



# COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

## Kevin Stallings, Head Coach



**V**anderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings has taken the Commodore basketball program to unparalleled heights in his 16 years at the helm, with success coming on the floor and in the classroom during his tenure. His teams have advanced to six NCAA Tournaments - including five in the last nine years and three consecutive tournaments (2010, 2011, 2012) for the first time in program history. He became the first coach to take two Vanderbilt teams to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament since the 64-65 team format (2004 and 2007). He has coached three SEC Players of the Year (Dan Langhi, Derrick Byars,

Shan Foster), and 30 All-SEC performers. His 2012 team captured the SEC Tournament Championship, the first time a Commodore team has won the tournament in 60 years. He has coached eight 20-win campaigns with the Commodores, the most in school history, and is the school's all-time victories leader, an accomplishment he achieved in the 2013-14 campaign. Additionally, he has mentored 53 members of the SEC Academic Honor Roll in his tenure, and currently has two former players playing on an NBA roster.

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.

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

- Stallings has eight 20-win seasons, all in the last 12 years, and is the all-time leader in 20-win seasons, surpassing the legendary Roy Skinner, who had six.
- 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.
- Stallings notched his 400th career win in the quarterfinals of the 2013 SEC

Tournament against Kentucky, and has 313 wins in his 16-year tenure as Vanderbilt's head coach, which is the most for any Commodore 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).

In fact, in his 37 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 25 seasons with 20-or-more victories and a basketball season that concluded during postseason play 29 times.

Stallings has guided the Commodores to postseason play in eight out of the last 11 seasons and in 11 out of his 16 years at Vanderbilt. Included in those appearances are two Sweet 16 berths and back-to-back NCAA appearances in 2007 and 2008 and three consecutive berths from 2010-2012, a program first.

In 2014-15, Stallings guided the 347th youngest team in the nation (out of 351 teams) to 21 victories and a NIT Quarterfinals appearance - all from freshmen and sophomores, who comprised seven of the eight players in Vanderbilt's primary rotation. The team won 10 of their last 14 games and had three players honored by the SEC - first team selection Damian Jones and all-freshmen honorees Wade Baldwin IV and Riley LaChance.

### COACHING CAREER

1999-present ..... **Vanderbilt**, Head Coach  
 1994-99 ..... **Illinois State**, 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 ..... **Purdue**

*Helped Purdue advance to Final Four in 1980.*

### FAMILY

Wife, Lisa; Son, Jacob (25), Daughters Alexa (21) and Jordyn (15)

### 17TH SEASON AT VANDERBILT

College

Purdue

B.A., Business Management & Marketing,  
1982

Masters, Counseling, 1985

High School

Collinsville (Ill.)



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In 2011-12, his Commodore team won 25 games for the second time in his tenure while also tying a program-best for wins, and captured the SEC Tournament Championship for the first time in 60 years, knocking off eventual national champion Kentucky in the finals. Vanderbilt advanced to its third consecutive NCAA Tournament, and in June of 2012, had three players in the first 31 picks of the NBA Draft (John Jenkins, 23rd, Hawks; Festus Ezeli, 30th, Golden State; Jeffery Taylor, 31st, Charlotte), another program first.

The 2010-11 team knocked off five teams that advanced to the NCAA Tournament, including Kentucky, who eventually advanced to the Final Four. John Jenkins emerged as one of the nation's top shooters and led the SEC in scoring and three-pointers made. Under Stallings' tutelage, Festus Ezeli blossomed into an all-SEC center, and Jeffery Taylor continued to be on one of the premiere perimeter players in the nation.

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.

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 in the nation for the second consecutive season.

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.

### STALLINGS' OVERALL RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

Akron	1-0	George Washington	1-0	Missouri-KC	1-0	SW Missouri State	9-5
Alabama	12-8	Georgetown	1-2	Monmouth	1-1	SE Louisiana	2-0
Alabama A&M	5-0	Georgia	20-12	Morehead State	2-0	Stanford	0-1
Alcorn State	1-0	Georgia Southern	1-0	Morgan State	1-0	Stetson	1-0
American	1-0	Georgia State	1-0	Mount St. Mary's	1-0	Tennessee	14-20
American-PR	1-0	Georgia Tech	3-3	MTSU	4-1	UT-Chattanooga	1-0
Appalachian State	3-1	Grambling St.	1-0	Nebraska	1-0	Tennessee-Martin	3-0
Arizona	1-1	Hampton	1-0	New Orleans	1-0	Tennessee State	5-0
Arizona State	0-1	Harvard	1-0	Nicholls State	2-0	Tennessee Tech	3-0
Arkansas	6-14	Hawaii	0-1	Norfolk State	1-0	TCU	2-0
Auburn	15-5	Hawaii-Hilo	1-0	Notre Dame	1-3	Texas	1-0
Austin Peay	3-0	High Point	1-0	North Carolina	1-0	Texas A&M	3-1
Baylor	0-1	Hofstra	1-0	North Carolina State	2-0	Texas-Pan American	1-0
Belmont	4-0	Houston	1-0	UNC Greensboro	1-0	Toledo	3-0
Birmingham So.	1-0	Illinois	0-2	UNC Wilmington	1-1	Trevecca	1-0
Boston College	1-1	Illinois-Chicago	2-2	Northeast Louisiana	1-0	Tulane	1-2
Bradley	7-6	Indiana	2-1	Northern Iowa	8-7	Tulsa	4-2
Bucknell	2-0	Indiana State	10-4	Northeastern	1-0	Utah State	2-0
Butler	0-3	IUPUI	2-0	Northwestern	2-1	UTEP	1-0
Cal Poly SLO	1-0	Iona	2-0	Oakland	1-1	Valparaiso	1-0
Cal State Northridge	1-0	Iowa State	0-2	Ohio	2-0	Vanderbilt	0-1
Centenary	1-0	Jacksonville State	1-0	Oregon	2-2	Va. Commonwealth	2-1
Central Arkansas	1-0	James Madison	1-1	Oregon State	1-0	Villanova	0-1
Central Michigan	1-0	Kentucky	11-22	Pacific	1-0	Xavier	1-1
Chaminade	1-0	Lafayette	1-0	Penn	1-0	Wake Forest	1-2
Cincinnati	0-4	LaSalle	2-0	Pittsburgh	2-0	Washington State	1-1
Cleveland State	0-1	Lehigh	1-0	Presbyterian	1-0	West Virginia	0-1
College of Charleston	1-0	Liberty	1-0	Providence	0-1	Western Carolina	2-0
Colorado	1-0	Lipscomb	5-0	PR-Mayaguez	1-0	Western Kentucky	4-1
Connecticut	0-3	Longwood	1-0	Purdue	1-1	Western Michigan	1-0
Cornell	1-0	Louisiana-Lafayette	1-0	Rice	2-0	Wichita State	12-2
Creighton	10-2	Louisiana State	11-10	Richmond	0-1	William & Mary	2-0
Davidson	2-1	Louisiana Tech	0-1	Rutgers	0-1	Wisconsin	1-3
Dayton	3-0	Louisville	0-1	Saint Francis	1-0	Wisc.-Green Bay	3-1
DePaul	3-2	Loyola-Marymount	1-0	Saint Louis	1-1	Wofford	3-0
Drake	12-2	Manhattan	1-0	Santa Clara	0-2	Yale	1-0
Duquesne	0-2	Marist	0-1	Siena	0-1	<b>Overall</b>	<b>436-269</b>
East Carolina	1-1	Marquette	2-0	South Alabama	1-0	<b>At Home</b>	<b>277-80</b>
Eastern Illinois	1-0	Marshall	1-0	South Carolina	16-14	<b>On the Road</b>	<b>103-148</b>
Eastern Kentucky	1-0	Massachusetts	2-0	S. Carolina State	1-0	<b>At Neutral Sites</b>	<b>56-41</b>
E. Tennessee State	5-0	Memphis	0-1	South Dakota St.	1-0	<b>NCAA Tournament</b>	<b>5-7</b>
Elon	1-0	Mercer	1-0	South Florida	1-0	<b>NIT</b>	<b>8-7</b>
Evansville	10-1	Miami (Ohio)	1-0	Southern Illinois	7-8	<b>In Overtime Games</b>	<b>15-15</b>
Fairleigh Dickinson	1-0	Michigan	1-1	Southern Miss	2-0		
Florida	9-23	Mississippi	12-8	St. Joseph's	1-0		
Florida State	1-1	Mississippi State	11-11	St. Mary's (Calif.)	4-0		
Furman	2-1	Missouri	3-3	SE Missouri State	1-0		



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In 2003-04, Vanderbilt set a then-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 11 postseason tournaments during his time at Vanderbilt, six NCAA tournaments and five NIT's. The Commodores reached the NIT in 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, and 2015. In 2005 and 2015, the Commodores made the quarterfinals of the NIT.

### 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 2,000-point barrier. Both Byars and Foster were second-round selections in the 2007 and 2008 NBA Draft, respectively. He and his staff

### STALLINGS' RECORD THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	School	Position	W-L	Conf.	Postseason
2015	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	21-14	9-9	NIT Quarterfinals
2014	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	15-16	7-11	—
2013	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	16-17	8-10	—
2012	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	25-11	10-6	NCAA Third Round
2011	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	23-11	9-7	NCAA First Round
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	—
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	17-15	6-10	NIT First Round^
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
<b>Totals at Vanderbilt</b>			<b>313-206</b>	<b>127-135</b>	
<b>Totals at Illinois State</b>			<b>123-63</b>	<b>75-33</b>	
<b>Head Coach Totals</b>			<b>436-269</b>	<b>202-167</b>	
<b>Totals at Kansas</b>			<b>132-37</b>	<b>49-21</b>	
<b>Totals at Purdue (coaching)</b>			<b>139-44</b>		
<b>Totals at Purdue (playing)</b>			<b>66-33</b>		

● - Regular season conference champions

# - Conference tournament champions

\* - Lost in National Championship game



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also developed John Jenkins and Festus Ezeli into first-round draft picks in the 2012 NBA Draft, and Jeffery Taylor into the first pick of the second round of the same draft. In 2015, Ezeli won a world championship with the Golden State Warriors and played significant minutes for Golden State in their win over Cleveland in the NBA Finals.

At the same time, Stallings makes sure his players perform in the classroom.

At Vanderbilt, all 50 of his seniors either have earned or are currently working toward their college degree. While at Illinois State, five Redbirds achieved 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 29 times.
- SEC Player of the Week 37 times.
- Academic All-SEC 53 times.

### Coaching Tree Grows

As Stallings' career at Vanderbilt has blossomed, so has his coaching tree. In the last four years alone, two of his assistants have been elevated to head coaches, and since his arrival in Nashville prior to the 1999-2000 season, four of his assistant coaches have been head coaches or are currently at the helm of their own program. In 2012, longtime assistant Dan Muller assumed the reigns of his alma mater, Illinois State, and in 2011, King Rice was named the head coach at Monmouth. Other former assistants that have moved on include Tim Jankovich, who is now the coach-in-waiting at SMU. Additionally, Tom Richardson,

### STALLINGS' CAREER AT A GLANCE

8

NCAA appearances as a head coach

2

Sweet 16 appearances

3

Number of SEC Players of the Year in his 16-year tenure at Vanderbilt

12

20-win seasons in 21 years as a head coach, seven in his 16 years at Vanderbilt

436

Total victories as a head coach

313

Victories as Vanderbilt head coach, the most in program history

53

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



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who succeeded Stallings at Illinois State, came to Vanderbilt in 2004 and provides his head coaching experience to the current staff.

### 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 summer of 2004.

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

Stallings and his wife Lisa have three children: Jacob (25), Alexa (21) and Jordyn (15).



*The Stallings Family (left to right): Jacob, Amy Beth, Alexa, Jordyn, Lisa, and Kevin.*



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## Adam Cohen, Assistant Coach, 2nd Season, Arizona ('08)



### THE COHEN FILE

#### Born

August 7, 1986

#### High School

Williamsville North (N.Y.)

#### College

#### Bachelor's Degree:

Political Science,  
Arizona, '08

#### Prior Basketball Career

New Orleans, Staff (2008-09)  
USC, Staff (2009-12)  
Rice, Staff (2012-13)  
Harvard, Staff (2013-14)  
Vanderbilt, Staff (2014-present)

Adam Cohen was named to the Vanderbilt men's basketball staff as an assistant coach in May of 2014.

Cohen is responsible for recruiting, scouting, and player development with the Commodores. Known for his tireless work ethic and ability to develop players, Cohen has quickly established himself as one of the top up and coming coaches in the country.

Cohen, from Buffalo, N.Y., spent the 2013-14 season at Harvard, where he helped the Crimson set program records for overall wins (27) and conference victories (13) en route to the team's fourth consecutive Ivy League title and a third straight appearance in the NCAA tournament. During March Madness, the 12th-seeded Crimson knocked off fifth-seeded Cincinnati in the tournament's second round, and nearly pulled off an upset of fourth-seeded Michigan State to reach the Sweet 16. Harvard also won the Great Alaska Shootout along the way, and a record six Crimson were named to the All-Ivy League teams, including player of the year Wesley Saunders '15.

Prior to his arrival at Harvard, Cohen spent a year at Rice University where he was involved in the Owls' recruiting efforts. He recruited current Owl star Marcus Jackson and also helped mentor Max Guercy, who was named to the Conference USA All-Freshman team after garnering five freshman of the week honors.

Prior to joining the Rice staff, Cohen spent three seasons at Southern California where he climbed the ranks from video coordinator to director of basketball operations. During his final season at USC, Cohen was responsible for assisting in scouting preparation, film exchange and breakdown, and oversight of USC basketball camps. He also served as a liaison with the compliance department and worked closely with student-athletes on their academic progress.

Cohen began his coaching career in 2008-09 as a graduate assistant at New Orleans, after receiving his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Arizona in 2008. With the Wildcats, Cohen served as a student manager and assistant video coordinator for three years under Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson. Cohen worked with six future NBA players while with the Wildcats and aided the program to 59 total wins and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

Cohen currently serves on the Board of Directors for Rising Coaches Elite, an organization created by collegiate coaches for collegiate coaches that offers collaborative assistance, networking and avenues for career growth. He has also worked numerous summer camps, including Five Star, Arizona, Buffalo and USC. He also ran a camp in Chengdu, China during the summer of 2007 for Nike Basketball.

Cohen attended Williamsville North High School in Buffalo, N.Y., and was a two-year letterwinner in basketball and captained the team as a senior.

"I am thrilled to be a part of the great community and culture that is Vanderbilt basketball," said Cohen. "Coach Stallings has built a fantastic program and has established success both on and off the court. His vision truly excites me, and I will strive to carry on that tradition. I also want to thank Tommy Amaker for his guidance and tutelage in my time at Harvard. I look forward to helping Vanderbilt climb to the top of the SEC on a consistent basis. Anchor Down!"





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## Derrick Jones, Assistant Coach, 2nd Season, Samford ('01)



### THE JONES FILE

#### Born

March 21, 1978

#### High School

Catholic High School (La.)

#### College

#### Bachelor's Degree:

Samford,

Business Management, '01

#### Prior Basketball Career

Miss. St., Player (1996-98)

Samford, Player (1998-01)

John Ehret HS, Staff (2003-05)

Samford, Staff (2005-08)

New Orleans, Staff (2008-10)

Louisiana Tech, Staff (2010-14)

Vanderbilt, Staff (2014-present)

Derrick Jones joined the Vanderbilt men's basketball staff in May of 2014.

Jones is responsible for recruiting, scouting, and player development with the Commodores.

Jones arrived in Nashville after spending four seasons at Louisiana Tech, where he helped the Bulldogs to a historic run in his time in Ruston and a record 56 wins in the last two seasons. Louisiana Tech won 27 games in 2012-13 and 29 in 2013-14 and captured two regular season conference championships, the WAC in 2012-13 and Conference USA in 2013-14. The 2012-13 season featured a program record 18-game winning streak, the school's first AP Top 25 ranking in 28 years and a berth into the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) where the 'Dogs advanced to the second round, and in 2013-14, Louisiana Tech was one win away from advancing to the NIT semifinals in New York.

Jones was primarily responsible for coaching the forwards and centers with the Bulldogs, which included a two-time WAC All-Defensive team member in Michale Kyser who recently signed a free-agent contract with the Toronto Raptors.

This solid foundation was laid a year earlier during Jones' first year on former Bulldog and current Florida coach Michael White's staff in 2011-12 when he worked closely with senior Romario Souza who often times was the only forward on the court. Souza drastically improved his game throughout the year, and would go on to start the last ten games for the Bulldogs, averaging 12.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per game in those contests.

Souza's emergence down the stretch helped lead the Bulldogs to wins in five of their last six regular games and an appearance in the program's first ever WAC Tournament final after upsetting Utah State and Nevada in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. After coming up just 40 minutes short of making an appearance in the NCAA Tournament for the program's first time since 1991, the Bulldogs ended with an overall record of 18-16, a six-win improvement from the year before.

Jones came to Ruston with an impressive resume as he spent two seasons at the University of New Orleans under current University of Arizona Associate Head Coach Joe Pasternack, where he was heavily involved in recruiting, player evaluation, academics and on-court preparation for the Privateers. Prior to UNO, Jones spent three years as an assistant coach at Samford, his alma mater, from 2005 through 2008 working for coach Jimmy Tillette, who is the program's all-time leader in wins with over 200. During his first year with the Bulldogs, Jones helped lead Samford to a 20-win season, including wins over perennial postseason teams in Southern Miss and Murray State.

Jones started his coaching career on the high school level where he served as an assistant coach at John Ehret High School in Marrero, La. Under Coach Al Collins from 2003-2005. After a 13-14 finish in his first year at the school, Jones helped coach the team to a 27-3 mark and a No. 2 ranking in Class 5A the following season.

After prepping as a player at Catholic High School in Baton Rouge where he helped lead the team to the 1995 Louisiana Class 5A state title game as a junior, Jones signed with Mississippi State where he started 12 games and led all Bulldog freshmen in scoring.

Following his sophomore season in Starkville, he transferred to Samford where he led the program to an NCAA Tournament appearance as a junior. He averaged 13.8 points and earned all-conference accolades his senior season.

Jones earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Samford in 2001. He and his wife, Tiffany, have two sons, Nico and Max.



*The Jones Family (left to right): Nico, Max, Tiffany, and Derrick*



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## Tom Richardson, Assistant Coach, 13th Season, St. Xavier (Ill.) ('77)



### THE RICHARDSON FILE

#### Born

August 3, 1954

#### High School

Marist (Ill.)

#### College

##### **Bachelor's Degree:**

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

##### **Master's Degree:**

Physical Education,  
Chicago State, '86

#### Family

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

#### **Prior Basketball Career**

St. Xavier (Ill.), Player (1974-77)

Marist HS (Ill.), Staff (1977-79)

Nazareth HS (Ill.), Head Coach (1980-93)

Illinois State, Staff (1993-99)

Illinois State, Head Coach (1999-2002)

Vanderbilt, Staff (2003-present)

Tom Richardson enters his 13th season at Vanderbilt after joining the men's basketball program prior to the 2003-04 season.

Richardson, one of the top minds in the game of college basketball, is in charge of player development and offseason workouts, scheduling, and assists Coach Stallings in recruiting.

Richardson has helped guide Vanderbilt to two Sweet 16's and five NCAA Tournament appearances in his time with Vanderbilt, while also coaching two SEC Players of the Year in Derrick Byars and Shan Foster and six players who were drafted in the NBA - Byars, Foster, Matt Freije, John Jenkins, Festus Ezeli, and Jeffery Taylor.

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.

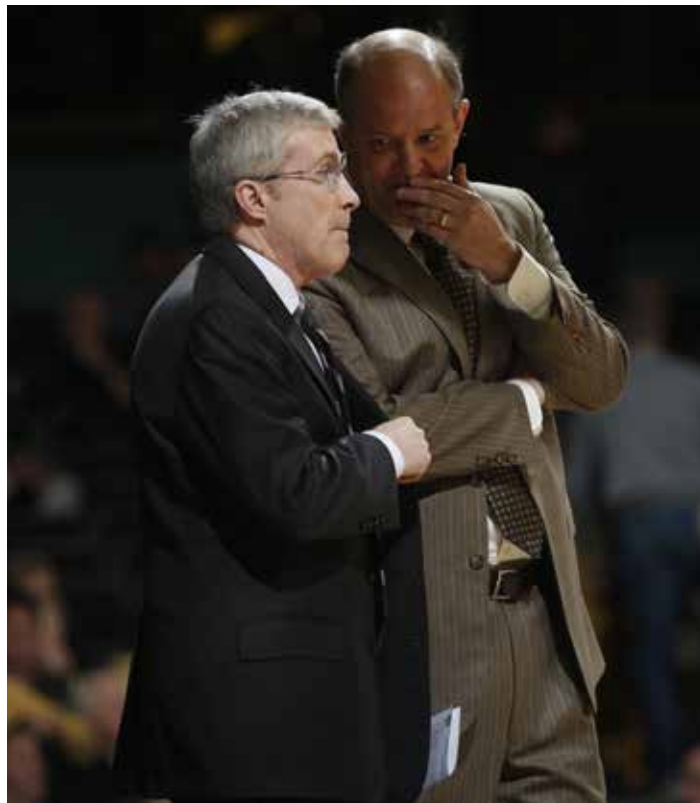
In his four years as head coach, Richardson directed Illinois State to a 56-64 record with two second-place finishes in the Missouri Valley and one trip to the NIT.

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 (Ill.) 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, and two grandchildren, Brynn and Brayden.





# COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

## Basketball Staff



### DAN CAGE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

*6th Season  
Vanderbilt, 2007*

Dan Cage is entering his fourth season as the Director of Operations and his sixth as a member of the Vanderbilt basketball staff.

Cage was promoted to the Director of Operations in July of 2012 after spending two seasons as the Assistant Director of Operations.

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. Duties for the former Vanderbilt standout include assisting with academics, travel, scouting and Commodore basketball alumni relations. He has orchestrated two successful Alumni Games, with more than 50 former Vanderbilt players coming back to Memorial Gym for a reunion in the two games.

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.

#### THE CAGE FILE

##### Born

January 5, 1985

##### High School

Bishop Chatard (Ind.)

##### College

##### Bachelor's Degree:

Economics,  
Vanderbilt, '07

##### Family

Wife, Anna

##### Prior Basketball Career

Bishop Chatard (Ind.), Player  
(2000-03)

Vanderbilt, Player (2003-07)

TBB-Trier (Germany), Player (2007-08)

JSF Nanterre (France), Player (2008-09)

Caceres (Spain), Player (2008-09)

CB Canarias (Spain), Player (2009-10)

Vanderbilt, Staff (2010-present)



### BROCK WILLIAMS ASST. VICE CHANCELLOR

*10th Season  
North Carolina, 1979*

A 32-year veteran at Vanderbilt University, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Athletics and Recreation Brock Williams is in his 10th 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. He also oversees Vanderbilt's student recreation center and its support of 38 intramural sports programs, as well as serves as a liaison with the cheerleading 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 (23), Carolina Grace (20) and Christian (17).



### NEAL CLARK ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

*9th Season  
Kentucky, 1992*

After arriving at Vanderbilt in February 2005, Neal Clark now serves as a Senior Academic Counselor for Student Athletics. Neal is entering his ninth full season as the academic counselor for the Commodore men's basketball team. In addition to basket-

ball, he also works with the women's bowling team.

Clark returned to Vanderbilt after spending one season at the University of Minnesota in 2009 working with their men's and women'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. Clark has been accepted into the Education Leadership and Professional Practice Doctorate Program at Travecca University and will begin to take classes in the summer of 2012. Clark is a proud father of Corrine Renee Clark who was born June 10, 2011.



# SUPPORT STAFF

## Basketball Staff



### **GARRY CHRISTOPHER** **STRENGTH & CONDITIONING**

*3rd Season*  
*Baylor, 2008*

Garry Christopher joined the Commodores as men's basketball's new Strength and Conditioning coach in the summer of 2013.

Christopher joined the Vanderbilt staff after spending one season at Purdue.

Christopher worked with the Purdue athletic department as a sports performance assistant before his arrival in Nashville. He oversaw the sports performance program for softball and women's tennis, while assisting with the men's basketball program.

Christopher previously served as a volunteer graduate assistant in the strength and conditioning department at San Diego State. He was also a strength and conditioning intern at the Rehab United Sports Performance and Physical Therapy Center in San Diego, while simultaneously serving as head strength and conditioning coach at Lincoln High School.

Christopher received a bachelor's degree in health and human performance from Baylor in 2008 and a Master's in kinesiology from San Diego State in 2011. While working toward his Master's, Christopher served as an instructor of musculoskeletal fitness and an instructor for beginning and advanced students in weight training. He played basketball at LeTourneau University during the 2003-04 season.

Christopher is a USAW sports performance coach.



### **SHANNON GORDON** **ATHLETIC TRAINER**

*9th Season*  
*Indiana State, 1992*

Shannon Gordon is in his seventh season as the athletic trainer for Commodore men's basketball and eighth 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 kinesiology/athletic training from Indiana and is currently pursuing his PhD.

He is the proud father of Landon Cole, who was born on February 8, 2012.



### **DEBBIE GREEN** **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

*18th Season*

Debbie Green, a 18-year veteran of the Vanderbilt athletic department, serves as the program's administrative assistant.

Green is in her fourth 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, as well as the player will call ticket allotment at both home and away games.

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.



### **DARSHAWN MCLELLAN** **PLAYER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT**

*1st Season*  
*Vanderbilt, 2011*

Former Vanderbilt player Darshawn McClellan was named a Player Development Assistant for the Commodores in October of 2015.

McClellan joins the Commodore program after a playing career overseas and working in the private sector.

McClellan graduated from Vanderbilt in 2011 and played in 88 career games and started 13. He averaged 2.3 points and 2.5 rebounds in his career, and scored a career-high 11 points in a Vanderbilt win at Arkansas while also adding three rebounds, two assists, and a block against the Razorbacks.

McClellan graduated with a degree in Human and Organizational Development from Vanderbilt, and played a fifth year with Louisiana-Lafayette as a graduate student and averaged 9.5 points and 5.4 rebounds in his only season with the Ragin' Cajuns.

McClellan played professionally in Iceland, Japan, and Luxembourg in 2013 and 2014, and served as an assistant at Thomas Edison High School, his alma mater in Fresno, Calif., in his offseasons. After moving to Nashville in 2014, he served as a counselor at Youth Villages, a private nonprofit dedicated to helping thousands of emotionally and behaviorally troubled children and their families live successfully.