

# Ohio State Announces Promotions For Men's Basketball



Ohio State head coach Chris Holtmann has filled out the rest of his staff, as the program announced Thursday that special assistant to the head coach Mike Netti has been promoted to assistant coach and assistant coach Jake Diebler has been promoted to associate head coach.

Diebler has been on staff for the last three seasons, and also spent three years as video coordinator for the Buckeyes.

"Jake has a very bright future in this profession and I'm excited about his well-earned promotion," said Holtmann. "He has done excellent work for us since coming here from Vanderbilt three years ago. He has a strong work ethic, great player relationships, reinforces our culture and he has recruited exceptionally well."

Diebler said he is blessed to serve on Holtmann's staff as he enters his 14th season of coaching.

"I'm blessed to be able to continue to serve coach Holtmann and the Ohio State basketball program," said Diebler. "This is a great opportunity for me to continue to learn from and grow alongside one of the very best in college basketball. My family and I love Ohio State, the city of Columbus, and are looking forward to working with this year's team. Exciting things are ahead for the Buckeyes, and I can't wait to get started with Team 124 this summer."

Netti is entering his sixth season at Ohio State and had previously worked under Holtmann at Gardner-Webb, where he was an assistant from 2011-13 and they also worked together as assistant coaches from 2003-06 under Rick Scruggs.

"Mike has earned this promotion with his outstanding work here for the past five seasons as the assistant to the head coach," Holtmann said. "Mike is a coaching veteran who has been a junior college head coach, a high major assistant as well as working in nearly every aspect of a college basketball staff. Mike has great contacts across the country and is terrific at skill and player development. We are excited about this new role for him."

Netti said he and Holtmann have worked together for close to 20 years to build programs and invest in players.

“He has made me a better coach and I’ve benefited from his leadership,” Netti said. “I was fortunate to have worked with outstanding coaches and staff in my time here and they have been so instrumental in this process as well. I’m excited and motivated to continue building on this rich tradition and I’m thrilled for the future we have in Columbus”

The release also noted that Kyle Davis will serve as director of recruiting and Robbie Rucki will take on video coordinating duties.

Holtmann had two slots to fill this offseason following the departure of Ryan Pedon to Illinois State and Tony Skinn to Maryland. Diebler took over Pedon’s responsibilities in addition to being named associate head coach, and Holtmann hired former Miami (Ohio) head coach Jack Owens to fill one of the assistant slots earlier this offseason.

Coach	Position
Chris Holtmann	Head Coach
Jake Diebler	Associate Head Coach
Jack Owens	Assistant Coach
Mike Netti	Assistant Coach
David Egelhoff	Director of Basketball Operations
Quadrian Banks	Strength and Conditioning Coach
Terence Dials	Director of Professional Development
Kyle Davis	Director of Recruiting and Branding
Robbie Rucki	Video Coordinator
Joe Gemma	Graphic Designer
Ben Majors	Creative Video Producer
John McCausland	Program Assistant