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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