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GENERAL INFORMATION

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: San Diego, Calif., 92182  
 Founded: 1897  
 Enrollment: 35,887  
 Nickname: Aztecs  
 Mascot: The Aztec Warrior  
 Colors: Scarlet & Black  
 Affiliation: NCAA Division I  
 Conference: Mountain West  
 Home Arena: Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl  
 Arena Capacity: 12,414  
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First Year of Aztec Basketball: 1976-77  
 All-Time Record: 481-449 (.517)  
 2007-08 Record: 18-13  
 2007-08 Conf. Record/Finish: 7-9/t-5th  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/4  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 5/0  
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The 2008-09 SDSU basketball media guide has been prepared to assist media members in their coverage of the Aztecs. Additional information, including media releases and photographs, may be obtained by contacting assistant media relations director Peggy Curtin at 619-594-2576.

## Credentials

All requests for working credentials (press, radio, television, scouting) should be directed to Peggy Curtin at least 24 hours prior to tip-off. Faxed inquiries may be sent to 619-582-6541. Credentials will not be mailed. They may be picked up at the media entrance at Cox Arena (lower level) two hours prior to the start of all home games.

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## Game-Day Services

The Aztec media relations office furnishes game programs, pregame notes and media guides prior to each game in the media room at Cox Arena. Play-by-play accounts, halftime and final statistics and shot charts are also provided.

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## Photographers

Photographers are restricted to either designated areas along the baseline and are not permitted near team benches during the game.

## Weekly Press Release

Weekly Aztec basketball releases in pdf format (Acrobat) are available for download from the women's basketball page at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com) or via e-mail. Please contact assistant media relations director Peggy Curtin if you would like to be placed on the Aztec basketball e-mail list.

## Aztec Web Casts

Aztec basketball fans will have an opportunity to listen to live play-by-play of regular season and MWC tournament games, both home and away, over the internet at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com). In addition, for the third straight season all Aztec home games will feature a live video feed from Cox Arena. Both services will be available free of charge.

For the second year in a row, Chris Ello will be the voice of Aztec basketball both at home and on the road.

## On The Internet

Information on Aztec basketball is available on the Internet at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com). Press releases and recaps, along with in-game and season statistics, are updated on a weekly basis. In addition, the basketball media guide is also located on the site and includes player profiles, school records and team history.







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# AZTEC MEDIA

## SDSU BASKETBALL NETWORK



For the eighth straight year, Aztec women's basketball fans will have an opportunity to listen to live play-by-play of regular season and conference tournament games over the internet at [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com).

SDSU graduate Chris Ello (play-by-play) begins his second season with the team and is a familiar voice in the San Diego area. He currently plays host to a daily sports talk radio show, "The World of Sports According to Chris", on the all-sports station, XTRA Sports 1360 AM.

Ello started his career in sports talk in San Diego on XTRA Sports 690 in the summer of 1994. He has experience doing play-by-play for a variety of different sports at every level, including stints with the Aztec football (1985), baseball (1998-99) and men's basketball (2006-07) squads. In 2008, Ello served as the color analyst for the SDSU football broadcasts.

From 1996-2006, he was the voice of the San Diego Gulls hockey team and has called the action for the San Diego Sockers (indoor soccer), San Diego Spirit (outdoor soccer), San Diego Wildcards (CBA) and San Diego Riptide (arena football). Ello also has experience broadcasting high school CIF football and basketball games since 2000.

Ello is a 1985 graduate of San Diego State with a bachelor's degree in journalism, where he spent two seasons with the baseball team from 1980-81 as a left-handed pitcher. A former sports editor at the *Daily Aztec*, he resides in Rancho San Diego with his wife, Lori.

For the third consecutive year, all regular season Aztec home contests, with the exception of the Air Force game on Jan. 7, will also feature a live video feed to go along with the audio call from Cox Arena on [www.goaztecs.com](http://www.goaztecs.com).

## MWC TELEVISION PACKAGE

The MWC television package will reach a national audience in 2008-09 through a combination of telecasts on The MountainWest Sports Network (The Mtn.), CBS College Sports Network (formerly CSTV) and VERSUS. The Mtn. has been available to cable subscribers in the MWC footprint since it first aired in 2006-07 and was available nationally on DIRECTV starting Aug. 27, 2008.

On Aug. 26, 2004, College Sports Television (CSTV) and the Mountain West Conference announced a visionary partnership that revolutionized the college sports landscape. The landmark agreement was the first NCAA Division I football and men's basketball conference-wide deal for CSTV and provided the network exclusive rights to all Conference events, including cable and satellite television coverage, national over-the-air and satellite radio, video-on-demand and online broadcast rights.

A succession of events since the fall of 2004 has improved the television model, including CSTV's merger with Comcast SportsNet to create The Mtn. – MountainWest Sports Network and CBS Corporation's purchase of CSTV. CBS acquired CSTV in January 2006, and on Feb. 12, 2008 incorporated CSTV's cable, broadcast and online activities into its world-famous brand as the CBS College Sports Network (CBS C). The Mtn. is co-owned by CBS College Sports Network and Comcast SportNet.

The relationship with Comcast SportNet also delivered a new national broadcast partner in VERSUS. The MWC was the first exclusive college programming provider for the Comcast-owned entity, with football and both men's and women's basketball games.

The CBS C/MWC partnership has guaranteed greater levels of television exposure for all league sports and has resoundingly met the fundamental goals of more exposure and preferred start times and dates.

In the summer of 2006, the centerpiece of this historic relationship was realized with the launch of The Mtn. – the first sports network dedicated to serving a single collegiate athletic conference. The Mtn. provides sports fans blanket coverage of MWC athletics across multiple sports, including football, men's and women's basketball, and men's and women's Olympic sports. The Mtn. features more than just live games and has added its own original programming. Fans get a comprehensive array of news, features and analysis about their favorite MWC teams and players. In 2007-08, more than 250 MWC events were shown live on The Mtn., CBS C and VERSUS. CBS C is currently available in over 65 million homes, while VERSUS is in more than 73 million households.

The MWC has remained steadfast in its mission to promote the league's athletic events to national and regional television audiences and will continue to grow its new TV model. Previously, ESPN served as the league's inaugural official television partner, while in-house productions guaranteed coverage for several MWC Olympic sports. Through the league's first nine years, excluding institutional local packages, 1,200 football, volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball events have aired on television, with 178 football games and over 159 men's basketball contests broadcast nationally.

In 2006-07, the Mountain West Conference had 32 women's basketball games on regional and national television, while in 2007-08, The Mtn. televised 25 live women's basketball games. The network also produces halftime and post-game shows during the season.

This season, 33 games involving Mountain West Conference teams will be televised nationally. Twenty-six games will be shown on the The Mtn., six games will be broadcast live on CBS C, while the MWC tournament championship game will be seen live on VERSUS. A total of 12 conference match ups will be televised on The Mtn.

The television schedule tips off Friday, Nov. 14, with TCU playing host to Maryland at 5:30 p.m. CT. Conference play begins Wednesday, Jan. 7, with Air Force facing San Diego State at 6 p.m. PT live on CBS College Sports Network and Utah taking on Wyoming at 7:30 p.m. MT live on The Mtn.

Two second round contests and the semifinal games of the 2008 conference championships from Las Vegas, Nev., will also be shown on The Mtn.

Currently, The Mtn. is carried nationally by DIRECTV (Channel 616) and 29 cable operators. CBS College Sports Network (Channel 613) and VERSUS (Channel 603) are also available nationally on DIRECTV.

## SDSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES TELEVISED IN 2008-09

Date	Game	Location	TV	Time
Nov. 20	at UConn*	Hartford, Conn.	The Mtn.	8 p.m. PT
Jan. 7	vs. Air Force	San Diego, Calif.	CBS C	6 p.m. PT
Jan. 11	at Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	The Mtn.	1 p.m. PT
Jan. 28	at TCU	Ft. Worth, Texas	The Mtn.	4:30 p.m. PT
Feb. 15	at Wyoming	Laramie, Wyo.	The Mtn.	1 p.m. PT

\* = Game shown on tape delay



# 2008-09 SEASON PREVIEW



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# SEASON PREVIEW

So much for the notion that turnarounds take time.

Just three shorts seasons since finishing without a league win, the Aztec basketball team enters the 2008-09 campaign in contention for a Mountain West Conference title. In fact, it would be hard to argue that the upcoming season wasn't the most anticipated around Montezuma Mesa.

That's because all five starters return from a squad that scored a pair of upsets over two postseason bound teams en route to the program's first-ever Mountain West Conference championship game appearance in 2008. Eight letterwinners are back overall from last year's team that posted its most victories in over a decade (18), logged its highest ever MWC regular-season finish (t-5th) and increased its scoring average by almost nine points a contest (65.0/g).

Add in a group of six talented newcomers and a sharp-shooting transfer and SDSU head coach Beth Burns has the makings of a team that is ready to make noise when the month of March comes around.

"We're obviously really excited to get going," Burns said. "For us going into year four, this will not only be our deepest team, but for the first time, we have returning veterans who have a sense of accomplishment. The injuries to Tamika Lipford and Shanna Demus that were big hurdles for us last year at the time, will pay dividends now because of the minutes and experience gained by players who may have not normally gotten them."

The biggest difference from a year ago will be the Aztecs' competitive depth in the front court. Nine of the team's 15 players are forwards or centers, compared to only four front court players on the 2007-08 roster. SDSU's average height this season is over 5-foot-11, as opposed to just above 5-for-9 a year ago.

"This will be a competitively balanced team that will enable us to play at a tempo that we haven't been able to play until this point," Burns said. "We really had to manage games on the road last year and we haven't rebounded well since I arrived here, and that's got to



Quenese  
Davis

change. As much as we're excited about the returnees, the newcomers will help us get over the hump. It will be a very competitive month of practice leading up to the season."

While the list of accomplishments of last year's team is long, Burns and the rest of the Aztecs aren't settling on past achievements. They know there is more work left to be done if San Diego State is to advance to the postseason, including a shot to open the NCAA tournament on its home court.

"We obviously got hot at the right time and got very close to an opportunity to win the tournament championship last year," Burns said. "With that said, we didn't win. Coming in second hurts a lot worse than coming in way behind that. We saw what's in front of us and we know what we're capable of."

Below is a breakdown of the 2008-09 Aztec basketball team:

## AZTEC BACKCOURT

San Diego State returns one of the most talented back court tandems in the Mountain West Conference in junior guards Quenese Davis and Jené Morris, each of whom started all 31 games and combined to account for 35 percent of the team's scoring, 50 percent of its assists and 41 percent of its steals.

"Quenese and Jené, as our starting back court, aspire to be the best back court in the league," Burns said. "That's a big statement, because we have great guards in our league. They are both capable of being in that category and it's time for them to use their experience to lead our team to where we want to go."

Morris is one of the Aztecs' two preseason all-Mountain West Conference selections. The San Francisco, Calif., native is coming off a phenomenal first campaign in the Red & Black after leading the league in steals (2.97/g) and SDSU in scoring (14.1 ppg.).

Known for her defensive skills, Morris' offensive game blossomed during the Mountain West Conference schedule and into the league championships, when she averaged 18.3 points in the three games to garner all-tournament honors.

"Jené evolved right before our eyes last year in her first season to compete both for SDSU and in the Mountain West," said Burns of the second-team all-league pick. "She just got better and better as she became more comfortable with what she's capable of (offensively) and how that translates to helping our team. She works as hard in practice everyday as anyone I've coached, and that's why she continued to improve at such a stellar rate."

Quenese Davis, after only two seasons, already ranks seventh in SDSU history in career assists with 312. She has ranked in the top two in the Mountain West and in the top 30 nationally each of the last two years in assists per game. She also increased both her shooting and free-throw percentages and had 42 fewer turnovers than her freshman campaign, while notching a career-best 71 steals.

At the 2008 conference tournament, Quenese Davis averaged nine assists per outing and scored the game-winning shot against TCU in one of the most memorable moments of the entire 2007-08 season.

"Our goal for Quenese is to start her junior year where her sophomore left off," Burns said. "She really



Jené  
Morris

came into her own in the latter part of February and March in establishing herself as a leader. In order for us to accomplish our team goals, she must be ready to have an all-conference breakout season. She's done the work, has gotten the experience and understands what is expected out of her and what it takes."

The third returning starter in the back court is team captain LaSandra Dixon, the lone fourth-year senior on this year's roster. Dixon started the final eight games of 2007-08, including all three at the MWC championships. While her contributions to the team might not always show up in the stat column, her ability to lead others by example is invaluable to the team's success.

"LaSandra has worked and fought for everything she's got," Burns said. "Whatever it takes is her mantra. She's tough, committed and coachable and will play any role we ask her to. All she wants is to do is one thing - win an MWC title and play in an NCAA tournament in her final season"

Two other letterwinners return in the backcourt in junior Kim Spinardi and sophomore Coco Davis.

Spinardi has played in 29 career games and was 6-of-11 from beyond the arc a year ago. A scholar-athlete, she was the recipient of the team's coaches' award last season and will be expected to help acclimate the six Aztec newcomers both on and off the court.

Coco Davis played in all but one game as a true freshman in 2007-08. Her versatility was key for SDSU a year ago, especially at the MWC championships when she had six rebounds in the quarterfinal win over Wyoming and nine points to go with three steals and three assists in the semifinal upset of TCU.

"Coco experienced a lot in varying degrees last season," Burns said. "When Tamika Lipford and Shanna Demus went down, it doubled her minutes and it was an opportunity for her to learn on the fly. She came into her own at the conference tournament and her versatility enables me to play her at just about any spot on the floor."



# SEASON PREVIEW

We expect her to be a huge part of our success.”

After sitting out 2007-08 due to NCAA transfer rules, San Diego native Jerica Williams is ready to make an immediate contribution with her ability to put the ball in the basket.

“Jerica is a very skilled shot maker and really complements our other guards who can put it on the floor,” Burns said. “She comes from a great high school program and understands defense and toughness. She’s also has good leadership qualities and I’m expecting her to have a big year.”

## AZTEC FRONT COURT

The Aztec front court will be much more crowded this season with the addition of five true freshmen and the return of senior forward Jennifer Layton-Bailes. In addition, SDSU will have 6-3 forward Jessika Bradley, who spent two seasons at Baylor, at its disposal for practices.

At the heart of the front line, of course, is the team’s two returning starters in center Paris Johnson and forward Allison Duffy, both of whom are just sophomores.

Johnson lived up to her billing as one of the nation’s top rated recruits a year ago, starting all 31 contests and ranking first among league freshmen in both scoring (12.0 ppg.) and rebounding (6.4 rpg.). She also led the MWC in blocked shots with 54, including a record six in the semifinals of the conference tournament.

A honorable mention all-MWC selection, Johnson averaged 29 minutes a contest all while playing with a screw in both ends of her femur bone, keeping in place a rod in her leg that was put in as a result of a car accident before her senior year in high school.

“A lot (of pressure) was put on Paris a year ago as (an incoming) freshman with a lot of accolades,” Burns said. “But what not many people knew was that every time she planted her foot and ran, that screw (from the rod in her femur) dug into her hip. Since she got the screw removed after the season, she’s made huge

strides physically and has the ability to double-double night in and night out.”

Duffy, meanwhile, started 30 games as a redshirt freshman in 2007-08, contributing a physical presence for the Aztecs in the paint. She averaged 10.5 points and 5.6 rebounds a contest to garner honorable mention all-league honors. Duffy also chipped in 65 steals and a team-best 83 percent free-throw percentage that ranked sixth in school history and third in the MWC.

Jennifer Layton-Bailes is the team’s other returning letterwinner in the front court. The 6-1 forward led the team in scoring and ranked second in rebounds in 2006-07, before taking last season off. Layton-Bailes had 11 double-figure scoring games and four outings with 10 or more boards in her 21 starts as a junior.

“Jennifer worked very hard to put herself in position to come back and contribute,” Burns said. “She’s in great shape and has some conference experience. She brings great length at the forward spot and will help on the glass where we needed to improve both offensively and defensively.”

Joining the three veterans are five true freshmen, each of whom will bring something a little bit different to the table. Four are listed as forwards and one as a center, and of course, each is above six-feet tall. Four of the five were also McDonald’s All-America nominees and come from successful prep programs.

Candace Chambers is the lone Aztec from outside the state of California, moving south after a solid career at Seattle Prep High School in Seattle, Wash. Chambers will give SDSU another physical presence inside, having set a Washington state tournament record with nine blocked shots in a single outing as a senior.

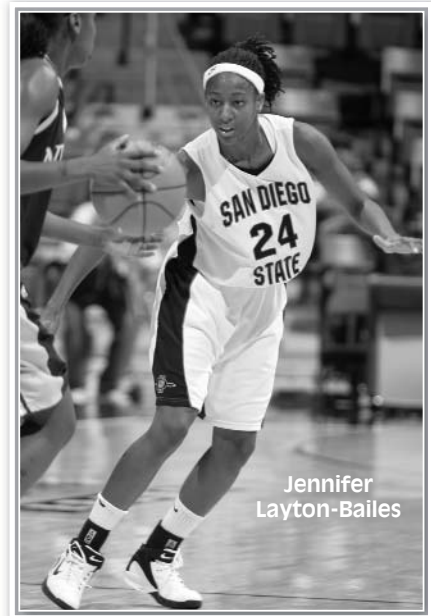
Gabrielle Clark, who prepped at perennial powerhouse Narbonne High School, will see plenty of playing time at the small forward slot.

“Gabby makes big shots,” Burns said. “She’s a great three-point shooter and is long and can run. Her size (at small forward) will enable us to counter the size that we see on the front lines around the league. Once she understands how to guard, her length on the perimeter will be make her even more valuable.”

A member of two-straight state title teams at Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose, Lindsay Leo comes to SDSU with championship experience and a familiarity with the Aztecs’ playing style.

“Lindsay has experience with a high school style that’s taught similar to ours,” Burns said. “She understands how we like to guard and what will be expected, so the learning curve will be quicker. She has deceiving speed and is good with her back to the basket. I expect her to contribute on both ends of the floor.”

One of the team’s two centers, Kalena Tutt, attended Millikan High School in Long Beach, Calif., where she was a four-year starter, garnering all-league honors on three occasions. A solid athlete, Tutt will give the Aztecs much needed help on the boards and



Jennifer Layton-Bailes

also has the ability to block shots and slash to the basket.

Freshman Adrienne Vita should also fight for some minutes in the front court and is able to play either the three or four spots.

Although she must sit out due to NCAA guidelines this year, Jessika Bradley has already become a factor in practices since transferring, giving added competition to her former club teammate, Paris Johnson.

“Having a familiarity with so many of our players from when she played EBO club basketball, makes the transition to her teammates easier,” Burns said. “She and Paris already have great chemistry and Paris will be a better player this year for having the opportunity to go against Jessika every day in practice and vice versa.”

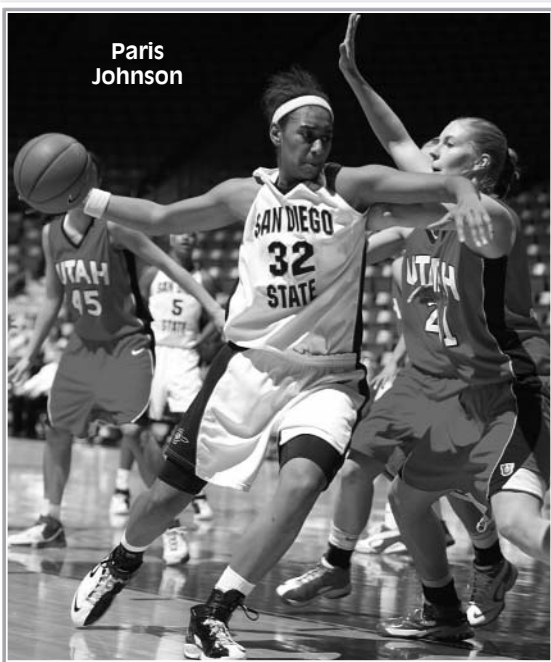
## THE SCHEDULE

A road trip to perennial powerhouse UCONN, the fourth annual San Diego Surf ‘N Slam and five regular season televised games highlight the 2008-09 Aztec women’s basketball schedule.

San Diego State open its 2008-09 campaign at home for just the second time in the last five years on Nov. 14, against first-time opponent Northwestern State (La.). The Aztecs then play their next six contests on the road with a Nov. 20 meeting at Connecticut, a cross-town trip to USD on Nov. 25, and a three games in three days set at the Marriott Beach Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii, Nov. 28-30.

For the third year in a row, San Diego State will be at home the entire month of December, playing three non-conference games before playing host to the San Diego Surf ‘N Slam, Dec. 28 and 30, for the fourth straight season.

SDSU opens 2009 with a league home game against Air Force and concludes MWC action with two road games before heading to Las Vegas for the conference championships. The NCAA First & Second Rounds take place March 21-24, with one of the 16 sites being Cox Arena.



Paris Johnson







# ROSTERS

## AZTEC NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Jessika Bradley <sup>^</sup>	F	6-3	Jr.	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Baylor/Sacramento HS)
2	Coco Davis	G	5-9	So.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (Sacramento HS)
3	Quenese Davis	G	5-9	Jr.	2L	Sacramento, Calif. (Rio Americano HS)
4	Kim Spinardi	G	5-8	Jr.	2L	Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
5	Jené Morris	G	5-9	Jr.	1L	San Francisco, Calif. (California/Urban HS)
15	Lindsay Leo	F	6-2	Fr.	HS	San Jose, Calif. (Archbishop Mitty HS)
20	Adrienne Vita	F	6-0	Fr.	HS	Marin County, Calif. (Marin Catholic HS)
21	Jerica Williams	G	5-8	So.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (UCLA/ Mount Miguel HS)
22	Gabrielle Clark	F	6-1	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Narbonne HS)
23	LaSandra Dixon	G	5-7	Sr.	3L	Azusa, Calif. (Azusa HS)
24	Jennifer Layton-Bailes	F	6-1	Sr.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (San Joaquin Delta JC/Kennedy HS)
32	Paris Johnson	C	6-4	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)
34	Allison Duffy	F	6-2	So.	1L	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan HS)
40	Candace Chambers	F	6-1	Fr.	HS	Seattle, Wash. (Seattle Prep HS)
55	Kalena Tutt	C	6-2	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan HS)

## AZTEC ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Jessika Bradley <sup>^</sup>	F	6-3	Jr.	TR	Sacramento, Calif. (Baylor/Sacramento HS)
40	Candace Chambers	F	6-1	Fr.	HS	Seattle, Wash. (Seattle Prep HS)
22	Gabrielle Clark	F	6-1	Fr.	HS	Los Angeles, Calif. (Narbonne HS)
2	Coco Davis	G	5-9	So.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (Sacramento HS)
3	Quenese Davis	G	5-9	Jr.	2L	Sacramento, Calif. (Rio Americano HS)
23	LaSandra Dixon	G	5-7	Sr.	3L	Azusa, Calif. (Azusa HS)
34	Allison Duffy	F	6-2	So.	1L	Lakeside, Calif. (El Capitan HS)
32	Paris Johnson	C	6-4	So.	1L	San Diego, Calif. (San Diego HS)
24	Jennifer Layton-Bailes	F	6-1	Sr.	1L	Sacramento, Calif. (San Joaquin Delta JC/Kennedy HS)
15	Lindsay Leo	F	6-2	Fr.	HS	San Jose, Calif. (Archbishop Mitty HS)
5	Jené Morris	G	5-9	Jr.	1L	San Francisco, Calif. (California/Urban HS)
4	Kim Spinardi	G	5-8	Jr.	2L	Merced, Calif. (Golden Valley HS)
55	Kalena Tutt	C	6-2	Fr.	HS	Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan HS)
20	Adrienne Vita	F	6-0	Fr.	HS	Marin County, Calif. (Marin Catholic HS)
21	Jerica Williams	G	5-8	So.	RS	San Diego, Calif. (UCLA/Mount Miguel HS)

<sup>^</sup> = eligible to play in 2009-2010

**Head Coach:**

Beth Burns (Ohio Wesleyan, 1979), 4th/12th season at SDSU; 17th overall

**Assistant Coaches:**

Jualeah Woods (USC, 1994), 4th season at SDSU; 11th overall

Fred Chmiel, 1st season at SDSU; 15th overall

Shanele Stires (Kansas State, 1995), 1st season at SDSU/6th overall

**Dir. of Basketball Operations:**

Tammy Stephens (Cal State Fullerton, 1981), 4th season at SDSU; 8th overall

**Dir. of Player Development:**

Jorge Cerna (San Diego State, 2006), 1st season at SDSU

## AZTEC PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

JORGE CERNA	HOAR-hay sern-UH
Fred CHMIEL	shuh-MEAL
QUENESE Davis	QUINN-eeese
LaSANDRA Dixon	luh-SAND-ruh
Jennifer LAYTON-BAILES	LAY-ton bails
JENE' Morris	juh-NAY
Kim SPINARDI	SPIN-are-dee
SHANELE STIRES	shu-NELL STY-ers
KALENA Tutt	kuh-LEAN-uh
Adrienne VITA	vee-TUH
JUALEAH Woods	WAH-lee-uh







# ROSTER BREAKDOWN

## PERSONNEL SUMMARY



### Returning Starters (5)

Quenese Davis, Jr., G, 8.9 ppg., 5.3 apg.  
 LaSandra Dixon, Sr., G, 2.8 ppg., 2.0 rpg.\*  
 Allison Duffy, So., F, 10.5 ppg., 5.6 rpg.  
 Paris Johnson, So., C, 12.0 ppg., 6.4 rpg.  
 Jené Morris, Jr., G, 14.1 ppg., 3.0 steals/g  
 \* = Started the final 8 games

### Starters Lost (0)



### Other Letterwinners Returning (3)

Coco Davis, So., G, 2.6 ppg., 2.1 rpg.  
 Kim Spinardi, Jr., G, 1.3 ppg., 0.1 rpg.  
 Jennifer Layton-Bailes, Sr., F, 10.6 ppg., 5.4 rpg.^  
 ^ = Lettered in 2006-07

### Letterwinners Lost (4)

Shannon Clay, F, 4.4 ppg., 3.1 rpg.  
 Shanna Demus, F, 6.1 ppg., 3.1 rpg.  
 Kate Eveland, G, 3.4 ppg., 0.6 rpg.  
 Tamika Lipford, G, 4.4 ppg., 2.3 rpg.



### Redshirt Returning (1)

Jerica Williams, 5-8, So., G, San Diego, Calif. (Mt. Miguel HS/UCLA)



### Newcomers (6)

Jessika Bradley, Jr., F, Sacramento, Calif. (Baylor)  
 Candace Chambers, Fr., F, Seattle, Wash. (Seattle Prep)  
 Gabrielle Clark, Fr., F, Los Angeles, Calif. (Narbonne HS)  
 Lindsay Leo, Fr., F, San Jose, Calif. (Archbishop Mitty HS)  
 Kalena Tutt, Fr., C, Long Beach, Calif. (Millikan HS)  
 Adrienne Vita, Fr., F, Marin County, Calif. (Marin Catholic HS)

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### By Class

**Seniors (2):** Dixon, Layton-Bailes; **Juniors (4):** Bradley, Q. Davis, Morris, Spinardi; **Sophomores (4):** C. Davis, Duffy, Johnson, Williams; **Freshmen (5):** Chambers, Clark, Leo, Tutt, Vita

### By State

**California (14):** Bradley, Clark, C. Davis, Q. Davis, Dixon, Duffy, Johnson, Layton-Bailes, Leo, Morris, Spinardi, Tutt, Vita, Williams; **Washington (1):** Chambers

### By Position

**Centers (2):** Johnson, Tutt; **Forwards (4):** Bradley, Chambers, Clark, Duffy, Layton-Bailes, Leo, Vita; **Guards (9):** C. Davis, Q. Davis, Dixon, Morris, Spinardi, Williams

### By Height

**6-4 (1):** Johnson; **6-3 (1):** Bradley; **6-2 (3):** Duffy, Leo, Tutt; **6-1 (3):** Chambers, Clark, Layton-Bailes; **6-0 (1):** Vita; **5-9 (3):** C. Davis, Q. Davis, Morris; **5-8 (2):** Spinardi, Williams; **5-7 (1):** Dixon

## RETURNING CATEGORY LEADERS FROM 2007-08

<b>Minutes Per Game</b>	<b>Steals Per Game</b>
Quenese Davis .....29.8	Jené Morris.....3.0
<b>Points Per Game</b>	<b>Field-Goal Percentage</b>
Jené Morris .....14.1	Paris Johnson.....45.1
<b>Rebounds Per Game</b>	<b>Free-Throw Percentage</b>
Paris Johnson .....6.4	Allison Duffy .....82.0
<b>Assists Per Game</b>	<b>Three-Point Percentage</b>
Quenese Davis .....5.3	Jené Morris.....37.4
<b>Blocks Per Game</b>	
Paris Johnson.....1.7	





# SCHEDULE/NCAA TOURNAMENT

2008-09 TEAM INFORMATION

## 2008-09 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Mon., Nov. 10	Showtime Basketball Australia (Exhibition Game)	7 p.m.
<b>Fri., Nov. 14</b>	<b>Northwestern State University</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sun., Nov. 16	at Long Beach State	2 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 20	at University of Connecticut (The Mtn.) <sup>^</sup>	7 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 25	at University of San Diego	7:30 p.m.

### At 2008 Waikiki Beach Marriott Classic

(San Diego State, Stanford, Iowa State, Purdue, Prairie View A&M, Hawaii)

Fri., Nov. 28	at Hawai'i	3:20 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 29	vs. Prairie View A&M	11 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 30	vs. Iowa State	11 a.m.

<b>Thurs., Dec. 4</b>	<b>UC Riverside</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs., Dec. 11</b>	<b>Montana State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Dec. 21</b>	<b>Loyola Marymount</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>



### San Diego Surf 'N Slam at Cox Arena

(Texas, UTEP, Sacramento State, San Diego State)

<b>Sun., Dec. 28</b>	<b>SDSU vs. Sacramento State</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<i>Sun., Dec. 28</i>	<i>Texas vs. UTEP</i>	<i>4 p.m.</i>
<b>Tues., Dec. 30</b>	<b>Consolation &amp; Championship Games</b>	<b>5/7 p.m.</b>

<b>Wed., Jan. 7</b>	<b>Air Force*</b> (CBS College Sports)	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Sun., Jan. 11	at Utah* (The Mtn.)	2 p.m.
<b>Wed., Jan. 14</b>	<b>Wyoming*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Wed., Jan. 21	at New Mexico*	7 p.m.
<b>Sat., Jan. 24</b>	<b>Brigham Young*</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Wed., Jan. 28	at TCU* (The Mtn.)	6 p.m.
<b>Sat., Jan. 31</b>	<b>Colorado State*</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed., Feb. 4</b>	<b>UNLV*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sat., Feb. 7	at Air Force*	2 p.m.
<b>Wed., Feb. 11</b>	<b>Utah*</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sun., Feb. 15	at Wyoming* (The Mtn.)	2 p.m.
<b>Sat., Feb. 21</b>	<b>New Mexico*</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Wed., Feb. 25	at Brigham Young*	7 p.m.
<b>Sat., Feb. 28</b>	<b>TCU</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Wed., March 4	at Colorado State*	7 p.m.
Sat., March 7	at UNLV*	3 p.m.

Tues.-Sat.	2009 Conoco MWC Championship	TBA
March 10-14	Thomas & Mack (Las Vegas, Nev.)	
Sat.-Tues.	NCAA First and Second Rounds	TBA
March 21-24	(Location TBD)	
Sat.-Tues.	NCAA Regionals	TBA
March 28-31	(Location TBD)	
Sun & Tues.	NCAA Final Four	TBA
April 5 & 7	(St. Louis, Mo.)	

All times local to site Home games in **Bold** All home games at Cox Arena  
 \* = Mountain West Conference game ^ = At XL Center (Hartford, Conn.)  
 Times and dates subject to change

## 2009 NCAA TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



### NCAA First & Second Rounds

#### March 21 and 23

##### Cox Arena (San Diego, Calif.)

The Pit/Bob King Court (Albuquerque, N.M.)  
 McKenzie Arena (Chattanooga, Tenn.)  
 Nationwide Arena (Columbus, Ohio)  
 Arena at Gwinnett (Duluth, Ga.)  
 Galen Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)  
 Louis Brown Athletic Center (Piscataway, N.J.)  
 Bank of America Arena (Seattle, Wash.)

#### March 22 and 24

Pete Maravich Assembly Center (Baton Rouge, La.)  
 E.A. Diddle Arena (Bowling Green, Ky.)  
 Comcast Center (College Park, Md.)  
 Jack Breslin Student Events Center (East Lansing, Mich.)  
 Carver-Hawkeye Arena (Iowa City, Iowa)  
 United Spirit Arena (Lubbock, Texas)  
 Joyce Center (Notre Dame, Ind.)  
 Harry A. Gampel Pavilion (Storrs, Conn.)

### NCAA Regionals

#### March 28 and 30

##### Berkeley Regional

Haas Pavilion (Berkeley, Calif.)  
 Host: University of California

#### March 28 and 30

##### Raleigh Regional

RBC Center (Raleigh, N.C.)  
 Host: North Carolina State

#### March 29 and 31

##### Oklahoma City Regional

Ford Center (Oklahoma City, Okla.)  
 Host: Big 12 Conference

#### March 29 and 31

##### Trenton Regional

Sovereign Bank Arena (Trenton, N.J.)  
 Hosts: Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, Rider University

### NCAA Final Four

#### April 5 and 7

Scottrade Center (St. Louis, Mo.)  
 Host: Missouri Valley Conference

