

# Ohio State Hires Nick Murphy As Director Of Recruiting Strategy



Ohio State is hiring Nick Murphy for its director of recruiting strategy position under director of player personnel Mark Pantoni, Murphy confirmed on his Twitter account Feb. 28.

“HI vs. Everybody”

So excited to join the staff at Ohio State University! Can't wait to carry on the excellence and winning tradition of this flagship university! Tap in with your boy & #GoBucks !!! [pic.twitter.com/8ocgDBtaFO](https://pic.twitter.com/8ocgDBtaFO)

— Murph (@N\_Murph) February 28, 2022

The position opened earlier this offseason when assistant director of player personnel Weston Zernechel departed for a larger role at USC under new head coach Lincoln Riley. Murphy comes to Ohio State by way of Charlotte, where he served as director of player personnel for 2021, helping to sign the No. 107 class nationally and the No. 9 group in Conference USA, headlined by Mansfield, Ohio three-star safety Aveon Grose.

This past stint was his second with the 49ers, serving originally as a defensive graduate assistant for the 2019 season, before accepting the director of on-campus recruiting role at Minnesota, in which he served from Jan. 2020 through July 2021. He was an offensive assistant at USF in 2018, working under Charlie Strong - who Pantoni worked at Florida - a recruiting specialist at Texas from Jan. 2016 through Sept. 2017 while he earned his master's degree and an intern at Coastal Carolina, his undergraduate alma mater, from Feb. 2014 through Dec. 2015.

Pantoni also hired former Western Kentucky recruiting staffer Zach Grant to his department on Feb. 28.

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— Zach Grant (@CoachGrantOSU) February 28, 2022