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COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Maryland wrestling coach Alex Clemson has announced the additions of assistant coaches Nick Brascetta and Devin Mellon to the coaching staff.

“I’m excited to add Nick and Devin to our staff,” Clemson said. “Both coaches bring an immense amount of knowledge and recent wrestling experience that will be valuable in taking our program to the next level on and off the mat. Nick and Devin firmly believe in the culture we are implementing, and I look forward to their arrival in College Park.”

Brascetta spent the last two seasons as an assistant coach at University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, where he helped lead UTC to the 2019 regular season Southern Conference title. He also guided Tanner Smith to 2019 Southern Conference Freshman of the Year honors and Bryce Carr to 2018 Southern Conference Wrestler of the Year honors.

“I couldn’t be more excited to join Coach Clemson and the wrestling program at an outstanding academic institution in the most reputable wrestling conference in the NCAA,” Brascetta said. “I look forward to aiding in the development of a new vision for the program and am committed to creating a culture that encourages our student-athletes to be successful both on and off the mat.”

He joined UTC in 2016-17 as the Coordinator of Student-Athlete Development. In three seasons he coached 10 NCAA qualifiers and six Southern Conference individual champions.

Brascetta is a 2016 graduate of Virginia Tech where he was a three-time All-American and four-time NCAA qualifier for the Hokies. He finished third at the 2016 NCAA Championships at 157 pounds. He was also a three-time ACC Champion during his career at Virginia Tech.

A native of Graham, Ohio, Brascetta was the ACC Rookie of the Year in 2012 after winning the league title at 149 pounds. He repeated his ACC crown and placed eighth at the NAAs in 2013, before redshirting in 2014. He won another ACC title at 157 in 2015 and went on to finish fourth at the NAAs.

He earned his degree in Accounting at Virginia Tech and received his MBA from UTC in 2019.

Mellon joins the Terrapins after coaching tenures at both Missouri and Oregon State. He wrestled for Clemson as a senior at Missouri.

“I’m excited to be coaching at one of the premier public schools in the greatest wrestling conference in the country,” Mellon said. “I had a great meeting with Mark Sherburne and Alex Clemson and believe we have all the building blocks to build something great at Maryland. I’m excited to get the program rolling.”

While serving as a volunteer assistant coach at Oregon State, Mellon helped coach heavyweight Amarveer Dhesi to All-America status and Pac-12 Wrestler of the Year Honors, while helping the program earn its fifth consecutive conference championship.

Mellon wrestled for Mizzou from 2010-15 where he qualified for the NCAA Championships three times (2012, 2014 and 2015) and captured the 2015 MAC Championship at heavyweight.

In four years, Mellon compiled a 99-39 record, scoring 17 major decisions and nine falls. In his senior campaign (2014-15), the Lawson, Mo., native posted a 33-11 record and won the MAC Championship after going 3-0 at the tournament. A fixture in the starting lineup for three seasons, Mellon posted 20 or more wins in three of four seasons.

Mellon is a native of Lawson, Mo., and graduated from Lawson High School in 2010, where he was a three-time state champion.

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