



# Press Release

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## **Spiro Amarantos Coming Home as Yellow Jacket's New Head Coach**

Houston, Texas: Galena Park ISD would like to welcome back Coach Spiro Amarantos as the head coach for the Galena Park High School (GPHS) football team.

Coach Amarantos is a 1989 Galena Park High School graduate. He also attended Galena Park Elementary, Jacinto City Elementary and Galena Park Middle School. He was a three- year letterman on the varsity football team and played as a cornerback and receiver. He credits Coach Bill Koch and the rest of the GPHS coaching staff for instilling many values in him, many of which he still carries to this day.

After high school, Coach Amarantos attended San Jacinto College then transferred to the University of Houston. Upon graduation, he returned to his roots to begin a career in education at Woodland Acres Middle School eventually becoming a defensive coordinator and assistant head coach at Galena Park High School. After 15 years at GPISD, Coach Amarantos went to Summer Creek High School to coach for three years then went to Porter High School. When the position for the Galena Park High School head coach opened, it was a no brainer for him to come back to the community that means so much to him.

On Wednesday, April 17, Coach Amarantos met the players for the first time and expressed to the Yellow Jackets this is their chance to have a fresh start and be a part of the foundation to turn this organization around into the direction they want to go. He also shared the four pillars they will focus on Culture, Grit, Sacrifice and Family.

“We want to develop a culture of winning, believing in each other, service to our families and community,” Coach Amarantos said. “All of this together will allow us to leave a legacy.”

We would like to welcome Coach Amarantos back to the GPISD family and are looking forward to the 2019-2020 Yellow Jacket football season.



Pictured: Coach Spiro Amarantos, GPHS Head Football Coach

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