



# JOE DANNA

## SAFETIES

### FIRST-AND-10

**JOE DANNA** joined the Buffalo Bills in 2023 after serving as the Houston Texans safeties coach in 2022 and comes to Buffalo with 15 years of NFL coaching experience. Prior to Houston, Danna was a part of the Jacksonville Jaguars staff for five seasons. He also spent time as the DB coach for the New York Jets (2015-16) and the Atlanta Falcons (2012-14).

### COACHING SHOUTOUTS

#### 2023-Present: (Buffalo Bills)

- In his first season with Buffalo serving as the safeties coach he helped the defense record 17 interceptions in 2023 and overall totaled 27 takeaways both good for 4th in the NFL.

#### 2022: (Houston Texans)

- Served as the safeties coach and helped the Texans defense to 16 total interceptions, tied for seventh in the NFL.
- Led by rookies in safety Jalen Pitre and cornerback Derek Stingley Jr., the Texans secondary allowed the 10th-fewest passing yards per game (209.3). And Pitre, finished the season with a team-high five interceptions.

#### 2017-21: (Jacksonville Jaguars)

- Was named the safeties coach prior to the 2019 season where Danna went on to help Jarrod Wilson catch the first interception of his career and Wilson started all 16 games at FS for the Jaguars and led the team with 73 tackles (52 solo) in 2019. And helped the Jaguars secondary to 12 INTs in 2020.
- Served as the assistant secondary coach from 2017-18. In 2018 the Jaguars limited opponents to 194.6 net passing yards per game, the league's second-lowest mark and fifth-lowest in franchise history. Jacksonville allowed 17 passing TDs, tied for the third-fewest in franchise history and second-fewest in the NFL in 2018.
- The Jaguars had six players from the secondary record at least one INT in 2018, including CB A.J. Bouye, S Barry Church, S Tashaun Gipson Sr., S Ronnie Harrison, CB D.J. Hayden and Ramsey.
- Served In 2017, the Jaguars had the NFL's best passing defense, holding opponents to a 68.5 passer rating, the lowest mark in the NFL, and allowing just 169.9 net passing yards per game, the fewest in the NFL.

### COACHING SHOUTOUTS (CONT.)

#### 2015-16: (New York Jets)

- While Danna served as the defensive backs coach with the Jets in 2016, CBs Marcus Gilchrist and Marcus Williams tied for the team lead with two INTs apiece. The unit also saw six players finish with at least five passes defensed.
- In 2015, Danna joined the New York Jets as the defensive backs coach and helped Marcus Williams lead the team in INTs, picking off six passes despite playing in fewer than 27 percent of the defensive snaps.

### PLAYING SHOUTOUTS

- As a player, Danna was a four-year letterman and two-year starter at wide receiver for Central Michigan. Danna earned several accolades during his time as a player, including Scholar Athlete of the Year, Special Teams Player of the Year, the team's Leadership and Motivation Award and First-Team Mid-American Academic recognition.

### PERSONAL/OTHER EXPERIENCE

- In 2008, Danna secured his first coaching opportunity in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons, where he served as a defensive assistant for two seasons (2008-09). Danna then spent the following two seasons (2010-11) with the Miami Dolphins as the assistant defensive backs coach before returning to Atlanta as the defensive backs coach for the 2012-14 seasons.
- Danna earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education and social studies with a language arts minor from Central Michigan. The Midland, Mich., native and his wife, Nicole, have two sons, Luke and Zack, and a daughter, Lindsey.



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### DANNA'S COACHING HISTORY

#### NFL

Buffalo Bills	2023-present	Safeties Coach
Houston Texans	2022	Safeties Coach
Jacksonville Jaguars	2021	Nickels Coach
Jacksonville Jaguars	2019-20	Safeties Coach
Jacksonville Jaguars	2017-18	Assistant Secondary Coach
New York Jets	2015-16	Defensive Backs Coach
Atlanta Falcons	2012-14	Defensive Backs Coach
Miami Dolphins	2010-11	Assistant Defensive Backs Coach
Atlanta Falcons	2008-09	Defensive Assistant

#### COLLEGE

James Madison	2007	Defensive Backs Coach
Georgia Southern	2006	Defensive Backs Coach
Central Michigan	2005	Wide Receivers Coach
Central Michigan	2003-04	Safeties Coach
Central Michigan	2002	Wide Receivers Coach
Georgia	2001	Graduate Assistant
Central Michigan	2000	Graduate Assistant
Central Michigan	1999	Student Assistant