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Immanuel High School Names New Head Varsity Football Coach

REEDLEY, California – Immanuel High School is proud to announce Andrew Halstead as our new Head Varsity Football Coach. Halstead has been a part of the Immanuel team for 3 years now as a Junior High and High School history teacher, he's excited to begin this new journey.

“I have loved being a part of Immanuel Schools over the past 3 years and look forward to becoming more involved in the Immanuel Community,” shares Halstead. “I commend the hard work the coaching staff has put in for the last two years, and plan to continue to build on the culture they have established. I hope to retain those coaches moving forward, so they can continue to be a huge part of the Immanuel football community.”

Growing up in Kerman, coach Halstead's 12 year coaching career has taken him all across the central valley. He has had assistant coaching tenures at Kerman High School (2008-2009, 2013 Offensive and Defensive Line Coach), Immanuel High School (2012, 2016 as the Defensive Coordinator), Madera South High School (2014-2015 as the freshman and JV Head Coach) and Mendota High School (2007 as the Offensive Line Coach). He also spent 2 years (2010-2011) as the Defensive Line coach at Clovis West High School where he was a part of the 2010 Central Section Division I Championship team.

In Halstead's most recent coaching stint (2017-2018) he was the Offensive Line coach at Reedley College. In his two years at Reedley College, the Tiger's offense ranked 9th (2017) and 5th (2018) in the State. They averaged almost 200 yards a game and amassed over 2,000 yards rushing in both 2017 and 2018. This year's effort helped the team to a 10-1 record and a Golden Coast Conference Championship (Reedley's first Conference title since 2009) and an appearance in the Northern Division Championship Bowl Game.

Athletic Director Josh Franco shares, “We are very excited about the future of our football program with Coach Halstead at the helm. His knowledge of the game and passion for student/athletes is second to none. We are excited to have an on campus head football coach who has built strong relationships with our players and anticipate seeing this reflected on the playing field. Coach Halstead will be bringing new faces to the coaching staff and has plans to retain members of the existing staff in an effort to keep the strong Immanuel football tradition alive.”

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