# Staff Information

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## **Head Coach**

No. 2 in the nation.

Conf. Rec. **Conf.** Finish Year School Record Postseason 2000-01 WNIT Temple 19-11 11-5 2nd East 2001-02 Temple 20-11 12-4 2nd East A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round 2002-03 Temple 9-7 2nd East 14-15 Temple 2003-04 21-10 14-2 1st East A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round 2004-05 Temple 28-416-0 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 12-2 T-1st NCAA 1st Round 21-13 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 South Carolina 2013-14 29-5 14-2 1st NCAA Sweet 16

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## Dawn Staley 7th Season at South Carolina – Virginia, 1992

When three-time Olympic gold medalist Dawn Staley took the reins of the her legacy with her enshrinement into the Hall as part of the Class of 2013. The University of South Carolina women's basketball program on May 10, 2008, the Phoenix Club of Philadelphia established the Dawn Staley Award recognizing the Gamecocks' stature immediately rose not just in the Southeastern Conference nation's top guard in women's Division I basketball in 2013 as well. Staley was but on the national stage as well. Building on a foundation of hard work, inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2012 defensive effort and a "team first" mentality, South Carolina began to realize and was one of the final nominees for induction to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame those expectations in 2011-12. Three consecutive 25-win seasons were capped the same year. In the summer of 2011, the WNBA recognized her as one of the with the 2013-14 squad's 29-win effort that included the program's first SEC league's "Top 15," honoring the most influential players in the league's history. regular-season championship and No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament as well At the helm of the Gamecocks over the last six seasons, Staley has been named as the Gamecocks' second NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in three seasons. In her National Coach of the Year (2014, Basketball Times), Naismith National Coach 14 seasons as a head coach, Staley has amassed a 293-151 record, including her of the Year Finalist (2014), SEC Coach of the Year (2014, Coaches and AP) and 121-71 slate in six seasons at South Carolina. She has led her teams to nine 20-BCA Female Coach of the Year (2012). She has coached an All-American, 12 win seasons, a total of 11 postseason appearances (two WNIT), highlighted by the Gamecocks' pair of Sweet 16 appearances and 14 weeks in the Associated Press top 10, including four in the top five. The future continues to brighten as the nation's top recruits make Columbia, S.C. a highly coveted destination. Consistently signing the top players in the state, Staley's 2014 group illustrated the seeds her staff had been sowing since its arrival as the No. 1 recruit in the class

joined two other top-35 entries among the five-member class that was ranked

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

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While her coaching career is blossoming, Staley is still recognized for her body

All-SEC selections, five SEC All-Freshman team selections, an SEC Player of the Year, an SEC Sixth Player of the Year, an SEC Defensive Player of the Year and two SEC Freshmen of the Year. South Carolina's 29 wins in 2013-14 were one shy of the overall school record, breaking the best mark since joining the SEC of 25 set in 2011-12 and tied in 2012-13. The Gamecocks have won more SEC games than the season before in each of Staley's last five seasons, and her 52 SEC victories are more than any other Gamecock coach and account for 44.8 percent of the program's total 116 league wins. She has helped the Gamecocks to three of the program's four top-four finishes in the SEC, including the first regular-season championship in 2013-14. Her 97 overall wins in the last four seasons marks the most successful four-year stretch in program history.

#### 2014-15 SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Staley Year-by-Year

Career

14 seasons

\* indicates final season of divisional play

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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 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 transfer and injury to a 14-2 record through the first week in January. South Carolina sprinted to the end of the season, showing it had learned its lesson of the previous season by closing 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





#### Coaching Experience 293-151 (.660) – 14 seasons

South Carolina, head coach 2008-present

- 121-71 (.630) six seasons
- Three NCAA Tournament appearances, 2012 (Sweet 16), 2013, 2014 (Sweet 16)
- One Women's NIT appearance, 2011
- SEC Regular-Season Championship, 2014
- Naismith Nat'l. Coach of the Year Finalist, 2014
- Basketball Times Nat'l. Coach of the Year, 2014
- WBCA Region 3 Coach of the Year, 2014
- SEC Coach of the Year, 2014
- 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
  - 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 National Team head coach, 2014
- FIBA U18 Americas Championship, 2014

#### **The Staley Capsule** USA Basketball, Select Team court coach, Summer 2010 | Dobbins Tec

- 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

#### **Education**

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

USA Basketball, Senior National Team asst. coach,

FIBA Americas Championship gold medal,

• FIBA World Championship bronze medal,

WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award,

WNBA Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, 1999

WNBA Kim Perrot Sportsmanship Award,

• Three-time Olympic gold medalist, 1996,

· Two-time USA Basketball Female Athlete of

Flag bearer for the United States in Olympic

Goodwill Games Most Valuable Player, 1994

• Three-time Kodak All-American, 1990, 1991,

Honda-Broderick Cup Award for Collegiate

Two-time ACC Player of the Year, 1991, 1992

Sports Illustrated Player of the Year, 1991

NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding

Games Opening Ceremony, 2004

Female Athlete of the Year, 1991

ACC Rookie of the Year, 1989

Three-time All-Star, 2001, 2002, 2003

Richmond/Philadelphia Rage, ABL, 1997-98

Two-time All-Star, 1997, 1998

Various international teams, 1992-94

USA Basketball, 1994-2004

the Year, 1994, 2004

University of Virginia, 1989-92

2000, 2004

1992

Player, 1991

Jersey retired

FIBA World Championship, 2014Beijing Olympics gold medal, 2008

2006-08, 2014

2007

2006

2006

1999

Playing Experience

Houston Comets, WNBA, 2005-06

Charlotte Sting, WNBA, 1999-2005

WNBA All-Decade Team

Two-time All Star, 2005, 2006

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season's end, it was the first of three straight seasons with a final national ranking and the program's first since 2002-03. The effort earned Staley Female Coach of the Year honors from Black Coaches and Administrators (BCA).

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 schoolrecord 11 SEC victories and the highest final ranking (17 by the Associated Press) 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. A narrow overtime loss on the road became the only blemish on the program's march to its first SEC regular-season championship, which the Gamecocks celebrated with over 10,000 fans at each of their final two home games of the season. South Carolina had surpassed its win total of the previous to 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

#### Stalev vs. Opponents

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

clearly set for the future.

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.

"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 2014, she had dual roles with the organization, serving as the head coach of the 2014 USA U18 National Team, which she led to a gold medal in the FIBA Americas Championship, and as an assistant coach of the 2014 USA World Championship Team - helping the U.S. reel in another gold medal.

In a coaching tenure with USA Basketball that began in 2006, Staley has thrived both in the head chair and as an assistant. Her first coaching role on a national team level was with the 2006 USA 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. Prior to her most recent appointment, Staley was named the USA Select Team Court Coach with her former college head coach Debbie Ryan in the summer of 2010.

"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."

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 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

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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."

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.



## HEAD COACH DAWN STALEY - NAISMITH 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 weekendlong 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.



The Class of 2013: Bernard King, Roger Brown, Russ Granik, Guy V. Lewis, Richard Guerin, Dr. E.B. Henderson, Gary Payton, Sylvia Hatchell, Jerry Tarkanian, Dawn Staley, Oscar Schmidt and Rick Pitino.

#### 2014-15 SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Most Points		n ·
Game vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14		Points 99
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/9/13		99
6. at Clemson, 11/19/09		92
4. at San Diego State, 11/23/13		88
vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13		88
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ewest Points Game		Points
. at Stanford, 11/26/10		32
. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11		34
. vs. Mississippi State, 3/5/09		39
. at Georgia, 1/13/13		40
. at Mississippi State, 2/26/09		41
ewest Points Allowed		
Game		Points
vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11		21
vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11		24
vs. SC State, 12/22/13		26
vs. NC Central, 12/2/13		27
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13		29
ost Points Allowed		<b>.</b>
Game		Points
at Clemson, 11/19/09 vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09		94 93
vs. Xavier, 11/12/10		93 84
at Tennessee, 2/17/11		82
at Florida, 2/22/09		82
urgest Margin of Victory		
Game	Score	Margin
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	99-29	+70
vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	79-27	+52
vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	66-21	+45
vs. SC State, 12/22/13	70-26	+44
vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	82-40	+42
vs. Alabama, 3/7/13	77-35	+42
urgest Margin of Defeat		
Game	Score	Margin
at Stanford, 11/26/10 vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	32-70 34-66	-38 -32
vs. Stanford, 12/19/08	47-78	-52 -31
at Penn State, 11/21/10	47-78	-30
vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	48-77	-29
ield Goals Made		
Game		FGM
vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13		39
vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09		34
at Clemson, 11/19/09		34
vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11		33
vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12		32
ield Goal Attempts		
-		<b>FGA</b> 76
Game		
<b>Game</b> . vs. Penn State, 11/20/11		
<b>Game</b> vs. Penn State, 11/20/11 at Clemson, 11/19/09		74
Game vs. Penn State, 11/20/11		74 74 73 72

<b>lighest Field Goal Percentage</b> (Min. 4	iu FGA)		
Game	FGM-A	Pct	
. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/14/13	39-64	.609	Int
. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	31-51	.608	ntroduction
. at Alabama, 1/10/10	31-52	.596	luct
			ion
. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	31-53	.585	
. vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	26-45	.578	
owest Field Goal Percentage (Min. 4)	0 FGA)		
Game	FGM-A	Pct	<b>SA</b>
. at Stanford, 11/26/10	12-55	.218	
. vs. Georgia, 3/4/11	12-55	.210	6
	-		Staff
. at Florida, 1/20/13	15-64	.234	
. at Kentucky, 2/5/09	13-55	.236	1
. at Georgia, 1/2/11	13-54	.241	
owest Field Goal Percentage Allowed	l (Min. 40 F0	GA)	
Game	FGM-A	Pct	
	6-48	.125	Stu
vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11			idei
. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	8-50	.160	Student-Athletes
. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	10-54	.185	1thl
. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	11-57	.193	e te:
. vs. Furman, 12/9/12	11-46	.239	S
vs. Clemson, 11/18/12	11-46	.239	
lighest Field Goal Percentage Allowe	d (Min /0 E	(CA)	
e e			N
Game	FGM-A	Pct	2013
. vs. Connecticut, 12/28/08	35-62	.565	-14
vs. Florida, 1/9/11	26-46	.565	2013-14 Review
. vs. Xavier, 11/12/10	34-61	.557	Viev
. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	30-55	.545	<
. vs. Vanderbilt, 2/27/11	27-50	.540	
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-Point Field Goals Made			
Game		3FGM	
. at San Diego State, 11/23/13		9	Rec
vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13		9	Records
vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12		9	St
at Arkansas, 2/6/11		9	
at Ole Miss, 1/16/11		9	
vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11			
		9-	
vs. Ole Miss, 1/26/12		9	
-Point Field Goal Attempts			H.
Game		3FGA	History
. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11		29	Y.
vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13		28	
•		28	
vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10			
vs. Savannah State, 11/15/12		25 -	
at Ole Miss, 1/16/11		25	
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-Point Field Goal Percentage (Min. 5	3FGA)		he University
Game	3FGM-A	Pct	Jniv
. vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	4-6	.667	iers
vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	4-6	.667	ity
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	
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#### Free Throws Made

	Game	FTM
1.	vs. Oregon State, 3/25/14	34
2.	vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14	32
	at Mississippi State, 1/6/12	32
4.	vs. Georgia, 2/27/14	30
	vs. Savannah State, 12/28/13	30
	vs. Seton Hall, 11/17/13	30

#### Free Throw Attempts

Staff

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

#### Free Throw 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. vs. San Diego State, 11/28/09	14-16	.875
4. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	20-23	.870
5. at Kentucky, 2/20/14	17-20	.850

#### Rebounds

	Game	Rebs
1.	vs. College of Charleston, 11/14/13	62
2.	at Florida, 1/20/13	59
3.	vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	57
4.	at Texas A&M, 1/16/14	53
	vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14	53
	at Alabama, 2/7/13	53
	vs. Elon, 11/9/12	53
	vs. Brown, 12/29/09	53

#### Offensive Rebounds

	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 Rebounds**

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

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#### Assists

- **Game** 1. vs. Alabama, 1/19/14
- vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13
- 3. at San Diego State, 11/23/13
- 4. vs. Ole Miss, 1/30/14
- vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12

#### Steals

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Game	Steals
1. vs. Furman, 12/11/11	21
2. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	17
3. vs. NC State, 12/12/10	16
vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08	16
5. vs. Furman, 12/9/12	15
vs. High Point, 12/2/09	15
vs. Davidson, 11/24/08	15

Assists

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#### Blocked Shots

Game	Blocks
1. at Mississippi State, 2/6/14	14
vs. Kentucky, 1/9/14	14
3. vs. Charleston Southern, 11/8/13	12
4. vs. Georgia, 2/27/14	11
vs. Florida, 2/23/14	11
at Arkansas, 1/2/14	11
vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	11
vs. Furman, 12/11/11	11

#### Fewest Turnovers

Game	TOs
1. at Tennessee, 2/2/12	4
2. at Missouri, 2/28/13	5
vs. Georgia, 3/2/12	5
vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11	5
5. vs. NC Central, 12/2/13	7
vs. Stanford, 12/19/12	7
at Louisiana Tech, 11/12/12	7
vs. Tennessee, 3/3/12	7

#### Most Turnovers

Game	TOs
1. at Wake Forest, 12/3/08	32
2. vs. Hampton, 11/22/12	29
vs. Kentucky, 1/15/12	29
4. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	28
5. vs. Jacksonville, 12/30/08	26

## 13-14 Review

## **Associate Head Coach**

## 7th 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 works directly with South Carolina's guards. Her experience and analytic mind have helped guide South Carolina to three straight 25-win seasons, capped by the 2014 SEC regular-season championship and the program's highest final ranking, No. 8, in more than 30 years. 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 six seasons at South Carolina, Boyer has helped the Gamecocks to three consecutive 25-win seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances (2012, 2013, 2014), capped by the 2013-14 team's effort that yielded 29 wins and the program's first No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Gamecocks have finished among the SEC's top four each of the last three seasons, and under her 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. Her leadership also helped land the No. 2 recruiting class in the nation in 2014.

"It's hard to believe that the years have gone by so quickly at South Carolina," Boyer said. "We hit the ground running and have not looked back. It is a tribute to the players who have bought into the process and entrusted us with their careers. We continue to strive toward a championship, growing as people and family along 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.

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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 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

#### **Other Notables**

Ithaca College Athletics Hall of Fame, Class of 2014

#### Education

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

## **Assistant Coach**

## **7th Season at South Carolina – Tennessee, 1995**

Two-time Olympic gold medal winner and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame inductee (Class of 2012) Nikki McCray-Penson reunited with her former teammate when she joined head coach Dawn Staley's 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 on the bench at Western Kentucky before joining the Gamecocks. A three-time WNBA All-Star and the 1996-97 ABL Most Valuable Player, McCray-Penson has proven to be 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 three consecutive 25-win seasons and NCAA Tournament appearances (2012, 2013, 2014). The Gamecocks have finished among the SEC's top four each of the last three seasons, including securing the program's first SEC regular-season championship in 2014. That same year, South Carolina earned its first NCAA Tournament No. 1 seed, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the second time in three seasons to finish the season ranked No. 8 in the nation, the program's highest mark in more than 30 years.

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 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.

Prior to moving into the coaching world, McCray-Penson 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-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 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-Penson 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-Penson 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.

In her four-year career at Tennessee, McCray-Penson 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-Penson 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-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 as part of the Class of 2014.

#### 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

Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2014 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012

#### Education

Bachelor of science in sports marketing, Tennessee, 1995

## Assistant Coach

# 5th 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. His effort on both fronts have yielded important results as four Gamecock forwards/centers have earned All-SEC honors and the team has posted a GPA of 3.000 or higher in each of the last four semesters.

In four seasons at South Carolina, Taylor has made an impact on the program's post players. Despite being undersized for SEC standards for his first three campaigns, the Gamecocks steadily improved on the glass, culminating in leading the SEC and ranking 10th in the nation in rebounding margin in 2012-13. In Taylor's first season with significant height on the front line (2013-14), South Carolina was second in the nation in blocks per game, swatting a school-record 7.1 per outing, and 14th in rebounding margin (+8.8 per game). In 2013-14, center Alaina Coates became the first SEC Freshman of the Year to also earn another individual honor, taking home the Co-6th Player of the Year award as well. With Taylor's guidance, forward Aleighsa Welch is a two-time All-SEC selection and a honorable mention All-American (2014).

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 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).

#### The 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

• Academic All-Big Ten (2000)

#### Education

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

## **TEAM SUPPORT STAFF**



Director of Basketball Operations

### **Cynthia Jordan**

7th 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.



Freddy Ready 5th Season at South Carolina South Carolina, 2002

**Director of Player Development** 

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.

"Freddy is a person who does what needs to be done," Staley said. "His knowledge of this University along with his work ethic and attitude made it impossible for us to let Freddy leave the program. He approaches every job with visible enthusiasm and the attitude that no job is too big or too small for him to take on."

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.

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Athletic Trainer

## Paul Murata

3rd Season at South Carolina Temple, 2002

Paul Murata joined the South Carolina Athletics Department in August 2012, bringing over 12 years of experience in athletic training in NCAA Division I and III institutions. Four of those 12 years came working with Dawn Staley's team at Temple

University. Additionally, Murata brings more than a decade of undergraduate teaching experience to the program. In addition to his athletic training duties with women's basketball, Murata is an instructor in the Athletic Training Education Program at the University.

Prior to his arrival in Columbia, Murata worked with University of Virginia women's basketball for four seasons. He supervised the graduate assistant athletic trainer responsible for volleyball and was the summer camp coordinator at the university as well. Murata has presented cases at the UVA Sports Medicine Conference, including a case study on supraventricular tachycardia in a collegiate volleyball athlete. He also served as a mentor and lecturer in the UVA Sports Medicine Department, annually instructing graduate students on foot mechanics and orthotic fabrication.

At Temple from 2004 to 2008, Murata primarily worked with women's basketball while also supervising the athletic training needs of field hockey, women's rowing, men's and women's tennis, fencing and track and field. Before returning to his alma mater, he was the head athletic trainer for one year at Lincoln University (Pa.), where he taught six different classes in the kinesiology department, and spent two years as the head athletic trainer at Lower Merion High School.

Murata is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association along with being certified as an American Red Cross professional rescuer and adult and child/infant first aid and CPR/AED instructor. He earned his both his master's and bachelor's degrees from Temple University in 2002 and 2000, respectively.



#### Strength & Conditioning Coach

8th Season at South Carolina Virginia 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 and volleyball.

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. He completed his master's degree in May 2007 and, in July 2007, began working full time on the Gamecocks' strength and conditioning staff.

Vaden 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. He is married to the former Erin Kennedy.

## **TEAM SUPPORT STAFF**

Video Coordinator

### **Hudson Jacobs**

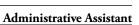
4th Season at South Carolina **NC State**, 2007

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.



**Dianne Palmer** 

**3rd4thSeason 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.



Jarvia Meggett Charleston, S.C. Nursing 3rd Year



Hunter Powell Gaithersburg, Md. Senior Sport and Enter.

Management 3rd Year



**Academic Services** 

Xavier Shannon

**3rd 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.



Special Asst. to Head Coach

**Ariana Moore** 2nd 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 and her fiance, Maurice, have two sons, Madden and Mason.



#### Head Manager

Petra Ujhelyi 2nd Season at South Carolina South Carolina, 2003

After 10 seasons playing professional basketball, Petra Ujhelyi returned to her alma mater and the women's basketball program in Fall 2013. While serving as the team's head manager,

Ujhelyi is also pursuing her master's degree in sport and entertainment management.

Drafted by the Phoenix Mercury in 2003, Ujhelyi was immediately traded to the Detroit Shock, helping the team to the 2003 WNBA title. She was on the Washington Mystics roster in 2004 but missed the season with an injury before continuing her career overseas later that year. Ujhelyi played in Israel, Spain, Turkey, Italy and Poland before retiring in 2012.

A four-year starter for the Gamecocks (2000-03), Ujhelyi is among the program's top career rebounders, ranking seventh in total rebounds, second in defensive boards and fifth in offensive. She is third in career blocks and owns two of the program's top 10 single-season marks. Ujhelyi helped South Carolina to the 2002 NCAA Elite Eight and a national ranking that peaked at No. 7. Her 11 double-doubles as a senior led the SEC. She finished her career with 990 points and 834 rebounds.

Ujhelyi earned her bachelor's in business administration in 2003.



Lauren Ellis Florence, S.C. Senior Media Arts 1st Year

**Kyle Dillon** 

Senior

3rd Year

Brookeville, Md.

Sport and Enter.

Management





North Augusta, S.C. Junior Sport and Enter. Management 1st Year







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