

Johnson leaves football staff

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Eric Johnson has left the Iowa football program to pursue opportunities outside of football, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz announced in a release issued by the UI Saturday morning.

Johnson first joined Ferentz's staff as a graduate assistant in 1999 when Ferentz first replaced former Iowa coach Hayden Fry. From there, Johnson held numerous titles during his 15-year tenure as a Hawkeye assistant, including recruiting coordinator for the past 10 years. Johnson was a co-defensive line coach alongside Reese Morgan since 2012 and before that coached tight ends and linebackers between 2003-2011.

"I know Eric and his family have given this decision great attention and thought and we all wish them the best as they move forward," Ferentz said in a statement.