

# Staff

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# Head Coach

# Dawn Staley

## 5th 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. In her fourth season at the helm, she put together a team that justified that new stature as the Gamecocks made their first NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearance in a decade. It was Staley's first Sweet 16 spot as a head coach after competing in three Final Fours as a player. In 12 years as a head coach, Staley has amassed a 239-138 record, including her 67-58 slate in four seasons at South Carolina. She has led her teams to seven 20-win seasons and a total of nine postseason appearances (two WNIT).

One of the most decorated participants in United States women's basketball history, Staley was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2012 and was one of the final nominees for induction to the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame the same year. In the summer of 2011, the WNBA recognized her as one of the league's "Top 15," honoring the most influential players in the league's history.

At the helm of the Gamecocks over the last four seasons, Staley has coached six All-SEC selections, three SEC All-Freshman team selections and the Associated Press SEC Rookie of the Year en route to a 67-58 record. In 2011-12, the Gamecocks matched their highest win total (25) since joining the SEC for the 1991-92 season, tying the win total of 2001-02 team, which advanced to the Elite Eight. The team's effort earned Staley Female Coach of the Year honors from Black Coaches and Administrators. 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 SEC record in 2010-11, which put them in a tie for fifth in the league. 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.

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."

### Staley Year-by-Year

Year	School	Record	Conf. Rec.	Conf. Finish	Postseason
2000-01	Temple	19-11	11-5	2nd East	WNIT 1st Round
2001-02	Temple	20-11	12-4	2nd East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2002-03	Temple	14-15	9-7	2nd East	
2003-04	Temple	21-10	14-2	1st East	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2004-05	Temple	28-4	16-0	1st East*	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 2nd Round
2005-06	Temple	24-8	12-4	3rd	A-10 Tourn. Champ./NCAA 1st Round
2006-07	Temple	25-8	13-1	2nd	NCAA 2nd Round
2007-08	Temple	21-13	12-2	T-1st	NCAA 1st Round
2008-09	South Carolina	10-18	2-12	11th	
2009-10	South Carolina	14-15	7-9	T-7th	
2010-11	South Carolina	18-15	8-8	T-5th	WNIT 2nd Round
2011-12	South Carolina	25-10	10-6	T-4th	NCAA Sweet 16
<b>Career</b>	<b>12 seasons</b>	<b>239-138</b>	<b>126-60</b>		

\* indicates final season of divisional play

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 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 since 1987 and served as an assistant coach for the silver medal winning team in the Good Luck Beijing Tournament, held in Beijing, China in April 2008. Staley also served as the USA Select Team Court Coach with her former 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 years later played her final international game after helping the

## The Staley Capsule

### Playing Experience

*Houston Comets, WNBA, 2005-06*

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

*Charlotte Sting, WNBA, 1999-2005*

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

*Richmond/Philadelphia Rage, ABL, 1997-98*

- Two-time All-Star, 1997, 1998

*Various international teams, 1992-94*

*USA Basketball, 1994-2004*

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

*University of Virginia, 1989-92*

- Three-time Kodak All-American, 1990, 1991, 1992
- Honda-Broderick Cup Award for Collegiate Female Athlete of the Year, 1991
- *Sports Illustrated* Player of the Year, 1991
- Two-time ACC Player of the Year, 1991, 1992
- NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player, 1991
- ACC Rookie of the Year, 1989
- One of three UVa players to have her jersey retired

*Dobbins Tech, 1985-88*

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

### Other Notables

- 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



### Coaching Experience

**239-138 (.634) – 12 seasons**

*South Carolina, head coach 2008-present*

- 67-58 (.536) – four seasons
- One NCAA Tournament, 2012 (Sweet 16)
- One Women's NIT appearance, 2011
- 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, Select Team court coach, Summer 2010*

*USA Basketball, Sr. Nat'l. Team ast. coach, 2006-08*

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

# HEAD COACH DAWN STALEY

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 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 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 her commitment to giving back. She 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.

## Staley vs. Opponents

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

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## Most Points

Game	Points
1. at Clemson, 11/19/09	92
2. vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	85
3. at Alabama, 1/10/10	80
vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	80
5. vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	79
vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10	79

## Fewest Points

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

## Fewest Points Allowed

Game	Points
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	21
2. vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11	24
3. vs. Furman, 12/11/11	33
vs. Savannah State, 12/5/10	33
5. vs. Ohio University, 11/28/08	34

## Most Points Allowed

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

## Largest Margin of Victory

Game	Score	Margin
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	66-21	+45
2. vs. Furman, 12/11/11	72-33	+39
3. vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	80-48	+32
4. vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	79-48	+31
5. vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11	52-24	+28
vs. Presbyterian, 12/28/10	68-40	+28

## Largest Margin of Defeat

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

## Field Goals Made

Game	FGM
1. vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	34
at Clemson, 11/19/09	34
3. vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	33
4. vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	32
5. vs. Arkansas, 2/14/10	31
at Alabama, 1/10/10	31
vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10	31
vs. Clemson, 11/18/10	31

## Field Goal Attempts

Game	FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	76
2. at Clemson, 11/19/09	74
3. vs. Tennessee, 1/20/11	73
4. vs. NC State, 12/13/09	71
5. vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	70
at Florida, 2/22/09	70

## Highest Field Goal Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)

Game	FGM-A	Pct
1. at Alabama, 1/10/10	31-52	.596
2. at Alabama, 2/19/12	25-45	.556
3. vs. Kentucky, 1/14/10	31-56	.554
4. vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	32-60	.533
5. vs. Presbyterian, 12/28/10	25-48	.521

## Lowest Field Goal Percentage (Min. 40 FGA)

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

## Lowest Field Goal Percentage Allowed (Min. 40 FGA)

Game	FGM-A	Pct
1. vs. South Carolina State, 12/14/11	6-48	.125
2. vs. Presbyterian, 11/27/11	10-40	.250
vs. Furman, 12/11/11	11-44	.250
4. vs. Savannah State, 12/5/10	14-54	.259
5. vs. Alabama, 3/1/12	14-53	.264

## Highest Field Goal Percentage Allowed (Min. 40 FGA)

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

## 3-Point Field Goals Made

Game	3FGM
1. 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
5. 12 Times, Last vs. Georgia, 2/16/12	8

## 3-Point Field Goal Attempts

Game	3FGA
1. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	29
2. vs. North Carolina, 12/19/10	28
3. at Ole Miss, 1/16/11	25
4. vs. Georgia, 2/16/12	23
vs. Boston University, 12/28/09	23
at Florida, 2/22/09	23

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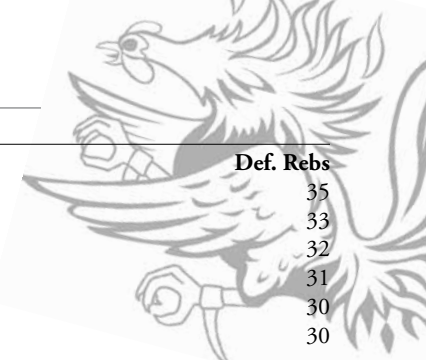
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## 3-Point Field Goal Percentage (Min. 5 3FGA)

Game	3FGM-A	Pct
1. at Alabama, 1/10/10	8-12	.667
vs. Charlotte, 12/21/08	8-12	.667
3. vs. Florida, 2/12/12	8-13	.615
4. at Alabama, 2/19/12	5-9	.556
5. vs. Auburn, 1/17/10	8-15	.533

## Free Throws Made

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

## Free Throw Attempts

Game	FTM
1. at Xavier, 11/30/11	38
2. at Georgia, 1/2/11	34
vs. Penn State, 11/22/09	34
at Clemson, 11/19/09	34
5. at Ole Miss, 1/22/09	33

## Free Throw Percentage (Min. 10 FTA)

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

## Rebounds

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

## Offensive Rebounds

Game	Off. Rebs
1. vs. College of Charleston, 11/23/11	27
2. vs. Penn State, 11/20/11	25
at Penn State, 11/21/10	25
4. at Auburn, 1/19/12	23
vs. Brown, 12/29/09	23
vs. High Point, 12/5/08	23

## Defensive Rebounds

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

## Assists

Game	Assists
1. vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	22
2. vs. Alabama, 2/15/09	20
3. vs. North Carolina, 12/18/11	19
at Alabama, 1/10/10	19
vs. North Carolina, 12/20/09	19
vs. High Point, 12/5/08	19

## Steals

Game	Steals
1. vs. Furman, 12/11/11	21
2. vs. NC State, 12/12/10	16
vs. USC Upstate, 12/16/08	16
4. vs. High Point, 12/2/09	15
vs. Davidson, 11/24/08	15

## Blocked Shots

Game	Blocks
1. vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/17/12	11
vs. Furman, 12/11/11	11
3. at NC State, 12/4/11	9
vs. Alabama A&M, 11/14/11	9
5. at Xavier, 11/30/11	8
vs. Charleston Southern, 12/1/10	8

## Fewest Turnovers

Game	TOs
1. at Tennessee, 2/2/12	4
2. vs. Georgia, 3/2/12	5
vs. Ole Miss, 3/3/11	5
4. vs. Tennessee, 3/3/12	7
5. at Auburn, 2/4/10	8

## Most Turnovers

Game	TOs
1. at Wake Forest, 12/3/08	32
2. vs. Kentucky, 1/15/12	29
3. at Kentucky, 1/13/11	28
4. vs. Jacksonville, 12/30/08	26
5. at LSU, 1/12/12	25

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# Lisa Boyer

5th 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 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.

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.

## 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, 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

## 5th 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 was 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., including point guard Amy McNear.

"I am a competitor, and I am going to bring my 'A' game to everything I do," McCray said. "I will not be satisfied with anything less than my best – in recruiting, in scheduling, in whatever Coach Staley asks me to do. I'm committed to doing everything the right way and to doing it right away. In recruiting, I identify the players I want to sign, and I won't stop until I get those players to sign."

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, and the couple is expecting its first child in February.

### The 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
- Tennessee, 1991-95*
  - Two-time Kodak All-America, 1994, 1995
  - Two-time Naismith All-America, 1994, 1995
  - Two-time SEC Player of the Year, 1994, 1995

#### Other Notables

Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, Class of 2012

#### Education

Bachelor of science in sports marketing, Tennessee, 1995

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# Darius Taylor

## 3rd 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 a 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).

### The Taylor Capsule

#### Coaching Experience

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

#### Other Notables

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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## Director of Player Development

### Freddy Ready

3rd Season at South Carolina  
South 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.

"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.

## Director of Basketball Operations

### Cynthia Jordan

5th 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.

## Athletic Trainer

### Paul Murata

1st 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

### Jon Vaden

6th 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.

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## Academic Services



### Lynn Smith

4th Season at South Carolina  
South Carolina 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

2nd 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

2nd Season at South Carolina  
Norfolk State, 2000

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

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

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

## Head Manager



### Brittany Young

1st Season at South Carolina  
Francis Marion, 2008

After one season as a manager, Brittany Young was promoted to head manager for the 2012-13 season. Currently pursuing a master's degree in sport and entertainment management, Young was a four-year captain in a standout basketball career at Francis Marion.

Young excelled both on the court and in the classroom for the Patriots, earning First Team All-Peach Belt Conference honors and CoSIDA Academic All-America standing her senior season (2008). She is one of five players in FMU history to record at least 1,000 points and 500 assists in her career and captured a spot on the program's All-Decade Team. Off the court, Young served two terms as president of the Student Athletic Advisory Council at FMU and was vice president of the Peach Belt Conference's SAAC her senior year.

Young graduated from Francis Marion in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a general business minor.

## Student Managers



### Jacob Bolan

Webster, N.Y.  
Sophomore  
Sport and Entertainment  
Management  
1st Year



### Michael Milbauer

West Palm Beach, Fla.  
Freshman  
Sport and Entertainment  
Management  
1st Year



### Bria Simpson

Irmo, S.C.  
Sophomore  
Accounting  
1st Year



### Andrew Lazette

Nyack, N.Y.  
Senior  
Sport and Entertainment  
Management  
1st Year



### Brittany Neely

Rock Hill, S.C.  
Sophomore  
Business Management  
1st Year



### Jackie Slawson

Charleston, S.C.  
Senior  
Exercise Science  
1st Year



### Jarvia Meggett

Charleston, S.C.  
Freshman  
Nursing  
1st Year

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