



### **Head Coach Seth Kaplan**

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Seth Kaplan is in his third season as head coach of the Dean College Bulldogs, where he has built a strong team work ethic and a focus on academics as the foundation of the Bulldog baseball team. This has helped raise the level of achievement the team has on the field and in the classroom. The team has had several all-region players and many successful alumni players in all levels of the NCAA. Overall Coach Kaplan has coached fifteen players that have gone on to sign professional contracts.



Kaplan came to Dean College from Fairfield, CT, where he was the Associate Program Director for The Team Connecticut Blue Jays AAU Organization. Coach Kaplan spent 8 seasons at Sacred Heart University as assistant baseball coach and recruiting coordinator. While at Sacred Heart, Kaplan served as Assistant Athletic Director for Events and Operations and also headed up the Maintenance division, running the day-to-day service needs of the William H Pitt Center. Before his time at Sacred Heart he served as an assistant coach with the Rhode Island Gulls in the New England Collegiate Baseball League.

Kaplan graduated from the University of Massachusetts where he was the starting shortstop for two seasons and captained the Minutemen his senior year. Coach Kaplan lives in Medway with his wife Dawn, their daughter Haly, and their son Ryne.



### **Assistant Coach Nick Carlucci**

Nick Carlucci enters his 8th season as an Assistant Coach with the Bulldogs. As a hometown product of Franklin, Coach Carlucci brings with him a wealth of collegiate playing and coaching experience to the Dean program. His primary responsibilities are working with the pitching staff and assisting in all recruiting aspects. Coach Carlucci began his college playing career at UConn-Avery Point and finished it at Southern Connecticut State University. Coach Carlucci lives in Franklin with his wife Robyn and their son Anthony.

### **Assistant Coach Dave Niro**

Dave Niro is entering his second season as an Assistant Coach with the Bulldogs. He brings with him over 30 years of baseball coaching experience to the Bulldog Staff. Dave was inducted into the All-American Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002 and is a member of the 200 Victory Club of the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Association. His primary responsibilities will be the bench coach and working with the catchers. Dave lives in Milford, MA with his wife Linda. He also has two sons, Jeff and Tim.





**Assistant Coach John Tavalone**

John Tavalone is entering his second season with the Bulldogs where he brings over 20 years of baseball coaching experience to the Bulldog Staff. John is a former assistant with the Franklin High School Panthers. His primary responsibilities are coaching third base and handling the outfielders. John lives in Franklin, MA with his wife Jo. He has a daughter Sara and a son Anthony.

**Assistant Coach Luke Abraham**

Luke Abraham is entering his first year on the Dean Baseball Staff. Luke is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport. He has spent time coaching at Seminole State College of Florida and the University of Rhode Island prior to coming to Dean. Luke will focus his attention on the Infielders as well as acting as Recruiting Coordinator. Luke currently lives in Canton, MA.



**Assistant Coach Mark Cooke**

Mark Cooke is entering his first year on the Dean Baseball Staff. Mark is a graduate of Salve Regina University where he pitched all 4 years. He has spent the last six years as the head coach of Bishop Feehan High School program where the team won 3 Eastern athletic Conference championships and went to the MIAA tournament 4 times. Mark also coaches the Bay State Games Coastal Team and has had many years of coaching championship AAU teams. Mark will focus his attention on the Pitchers as well as Recruiting while at Dean College. Mark currently lives in Cumberland, RI with his wife Jessica. He also has two children Jacoby and Mia.



**Director of Baseball Operations Matt Harrington**

Matt is entering his third year as Director of Baseball Operations at Dean College. Matt is a graduate from Bridgewater State College. Matt has worked as an athletic video coordinator at Vanderbilt University, the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Matt is responsible for day to day operations and logistics for off the field activities of the baseball program. Matt currently lives in Franklin, MA.

