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SHANNON GAGE JOINS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STAFF

IOWA CITY, IA - - Shannon Gage, who served as Director of Operations for the University of Iowa's women's basketball program from 2003-05, is rejoining the Hawkeye staff as an assistant coach. The announcement was made Tuesday by Head Coach Lisa Bluder.

Gage has served as an assistant coach at the University of Michigan for the past two seasons. Gage's responsibilities at Michigan included conditioning and individual workouts, scouting, recruiting and summer camps.

"We are thrilled to have Shannon join us as an assistant coach," said Bluder. "She has done a tremendous job establishing recruiting contacts in the Big Ten area over the past two years and she will help us bring top recruits to Iowa. Shannon loves the game and wants to work hard to help our team improve on the court. She came from a very defensive minded program and that is an area that we are working hard on improving. She will be an asset in that area."

As a member of the Iowa staff Gage was a part of two Hawkeye teams that advanced to post-season play, including the NCAA Tournament in 2004.

"It's great to have the opportunity to come back to Iowa and work with Coach Bluder and her staff," said Gage. "I had a great experience during my two years at Iowa and I am flattered that Lisa and her staff want me back. The last two years at Michigan gave me the opportunity to gain experience as an assistant coach, yet stay within the Big Ten Conference, which is one of the best in the nation. I have known Coach Bluder and her staff from my days as a player in the Missouri Valley Conference. I look forward to great things with the University of Iowa and the women's basketball program."

Gage is a native of Tulsa, OK. She was a four-year letterwinner (1995-98) and team captain at Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) while earning her bachelor's degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies. As a player Gage was part of three Missouri Valley Conference championship teams and three NCAA Tournament teams.

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