

## Mark Peters Bio

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Mark Peters came to the Air Force Academy in 2009 and currently works with the football and spirit squads. He has worked with multiple teams during his tenure at the USAFA including baseball, track and field, cross country, men's soccer, men's gymnastics and the fencing teams.

Before coming to the USAFA, Mark spent 10 years at the University of Northern Colorado. He began as a member of the exercise science faculty. He was responsible for teaching multiple courses in the exercise physiology and athletic training curriculum. In 2003, Mark assumed the head football athletic trainer position while maintaining his teaching responsibilities. Mark helped the UNC athletics department transition to the NCAA Division I level and was hired as the co-head athletic trainer for the department of athletics in 2006. He spent considerable time planning, designing, and implementing the UNC Human Performance Lab for the Sport and Exercise Science Department. This lab is primarily used for education, research, and community outreach.

Mark earned his associate of arts degree from Waldorf College(IA), his bachelor's degree in athletic training and corporate wellness from Winona State University(MN) and his masters' degree in exercise physiology from the University of Northern Colorado. He is a certified and registered athletic trainer and certified strength and conditioning specialist. He is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, the Rocky Mountain Athletic Trainers Association, the Colorado Athletic Trainers Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. He spent 5 years as the chair of the Governmental Affairs committee for the Colorado Athletic Trainers Association.

Mark was also awarded the William T. Griffin award for Outstanding Leadership in Legislative Advocacy by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Mark and his wife Elly are both originally from Litchfield, Minnesota. They have two sons, Tyler and Ajay.