



JOE GRAVES

RUN GAME COORDINATOR

5TH NFL SEASON × 5TH WITH 49ERS

Joe Graves is in his fifth season with the 49ers and first as the team's run game coordinator. He spent the previous four seasons (2022-25) with the team as the offensive assistant/quarterbacks coach (2025) and assistant offensive line coach (2022-24). Graves joined the 49ers after spending the 2021 season as the special teams coordinator/tight ends coach at Georgia Southern University.

As offensive assistant/quarterbacks coach in 2025, Graves worked closely with QB Brock Purdy and QB Mac Jones, helping them lead the fifth-ranked passing offense in the NFL (244.5 yards per game) and set the single season franchise record for passing first downs (237), which also led the NFL. In nine starts on the season, Purdy completed 197 of his 284 passing attempts (69.4%) for 2,167 yards and 20 touchdowns with a passer rating of 100.5. Jones, who started eight games in relief, led the team to five wins by completing 201 of his 289 passing attempts (69.6%) for 2,151 yards and 13 touchdowns with a career high passer rating of 97.4. Jones' 69.6% completion percentage also marked a career high.

In 2024, Graves assisted an offensive line unit that helped the 49ers offense finish tied for second in yards per play (6.2), fourth in total yards (6,397), yards per game (376.3) and passing yards per game (249.1) and tied for sixth in yards per rush (4.7). Graves worked closely with rookie draft pick OL Dominick Puni, who was named to the Pro Football Writers of America All-Rookie Team.

The 2023 San Francisco 49ers finished with top-five marks in total offense (398.4), scoring offense (28.9), rushing yards per game (140.5) and passing yards per game (257.9). The 49ers offense registered 491 total points and 6,773 total yards in 2023, both of which were the second-highest single-season marks in franchise history. Graves once again coached T Trent Williams, who was named Associated Press First-Team All-Pro for the third-consecutive season and selected to the Pro Bowl Games.

In 2022, the 49ers offensive line went five games without allowing a sack, matching the most registered by the 49ers in a single season since 1980 (2000). T Trent Williams was selected to his 10th Pro Bowl and earned Associated Press First-Team All-Pro honors for the second-consecutive season. The 2022 49ers offense averaged 5.94 yards per play, which ranked fourth in the NFL.

The 2021 Georgia Southern Eagles saw CB NaJee Thompson earn First-Team All-American honors as a special teams player by Pro Football Network, after leading the team with 154 plays on special teams. P Anthony Beck II finished the season ranked second in the Sun Belt in punting average (44.3), as he earned Second-Team All-Sun Belt honors. He also added 17 punts downed inside the 20, which were tied for the most among Sun Belt punters. TE Beau Johnson led Georgia Southern with three touchdown receptions.



Graves joined Georgia Southern after spending three seasons (2018-20) at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, serving as the team's running backs coach (2019-20) and as a graduate assistant (2018) working with the offensive line. Graves worked with RB Josh Johnson, who earned Second-Team All-Sun Belt honors in 2019, where he ranked second in the conference and 13th in NCAA FBS in rushing averaging 108.2 yards per game. He finished 10th in the FBS at 6.46 yards per carry and tied for 18th with 1,298 rushing yards. Johnson's 1,298 rushing yards were the fourth-highest single-season total in ULM history, as he also led the Warhawks in all-purpose yards (1,420) and added 11 rushing touchdowns.

Prior to his time at Louisiana-Monroe, Graves began coaching as the running backs coach at his alma mater of Southeastern Louisiana University (2016-17). In 2017, SLU led the Southland Conference and ranked third in FBS in rushing, averaging 283.1 yards per game. The Lions finished second in the conference in rushing touchdowns (27), with RBs Marcus Cooper, Eugene Bethea and Darren Johnson combining to rush for 1,813 yards and 12 touchdowns. In 2016, RB Julius Maracalin earned Second-Team All-SLC honors after averaging 67.9 yards per game. Maracalin led the Lions with 747 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns.

A native of Covington, LA, Graves spent four years (2012-15) at Southeastern Louisiana, where he was an offensive lineman for the school, appeared in 44 games and earned All-Southland honors in each of his final three seasons. He received a bachelor's degree in history from Southeastern Louisiana in May of 2016. Graves and his wife, Melanie, have two daughters: Charlotte and Josie.



GRAVES' BACKGROUND

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>COACHING BACKGROUND</u>	<u>HEAD COACH</u>
2026-current	Run Game Coordinator, San Francisco 49ers	Kyle Shanahan
2025	Offensive Assistant/Quarterbacks, San Francisco 49ers	Kyle Shanahan
2022-24	Assistant Offensive Line, San Francisco 49ers	Kyle Shanahan
2021	Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends, Georgia Southern University	Kevin Whitley/Chad Lunsford
2019-20	Running Backs, University of Louisiana-Monroe	Matt Viator
2018	Graduate Assistant, University of Louisiana-Monroe	Matt Viator
2016-17	Running Backs, Southeastern Louisiana University	Ron Roberts
2012-15	*Offensive Lineman, Southeastern Louisiana University	Ron Roberts

* Player