

# WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF



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# Susan Walvius

*Head Coach :: 11th Year at South Carolina :: Virginia Tech, 1986*

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Coming off back-to-back postseason appearances in 2006 and 2007 and with a top-20 recruiting class in tow for the 2007-08 campaign, Susan Walvius enters her 11th year as head coach at South Carolina and her 18th season as a head coach at the Division I level. She has led the Gamecocks to the postseason in four of the last six years, including a trip to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2002 and the NCAA second round in 2003.

Under Walvius, the Gamecocks have emerged as one of the best defensive and rebounding teams in the Southeastern Conference the last two years. In 2006-07, South Carolina led the SEC in blocked shots, rebounding margin and rebounds per game and ranked second in the league in field goal percentage defense and steals.

With Walvius stalking the sidelines, Carolina turned the Colonial Center into a difficult place for opponents to play in 2006-07, compiling a 15-5 record at home that included an 80-48 pounding of in-state rival Clemson, a 95-35 wipeout of SEC foe Alabama and an 81-40 second-round Women's NIT victory over America East Conference champion Hartford. In fact, the Gamecocks outscored the opposition by an average margin of just under 22 points per game in home games played during the 2006-07 campaign en route to matching a school record total for home victories.

Walvius' crew posted a nine-game improvement in 2005-06 from the year prior, a mark that led all Southeastern Conference schools and ranked as the fifth-largest improvement in any of the power conferences (SEC, ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10, Big East). A significant factor in the Gamecocks' improvement was suffocating

defense, as Carolina led the SEC and ranked second nationally in field goal percentage defense, holding the opposition to 34.7 percent shooting. Walvius' team also ranked among the national leaders in blocked shots (third; 6.7 per game) and rebounding margin (fifth; 8.3 per game) and ranked among the top 30 teams nationally in scoring margin (16th; +12.2 points per game), field goal percentage (22nd; 45.0%) and scoring defense (26th; 56.8 points per game).

The Gamecocks set the school record for blocked shots and field goal percentage defense in 2004-05, then came back to break both of those records in addition to setting a new school mark for scoring defense in 2005-06.

During the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons, Walvius posted a combined 48-15 mark with the Gamecocks and a 19-9 mark in the SEC. For her efforts, Walvius was honored as a finalist for Naismith Coach of the Year in each of those seasons.

Under Walvius in 2001-02, the Gamecocks recorded a 25-7 overall mark and finished second in the SEC with a 10-4 record. South Carolina advanced to the NCAA Tournament and into the Elite Eight for the first time in school history. The team achieved its first national ranking in 10 years and finished the season ranked sixth in the final ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll. For her achievements, Walvius was selected as the SEC Coach of the Year by her peers and by the Associated Press, and was named as the WBCA District 3 Coach of the Year.

In 2002-03, Walvius directed South Carolina to a 23-8 record and a 9-5 SEC mark. Ranked 18th in the final ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Poll, South Carolina secured a 20-win season for the second consecutive year and posted the school's first back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 12 years. The Gamecocks defeated Tennessee-Chattanooga in the first round, marking the first back-to-back first round NCAA Tournament victories in South Carolina's history. The Gamecocks fell in the second round to host Penn State.

To celebrate the team's Elite Eight appearance in the 2002 NCAA Tournament, the Gamecock women were also chosen to open the state-of-the-art Colonial Center on Nov. 22, 2002. The inaugural game attracted a state of South Carolina basketball record crowd of 17,712 to witness Carolina's victory over in-state rival Clemson. The record attendance was also the fifth-highest figure in the NCAA during the 2002-03

season.

Since being hired on April 28, 1997, Walvius has worked hard to establish South Carolina's reputation as one of the up-and-coming women's basketball programs in the country. Her dedication to the program can be seen by some of her achievements at Carolina – helping to build top-notch facilities for the student-athletes, renewing the team's focus on academic success and developing the Mentors Program. Walvius is extremely involved with the marketing of the team and is a frequent guest speaker in the community and on radio and television.

Thanks to her work behind the scenes and on the sidelines, Gamecock home game attendance has tripled. During the 2001-02 season, South Carolina established another precedent by selling out the Carolina Coliseum for the January 17th game against Tennessee. The announced attendance of 12,168 was the largest at any Carolina Coliseum sporting event all year.

Walvius' teams consistently achieve a high grade-point average and set a new team record with a 3.347 mark in the Spring 2005 semester. In addition, seven Gamecock players were named to the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll in 2005. Carolina led the league and set a new school record by placing 10 players on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll in 2007, just one year after leading the conference with eight honor roll selections in 2006.

Walvius also recognizes the importance of student-athletes receiving guidance in the real world before graduation, as she engineered the Mentors Program which teams up female leaders of the Columbia community with members of the Gamecock basketball team to further their real-world education, cultural and networking skills. The mentors help the student-athletes work on their cultural and business education for life after basketball.

Since taking over the South Carolina rebuilding project in 1997, Walvius has attracted five top-25 recruiting classes to the South Carolina campus with the 2007-08 freshman class tabbed as the No. 18 group in the nation by *The Collegiate Girls Basketball Report* and the 2005-06 freshman class ranked as the 13th-best in the country by *Blue Star Index*. The 2003 class was ranked as the 10th-best class in the nation by *All-Star Girls Report*. The 1998-99 freshman class was named as the

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## Walvius Capsule

### Notable

:: Susan Walvius has coached three players who went on to play in the WNBA after their careers at South Carolina.

:: Under Walvius, the Gamecocks advanced to the Elite Eight in 2002 with Walvius earning SEC Coach of the Year recognition.

:: Carolina had consecutive top-20 finishes in 2002 and 2003 with Walvius at the helm.

:: Under Walvius, South Carolina has made four trips to the postseason in the last six years, including consecutive postseason appearances in 2006 and 2007.

:: In her 11th year at Carolina, Walvius is the fourth-longest tenured SEC coach at her current school, trailing only Pat Summitt (34 years, Tennessee), Andy Landers (29 years, Georgia) and Sharon Fanning (13 years, Mississippi State).

:: Under Walvius' direction, the Gamecocks were one of the SEC's elite defensive teams in the last three seasons. Carolina has ranked in the top three in the conference each of the last three years in field goal percentage defense and blocked shots.

:: Walvius led Carolina to a nine-game improvement and a trip to the postseason in 2005-06.

:: Walvius is responsible for the inception of the Mentors Program, in which successful women from the community work with South Carolina's female student-athletes to help them achieve their goals both in and out of the classroom.

:: From 2004 through 2007, Walvius' players have appeared on the SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll 34 times, a figure that leads all SEC schools during that time. In fact, South Carolina's 34 honorees is more than twice as many as seven SEC schools during that same time (Auburn, Georgia, Kentucky, LSU, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Vanderbilt.)

:: During the 2001-02 season, the Gamecocks were ranked in the top 10 nationally for the first time since the 1981-82 season.

:: South Carolina's 2003 recruiting class, including current junior Lakesha Tolliver was ranked as the 10th-best class in the country by *All-Star Girls Report*.

:: South Carolina's 2005 recruiting class was ranked as the 13th-best class in the nation by *Blue Star Index*.

:: South Carolina's 2007 recruiting class was ranked 18th nationally by *The Collegiate Girls Basketball Report*.



**Coaching Timeline**  
South Carolina, head coach  
1997-present

West Virginia, head coach  
1995-97

VCU, head coach  
1990-95

Rhode Island, assistant coach  
1989-90

Bradley, assistant coach  
1986-88

## Head Coach Susan Walvius

10th-best in the country, while the freshmen who entered Carolina in the fall of 1999 were named as the 22nd-best group in the country.

Prior to coming to South Carolina, Walvius was the head coach at West Virginia University. In just her second season at WVU, Walvius led the 1996-97 squad to its first winning season in five years with a 19-12 record. She displayed her ability as an outstanding recruiter by attracting a top-20 freshman class to West Virginia.

Walvius' ability to rebuild a program was first evident during the five years she spent at the helm of Virginia Commonwealth University. The youngest head coach in the country at only 25 years old, Walvius coached at VCU from 1990 to 1995 and led the 1995 team to the Women's NIT after posting a 20-10 record. That 20-win season was just the second in the history of the VCU program. Walvius' effort did not go unnoticed as she was named the 1995 Virginia State Coach of the Year and was nominated for National Coach of the Year in District 3.

Walvius began her coaching career at Bradley University in 1986 as an assistant coach for two seasons. After spending a year in private business, she returned to coaching as an assistant at Rhode Island before accepting the head position at VCU.

As a player at Virginia Tech, Walvius established herself as one of the most successful players to wear a Hokie uniform. The four-year letterwinner was named to Virginia Tech's All-Decade team, is the school leader in career blocked shots and ranks second in field goals made and third in scoring and rebounds. An All-Metro Conference selection in 1986, Walvius was named All-America by *Converse* and *Street & Smith's*. She graduated in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in urban studies.

## Walvius Year-by-Year

Year	School	Record	Post-Season
1990-1991	Virginia Commonwealth	12-16	--
1991-1992	Virginia Commonwealth	17-12	--
1992-1993	Virginia Commonwealth	15-12	--
1993-1994	Virginia Commonwealth	3-24	--
1994-1995	Virginia Commonwealth	20-10	WNIT
1995-1996	West Virginia	12-15	--
1996-1997	West Virginia	19-12	--
1997-1998	South Carolina	13-15	--
1998-1999	South Carolina	11-16	--
1999-2000	South Carolina	13-15	--
2000-2001	South Carolina	11-17	--
2001-2002	South Carolina	25-7	NCAA Elite Eight
2002-03	South Carolina	23-8	NCAA 2nd Round
2003-04	South Carolina	10-18	--
2004-05	South Carolina	8-21	--
2005-06	South Carolina	17-12	WNIT
2006-07	South Carolina	18-15	WNIT
South Carolina: 10 seasons		149-144	
Career Total: 17 seasons		247-245	

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## Walvius vs. Opponents

Akron	1-0	Georgia Southern	3-2	Mount St. Mary's	1-0	Stetson	2-0
Alabama	7-7	Hampton	1-0	Nevada	1-1	St. Francis (NY)	1-0
Alcorn State	1-0	Hawaii	0-1	New Hampshire	1-0	St. John's	3-0
Appalachian State	2-1	Hartford	1-0	New Mexico	1-0	St. Peter's	0-1
Arizona State	1-0	Harvard	1-0	North Carolina	1-3	Syracuse	3-4
Arkansas	5-8	High Point	2-0	UNC Asheville	2-0	Temple	2-0
Army	1-0	Hofstra	0-1	UNC Wilmington	3-0	Tennessee	0-13
Auburn	6-9	Howard	2-0	North Carolina A&T	1-0	Tennessee-Chattanooga	1-0
Baylor	1-0	Indiana	1-1	North Carolina State	1-5	Texas	0-1
Bethune Cookman	1-0	Jacksonville	1-0	Notre Dame	0-3	Texas-Pan American	1-0
Birmingham Southern	1-0	James Madison	2-3	Ohio	2-0	Toledo	0-1
Boston College	1-3	Kent State	1-0	Oklahoma	0-1	Towson State	1-0
Bowling Green	1-0	Kentucky	9-11	Old Dominion	1-4	Tulane	4-4
Central Florida	1-0	Lafayette	00-1	Oregon	1-0	UAB	0-1
Charleston Southern	2-0	Liberty	4-1	Pacific	1-0	UNLV	1-2
Charlotte	8-9	Longwood	1-0	Penn State	0-2	UTEP	1-0
Cincinnati	1-0	Louisiana-Lafayette	3-1	Pittsburgh	3-1	Vanderbilt	4-11
Clemson	3-7	Louisville	1-9	Providence	3-0	Villanova	1-2
Coastal Carolina	3-0	LSU	1-12	Purdue	0-2	Virginia	0-4
College of Charleston	3-0	Marshall	3-0	Radford	2-1	Virginia Commonwealth	1-0
Connecticut	0-3	Maryland	0-1	Rice	0-1	Virginia Tech	3-6
Delaware State	2-0	Maryland-Baltimore County	2-0	Richmond	7-2	Wake Forest	0-1
Drake	1-0	Maryland-Eastern Shore	1-0	Robert Morris	2-0	Washington	0-1
Duke	1-3	Massachusetts	0-1	Rutgers	3-0	Western Carolina	1-0
Duquesne	3-2	McNeese State	1-0	Samford	1-0	Western Kentucky	0-1
East Carolina	2-1	Mercer	2-0	Savannah State	1-0	William & Mary	4-1
East Tennessee State	2-1	Miami	1-2	Seton Hall	4-2	Winthrop	3-0
Florida	4-8	Middle Tennessee State	2-1	Siena	1-0	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1-0
Florida A&M	5-0	Minnesota	1-1	South Alabama	0-1	Wofford	4-0
Florida Atlantic	1-0	Mississippi	6-7	South Carolina	0-1	Wright State	0-1
Fordham	1-0	Mississippi State	6-8	South Carolina State	7-0	Xavier	0-1
Furman	2-0	Missouri	2-0	South Florida	6-3	Youngstown State	1-1
George Mason	5-2	Monmouth	1-0	Southern Cal	0-1		
Georgetown	0-4	Montana State	1-0	Southern Methodist	1-0		
Georgia	2-11	Morgan State	2-0	Southern Miss	0-9		

# Tammy Holder

*Assistant Coach :: Third Year at South Carolina :: William & Mary, 1980*



Tammy Holder is in her third year back at South Carolina after joining the Gamecock staff in June of 2005. She was an instrumental figure in South Carolina's consecutive trips to the postseason in 2006 and 2007.

Holder, who is heavily involved in the scouting of opponents and game preparation, helped the Gamecocks to lead the Southeastern Conference in blocked shots, total rebounds and rebounding margin in 2006-07. Carolina ranked second in the league in field goal percentage defense and steals. Her efforts contributed to the Gamecocks' nine-game improvement in 2005-06, which lifted Carolina from an 8-21 team the year prior to her arrival to a 17-12 team that competed in the Women's NIT during her first year.

Holder is familiar with South Carolina, having served as an assistant coach on the Gamecock staff for two separate stints prior to her current tenure. Holder helped Carolina to a pair of Metro Conference championships and NCAA appearances while serving as an assistant coach on Nancy Wilson's staff from 1984 to 1988 and spent a year coaching under Susan Walvius in 1999-2000. Holder's time at South Carolina has been marked by success, as the Gamecocks have posted winning records six of the seven seasons in which Holder has been part of the coaching staff.

Before returning to South Carolina in 2005, Holder spent the previous three years as the head coach at Cal State Northridge, where she was hired in April 2002 and dramatically turned around the program. After the team posted a 5-49 record the two years prior, she led the Matadors to an 18-11 record in 2004-05 and the school's first appearance in the conference tournament in five years. She was recognized as the Big West Coach of the Year for her effort.

Prior to her second stint at Carolina, Holder served as the head coach of the Seattle Reign of the now-defunct ABL from 1997 to 1998, compiling a 17-15 record before the league folded. She was the general manager of the ABL's Richmond Rage from 1996 to 1997 and stayed with the franchise as the assistant general manager/game operations director when it moved to Philadelphia in 1997. With Holder serving as the team's general manager, Richmond won the 1997 ABL Eastern Conference championship and played in the 1997 ABL Finals.

Prior to joining the professional ranks, Holder was the head coach at the University of Richmond from 1991 to 1996, where she compiled a 71-67 record. Her first head coaching job came at USC-Spartanburg, where she led the program from 1988-91 and was recognized as the Peach Belt Coach of the Year in 1990-91 after guiding the Spartans to an 18-10 record. She finished her time at USC-Spartanburg with a 50-33 overall record.

After graduating from William and Mary in 1980 with a degree in physical education, Holder spent the first eight years of her career as an assistant coach, serving on the staff at the University of Richmond from 1980 to 1984 and on Wilson's staff at South Carolina. While coaching at Richmond, Holder earned her master's degree in health and physical education in 1982 and also served as a teacher at Falling Creek Middle School from 1982 to 1984.

Holder was a four-year letterwinner at William and Mary in both basketball and tennis and finished her career ranking in the school's top-20 in both scoring and rebounding and also ranked fourth in free throw percentage, 14th in assists and 10th in blocked shots.



## Holder Capsule

### Coaching Timeline

*South Carolina, assistant coach*  
June 2005-present

*Cal St. Northridge, head coach*  
2002-05

*South Carolina, assistant coach*  
1999-2000

*Seattle Reign (ABL), head coach*  
1997-98

*Philadelphia Rage (ABL), asst. GM*  
1997

*Richmond Rage (ABL), GM*  
1996-97

*Richmond, head coach*  
1991-96

*USC-Spartanburg, head coach*  
1988-91

*South Carolina, assistant coach*  
1984-88

*Richmond, assistant coach*  
1980-84

### Playing Experience

*William and Mary, 1976-80*

### Notable

Tammy Holder earned Big West Coach of the Year honors after leading Cal State Northridge to an 18-win season in 2004-05. South Carolina has posted a winning record in six of the seven seasons in which Holder has been part of the coaching staff.

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Assistant Coach Michelle Marciniak



# Michelle Marciniak

Assistant Coach :: Fifth Year at South Carolina :: Tennessee, 1996

## Marciniak Capsule

**Coaching Timeline**  
South Carolina Asst. Coach  
2003-present

**Playing Experience**  
Seattle Storm, WNBA  
2001-02

Portland Fire, WNBA  
2000

Nashville Noise, ABL  
1998-99

Philadelphia Rage, ABL  
1997-98

Portland Power, ABL  
1996-97

University of Tennessee  
1992-96

- :: 1996 National Champions
- :: 1996 Final Four MVP
- :: 1996 SEC Champions
- :: 1996 All-SEC First Team
- :: 1996 Academic All-SEC
- :: 1995 National Championship Runner-Up
- :: 1994 SEC Champions
- :: 1994 Academic All-SEC

### USA Basketball

- :: 2000 Olympic Trials
- :: 1999 Pan American Games
- :: 1996 World Championship Qualifier
- :: 1995 Jones Cup
- :: 1994 World University Games
- :: 1993 Junior World Championships
- :: 1992 Junior World Championships Qualifier
- :: 1989, 1990, 1991 U.S. Olympic Festival

### High School

- :: 1991 National HS Player of the Year (*USA Today*, *Naismith*, *Parade*, *Gatorade*, *Converse*)
- :: 3,025 Career Points

### Notable

Michelle Marciniak Was recognized as the Most Valuable Player of the 1996 Final Four after leading Tennessee to the National Championship.

In her fifth year at South Carolina, Michelle Marciniak is a familiar name to basketball fans across the country. Joining the Gamecock women's basketball coaching staff on April 14, 2003, Marciniak works primarily with the point guards and wings with an emphasis on ballhandling and passing. She is the liaison to the strength and conditioning staff specializing in the area of fitness. Marciniak is the recruiting coordinator and is relied upon heavily to sign the best players in the country and overseas. She also shares responsibilities in the scouting of opponents, including film breakdown and scouting reports. With Marciniak serving as recruiting coordinator, South Carolina's 2007 recruiting class was ranked No. 18 in the nation by *The Collegiate Girls Basketball Report*.

A consummate competitor, Marciniak was a key ingredient in the Gamecocks making back-to-back appearances in the postseason in 2006 and 2007.

Marciniak came to South Carolina after a six-year professional basketball career in the WNBA and ABL. Most recently a member of the Seattle Storm during the 2001 and 2002 seasons, Marciniak entered the WNBA in 2000 with the Portland Fire after competing for three seasons in the now defunct ABL.

Marciniak graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1996 with a degree in psychology after recording 1,004 points, 266 rebounds, 452 assists and 237 steals in her 104 games as a Lady Vol. With Marciniak running the team from the point, the Lady Vols won two SEC championships, finished as a runner-up to national champion Connecticut in 1995 and returned the next year to take home the NCAA title.

She culminated her three-year career by helping the Lady Vols capture the NCAA Championship in her senior year. For her efforts, she was selected as the Final Four's Most Valuable Player.

Marciniak's collegiate accolades also include two All-SEC nods, two Academic All-American honors, one honorable mention All-America selection, one SEC All-Tournament Team award and a spot on the NCAA East Regional All-Tournament Team.

Her name is still quite visible in Tennessee's records book as she ranks fourth in career assists per game (4.3), fifth in career assists (452), ninth in career 3-point field goals attempted (245) and in 3-point field goals made during a career (66). As a senior, Marciniak established a still-standing UT record for most steals in a game when she made 11 thefts at Kentucky on Jan. 14, 1996. Her 12-assist performance against Georgia on February 25, 1995, remains the fourth-highest total in school history.

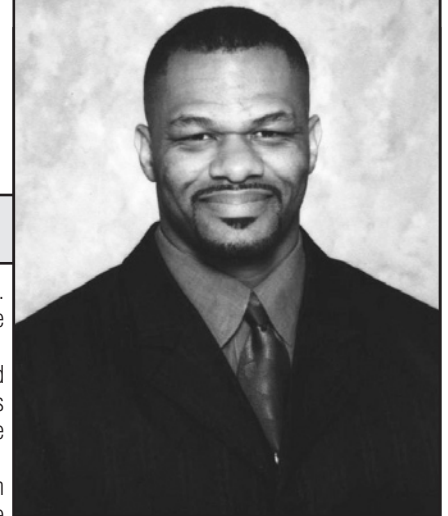
The *USA Today*, *Naismith*, *Parade*, *Gatorade* and *Converse* National High School Player of the Year as a senior at Allentown (Pa.) Central Catholic High School poured in 3,025 points during her four-year career, and her No. 23 jersey hangs in the rafters at the school's basketball facility.

A fan favorite for her hustle on the court and her personality off the court, the Macungie, Pa., native was involved in community relations by serving as a motivational speaker to youth groups, staying involved with FCA and visiting children's hospitals in her spare time. Starting in 1996, Marciniak developed her own basketball clinics in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Washington and Oregon.

Marciniak kept up with college basketball after graduation by working as the color commentator on the Lady Vol Women's Basketball Network (radio and TV). In March of 2002, she served as the analyst for ESPN Radio's broadcast of the SEC Championship Game before joining the Gamecock Radio Team in January of 2003 as a color analyst.



# Ronald Hughey



*Assistant Coach :: First Year at South Carolina :: Limestone College, 2006*

Ronald Hughey joined the South Carolina coaching staff in May 2007 and enters his first year with the Gamecocks. A Columbia native, Hughey spent the last three seasons as an assistant on Tonya Mackey's staff at South Carolina State and has nine years of basketball coaching experience at various levels.

Hughey served as South Carolina State's recruiting coordinator, handled the bulk of the Bulldogs' scouting reports and was a key figure in player development from 2004 to 2007. In only three years at South Carolina State, a trio of Bulldogs earned All-Conference recognition under Hughey's guidance, as Brittany Baity was a 2007 All-League selection, Melanie Denson was a 2006 honoree and Evena Morency secured the recognition in 2005.

Prior to his time at South Carolina State, Hughey served as the assistant coach for the boys' varsity basketball team at W.J. Keenan HS in Columbia from 2001 to 2004. Keenan participated in the playoffs in each of his three years on the staff and was one of the more powerful teams in the state. At Keenan, Hughey helped develop Thurman Zimmerman and Brandon Trapp, both of whom went on to play at South Carolina State, and Alexander Harper, who went on to play at Virginia Commonwealth.

Hughey came to Keenan after spending one season as assistant boys' varsity basketball coach at Columbia's C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy in 2000-01.

His first coaching job came at Alcorn Middle School, where he served as head boys' basketball coach from 1996 to 1998. He then got out of coaching and into the concrete business before returning to the coaching ranks at C.A. Johnson in 2000.

Born November 7, 1970, Hughey attended C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy and was a three-year letterwinner as a forward on the basketball team. C.A. Johnson won the state championship in 1989 during his senior year. He was also a three-year letterwinner at quarterback for the football team and was a three-year letterwinner for the cross country squad as well. Immediately after graduating from high school, Hughey attended South Carolina State for three years. He went back to school to earn a degree in liberal arts from Limestone College in December of 2006.

His wife, the former Alethea Barnes, is a 1994 South Carolina graduate. Hughey has two daughters, Rhonda (7) and Sanabarabara (14).

## Hughey Capsule

### Coaching Timeline

*South Carolina, assistant coach*  
May 2007-present

*South Carolina State, assistant women's coach*  
2004-07

*W.J. Keenan High School, assistant boys' varsity coach*  
2001-04

*C.A. Johnson Preparatory Academy, assistant boys' varsity coach*  
2000-01

*Alcorn Middle School, head boys' basketball coach*  
1996-98

### Notable

Hughey helped develop three college players during his time at Keenan HS. A Columbia native, he has lived in Columbia his entire life with the exception of his college years.

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Director of Basketball Operations Robin Muller

# Robin Muller

*Dir. of Basketball Operations :: Fifth Year at South Carolina :: Kenyon, 1985*

Robin Muller is in her fourth year as director of basketball operations. Muller organizes the team and coaching staff, allowing them to keep their energies concentrated on the court.

Muller's responsibilities include coordinating team travel, organizing and managing all summer camps, monitoring the team's academic progress, supervising all non-coaching personnel and assisting head coach Susan Walvius in her daily schedule. She also serves as the radio analyst on the broadcasts of South Carolina's games and served in the same function for Comcast Sports Southeast's television broadcast of the Gamecocks' 2006 meetings with Georgia and Tennessee.

Muller joined the South Carolina staff after working as a women's basketball television color commentator for three years. She appeared on ACC, MAC and SEC game telecasts for Fox Sports and ESPN.

Serving as the head women's basketball coach at Winthrop University for eight years (1993-2000), Muller led the Lady Eagles to their most successful run in school history. Under her direction, Winthrop achieved its only Big South championship appearance in 1996, before falling to Radford, 85-83. That success earned Muller the Big South Coach of the Year award.

During the summer of 1993, Muller was invited to serve as the head coach of the elite Athletes in Action women's basketball team that spent five weeks touring and playing in Moscow, Russia.

Before arriving at Winthrop, the Ohio native spent five seasons on the staff at Virginia Commonwealth, including three seasons on Walvius' VCU staff.

Muller earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Kenyon College in 1985. A four-year letterwinner in basketball, she was named team captain in her last two years and worked as the student athletic trainer. After graduation, she coached for one year at Laurel High School (Shaker Heights, Ohio) before returning to earn her master's degree in sports management from Georgia Southern. While completing her degree requirements, Muller worked as a graduate assistant with the women's basketball program and helped the team achieve its first ever back-to-back winning seasons.



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## Muller Capsule

### Coaching Timeline

*South Carolina, director of basketball operations*  
2003-present

*Winthrop, head coach*  
1993-2000

*Virginia Commonwealth, assistant coach*  
1988-93

*Georgia Southern, graduate assistant*  
1987-88

### Playing Experience

Kenyon College, 1983-85

### Notable

Robin Muller served as the head coach at Winthrop University for eight years, leading the Lady Eagles to their most successful run in school history.







### *Pat Moorer*

*Strength and Conditioning ::  
Eighth Year :: Florida, 1990*

Pat Moorer is in his eighth year at the University of South Carolina. Moorer serves as the director of strength and conditioning for South Carolina's Olympic Sports and was presented with the certification of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association in 2006. This is the highest honor that can be achieved in the coaching profession of Strength and Conditioning. It represents professionalism, knowledge, experience, expertise, as well as longevity in the field.

Moorer joined the Carolina staff in June 1999 from the University of Illinois, where he was the director of strength and conditioning for two years (1997-99).

Moorer, 36, earned his bachelor of science degree in health and human performance from Florida in 1989. He played inside linebacker for four seasons, was the SEC Freshman of the Year in 1986, led the Gators in tackles in 1988 and 1989 and was the team captain as a senior.

After graduating from Florida, Moorer played linebacker for the San Diego Chargers in 1990 before moving to the Frankfurt Galaxy of the World Professional League (now NFL Europe) in 1991-92. Moorer returned to Florida in 1992 as assistant strength and conditioning and was named coordinator of strength and conditioning in 1995, a position he held until his move to Illinois in 1997. Moorer also served as the personal trainer to the NFL's all-time leading rusher, running back Emmitt Smith.

Moorer, 1986 graduate of Escambia High School in his hometown of Pensacola, Fla., and his wife, Sharon, have two sons, Patrick II and Kaleb Ivan, and a daughter Nina Rae. Moorer is a 2001 graduate of the Sports Management Institute.



### *Jenn Herod*

*Athletic Trainer ::  
Third Year :: Purdue, 1994*

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

Herod earned her master's of public health from South Carolina in May 1996 and moved on to Ball State, where she worked primarily with the women's basketball and men's and women's tennis teams. She was the direct supervisor for the Cardinals' women's soccer, men's and women's swimming and diving, women's cross country and women's track and field teams as well as the coordinator of Olympic sports coverage.

While going to school at South Carolina, Herod served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for two years working primarily with the Gamecock softball and men's and women's swimming and diving teams.

Originally from Griffith, Ind., Herod got her start as an in-patient rehabilitation aide during the summer months in 1992 and 1993. She was a student volunteer assistant in the Physical Therapy Clinic at the Purdue University Student Hospital from September 1992 through May 1993. She earned a bachelor's degree from Purdue in 1994, double-majoring in athletic training and movement and sports science.

Herod is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, along with numerous other affiliations and certifications. Herod is married to Kevin Herod. The couple has a five-year-old daughter named Olivia.



### *Earleen Michels*

*Academic Advisor ::  
Sixth Year :: Purdue, 1965*

Earleen Michels joined the South Carolina athletics department in July 2003. She is the academic counselor for volleyball and women's basketball and equestrian and performs other C.A.R.E.S. (Carolina Academic Resources & Enrichment Services) duties assigned to the academic counseling staff.

With Michels serving as academic advisor, the Gamecock women's basketball team placed more of its student-athletes on the SEC Winter

Sports Academic Honor Roll than any other SEC school from 2004 to 2007.

Prior to South Carolina, Michels taught for 10 years in the Midlands/Greater Columbia area and worked in the state office of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a non-profit organization interfacing with South Carolina public and private middle schools, high schools and colleges. She also worked overseas one year with KMAG, the Military Advisory Group to the Korean Army. In Skaneateles, N. Y., Michels worked as an EMT with the all-volunteer ambulance team, S.A.V.E.S.

The Churubusco, Ind., native graduated from Purdue with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. After two years of field experience, Michels returned to Purdue and received a master of science in education. Michels has a daughter, Christina, and a son, Doran.



### *Kaye Hunke*

*Administrative Assistant ::  
11th Year*

Kaye Hunke helps keep the coaching staff organized, specializing in the area of recruiting.

Hunke's family moved to South Carolina from Lexington, Ky., when her husband, Ken, was transferred in 1996.

She graduated from Scott County High School (Ky.) and attended Lexington Community College, where she took classes toward a business degree.

In her spare time, Hunke enjoys reading, traveling, gardening and spending time with her family. Hunke and her husband have two children, John (22) and Jacob (19).

A native of Georgetown, Ky., Hunke has two brothers and two sisters and currently resides in Irmo.



### *Freddy Ready*

*Support ::  
Sixth Year*

Freddy Ready has been part of the South Carolina athletics department in various capacities since August 1999 and has served in the role of assistant to the director of basketball operations since December 2002.

Ready, who earned a degree in hotel, restaurant and tourism management with a focus on sport and entertainment and a minor in business administration in 2002, assists in scheduling camps, scouting and organizing practice players. He also helps with hotel and travel accommodations.

The Aiken, S.C., native also serves as the restaurant manager of Wiley's Foxfire and Grill in Columbia.

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