



**Casey Lubahn**  
**Men's Golf Coach**  
**Michigan State University**



Now in his sixth year back as head coach of his alma mater, Casey Lubahn has returned the men's golf to prominence in the Big Ten and NCAA golf. Lubahn was announced as the 10th head coach in Spartan men's golf history on June 30, 2011, after spending three seasons as head coach of Miami University.

During his tenure, the Spartans have won nine tournaments and garnered 31 top-5 finishes. Individually, four Spartans have earned PING All-Region honors, four players have been named All-Big Ten, and five student athletes received Academic All-American accolades.

In 2016-2017, Lubahn led the program back to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009 and captured three team tournament titles, including the program's first Big Ten Match Play Championship in history. The 2016 squad also produced nine top 5 finishes and had three Spartans earn individual tournament championships.

Off the course, Lubahn has been instrumental in raising over \$7 million to upgrade facilities and enhancing operating funds. On June 1, 2016, the Michigan State Men's and Women's Golf Programs dedicated the Lasch Family Golf Center, one of the premiere facilities in the country for collegiate Golf training .

A native of Sand Lake, MI, and graduate of Cedar Springs High School, Lubahn is married to Rachel, the 2007 Big Ten Golf Individual Champion, and has two daughters, Ella (5) and Jolene (4). They reside in Williamston, MI.

***“Supporting Michigan High School and Junior Golf has been important to me for as long as I have been in coaching. The State of Michigan has consistently produced some elite junior players that continue to be successful at the next levels. As a proud Michigander myself, I want our high school programs to continue to flourish and grow the game while also giving more young people the opportunity I had to develop my game at the next level.”***



**Gary Bissell**  
**Men's Golf Coach**  
**Grand Valley State University**



Gary Bissell has been the Men's Golf Coach at GVSU since 2014. In two and a half years as coach, GVSU has had 5 tournament victories as well as producing back to back GLIAC freshman of the year, 6 All-GLIAC players, and 1 All-Region player. Prior to GVSU, Bissell was an academy instructor for Rick Smith and Jason Guss at Treetops resort. Bissell played collegiately at Ferris State University totaling a career scoring average of 76.1 while earning the "Bulldog Award" his senior year, given to player that displays best work ethic and commitment to the team. He also played high school golf in Michigan at Haslett High, being named to All-State team twice while winning a team state championship in 2006.

***"My passion for Michigan high school golf stems from terrific memories playing my junior career in this great golf state, as well as continuing to help young players from all over reach their goals. Golf is extremely popular in the state of Michigan and we have one of the best collections of courses anywhere in the country. For us to continue to see growth in the sport we love, we must inspire our youth and grow excitement toward the reward golf brings to all that participate. "***



**Nick Pumford**  
**Men's Golf Coach**  
**Oakland University**



Nick Pumford grew up in St. Charles, MI and played his collegiate golf at the University of Michigan from 05-09. After graduation, Pumford played a year professionally before his first assistant coaching job at Georgia State University. After a short stint at Georgia State, Pumford was named the assistant coach at the university of Michigan for five years before being named the head coach at Oakland University this past summer. Nick lives in Wixom, MI with his wife Kristen and son, Lane.

***"Growing up in the state of Michigan, I understand the challenges and advantages that high school golfers have when trying to develop their games and become recruited. Michigan has and is producing some of the best players in the country and that's a testament to their parents and coaches. Through technology, coaching, and education, players are understanding what it takes to develop during the Michigan off-seasons. I look forward to continuing the development of the players in our state! "***