



ALVIN VAUGHN

DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT

FIRST-AND-10

ALVIN VAUGHN is in his fourth year with the Bills and was named defensive assistant in 2026. He originally joined the Bills in 2023 as the fellowship coach. Vaughn, joined the Bills after spending the 2019-22 seasons at his alma mater of Belhaven University, serving as the grad assistant (2019-21) and the defensive backs and special teams coordinator (2022).

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2023-present: (Buffalo Bills)

- In 2025, helped lead a defense that ranked first in the NFL in passing yards allowed (156.9) and in 2024 the Bills had seven players record 2+ interceptions which was tied for the most in the NFL. Seven players is tied for the second most (1962) in Bills history behind 8 in 1961.
- Terrel Bernard collected 104 total tackles in 2024, marking his second consecutive year with 100+ tackles. Dorian Williams collected a team-high 114 total tackles in 2024 for the first time in his career, he also is the first Bills player since George Wilson in 2011 to register 10+ tackles in four straight games.
- In his first year with the Bills Vaughn worked closely with linebackers coach Bobby Babich and aided in the development of first-year starter Terrel Bernard. Bernard led the Bills with 143 total tackles, the most by any Bill since 2017 (Preston Brown-144) and finished the year as one of only four players since 1982 to have recorded 6+ sacks, 3+ INTs and 3+ fumble recoveries in one season.
- He helped the defense record 17 interceptions in 2023 and overall totaled 27 takeaways both good for 4th in the NFL.

2019-22: (Bellhaven)

- In 2022, Vaughn played a key role in developing All-USA South first-team defensive backs Phazion Locke and Corey Toliver. Cornerback TJ Hersey broke his own pass breakups single-season record with 16 under Vaughn's leadership. Two special teams players also received All-Conference recognition as punter Andrew Norton and kicker Constantine Hontzas were awarded after great 2022 seasons.

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2019-22: (Bellhaven)

- During the 2021 season, Vaughn coached a pair of All-ASC defensive backs with Corey Toliver earning his second all-conference nod as an All-ASC Second Team player while Phazion Locke was named to the All-ASC Third Team.
- As special teams coordinator, Vaughn also had a role in coaching Carlton Brown who was named to the All-Region III Second Team Defense for his performance on special teams where he lead a group that set a new team-high in blocked kicks with seven. Also on special teams, kicker Constantine Hontzas was named to the All-ASC Third Team.
- During the spring 2021 season Vaughn coached All-ASC third-team safety Corey Toliver who finished first on the team in tackles and interceptions. Coach Vaughn's secondary was responsible for five interceptions in a five-game season, with one resulting in a touchdown. Three of Vaughn's defensive backs finished in the top 10 for passes defended in the ASC.
- Prior to taking over the defensive backs and special teams, Vaughn served as a graduate assistant at Belhaven from 2018 to 2020. During this time Vaughn worked under coordinators Melvin Smith and Steve Carson. In 2017, Vaughn worked under defensive backs coach Carlton Buckels as a student assistant at Belhaven.

PLAYING SHOUTOUTS

- Before coaching, Vaughn was a part of the Belhaven football team from 2013-16. A team captain at defensive back and is currently 4th in all time tackles. Vaughn led the team in tackles during the 2014, 2015, and 2016 season. During his playing career Vaughn was All Mid South, Pre Season All American, and All NCCAA honorable mention.

PERSONAL/OTHER EXPERIENCE

- A native of Baton Rouge, LA, and a graduate of McKinley Senior High School. Vaughn graduated from Belhaven with a degree in sports management. Vaughn and his wife, Taylor Woobers, have a son named Dion.