

A well-respected assistant coach with an impressive track record as a talented recruiter, Sunny Smallwood will enter her fifth season on the Nebraska coaching staff in 2009-10, and her second as the Huskers' associate head coach.

Smallwood, who joined Yori's Nebraska staff before the 2005-06 season, has played a major role in helping the Huskers to four consecutive postseason tournament trips, including back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2007 and 2008. In 2007-08, Smallwood helped the Huskers claim the third NCAA Tournament victory in school history.

"Sunny has shown a tremendous commitment to our program for the past four years and her knowledge and experience has been invaluable," Yori said. "She is a firm believer in the ideals we have set forth in our program, and she has played an important role in recruiting and the development of our players both on and off the court."

Smallwood focuses her on-court coaching attention to developing Nebraska's backcourt players, while coordinating the Husker defense.

She is also responsible for all aspects of Nebraska's individual player development workouts, while assisting with opponent scouting. Smallwood also plays a major role in Nebraska's recruiting efforts. She played a lead role in NU's signing of 2009 Parade High School All-American and Washington State Player of the Year Lindsey Moore, who will be a freshman point guard for the Huskers in 2009-10.

"Sunny has a vast array of experience and is helping our program in all areas," Yori said. "She has proven herself as a dedicated and loyal assistant coach in this profession, and we expect her to have a positive impact on our program in the years to come."

Smallwood came to Nebraska from the University of California, where she spent the 2004-05 season as the associate head coach for the Golden Bears.

Smallwood helped Cal land one of the nation's top 10 recruiting classes during her only season in Berkeley.

Before heading to California, Smallwood spent 11 seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Washington, including her last eight seasons in Seattle as the Huskies' lead assistant. She was the Huskies'

recruiting coordinator all 11 years she spent on the staff at Washington.

During her time in Washington, Smallwood helped the Huskies to six NCAA Tournament appearances, advancing to the regional semifinals in 1995 and the NCAA Elite Eight in 2001.

Smallwood worked under two head coaches at Washington, first for Chris Gobrecht and then June Daugherty. In eight seasons under Daugherty, Smallwood helped UW earn seven postseason tournament appearances.

In her 11 seasons at Washington, Smallwood helped at least one player earn first-team All-Pac 10 Conference honors in all but one season.

Smallwood's recruiting resume included Jamie Redd, a McDonald's High School All-American and UW's all-time leading scorer, and Amber Hall, the Huskies' all-time leading rebounder, along with All-Pac 10 Conference selections Megan Franza, LeAnn Sheets, Loree Payne, Andrea Lalum and Giuliana Mendiola, the 2003 Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year.

Smallwood's international recruiting base included Laure Savasta, a member of the 2000 French Olympic team, and Hall, a Canadian National Team member.

Smallwood began her collegiate coaching career as an assistant at Washington State from 1990 to 1993.

In her first season in Pullman, the Cougars earned their first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. In addition to her on- and off-court coaching duties, Smallwood was also the director of Washington State's summer camps.

A 1983 graduate of Boise State with a degree in secondary education, Smallwood was a two-time first-team academic All-Mountain West Conference selection for the Broncos as a player from 1979 to 1983.

After college, Smallwood spent seven years as the head coach at Boise High School, leading her team to state tournament appearances in 1986 and 1989. She served as the head volleyball coach for one season, an assistant volleyball coach for three years and an assistant track and field coach for seven seasons.

Born in Deadwood, S.D., on May 28, 1961, Smallwood attended high school in Price, Utah, where she was a multi-sport standout at Carbon High School and earned 16 varsity letters.



## Sunny SMALLWOOD

Nebraska Associate Head Coach  
Boise State (1983)

### SMALLWOOD'S CREDENTIALS

- Associate Head Coach, Nebraska (2008-Present)
- Assistant Coach, Nebraska (2005-08)
- Associate Head Coach, California (2004-05)
- Assistant Coach, Washington (1993-2004)
- Assistant Coach, Washington State (1990-93)
- Head Coach, Boise High School (1983-90)

