, CA, January 7, 2019** - Loyola High School of Los Angeles, the oldest continually operated educational institution in Southern California, announced today that it had tapped Drew Casani '91, Loyola's linebacker/college recruiting coach and physical education teacher, to oversee and run Cub football in its entirety as Head Varsity Football Coach. Mr. Casani is taking over the program from Dr. Ricardo Pedroarias '84 who recently stepped down due to personal reasons but will continue working and teaching at Loyola.

"With his hands-on university and NFL work experience, Drew brings valuable insights and know-how to the Loyola program. He has proven his mettle here as an outstanding linebacker and college recruiting coach, helping our young men to vie and make it to the top of football rosters at many top-seeded colleges and universities," said Loyola Athletic Director Chris O'Donnell '88. "A CIF Southern Section Division 1/Player of the Year when he attended Loyola, Drew intimately knows the work needed to be successful at football. We are very much looking forward to having Drew at the helm of our program."

Prior to his 2018 position as linebacker and college recruiting coach as well as physical education teacher, Mr. Casani had been a sophomore assistant coach, linebacker coach and defensive coordinator at his alma mater. His professional career also took him to UCLA as the Director of Scouting. Before his university position, he was the West Coast College Scout for the St. Louis Rams and the Pro/College Scout for the San Francisco 49ers.

"I am honored to head Loyola's storied football program, which has won multiple Southern Section CIF and Mission League championships. Our school's ethos and history permeate the sports program. With commitment and discipline, with pride and hard work, our student athletes will be ready for the 2019 fall season," said Mr. Casani.

### **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 over 200 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 <http://www.loyolahs.edu>.

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