

EDMOND – The University of Central Oklahoma head wrestling coach Todd Steidley Tuesday announced the hiring of Eli Hale as his new assistant coach.

“We are thrilled to have Eli join our staff at UCO,” Steidley said. “His work ethic and knowledge is as good as it gets. He approaches everything he does with an idea that he can learn how to be the best at it and then he does everything possible to become the best. That’s a great quality that he brings to UCO and I’m really sure he is going to help us in a big way.”

“I’m really excited to get to work,” Hale said. “UCO is a great place and the wrestling program is undoubtedly one of the best in the country. It was an honor to wrestle here last season and I’m really looking forward to working with the team and trying to help the Bronchos win another national championship.”

Hale began his new role Monday, May 14 following his senior season at Central. Hale in March became Central Oklahoma’s 44th individual national champion, capping off a perfect 24-0 season with the Bronchos.

