

# AZTEC BASKETBALL

AZTEC EXPERIENCE

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THE UNIVERSITY

**Junior Kate Eveland and head coach Beth Burns**



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**HEAD COACH BETH BURNS**



## ON A MISSION

With 235 career victories and five NCAA tournament appearances already under her belt, Beth Burns remains a coach on a mission. The mission is simple - move San Diego State back into the national spotlight as an annual championship contender.

While the mission itself may be a simple one to state, Burns knows that turning that goal into a reality is not accomplished overnight. In her first stint on Montezuma Mesa, she took a program that won just seven games her first year and turned it into one that won 20 in each of her last four seasons.

This time around, the bar has been placed higher and no one knows that more than coach Burns, whose hard work, dedication and passion for the game has Aztec Basketball already heading toward new heights.





The Beth Burns File

Hometown: Chatham, N.J.

Education:

Bachelor's of Arts - Health and physical education Ohio Wesleyan University, 1979

Master's of Arts -

Physical education Ohio State University, 1981

Playing Experience:

Ohio Wesleyan, 1975-79

Head Coaching Background:

San Diego State

	Overall	Conf.
1989-90	7-23 (.233)	6-12 (.333)
1990-91	14-14 (.500)	6-6 (.500)
1991-92	18-11 (.621)	9-5 (.643)
1992-93	19-9 (.678)	9-5 (.643)
1993-94	26-5 (.839)	13-1 (.929)
1994-95	24-6 (.800)	14-0 (1.000)
1995-96	20-8 (.714)	9-5 (.643)
1996-97	23-7 (.767)	15-1 (.938)
2005-06	3-24 (.111)	0-16 (.000)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>154-107 (.590)</b>	<b>81-51 (.614)</b>

Ohio State

1997-98	15-12 (.556)	7-9 (.438)
1998-99	17-12 (.607)	9-7 (.692)
1999-2000	13-15 (.464)	5-11 (.313)
2000-01	22-11 (.667)	6-10 (.375)
2001-02	14-15 (.483)	8-8 (.500)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>81-65 (.555)</b>	<b>35-45 (.438)</b>

OVERALL 235-172 (.577) 116-96 (.547)

Assistant Coaching Background:

- Ohio St. - 1979-81 (Graduate Assistant)
- East Carolina - 1981-83
- Colorado - 1983-88
- North Carolina St. - 1988-89

Head Coach - Beth Burns

◆ Second Season Of Second Stint At San Diego State/15th Overall ◆

Building a successful basketball program is nothing new to head coach Beth Burns.

From 1989-97, Burns took the Aztecs full circle, going from 7-23 her first year to 23-7 in her final campaign. Along the way, she compiled a 151-83 record and a 64.5 winning percentage, the best in school history.

So when the time came to restore the winning tradition of the Aztec basketball program, the answer was easy - bring back Beth Burns.

After an eight-year absence, she officially returned to Montezuma Mesa on April 8, 2005.

Burns took little time to settle back into her old routine, hitting the recruiting trail to bring the top student-athletes to San Diego State.

On the court, Burns' first year back was a tough one, as the Aztecs entered the campaign with just six of 15 players with previous Division I experience. Injuries, youth and a lack of depth were key issues in the 2005-06 campaign, while SDSU played 15 of its 27 games against teams advancing to the postseason, including 12 in Mountain West Conference play alone.

Senior forward Michelle Strawberry earned conference honorable mention honors and junior center Desiree Johnson led the league in blocked shots. Three Aztecs were named to the Mountain West Conference all-academic squad, with two also garnering MWC scholar-athlete accolades.

Since returning to SDSU, Burns has resumed an active role in the campus and local community, including serving as honorary Homecoming chair in 2005.

In her first stint as head coach, Burns' impact was almost instantaneous. The Aztecs doubled their win total from her first to her second season and ushered in the school's move to the Western Athletic Conference with a 14-14 overall record.

A year later in 1991-92, SDSU won five of its first six outings and went on to post an 18-11

overall record, tallying its first victory at a conference tournament in four seasons.

The team used that momentum heading into a 1992-93 campaign which ended in the Aztecs' first trip to the NCAA tournament in eight years.

SDSU advanced to the 1993 NCAAAs with the help of early season victories over the likes of UCLA, USC, St. John's, Oregon State, Georgia and Villanova. The Aztecs also tied for second in the final WAC regular-season standings, which at the time, was the program's best-ever conference finish.

Burns' teams would go on to dominate the Western Athletic Conference from 1994-97, capturing a pair of tournament championships and three regular-season titles. The 1993-94 team set a school record for victories with 26, while the 1994-95 squad was a perfect 14-0 in league play.

The Aztecs continued their success the following two years by going 20-8 in 1995-96, including a perfect 13-0 at home, and 23-7 in 1996-97, leading the nation in scoring defense (52.0 ppg.).

In all, Burns led SDSU to four, 20-plus win seasons and four NCAA tournament appearances (1993, 1994, 1995, 1997).

Burns coached 13 first team all-conference picks in her time at SDSU, including a pair of WAC players of the year in Kieishsha Garnes (1991) and Christina Murguia (1995). Guard Falisha Wright became just the second Aztec women's basketball player to be named an All-American, earning honorable mention accolades in 1993 and 1994. She finished her four-year career as the school's all-time assists leader and was inducted into the Aztec Hall of Fame in 2002.

The postseason honors were not just limited to her players, as Burns was a three-time WAC coach of the year (1994, 1995, 1997) and was the district coach of the year in 1995. SDSU also had seven conference all-academic selections, headlined by

HEAD COACH BETH BURNS

Beth Burns' Head Coaching Career Highlights

- Five 20+ win seasons, including four at SDSU
- NCAA First Round (1999, 1997, 1995, 1993)
- NCAA Second Round (1994)
- 2001 WNIT Team Champion
- 1994, 1997 WAC Tournament Champions
- 1995 WAC Tournament Runner-Up
- 1994, 1995, 1997 WAC Regular Season Champions
- 1994, 1995, 1997 WAC Coach of the Year
- 1995 CoSIDA District 7 Coach of the Year
- 2 - All-America Selections (Falisha Wright, SDSU, 1993, 1994, honorable mention)
- 2 - WAC Players of the Year (Kieishsha Garnes (1991) and Christina Murguia (1995))
- 2 - WAC Tournament MVPs (Christina Murguia (1994) and Jodi Nowlin-Tres (1997))
- 1 - Big Ten Freshman of the Year (LaToya Turner, OSU, 2000)
- 15 - First Team All-Conference Selections (12 WAC, 2 Big Ten, 1 Big West)
- 7 - WAC All-Academic Selections
- 3 - MWC All-Academic Picks
- 14 - Big Ten All-Academic Honorees



three-time winner Olivia DiCamilli.

Burns departed San Diego State in 1997 to take the head women's basketball position at Ohio State, where she first started her collegiate coaching career.

In five seasons with the Buckeyes, Burns notched an 82-65 overall record, highlighted by a WNIT title in 2001 and a trip to the NCAA tournament in 1999.

Two OSU players earned first team all-Big Ten honors and LaToya Turner was named conference freshman of the year in 2000. The Buckeyes also excelled in the classroom as 14 players received Big Ten all-academic accolades.

Burns was an active part of the Columbus community, establishing the Beth Burns Bucks for Breast Cancer Research fund at the OSU/James Cancer Hospital, and putting together an annual fundraiser, OSU Bounce for Bucks, for cancer research.

Off the court, the Chatham, N.J., native joined some of the game's elite coaches, Ceal Barry (Colorado), Kay Yow (North Carolina State) and Pat Summitt (Tennessee), as a member of the USA Basketball Olympic team selection committee from 1997-2000.

Burns returned to San Diego from Ohio in 2001, as the owner and operator of her own fitness and basketball instruction business, BBHoops, before serving as the strength and conditioning coach for the women's basketball program at Stanford in 2004-05. The Cardinal finished the regular season ranked first in the nation, advanced to the Elite Eight and won the Pac-10 regular season and championship titles.

Burns' collegiate coaching career began at Ohio State as a graduate assistant from 1979-81, under current Stanford head coach Tara VanDerveer. She then spent two seasons as an assistant coach at East Carolina (1981-83), helping the Lady Pirates to a No. 17 national ranking, before moving to Colorado (1983-88), where the Buffaloes made their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance in 1987-88.

Prior to taking her first head coaching job at San Diego State, Burns was an assistant coach at North Carolina State when the Wolfpack advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1989.

Burns has a bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Ohio Wesleyan University (1979), where she was the school's all-time leading rebounder and garnered the most outstanding female student-athlete award as a senior. In 1984, her first year of eligibility, she was inducted into the Battling Bishops' athletic hall of fame.

Burns earned a master's degree in physical education from Ohio State (1981), and is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

**Burns: By The Numbers**

**235 Career Wins As A Head Coach**

*Burns has won 235 career games as a head coach in 14 seasons, including 154 at San Diego State.*

**24 Conference All-Academic Selections**

*Burns' players have also succeeded in the classroom, garnering all-academic honors 24 times.*

**20+ Win Seasons**

*Burns' teams have won 20 or more games in a season five times, including four straight at SDSU from 1993-97.*

**15 First Team All-Conference Selections**

*Players have earned first team all-conference honors on 15 occasions in Burns' 14 years as a head coach.*

**5 NCAA Tournament Appearances**

*Burns has directed five teams to NCAA tournament bids. The Aztecs' advanced to the second round in 1994.*

**3 WAC Coach Of The Year Awards**

*Burns was honored as the WAC coach of the year in 1994, 1995 and 1997, as her teams went a combined 42-2 in league regular season play.*

**2 Conference Tournament Championships**

*The Aztecs won a pair of Western Athletic Conference championships under Burns in both 1994 and 1997, and was runner-up in 1995.*

**2 WAC Players of the Year**

*Two Aztecs earned conference player-of-the-year honors during Burns' first stint as head coach, including Kieishsha Garnes in 1991 and Christina Murguia in 1995.*

**1 WNIT Title**

*Burns' 2000-01 Ohio State team claimed the WNIT title and finished with a 22-11 record, including a 10-0 mark in non-conference play.*

2005-06 RESULTS



**The 2006-07 Aztec basketball coaching staff, pictured with the Aztec Warrior, includes (left to right): assistant coach Renee Jimenez, assistant coach Kate Paye, head coach Beth Burns and assistant coach Jualeah Woods.**



**The Jualeah Woods File**

**Hometown:**

Berkeley, Calif.

**Education:**

Bachelor's of Arts -  
Public administration  
University of  
Southern California, 1994

**Playing Experience:**

USC - 1990-94  
Long Beach StingRays (ABL) - 1996-97

**Coaching Background:**

**San Diego State -**

Assistant Coach  
2005-present

**Oregon State -**

Assistant Coach  
2000-05

**California -**

Assistant Coach  
1998-2000

**Santa Monica High School -**

Head Coach/Assistant Coach  
1994-97

**Assistant Coach - Jualeah Woods**

◆ Second Season At San Diego State/Ninth Overall ◆

Entering her ninth season as an NCAA Division I assistant coach, Jualeah Woods is in her second year at San Diego State.

Woods is the Aztecs' recruiting coordinator, while her on-court duties include working with the forwards and centers, as well as concentrating on team defense.

"A proven coach and recruiter at both Oregon State and Cal, 'Coach Y' coordinates our recruiting efforts," Burns said. "We want to attract the finest student-athletes possible to San Diego State and with Jualeah and Kate's (Paye) experience on the West Coast, we've quickly been able to get into the homes of our top recruits."

After coming to San Diego in May 2005, Woods immediately got to work on the recruiting trail, playing an instrumental part in laying a strong foundation for the future success of Aztec basketball.

Woods most recently was an assistant coach at Oregon State for five years, serving as the program's recruiting coordinator for the last three seasons. The Beavers made four consecutive WNIT appearances from 2001-04, and advanced to the quarterfinals in 2004.

Before moving to Corvallis, she was an assistant coach for two seasons at California. She started her coaching career at Santa Monica High School as both an assistant and later as the head girls' basketball coach from 1994-97, before spending a year with the Long Beach StingRays of the American Basketball League in 1997-98.

Woods was a four-year starter at small forward



and two-time team captain at USC from 1990-94.

The Berkeley, Calif., native helped lead the Women of Troy to four NCAA tournament appearances, including trips to the Elite Eight in 1993 and 1994 and the Sweet 16 in 1992. Woods earned her bachelor's degree in public administration from USC in 1994.



ASSISTANT COACH JUALEAH WOODS



## Assistant Coach - Kate Paye

◆ Second Season Of Second Stint At San Diego State/Fourth Overall ◆

**K**ate Paye is in her second year of her second stint as an assistant coach at San Diego State. She serves as the team's offensive coordinator and perimeter coach and is in charge of opponent scouting. She also plays a large part in the Aztecs' recruiting efforts.

Last season, Paye had a key role in the team's first full recruiting class. On the court, she helped mentor a young Aztec lineup that included just two players with two or more years of experience at the Division I level.

Paye was an assistant under head coach Beth Burns at SDSU in 1995-96, before beginning her professional basketball career. She was a member of the Seattle Reign of the ABL for three seasons, and later played with the WNBA's Minnesota Lynx and Seattle Storm from 2000-02.

In her time away from SDSU, the Woodside, Calif., native graduated with distinction with both her juris doctorate and master's of business administration degrees from Stanford in 2003.

A four-year letterwinner at Stanford, Paye helped the Cardinal claim the national championship in 1992, and advance to the NCAA Final Four in 1995.

"I have known Kate Paye since her national championship years as a student-athlete at Stanford," Burns said. "Coach Paye is an excellent teacher and has a great understanding of the game. Her experience in the WNBA, combined with a terrific academic and athletic background,



makes her one of the young 'shining stars' in our profession."

A Pac-10 honorable mention selection and two-time team captain, she earned her bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1995, and most recently was an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Pepperdine University in 2004-05.

### The Kate Paye File

**Hometown:**

Woodside, Calif.

**Education:**

Bachelor's of Arts -  
Political science  
Stanford University, 1995

Master's of  
Business administration  
Stanford University, 2003

Juris Doctorate  
Stanford University, 2003

**Playing Experience:**

Stanford University - 1992-95  
Seattle Reign (ABL) - 1996-98  
Minnesota Lynx (WNBA) - 2000-01  
Seattle Storm (WNBA) - 2002

**Coaching Background:**

San Diego State -  
Assistant Coach  
1995-96  
2005-present

Pepperdine -  
Assistant Coach  
2004-05



ASSISTANT COACH KATE PAYE



**The Renee Jimenez File**

**Hometown:**

Ventura, Calif.

**Education:**

Bachelor's of Arts -  
Liberal studies, kinesiology  
San Francisco State, 2004

**Playing Experience:**

Ventura College - 2000  
San Francisco State - 2001-04

**Coaching Background:**

**San Diego State -**

Assistant Coach  
2005-present

**Stanford -**

Intern  
2004-05

**Assistant Coach - Renee Jimenez**

♦ Second Season At San Diego State/Second Overall ♦

Renee Jimenez begins her second season as an Assistant coach with the Aztecs.

At SDSU, Jimenez is the team's technical and multimedia coordinator. In that capacity, she organizes all the computer/video editing and teaching tapes. She specifically focuses on player and scout edits, as well as helping to organize summer camps.

"Coach Jimenez is a young coach with a bright future," SDSU head coach Beth Burns said. "Having worked on Tara VanDerveer's staff at Stanford during the 2004-05 season, Renee has the experience of coordinating all of the computer/video editing and teaching tapes, as well as working every aspect of summer camps. Being very well versed in technology, Renee assists me in every area of the program, with a specific focus on our player and scout edits as well as summer camps."

Before coming to San Diego State in May 2005, Jimenez was an intern for the women's basketball team at Stanford, where she was the team's videographer and coordinated film exchange. She also organized pre-game youth clinics and assisted with recruiting evaluations and summer camps.

The Ventura, Calif., native played three seasons at San Francisco State from 2001-04, finishing her career as the Gators' all-time leader in three-point field goals. Jimenez also set two school season records, including most three-pointers made (62). A 2004 graduate of San Francisco State with a



bachelor's degree in liberal studies and kinesiology, Jimenez also competed for one year at Ventura College, helping the Pirates to the 2001 state junior college championship.



ASSISTANT COACH RENEE JIMENEZ



The Tammy Stephens File

Hometown:

San Diego, Calif.

Education:

Bachelor's of Arts - Sociology  
Cal State Fullerton, 1981

Master's of Education - Counseling  
University of San Diego, 1991

College Basketball Background:

San Diego State - Director of Basketball Operations  
2005-present

Stanford - Director of Basketball Operations  
2004-05

Ohio State - Director of Basketball Operations  
1997-2000

Dir. of Basketball Operations - Tammy Stephens

◆ Second Season At San Diego State/Sixth Overall ◆

With five years of experience as a director of basketball operations at the Division I level, Tammy Stephens enters her second season with the Aztecs.

At SDSU, Stephens plays a critical role in the Aztec basketball program. She handles all of the off-the-court responsibilities relative to the budget, facilities and travel. She also coordinates community service projects, the season ticket campaign, summer camps, equipment and fundraising.

Stephens works with the Aztec Athletic Foundation as the team's point person for the "Full Court Press" booster club and establishes on-going relationships with Aztec basketball alumnae.

"Tammy Stephens is a proven professional," Burns said. "Her presence enables all of us to be better coaches, as well as make an immediate impact with our fan and community relations."

In 2004-05, Stephens was a part of coach Tara VanDerveer's staff at Stanford, helping the Cardinal to a No. 1 national ranking, a 32-3 record and a trip to the NCAA Elite Eight. She coordinated the team's practice facilities and worked with the booster club in its fundraising efforts. She also was the primary contact for summer camps and was responsible for the Cardinal's game scheduling for the 2005-06 campaign.

Stephens was the director of basketball operations at Ohio State from 1997-2000. In that position, she managed the day-to-day operations of the Buckeye program, which included overseeing the budget, hiring and supervising the office staff and coordinating team travel. She also was in charge of summer camps and was the community relations liaison.

Before leaving for Ohio State, Stephens was an



assistant women's tennis coach at the University of San Diego from 1993-97. She graduated in 1981 from Cal State Fullerton with a bachelor's degree in sociology and has a master's of education in counseling from USD.

DIR. OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS TAMMY STEPHENS





2006-07 Aztec Basketball Support Staff



**Beth Murdock**  
Head Manager

First Season at SDSU  
CSU Hayward, 2004

**B**eth Murdock joined the Aztec staff this past August and will serve as the team's head manager.

Murdock comes to SDSU from her alma mater, Cal State East Bay (Hayward), where she was an assistant women's basketball coach the past two years. With the Pioneers, she helped with recruiting and team academic progress, while on the court, she focused on the defensive side of the ball.

Last season, she worked on head coach Sara Lillevand Judd's staff, helping the Pioneers to an 18-9 record, including an 11-5 mark in conference play.

In 2004-05, Cal State East Bay went 17-10 overall and saw Leah Thornton earn All-America and conference player-of-the-year honors.

Murdock was a four-year standout and two-year team captain at guard for Cal State Hayward, garnering all-conference honors her last three seasons.

The Merced, Calif., native earned her bachelor's degree in sociology in 2004, and was named a NAIA Division II Women's Basketball All-America Scholar Athlete.

Murdock led her high school, Golden Valley, to a CIF section title as a senior.



**Wendell Richards**  
Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach

First Season at SDSU  
Appalachian State, 2001

**W**endell Richards is in his first season as the strength and conditioning coach for the Aztec basketball team.

Richards came to San Diego State after nearly five years at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho, where he was a graduate assistant from 2001-02, and an assistant strength and conditioning coach from 2002-06. He worked with the Vandals' women's basketball, women's soccer, golf, tennis, track and field and volleyball programs. In addition, Richards also assisted with football and men's basketball teams.

Prior to his stay in Idaho, the Broadalbin, N.Y. native first worked as an undergraduate at Appalachian State in Boone, N.C. As a senior, he focused primarily on men's tennis and assisted with the Mountaineers' 20 other varsity sports.

Richards, who is certified by the CSCCa, earned a bachelor's degree in exercise science from Appalachian State (2001) and a master's degree in physical education (2003) from the University of Idaho.



**Willie Judd**  
Academic Advisor

First Season at SDSU  
Iowa State, 2002

**W**illie Judd is in his first year as the academic advisor for the Aztec women's basketball team. Judd also is the department's CHAMPS/Life

Skills Coordinator, as well as a co-advisor for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Judd came to SDSU after two years at Santa Barbara City College, where he was an athletic academic counselor and coached the defensive line for the Vaquero football team.

A San Diego native, Judd is a former student-athlete himself, playing football for two seasons at Iowa State, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology in 2002. After completing his eligibility, he spent one year at ISU as a graduate assistant in football operations.

He returned to the West Coast to pursue his master's degree in education counseling (2004), while working as an academic advisor at National University.

Judd is engaged to be married to Kate Bauman, a former women's basketball player at UC Santa Barbara.



**Helen Kanavel**  
Administrative Assistant

First Season at SDSU  
San Diego State

**A**n SDSU graduate with a degree in business administration, Helen Kanavel is in her first year as women's basketball's administrative assistant.

Kanavel most recently was an administrative assistant for five years in the technology transfer office at the SDSU Research Foundation. She also worked for 10 years beginning in 1991 at Fremont Corporation, which specializes in workers compensation, in San Diego.

Kanavel, who attended Hoover High School, resides in La Mesa, Calif., with her dalmatian, Ruby, and her cat, Burton. She has one daughter, Polly, whose husband, Scott, also works in the athletic department as the information technology coordinator.



**Gina Maggio**  
Athletic Trainer

First Season at SDSU  
William Paterson, 1999

**G**ina Maggio began her first year as an athletic trainer at San Diego State this past summer. Maggio works directly with the Aztec women's basketball team.

Maggio spent the last six years at the U.S.

Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif. From 2000-06, she was a staff athletic trainer working with world-class athletes in a variety of different sports. In 2004, Maggio was the primary athletic trainer for the U.S. canoe and kayak teams at the Olympic Games in Greece.

The New Jersey native came to San Diego in 2000, after completing her master's degree in athletic training at the University of Virginia. While in Charlottesville, she worked with the cross country and track and field teams.

A 1999 graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Maggio is a certified massage technician through Mueller College of Holistic Studies.

She is also a certified athletic trainer (NATABOC), first-aid/CPR instructor and certified member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association.



**Jon Francis**  
Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

Third Season at SDSU  
Appalachian State, 1993

**J**on Francis is in his third year as the head strength and conditioning coach at San Diego State after spending the previous three years as head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Idaho.

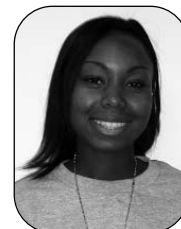
Before arriving in Idaho, Francis was the assistant strength and conditioning coach at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. He worked with the University's football, basketball, baseball, wrestling, volleyball and men's soccer programs. He also served as a graduate assistant at Appalachian State.

Francis is a 1993 graduate of Appalachian State and completed his master of arts in sport management at the school in 2001. He is a member of the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and is Strength and Conditioning Coach Certified (SCCC). He is also a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and has earned certification from USA Weightlifting.

His wife, Joy, is San Diego State's director of athletic development.



**Emily Banville**  
Student Manager



**Ashley Milner**  
Student Manager

AZTEC SUPPORT STAFF

Writing an injured teammate's number on your shoes.  
A quick huddle before a free throw.  
Wristbands.

Running suicides together for every missed free throw.  
Setting a pick you'll feel for a week.  
Acknowledging a great pass.

The stale smell of bad road food.  
Pre-game chants in the tunnel.  
Nicknames that your fans don't even know.

Senior night.  
Carpooling to practice.  
Hanging out after the game.

Summer league.  
Cards on the bus.  
Backside help on defense.

An encouraging word during a timeout.  
A taunt from the bench.  
A victory dance.

JUST DO IT.

