

With a broad playing background running the gamut from multiple high school sports (football, wrestling, and basketball) to membership on the US Coast Guard Academy's ECAC championship-winning football team, freshman defensive coordinator and linebacker coach Ryan Eckholm is a definite asset to Horizon's coaching staff. After graduating from Stevens Point Area Senior High (WI), Eckholm wrestled and played strong safety and linebacker in college, all while earning first his Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering and then his master's degree in computer science from ASU. Prior to joining the staff at Horizon, he coached three years at Scottsdale Preparatory Academy and six with Horizon's Junior Huskies.

Coach Eckholm likes to give back to the game by nurturing young players who may not have been introduced to football at an early age, but are strong athletes nonetheless. He hopes to instill a love for the game by developing football instincts and fundamentals, turning these young men into great football players. His happy family of five—wife Allison and three boys (all of whom are products of Horizon and the Junior Huskies' football programs)—enjoy relaxing at home in Rio Verde with their horses; add team roping and playing guitar to Coach's impressive resume!