

2024 Hall of Fame INDUCTEE



Class of 2006

Andrew DiDonato

A native of Bridgeville, PA, Andrew DiDonato enrolled at Grove City College after graduating from South Fayette. On Grove City's Wolverine football team, he started a school-record 40 games at quarterback from 2006 to 2009. He captained the 2009 team as a senior, leading

the team to a 4-2 mark in Presidents' Athletic Conference play, marking the program's best finish in the league in nine years. He was a record holder in career passing yards (7,509), pass completions (750), and touchdown passes (49). He also held the Wolverines' season records in each of those three categories.

Andrew concluded his career as a student-athlete by earning the College's Omicron Delta Kappa Sportsman of the Year award in 2010. As a senior, he lettered in basketball and helped Grove City to the conference title and the Wolverines' first trip to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament in 21 years. Andrew also earned PAC Academic Honor Roll distinction during his career as a student-athlete.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business management in 2010 and a master's degree in exercise science from California University of Pennsylvania in 2011. He began his coaching career at the University of Buffalo in 2010 and also coached at Peters Township High School.

He returned to South Fayette to work as the offensive coordinator in 2013 and 2014, helping the Lions to a 32-0 aggregate record and two Class AA state titles. That time included successfully directing an explosive offensive system that featured Pennsylvania's all-time leader in passing yardage, quarterback Brett Brumbaugh.

Once again, Andrew went from SF to Grove City, where he has remained since January 2015. Joining the coaching staff as offensive coordinator, the Wolverine offense nearly doubled its point production from the previous season and also increased its offensive yardage average by 55 yards per game under his guidance.

Andrew is now in his ninth season as Grove City College's head football coach, and has been named 2018 and 2023 Presidents' Athletic Conference Coach of the Year. He has implemented a "Brick By Brick" philosophy throughout all aspects of the Wolverine program since taking his position in 2016. In 2018, the Wolverines posted their finest season in 21 years by going 8-3 overall, winning its final seven games. In 2019, they tied the program record by winning nine games and set a program record with seven conference victories. Under Andrew's leadership, the Wolverines have won four straight Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) bowl games from 2018 to 2022 and are 44-12 over the last five fall seasons. In 2022, they led the Presidents' Athletic Conference in scoring offense, total offense, rushing offense and rushing defense, and last season, they won the Conference title with a 10-0 record and captured the program's first-ever NCAA Division III playoff berth.

Andrew lives in Pine Township with his wife, Andrea, and their two children.

