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Head Coach

Dawn Staley

4th Season at South Carolina – Virginia, 1992

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Dawn Staley took the reins of the University of South Carolina women's basketball program on May 10, 2008, instantly raising the Gamecocks' presence in both the Southeastern Conference and the national stage. One of the most decorated participants in United States women's basketball history, Staley was recognized this summer as one of the WNBA's Top 15, honoring the most influential players in the league's history. That award was just the start of a summer of accolades as the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame announced that she will be part of the Class of 2012.

At the helm of the Gamecocks over the last three seasons, Staley has coached three All-SEC selections, two unanimous SEC All-Freshman team selections and the Associated Press SEC Rookie of the Year en route to a 42-48 record. In 2010-11, the Gamecocks posted their highest win total (18) since 2006-07 and their best SEC finish (T-5th) since 2002-03. In her second season at South Carolina, Staley saw her team lift its SEC record from 2-12 to 7-9, the largest one-season percentage jump for the Gamecocks since the 2005-06 group turned a 2-12 mark the previous season into a 7-7 league slate. Staley's team continued that trend with an 8-8 league record in 2010-11. In 2009-10, South Carolina posted three wins over nationally-ranked teams for the first time since the 2002-03 season, during which the Gamecocks were also ranked for most of the campaign.

Staley is no stranger to success in her career whether she's directing the game with the ball in her hand or from the sideline, where she has amassed a 214-128 record in 11 seasons. In her first coaching position, she 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.

"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 philosophy to USA Basketball as well where she was a member of the women's staff from February 2006 through the Beijing Olympics in 2008, where the United States won its fourth-straight Olympic gold medal. She helped the team to a gold medal at the 2007 FIBA Americas Championship in Chile to qualify for the 2008 Olympics after the team won bronze at the FIBA World Championship in 2006. Staley served as the head coach at the 2007 Pan American Games where the U.S. won its first gold medal

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
2002-03	Temple	14-15	9-7	2nd East	
2003-04	Temple	21-10	14-2	1st East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA
2004-05	Temple	28-4	16-0	1st East*	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA
2005-06	Temple	24-8	12-4	3rd	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA
2006-07	Temple	25-8	13-1	2nd	NCAA
2007-08	Temple	21-13	12-2	T-1st	NCAA
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
Career	11 seasons	214-128	116-54		

* indicates final season of divisional play



Staley vs. Opponents

Alabama	3-0	Maryland-Eastern Shore	3-0
Appalachian State	1-0	Massachusetts	11-2
Arizona State	0-1	Miami (Ohio)	1-1
Arkansas	1-2	Michigan	1-0
Auburn	3-2	Michigan State	0-1
Ball State	1-0	Mississippi	5-3
Boise State	1-0	Mississippi State	1-3
Boston College	0-1	Morgan State	1-0
Boston University	0-1	Nebraska	1-0
Bowling Green	0-1	New Mexico	0-1
Brown	3-0	North Carolina	0-2
Central Michigan	1-0	North Carolina State	3-3
Charleston Southern	1-0	Notre Dame	0-2
Charlotte	5-1	Ohio	1-0
Clemson	1-2	Oklahoma	0-1
Connecticut	0-1	Oregon	1-0
Davidson	1-0	Penn	7-1
Dayton	8-3	Penn State	1-2
Drexel	2-0	Princeton	1-0
Duke	0-2	Purdue	1-0
Duquesne	10-0	Rhode Island	9-3
East Tennessee State	2-0	Richmond	9-2
Evansville	0-1	Rider	1-0
Fairleigh Dickinson	1-0	Rutgers	3-5
Florida	1-9	Saint Joseph's	16-4
Florida International	1-0	Saint Louis	3-0
Fordham	13-1	San Diego State	1-0
George Washington	5-9	Santa Clara	1-1
Georgia	3-5	Savannah State	1-0
Georgia State	1-0	Seton Hall	1-1
Georgia Tech	1-1	South Carolina	0-2
Hampton	2-0	South Carolina State	1-0
Hartford	0-1	South Carolina-Upstate	1-0
High Point	2-0	St. Bonaventure	12-1
Illinois	1-0	Stanford	0-3
Iona	1-0	Stony Brook	1-1
Iowa State	0-1	TCU	0-1
Jacksonville	1-0	Tennessee	0-7
James Madison	0-1	Toledo	1-0
Kansas State	0-1	UC Davis	0-1
Kent State	1-0	UNC Wilmington	1-0
Kentucky	3-5	Vanderbilt	1-3
La Salle	10-0	Villanova	5-3
Lehigh	1-0	Virginia	0-2
Louisiana Tech	1-0	Wake Forest	1-1
LSU	1-6	Western Michigan	0-2
Marist	1-0	Xavier	7-5
Maryland	0-2		

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.”

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 through individual appearances, the work of the Dawn Staley Foundation and in encouraging her teams to pursue community services opportunities. A spokesperson for the American Health Association, Staley directs a bulk of her service commitments through The Dawn Staley Foundation, which is aimed at giving inner-city children positive input. In the after-school programs sponsored by the foundation, participants experience a three-hour focus on academics and athletics at the Hank Gathers Recreation Center. The foundation also organizes summer leagues as well as fund-raising activities.

“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



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Most Points

1. 92 at Clemson, 11/19/09
2. 85 vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09
3. 80 at Alabama, 1/10/10
4. 79 vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10
5. 78 vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08

Fewest Points

1. 32 at Stanford, 11/26/10
2. 34 vs. Georgia, 3/4/11
3. 39 vs. Mississippi State, 3/5/09
4. 41 at Mississippi State, 2/26/09
5. 42 at Penn State, 11/16/08

Fewest Points Allowed

1. 33 vs. Savannah State, 12/5/10
2. 34 vs. Ohio University, 11/28/08
3. 40 vs. Presbyterian, 12/28/10
4. 42 at Georgia, 2/7/10
5. 44 vs. South Carolina State, 12/30/10

Most Points Allowed

1. 94 at Clemson, 11/19/09
2. 93 vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09
3. 84 vs. Xavier, 11/12/10
4. 82 at Florida, 2/22/09
- 82 at Tennessee, 2/17/11

Largest Margin of Victory

1. 28 (68-40) vs. Presbyterian, 12/28/10
2. 27 (73-46) vs. Brown, 12/29/09
3. 22 (75-53) vs. Charleston Southern, 12/1/10
4. 21 (68-47) vs. Davidson, 11/24/08
- 21 (73-52) vs. High Point, 12/5/08

Largest Margin of Defeat

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

Field Goals Made

1. 34 vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09
- 34 at Clemson, 11/19/09
3. 31 at Alabama, 1/10/10
- 31 vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10
- 31 vs. Arkansas, 2/14/10

Field Goal Attempts

1. 74 at Clemson, 11/19/09
2. 73 vs. Tennessee, 1/20/11
3. 71 vs. NC State, 12/13/09
4. 70 at Florida, 2/22/09
5. 69 vs. Davidson, 11/24/08

Highest Field Goal Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)

1. .596 (31-52) at Alabama, 1/10/10
2. .554 (31-56) vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10
3. .521 (25-48) vs. Presbyterian, 12/28/10
4. .518 (29-56) vs. NC State, 12/12/10
5. .507 (34-67) vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09

Lowest Field Goal Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)

1. .218 (12-55) at Stanford, 11/26/10
2. .231 (12-52) vs. Georgia, 3/4/11
3. .236 (13-55) at Kentucky, 2/5/09
4. .241 (13-54) at Georgia, 1/2/11
5. .243 (17-70) at Penn State, 11/21/10

Lowest Field Goal Percentage Allowed (Min. 40 FGA)

1. .259 (14-54) vs. Savannah State, 12/5/10
2. .269 (18-67) vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11
3. .279 (12-43) vs. Ohio University, 11/28/08
4. .286 (16-56) at Georgia, 2/7/10
- .286 (18-63) vs. Penn State, 11/22/09

Highest Field Goal Percentage Allowed (Min. 40 FGA)

1. .565 (35-62) vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08
- .565 (26-46) vs. Florida, 1/9/11
2. .557 (34-61) vs. Xavier, 11/12/10
3. .545 (30-55) at Kentucky, 1/13/11
4. .540 (27-50) vs. Vanderbilt, 2/27/11
5. .531 (26-49) at Stanford, 11/26/10

3-Point Field Goals Made

1. 9 at Arkansas, 2/6/11
- 9 at Ole Miss, 1/16/11
3. 8 at Ole Miss, 01/22/09
- 8 vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08
- 8 vs. Auburn, 1/17/10
- 8 at Alabama, 1/10/10
- 8 vs. LSU, 1/6/11
- 8 vs. Georgia, 1/27/11
- 8 at Tennessee, 2/17/11

3-Point Field Goal Attempts

1. 28 vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10
2. 25 at Ole Miss, 1/16/11
3. 23 at Florida, 2/22/09
- 23 vs. Boston University, 12/28/09
5. 22 vs. Kentucky, 3/1/09

3-Point Field Goal Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)

1. .667 (8-12) vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08
- .667 (8-12) at Alabama, 1/10/10
3. .533 (8-15) vs. Auburn, 1/17/10
4. .500 (3-6) vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08
- .500 (5-10) vs. Charlotte, 11/16/09
- .500 (6-12) vs. Clemson, 11/19/09
- .500 (3-6) vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10

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Free Throws Made

1. 26 at Ole Miss, 1/22/09
2. 24 vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08
3. 23 vs. Auburn, 1/8/09
4. 23 at Georgia, 1/2/11
5. 21 vs. Penn State, 11/22/09

Free Throw Attempts

1. 34 vs. Penn State, 11/22/09
2. 34 at Clemson, 11/19/09
3. 34 at Georgia, 1/2/11
4. 33 at Ole Miss, 1/22/09
5. 32 vs. Savannah State, 12/5/10

Free Throw Percentage (Min. 10 FTA)

1. .885 (23-26) vs. Auburn, 1/2/09
2. .875 (14-16) vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09
3. .833 (10-12) at Tennessee, 1/7/10
4. .818 (9-11) at Auburn, 2/4/10
5. .813 (13-16) vs. Davidson, 11/24/08

Rebounds

1. 53 vs. Brown, 12/29/09
2. 52 vs. High Point, 12/5/08
3. 49 vs. Boston University, 12/28/09
4. 49 vs. Alabama, 1/23/11
5. 49 at Penn State, 11/21/10

Offensive Rebounds

1. 25 vs. Penn State, 11/21/11
2. 23 vs. High Point, 12/5/08
3. 23 vs. Brown, 12/29/09
4. 22 vs. Alabama, 1/23/11
5. 21 vs. NC State, 12/13/09
6. 21 vs. Mississippi State, 2/11/10
7. 21 vs. Xavier, 11/12/10
8. 21 at Georgia, 1/2/11

Defensive Rebounds

1. 35 vs. Charlotte, 11/16/09
2. 33 at Ole Miss, 1/22/09
3. 32 vs. Jacksonville, 12/30/08
4. 31 vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11
5. 30 at Wake Forest, 12/3/08
6. 30 vs. Brown, 12/29/09

Assists

1. 20 vs. Alabama, 2/15/09
2. 19 vs. High Point, 12/5/08
3. 19 at Alabama, 1/10/10
4. 19 vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09
5. 18 vs. Appalachian State, 3/16/11
6. 18 vs. Charleston Southern, 12/1/10

Steals

1. 16 vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08
2. 16 vs. NC State, 12/12/10
3. 15 vs. Davidson, 11/24/08
4. 15 vs. High Point, 12/2/09
5. 14 at Clemson, 11/19/09

Blocked Shots

1. 8 vs. Charleston Southern, 12/1/10
2. 7 vs. Savannah State, 12/5/10
3. 6 vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09
4. 6 vs. Clemson, 11/18/10
5. 6 vs. Appalachian State, 3/16/11

Turnovers

1. 32 at Wake Forest, 12/3/08
2. 28 at Kentucky, 1/13/11
3. 26 vs. Jacksonville, 12/30/08
4. 24 vs. Wake Forest, 12/17/09
5. 24 vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09
6. 24 at Charlotte, 11/16/09



Lisa Boyer

4th 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 Staley's 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, she is the Gamecocks' recruiting coordinator and liaison for strength and conditioning and compliance. Additionally, she works directly with South Carolina's guards.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to get South Carolina women's basketball where it needs to be, which is among the top teams in the SEC," Boyer said. "With the conference we are in, the facility, the location and the fact that it's a state university, there is no reason we can't put South Carolina on the women's basketball map."

In six seasons at Temple, Boyer helped Staley lead the Owls to five NCAA Tournaments and three Atlantic 10 Tournament titles. 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 Rage, which became the Philadelphia Rage the following season. After guiding her first team to a 21-19 record, Boyer welcomed the arrival of Staley to the squad in 1997, during which Staley earned All-Star honors. Boyer left the Rage to take an assistant coach position with the Cleveland Rockers of the WNBA for the 1998 season. 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 Cavalier's 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 seasons. 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.

Having both coached Staley as a player and coached with her, Boyer enjoys a symbiotic relationship with her head coach where her perspective and experience propel both forward in their shared goal of team success.

"We view the game similarly, and our philosophies around how players should practice and approach the game are parallel," Boyer said of her relationship with Staley. "We're both driven and competitive and thrive around other people with those qualities. When she first got into coaching, I had the experience to help her through the off-the-court details, especially when she was still playing in the WNBA and coaching. Those years helped us build a trust that we have each other's back and are working toward a common goal."

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.

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, assistant coach, 2001-02
 Richmond/Philadelphia Rage, ABL, head coach, 1996-97
 Bradley University, head coach, 1986-1996
 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

Education

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

Assistant Coach

Nikki McCray

4th Season at South Carolina – Tennessee, 1995

Two-time Olympic gold medal winner Nikki McCray reunited with two former teammates when she joined head coach Dawn Staley's South Carolina staff in May 2008. Following an 11-year professional playing career, McCray moved into the coaching ranks in 2006, spending two seasons on the bench at Western Kentucky. A three-time WNBA All-Star and the 1996-97 ABL Most Valuable Player, McCray will be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2012.

McCray got her start in coaching at Western Kentucky where she helped the Lady Toppers to 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. She played a key role in recruiting, especially in drawing players from her hometown of Memphis, Tenn.

Prior to moving into the coaching world, McCray enjoyed a nine-year career in the WNBA, following a two-year stint in the ABL. She signed her first professional playing 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 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 in Washington. She earned a starting spot in the league's inaugural All-Star game in 1999 and was the leading vote-getter among Eastern Conference guards in 2000.

McCray went on to play 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 her retirement 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.

A veteran of international basketball as well, McCray was part of the USA Basketball program on three separate occasions. Those stints were highlighted by trips to the Olympic Games in 1996 and 2000, both of which resulted in gold medals for the United States. 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.

"There is nothing like putting that USA jersey on your shoulders," McCray said. "Not only are you working for yourself and your family, but now you're working for your country. When you beat other countries and stand up there on that podium and hear your national anthem, that is an unbelievable feeling. I feel very fortunate and blessed to have done it several times."

In her four-year career at Tennessee, McCray keyed three SEC regular-season titles, two conference tournament championships and four NCAA Tournament appearances for the Lady Vols. In addition to helping UT build a 122-11 record, McCray picked up All-America and SEC Player of the Year honors in both her junior and senior years. She scored 1,572 career points, a number that still ranks her among the Lady Vols' all-time top 15.

McCray graduated from Tennessee in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in sports marketing. She is married to Thomas Penson.

McCray 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

University of 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

Announced as Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012

Education

Bachelor of science in sports marketing, Tennessee, 1995

Darius Taylor

2nd Season at South Carolina – Michigan, 2000

Darius Taylor joined the South Carolina staff in June 2010 for his second stint as an assistant to Dawn Staley. Taylor's experience both working for Staley at Temple and serving as the manager of community and player programs for the NBA Developmental League (NBADL) is the ideal background for his work with the Gamecocks' post players and the team's academic progress.

"I'm so excited to once again have Darius as part of our staff," Staley said upon Taylor's hiring. "He will have an immediate impact, specifically working with our post game. Darius has always been an effective and relentless recruiter, and we expect him to have the same success here at the University of South Carolina."

Prior to joining the Gamecock staff, Taylor worked for two years with the NBADL, promoting personal, professional and social development in the league's players. He devised a comprehensive program that educated players about nutritional health, money management and career development. Taylor implemented mentor and apprenticeship programs around the league to help players build a resume worthy of work off the basketball court in the future. He also oversaw the continuing education program, which helped players financially pursue their college degrees.

"My work with the D-League was pretty significant," Taylor said. "A lot of players are going through a hard transition from being college stars to falling just short of their dream of playing in the NBA. I wanted to help open their eyes to the opportunity that is still there and to have them think outside the box to learn the business and think in terms of what teams are looking for, what a player might be lacking and what off-the-court things he might be able to work on."

Taylor brings that background to his focus on the Gamecocks' academic endeavors and life skills programs. As the team's primary academic contact, he will work closely with academic advisors and professors to monitor players' academic progress. He will also work with the community to help integrate the team into the city of Columbia and the University through service projects.

"At the end of the day, I hope our players take from me an understanding that there is a bigger game than basketball – the game of life," Taylor said. "My larger focus outside of coaching is on helping them navigate, survive and be successful at that game. Sports is a microcosm of life. If you can do well at it and figure it out, that translates to the real world."

Before taking an off-the-court role with the NBADL, Taylor spent four seasons on Staley's staff at Temple, helping the Owls to consecutive Atlantic 10 Tournament titles and four NCAA Tournament appearances. He worked closely with former Owl Candice Dupree who closed her career with AP All-America honors in addition to being named A-10 Player of the Year and A-10 Defensive Player of the Year. Dupree was the sixth pick in the 2006

WNBA Draft, starting her career with the Chicago Sky before moving on to the Phoenix Mercury for the 2010 season.

Taylor has two years of experience with USA Basketball, serving as its assistant director of competitive programs (2002-04). He got his first taste of coaching as a team leader at the Chicago Bulls Basketball Schools (2000-02). During that time, he served as an intern at the Big Ten Conference, working with the marketing and merchandising programs.

A four-year basketball letterwinner at the University of Michigan, Taylor was a Big Ten Academic All-American en route to his bachelor of arts in sport management and communications (2000).

Taylor Capsule

Coaching Experience

South Carolina, assistant coach, 2010-present
Temple, assistant coach, 2004-08

Other Experience

NBA Development League, manager of community and player programs, 2008-10
USA Basketball, assistant director of competitive programs, 2002-04

Playing Experience

University of Michigan, 1996-2000

- Big Ten Academic All-American (2000)

Education

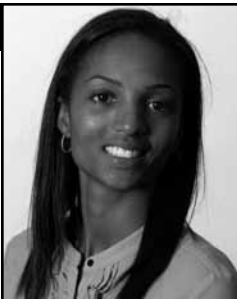
Bachelor of arts in sports management and communications, Michigan, 2000

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Dir. of Basketball Operations

Cynthia Jordan

4th 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 for head coach Dawn Staley 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 learned all the necessary components of a collegiate basketball program.

A four-year letterwinner on the Temple women's basketball team, Jordan was part of three of Staley's Owl teams to win Atlantic 10 Tournament championships (2002, 2004, 2005). She went on to play one season of professional basketball in the top division in Switzerland.

Jordan 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.

Dir. of Player Development

Freddy Ready

2nd Season at South Carolina – Carolina, 2002



After being part of the South Carolina athletics department in various capacities since August 1999, Freddy Ready was named director of player development by head coach Dawn Staley in July 2010. He proved to be an invaluable member of the women's basketball program through Staley's first two seasons as first a head manager then a graduate assistant prior to his first full-time appointment to the staff.

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.

Athletic Training

Jennifer Herod

7th Season at South Carolina – Purdue, 1994



A 1996 graduate of South Carolina with a master's in public health, Jennifer Herod returned to Columbia to join the Gamecock athletic training staff as an assistant athletic trainer in the summer of 2005 after serving in a similar role at Ball State University. She works primarily with the women's basketball team and oversees men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis.

In addition to her direct work with Gamecock teams, Herod is the coordinator for the Performance, Health and Wellness Team at the University. Charged with ensuring the overall well being of Gamecock student-athletes, the group, which includes team doctors, the athletic department dietitian, other department athletic trainers and members of the University's athletic training program faculty, addresses disordered eating, anxiety and stress issues student-athletes may be facing. They screen student-athletes at the beginning of each season and meet once per month to ensure at-risk student-athletes are being closely monitored.

Herod began her full-time career at Ball State, where she worked primarily with the women's basketball and men's and women's tennis teams. She was the direct supervisor for the Cardinals' women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving, women's cross country and women's track and field teams as well as the coordinator of Olympic sports coverage.

A 1994 graduate of Purdue with bachelor's degrees in athletic training and movement and sports science, Herod served as graduate assistant athletic trainer at South Carolina for two years while working toward her master's degree, working primarily with the softball and men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Herod is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, along with numerous other affiliations and certifications, and has spoken at various South Carolina Athletic Trainers Association meetings. She is married to Kevin Herod, and the couple has two children, Olivia and Aubrey.

Strength & Conditioning

Jon Vaden

6th Season at South Carolina – Va. Tech, 2005



Jon Vaden became an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Gamecocks in July 2007 after spending the previous two years as a graduate assistant. He is responsible for the design and implementation of strength and conditioning programs for women's basketball, volleyball and men's and women's tennis.

A native of New Kent, Va., Vaden got his start in the profession as a student intern at Virginia Tech while completing his bachelor's degree in human nutrition, food and exercise. He assisted in the training for football, baseball and men's soccer. Following his graduation in May 2005, Vaden was a volunteer strength and conditioning coach at Liberty University until enrolling in South Carolina's master's of public health program in August. In his short time with the Flames, he helped organize, plan and prepare workouts for the football team.

Upon his arrival in Columbia, Vaden served as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant, working with baseball and men's golf. After his first year on the staff, he took a leadership role with men's golf and baseball pitchers, implementing a year-round strength and conditioning program for those groups. He continued to assist with the training of student-athletes in women's soccer, men's and women's tennis, women's golf, swimming, equestrian and track and field. Vaden completed his master's degree in May 2007 and, in July 2007, began working full time on the Gamecocks' strength and conditioning staff.

He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (C.S.C.S.) through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and holds the title of Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC) through the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa). Additionally, Vaden is CPR, first aid and AED certified.

Academic Services

Lynn Smith

3rd Season at South Carolina – S.C. State, 2002

Lynn Smith joined the South Carolina academic advising staff in the fall of 2010 and oversees the academic needs of the women's basketball and men's and women's swimming and diving programs. Smith assists those student-athletes with class registration and scheduling, progress toward degree requirements and communication with their professors.

A 2002 graduate of South Carolina State with a bachelor's in physical education, Smith earned her master's degree in sport management from the University of Georgia in 2006. After a brief stint as the assistant director of compliance for the Florida High School Athletic Association, she returned to Georgia to serve as an academic counselor from January 2008 until beginning her current position with the Gamecocks. At UGA, Smith worked with 130 student-athletes, co-taught freshman seminar and assisted with the planning of the annual student-athlete banquet.



Video Coordinator

Hudson Jacobs

1st 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.



Administrative Assistant

Dianne Palmer

1st Season at South Carolina – Norfolk St., 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.



Student Managers



Ian Chasler

Rockville, Md.
International Business/Finance
1st Year



Ashley Green

Holly Hill, S.C.
Criminal Justice
2nd Year



Brittany Young

Clover, S.C.
Sport and Entertainment Mgmt.
(Master's Program)
1st Year



Amelia Dozier

Columbia, S.C.
Psychology
1st Year



Tajae Woods

Eutacoville, S.C.
Pre-Med/Cardiovascular
Technology
3rd Year

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Assoc. AD/Facilities



Raymond Harrison
Assoc. AD/Academics & Life Skills



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Jennifer Stiles
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Shawn Burke
Asst. AD/Event Management



Duane Grooms
Asst. AD/Facility Services



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Jeff Tallant
Chief Financial Officer