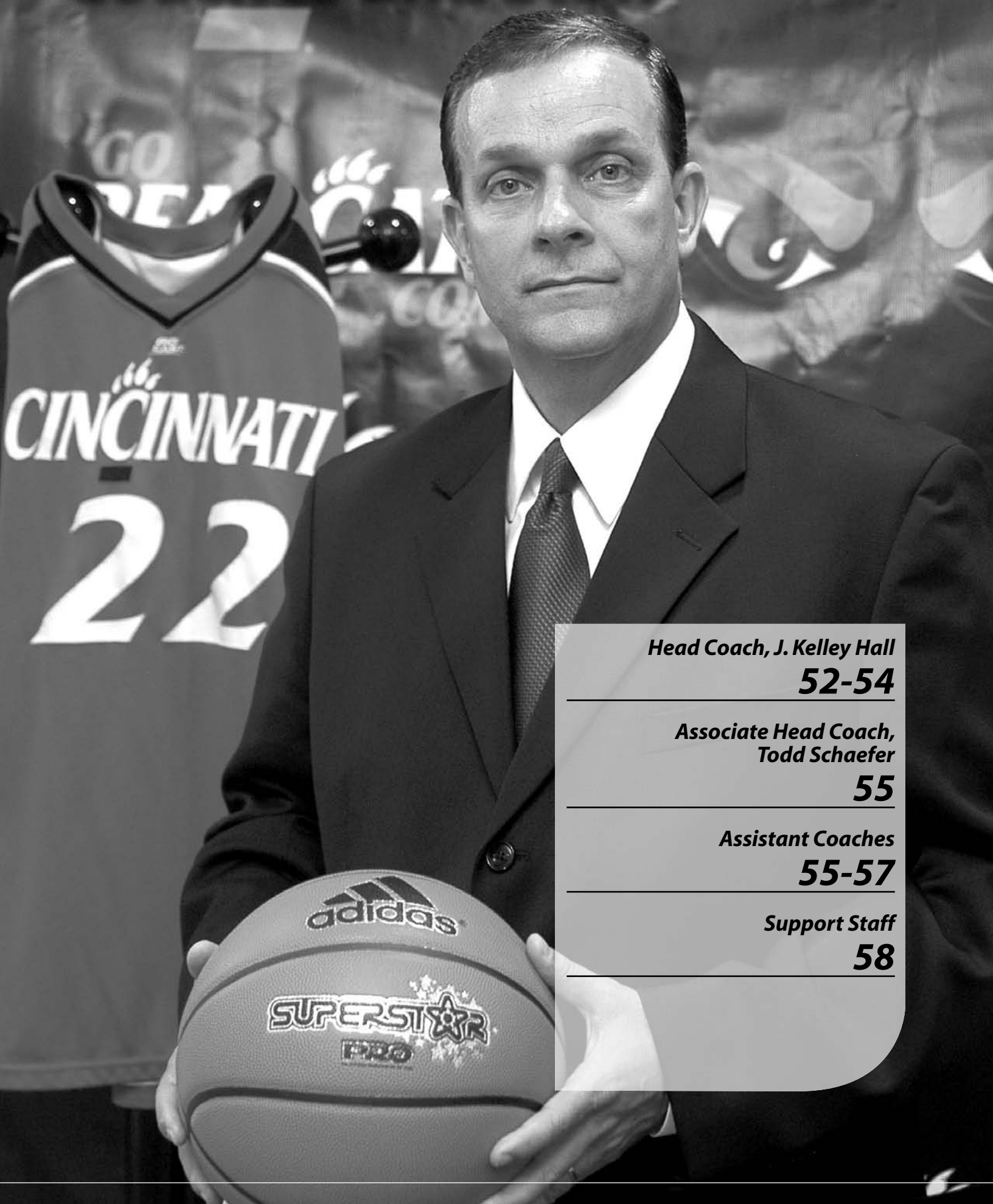


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J. KELLEY HALL

FIRST SEASON • TROY '82



J. Kelley Hall, head coach at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for the last five years, was named the new head coach of the University of Cincinnati women's basketball program on April 4, 2007. Hall is considered one of the top recruiters in the nation and brings with him a winning system which has been developed in some of the most competitive regions of women's college basketball.

Hall's career coaching highlights include guiding his teams to six NCAA Tournaments, one WNIT appearance, while coaching six all-Americans, 10 all-Southeastern Conference student-athletes, and one NCAA scoring champion. Hall's career record as a head coach stands at 290-118, a winning percentage of .711.

"Kelley's energy, experience, and desire are all qualities that shot him to the top of our search process," said UC Director of Athletics Mike Thomas. "His insatiable desire to compete and win, coupled with his strong commitment to education, will push Bearcats women's basketball to the top of the BIG EAST

Conference. As with our other head coaching searches, we have made it a priority to find a proven head coach who can bring vision, passion and stability to our UC Athletics Family.

Hall's wife, Meredith (Sisson) Hall, has served on her husband's staff in the past, including four seasons as a volunteer assistant coach, and in 2006-07 as the co-head coach. The former Virginia Commonwealth standout was a two-time team captain for the Rams, and later played for a season in the WNBA with the Washington Mystics.

One of Hall's most impressive statistics as a coach has nothing to do with results on the court, but in the classroom. His recruited student-athletes at UL-Lafayette have recorded a 100-percent graduation rate.

Hall's national recruiting base was developed during coaching stops at Louisville, as Associate Head Coach and Recruiting Coordinator (2000-02), and Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator positions at Auburn (1996-2000), Cal State Fullerton (1994-96), Mississippi State (1992-94), Alabama (1983-

84), and Troy (1982-83).

Hall's 2006-07 squad, which was picked to finish third in the Sun Belt Conference's West Division, finished 25-9, winning the Sun Belt West Division title, and accepted a rare mid-major at-large berth in the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament. It was the first-ever NCAA Tournament invitation in UL-Lafayette history.

One of the highlights from the past season came when the Ragin' Cajuns traveled to the University of South Carolina's Thanksgiving Tournament and won the championship, defeating the Gamecocks by 15 on the SEC team's home hardwood. That win was one of the UL-Lafayette women's basketball program school record-tying 13 road wins and helped the team reach a new school record for single-season wins (25).

The 2005 Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year, Hall is the all-time winningest coach in UL-Lafayette women's basketball history. Hall took over at UL-Lafayette in 2002-03 and inherited a program with a 300+ RPI rating and since built Louisiana-Lafayette into a Top 60 RPI program this past season. From 1990 to 2000, the Cajuns averaged four wins a season. In Hall's first two seasons, the ULL program was 21-34 but since has posted a mark of 65-28.

Over the last five seasons, Hall's Cajuns have set eight individual and 12 team records, including most victories in a season (25, 2006-07), most home wins in a season (13, 2004-05), most consecutive home wins in a season (13, 2004-05), and most consecutive home wins overall, notching 22-straight wins from February 5, 2004 through January 5, 2006.

Over his quarter century of coaching, Hall has been a proven winner, posting 19 winning seasons — 13 of which included 20-plus victories.

Under Hall's direction, the Ragin' Cajuns have either finished first or second in their Sun Belt Division over the past four seasons, including Sun Belt West Division titles in 2005 and 2007, and second-place finishes during the 2004 and 2006 seasons.

The Selma, Alabama native honed his X's and O's as a head coach in the highly competitive junior college ranks of the Deep South. Hall



AT A GLANCE

J. Kelley Hall

Age:

48, born January 13, 1959 in Selma, Ala.

Education Background:

B.A., Troy State University, '82

A.A., Okaloosa-Walton Junior College, '80

Family:

Wife, Meredith – a former WNBA player with the Washington Mystics.

Daughters – Brynley Michelle (4) and Jordyn Kelley (3)

Son – Aubrey Oneal (newborn)

Coaching Experience:

Years	School
2002-07	Louisiana-Lafayette
<i>Head Coach</i>	
2000-02	Louisville
<i>Assoc. Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator</i>	
1996-2000	Auburn
<i>Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator</i>	
1994-96	Cal State Fullerton
<i>Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator</i>	
1992-94	Mississippi State
<i>Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator</i>	
1985-92	Truett-McConnell JC
<i>Head Coach</i>	
1984-85	Gordon JC
<i>Head Coach</i>	
1983-84	University of Alabama
<i>Volunteer Assistant</i>	
1982-83	Troy
<i>Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator</i>	



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What Others Say About J. Kelley Hall:

"(J.) Kelley is one of the top recruiters in the country. When he was at Auburn, he brought in good players and made them great. At Cincinnati, he will be able to get in the doors of great players and build that program up in the BIG EAST. In addition to his recruiting, he is an excellent defensive coach and well-known for it across the country. UC made an excellent hire. Kelley is a workaholic. He will roll up his sleeves and do well. It won't take long until he has the Bearcats on the national map."

GARY BLAIR, Head Coach, Texas A&M

"(J.) Kelley Hall is a big-time basketball coach. We worked together at Louisville and I know Kelley is a great recruiter and tireless worker. He and his wife Meredith are a great addition to our University and community. I look forward to working with Kelley as we both build towards BIG EAST Championships."

MICK CRONIN, Men's Basketball Head Coach, University of Cincinnati

opposition to 58.7 ppg on 36.3 percent shooting.

In 2006-07, Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns finished the season ranked eighth nationally in rebound margin (+9.3), 18th in field goal percentage defense (35.7), and 40th in won-loss percentage (.735).

Over the past five seasons, Hall has coached three players to 1,000 career points, with two more players returning next season who have already amassed over 700 career points. Hall has also coached one Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, three Sun Belt Conference Newcomers of the Year, and three first-team all-Sun Belt performers.

Hall and his wife Meredith have three children: daughters, Brynley Michele and Jordyn Kelley and a son, Aubrey Oneal.



averaged 26 wins per year during a seven-year stint as the head coach at Truett-McConnell Junior College, while also capturing three state championships and four second-place finishes. In 1984-85, Hall helped start the women's basketball program at Gordon Junior College where he led the team to a first-year record of 19-7.

Regarded as one of the finest defensive coaches in the women's college game, Hall favors a very aggressive match-up zone. Over the Cajuns' last 147 games, UL-Lafayette held the

Head Coach Year-by-Year Record University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Year	Overall	Sun Belt	Finish
2006-07	25-9*	14-4	1st-West#
2005-06	18-10	8-7	2nd-West
2004-05	22-9	10-5	1st-West
2003-04	13-15	7-8	2nd-West
2002-03	8-19	4-11	6th-West
Totals	86-62	43-35	

*Louisiana Lafayette School Record for wins
NCAA Tournament Appearance

HALL'S RECORD AGAINST

Alaska-Anchorage	1-0	1.000
Arkansas	0-2	.000
Arkansas-Little Rock	4-1	.800
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	2-0	1.000
Arkansas State	3-5	.375
Auburn	0-1	.000
Bethune-Cookman	1-0	1.000
Centenary (La.)	2-0	1.000
Cincinnati	0-1	.000
Coastal Carolina	1-0	1.000
Denver	6-4	.600
Florida Atlantic	1-0	1.000
Florida International	6-3	.667
Hampton	2-0	1.000
Lamar	2-0	1.000
Louisiana-Monroe	1-1	.500
Louisiana State	0-1	.000
Louisiana State-Shreveport	1-0	1.000
Louisiana Tech	0-1	.000
Marquette	0-1	.000
Maryland-Eastern Shore	1-1	.500
Memphis	0-1	.000
Middle Tennessee	0-8	.000
Missouri	1-0	.000
Montana State	1-0	1.000
Nebraska	0-2	1.000
New Orleans	8-2	.800
New Mexico State	3-3	.500
Nicholls State	3-1	.750
North Texas	7-3	.700
Prairie View A&M	2-0	1.000
Sacred Heart	0-1	.000
Sam Houston State	2-0	1.000
Savannah State	4-1	.800
SMU	0-1	.000
South Alabama	3-6	.333
South Carolina	1-2	.333
Southeastern Louisiana	2-0	1.000
Stanford	0-1	.000
Texas	0-1	.000
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	0-1	.000
Texas-El Paso	1-1	.500
Texas-Pan American	5-1	.833
Texas Southern	2-0	1.000
Texas State	1-0	1.000
Troy	3-0	1.000
UC Davis	1-0	1.000
Western Kentucky	2-4	.333
Total	86-62	.500

Opponents as head coach at Louisiana Lafayette



ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH TODD SCHAEFER

FIRST SEASON • THOMAS MORE COLLEGE '95

Todd Schaefer was named associate head coach of the UC women's basketball program in April of 2007.

Schaefer, a native of Cincinnati and graduate of Finneytown High School, returns to the Queen City after more than a decade of coaching college basketball across the country.

Schaefer comes to the Bearcats from Arkansas Tech University where he was head coach for the past two seasons, compiling a 37-22 record. Schaefer had taken over a Golden Suns program coming off the worst consecutive seasons in the program's history. During the 2006-2007 season, Schaefer led the Golden Suns to a 22-10 record, the Gulf South Conference Championship game, an NCAA Division II Tournament at-large birth, and a first-round Division II Tournament win.

Schaefer had two players earn GSC all-conference honors, had a player earn a GSC first-team all-Academic award and had a conference-high eight players make the GSC Academic Honor Roll. The Golden Suns carried a 3.2 overall grade point average during the fall semester. Schaefer was promoted to the helm of the Golden Suns program after one season as assistant coach in 2004-2005.

Prior to his stint at Arkansas Tech, Schaefer was the head coach at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. for five seasons, amassing an overall record of 60-76. In his first season, 1999-2000, he led the Lady Bucs to their first NCAA postseason tournament appearance by qualifying for the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

By his fifth and final season, his hard work and recruiting efforts produced one of the best seasons in the school's history as CBU won its first and only GSC Western Division regular season championship, and earned the school's only NCAA Division II National Tournament bid in 2003-2004. The accomplishment is even more remarkable considering the 2002-2003 team, decimated by injury, posted just a 5-22 record. CBU finished the 2003-2004 season with a school-best Division II record 23-7, marking the biggest single-season turnaround in Division II women's basketball history.

While at CBU, Schaefer had five different players earn GSC all-conference honors and one player earn GSC Freshman of the Year. His teams regularly had cumulative grade point averages over 3.0 and every player that finished their

eligibility at CBU under Schaefer walked away with their degrees.

Schaefer secured his first head coaching position when he was appointed to the helm of the women's basketball program at Allen County Community College in Iola, Kansas in 1997. Schaefer recruited and coached the Jayhawk Conference's Eastern Division Player of the Year and NJCAA scoring champion Heather Baker. Until the 2006-07 season, Baker held the NJCAA national record for points in a game, when she totaled 57 points versus Highland Community College.

Schaefer's coaching experience began in 1995 when he was hired as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Western Illinois University. At WIU, Schaefer was responsible for two recruiting classes that included two players who earned high school honorable mention all-American honors, one Mid-Continent Conference Freshman of the Year award and two all-conference selections.

Schaefer was an honorable mention all-state performer in football and baseball at Finneytown High School where he earned four letters in football and baseball and two in basketball.

He gave up his football career and started his collegiate coaching career as a student assistant while attending Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Ky. While at Thomas More, he assisted coach Kim Prewitt, who broke the single season record for three-point field goals made in a season with 107 in 1994. Schaefer earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English/Communications from Thomas More College in 1995.

He is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and is married to the former Lisa Harper of Pocahontas, Ark. The couple had their first child, Landon Harper Schaefer, on August 24, 2006.





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ASSISTANT COACH

E.J. JACKSON

FIRST SEASON • SLIPPERY ROCK '93



E.J. Jackson begins his first season as an assistant coach at the University of Cincinnati. A tremendous recruiter with BIG EAST coaching experience, Jackson and associate head coach Todd Schaefer were hand-picked by J. Kelley Hall to help guide the UC women's basketball team.

Jackson joins the Bearcats after two seasons at West Virginia. His guidance of the Mountaineer post players was integral in the team's run to the BIG EAST championship game during the 2005-06 season. Last season, his duties were paramount in WVU's trip to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and a 21-11 overall record. The Mountaineers received votes in the final *ESPN/USA Today* Top 25 poll and center Olayinka Sanni, one of Jackson's protégés, was named a first-team all-BIG EAST performer — just the second WVU women's basketball player to earn such an honor. As a recruiter for the Mountaineers, Jackson helped to land the No. 22 nationally ranked recruiting class for 2007-08, as voted by *The Collegiate Girls Basketball Report*.

Jackson came to WVU from South Alabama, where he helped the Jaguars to a 54-33 record and two WNIT appearances as an assistant

coach from 2003-05. He was involved in every aspect of the Jaguar program: coaching the post, recruiting, scouting, academic monitoring of the student-athletes and camp management.

He entered the collegiate ranks after several successful seasons in high school basketball. Before heading to South Alabama, he spent four years at Deerfield Beach (Fla.) High School where he served as varsity girls basketball head coach. During his tenure, he led Deerfield to two state final four appearances, two regional championships and three district titles while compiling a 106-25 record from 1998-2002. In 2002 he was named the *Sun Sentinel* large school coach of the year.

Jackson earned his bachelor's degree in special education from Slippery Rock in 1993. He worked as a student assistant with the Slippery Rock women's basketball team from 1992-93.

His basketball coaching background also includes stints as a middle school coach and a camp instructor for Tennessee, Florida, Notre Dame, and the NBA's Miami Heat.



ASSISTANT COACH **TARI CUMMINGS** FIRST SEASON • OKLAHOMA STATE '03

Tari Cummings, a gifted athlete with impressive coaching experience, completed J. Kelley Hall's staff when she joined the University of Cincinnati women's basketball staff in June, 2007. A former assistant coach at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, Cummings will serve as UC's recruiting coordinator, will mentor the post players, and serve as the team's academic oversight.

Cummings spent four seasons at Arkansas-Fort Smith under long-time head coach Louis Whorton, where she helped the Lions to three NJCAA National Tournament appearances, including a pair of final fours and a consolation championship. She mentored three NJCAA all-Americans during her tenure at UA-Fort Smith.

A 1998-99 NJCAA all-American at UA-Fort Smith (then Westark College), Cummings served as team captain during each of her two years and helped the Lions to a seventh-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament in 1997-98. She earned all-American honors in 1999 and her 1,262 career points ranked third in the program's history. She went on to play two seasons at Oklahoma State University, where she was an all-Big 12 performer in

2001-02, averaging 13.1 points per contest and leading the Cowgirls with 6.9 rebounds per game.

Cummings earned her Associate of Arts degree from Westark College in 1999 and received a B.S. in sociology from Oklahoma State in 2003.

A native of Pocola, Okla., Cummings has a six-year-old daughter, Tiya.





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DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS **TOMEKA BROWN** FIRST SEASON • OHIO STATE '03



Tomeka Brown, a former WNBA player and standout at Ohio State University, was named the Director of Women's Basketball Operations in August.

Brown spent the 2006-07 season at Columbus Africentric Early College School serving as the varsity girls assistant coach and as a long term intervention specialist in the area of social studies. She helped guide the program to city, district, regional and state championships in her first year with the team and was instrumental in the development of one Player of the Year, three all-city members, and two all-district honorees.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, she was a four-year letterwinner on the Buckeyes women's basketball team where she finished 11th in school history in career steals and 20th in career assists. She was twice named honorable mention all-Big Ten and was glorified with ESPN's SportsCenter "Play of the Day" in 2001 after she landed the game-winning buzzer beater in the first round of the WNIT. In 2002, she was selected by the WNBA's Orlando Miracle as a fourth-round draft pick.

Brown holds a bachelor's degree in African American Studies from Ohio State (2003).



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