



Kevin Gideon begins his first season as an assistant coach with both the cross-country teams and the track and field program. He is primarily working with the country teams and distance runners.

"I am thankful and excited to accept this new role," Gideon said. "I want to thank Dr. Steven D. Mason, [Dr. Tim Sceggel](#), [Robin Harriss](#), coach Raske and coach [Terry VanLaningham](#) for this opportunity. My goal is to connect with each athlete and help them grow physically, mentally, and spiritually."

Gideon joins LETU after spending the previous two years at the University of Central Missouri, as a graduate assistant with the track & field and cross-country programs. "We are excited to welcome Kevin to our LETU family," Raske said. "He is a great young coach and man of God who will be able to step in immediately to make an impact for our student-athletes physically, mentally, and spiritually. He is a student of the sport and brings the

knowledge needed to plan, execute, and deliver a competitive distance squad to compete in the American Southwest Conference and beyond. He is a great fit for the mission of LeTourneau and our athletics department and cannot wait to get him started!"

While at Central Missouri, he helped coach the women's team to the 2021 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association indoor championship, earning Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Women's Indoor Coaching Staff of the Year honors. He coached two athletes to individual championships, collecting the 2021 MIAA 5000-meter and 3000-meter steeplechase titles.

"I want to build a unified team around our vision of being like Jesus and running fast," Gideon said. "I had great mentors who taught me how to coach well and care about the details. I want to carry over what I learned and add to it with what I can learn from coach Raske and coach Van. Go YellowJackets!"

On the running trails, Gideon helped his men's squad qualified for the 2021 NCAA Cross-Country Championships, while the women's team finished as runner-up at the league meet.

Gideon finished his master's degree in kinesiology at Central Missouri in May 2022. He has a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Cedarville in 2020.

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A native of Hillsboro, Oregon, Nick Schuetze serves as a volunteer assistant coach for the UCCS men's cross country program.

Schuetze graduated from the University of Portland in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education. He has started his post-graduate education from UP in Health and Physical Education as well as classing from Denver Seminary in Clinical and Mental Health Counseling.

A former high school science and math teacher for nine years in Portland, Oregon, Beaverton, Oregon and Colorado Springs, he currently works for AIA (Athletes in Action) helping runners discover their maximum potential by helping them grow strong physically, mentally, socially/emotionally, and spiritually. For 15 years Schuetze has contributed to or co-directed a cross country training camp for college distance runners called [The Altitude Project](#) in Mammoth Lakes, CA.

As a student-athlete at UP, he was a two-time WCC conference champion in cross country and was honored with the "Most Inspirational" award his senior year. After exhausting his eligibility after his fifth year at UP, he continued to race and train. In 2007 he qualified for the US Men's Olympic Trials marathon where he placed 49th. He also won the NACAC mountain running championship 12k race in 2007.

Schuetze is in his 7<sup>th</sup> year with the Mountain Lions. He continues to train with the teams and helps to form a culture of strong connections between our student athletes.

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