



Cedric E. Pearl

Class of 1992

Cedric Pearl, a Selma, AL native, enrolled at Tuskegee University in 1987 on a football scholarship. As a Golden Tiger, Pearl was a three-time All-SIAC Offensive Lineman. Pearl was voted Team Captain for the Golden Tigers in 1990 and 1991.

Pearl earned his B.S. degree in Social Work in 1992 and a Master's of Education in Counseling and Student Development in 1995.

Pearl joined the coaching ranks, allowing him to combine his love of football with his passion for youth development. His coaching journey included stops at various HBCU's and began as a graduate assistant for Tuskegee in 1993. He joined the staff full time in 1994 as the Offensive Line Coach. After three seasons with the Golden Tigers, Pearl became the Defensive Line Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at Morris Brown College. He spent five seasons with the Wolverines before joining the coaching staff at Morehouse College in 2001. From 2002 to 2013, Pearl served in various capacities at Alabama A&M University, including as Offensive Line Coach and Offensive Coordinator. Always a student of the game, Pearl interned with the NFL's New York Jets and Oakland Raiders during the summers of 2005 and 2006, respectively. In 2014, Pearl was named the Head Football Coach at Central State University and led the program through 2019. He served as the Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach at Miles College in Fairfield, AL, before assuming his current position as Asst. Football Coach at Alabama A&M University.

In 2006, Pearl received the Most Outstanding Coach of the Year Golden Torch Award from the Huntsville Athletic Booster Club. He was named Coach of the Year in 2016 and 2019 at Central State University. Pearl has also received numerous awards and is a servant leader in his community. He was an active member of the Dayton Tuskegee Alumni Club, which averages \$25,000 annual donations to Mother Tuskegee for the last 10 years. Pearl is a strong and consistent supporter of Tuskegee University and is honored by his selection to the Tuskegee University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2022. He is also a proud member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Pearl currently resides in the Huntsville, AL area with his wife, Danita, and daughter, Shanice.