



## **Dave Clawson, Retired Head Football Coach, Wake Forest University**

Dave Clawson was named Wake Forest University's 32nd head football coach in 2013, setting a new standard for Wake Forest Football. Named as an American Football Coaches Association Board of Trustee in 2022, he achieved unparalleled success as the leader of the Demon Deacons football program.

His teams earned five bowl victories at Wake Forest, which is the most in school history, and is tied for fifth in ACC history for postseason wins. He was named the [2021 ACC Coach of the Year by the ACC](#) and the [Associated Press](#). He was the Patriot League Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2002 at Fordham and was awarded the 2005 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year award and 2007 Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year honor at Richmond.

In 2021, Dave was a semifinalist for George Munger Collegiate Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Paul "Bear" Bryant and Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year awards. Prior to earning those accolades, he was the 2002 Schutt Sports/American Football Monthly I-AA Coach of the Year and a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award. In 2005, Dave earned National Coach of the Year from I-AA.org and was again a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award.

Dave came to Winston-Salem after five seasons as the head coach at Bowling Green State University where he led the Falcons to the 2013 Mid-American Conference championship. Previously, he served as defensive coordinator at Tennessee, head coach at Richmond, and head coach at Fordham, where he broke 16 team records.

A 1989 graduate of Williams College in Massachusetts, Dave earned a degree in political economy and played defensive back. He earned his Master's degree from SUNY Albany while working with the secondary, quarterbacks and running backs.