

### Kevin Stallings, Head Coach



Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings has taken the Commodore basketball program to unparalleled heights in his 11 years at the helm, with success coming on the floor and in the classroom during his tenure. His teams have advanced to two Sweet 16 appearances, and off the floor, every Vanderbilt senior basketball player has received a degree. His teams have also made Memorial Gym, already one of the most unique arenas in America, a hostile and very challenging place for opposing teams.

This kind of success comes as no surprise to the players who put on the Vanderbilt jersey when adjectives like competitive, personable, passionate, intense, honest, hard-working, knowledgeable and prepared describe their coach and the program they represent.

Eleven seasons into his stay in Nashville, Stallings has Vanderbilt in rarefied air in college basketball circles with eight postseason appearances, two NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearances in 2004 and 2007, four NCAA Tournament berths and five 20-win seasons. Stallings became the first coach to take two Vanderbilt teams to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament since the 64-65 team format; and the Commodore mentor has had SEC Players of the Year on his squad in three out of his 11 years in Nashville.

The list of accomplishments for the current Vanderbilt coach continues to grow:

- Stallings became the second Vanderbilt coach in school history to have three 20-win seasons (Roy Skinner) after the 2006-07 season. He now has five 20-win seasons, one shy of the all-time leader Roy Skinner, who ended his career with six 20-win campaigns.
- He was named SEC Coach of the Year by SEC Coaches in 2007 and 2010, only the third coach in Vanderbilt history to win two of the prestigious awards.
- Currently stands at 336 career wins and 213 wins in his 11-year tenure as Vanderbilt's head coach.
- He has coached three SEC Players of the Year (coaches) Dan Langhi in 1999-2000, Derrick Byars in 2006-07, and Shan Foster in 2007-08 (AP and Coaches).
- Now in 19th place amongst winningest coaches in the SEC (at SEC institutions) with 213 Vanderbilt wins, and the second-most winningest active coach in the league.
- He coached four SEC Academic Honor Roll members in 2009-10 in Elliott Cole, Joe Duffy, Chris Meriwether, and Jordan Smart. It pushed his total number of SEC Academic Honor Roll selections to 33 during his 11-year tenure.
- •He now has 336 career victories as a head coach, which makes him the fourth current SEC coach with 300 or more wins, and his 213 Vanderbilt wins ranks him second all-time in the Commodore record books behind Roy Skinner (278; 1959, 1962-76).

In fact, in his 31 years as a player or coach, success has followed Stallings throughout his basketball career as a player at Purdue, an assistant at both Purdue and Kansas and his previous head coaching position at Illinois State. During the time span, Stallings has been a part of 21 seasons with 20-or-more victories and

#### **COACHING CAREER**

1999-present	Vanderbilt, Head Coach
1994-99	. <b>Illinois State,</b> Head Coach
1989-93	Kansas, Asst. Coach
1983-88	Purdue, Asst. Coach

SEC Coach of the Year, 2007 and 2010, NABC District 21 Coach of the Year, 2010, NABC District 7 Coach of the Year, 2007.

#### **PLAYING CAREER**

1980-82 <b>F</b>	<b>'</b> urd	u
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Helped Purdue advance to Final Four in 1980.

#### **FAMILY**

Wife, Lisa; Son, Jacob (20), Daughters Alexa (16) and Jordyn (10)

#### 12TH SEASON AT VANDERBILT

College

Purdue

B.A., Business Management & Marketing, 1982

Masters, Counseling, 1985

High School

Collinsville (III.)



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a basketball season that concluded during postseason play 25 times.

Stallings has guided the Commodores to postseason play in six out of the last seven seasons and in eight out of his 11 years at Vanderbilt. Included in those appearances are two Sweet 16 berths and back-to-back NCAA appearances in 2007 and 2008.

The 2009-10 Commodores finished the season with a 24-9 record, and a 12-4 mark in SEC play, Vanderbilt's best finish in league competition since 1993. The Commodores also were a handful on the road, winning six league games and sporting a 7-3 mark in true road contests. Vanderbilt swept Tennessee and Florida for the first time since 1966, and had four players named to an All-SEC postseason team.

Colorado

Connecticut

Creighton

Duquesne

East Carolina

Eastern Illinois

Eastern Kentucky

Dayton

DePaul

Drake

1-0

0-3

1-1

1-0

1-0

10-2

E. Tennessee State The 2007-08 edition of the Commodores was one of the most successful teams of the Stallings era. Vanderbilt reeled off 16 consecutive wins to start the season, tied for the most wins in regular season history (25), advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year, the first time since 1988-89 that has occurred, won 10 games in the SEC for the second consecutive season, and saw one of his four-year seniors, Shan Foster, capture SEC Player of the Year honors, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, and become the school's all-time leading scorer. The Commodores tallied 25 regular season wins that year, which tied the 1992-93 team for the most in school history, and knocked off the No. 1 team

Akron	1-0	Elon	1-0	Michigan	1-1	SE Missouri State	1-0
Alabama	8-6	Evansville	10-1	Mississippi	8-4	SW Missouri State	9-5
Alabama A&M	4-0	Fairleigh Dickinson	1-0	Mississippi State	6-8	SE Louisiana	1-0
Alcorn State	1-0	Florida	7-16	Missouri	1-0	Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0
American	1-0	Florida State	1-1	Missouri-KC	1-0	Stetson	1-0
American-PR	1-0	Furman	2-1	Monmouth	0-1	Tennessee 1	11-12
Appalachian State	2-1	George Washington	n 1-0	Morehead State	2-0	UT-Chattanooga	1-0
Arizona	1-1	Georgetown	1-2	Mount St. Mary's	1-0	Tennessee-Martin	3-0
Arizona State	0-1	Georgia	13-10	MTSU	2-0	Tennessee State	4-0
Arkansas	4-9	Georgia Southern	1-0	New Orleans	1-0	Tennessee Tech	3-0
Auburn	9-5	Georgia Tech	2-2	Nicholls State	1-0	TCU	2-0
Austin Peay	2-0	Hampton	1-0	Notre Dame	1-3	Texas-Pan American	n 1-0
Belmont	3-0	Hawaii	0-1	North Carolina State	1-0	Toledo	3-0
Birmingham So.	1-0	Hawaii-Hilo	1-0	UNC Greensboro	1-0	Tulane	1-2
Boston College	1-1	High Point	1-0	UNC Wilmington	1-1	Tulsa	4-2
Bradley	7-6	Hofstra	1-0	Northeast Louisiana	1-0	Utah State	2-0
Bucknell	1-0	Houston	1-0	Northern Iowa	8-7	Valparaiso	1-0
Butler	0-1	Illinois	0-2	Northwestern	2-1	Vanderbilt	0-1
Cal Poly SLO	1-0	Illinois-Chicago	2-2	Oakland	1-1	Va. Commonwealth	2-1
Cal State Northridge	1-0	Indiana	2-1	Ohio	2-0	Wake Forest	1-2
Centenary	1-0	Indiana State	10-3	Oregon	1-1	Washington State	1-1
Central Arkansas	1-0	IUPUI	2-0	Pacific	1-0	Western Carolina	1-0
Central Michigan	1-0	lona	2-0	Pittsburgh	2-0	Western Kentucky	3-1
Chaminade	1-0	Iowa State	0-2	PR-Mayaguez	1-0	Western Michigan	1-0
Cincinnati	0-4	Jacksonville State	1-0	Purdue	0-1	Wichita State	12-2
College of Charlesto	n1-0	James Madison	1-1	Rice	2-0	William & Mary	1-0
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8-15

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3-0

8-6

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2-0

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1-0

Saint Francis

South Alabama

South Carolina

South Florida

S. Carolina State

Southern Illinois

St. Mary's (Calif.)

Southern Miss

St. Joseph's

Santa Clara

Siena

1-0

0-2

0-1

1-0

1-0

1-0

7-8

2-0

1-0

2-0

10-12

Wisconsin

Wofford

Overall

At Home

On the Road

At Neutral Sites

**NCAA Tournament** 

In Overtime Games

Wisc.-Green Bay

1-2

3-1

3-0

336-207

216-56

80-114

40-30

5-6

6-6

13-9

STALLINGS' OVERALL RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

in the nation for the second consecutive season.

Kentucky

LaSalle

Lehigh

Liberty

Lipscomb

Manhattan

Memphis

Mercer

Louisiana State

Louisiana Tech

Massachussetts

The 2003-04 campaign saw the Commodores advance to their first NCAA Tournament since 1993, reaching the Phoenix Regional Semifinals before bowing out to Connecticut, the eventual national champion; and in 2006-07, the Commodores knocked off George Washington and Washington State before dropping a 66-65 decision to Georgetown in the East Regional Semifinals.

In 2003-04, Vanderbilt set a school record with a 12-0 start, knocked off five nationally ranked opponents and advanced to the semifinals of the SEC

Tournament -- all of this before reaching the "Big Dance" and concluding its run with a 23-10 overall mark. In 2006-07, Vanderbilt had the SEC Player of the Year in Derrick Byars and knocked off seven ranked opponents during the year.

In all, Stallings has coached in eight postseason tournaments, four NCAA tournaments and four NIT's. The Commodores reached the NIT in 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2006; and in 2005, the Commodores made the quarterfinals of the NIT, winning at Indiana and outlasting Wichita State at the buzzer before falling at Memphis, one step short of reaching the semifinal round in New York City.



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#### QUALITIES OF A CARING COACH

Throughout his tenure at Vanderbilt, Stallings has proven himself as a coach whose intensity from the bench and drive to compete matches his reputation as a talented tactician and his genuine concern for players. Since coming to Nashville, Stallings has embraced the Commodore basketball tradition while building a program based on quality players and dedicated students.

He has molded Commodore players into some of the finest in the SEC. Former Commodores Dan Langhi and Matt Freije blossomed under the direction of Stallings. Langhi earned the 2000 SEC Player of the Year award, while Freije became Vanderbilt's then-all-time leading scorer. Derrick Byars became Stallings' second player of the year in 2007, and wing Shan Foster became his third in 2008 and the program's first player to the 2,000point barrier. Both Byars and Foster were secondround selections in the 2007 and 2008 NBA Draft, respectively.

At the same time, Stallings makes sure his players perform in the classroom. At Vanderbilt, all 30 of his seniors either have earned or are currently working toward their college degree. While at Illinois State, five Redbirds achieved

	STALLI	NGS' RECOR	D THRO	UGH THE	YEARS
Year	School	Position	W-L	Conf.	Postseason
2010	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	24-9	12-4	NCAA First Round
2009	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	19-12	8-8	_
2008	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	26-8	10-6	NCAA First Round
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	22-12	10-6	NCAA Regional Semifinals
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	17-13	7-9	NIT First Round
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	20-14	8-8	NIT Quarterfinals
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	23-10	8-8	NCAA Regional Semifinals
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	11-18	3-13	<u> </u>
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	17-15	6-10	NIT First Round <sup>^</sup>
2001	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	15-15	4-12	_
2000	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	19-11	8-8	NIT First Round
1999	Illinois State	Head Coach	16-15	7-11	_
1998	Illinois State	Head Coach	25-6	16-2●#	NCAA Second Round
1997	Illinois State	Head Coach	24-6	14-4●#	NCAA First Round
1996	Illinois State	Head Coach	22-12	13-5	NIT Quarterfinals
1995	Illinois State	Head Coach	20-13	13-5	NIT Second Round
1994	Illinois State	Head Coach	16-11	12-6	_
1993	Kansas	Assistant	29-7	11-3●	NCAA Final Four
1992	Kansas	Assistant	27-5	11-3•#	NCAA Second Round
1991	Kansas	Assistant	27-8	10-4●	NCAA Final Four*
1990	Kansas	Assistant	30-5	11-3	NCAA Second Round
1989	Kansas	Assistant	19-12	6-8	_
1988	Purdue	Assistant	29-4	16-2●	NCAA Sweet 16
1987	Purdue	Assistant	25-5	15-3●	NCAA Second Round
1986	Purdue	Assistant	22-10	11-7	NCAA First Round
1985	Purdue	Assistant	20-9	12-6	NCAA First Round
1984	Purdue	Assistant	22-7	15-3●	NCAA First Round
1983	Purdue	Assistant	21-9	11-7	NCAA Second Round
1982	Purdue	Player	18-14	11-7	NIT Final Four
1981	Purdue	Player	21-11	10-8	NIT Final Four
1980	Purdue	Player	27-8	11-7#	NCAA Final Four
1979	Belleville J.C.	Player	28-9	_	NJCAA Tournament
Totals	at Vanderbilt		213-137	84-94	
Totals at Illinois State		123-63	75-33		
Head Coach Totals		336-200	159-127		
Totals	Totals at Kansas		132-37	49-21	
Totals	at Purdue (coaching)		139-44		
	at Purdue (playing)		66-33		
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- - Regular season conference champions
- # Conference tournament champions
- \* Lost in National Championship game
- ^ Included an Opening Round play-in game that Vanderbilt won over Houston

Academic All-America status; and all but two seniors earned their degree. Since Stallings became head coach a Vanderbilt player has been named:

- All-SEC either by the Associated Press or the league's coaches 21 times.
  - SEC Player of the Week 21 times.
  - Academic All-SEC 33 times.



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TRACK RECORD FOR SUCCESS

Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, Stallings coached six seasons at Illinois State (1994-99) in his first head coaching opportunity. Following the most successful coach in school history, Stallings raised the program to higher standards taking four teams to postseason tournaments, including two trips to the NCAA Tournament. He became the first men's basketball coach in the history of the Missouri Valley Conference to win back-to-back regular season and conference tournament titles in 1997 and 1998. As the Redbirds head coach, Stallings averaged 21 wins a season, compiling a 123-63 record.

As an assistant coach, Stallings worked with two of the nation's most well-known and respected mentors - Gene Keady, his college coach at Purdue, and Roy Williams



at Kansas.

After helping lead the Boilermakers as a player (1980-82) to three postseason tournament appearances, including a NCAA Final

Four appearance in 1980, Stallings served as an assistant coach under Keady from 1983-88. On Keady's staff, Stallings helped direct Purdue to six NCAA Tournament appearances and three Big Ten championships while tallying a 140-44 overall record.

"More than anything, I think what Gene Keady taught me was that good teams have good players and great teams have great teammates," Stallings said. "I think his greatest strength was his ability to get a team to achieve as close to its potential as possible on a very consistent basis. That's because of his ability to motivate people to be a willing part of what he called `being a company man.' I believe in that and I believe in him. It's obvious that he was brilliant in that way."

Stallings left Purdue to join Williams' coaching staff at Kansas in 1989. Over the next five seasons, the Jayhawks made four NCAA Tournament appearances, enjoyed two trips to the Final Four, finished as the 1991 national runner-up and accumulated a 132-38 mark during Stallings' stay.

"The thorough nature in which Roy Williams approaches his job was the biggest aspect I took from my time at Kansas. Roy is very detailed, very organized and very meticulous. Not only is he a great coach and great recruiter, but he runs his program with precision and with great organization."

A 1978 graduate of Collinsville High School outside of St. Louis, Stallings played under the legendary Vergil Fletcher, who was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame during the 2004 summer.

Stallings earned his undergraduate degree in business management and marketing at Purdue in 1982 before receiving a Master's degree from Purdue in 1985.

Stallings and his wife Lisa have three children: Jacob (20), Alexa (16) and Jordyn (10).

### STALLINGS' CAREER AT A GLANCE

6

NCAA appearances as a head coach

2

Sweet 16 appearances

3

Number of SEC Players of the Year in his 11-year tenure at Vanderbilt

0

20-win seasons in 17 years as a head coach, five in his 11 years at Vanderbilt

336

Total victories as a head coach

213

Victories as Vanderbilt head coach, second-most in program history

33

Number of SEC All-Academic team members he has coached at Vanderbilt.



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#### **Basketball Staff**



THE FREDERICK FILE

#### Born

November 19, 1976

#### **High School**

Lawrence H.S. (Kansas)

#### College

#### Bachelor's Degree:

History & Political Science, North Carolina, '99

#### Master's Degree:

Education, Illinois, '05

#### Family

Wife, Jocelyn; Son, Benjamin Robert, Daugher, Carson Avery

#### Prior Basketball Career

North Carolina, Player (1997-99) Vanderbilt, Staff (2000-Present)

#### **BRAD FREDERICK**

12th Season North Carolina, 1999

Brad Frederick is in his 12th campaign at Vanderbilt after joining Kevin Stallings' first Commodore coaching staff in 2000. Frederick's responsibilities with the Commodores include recruiting, scheduling, and scouting.

Frederick played three seasons as a reserve forward at North Carolina, including the final season of legendary coach Dean Smith's career and the two-year coaching tenure of Bill Guthridge.

"That's one reason I went to North Carolina," Frederick said. "I wanted to learn from Coach Smith. Besides teaching me numerous things on the basketball court, he also showed me how to run a program."

As a Tar Heel, Frederick was part of two Final Four teams and two ACC Championship teams. He was the recipient of the team's Rick Sharp Award,

which goes to the player who contributes the most behind the scenes. As a senior at UNC, Frederick also served as an assistant coach for the North Carolina junior varsity program under former Tar Heel great Phil Ford.

Frederick won the Athletic Director's Scholar-Athlete award twice during his junior and senior year and graduated with honors in political science and history.

Frederick, 34, is married to Jocelyn Isenburg of Long-meadow, Mass. They are the proud parents of Benjamin Robert Frederick (2), and Carson Avery, born September 10, 2010.



THE MULLER FILE

#### Born

February 21, 1976

#### **High School**

Central Catholic (Indiana)

#### College

#### Bachelor's Degree:

Business Management, Illinois State, '98

#### Master's Degree:

Business Administration, Florida, '03

#### Family

Wife, Melissa; Step-Son, Sib

#### Prior Basketball Career

Illinois State, Player (1995-98)

Team La Rioja Andino (Argentina), Player (1999)

Vancouver Grizzlies, Player (1999) Siemens Ghent (Belgium), Player (2000)

Vanderbilt, Staff (2001-Present)

#### **DAN MULLER**

11th Season Illinois State, 1998

Dan Muller is in his 11th season as a member of the Vanderbilt basketball program. Muller serves as the team's recruiting coordinator, while also helping with player academics and scouting opponents.

Prior to joining the Vanderbilt staff, Muller spent two years playing professionally in Argentina, Vancouver and Belgium.

Muller and the staff's recruiting efforts have been rewarded in the past few seasons, with the Commodores advancing to three NCAA Tournaments in the last four years. Additionally, Vanderbilt's recent classes of recruits have been the highest rated in the history of the program.

Muller is no stranger to head coach Kevin Stallings after playing for him at Illinois State (1995-98). Muller helped the Redbirds to two regular season and Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championships and four postseason appearances, including trips to the NCAA

Tournament in his final two seasons.

Ranked eighth in career scoring, Muller posted career marks in four categories, while helping ISU to a 91-36 record during his stay. He also was a three-time member of the MVC All-Defense Team and was named the MVP of the MVC Tournament as a senior.

Off the court, Muller was just as successful. He was a twotime GTE Academic All-American and was a recipient of the NCAA's Post-Graduate Scholarship. He also was named a Bone Scholar, the highest academic honor at ISU.

In 2003, Muller earned his MBA from the University of Florida.

He and his wife, Melissa, have one step-son, Sib.



#### **Basketball Staff**



THE RICE FILE Born

December 14, 1968

#### **High School**

Binghamton H.S. (N.Y.)

#### College

#### Bachelor's Degree:

Radio-TV-Motion Pictures, North Carolina, '92

#### Family

Wife, Summer; Son, Alexander, Niece, Dominique

#### Prior Basketball Career

North Carolina, Player (1988-91) Oregon, Staff (1992-93) Illinois State, Staff (1993-98) Providence, Staff (1999-00) Vanderbilt, Staff (2006-Present)

#### KING RICE

5th Season North Carolina, 1991

King Rice is in his fifth season at Vanderbilt. The former point guard at North Carolina and assistant coach at Oregon, Illinois State and Providence, was named to the Vanderbilt staff in June 2006.

Rice, 41, served as an assistant to Stallings for five seasons at Illinois State from 1994-98, helping the Redbirds advance to postseason play four times, including two appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Rice helped spearhead recruiting efforts and was noted for his solid relationships with players. Prior to his stint in Normal, Ill., Rice began his coaching career as an assistant on Jerry Green's Oregon staff during the 1993 campaign. Following his five seasons with Stallings at Illinois State, Rice was an assistant for two years (1999-2000) at Providence under current head coach Tim Welsh.

As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played under legendary coach Dean Smith helping the Tar Heels to a 29-6 overall mark and appearance at the NCAA Final Four in 1991. He finished his career ranked third on

the Tar Heels all-time assist list with 629. His assist numbers rank 11th all-time in the Atlantic Coast Conference, averaging 6.2 assists in 140 career games. Rice was voted most outstanding senior by his teammates in 1991 after receiving recognition as the squad's top defensive player during his junior season.

A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Rice earned his bachelor's degree in communications from North Carolina in 1992.

Rice served as head coach of the Bahamian National team for three seasons from 2002-2004.

Along with North Carolina teammate Rick Fox, Rice formed CarolinaPros, Inc., in 1998. The service organization currently sponsors a variety of community-based events and provides assistance through mentoring programs, scholarships, skill development and donor education.

Rice worked as a professional trainer to Fox for five years. Fox logged 13 seasons in the NBA with the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers from 1992-2004.

Rice's family includes his wife, Summer, son, Alexander and niece, Dominique.



THE RICHARDSON FILE

#### Born

August 3, 1954

#### **High School**

Marist (III.)

#### College

#### Bachelor's Degree:

Social Sciences, St. Xavier (III.), '77

#### Master's Degree:

Physical Education, Chicago State, '86

#### Family

Wife, Nancy; Daughters, Mary Beth and Katie; Son, Matthew

#### Prior Basketball Career

St. Xavier (III.), Player (1974-77)
Marist HS (III.), Staff (1977-79)
Nazareth HS (III.), Head Coach (1980-93)
Illinois State, Staff (1993-99)
Illinois State, Head Coach (1999-2002)
Vanderbilt, Staff (2003-present)

### **TOM RICHARDSON**

8th Season St. Xavier (III.), 1977

Tom Richardson enters his eighth season at Vanderbilt after joining the men's basketball program prior to the 2003-04 season. A trusted friend and talented instructor, Richardson came to Vanderbilt after serving four years as head coach at Illinois State.

He succeeded Stallings as the Redbird head coach after the two had combined to lead Illinois State to a 123-63 record in six years.

During that tenure, regarded by many as the most successful in school history, the Redbirds won two Missouri Conference championships, made two trips to the NCAA Tournament and had two berths in the NIT. He also had the opportunity to coach Dan Muller, who is currently on the Vanderbilt staff.

In his four years as head coach, Richardson directed Illinois State to a 56-64 record with two second-place finishes in the Missouri Valley and one trip to the NIT.

Richardson gained a reputation as an excellent shooting instructor and the Illinois State field goal and free throw percentages during his tenure are proof of that ability. He was responsible for three of the top four free throw percentage seasons and three of the top five

field goal percentage seasons in Illinois State history. His 2002–03 squad led the nation, shooting 44 percent from behind the 3-point line.

Prior to going to Illinois State, Richardson compiled a 193-146 record at Nazareth Academy High School in LaGrange, Ill., a Chicago suburb. He began the boys basketball program there and in his last 10 years had a 182-84 mark with three conference championships.

Richardson graduated from St. Xavier (III.) in 1977 and was a two-time basketball team captain. He was inducted into the school's athletics hall of fame in 1991. He received his master's from Chicago State in 1986.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three children; Mary Beth, Katie, and Matthew.





**BROCK WILLIAMS** 

Director of Sport Operations

A 30-year veteran at Vanderbilt University, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Athletics and Recreation Brock Williams is in his sixth year as Director of Sport Operations for men's basketball men's and women's golf.

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Williams' sports duties include day-to-day operations, budget control, department staffing and alumni relations. He also oversees Vanderbilt's student recreation center and its support of 38 intramu-

ral sports programs, as well as serves as a liaison with the cheerleeading squad and Spirit of Gold pep band.

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 (18), Carolina Grace (15) and Christian (12).



#### **DAN CAGE**

Assistant Director of Basketball Operations Dan Cage is entering his first season as the assistant director of basketball operations with

Cage is no stranger to the Commodore program, however. He earned four letters from 2003-07 and helped lead VU to two Sweet 16 appearances in 2004 and 2007. Cage played in 125 games in his four-year career, started 32, and in his senior season averaged 11.2 ppg.

Cage played in Europe for four seasons after graduating with an undergraduate degree in economics in May of 2007. He played in Germany (TBB-Trier) in 2007-08, France (JSF

Nanterre) and Spain (Caceres) in 2008-09 and 2009-10 (CB Canarias).

Dan married his long time girlfriend from Indianapolis, Ind., Anna Pizzi in August of 2009. The couple resides in Nashville.



#### **NEAL CLARK**

Academic Counselor

Neal Clark is in his fourth full season as academic counselor for the Commodore men's basketball team after arriving at Vanderbilt in February 2005. Clark also works with the women's

Clark returned to Vanderbilt after spending one season at Minnesota working with their men's basketball team.

Prior to joining Vanderbilt, Clark had worked in a similar role with the football squad at the University of Kentucky, assisting as a liaison between the university's central advising service and the athletic department. Clark also served as the Assistant Director of Student-Athlete Services for football at James Madison University from June 2002 to July 2003.

Clark earned both his bachelor's degree (1992) and master's degree (2002) in social work from Kentucky. He worked two years with the athletic department's community outreach program from 1999-2000 before serving as an academic graduate assistant from 2000-2002.



#### SAM FERRY

Director of Video Operations

Sam Ferry is entering his first season as the Director of Video Operations for Vanderbilt

Ferry, a 2010 Vanderbilt graduate with a degree in Human and Organizational Development, worked for four years as a student manager before being appointed to the basketball staff in the

summer of 2010. He will be responsible for all video operations for the basketball team.

"I am very fortunate to be working for Coach Stallings," said Ferry. "The staff is tremendous and the players are some of the best people I know. I leave every day a better coach and a better person."

Ferry, from Providence, R.I., resides in Nashville.



### SHANNON GORDON

Athletic Training

Shannon Gordon is in his fourth season as the athletic trainer for Commodore men's basketball, and his second season at Vanderbilt. He worked with the nationally ranked VU baseball team in 2006-07. Gordon came to Nashville after working as an athletic trainer at Ohio University. He worked closely with the men's basketball team as well as the football and women's soccer squads.

This is his second stint in Nashville as he served as outreach coordinator for high school athletic training programs through Columbia Sports Medicine from 1994-99. He also worked with the Nashville Kats from 1997-99.

Gordon has a bachelor's degree in physical education with an emphasis on athletic training from Indiana State in 1992. He earned his master's degree in kiniesology/athletic training from Indiana and is currently pursuing his PhD.

He is married to the former Kara Durham



#### MEREDITH SCHAKEL

Administrative Assistant

Meredith Schakel is in her sixth season as the administrative assistant for the men's basketball team. She maintains Coach Stallings' appointment schedule and handles all correspondence for the staff.

Schakel organizes the Commodores' postseason banquet, works with Vanderbilt's basketball alumni group — the Rebounders — and performs the bookkeeping duties associated with the summer basketball camps.

Prior to her current position, Schakel worked as a marketing assistant in the Vanderbilt athletics department, working with nine Commodore teams. Schakel graduated from the University of North Carolina in 2003 with a degree in Business Administration. While at North Carolina, she worked in the Tar Heel athletics marketing department, assisting with football, men's and women's basketball, field hockey and lacrosse.



#### **CURTIS TURNER**

Strength and Conditioning

Curtis Turner enters his eighth season as a Commodore strength and conditioning coach, and his first working with the men's basketball program.

Turner, a native of Blairsville, Ga., serves as a strength assistant to football staff and coordinates workouts for several other Vanderbilt varsity teams, including golf and tennis.

Turner, 30, joined Vanderbilt after working three years with the Clemson athletic strength staff. After starting at Clemson as an undergraduate, Turner moved into a full-time role at Vanderbilt after earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education. While he assisted with the Clemson football team, Turner also guided the training programs for other Tiger sports, including golf and rowing.