



Coaches



COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Bryce Drew, Head Coach



Bryce Drew became the ninth Commodore basketball coach of the modern era and 27th all-time in April 2016 when he was named the head coach of Vanderbilt basketball. Drew quickly made his mark on the Vanderbilt program by taking the Commodores to the NCAA Tournament in his first season, the first time a first-year coach at Vanderbilt has accomplished the feat.

In six years as a head coach at Vanderbilt and Valparaiso, Drew has advanced to the postseason five times with three NCAA Tournament bids, including the Commodores' appearance in 2017.

During Drew's inaugural season in Nashville, Vanderbilt notched five top-25 wins, six top-50 victories and 11 top-100 RPI wins, played the toughest overall strength of schedule and toughest nonconference schedule in the nation and became the only SEC team to sweep Florida, which went on to advance to the Elite Eight. The Commodores' six top-50 wins tied for second-most in the SEC with Florida, all while leading the conference in 3-point shooting, threes made per game and free-throw percentage. Drew mentored All-SEC First-Team selection Luke Kornet, who was also named the Commodores' first-ever SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Prior to his arrival in Nashville, Drew brought an impressive basketball resume from all levels of the game after spending the previous five seasons as head coach at his alma mater, Valparaiso.

"Our goal was to identify a proven head coach capable of exciting Commodore Nation and perhaps most importantly, able to mirror Vanderbilt's values and aspirations," said Vanderbilt Director of Athletics David Williams. "With Bryce Drew we were able to check all those boxes. We are thrilled to welcome Coach Drew and his family to the Vanderbilt community and the great city of Nashville."

Drew, a three-time Horizon League Coach of the Year and two-time NABC District 12 Coach of the Year, averaged 25 wins a season at Valparaiso, won four regular season championships, and made four postseason appearances, two in the NCAA Tournament and two in the NIT, with the Crusaders.

In his five seasons at Valparaiso, Drew compiled a 124-49 overall record and in 2016,



COACHING CAREER

2016-present **Vanderbilt**, Head Coach
2011-16 **Valparaiso**, Head Coach
2005-11 **Valparaiso**, Asst. Coach

Horizon League Coach of the Year,
2012, 2015, and 2016, NABC District 12
Coach of the Year, 2015 and 2016

PLAYING CAREER

1994-98 **Valparaiso**
1998-2000 **Houston Rockets**
2000-01 **Chicago Bulls**
2001-04 **Charlotte/New Orleans Hornets**
2004-05 **Reggio Calabria (Italian Serie A)**
..... **Pamesa Valencia (Spanish Liga ACB)**

FAMILY

Wife, Tara; Son, Bryson

3RD SEASON AT VANDERBILT

College

Valparaiso

B.A., Sports Management, 1998

High School

Valparaiso (Ind.)



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led the Crusaders to a 30-7 overall record, the most wins in program history, and a berth in the NIT Finals at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

He also coached 15 All-Horizon League honorees, including one Horizon League Player of the Year in Ryan Broekhoff in 2012 and one player, Vashil Fernandez, who in 2015 and 2016 won the Horizon League's Defensive Player of the Year honor, the first player in the history of the league to win two of the awards.

Drew, the most decorated player in Valparaiso men's basketball history, spent the six seasons prior to his hiring as head coach in May of 2011 as a member of the Valparaiso coaching staff, helping the Crusaders win 102 games.

Valparaiso moved into the Horizon League in 2007-2008 and returned to the postseason with a trip to the College Basketball Invitational, where it won its first-round game at Washington. In his final season as associate head coach, he helped guide the Crusaders to 23 wins and a postseason berth in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament while receiving votes in the ESPN/USA Today Top 25 Coaches Poll for four consecutive weeks.

As a student-athlete, Drew cemented himself as the best player in Valparaiso men's basketball history. Drew, who

arrived at Valpo after earning Indiana Mr. Basketball honors and being named Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year in 1994, began his career by garnering Mid-Continent Conference Newcomer of the Year and Mid-Con Tournament MVP honors as a freshman.

Drew, a four-time All-Conference honoree, shined during the conference tournaments, earning All-Tournament Team honors each of his four seasons and picking up three Mid-Continent Conference Tournament MVP awards. He was also twice decorated as Mid-Con Most Valuable Player, one of only four players to be so honored twice in their career. Drew's career culminated as a senior by being named a Third Team All-American by the Basketball Times. He led the Crusaders to four Mid-Continent Conference regular season championships,

DREW'S OVERALL RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

Akron	1-0	Michigan State	0-1
Alabama	1-1	Middle Tennessee	0-2
Alcorn State	1-0	Milwaukee	9-2
Arizona	0-1	Minnesota	0-1
Arizona State	0-1	Mississippi State	2-1
Arkansas	1-2	Missouri	0-3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1-0	Missouri State	2-0
Auburn	1-1	Murray State	3-0
Austin Peay	1-0	Nebraska	0-1
Ball State	2-1	New Mexico	0-2
Belmont	2-2	NIU	2-0
Bethune-Cookman	1-0	Norfolk State	1-0
Bowling Green	1-0	North Park	1-0
Bucknell	0-1	Northwestern	0-1
Butler	3-1	Northern Kentucky	2-0
BYU	1-0	Oakland	4-4
Chattanooga	1-0	Ohio	0-1
Chicago State	2-0	Ohio State	0-1
Cincinnati Christian	1-0	Ole Miss	1-1
Cleveland State	9-2	Oregon	0-1
Columbia	0-1	Oregon State	1-0
Dayton	0-1	Portland	1-0
Detroit	7-4	Purdue Calumet	1-0
Drake	1-0	Radford	1-0
Duquesne	1-0	Rhode Island	1-0
East Tennessee State	1-1	Saint Louis	0-2
Eastern Kentucky	2-0	Saint Mary's	1-0
Evansville	0-1	Santa Clara	1-0
Florida	4-1	Seton Hall	0-1
Florida State	1-0	South Carolina	1-1
George Washington	0-1	Southeastern U	1-0
Georgia	1-2	TCU	1-0
Georgia Southern	2-0	Tennessee	1-3
Goshen	1-0	Tennessee State	1-0
Green Bay	9-4	Texas A&M	3-1
High Point	1-0	Texas Southern	1-0
Holy Cross (Ind.)	1-0	Trinity Christian	1-0
Houston Baptist	1-0	Trinity International	1-0
Illinois	0-1	UCF	1-1
Indiana State	1-0	UIC	11-0
Iona	1-0	UNC Asheville	1-0
Iowa State	1-0	USC	0-1
IPFW	3-1	Virginia	0-1
IU Kokomo	2-0	Wright State	6-5
IU South Bend	1-0	Youngstown State	8-2
IUPUI	1-1	Cumulative	143-65
James Madison	2-0	Conference	75-27
Kansas State	0-1	Season Openers	4-2
Kent State	1-0	AP Top 25	4-8
Kentucky	0-4	Overtime Games	5-3
Loyola (IL)	3-1	Conference Tournament	8-4
Loyola Marymount	1-1	NIT Tournament	4-2
LSU	2-1	NCAA Tournament	0-3
Maine	1-0	CollegeInsider.com	0-1
Marquette	0-1	SEC Teams	10-9
Maryland	0-1	Home Games	85-18
Mercer	0-1	Away Games	48-37
Miami (FL)	0-1	Neutral Site	10-10



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Bryce Drew, Head Coach

four tournament titles and three trips to the NCAA Tournament.

Drew, Valparaiso's career leader in points (2,142), three-point field goals (364) and assists (626), etched his name into the American consciousness in 1998 when he hit "The Shot" in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to beat Ole Miss. The play, in which Drew caught a tip pass from teammate Bill Jenkins off a full-court feed from Jamie Sykes, won him an ESPY award and gave Valparaiso its first NCAA Tournament win in school history, propelling the Crusaders to the Sweet Sixteen.

Drew also excelled internationally during his time on the court with the Crusaders, playing for the gold-medal winning Team USA at the World University Games in 1997. Following his collegiate career, Drew again made school history when the Houston Rockets drafted him with the 16th pick in the 1998 NBA Draft, the first time a Crusader had been chosen in the first round.

His NBA career lasted six seasons with the Rockets, Chicago Bulls, and Charlotte and New Orleans Hornets, with his best season coming in 2000-2001 when he started 41 games for the Bulls, averaging 6.3 points and 3.9 assists per game. A prolific shooter, Drew set a Hornet record when he connected on nine consecutive three-point attempts. He competed in the postseason twice as a pro, with Houston in 1999 and with Charlotte in 2002.

Over the course of his NBA career, Drew scored over 1,000 points and made 37% of his three-point attempts. In 1999, he was honored by the NBA with the Henry P. Iba Citizen Athlete Award for sportsmanship. Drew played alongside 12 NBA All-Stars during his time in the NBA, including three players who were named among the Top 50 NBA Players of All Time.

He also played under a quintet of head coaches who have combined for five NBA Championship rings. Following his six seasons in the NBA, Drew played professionally overseas for a season, playing for Reggio Calabria (Italian Serie A) and Pamesa Valencia (Spanish Liga ACB) before returning to the States to join the Crusader coaching staff.

Drew is twice a member of the Valparaiso University Hall of Fame, as he was inducted as an individual in 2003 and as part of the 1997-1998 Sweet Sixteen team in 2009. He also has been honored as one of the 150 most influential people in Valparaiso University's 150 years.

Drew graduated from Valparaiso in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in sports management and a minor in business. He and his wife Tara have one son, Bryson.

DREW'S RECORD THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	School	Position	W-L	Conf.	Postseason
2018	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	12-20	6-12	-
2017	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	19-16	10-8	NCAA First Round
2016	Valparaiso	Head Coach	30-7	16-2	NIT Finals
2015	Valparaiso	Head Coach	28-6	13-3	NCAA Second Round
2014	Valparaiso	Head Coach	18-16	9-7	CollegiateInsider.com First Round
2013	Valparaiso	Head Coach	26-8	13-3	NCAA Second Round
2012	Valparaiso	Head Coach	22-12	14-4	NIT First Round
2011	Valparaiso	Assistant Coach	23-12	12-6	CollegiateInsider.com First Round
2010	Valparaiso	Assistant Coach	15-17	10-8	-
2009	Valparaiso	Assistant Coach	9-22	5-13	-
2008	Valparaiso	Assistant Coach	22-14	9-9	College Basketball Invite 2nd Rd.
2007	Valparaiso	Assistant Coach	16-15	9-5	-
2006	Valparaiso	Assistant Coach	17-12	8-8	-
2005	Valencia (Spain)	Player	38-14		Champions League Second Round
2004	New Orleans (NBA)	Player	41-41		East 1st round
2003	New Orleans (NBA)	Player	47-35		East 1st round
2002	Charlotte (NBA)	Player	44-38		East Semifinals
2001	Chicago (NBA)	Player	15-67		-
2000	Houston (NBA)	Player	34-48		-
1999	Houston (NBA)	Player	31-19		West 1st round
1998	Valparaiso	Player	23-10	13-3	NCAA Regional Semifinals
1997	Valparaiso	Player	24-7	13-3	NCAA First Round
1996	Valparaiso	Player	22-10	13-5	NCAA First Round
1995	Valparaiso	Player	20-8	14-4	-
Head Coach Totals			155-85	81-39	
Totals at Vanderbilt (Head Coach)			31-36	16-20	
Totals at Valparaiso (Head Coach)			124-49	65-19	
Totals at Valparaiso (Assistant)			102-92	53-49	
Totals at Valparaiso (playing)			89-35	53-15	
Totals as NBA Player			212-248		



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Roger Powell, Jr., Associate Head Coach, 3rd Season, Illinois ('05)



THE POWELL, JR., FILE

High School

Joliet West (Ill.)

College

Illinois (2001-05)

Valparaiso (2016)

Education

B.A., Speech Communications, 2005

Masters in Sports Administration, 2016

Playing Experience

2001-05 - Illinois

2005-06 - Rockford Lightning (CBA)

2006 - Utah Jazz (NBA)

2006-07 - Arkansas Rimrockers (D-League)

2007-08 - Siviglia Wear Teramo (Italy)

2008-09 - Hapoel Jerusalem (Israel)

2009-2010 - Murcia (Spain)

2010 - JDA Dijon (France)

2010-11 - Skyliners Frankfurt (Germany)

Coaching Experience

2016-present - Vanderbilt
Associate Head Coach

2011-16 (5 years) - Valparaiso
Assistant Coach

Hometown

Joliet, Ill.

Family

Wife, Tara, daughter Bria, son
Liam

Former University of Illinois standout and Valparaiso assistant basketball coach Roger Powell, Jr., joined the Vanderbilt basketball staff as associate head coach in April of 2016 after a successful five-year stint with current Commodore head coach Bryce Drew at Valparaiso.

"Coach Powell is a former NBA player who brings great energy to the program," said Drew. "He is fantastic on the floor with the players and does a tremendous job on the road recruiting with players being drawn to his positive personality. After coaching with Roger for the last five years, I am very happy he is at Vanderbilt."

2016-17 marked Powell's sixth consecutive trip to the postseason when the Commodores advanced to the NCAA Tournament in head coach Bryce Drew's first season on West End. Prior to his arrival with the Commodores, his stint at Valparaiso produced two trips to the NCAA Tournament, two to the Postseason NIT and one to the CIT.

Powell helped lead the Crusaders to 122 wins in his five seasons as a member of the Crusader coaching staff, including 28 victories in 2014-2015 and a school-record 30 wins in 2015-16. Valpo captured the Horizon League regular season title in four of his first five seasons, while the Crusaders' 2012-2013 and 2014-2015 squads also won the Horizon League tournament championship. Powell was named the top assistant coach in the Horizon League by Next Up Recruits in the summer of 2013.

With the Commodores, Powell works with both the post and perimeter players in skill development. He is also heavily involved with Vanderbilt's recruiting efforts.

In the summer of 2013, Powell served as head coach of an Athletics in Action team which toured Lithuania, and in the summer of 2015, he led an AIA team as head coach on a tour of Poland.

"I am extremely excited and blessed to be a part of Vanderbilt University," said Powell, Jr. "The program has everything I could have hoped for and more in a university. Vanderbilt University has outstanding academics, a great basketball tradition and is located in a truly amazing city. I look forward to being a part of the staff that will help continue to elevate this program to the next level."

A three-year starter for the Illini, Powell earned Honorable Mention All-Big Ten recognition in each of his final two seasons after being named to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team as a sophomore. Powell helped Illinois to three Big Ten regular season titles and a pair of Big Ten tournament championships during his time with the Illini, as well as berths in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

Powell's career at Illinois culminated in his senior year of 2004-2005, when he started all 39 games that season for the Illini, averaging career bests of 12.0 points and 5.7 rebounds per game. Powell helped Illinois to the most successful season in program history, as the Illini won 29 straight games to open the season en route to finishing 37-2, spent most of the season ranked #1 in the nation and advanced to the national championship game of the NCAA Tournament. Powell closed his four-year Illinois career with 1,178 points, among the top-30 scorers in Illini history, and 531 rebounds.

Following his collegiate career, Powell earned a spot in the Seattle SuperSonics training camp before eventually playing the 2005-2006 season for the Rockford Lightning of the CBA, where he earned CBA Rookie of the Year accolades. He then made the roster of the Utah Jazz for the 2006-2007 NBA season and spent the first half of the season with the Jazz before joining the Arkansas Rimrockers of the NBDL. Powell concluded the 2007 season with the Rimrockers, leading the NBDL with 22.3 points per game and earning the league's Jason Collier Sportsmanship Award, which is awarded to the player who best represents the ideals of character and conduct on and off the court.

Powell spent time in the training camp of the Chicago Bulls in both 2008 and 2010, and spent much of his last four years playing professionally abroad. He played in the top leagues in Italy (Teramo Basket), Israel (Hapoel Jerusalem), Spain (CB Murcia) and France (JDA Dijon). In his final professional season, Powell played for the Deutsche Bank Skyliners of the Basketball Bundesliga in Germany, where he helped the Skyliners to a second-place regular season finish and a berth in the league semifinals.

Off the court, Powell founded RPJ Ministries Organization, which mentors and trains young leaders to be Godly examples on their sports team and school campuses. He also founded Integrity Sports Corporation, a company focused on building basketball skills and integrity of high school and junior high athletes. Powell is a 2005 graduate of the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign with a degree in speech communications, and also received his master's degree in Sports Administration from Valparaiso University in 2016. While also at Valpo, he received a certificate in Sports Media.

Powell and his wife, Tara, have a daughter, Bria and a son, Liam.





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Jake Diebler, Assistant Coach, 3rd Season, Valparaiso ('09)



THE DIEBLER FILE

High School

Upper Sandusky (Ohio)

College

Valparaiso (2005-09)

Valparaiso (2010-11)

Education

B.A., Marketing, 2009;

Masters in Business Administration, 2011

Playing Experience

2005-09 - Valparaiso

Coaching Experience

2016-present - Vanderbilt
Assistant Coach

2013-2016 (3 years) - Ohio State
Video Coordinator

2011-2013 (2 years) - Valparaiso
Assistant Coach

2010-2011 (1 year) - Valparaiso
Director of Operations

2009-2010 (1 year) - Valparaiso
- Student Assistant

Hometown

Upper Sandusky, Ohio

Family

Wife, Jordyn, daughter Jaymes

Jake Diebler joined the Vanderbilt coaching staff as an assistant coach in April of 2016 after spending three years as the video coordinator for Ohio State basketball and the previous two seasons as an assistant coach on Bryce Drew's staff at Valparaiso, where he helped Drew and the Crusaders to Horizon League regular season titles in 2012 and 2013. "Coach Diebler has great experience in basketball well beyond his age," said Drew. "The son of a coach, he has a passion for the game and in improving others, which our perimeter players will benefit from."

While at Ohio State, Diebler helped the Buckeyes advance to two NCAA Tournaments and also helped mentor the National Defensive Player of the Year in 2014, Aaron Craft, and the 2nd overall pick in 2015 NBA Draft and 2015 first-team All-American, D'Angelo Russell. In the offseasons in Columbus, Diebler would train Craft, Russell, Evan Turner, Mike Conley, Jared Sullinger, Greg Oden, his brother Jon Diebler, Deshaun Thomas, Byron Mullins, and others in on-the-court workouts.

Prior to his stint with the Buckeyes, Diebler coached at Valparaiso with Bryce Drew, where he was part of a staff which helped lead Valparaiso to 22 wins and the regular-season championship in 2012, the first by Valpo since joining the Horizon League. Diebler also helped the Crusaders to a berth in the 2012 Postseason National Invitational Tournament. In the 2012-13 season, the Crusaders posted a 26-8 overall record, won the Horizon League regular season championship for consecutive years, and a berth in the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

Diebler served as director of basketball operations during the 2010-11 season, helping the Crusaders to a 23-win season, finishing just one game out of the regular-season title, and a berth in the CollegeInsider.com Tournament. As a student assistant in 2009-10, Diebler helped guide the Crusaders to 15 wins and a fourth-place finish in the Horizon League standings.

Known as one of the Crusaders' hardest-working players on both ends of the court during his time as a player, Diebler set a Valpo Division I record by starting each and every one of the Crusaders' 98 games over the final three seasons of his career. He also had a string of 278-consecutive minutes played over seven games in the final half of his senior season, believed to be a Valpo record as well.

Diebler ranked among the Horizon League Top 10 in a trio of categories as a senior, finishing fourth in minutes played (33.8/game), sixth in 3-pointers made (1.8/game) and eighth in steals (1.3/game). He finished his Crusader career 10th in Valpo history with 130 career steals and 16th all-time at Valpo with 229 career assists. He also holds the all-time Ohio high school career records in assists and steals.

Also a standout in the classroom, Diebler earned Academic All-League honors and Horizon League Academic Honor Roll mention during his career, as well as being named to the NABC Honors Court. Diebler graduated with a bachelor's degree in marketing from Valparaiso in May 2009 and with an MBA in 2011. His brother Jon, played for the Buckeyes from 2008-11, and is the Big Ten All-time leader in made threes and the all-time leading scorer in Ohio High School basketball history. Jon was also the 51st pick in 2011 NBA Draft.

Coaching runs in the family for Diebler. His father Keith, coached high school basketball in the state of Ohio for almost 40 years, while his older brother Jeremiah coached high school basketball as well.

Diebler is married to his wife Jordyn and are the proud parents of daughter Jaymes, who was born in April of 2018.





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Casey Shaw, Assistant Coach, 3rd Season, Toledo ('98)



THE SHAW FILE

High School

Lebanon (Ohio)

College

Toledo (1994-98)

Moody Theological Seminary
(2009-11)

Northwestern University School of
Continuing and Professional
Education (2011-12)

Education

B.A., Education, 1997; Master in
Biblical Studies, 2011; Certified
Financial Planner Certification (2012)

Coaching Experience

1994-98 - Toledo

1999 - Philadelphia 76ers

1999-00 - Tisettanta Cantu (Italy)

2000-01 - Telit Trieste (Italy)

2001 - Wurth Roma (Italy)

2001-02 - Armani Jeans Milano (Italy)

2002 - Sacramento Kings

2004-05 - Eurofiditalia R. Calabria (Italy)

2005-06 - Caja Banca (Spain)

2006-07 - Tisettanta Cantu (Italy)

2007-08 - Armani Jeans Milano (Italy)

2008-10 - Scavolini Spar Pesaro (Italy)

2010-11 - Banca Tercas Teramo (Italy)

Hometown

Lebanon, Ohio

Family

Wife, Dana, Anna, Isaiah, Caleb,
and Luke

Casey Shaw joined the Vanderbilt basketball staff in April of 2016 as an assistant coach after a successful playing career as a professional athlete in the NBA/FIBA and as a student-athlete at the University of Toledo.

“Coach Shaw is a former NBA draft pick who has a wealth of experience and knowledge from his playing career and through the relationships he has made in the NBA,” said Drew. “Being 6’10, he will be outstanding in working with our post players and developing them.”

Shaw’s wealth of basketball experience began in 1998 when he was drafted by the Philadelphia 76ers with the 37th overall pick after a stellar four-year career at Toledo, where he ranks sixth all-time with 1,562 points and fifth with 871 rebounds. He also ranks second in Toledo history with 107 blocked shots and sixth in field goal percentage (.546). He was named second team All-MAC in 1996-97 and 1997-98, and made the MAC All-Freshman team in 1994-95. He also was an outstanding student, earning third-team Academic All-America honors as a senior in 1997-98, and making the Academic All-MAC team in his junior and senior seasons.

After a stint in the NBA, Shaw began what became an 11-year international professional career in 1999 with stops in the Italian and Spanish leagues along the way.

“Having the opportunity to play professional basketball for 13 seasons was a dream come true and I am thankful that I can now use all those years of experience to be a better coach for players who hope to realize that same dream after their Vanderbilt playing days are over,” said Shaw.

Prior to his arrival in Nashville, Shaw worked at Balasa Dinverno Foltz, LLC, in Chicago, where he served as the Director of the Professional Athlete Service Team, providing business, career, and investment guidance to professional athletes. He is also a member of the National Board of Directors for the NBA Retired Players Association, which assists NBA players in their transition from playing to life after the game.

On the court, Shaw was the Director and Head Coach of the Athletes in Action Basketball Camp from 2003-2010, served as a Global All-Star Challenge Head Coach in 2012, and coached the Midwest Elite AAU team in Merrillville, Ind., in 2013 and the 180 Elite AAU team out of Chicago from 2015-16. In addition, he served as a National Basketball Developmental League Tryouts Coach and was a member of the NBA Assistant Coaches Program in 2014.

Shaw graduated with an undergraduate degree in Physical Education, from the University of Toledo, in 1997, and a Master’s degree in Biblical Studies from the Moody Graduate School in Chicago, Ill., in 2011. He also graduated from the Northwestern University School of Continuing and Professional Education to become a Certified Financial Planner in 2012.

Shaw and his wife, Dana, have four children, Anna, Isaiah, Caleb, and Luke.





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Artie Culver, Director of Recruiting and Player Personnel, 2nd Season, Rice ('03)



THE CULVER FILE

High School

Longview (Texas)

College

Rice (2003-06)

Education

B.A., Mathematics, 2006

M.A., Mathematics, 2008

Playing Experience

2003-06 - Rice

Coaching Experience

2017-present - Vanderbilt Director of Recruiting and Player Personnel

2016-17 - Covenant College Head Coach

2014-16 - Wheaton College Assistant Coach

2013-14 - Texas A&M Corpus Christi - Video Coordinator

2012-13 - Kinkaid High School Assistant Coach

2011-12 - Rosehill Christian Head Coach

Hometown

Houston, Texas

Family

Wife, Julia, sons Teddy and Aaron, daughter Annie

Arte Culver is in his second season as the Director of Recruiting and Player Personnel for Commodore Basketball. Culver comes to Vanderbilt after spending the 2016-17 season as the head coach of Covenant College, a Division III program in Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

"I have known Arte for many years and have always been impressed with his professionalism and passion for helping young men," said Drew. "Being a former head coach, he understands the vital importance of every aspect of a college basketball program. We look forward to him being a Commodore."

Culver led the Scots to their second consecutive winning season in 2016-17 and the most by a first-year head coach at Covenant with a 14-12 overall mark, which included a win over then number-15 ranked Emory. Culver coached one All-USA South player (Patjo Twagirayezu) and a three-time USA South Rookie of the Week winner (Caleb Haynes) in 2016-17, and his team was also awarded the USA South Team Sportsmanship Award, the second straight year Covenant earned the honor in men's basketball.

"I am honored and blessed to join Coach Drew and the basketball staff at Vanderbilt," said Culver. "The opportunity to work with a great staff at an institution that competes at the highest level academically and on the basketball floor is one I don't take for granted. I've worked in a variety of roles on different college basketball staffs, and I am confident that I'll be able to use my experiences to help Vanderbilt Basketball continue to grow. Vanderbilt Basketball has a rich tradition, and I look forward to being part of it for years to come."

Culver came to Covenant after spending two seasons as an assistant coach at Wheaton (Ill.) College under head coach Mike Schauer. At Wheaton, Culver assisted in all areas of the program and served as the recruiting coordinator. Prior to Wheaton, Culver spent one year as the scholastic coordinator and video coordinator at NCAA Division I member Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. In his duties at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Culver oversaw all academic aspects of the men's basketball program and coordinated video scouting.

Prior to his tenure at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Culver served one year as an assistant basketball coach and math teacher at The Kinkaid School in Houston, Texas. Culver also served one year as the head varsity basketball coach at Rosehill Christian School in Tomball, Texas, while teaching algebra and geometry classes.

Culver is a 2006 graduate of Rice University, earning a degree in Mathematics. A walk-on with the Owls, Culver was a three-year letterwinner for the Rice men's basketball team and was a member of a class that set the program record for most victories during a four-year period with 73. During his playing career, Rice made two National Invitation Tournament (NIT) appearances. Additionally, Culver was a four-time scholar athlete at Rice and a two-time Arthur Ashe Scholar during his career. He earned a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Mathematics from Rice in 2008, while serving as a graduate assistant and video coordinator for the Owls basketball program.

Culver and his wife, Julia, have three children: Teddy, Aaron and Annie.



COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Luke Simons, Director of Scouting, 3rd Season, Purdue ('10)



THE SIMONS FILE

High School

Shelbyville (Ind.)

College

Purdue (2001-06)

Hometown

Shelbyville, Ind.

Luke Simons joined the Commodores in April of 2016 as the Director of Scouting after spending one season with Bryce Drew at Valparaiso as the Director of Operations, where he helped the Crusaders to a single-season win record, a Horizon League championship, and a postseason NIT finals appearance.

"Luke has a very good background in scouting from his previous positions," said Drew. "He is extremely organized and efficient while handling big workloads."

Before beginning his tenure with Drew in 2015 at Valparaiso, Simons spent nearly a decade working with Athletes in Action as an international team director and coach, as well as a regional coordinator. In his time with AIA, Simons helped assemble and direct multiple international competitive tours throughout Europe and Asia. He also created Captains Camp, an AIA leadership initiative to serve influencers in basketball.

Outside of AIA, Simons served as director of operations for the USA team at the last three World University Games and helped found the International Basketball Coaches Experience, held annually at the NCAA Final Four. He also brings a good deal of coaching experience with him, having worked as an assistant coach and director of player development for the Mongolian national team – which he helped lead to the final round of 2015 Asian Games – since 2012. Simons also previously spent one season as interim head coach at Black Hawk College and five years as an assistant coach at West Lafayette H.S.

Matt Olinger, Director of Basketball Operations, 3rd Season, Liberty ('07)



THE OLINGER FILE

High School

Bethesda Christian School (Ind.)

College

Liberty (2003-07)

Hometown

Brownsville, Ind.

Matt Olinger enters his third season as the Director of Basketball Operations at Vanderbilt. Olinger brings just over a decade of experience in various capacities that include assistant coach, director of basketball operations, video coordinator and graduate assistant. "Coach Olinger brings a lot of experience and unique abilities to our staff," said Drew. "His skills in coaching, administration and technology will be used on a daily basis."

Olinger's responsibilities include Vanderbilt's non-conference scheduling, team travel, compliance, maintaining brand and identity through social media, graphic design and other various digital projects, as well as the liaison with Nike Basketball. Olinger was also instrumental in hosting the program's first ever ProDay in October of 2018 which saw 29 NBA Teams represented and over 50 NBA Scouts.

Olinger began his coaching career in 2008 at Liberty University as the director of basketball operations under then head coach Ritchie McKay. During the 2008-09 season, the Flames garnered their first 20-win season since 1991 and also their first postseason appearance since the 2004 NCAA Tournament in the College Insider Tournament. Olinger served as an interim assistant coach during the spring of 2008 and the spring and summer of 2009 and in the fall of 2011, Olinger was promoted to assistant coach helping leading the Flames to a Big South Tournament Championship and NCAA Tournament Appearance in 2013. Olinger transitioned to assistant to the head coach in 2016 under Ritchie McKay, who returned for his second stint as head coach for the Flames in 2016.

During his time with Liberty, Olinger helped recruit and develop current the 2009 Big South Freshman of the year and NBA guard Seth Curry, 2011 Big South Player of the Year Jesse Sanders, 2013 Big South Tournament MVP Davon Marshall, and 12 other first or second team all-conference players. Off the court, Olinger was instrumental in the renovation of the Vines Center from 2013-2015, which included construction and design of a state of the art teams practice facility which featured 1.5 practice courts for both men's and women's basketball, as well as a brand new locker room, weight room, and training room, which was completed in 2015.

Olinger is 2006 graduate of Liberty with a degree in Sport Management, spending four years with the Men's Basketball program highlighted by a 2004 NCAA Tournament Appearance. He earned a Master of Arts in Business Management and Leadership in 2011.

Olinger and his wife, Kathryn, have two sons, Preston and Beckett.



COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

Jeremy Anderson, Strength and Conditioning, 3rd Season, Liberty ('11)



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High School

Warren Central (Kentucky)

College

Liberty (2008-2011)

Virginia (2011-2013)

Hometown

Bowling Green, Ky.

Jeremy Anderson joined the Vanderbilt men's basketball staff as the team's strength and conditioning coach in June of 2016 after spending the previous two seasons as the men's basketball strength and conditioning coach at the University of New Mexico.

"Jeremy comes highly recommended and will be a great asset to our program," said Vanderbilt head coach Bryce Drew. "He is extremely knowledgeable and has a passion to get players better."

While with the Lobos, Anderson helped mentor two New Mexico players, Elijah Brown and Tim Williams, to all Mountain West Honors in 2015-16, and in his first season with the program in 2014-15, he helped the Lobos post one of their best defensive scoring seasons in three decades by holding opponents to just 60.2 points per game. It was the second lowest points allowed average since the 1983-84 season with the 2011-12 Lobos holding opponents to 59.3 points per game.

"I am excited and blessed to join Coach Drew and the Men's Basketball program, and to be a part of such a high caliber staff," said Anderson. "Vanderbilt University is an extremely special place, with outstanding academics and rich basketball tradition in a great city. I am eager to utilize my experience to better prepare our basketball student-athletes for their experiences in the Southeastern Conference and beyond."

Prior to his stint at New Mexico, he spent three seasons at the University of Virginia assisting with the men's and women's basketball programs. He joined the Cavaliers for the 2011-12 season as a graduate assistant before being promoted to assistant strength and conditioning coach. He moved to Charlottesville after a three-month stint as a strength and conditioning intern at his alma mater, Liberty University.

Anderson played guard for the Liberty Flames from 2007 to 2011. Team captain his last two seasons at Liberty, he graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. He was also a member of the 2007-08 Big South Conference All-Freshmen Team.

A native of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Anderson earned his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Liberty University in 2011. He graduated from Virginia with a Master's degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Physiology in 2013.

Brock Williams, Asst. Vice Chancellor, 13th Season, North Carolina ('79)



A 35-year veteran at Vanderbilt University, the Assistant Vice Chancellor for men's basketball is in his 13th year as Director of Sport Operations for men's basketball. Williams' sports duties include day-to-day operations, budget control, department staffing and alumni relations.

Previously, Williams worked many years as Associate Dean of Residential and Judicial Affairs at Vanderbilt.

A 1979 graduate of North Carolina, Williams earned his master's degree from Vanderbilt in 1984. Williams and his wife Andrea, have three children: Corbin, Carolina Grace and Christian.



SUPPORT STAFF

Max-Maurice Martin, Academic Counselor, 16th Season, S.C. State ('91)



Max-Maurice Martin is in his third season with Vanderbilt basketball and his 16th overall with the Commodores. Martin has worked with women's track and field, women's cross country, men's cross country, football, and lacrosse during his tenure at Vanderbilt.

Martin received his bachelor of science in criminal justice in 1991 from South Carolina State University and a master's degree in criminal justice from Tennessee State in 1997.

Prior to his arrival at Vanderbilt, Martin served as a crisis counselor for The OASIS Center in Nashville for five years.

Originally from Charleston, South Carolina, Martin resides in Nashville with his wife Kimberly and son, Mason.

Brandon Wells, Athletic Trainer, 1st Season, Wisconsin-Stevens Point ('07)



Brandon Wells joined the Vanderbilt athletic training staff in 2018 and will serve as the head athletic trainer for men's basketball after spending two years with Utah State men's basketball.

Before his time at Utah State, he served as the athletic trainer for men's basketball at Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Prior to his time with the Panthers, Wells worked for three years with the football and men's basketball teams at Augustana College in South Dakota.

Wells was a graduate assistant at Minnesota State-Mankato from 2007-09, earning a master's degree in exercise physiology, and earned an undergraduate degree in athletic training from Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2007.

Wells and his wife, Shila, have three children - Zaiden, Shealynn and Braylee.

Debbie Green, Administrative Assistant, 22nd Season



Debbie Green, a 22-year veteran of the Vanderbilt athletic department, serves as the program's administrative assistant.

Green is in her seventh season as administrative assistant after working as the assistant director of ticketing in the Commodore Ticket Office for 15 years.

A native of Franklin, Tenn., Green is in charge of the day-to-day duties of the basketball office.

Debbie and her husband Houston are the proud parents of Angie Beasley and Tiffany Fisher, and grandparents of Maggie Beasley, Maddox Fisher, and Brady Fisher.