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W O M E N ' S B A S K E T B A L L



Dawn Staley

Head Coach

9th Season at South Carolina
17th Career Season
Virginia, 1992

When three-time Olympic gold medalist Dawn Staley took the reins of the University of South Carolina women's basketball program on May 10, 2008, the Gamecocks' stature immediately rose not just in the Southeastern Conference but on the national stage as well. Building on a foundation of hard work, defensive effort and a "team first" mentality, South Carolina began to realize those expectations in 2011-12, and the program has continued to thrive as one of seven in the nation to be ranked in every Associated Press Top 25 poll since the start of the 2013-14 season. The Gamecocks boast five straight 25-win seasons, which include three SEC regular-season championships (2014, 2015, 2016), two SEC Tournament titles (2015, 2016), an NCAA Final Four appearance (2015) and three other Sweet 16 seasons (2012, 2014, 2016), the program's first ever No. 1 national ranking and a school-record 34 wins in 2014-15. Staley's success has united every demographic in the state of South Carolina as the Gamecocks' fan base tripled over a span of three seasons, and twice led the nation in home attendance (2014-15, 2015-16).

While her coaching career is blossoming, Staley is still recognized for her body of work as a one of the most decorated participants in United States women's basketball history. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame solidified her legacy with her enshrinement as part of the Class of 2013. The Phoenix Club of Philadelphia established the Dawn Staley Award recognizing the nation's top guard in women's Division I basketball in 2013 as well. Staley was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2012 and was one

of the final nominees for induction to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame the same year. In the summer of 2011, the WNBA recognized her as one of the league's "Top 15," honoring the most influential players in the league's history.

In her 16 seasons as a head coach, Staley has amassed a 360-156 record, including her 188-76 slate in eight seasons at South Carolina. She has led her teams to seven 25-win seasons, a total of 13 postseason appearances (two WNIT) and 53 weeks in the Associated Press top 10, including 12 in the No. 1 spot. Also a force in USA Basketball, she has been the head coach of three gold medal teams – 2015 FIBA U19 World Championships, 2014 FIBA U18 Americas Championship, 2007 Pan Am Games – and served as an assistant on the Senior National Team 2006-08 and again from 2014 to present, helping the team to gold medals in the 2014 FIBA World Championship and the 2008 and 2016 Olympic Games.

At the helm of the Gamecocks over the last eight seasons, Staley has been named National Coach of the Year (2014, Basketball Times), a Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist (2014, 2015, 2016), SEC Coach of the Year (2014, Coaches and AP; 2015, Coaches; 2016, Coaches and AP) and BCA Female Coach of the Year (2012). Under Staley's leadership, four Gamecocks have collected eight All-America selections, two have picked up three SEC Player of the Year honors, two have earned SEC Defensive Player of the Year recognition, one has been the SEC 6th Player of the Year and three were named SEC Freshman of the Year. She has coached 10 Gamecocks who earned All-SEC honors a combined

Staley Year-by-Year

Year	School	Record	Conf. Rec.	Conf. Finish	Postseason
2000-01	Temple	19-11	11-5	2nd East	WNIT
2001-02	Temple	20-11	12-4	2nd East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2002-03	Temple	14-15	9-7	2nd East	
2003-04	Temple	21-10	14-2	1st East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2004-05	Temple	28-4	16-0	1st East*	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 2nd Round
2005-06	Temple	24-8	12-4	3rd	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2006-07	Temple	25-8	13-1	2nd	NCAA 2nd Round
2007-08	Temple	21-13	12-2	T-1st	NCAA 1st Round
2008-09	South Carolina	10-18	2-12	11th	
2009-10	South Carolina	14-15	7-9	T-7th	
2010-11	South Carolina	18-15	8-8	T-5th	WNIT 2nd Round
2011-12	South Carolina	25-10	10-6	T-4th	NCAA Sweet 16
2012-13	South Carolina	25-8	11-5	T-4th	NCAA 2nd Round
2013-14	South Carolina	29-5	14-2	1st	NCAA Sweet 16
2014-15	South Carolina	34-3	15-1	T-1st	SEC Tourn. Champ./NCAA Final Four
2015-16	South Carolina	33-2	16-0	1st	SEC Tourn. Champ./NCAA Sweet 16

Career 16 seasons 360-152 182-68

At SC 8 seasons 188-76 83-43

* indicates final season of divisional play

HEAD COACH DAWN STALEY



19 times, including nine first-team selections, and two Gamecocks have been selected in the WNBA Draft in the last two seasons, including 2016 selection Tiffany Mitchell who became the third first-round selection for South Carolina.

On Staley's watch, the Gamecocks are enjoying the most sustained success in program history, especially standing out among their 25 seasons in the SEC. After posting back-to-back 25-win seasons in 2011-12 and 2012-13 for the first time in more than 30 years, the 2014-15 team broke the school record with 34 wins. South Carolina has won more SEC games than the season before in each of Staley's last seven seasons, culminating in the 2015-16 team recording just the second 16-0 conference record in league history. Staley's 83 SEC wins are more than any other Gamecock coach, accounting for 56.5 percent of the program's total 147 wins over its 25 seasons in the SEC. She has delivered the only SEC championships in program history, lifting that trophy three times in as many seasons, and she has helped the Gamecocks to five of the program's six top-four finishes in the SEC. Off the court, Staley's Gamecocks have been active in the community and thriving in the classroom. Every student-athlete who completed her eligibility under Staley at South Carolina has graduated or is on track to graduate, and the team GPA has been over 3.0 for the last seven semesters. During the historic 2014-15 season, eight Gamecocks posted at least a 3.0 GPA for the year.

After a humbling beginning to Staley's South Carolina tenure in 2008-09 (10-18, 2-12 SEC), the Gamecocks posted three wins over nationally ranked teams in 2009-10 and lifted their SEC record to 7-9, the largest one-season

The Staley Capsule

Coaching Experience

360-156 (.698) – 16 seasons

South Carolina, head coach 2008-present

- 188-76 (.712) – eight seasons
- Five NCAA Tournament appearances, 2012 (Sweet 16), 2013, 2014 (Sweet 16), 2015 (Final Four), 2016 (Sweet 16)
- One Women's NIT appearance, 2011
- Three SEC Regular-Season Championships, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Three-Time Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Basketball Times National Coach of the Year, 2014
- Three-time WBCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Three-time SEC Coach of the Year, 2014, 2015, 2016
- BCA Female Coach of the Year, 2012

Temple University, head coach, 2000-08

- 172-80 (.683) – eight seasons
- Six seasons of 20 or more wins
- Four Atlantic 10 Tournament titles, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006
- Six NCAA Tournament appearances, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008
- One Women's NIT appearance, 2001
- WBCA Region 1 Coach of the Year, 2005
- Two-time Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year, 2004, 2005

USA Basketball, U18 Nat'l. Team head coach, 2014

- FIBA U18 Americas Championship gold medal, 2014

USA Basketball, U19 National Team head coach, 2015

- FIBA U19 World Championship gold medal, 2015
- USA Basketball Co-National Coach of the Year, 2015

USA Basketball, Pan Am Games head coach, 2007

- Pan American Games gold medal, 2007

USA Basketball, Select Team court coach, Summer 2010

USA Basketball, Sr. Nat'l. Team asst. coach, 2006-08, 2014-present

- Rio Olympics gold medal, 2016
- FIBA World Championship gold medal, 2014
- Beijing Olympics gold medal, 2008
- FIBA Americas Championship gold medal, 2007
- FIBA World Championship bronze medal, 2006

Playing Experience

Houston Comets, WNBA, 2005-06

- Two-time All Star, 2005, 2006
- WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award, 2006

Charlotte Sting, WNBA, 1999-2005

- Three-time All-Star, 2001, 2002, 2003
- WNBA All-Decade Team
- WNBA Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, 1999
- WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award, 1999

Richmond/Philadelphia Rage, ABL, 1997-98

- Two-time All-Star, 1997, 1998

Various international teams, 1992-94

USA Basketball, 1994-2004

- Three-time Olympic gold medalist, 1996, 2000, 2004
- Two-time USA Basketball Female Athlete of the Year, 1994, 2004
- Flag bearer for the United States in Olympic Games Opening Ceremony, 2004
- Goodwill Games Most Valuable Player, 1994

University of Virginia, 1989-92

- Three-time Kodak All-American, 1990, 1991, 1992
- Honda-Broderick Cup Award for Collegiate Female Athlete of the Year, 1991
- *Sports Illustrated* Player of the Year, 1991
- Two-time ACC Player of the Year, 1991, 1992

- NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, 1991
- ACC Rookie of the Year, 1989

Dobbins Tech, 1985-88

- *USA Today* National High School Player of the Year, 1988

Other Notables

- Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2013
- Order of the Palmetto Recipient, 2013 (highest civilian honor from South Carolina governor granted to those who have displayed significant achievement and service to the state)
- Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012
- Named to WNBA's Top 15 as one of most influential players in league history, 2011
- Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2011
- Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2008
- Two-time Wanamaker Award winner, 1997, 2005
- Henry P. Iba Citizenship Award Female recipient, 2007
- NCAA Division I "Top Players of the Past 25 Years" selection by *ESPN.com*
- Institute for International Sport "The 100 Most Influential Sports Educators in America" selection
- One of four UVa players to have her jersey retired

Education

Bachelor of arts in rhetoric and communication studies, University of Virginia, 1992

HEAD COACH DAWN STALEY

percentage jump for the program since the 2005-06 group turned a 2-12 mark the previous season into a 7-7 league slate. Staley's postseason debut with South Carolina came the next season as the Gamecocks played into the second round of the 2011 WNIT. The berth was small consolation to a young team that, in late February, had been on track to earn an NCAA Tournament berth after defeating a pair of nationally ranked league opponents and finishing fifth in the SEC.

The tide shifted significantly in 2011-12, as the Gamecocks proved they were odds-beaters in the image of their head coach. Staley rallied a team that had lost its top two scorers to a 14-2 record through the first week in January. South Carolina closed the regular season with 20 wins with four of those coming over nationally ranked opponents, including the program's first ever win at Tennessee. The Gamecocks pushed their way into the SEC Tournament semifinals for the first time in school history, which all but confirmed their place in the NCAA Tournament, where they were unfazed by the pressure of taking down a higher-seeded team on its home court en route to the first Sweet 16 appearance of Staley's coaching career. Ranked No. 25 at season's end, it was the first of three straight seasons with a final national ranking and the program's first since 2002-03.

Staley's 2012-13 team posted a series of new milestones for the program in the SEC era – second-best overall winning percentage (25-8, .758), a school-record 11 SEC victories and the highest final ranking (17 by the Associated Press) since the 2002-03 team finished 16th. A loss in the second round of the

NCAA Tournament suddenly felt unacceptable for the program, and the 2013-14 team immediately set about righting that wrong. Despite their youth – no four-year student-athletes on the roster – the Gamecocks took a 12-1 record into SEC action and proceeded to rattle off four wins to open that slate. Winning 10 of their last 12 games, the Gamecocks secured their first SEC regular-season championship, which they celebrated with over 10,000 fans at each of their final two home games. South Carolina had surpassed its win total of the previous two seasons before the regular-season had even finished and spent four weeks ranked among the top five teams in the nation (AP), peaking at No. 4 to match the program's highest ranking since Jan. 10, 1982. The Gamecocks dominated the league postseason awards, as Staley's first SEC Coach of the Year recognition joined a chorus of others – the second sophomore to earn SEC Player of the Year honors in league history and the first SEC Freshman of the Year to also earn another of the highest individual honors with SEC Co-Sixth Player of the Year. The team experienced yet another program first when it earned a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and the Gamecocks advanced to the Sweet 16 before their historic season ended – a new standard clearly set for the future.

For 2014-15, Staley added the nation's No. 2 recruiting class, including the top-ranked player in the class, to a roster that lost just two letterwinners from the SEC championship campaign. The combination catapulted South Carolina to No. 2 in the preseason polls, and the newcomers blended seamlessly with the veterans to move the Gamecocks into their first No. 1 ranking on Nov. 24, 2014, making Staley just the second woman in history to both play for and coach a No. 1-ranked team. Staley guided her team through a perfect non-conference slate, including a win at No. 9/8 Duke that kept the program atop the national rankings heading into SEC action. The Gamecocks' win streak more than doubled the previous school record of 10, stretching to 22 to extend their time at No. 1 to 12 weeks, the third-longest stay by any program in the five seasons. A 15-1 SEC record secured a share of the regular-season title and put the Gamecocks into the SEC Tournament as the top seed for the second-straight year. The league coaches again showered South Carolina with awards – co-Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, Scholar-Athlete of the Year and four all-conference selections, including three on the first team. The Gamecocks celebrated with a dominating run to their first SEC Tournament championship game, which they proceeded to win with a commanding performance that also set the stage for a second-consecutive No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The 2014-15 team was on a mission to surpass the program's best ever finish in the event, and South Carolina overpowered its first two opponents despite the pressure of hosting games for the first time since 2002. The Gamecocks used the determination and guile they learned from Staley to rally past first North Carolina in the Sweet 16 and then Florida State in the Elite Eight to win the Greensboro Regional and advance to the first NCAA Final Four in program history.

In 2015-16, Staley became the first SEC coach to earn league Coach of the Year honors in three straight seasons after she led the Gamecocks to just the second 16-0 conference record in league history. South Carolina also became the first SEC program to capture league Player of the Year honors in three straight seasons and answered the barrage of awards by repeating as SEC Tournament champions. The Gamecocks recorded a school-record 13 wins over ranked opponents and were ranked among the top three in the nation throughout the season. The program posted its first official sellout of Colonial Life Arena, welcoming 18,000 rowdy fans for the No. 1 vs. No. 2 battle against UConn on Feb. 8, 2016, and the Gamecocks played in front of no fewer than 10,000 fans in any of its 17 home games on the season.

In her first coaching position, Staley helped Temple reach the postseason seven times in her eight seasons on the bench, including six NCAA Tournament appearances. The Owls posted 20 or more wins in a season six times, collected the first A-10 Tournament title in school history in Staley's second season (2002) and captured the program's first national ranking. The Owls became just the second team in A-10 history to collect three straight conference tournament titles, winning the event in 2004, 2005 and 2006, as well.

With a 172-80 record, Staley left Temple as the winningest coach in its women's basketball history and was the fastest to reach 100 victories. En route to that .683 winning percentage, Staley earned WBCA Region 1 Coach of the Year honors in 2005, was twice named A-10 Coach of the Year (2004, 2005), and guided the team to a share of the regular-season A-10 title in 2007-08. She built that success on a foundation of discipline and caring.

Staley vs. Opponents

Alabama	12-0	Georgia State	1-0	Penn	7-1
Alabama A&M	1-0	Georgia Tech	1-1	Penn State	1-3
Appalachian State	1-0	Hampton	5-0	Presbyterian	2-0
Arizona State	1-1	Hartford	0-1	Princeton	1-0
Arkansas	8-3	Hawai'i	1-0	Purdue	2-0
Auburn	8-3	High Point	2-0	Rhode Island	9-3
Ball State	1-0	Illinois	2-0	Richmond	9-2
Boise State	1-0	Iona	1-0	Rider	1-0
Boston College	0-1	Iowa State	0-1	Rutgers	3-5
Boston University	0-1	Jacksonville	2-0	Saint Joseph's	16-4
Bowling Green	0-1	James Madison	0-1	Saint Louis	3-0
Brown	3-0	Kansas	0-1	San Diego State	3-0
Butler	1-0	Kansas State	1-1	Santa Clara	1-1
CSU Bakersfield	1-0	Kent State	1-0	Savannah State	6-0
CSU Northridge	1-0	Kentucky	10-10	Seton Hall	3-1
Central Michigan	2-0	La Salle	10-0	South Carolina	0-2
Charleston Sthrn.	2-0	Lehigh	1-0	SC State	4-0
Charlotte	6-1	Louisiana Tech	3-0	South Dakota St.	1-0
Clemson	6-2	LSU	7-7	Southern Cal	2-0
C. of Charleston	2-0	Marist	1-0	St. Bonaventure	12-1
Connecticut	0-3	Maryland	0-2	Stanford	0-5
Davidson	1-0	Md.-Eastrn. Shore	3-0	Stony Brook	1-1
Dayton	8-3	Massachusetts	11-2	Syracuse	2-1
DePaul	1-0	Miami (Ohio)	1-1	TCU	0-1
Drexel	4-0	Michigan	1-0	Tennessee	4-10
Duke	2-2	Michigan State	0-1	Texas A&M	3-3
Duquesne	10-0	Mississippi	11-3	Toledo	1-0
East Carolina	1-0	Mississippi State	8-3	UC Davis	0-1
East Tenn. State	2-0	Missouri	3-1	UCLA	1-0
Eastern Michigan	1-0	Morgan State	1-0	UNC Greensboro	1-0
Elon	2-0	Nebraska	1-0	UNC Wilmington	1-0
Evansville	0-1	New Mexico	0-1	USC-Upstate	1-0
Fair. Dickinson	1-0	North Carolina	2-4	Vanderbilt	8-4
Florida	8-8	NC Central	2-0	Villanova	5-3
Fla. Gulf Coast	1-0	NC State	3-4	Virginia	0-2
Florida Int'l.	1-0	Notre Dame	0-3	Wake Forest	1-1
Florida State	1-0	Ohio	1-0	Western Carolina	1-0
Fordham	13-1	Ohio State	1-0	Western Michigan	0-2
Furman	2-0	Oklahoma	0-1	Winthrop	2-0
Geo. Washington	5-9	Oregon	1-0	Wisconsin	1-0
Georgia	8-7	Oregon State	1-0	Xavier	8-5

“A lot of people think that X’s and O’s are the biggest part of coaching, but it’s actually very little,” Staley said. “It’s about relationships and discipline. I truly believe that the disciplined person can do anything, so I try to set up a platform on which student-athletes can be disciplined. With that, I want to build a family atmosphere that includes both the staff and the student-athletes. Once those things are in place, the basketball part becomes very easy because everyone wants to win for each other. We want to work for one another; we want to prepare people to be successful.”

Staley has carried that coaching philosophy to USA Basketball, where her presence on the coaching staff has become as ubiquitous as it was on the court for nearly a decade beginning in 1994. In an international coaching tenure that began in 2006, Staley has thrived both in the head chair and as an assistant, helping the U.S. amass eight gold medals. She is currently in her second stint as an assistant coach with the Senior National Team, first joining that group in 2006, and recorded her third head coaching assignment in the organization in 2015 with the U19 National Team.

“USA basketball has always been like utopia for me because it creates an environment where it doesn’t really matter what you’ve done personally in your career,” Staley said. “You set all of that aside for one common goal, and that is to win a gold medal. To be part of the coaching staff there now feels like the natural progression for me. I’ve given a lot to USA Basketball, and USA Basketball has given a lot back to me. I would do anything to ensure that our country is successful, because other countries are catching up. It’s in my blood to be part of USA Basketball.”

Her first coaching role on a national team level was as an assistant with the 2006 World Championship team, and, following that team’s success, she was asked to stay with the team through the Beijing Olympics in 2008. The U.S. won its fourth-straight Olympic gold medal -- all with Staley involved in some capacity -- that year. In between those two events, she helped the U.S. to a gold medal at the 2007 FIBA Americas Championship in Chile. While she worked with the Senior National Team, Staley also took on a head coaching role for the 2007 USA Pan American Games Team, leading the college players to a perfect 5-0 record and a gold medal against more veteran international squads.

After stepping away from USA Basketball during the next Olympic cycle, Staley returned to the fold in 2014, again taking on dual roles within the organization. She kicked off the stretch with her second head coaching gold medal, leading the U.S. to gold in the FIBA Americas Championship and closed the year as an assistant on the 2014 FIBA World Championship gold-medal team. In 2015,



she added to her coaching gold-medal count with a U.S. victory in the FIBA U19 World Championships, earned her USA Basketball Co-National Coach of the Year honors and made her the first person to earn both Coach and Athlete of the Year selections from the organization. In 2016, Staley picked up another gold medal as she was an assistant on the Rio Olympic team that captured its sixth-straight Olympic gold medal.

As a player, success came early in Staley’s career, beginning with being named *USA Today’s* National High School Player of the year in 1988 as a senior at Dobbins Tech. She went on to a four-year career at the University of Virginia that featured three trips to the NCAA Final Four, including a championship game appearance in 1991 after which she was named Most Outstanding Player. A two-time National Player of the Year (1991, 1992) and three-time Kodak All-American (1990, 1991, 1992), Staley was the ACC Player of the Year in 1991 and 1992 and the league’s Rookie of the Year in 1989. Finishing her career as the only player in ACC history – male or female – to record more than 2,000 points, 700 rebounds, 700 assists and 400 steals, Staley is one of three players at Virginia to have her jersey retired. She was named to the ACC’s 50th Anniversary Women’s Basketball Team in 2002 and earned a spot on ESPN.com’s “Top Players of the Past 25 Years.” In April 2008, she was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

On the international scene, Staley made her first appearance in a USA Basketball uniform as a member of the 1989 Junior World Championship Team and 15 years later played her final international game after helping the organization to a 196-10 record. Olympic gold medals in 1996, 2000 and 2004 highlight her collection of 10 gold medals and one bronze on the world stage.

“When I was standing on the podium receiving my gold medal, I got a vision of young people who are less driven, who think that their opportunities to succeed are bleak,” Staley said. “I try to equate it to the things I’ve gone through growing up in the housing projects of Philadelphia. I want those young people to feel what I’m feeling, because it’s an incredible feeling to be able to realize your dream. There is no better feeling in the world than to accomplish something you worked so hard for and the people told you that you couldn’t do just because of the color of your skin or the place you grew up or maybe just bad luck.”

Staley was also on two FIBA World Championship gold-medal teams (1998, 2002). Twice named USA Basketball’s Female Athlete of the Year (1994, 2004), Staley counts carrying the U.S. flag in front of the United States delegation in the 2004 Olympic Games Opening Ceremony among her most gratifying moments on the international stage.

“Being asked to carry the flag into the opening ceremony caught me off guard,” Staley admitted. “It’s not something I ever dreamt of or aspired to do, but it was so meaningful. It was such a prestigious thing to be able to do. I believe that if you live right and try to do the right things, things will happen to you that will catch you off guard but that are so gratifying for you. Being chosen to carry the flag for the whole United States team is one of those moments in the story of my life.”



HEAD COACH DAWN STALEY

Following the 1996 Olympic Games, Staley joined the Richmond Rage of the ABL, one of two women's basketball professional leagues started in the wake of USA Basketball's success on the world stage. After two all-star seasons with the organization, she switched leagues, signing with the WNBA's Charlotte Sting in 1999. Including the 2005 and 2006 seasons with the Houston Comets, Staley played in the WNBA All-Star game five times and was the first player in league history to represent both the East and West teams during her career. A member of the WNBA's All-Decade Team, as selected by a panel of national and WNBA-market media as well as the league's players and coaches, Staley twice earned the Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award (1999, 2006) and won the WNBA Entrepreneurial Spirit Award in 1999. Following her retirement from the league, the WNBA began awarding the Dawn Staley Community Leadership Award in 2007, honoring the player who best exemplifies the characteristics of a leader in the community in which she works or lives.



Staley lives that mantra daily not only through individual appearances and in encouraging her teams to pursue community services opportunities, but also through co-founding INNERSOLE. After creating The Dawn Staley Foundation in Philadelphia, which was aimed at giving inner-city children positive input through after-school programs, Staley was eager to find a way to fill a need in her new hometown. She continued to invest time with various projects in Columbia, but found that she craved one hallmark initiative that could provide sustained assistance and create lasting change in one of your favorite constituencies—children. In July 2013, Staley found that in the creation of INNERSOLE, which aims to provide new sneakers to children who are homeless and children who are in need. Remembering the feeling of confidence and pride she felt as a child whenever she wore new sneakers, Staley initially launched the organization via social media, and her broad network of friends, fans and colleagues immediately leapt into action. Shoes poured in from all around the country, and a movement was born.

"It is important for me to give back because I have been given so much," Staley said. "I am blessed, and I want to share my vision. I want to share my hope with people who are under-privileged and think they can't be successful with what they have. I was given some God-given talent to play basketball, but I think everyone has God-given talent to do something. It is important to help young people figure out what that is."

Local and national organizations have recognized Staley's commitment to giving back, most recently in 2013 when South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley tabbing her to receive the Order of the Palmetto, the highest civilian honor from the governor bestowed on those who have displayed significant achievement and service to the state. Staley has twice been presented the Wanamaker Award (1997, 2005), presented annually to the athlete, team or organization that has done the most to reflect credit upon Philadelphia and to the team or sport in which he/she excels. She is the only individual woman to ever win the award and joins Joe Frazier and Steve Carlton as the only individuals to capture the honor twice. In 2007, the Rotary Club of Tulsa named Staley its female recipient of the Henry P. Iba Citizenship Award, which is presented annually to the male and female athlete who has excelled in both their sport and their service to others.

Staley was honored by the University of Virginia Women's Center in 2006 with the Center's Distinguished Alumna Award, which honors a female graduate of the University who has demonstrated excellence, leadership and extraordinary commitment to her field and who has used her talents as a positive force for change. The University further recognized Staley's standing in the community when it asked her to give the valedictory address at the 2009 Valedictory Exercises.

Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame

On September 8, 2013, Dawn Staley was enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, becoming just the 15th female player to gain entrée based on her individual merits.

South Carolina women's basketball coaches and staff joined Staley's family and the myriad of other supporters helping her enjoy the weekend-long celebration that included a ring ceremony on Friday night; a press conference, during which the inductees received their Hall of Fame blazers, and dinner on Saturday; and the enshrinement ceremony as well as receptions before and after the event on Sunday.



"I knew I made the right decision to coach when I started to care more about our players than about the wins – and I really like wins."

With her presenters Katrina McClain (Class of 2012) and Teresa Edwards (Class of 2011), Staley delivered an artful speech, reflecting on her playing and coaching careers as she had while carrying the American flag ahead of the U.S. Olympic delegation in 2004.

STALEY ERA RECORD BOOK

Scoring

Most Points

Game	Points
1. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	111
2. at Alabama, 1/8/15	102
3. vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	99
vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	99
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/9/13	99

Fewest Points

Game	Points
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	32
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	34
3. vs. Mississippi State, 3/5/09	39
4. at Georgia, 1/13/13	40
5. at Mississippi State, 2/26/09	41

Fewest Points Allowed

Game	Points
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	21
2. vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11	24
3. vs. NC Central, 12/1/14	26
vs. SC State, 12/22/13	26
5. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	27

Most Points Allowed

Game	Points
1. at Clemson, 11/19/09	94
2. vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	93
3. at Connecticut, 2/9/15	87
4. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	84
5. at Tennessee, 2/17/11	82
at Florida, 2/22/09	82

Margin of Outcome

Largest Margin of Victory

Game	Score	Margin
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	99-29	+70
2. vs. NC Central, 12/1/14	90-26	+64
3. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	111-49	+62
4. vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	99-41	+58
5. vs. Arkansas, 1/3/16	85-32	+53

Largest Margin of Defeat

Game	Score	Margin
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	32-70	-38
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	34-66	-32
3. vs. Stanford, 12/19/08	47-78	-31
4. at Penn State, 11/21/10	48-78	-30
5. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	48-77	-29

Field Goals

Made

Game	FGM
1. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	39
2. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	38
vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	38
4. vs. Kentucky, 3/5/16	37
at Alabama, 1/8/15	37
vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14	37

Attempted

Game	FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	76
2. at Clemson, 11/19/09	74
3. vs. Tennessee, 1/20/11	73
4. vs. Central Michigan, 12/20/14	72
vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	72
vs. Kansas, 3/25/13	72

Highest Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)

Game	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Savannah State, 3/20/15	34-53	.642
2. at Alabama, 1/8/15	37-58	.638
3. vs. Florida State, 3/29/15	30-49	.612
4. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/14/13	39-64	.609
5. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	31-51	.608

Lowest Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)

Game	FGM-A	Pct
1. at Stanford, 11/26/10	12-55	.218
2. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	12-52	.231
3. at Florida, 1/20/13	15-64	.234
4. at Kentucky, 2/5/09	13-55	.236
5. at Georgia, 1/2/11	13-54	.241

Lowest Percentage Allowed (Min. 40 FGA)

Game	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	6-48	.125
2. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	8-50	.160
3. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	10-54	.185
4. vs. Arkansas, 3/6/15	11-57	.193
vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	11-57	.193

Highest Percentage Allowed (Min. 40 FGA)

Game	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	35-62	.565
vs. Florida, 1/9/11	26-46	.565
3. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	34-61	.557
4. at Connecticut, 2/9/15	31-56	.554
5. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	30-55	.545

3-Point Field Goals

Made

Game	3FGM
1. vs. Kentucky, 3/5/16	12
2. vs. Arkansas, 1/3/16	11
at Alabama, 1/8/15	11
4. vs. LSU, 2/28/16	10
at Vanderbilt, 1/7/16	10

Attempted

Game	3FGA
1. vs. Syracuse, 3/25/16	32
2. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	29
3. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	28
vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10	28
5. vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14	26

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Highest Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)

Game	3FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	4-6	.667
vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	4-6	.667
vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	4-6	.667
vs. Western Carolina, 12/29/12	6-9	.667
at Alabama, 1/10/10	8-12	.667
vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08	8-12	.667

Free Throws

Made

Game	FTM
1. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	34
vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	34
3. vs. Missouri, 1/10/16	32
vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	32
at Mississippi State, 1/6/12	32

Attempted

Game	FTM
1. at Mississippi State, 1/6/13	50
2. vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	48
3. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	47
4. vs. Missouri, 2/2/14	46
5. vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	44
vs. South Carolina State, 12/21/12	44

Highest Percentage (Min. 10 FTA)

Game	FTM-A	Pct
1. vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	10-11	.909
2. vs. Auburn, 1/2/09	23-26	.885
3. at UCLA, 11/22/15	14-16	.875
vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09	14-16	.875
4. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	20-23	.870

Rebounding

Total

Game	Rebs
1. vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	62
2. at Florida, 1/20/13	59
3. at Alabama, 2/22/16	58
4. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	57
5. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	56

Margin

Game	Rebs	Margin
1. vs. Savannah State, 12/14/14	56-21	+35
2. vs. Hampton, 12/16/15	52-19	+33
3. at Alabama, 2/7/13	53-24	+29
4. at Alabama, 2/22/16	58-31	+28
vs. Hampton, 12/17/14	48-21	+27

Offensive

Game	Off. Rebs
1. vs. Elon, 11/9/12	29
2. vs. College of Charleston, 11/23/11	27
3. vs. Kansas, 3/25/13	26
at Florida, 1/20/13	26
5. vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12	25
vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	25
at Penn State, 11/21/10	25

Defensive

Game	Def. Rebs
1. vs. East Carolina, 12/20/15	39
vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	39
vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	39
4. at Arkansas, 1/2/14	38
5. at Alabama, 2/22/16	37
vs. CSU Northridge, 3/23/14	37
at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	37

Turnovers

Fewest

Game	TOs
1. at Tennessee, 2/2/12	4
2. vs. CSU Bakersfield, 11/28/15	5
at Clemson, 11/18/15	5
vs. Syracuse, 11/28/14	5
vs. Tennessee, 2/23/15	5
at Missouri, 2/28/13	5
vs. Georgia, 3/2/12	5
vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11	5

Most

Game	TOs
1. at Wake Forest, 12/3/08	32
2. at Ole Miss, 2/25/16	29
vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	29
vs. Kentucky, 1/15/12	29
4. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	28

Other Stats

Assists

Game	Assists
1. vs. NC Central, 12/1/14	26
2. vs. Winthrop, 12/13/15	25
vs. UNCG, 11/15/15	25
vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14	25
vs. Clemson, 11/20/14	25
vs. Alabama, 1/19/14	25
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	25

Steals

Game	Steals
1. vs. NC Central, 12/1/14	21
vs. Furman, 12/11/11	21
3. vs. San Diego State, 11/23/14	18
4. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	17
5. at Ole Miss, 2/25/16	16
vs. NC State, 12/12/10	16
vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08	16

Blocked Shots

Game	Blocks
1. vs. Winthrop, 12/13/15	16
2. vs. Arkansas, 3/6/15	15
3. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	14
vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14	14
5. at Kentucky, 3/1/15	12
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	12

Lisa Boyer

Associate Head Coach

9th Season at South Carolina Ithaca, 1979



Lisa Boyer joined the South Carolina staff in May 2008, shortly after head coach Dawn Staley announced her intention to join the Gamecocks. Boyer has been the lead assistant on a Staley-led staff since the 2002-03 season when she returned to the college ranks after five seasons coaching at the professional level. Named associate head coach in May 2010, Boyer is the Gamecocks' recruiting coordinator and works directly with South Carolina's guards. Her experience and analytic mind have helped guide South Carolina to five straight 25-win seasons, highlighted three SEC regular-season championships (2014, 2015, 2016), two SEC Tournament titles (2015, 2016), the program's first NCAA Final Four appearance (2015) and the program's highest final ranking (No. 3 in 2014-15 and in 2015-16). For her 30+ years in coaching and shaping both professional and collegiate players, Boyer's alma mater honored her with induction into the Ithaca College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

Through eight seasons at South Carolina, Boyer has helped the Gamecocks to five consecutive 25-win seasons, including the program's first back-to-back 30-win seasons (2014-15 and 2015-16) and five NCAA Tournament appearances (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016). The last three seasons have seen South Carolina realize its lofty ambitions. The Gamecocks followed a 29-win season in 2013-14, during which they earned their first No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, with a school-record 34 wins and a spot in the NCAA Final Four in 2014-15 and a third-straight SEC regular-season championship and 33 wins in 2015-16. South Carolina has finished among the SEC's top four each of the last five seasons, and under Boyer's watchful eye, five South Carolina guards have earned All-SEC honors, including the program's first SEC Player of the Year in Tiffany Mitchell in 2014 and 2015. Boyer's leadership also helped land the No. 2 recruiting class in the nation in 2014.

"There is no turning back. Our players continue to set the bar higher and higher each year. They understand and accept the commitment to the program and to each other. The standard has been set. We will come prepared to win every game we play, and the University is behind us all the way."

Boyer helped Staley lead Temple to five NCAA Tournaments and three Atlantic 10 Tournament titles in six seasons. She also keyed the recruitment of two players that would go on to be Temple's first WNBA First-Round Draft Picks. In 2005, the Owls became the first team in A-10 history to go undefeated in the regular season when they posted a 16-0 mark in league play. That team went on to capture its second-straight A-10 Tournament championship and finished the season in the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a school-record 28 wins. Prior to falling in the second-round game against Rutgers, Temple had rattled off 25 consecutive victories, the nation's longest winning streak of any men's or women's team that season.

Prior to her stint at Temple, Boyer spent six seasons coaching in first the ABL and then the WNBA. She began her career at the professional level in 1996 as the head coach of the Richmond (later Philadelphia) Rage. After guiding her first team to a 21-19 record, Boyer welcomed the arrival of Staley to the 1997 squad. Boyer left the Rage to take an assistant coach position with the WNBA's Cleveland Rockers in 1998. During her five years with the club, the Rockers advanced to the WNBA semifinals (1998) and the

conference final (2000). As part of her work with the Rockers, Boyer had the opportunity to serve on John Lucas' Cleveland Cavaliers' staff in 2001-02, becoming the first woman on an NBA coaching staff.

Boyer took the position with the Rage after 10 seasons as Bradley University's head coach. With a 100 percent graduation rate throughout her tenure, she guided the Braves to a 15-13 record in her first season (1986-87). Boyer also posted winning records in 1989-90 (16-12) and 1991-92 (17-11) before leaving the program following the 1995-96 season. In her final four seasons at Bradley, she also served as the department's senior women's administrator and compliance coordinator.

Bradley was not Boyer's first head coaching stop, however. She led Converse in 1982-83, just one year after getting her start in coaching as an assistant at Davidson. Following her single season at Converse, Boyer served as an assistant coach for one season at East Carolina, Miami (Ohio) and Virginia Tech, respectively.

A native of Ogdensburg, N.Y., Boyer was a standout forward for Ithaca College, from which she graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1979. She also earned a master of education degree from UNC Greensboro in 1982.

The Boyer Capsule

Coaching Experience

South Carolina, associate head coach, 2010-present
South Carolina, assistant coach, 2008-10
Temple, assistant coach, 2002-08
Cleveland Rockers, WNBA, assistant coach, 1998-2002
Cleveland Cavaliers, NBA, volunteer assistant coach, 2001-02
Richmond/Philadelphia Rage, ABL, head coach, 1996-97

- 34-50 (.405) – 2 seasons

Bradley University, head coach, 1986-1996

- 124-149 (.454) – 10 seasons

Virginia Tech, assistant coach, 1985-86
University of Miami (Ohio), assistant coach, 1984-85
East Carolina, assistant coach, 1983-84
Converse College, head coach, 1982-83
Davidson College, assistant coach, 1981-82

Playing Experience

Ithaca College, 1975-79

Other Notables

Ithaca College Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2014

Education

Bachelor of science, Ithaca College, 1979
Master of education, UNC Greensboro, 1982



Nikki McCray-Penson

Assistant Coach

**9th Season at South Carolina
Tennessee, 1995**

Two-time Olympic gold medal winner and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee Nikki McCray-Penson reunited with her former teammate when she joined the South Carolina staff in May 2008. Following an 11-year professional playing career, McCray-Penson moved into the coaching ranks in 2006, spending two seasons at Western Kentucky before joining the Gamecocks. A three-time WNBA All-Star and the 1996-97 ABL Most Valuable Player, McCray-Penson is a standout recruiter who helped South Carolina land the nation's No. 2 recruiting class and the top player in the country in 2014.

McCray-Penson's energy and experience have helped the Gamecocks to five consecutive 25-win seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016). The Gamecocks have finished among the SEC's top four each of the last five seasons, including securing the program's first SEC regular-season championship in 2014, a share of that title in 2015 and the league's second ever 16-0 record to claim the 2016 championship. South Carolina has earned three straight NCAA Tournament No. 1 seeds, the program's first coming in 2014. Appearing in the event's Sweet 16 in four of the last five seasons, the Gamecocks reached their first NCAA Final Four in 2015. South Carolina capped the 2014-15 season with its best final national ranking, coming in at No. 3 after spending 12 weeks of the season in the No. 1 position. The Gamecocks have finished among the nation's top 10 each of the past three seasons.

"Success doesn't happen overnight, but when you are invested in the people around you and you want them to succeed, good things will happen," McCray-Penson said. "Our goal is to win a national championship, and because of the hard work and dedication of our staff and players every day, we are in a position to compete for that title every year."

McCray-Penson got her start in coaching at Western Kentucky where she played a key role in recruiting. With her on the staff, the Lady Toppers posted a 49-17 record, which included a WNIT semifinal appearance in 2006-07 and a Sun Belt Tournament title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament in 2007-08.

Prior to moving into coaching, McCray-Penson enjoyed a nine-year career in the WNBA, following a two-year stint in the ABL. She signed her first professional contract with the ABL's Columbus Quest in 1996 and proceeded to lead the team to the league championship, earning league MVP honors along the way. Joining the WNBA's Washington Mystics in 1998, McCray-Penson was the team's leading scorer in each of her first two seasons and played in the WNBA All-Star game three times in her four years. She earned a starting spot in the league's inaugural All-Star game in 1999 and was the top vote-getter among Eastern Conference guards in 2000.

McCray-Penson played five more seasons in the WNBA, spending two with the Indiana Fever and one each with the Phoenix Mercury, the San Antonio Silver Stars and the Chicago Sky prior to retiring at the end of the 2006 season. With 2,528 points, she finished her career ranked 24th on the WNBA's career scoring list. Averaging 10.1 points per game, she was a career 41.3 percent shooter.

Also a veteran of international basketball, McCray-Penson was part of USA Basketball on three separate occasions, highlighted by trips to the Olympic

Games in 1996 and 2000, both of which resulted in gold medals. She was a key element on the 1995-96 team that spent more than a year together in residency for the first time in USA Basketball's history. The effort helped the group to 60-0 record in international competition and sparked two professional women's basketball leagues in the United States.

In her four-year career at Tennessee, McCray-Penson keyed three SEC regular-season titles, two conference tournament championships and four NCAA Tournament appearances. In addition to helping build a 122-11 record, McCray-Penson picked up All-America and SEC Player of the Year honors in both her junior and senior years.

McCray-Penson graduated from Tennessee in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in sports marketing. She is married to Thomas Penson, and the couple has a son, Thomas Nikson Penson born Feb. 1, 2013. She was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame and into the National High School Hall of Fame.

The McCray-Penson Capsule

Coaching Experience

South Carolina, assistant coach, 2008-present
Western Kentucky, assistant coach, 2006-08

Playing Experience

Chicago Sky, WNBA, 2006
San Antonio Silver Stars, WNBA, 2005
Phoenix Mercury, WNBA, 2004
Indiana Fever, WNBA, 2002-03
Washington Mystics, WNBA, 1998-2001

- Three-time WNBA All-Star, 1999, 2000, 2001

Columbus Quest, ABL, 1996-98

- ABL Most Valuable Player, 1996-97
- League Championship, 1996-97

USA Basketball, 1993, 1995-96, 1998-2000

- Olympic Gold Medal, 1996, 2000

Tennessee, 1991-95

- Two-time Kodak All-America, 1994, 1995
- Two-time Naismith All-America, 1994, 1995
- Two-time SEC Player of the Year, 1994, 1995

Other Notables

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012
National High School Hall of Fame, Class of 2015
Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2014

Education

Bachelor of science in sports marketing, Tennessee, 1995

Fred Chmiel

Assistant Coach

2nd Season at South Carolina Excelsior College, 2001



Fred Chmiel reunited with South Carolina head coach Dawn Staley in June 2015, marking their third partnership, including one season in which he coached Staley in the WNBA. In 10 seasons as an assistant coach at the college level, Chmiel has been part of seven conference regular-season titles, two conference tournament titles and nine NCAA Tournament appearances, including three Sweet 16 berths, and his teams have produced five WNBA draft picks.

Working most closely with the frontcourt, Chmiel guided the most daunting starting tandem in women's basketball in 2015-16. The two First-Team All-SEC selections occupied two of the top four rebounding spots in the SEC with Alaina Coates rising to 19th in the nation in rebounds per game and becoming the first Gamecock since 1993 to average a double-double on the season. A'ja Wilson pulled in SEC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors after ranking fifth in the league in scoring and leading the conference in field goal percentage and blocked shots, all of which helped her to First-Team All-America recognition and a finalist spot for every national player of the year award. Chmiel's four-woman frontcourt accounted for 46.6 percent of the Gamecocks' scoring in 2015-16, helping the team to just the second 16-0 league record in SEC history.

Chmiel spent the 2014-15 season at Minnesota where he served as the Golden Gophers' defensive coordinator while also working with the guards. Despite a season-ending injury to a key member of his group, Chmiel helped the Gophers rank eighth in the nation in assists per game and 26th in the country in assist-to-turnover ratio. He also lent his WNBA experience to center Amanda Zahui B. as she prepared for her future in the league, beginning with being the No. 2 pick in the draft.

In a similar role for four seasons at Penn State, Chmiel was part of three straight Big Ten regular-season championship teams and saw the Lady Lions advance to the NCAA Sweet 16 twice in their three tournament appearances. Two of his guards went on to earn All-America status and be drafted into the WNBA, and a third earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year honors.

Chmiel worked with perimeter players and served as the academic liaison at San Diego State for two seasons, during which the Aztecs won back-to-back Mountain West Conference regular-season titles and the 2010 Mountain West Conference Tournament championship. In his first season, 2008-09, San Diego State earned its first NCAA Tournament bid in 13 years, and Chmiel mentored another eventual WNBA Draft pick to win MWC Defensive Player of the Year honors in consecutive seasons.

Staley tapped Chmiel for his first women's college assistant coaching role during her penultimate season at Temple (2006-07), following his lone season as the head coach of the San Jose Spiders in the National Women's Basketball League (2006). The two combined to guide the Owls to a pair of NCAA Tournament appearances and a share of the 2008 Atlantic 10 regular-season title.

Chmiel first impressed Staley in 2005 when the then-Temple head coach was playing for the WNBA's Charlotte Sting, for which he was an assistant coach. He also spent time in the league serving as an advance scout for the Indiana Fever and Detroit Shock.

Chmiel's coaching career began at Feather River College (Calif.), where he had also begun his college playing career. After one season as an assistant coach for Feather River's men's team, Chmiel accepted the head position and led the program for four seasons (1995-99). He moved on to become the head coach at Lassen College (Calif.) and guided his teams to three Golden Valley Conference titles in his six seasons.

As a player, Chmiel thrived at Feather River, earning First-Team All-Golden Valley Conference honors before continuing his career and education at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks.

A graduate of Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y., where he earned his bachelor's degree in liberal studies, Chmiel and his wife, Julie, have a daughter Skylar Rosa.

The Chmiel Capsule

Coaching Experience

South Carolina, assistant coach, 2015-present (1)
 Minnesota, assistant coach, 2014-15 (1)
 Penn State, assistant coach, 2010-14 (4)
 San Diego State, assistant coach, 2008-10 (2)
 Temple, assistant coach, 2006-08 (2)
 San Jose Spiders, NWBL, head coach, 2006 (1)
 • NWBL Runner-Up, 2006
 Charlotte Sting, WNBA, assistant coach, 2005 (1)
 Lassen College (Calif.), men's head coach, 1999-2005 (6)
 • Three Golden Valley Conference titles, 2000, 2002, 2004
 Feather River College (Calif.), men's head coach, 1995-99 (4)
 Feather River College (Calif.), men's assistant coach, 1994-95 (1)

Playing Experience

Alaska-Fairbanks, 1993-94 (2)
 Feather River College (Calif.), 1991-92 (2)
 • All-Golden Valley Conference First Team, 1992

Education

Excelsior College, bachelor of arts in liberal studies, 2001



Melanie Balcomb

Dir. of Coaching Offensive Analytics

**1st Season at South Carolina
Trenton State, 1984**

After 23 seasons as a college head coach, Melanie Balcomb joined the South Carolina staff after an invitation from head coach Dawn Staley to accept a role that could change the landscape of coaching the game. In July 2016, Balcomb traded the black and gold of Vanderbilt for the Gamecocks' garnet and black as the director of coaching offensive analytics.

Balcomb spent 21 of her 23 seasons at the NCAA Division I level, leading Vanderbilt (14 seasons) and Xavier (7 seasons) to winning seasons behind offensive efficiency that often ranked among the best in the nation. She led her teams to 15 NCAA Tournament appearances in those 21 seasons, including four NCAA Sweet 16s and the 2001 NCAA Elite Eight. Balcomb guided five teams to conference tournament titles, including her 2001 Xavier squad that also claimed the Atlantic 10 regular-season title, and nine of her players have gone on to play in the WNBA. Also active outside of the NCAA, she recently completed a four-year stint on the USA Basketball Women's Junior National Team Committee and, in 2016-17, will serve as the chair of the inaugural WBCA Diversity Committee.

Balcomb firmly established herself in the coaching industry in her 14 seasons at Vanderbilt, where she became the Commodores' all-time winningest head coach. Her teams played in 12 straight NCAA Tournaments (2003-14), including four Sweet 16s, and collected three SEC Tournament titles. After playing for her, seven Commodores were drafted into the WNBA. Her Vanderbilt teams solidified her reputation as an offensive strategist, finishing in the top 50 nationally in field goal percentage every season, including four teams that finished among the top four. Her 2002-03 team led the nation with a .513 field goal percentage, and the 2014-15 team ranked 10th at .454. Under Balcomb's tutelage, the Commodores were an elite 3-point shooting team as well with her 2006-07 team leading the nation with a .437 percentage from beyond the arc and the 2013-14 squad ranking third in the nation with a .400 mark.

She first made a name for herself on the national stage with a steady building of the program at Xavier, where her up-tempo offense dominated the Atlantic 10 en route to becoming a national contender. She guided the Musketeers to three NCAA Tournaments, highlighted by the 2001 trip to the NCAA Elite Eight that included a win over perennial power Tennessee. While amassing two A-10 Tournament championships and the 2001 regular-season title, the Musketeers dominated the NCAA's annual field goal percentage lists, ranking among the top three in the nation three times and leading the nation in 3-point accuracy in 1998-99.

Balcomb's first head coaching assignment came at Ashland University, where she guided the Eagles for two seasons before moving into the NCAA Division I ranks with Xavier. She spent the first eight years of her coaching career as an assistant coach first at Niagara University (1985-86 through 1988-89), then Ohio University (1989-90 season) and finally three seasons at Providence (1990-91 through 1992-93).

A standout as a player at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey), Balcomb was inducted into her alma mater's department of athletics Hall of Fame on June 5, 2015. She tallied 1,099 points in her career (1982-85) and ranks among the school's all-time leaders in points and assists. She

was also inducted into the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame in 2001 and is a member of the Hightstown High School Hall of Fame (Class of 1996).

A native of Cranbury, N.J., Balcomb graduated from Trenton State with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1984 and a master's degree in education specializing in sports administration and athletic management in 1985. She and Amy have two children, Quincy and Aleya.

The Balcomb Capsule

Coaching Experience

South Carolina, director of coaching offensive analytics, 2016-present
Vanderbilt, head coach, 2003-16

- 310-149 (.675.) – 14 seasons
- All-time winningest coach in program history
- Three SEC Tournament championships, 2004, 2007, 2009
- Four NCAA Sweet 16 appearances, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009

Xavier, head coach, 1996-2002

- 135-78 (.634) – 7 seasons
- Three NCAA appearances, including 2001 Elite 8
- Atlantic 10 regular-season championship, 2001
- Two A-10 Tournament championships, 2000, 2001
- A-10 Coach of the Year, 2001
- Naismith National Coach of the Year finalist, 2001

Ashland University, head coach, 1994-95

- 28-26 (.519) – 2 seasons

Providence College, assistant coach, 1991-93 (3)

Ohio University, assistant coach, 1990 (1)

Niagara University, assistant coach, 1986-89 (4)

Playing Experience

Trenton State (now The College of New Jersey), 1982-85

Georgia Southern, 1980

Hightstown High School, 1977-80

Other Notables

WBCA Diversity Committee, Chair, 2016-present

USA Basketball Women's Junior National Team Committee, 2013-16

The College of New Jersey Department of Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2015

Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2001

Hightstown High School Hall of Fame, Class of 1996

Education

Bachelor of science, Trenton State, 1984

Master of education, Trenton State, 1985

Freddy Ready

Dir. of Player Development

18th Season at South Carolina • South Carolina, 2002

Freddy Ready has been a presence in the South Carolina Athletics Department since August 1999 and joined the women's basketball program in December 2002 as an assistant to the director of basketball operations. Since then, he has been an invaluable member of the staff as a head manager then as a graduate assistant prior to his first full-time appointment as director of player development in July 2010.

As director of player development, Ready will continue to manage the male practice squad and serve as summer camp director. He will also prepare several scouting reports, serve as an academic liaison for several players and prepare materials for all home and official visits.



The Aiken, S.C., native earned a bachelor's degree from South Carolina in hotel, restaurant and tourism management with a focus on sport and entertainment and a minor in business administration in 2002. He also earned his master's degree in sport and entertainment management December 2009.



Cynthia Jordan

Dir. of Basketball Operations

8th Season at South Carolina • Temple, 2004

Cynthia Jordan was named director of basketball operations prior to the 2011-12 season after spending her first three seasons on the staff as the video coordinator. She began her career in college athletics as a graduate assistant at Temple University in 2007-08.

Jordan coordinates all team activities, including all aspects of the team's travel arrangements. She is responsible for communicating all scheduling

items to the team and serves as the program's liaison with various other areas within the athletics department.

As the video coordinator at South Carolina, Jordan was responsible for taping games and practices, breaking down film and coordinating the ongoing video needs of the coaching staff. As a GA at Temple, she began working with editing opponent films for the coaching staff while also evaluating high school prospect videos.

A four-year letterwinner on the Temple women's basketball team, Jordan played for head coach Dawn Staley before pursuing a professional basketball career overseas. She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration and marketing in 2004 and her master's degree in sports and recreation administration in 2009, both from Temple.

Katie Fowler

Sports Performance Coach

2nd Season at South Carolina • Truman State, 2008

Katie Fowler brought boundless energy and a passion for women's basketball and supporting student-athlete performance when she joined the South Carolina staff in July 2015.

In her first season with the Gamecocks, Fowler worked closely with eventual WNBA first-round draft pick Tiffany Mitchell as she overcame offseason foot surgery to be fully cleared to practice by the regular-season opener. Her expertise helped South Carolina sustain its physical dominance through a perfect 16-0 SEC season and its second-straight SEC Tournament title, winning three games in three days, including facing nationally ranked opponents in the semifinals and final.

During three seasons as the assistant director for basketball performance at Maryland, Fowler helped the women's team to two NCAA Final Fours. Her impact on the Terps included more than the current roster as the program's WNBA alumnae returned to campus to work with her in their offseason.

After two years as a personal trainer and one as an assistant coach at Illinois-Springfield, Fowler got her start at the NCAA Division I level at Virginia. She was part of the sports performance staff, which was directed by former



Gamecock strength and conditioning coach Mike Curtis, and spent the 2011-12 season working with the Cavaliers' men's and women's basketball teams.

A four-year member of the women's basketball team at Truman State, Fowler received her bachelor's degree in exercise science in 2008. She earned her master's degree in intercollegiate athletic leadership from University of Washington in 2009.

Fowler is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (C.S.C.S.) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and is a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA). She has Level 1 certification in precision nutrition and as a fascial stretch therapist.

TEAM SUPPORT STAFF



Marcella Shorty
Athletic Trainer

2nd Season at South Carolina • New Mexico, 1990

With now 19 years of experience as an NCAA Division I women's basketball athletic trainer, Marcella Shorty joined the South Carolina staff in July 2015. The move reunited Shorty with Gamecock head coach Dawn Staley, with whom she worked at Temple.

Prior to coming to South Carolina, Shorty spent 13 seasons at Stanford working with its women's basketball program. During that time, she saw the Cardinal reach two NCAA championship games, four NCAA Final Fours, three Elite Eights and two Sweet 16s. Shorty coordinated the team's total health care with a team physician, nutritionist, performance coach, physical

therapist and message therapist. In addition to her work with women's basketball, Shorty was a co-director of the Advanced Athletic Training Fellowship Program and coordinated the NCAA Drug Testing program on campus.

After earning her master's degree from Temple in August 1997, Shorty was named assistant athletic trainer at the university. She worked with the Owls' women's basketball program for five seasons, including the first two seasons of Staley's tenure. Shorty also worked with men's and women's soccer, baseball and softball during her time at Temple and served as an adjunct professor as well.

Shorty is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association along with being certified by the American Red Cross in CPR/AED. She earned her bachelor's degree in athletic training from the University of New Mexico in 1990.



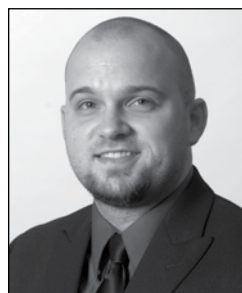
Xavier Shannon
Academic Advisor

**5th Season at South Carolina
Florida International, 2007**

Xavier Shannon joined the academic staff at South Carolina in February 2013. He currently serves as the academic advisor for the women's basketball team and assists in life skills programming within the athletic department.

Prior to joining the Gamecock staff, Shannon served as an assistant academic coordinator at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla. Prior to South Florida, he worked at Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center in Miami, Fla., where he counseled and advised juveniles.

A native of Miami, Shannon graduated from Florida International (FIU) in 2007 with a bachelor's in sports management. During his time at FIU, he was a three-year starter on the football team. In 2008, with a year of eligibility remaining, Shannon decided to transfer to the University of Miami where he started at center on the football team. In 2010, he graduated with a master's degree in higher education/enrollment management.



Hudson Jacobs
Video Coordinator

**6th Season at South Carolina
NC State, 2007**

South Carolina women's basketball added Hudson Jacobs to the staff in Fall 2011 as the team's video coordinator. He joined the staff after spending the previous season in that role for both the Charlotte 49ers men's and women's basketball teams. Jacobs will be responsible for taping games and practices, exchanging scouting tapes with opponents, breaking down film, producing team highlight videos and supervising the day-to-day video needs of the staff.

Jacobs started in the Charlotte athletics department as an administrative assistant, working with the women's basketball and volleyball teams as well as sports information and other athletic administrators. A graduate of NC State, Jacobs worked as a team manager for the Wolfpack women's basketball team under then-head coach Kay Yow.

Jacobs earned his bachelor's degree in political science from NC State in 2007.



Ariana Moore
Special Asst. to the Head Coach

**4th Season at South Carolina
Temple, 2005**

Ariana Moore joined the staff in Spring 2013 to assist with coordinating head coach Dawn Staley's schedule, organizing team community outreach opportunities and overseeing the Mentors Program.

Prior to coming to South Carolina, Moore worked for a real estate investment organization. She was a four-year letterwinner under Staley at Temple.

Moore graduated from Temple in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in tourism and hospitality management with a specialization in sport and recreation management. She has two sons, Madden and Mason Collins.



Dianne Palmer
Special Asst. to the Head Coach

**6th Season at South Carolina
Norfolk State, 2000**

Dianne Palmer became the women's basketball administrative assistant in the summer of 2011. Prior to joining the staff, Palmer worked for 20 years at International Ocean Exports.

Palmer oversees the day-to-day operations of the women's basketball office, helping to keep the coaching staff organized and the office running smoothly.

A 2000 graduate of Norfolk State with a bachelor's degree in political science, Palmer and her husband, James, have three children and two grandchildren.

TEAM SUPPORT STAFF



Markeshia Grant

Head Manager

2nd Season at South Carolina
South Carolina, 2012

Markeshia Grant returned to her alma mater in Fall 2015 as head manager while pursuing her master's degree in educational technology. A key member of head coach Dawn Staley's first NCAA

Sweet 16 team, Grant spent the previous three years playing overseas and as part of two other universities' women's basketball staffs.

Best known for her hot shooting in the program's first ever win at Tennessee in February 2012, Grant was a Second-Team All-SEC performer as a senior. She ranks sixth in program history in career 3-point field goal percentage, hitting 33.4 percent of her attempts, and became the first Gamecock to participate in the State Farm College 3-Point Championship as part of the 2012 NCAA Final Four. Before transferring to South Carolina, Grant was an NJCAA Third-Team All-American.

After graduating from South Carolina with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 2012, Grant spent time with two teams in Germany before returning to the U.S. to pursue a coaching career.



Chris Matlock

Dir. of Equipment Operations

17th Season at South Carolina
Chattanooga, 1986

Chris Matlock is in his 17th season at South Carolina and his first with women's basketball after spending 16 seasons with the football team.

Prior to joining the Gamecocks in 2000, Matlock was part of the Notre Dame staff for nine seasons. He worked as the assistant equipment manager for the NFL's Indianapolis Colts for five years. He was the assistant equipment manager at his alma mater, Chattanooga, for one year and worked as a student assistant for the Moccasin program as an undergraduate.

Matlock has been an active certified member of the Athletic Equipment Manager Association for 21 years and is the secretary of the SEC Equipment Managers Association. Since his arrival in Columbia, he has been involved with the Palmetto Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, serving on the Board of Directors.

While in South Bend, Matlock was a chairperson for the Dream Course Foundation golf outing also raising money for JDRE.

He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Chattanooga in 1986. He is a 2002 graduate of The Sports Management Institute.

Student Managers



Kyle Dillon

Brookeville, Md.
Grad Student
Sport and Entertainment
Management
5th Year



Hunter Lindell

Palatine, Ill.
Freshman
Sport and Entertainment
Management
1st Year



Danielle Pierce

Austin, Texas
Grad Student
Sport and Entertainment
Management
1st Year



Shelby Jackson

Blythewood, S.C.
Junior
Exercise Science
1st Year



Payten Martin

Damascus, Md.
Sophomore
Sport and Entertainment
Management
1st Year

Practice Players



Joseph Armstrong

Columbia, S.C.
Junior



Samuel Coolidge

Washington, D.C.
Freshman



Jacob Schmidt

Simpsonville, S.C.
Sophomore



Samuel Brown

Tailors, S.C.
Sophomore



Aaron Drumgoole

Lexington, S.C.
Freshman



Bryce Thomas

Florence, S.C.
Senior



Trequon Browning

Duncan, S.C.
Sophomore



Trey Richardson

Charleston, S.C.
Sophomore



Jackson Trotter

Knoxville, Tenn.
Freshman

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Jeff Tallant



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Staff/COO
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Risk Management/SWA
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and Student Development
Maria Hickman



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and Gamecock Club
Jeff Crane



Assoc. AD/Development
Steve Eigenbrot



Assoc. AD/Ops and Facilities
Jeff Davis



Sr. Assoc. AD/
Administration
Chris Rogers



Assoc. AD/Football
Operations
Jamie Speronis



Sr. Assoc. AD/Marketing
and Branding/CMO
Eric Nichols



Assoc. AD/Sports Medicine
John Kasik



Assoc. AD/Ticket Ops and
Customer Relations
Lance Grantham



Asst. AD/Compliance
Services
DJ Brown



Assoc. AD/Compliance
Services
Chance Miller



Asst. AD/Facilities Services
Duane Grooms



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Josh Waters



Asst. AD/Media Relations
Steve Fink



Asst. AD/Ops & Event
Mgmt.
Shawn Burke



Asst. AD/Sports Turf &
Landscaping
Clark Cox



Asst. AD/Video
Operations
Joe Lisle



Exec. Director Gamecock
Club
Patrick McFarland