

# VANDERBILT COMMODORES

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL • 2016 SIGNING CLASS



### BLESSING <sup>6-5</sup> F/C EJIOFOR

Paterson Eastside High / Ebonyi, Nigeria

- ★ Ranked No. 18 by Prospects Nation and No. 20 by ESPN HoopGurlz at her position.
- ★ Led Paterson Eastside High to a 27-3 overall record and state playoff berth.



- *Ranked No. 20 at her position by ESPN HoopGurlz*
- *Ranked No. 18 at her position and No. 100 overall by Prospects Nation*

### AWARDS, HONORS & NUMBERS

- Averaged eight rebounds per game for Paterson Eastside High last season
- Has impressive rebounding and shot-blocking skills and is an imposing presence in the paint
- Possesses tremendous athletic ability, length and size

### BLESSING'S STARPOWER

- ◆ High School coach: Ray Lyde
- Club coach: Keith Gilchrest (New Jersey Sparks)
- ◆ Came to the U.S. in February of 2014 and enrolled at Eastside High
- ◆ Burst onto the national recruiting scene after producing a stellar 2015 summer with the New Jersey Sparks

### QUOTING COACH MELANIE BALCOMB



*"Making the long journey to pursue a dream of both academic and athletic excellence, Blessing Ejiofor's story is inspiring. As a human being, she will bring a new and different perspective to the Vanderbilt University community. As a basketball player, she will add much needed size, length and shot-blocking ability to the center position. Blessing has a tremendous upside that will develop through the strength of her character."*

--- Vanderbilt head coach  
Melanie Balcomb