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NEWS RELEASE

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DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton doesn't contend for the Bowl Championship Series, but it's produced two alumni coaches who have won more Super Bowls than any other school in history.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers' head coach Jon Gruden is the second University of Dayton graduate to coach his team to the Super Bowl and, at 39, the youngest ever. Former UD co-captain and 1993 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Chuck Noll won four Super Bowls (IX, X, XII and XIV) as coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Noll started at center and linebacker for the Flyers and graduated in 1953 with a degree in education. Gruden played quarterback at Dayton and earned his degree in communication in 1986.

Gruden played three seasons under Dayton Flyers head coach Mike Kelly. "Jon was the recipient of our most-prestigious award, the Lt. Andy Zulli Memorial Trophy, which best exemplifies the qualities of sportsmanship, dedication and character. That says it all," Kelly said. "Jon represented it to a T. He was a quality young man. He was well-respected, and he had great drive and determination to be a better person."

Gruden, whom Kelly often called 'Sunny' for his cheerful attitude, had a great understanding of the game and wanted to learn all he could. "Jon never had a bad day," Kelly said. "He was always upbeat. He would always ask not only, 'How do we do it?' but, 'Why do we do it?'"

Gruden, a Sandusky, Ohio, native, is remembered by faculty and students as quiet with a boyish mischievous streak.

"My impression of him was that he was quiet, very unlike the frenetic coach we see on the sidelines," said Larry Lain, professor of communication.

Classmate Amy Lopez, now director of Kennedy Union at UD, said Gruden often wore a Walkman and seemed reserved — until the day he quietly untied her tennis shoe in a speech

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writing class and tied it to a chair. They burst into laughter and were asked to apologize to a classmate giving a speech. "The professor separated us for a month and wouldn't let us sit together, like grade school," Lopez said.

Dayton is only the fifth school to have two graduates coach their teams to the Super Bowl. The others are: Arkansas (Barry Switzer and Jimmy Johnson), San Jose State (Bill Walsh and Dick Vermeil), Southern Cal (Jeff Fisher and Mike Holmgren) and SMU (Forrest Gregg and Raymond Berry).

More sports trivia: The University of Dayton has ties to 18 Super Bowl rings. In addition to Noll's four and Gruden's one, five former members of the Dayton coaching staff own a total of 13 Super Bowl rings between them. They are the late Len Fontes (New York Giants, Super Bowl XXI), Jon's father Jim Gruden (San Francisco 49ers, Super Bowls XXII and XXIV), John McVay (49ers, XVI, XIX, XXII and XXIV), Tom Moore (Pittsburgh Steelers, XIII and XIV) and George Perles (Steelers, IX, X, XII and XIV). McVay was the Flyers' head coach from 1965 to 1972. The other four were UD assistant coaches.

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