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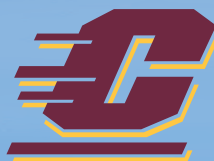


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ARENA INFORMATION

ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS:

Accessible seating is available in multiple locations throughout the arena. Fans requiring special assistance are encouraged to make ticket arrangements through Ticket Central in advance of game day. Handicapped parking space and curbside drop-off locations are available at the main entrance of the John G. Kulhavi Events Center, in front of the glass atrium. Ushers will assist patrons in wheelchairs or others needing assistance once inside the atrium and arena.

ARENA REGULATIONS:

- Smoking is prohibited inside the John G. Kulhavi Events Center.
- Bags and purses are subject to search.
- Tape, nails, glue and tacks are not permitted on any wall, railing, floor or ceiling.
- No outside food or drink.
- All signage must follow University guidelines and be approved by University personnel.

CHARGING STATIONS:

Free cellphone charging stations are available in the North and South concourses.

CONCESSIONS:

Credit and debit cards are accepted.

CUSTOMER SERVICE:

A fan information kiosk is located inside the John G. Kulhavi Events Center Atrium on the main level.

FIRST AID:

The first aid station is located on the north concourse.

LOST AND FOUND:

Please visit the fan information kiosk for lost and found items. Articles not claimed by the end of the game will be turned over to the CMU Police, (989) 774-3081.

MERCHANDISE:

For official CMU Chippewas merchandise, visit Maroon & Gold, an official outlet of the CMU Bookstore, located inside the John G. Kulhavi Events Center. Maroon & Gold is open non-event weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and extended hours for events.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Non-credentialed attendants are prohibited from using professional photo and video equipment during Central Michigan Athletics events. Equipment prohibited includes, but is not limited to, SLP cameras, all video cameras and stability devices (tripods, monopods, shoulder harness, etc.).

PROGRAM SALES:

The annual basketball game program is available for sale throughout the arena for \$3.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

Helium balloons, weapons, artificial noisemakers, open flames, confetti of all types, alcohol, tobacco, bottles (glass or plastic), cans, thermoses, outside food or drink, professional cameras and tripods, hanging banners or signs, illegal substances, laser pointers, pets, any unauthorized substance or object.

RE-ENTRY POLICY:

There is no re-entry for fans leaving the John G. Kulhavi Events Center prior to the end of a game.

SECURITY:

The emergency action plan is designed to keep all patrons safe while providing a pleasant gameday experience. Security personnel, trained annually for emergency procedures, are located throughout the arena. All fans are subject to search as they enter the arena to ensure a safe and secure environment.

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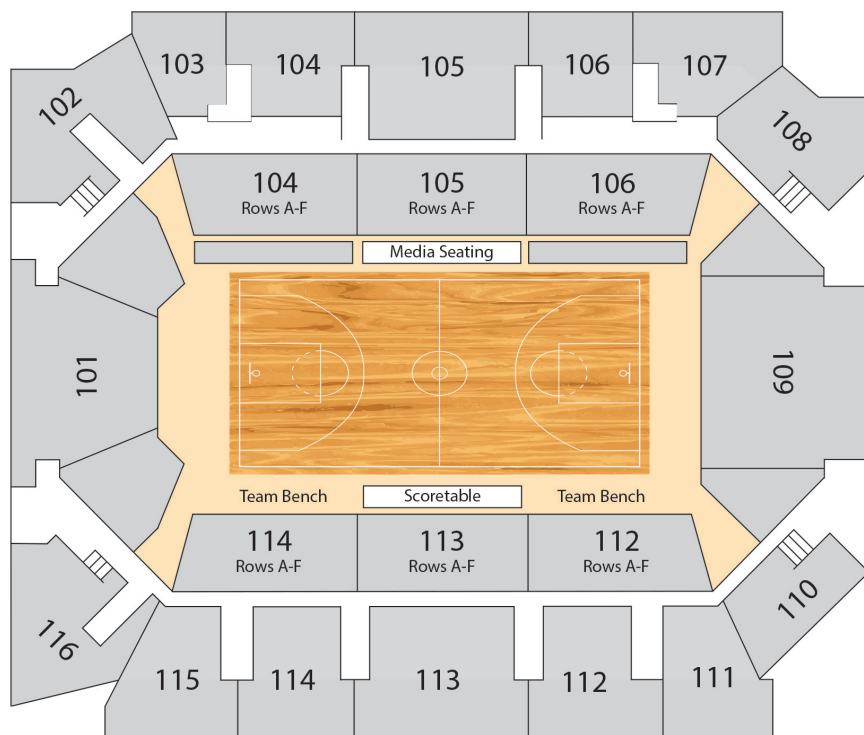
Use of any tobacco product is strictly prohibited in and around the campus.

USHERS:

Ushers are in place at each entry point into McGuirk Arena to assist patrons.

TICKET CENTRAL:

Purchase tickets for campus events at Ticket Central in the John G. Kulhavi Events Center Atrium.



Part of the \$22.5 million John G. Kulhavi Events Center (3), McGuirk Arena (1) is home to Kulhavi Court. The maple hardwood surface was brand new when installed during the 2010 renovation.

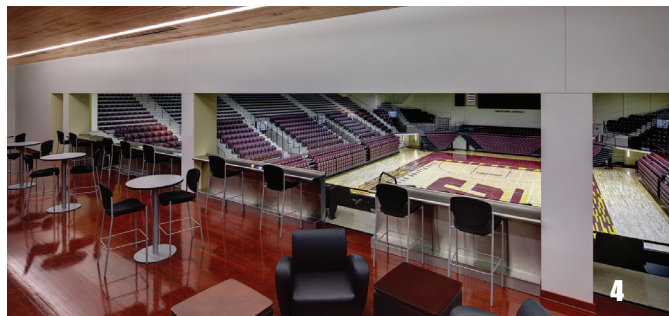
The facility features a pair of club rooms, the largest of which is a 1,600-square-foot space (4) with room for 130 Chippewa fans and plush leather-chair seating for 88. It also features a 360-square-foot outdoor patio and is available for receptions, meetings and banquets.

The renovation upgraded several of the basic amenities for patrons of McGuirk Arena. In addition to 1,400 square feet of dedicated concession space, the number of restrooms in the facility was quadrupled. The chair-back seating ratio climbed from 14 percent to 41 percent, and a climate control system was installed in the facility.

Other functionality upgrades included a satellite training room, improved arena lighting, a dedicated media room (5) and a video scoreboard on the west wall.

Nods to tradition and the history of Mount Pleasant also are present throughout the building. Two facility-length murals line the north and south concourse, paying homage to figures throughout CMU history as well as other facilities and programs on campus.

An auxiliary gymnasium (2), located just feet from the locker room and main competition arena, is named after legendary CMU head coach Dick Parfitt.



About the John G. Kulhavi Events Center

Opened: December 1, 2010
Capacity: 5,300
Square footage: 56,500
Floor space: 15,000 square feet
First game: December 1, 2010 (MBB vs. Temple)

Premium Seat Offerings

- Courtside seats (42)
- Premium seats (724)
- Club seats (88)
- Reserved seats (1,308)

Special Amenities Areas

- 1,600-square-foot club lounge
- Premium seating club room

Other Features

- Multimedia-capable media room
- 300-square-foot video scoreboard



NEIL MACKINNON

PRESIDENT | SECOND YEAR

Neil MacKinnon was unanimously appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as Central Michigan University's 16th president and began his official duties on November 1, 2024.

Dr. MacKinnon brings more than 25 years of higher education leadership and research experience to CMU. He most recently served as provost and executive vice president of Augusta University in Georgia.

Previously, Dr. MacKinnon served as dean of the James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy at the University of Cincinnati and director for the Center for Rural Health at the University of Arizona. Dr. MacKinnon received a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He also holds a master's degree in hospital pharmacy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a doctoral degree in the philosophy of pharmacy health care administration from the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dr. MacKinnon and his wife, Leanne, have three daughters, Breagh, Ashlynn and Kaylee and a mini labradoodle, Bentley.

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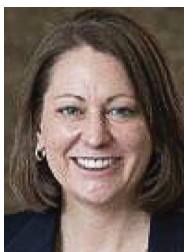
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AMY FOLAN

Director of Athletics Sixth Year

Amy Folan begins her sixth year as Central Michigan's Zyzelewski Family Vice President/Director of Athletics. Appointed to her post on October 5, 2020, Folan's hallmark leadership, direction, and overall coordination of Central Michigan's comprehensive NCAA Division I intercollegiate athletics program has left an impressive impact on CMU that will endure for years to come.

Since her arrival, Folan has championed a variety of new initiatives for the department including launching the largest-ever athletics campaign Maroon & Gold BOLD of \$25 million in April of 2024, currently achieving \$19 million to end in 2026. Folan initiated a three-year partnership with MyMichigan Health valued at over \$5 million to the university which enhanced overall health care and services to all of its sports programs. For the student-athlete experience enhanced mental health and wellness services, expansion of community service activities and leadership development, the establishment of an NIL program, along with an increased social media footprint.

With an extensive fundraising background, Folan has helped CMU set records for athletics fundraising in cash annual giving, total giving, and total commitments, while also securing important business partnerships in the Mount Pleasant community and beyond. The 2024-25 academic year ranked as the best-ever fundraising year in Central Michigan Athletics as the department raised \$10.2 million. Folan has quadrupled the number of seven figure gifts procured by athletics since her arrival and completed two \$1 million-plus fundraising campaigns for facility upgrades.

Additionally, other external units have grown exponentially under Folan's direction, including setting department records for ticket revenue in 2024-25, setting the single-game revenue mark during the 2024-25 men's basketball season and increasing student engagement by more than 20 percent in football and 30 percent in basketball. Social media followers increased by over 100,000 since 2022. Overall, home football attendance has increased nearly 22 percent since 2019.

On the academic front, CMU continues to thrive under Folan as the Chippewas have registered 53 consecutive semesters of an overall athletic department grade point average of 3.0 or better. CMU has also made strides on the facilities front as numerous sports programs have had playing surface upgrades, locker room renovation, and overall facility enhancements.

In the summer of 2021, she launched the men's golf program, making CMU one of the few universities in the nation to add a varsity sport over the last five years. Her first head coaching hire was men's basketball coach Tony Barbee in 2021 and has since hired women's basketball coach Kristin Haynie, a former CMU assistant coach in 2023, football coach Matt Drinkall in 2024. She also hired two former Chippewa student-athletes in baseball (Jake Sabol in 2023) and wrestling (Ben Bennett in 2024). In all she has hired 10 of CMU's coaches.

On a national level, Folan has also made her mark. In October 2022, Folan was appointed to the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee. In addition, she is also a member of the LEAD1 Association Board of Directors, whose mission is advocating on policy facing NCAA Division I FBS athletic departments, promoting consensus among FBS athletic directors, and providing valuable services to member schools, all dedicated toward supporting the success of student-athletes and the future of college sports.

In Central Michigan's most recent 2024-25 academic year, the Chippewas captured the MAC gymnastics title for the third time in the previous four years. Three student-athletes won or shared individual MAC titles including track & field's Emily Paupore (3,000-meter steeplechase), Hannah Appleget (gymnastics all-around), and Luciana Alvarado Reid (gymnastics floor exercise). Folan hired three new coaches in the sports of football (Matt Drinkall), men's basketball (Andy Bronkema), and volleyball (Arielle Wilson).

The 2023-24 academic year saw Central Michigan win Mid-American Conference championships in wrestling and lacrosse (regular season). Four student-athletes either won or shared individual MAC titles as Alex Cramer claimed the 174-pound wrestling title, Emily Paupore won CMU's first individual women's cross country title, and gymnasts Luciana Alvarado-Reid (uneven bars) and Hallie Hornbacher (floor) secured respective MAC titles. Legendary head wrestling coach Tom Borrelli retired and was replaced by his long-time assistant Ben Bennett.

In 2022-23, CMU Athletics manufactured some fantastic moments as the gymnastics and lacrosse teams captured their second consecutive MAC titles, lacrosse advanced to its second straight NCAA Tournament, wrestling added a MAC West title, and three student-athletes won individual conference titles. Six Chippewa teams finished among the top-4 programs in conference play. CMU also brought back the famous Toilet Paper Toss for its men's basketball game against Western Michigan in late January. Kristin Haynie (women's basketball) and Jake Sabol (baseball) were brought on as head coaches in their respective sports.

In Folan's second year at CMU in 2021-22, Chippewa Athletics produced remarkable results, including the football team's historic Sun Bowl victory, the baseball team's Mid-American Conference Tournament championship and third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, the gymnastics team's MAC title, and the lacrosse program captured its first MAC championship and earned its first-ever NCAA Tournament berth. Individually, two CMU student-athletes were selected in the first three rounds of the NFL draft, three Chippewas were taken in the top eight rounds in the Major League Baseball draft, and CMU's Matt Stencil became the first five-time MAC wrestling champion. She also hired CMU field hockey head coach Jennifer Johnstone and lacrosse coach Emilia Ward.

In her first year at CMU, the department had a successful campaign despite the challenges posed by COVID-19. The baseball program won the Mid-American Conference regular season title and advanced to the regional finals in the NCAA Tournament. The women's basketball team won the MAC Tournament and made its third-straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Kevin Jennings was hired as the men's golf coach.

Folan arrived at Central Michigan with an extensive administrative background in intercollegiate athletics with a special focus on fundraising and compliance. She served for 17 years at the University of Texas at Austin. From 2012-20, she was the university's executive senior associate athletics director, overseeing the Longhorn Foundation, the fundraising arm of Texas Athletics, and the Texas Athletics ticket office. In addition, she supported the athletics director with special projects and strategic initiatives, including various daily business operations.

Under Folan's leadership, the Longhorn Foundation recorded six of the most successful fundraising years in its history. In 2019, the foundation boasted its largest membership and annual fund total since its inception, with a total production of \$116.5 million.

Folan joined Texas Athletics in 2002 as the assistant athletics director for compliance. She subsequently served as associate athletics director for compliance and sports programs and as the associate athletics director for administration and sports programs.

Prior to joining Texas, Folan held roles with the NCAA and the University of Georgia.

A former president and board member of the National Association of Athletics Compliance, Folan also served as a member of the Fellows Program of the Division 1A Athletics Directors Association and currently serves on the executive committee of the Sports Management Institute.

Folan holds a bachelor's degree in communication sciences from the University of Connecticut, where she earned four letters as a member of the Huskies' women's soccer team. She earned a master's degree in sport management from Georgia.

Folan and her husband, Joseph, have two children, Anelio and Giada.





CMU ATHLETICS MISSION STATEMENT

Central Michigan Athletics will provide an authentic environment where student-athletes can thrive academically and athletically. The welfare of our student-athletes will be the focus of every decision made through teamwork, respect and open communication.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BASEBALL

1977 1980 1981 1984
1985 1986 1987 1988
1990 1993 2004 2010
2015 2019 2021

MEN'S BASKETBALL

1975 1977 1979 1987
2001 2003 2015

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1984 1985 2017 2018
2019 2020

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

1982 1988 1989 1999
2002 2003 2004

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

1989 2000

FIELD HOCKEY

1990 2002 2014

FOOTBALL

1979 1980 1990 1994
2006 2007 2009

GYMNASTICS

1990 1991 1992 1993
1995 1998 1999 2000
2003 2004 2010 2011
2012 2013 2014 2018
2022 2023 2025

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

2002 2004 2019

OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

2004

LACROSSE

2018 2021 2022 2023
2024

SOCCER

2009 2010

SOFTBALL

1982 1983 1986 1987
1991 1994 1996 1997
2001 2002 2004 2017

WRESTLING

1986 1987 1999 2000
2001 2002 2003 2004
2005 2006 2007 2008
2010 2011 2013 2024



HEAD COACHES



Jake Sabol
Baseball



Andy Bronkema
Basketball (M)



Kristin Haynie
Basketball (W)



Jennifer Johnstone
Field Hockey



Matt Drinkall
Football



Kevin Jennings
Golf (M)



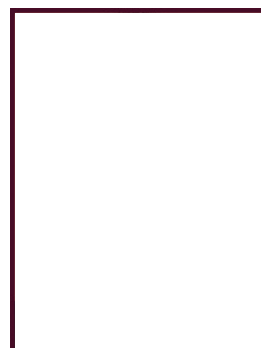
Ryan Williams
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Christine MacDonald
Gymnastics



Emilia Ward
Lacrosse



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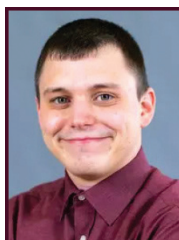
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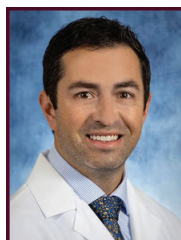
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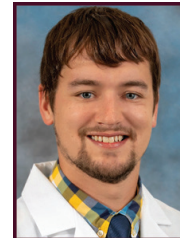
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HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

HEAD COACH ANDY BRONKEMA

FIRST SEASON

Michigan native and national champion Andy Bronkema has been named the 22nd head men's basketball coach at Central Michigan University. Zyzelewski Family Vice President/Director of Athletics Amy Folan announced Monday afternoon. A 19-year men's basketball coaching veteran, Bronkema has spent the previous 12 years as the head coach at NCAA Division II Ferris State University, where he won one national championship, claimed nine combined Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships, and guided the Bulldogs to nine NCAA tournament appearances.

A strong motivator and communicator, Bronkema takes over at Central Michigan after leading Ferris State to the 2017-18 national championship, three NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen appearances, nine overall NCAA tournament appearances and a 278-105 overall record. He has led the Bulldogs to four GLIAC regular season championships (2016-17, 2017-18, 2019-20, and 2021-22), five GLIAC tournament titles, 10 20-win seasons and a 166-73 record in GLIAC play. He has guided the Bulldogs to four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

"Andy's ability to raise a program to excellence and sustain it at the highest level is impressive," Folan said. "He is a Michigan native who has built his whole career in this state and is well-respected in the coaching ranks at many levels. He is the perfect fit for what we need at Central Michigan and at this time in intercollegiate athletics. Excellence and innovation are qualities that a coach needs to be successful in this current collegiate environment."

"I want to thank Amy and President MacKinnon for the opportunity," Bronkema said. "Through the process, our visions aligned well and I look forward to working with them. I'm excited about becoming a member of the Mount Pleasant community and putting a team on the floor that everyone can be proud of and enjoy."

"Coach Bronkema clearly understands how to create and sustain a winning culture that prepares student-athletes for tremendous success on the basketball court, in their educational careers and for life after the game," CMU President Neil MacKinnon said. "We are Fired Up to welcome him and his family to our community as he continues pushing for success as a CMU Chippewa."

His 2024-25 Ferris State team finished 25-9 overall and 14-6 in the GLIAC and earned its fourth straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearance. His 2023-24 team won the GLIAC Tournament Championship in 2023-24 and claimed the Midwest Regional Championship en route to an NCAA Division II Elite Eight appearance.

During a four-year period from 2015-18, Bronkema led the Bulldogs to four-straight GLIAC tournament championship games and NCAA Tournament appearances.

In 2017-18, he led Ferris State to one of the most historic seasons in NCAA Division II men's basketball history as Ferris State claimed the school's first National Championship with a memorable 38-1 record, tying the all-time mark for most wins in school history. For his efforts, Bronkema was a consensus choice as the National Coach of the Year and led the Bulldogs to a second-straight GLIAC regular-season crown and the school's fourth tourney title in a row.



The Bulldogs posted their sixth-straight 20-win campaign in 2019-20 while recapturing the GLIAC Championship and earning yet another NCAA Division II National Tournament berth. In 2016-17, Ferris State posted a then school all-time best 28-5 overall record under Bronkema's direction while capturing both the GLIAC regular season and tournament championships. FSU advanced to the Midwest Regional Semifinals and led the country in blocked shots for the second-straight year. The Bulldog men's basketball squad closed a memorable 2015-16 campaign with a 24-10 overall record. FSU also reached the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen while finishing with its first back-to-back 20-win campaigns since the late 1980's. The Bulldogs made their first appearance in the NCAA Tournament under his direction in 2014-15 after claiming the league tournament title.

Before earning the head coaching job at Ferris State, Bronkema served as the Bulldogs' top assistant coach for six years from 2007-13. He was named interim head coach after the resignation of former head coach and colleague Bill Sall, who accepted the head coaching position at fellow Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) counterpart Northern Michigan. An individual with championship experience at every stop of his prep and collegiate playing and coaching career, Bronkema was heavily involved with all phases of the program as the top assistant coach, including recruiting, scouting, on-floor coaching and administrative tasks in addition to running the summer camp program, assisting with fundraising efforts and monitoring the program's academic progress.

HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH



In his first year as the program's top assistant in 2010-11, the Bulldogs won the GLIAC North Division Championship and reached the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen. FSU followed up the memorable campaign by winning a share of a second-straight GLIAC North Division crown in 2011-12. The Bulldogs made five-straight league tournament berths in Bronkema's tenure as an assistant coach and FSU recorded more victories in the competitive GLIAC North than any other school in his three years as the top assistant. Bronkema helped recruit, coach and develop seven all-conference players and a pair of All-Americans in his stint as an assistant coach, including the 2010-11 Division II National Player of the Year Justin Keenan.

He worked three seasons as an assistant on the Bulldog staff from 2007-10 while also teaching elementary physical education at Crossroads Charter Academy in Big Rapids. The Bulldogs averaged 15 wins per year and twice reached the GLIAC postseason tournament in that stretch as he assisted in all aspects of the program with an emphasis on player development.

Before his arrival at FSU, Bronkema was a collegiate standout at NAIA Division II member Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich. A two-time All-America student-athlete at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich., he served as team captain in both his junior and senior seasons. Bronkema was voted All-Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) three times and twice garnered NAIA Honorable Mention All-America laurels. He was also chosen as a Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Scholar-Athlete Award recipient and was a two-time academic all-conference honoree. In his four years of college hoops, Bronkema led Cornerstone to two regular-season WHAC Championships, one WHAC Tournament crown and four national tournament appearances, including a NAIA Final Four showing. He concluded his collegiate career with 1,725 points, 982 rebounds, 336 assists along with 140 steals.

As a prepster, Bronkema was a three-sport athlete and competed in football, basketball and baseball at McBain High School in Northern Michigan. He was part of 14 championship teams while at McBain and helped the Ramblers to a state hoops title in 2002 in addition to a state football runner-up effort in 2001.

A member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), Bronkema also holds membership in the BCAM, the Michigan High School Coaches Association and the National High School Athletic Coaches Association.

He earned his bachelor's degree in Education from Cornerstone University in 2007 and earned his Master's Degree in Education at Ferris State in 2016. While at FSU, he's also served as an adjunct professor for the College of Education and Human Services.

Bronkema's father Joel, sister Emily Michalak, great grandmother and grandmother are all Central Michigan graduates.

Bronkema will relocate to Mount Pleasant. He has three daughters: Eliana (15), Cambria (14), Seneca (9).



THE BRONKEMA FILE

Date hired as CMU Head Coach:

April 14, 2025

Hometown:

McBain, Mich.

Family:

three daughters: Eliana (15), Cambria (14), Seneca (9)

Education

Bachelor's degree, Education,
Cornerstone University, 2007

Master's degree, Education,
Ferris State University, 2016

COACHING CAREER

Central Michigan University (2025-current)
Head Men's Basketball Coach

Ferris State University (2007-25)
Head Men's Basketball Coach (2013-25)
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach (2007-13)



COACHING STAFF



BROOKS MILLER

Associate Head Coach First Season

Coming off a 14-year tenure that included a national championship at Trine, Brooks Miller has been named the Associate Head Men's Basketball Coach at Central Michigan University, Head Coach Andy Bronkema.

Miller joins the Central Michigan men's basketball program with 21 overall years of coaching experience including serving as the head coach at Trine from 2011-25. Miller guided the Thunder to the 2023-24 NCAA Division III national championship, three Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association regular season titles (2019, 2021, and 2024), one MIAA tournament title (2021), one undefeated season (17-0), and a combined 247-121 overall record and 142-73 MIAA record. For his efforts, he was twice named the NCAA Division III National Coach of the Year (2020-21 and 2023-24) and 2020-21 Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year.

Miller's career at Trine has been highlighted by being named the 2020-21 NCAA D3 National Coach of the Year by both Hoopdirt.com/Just Play Sports Solutions and Basketball Times Magazine. In March 2024, Miller was again named NCAA DIII National Coach of the Year for the second time receiving those accolades from D3Hoops.com, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), as well as being named the Glenn Robinson CollegeInsider.com National Coach of the Year for NCAA DIII.

In Miller's tenure, Trine was the only MIAA program to finish in the top four in the conference in each of his 14 seasons and his teams have generated 15 First Team All-MIAA members with 21 total selections. The list includes three MIAA MVP's Nick Bowman, Pete Smith, and Ian Jackson. Five players have received All-American recognition under Miller's guidance as well including Emmanuel Megnanglo, Cortez Garland, Nick Bowman, Jared Holmquist, and Ian Jackson. Jackson was named third-team All-American by the NABC in 2013. In 2016 senior Jared Holmquist was named the Capital One Academic All-American of the Year and DIII News National Player of the Month for November. Jared was also a two-time First Team All-MIAA performer. The Thunder have had four players named MIAA Defensive Player of the Year including Emmanuel Megnanglo in 2021 and 2024, Marcus Winters in 2019, Maurice Hunter 2018, and Ellis Cummings in 2017. Will Dixon is the lone Thunder player during Miller's tenure to be named First Team All-MIAA on three separate occasions and leads a list of nine players that have scored over 1,000 points during their Trine careers with 1,799 points.

His final 2024-25 squad finished with a 21-5 record, marking the third consecutive season that the program has surpassed the 20-win mark, fifth straight year where the Thunder made an appearance in the D3Hoops.com top-25 and four consecutive years ranked in the top-10.

The 2023-24 Trine national championship team included a record five All-MIAA performers including D3hoops.com Fifth Team All-American Cortez Garland. Cortez became the fourth player to earn All-America honors during Coach Miller's tenure at Trine. Emmanuel Megnanglo was named MIAA Defensive Player of the Year for the second time in 2024. Both Cortez and his brother Fred Garland were named to the MIAA's First Team, while Aidan Smylie & Brent Cox were tabbed as Second Team All-MIAA performers. Cox's recognition marks the third time he received All-MIAA accolades throughout his highly decorated career as he was named First Team in both 2021 and 2023.

In 2021-22, the Thunder posted an 18-9 overall record for the season and saw them appear as high as No. 7 in the D3hoops.com national poll. Trine's 10-4 MIAA mark was good enough for a third place finish and included having three players named to All-MIAA teams: Nick Bowman (second straight First Team All-MIAA honor) and Bryce Williams and Mitch Geller both received Second Team recognition.

The 2020-21 team completed its regular season undefeated at 17-0 with a 15-0 record versus MIAA opponents which led to the Thunder being crowned the MIAA regular season and MIAA Tournament Champions for the first time in school history. The 2021 season also saw the Thunder climb as high as No. 2 in the D3Hoops.com National poll which earned them a postseason contest against the top-ranked Randolph Macon College in Virginia for the D3Hoops.com poll Championship. Although the Thunder came up short in that contest, they finished the season ranked No. 6 nationally and completed the year with a 17-1 overall record. The 2020-21 Trine squad was a highly decorated group with junior Nick Bowman being recognized by both D3Hoops.com & Basketball Times Magazine as a First Team All-American. Bowman was also named the Great Lakes Region Player of the Year by D3Hoops.com as well as being named the MIAA's Most Valuable Player. Freshman Emmanuel Megnanglo was voted as the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year, sophomore Brent Cox also garnered First Team All-MIAA accolades, while junior Bryce Williams rounded out the group claiming Second Team All-MIAA honors. Trine's 2019 MIAA title was the school's first-ever MIAA regular season championship and marked the first outright MIAA title by school other than Hope or Calvin since 2005. The team was led by senior Pete Smith who was named the MIAA's MVP as well as Marcus Winters who would earn the MIAA's Defensive Player of the Year award.

Prior to becoming a head coach at Trine, Miller worked as an assistant men's basketball coach under three Hall of Fame coaches that amassed seven combined national championships. His first collegiate coaching stop was working for his college coach, BCAM Hall of Fame coach Ed Douma (one national title), who he previously played for at Hillsdale. In 2007, his career took him to Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, where he served as a graduate assistant coach on Naismith Hall of Famer Bob Knight (three national titles) and was involved with on-campus recruiting and player development in. In 2009, he became the Head Assistant Men's Basketball coach and national recruiting coordinator at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas on Junior College Hall of Famer Steve Green (three national titles). While at South Plains, Miller coached and/or recruited nine players that would transfer on to NCAA Division I universities.

Miller's basketball career began when he was a player at Toledo and then later at Hillsdale College (Mich.). At Hillsdale as a senior in 2003, Miller was selected team captain, Academic All-Conference, and his team's Defensive Player of the Year. Hillsdale reached the NCAA Division II national tournament in back-to-back years for the first time in school history during Miller's sophomore and junior seasons in 2001 and 2002.

Miller relocates to Mount Pleasant with his wife Gretchen and two children Champ and Jordan, and dog Rambo.

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COACHING STAFF



JIM LAKE

Assistant Coach First Season

Michigan native, Central Michigan graduate, and former Ferris State assistant Jim Lake has been named an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Central Michigan University, Head Coach Andy Bronkema announced.

Lake spent the previous seven seasons (2018-25) as the head men's basketball coach at NCAA Division III University of Wisconsin-Stout. His UW-Stout teams consistently ranked among the top schools in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in scoring as the Blue Devils finished among the top-four in conference scoring leaders in five of his seven seasons. Some of his highlights at UW-Stout included a 16-9 overall record in 2021-22, a season that saw the Blue Devils host their first WIAC tournament game since 2007. The Blue Devils set a new team record for points in a single game when they defeated Greenville 125-119, led the WIAC in scoring and were ranked No. 10 nationally in scoring, averaging 86.7 points per contest. The following year, the Blue Devils scored 147 points and Brody Fox finished with 70, the second-highest scoring game in a WIAC contest. He also coached only the second All-American in school history.

During five seasons as Ferris State's top assistant (2013-18), Lake helped lead the Bulldogs to four consecutive Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament championships and four consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, culminating in a 38-1 overall record and the 2018 NCAA Division II national title with a 71-69 win over Northern State University. During the 2016-17 season, the Bulldogs compiled a then-school best 28-5 overall record while winning the GLIAC's regular season and tournament titles. FSU also advanced to the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Semifinals. The Bulldogs concluded the 2015-16 season with a 24-10 overall record and reached the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen, while finishing with their first back-to-back 20-win campaigns since the late 1980s.

Lake began his collegiate coaching career with the Bulldogs as a volunteer assistant under former head coach Bill Sall and with Bronkema from 2003-06. During that time, the Bulldogs claimed back-to-back GLIAC North Division championships and made two-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament, including an NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen showing in 2004-05.

After leaving the Bulldog program to serve as a club coach for the Grand Rapids Storm, he returned to FSU in 2011-12 and helped the Bulldogs to a share of a second-straight GLIAC North Division crown in his first season back with the program.

Lake has nearly 17 years of high school coaching experience, including nine seasons as a varsity basketball coach at both the Class B and D levels in Michigan. During the 1996-97 campaign at Mount Pleasant Baptist Academy, he was the youngest (21) head coach for a Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) member school. He worked as a teacher and head men's basketball coach in the Chippewa Hills school district from 1999-2013.

During his time with the Storm, as a 16-and-under coach, he compiled a 123-32 mark while coaching 35 players who moved on to college basketball, including 11 NCAA Division I players. Lake has also previously worked basketball camps at Ferris State, Central Michigan, Michigan, Wisconsin, and UW-Stout.

Lake earned his bachelor's degree in Education with an emphasis in social studies and a minor in history from Central Michigan University in 1999. He later earned a master's degree in Sports and Recreation with an emphasis in coaching from Ohio University.

A Thumb area Michigan native, Lake was raised in North Branch and graduated from North Branch (Mich.) High School in 1994, where he earned all-area and all-conference honors in football and played basketball.

Lake and his wife, Kara have two children, Abigail and Peter.



RAYMOAN MCAFEE

Assistant Coach First Season

Detroit native, former Ferris State assistant and player Raymoan McAfee reunites with his college coach, Andy Bronkema at Central Michigan as an assistant men's basketball coach.

McAfee joins Bronkema's Chippewa staff after working the previous three seasons as an assistant coach at Wayne State (2022-25) under head coach Bryan Smothers. He helped guide the Warriors to a combined 37-46 overall record with 14 total Academic All-GLIAC honorees. In 2024-25, the Warriors registered their first winning season since 2017-18 as they finished 15-14 overall and 11-9 in the GLIAC.

Prior to his arrival at Wayne State, McAfee served the previous four years under Bronkema on the Ferris State coaching staff. Previously, McAfee played at Ferris State from 2012-14 and later served as a member of the coaching staff for three years prior to returning to the program as the school's top assistant in 2018. He was promoted to associate head coach in October 2021. Among his duties were assisting in all facets of the program, including day-to-day operations, recruiting, skill development, on-floor coaching, video, analytics, and more.

During his two tenures at Ferris State, he helped guide the Bulldogs to three consecutive GLIAC Tournament titles in 2015, 2016, 2017, along with GLIAC regular-season titles in 2016-17 and 2019-20.

McAfee began his coaching career as the top assistant at Indiana Tech under first-year head coach Ted Albert in 2017-18. In his lone season at Indiana Tech, McAfee helped lead the Warriors to a 27-7 overall mark and a 17-3 conference record, which included a trip to the second round of the NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Tournament. The Warriors finished as the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC) runner-up and were ranked as high as third in the NAIA Division II Coaches' Top-25 poll.

A prep standout at Detroit Pershing High School under head coach A.W. Canada, McAfee was a member of the school's 2009 Michigan High School Athletic Association state championship team and played a key role as part of a group that claimed back-to-back city championships in 2009 and 2010. In the 2010 city championship game, McAfee posted a triple-double versus Cody. In Pershing's 90-73 state title win over Kalamazoo Central in 2009, McAfee contributed five points, four rebounds and two blocks.

He began his collegiate career at NCAA Division I Bethune Cookman where he played in 49 games over two seasons for the Wildcats. He transferred to Ferris State in 2012, where he became a regular in the Bulldog lineup. In his two seasons with the Bulldogs, McAfee saw action in 45 games and totaled 53 blocked shots. His 37 rejections as a senior ranked third in the GLIAC.

McAfee graduated from Ferris State in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Applied Speech Communication and earned his master's degree in Educational Leadership in 2022. He was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

McAfee relocates to Mount Pleasant with his wife Domonique and son Rayden.



JOSH FLEMING

Director of Player Development First Season

Midwestern native and former Ferris State assistant and player Josh Fleming reunites with his college coach Andy Bronkema at Central Michigan as its Director of Men's Basketball Player Development.

Fleming joins the Central Michigan men's basketball program after working under Bronkema for a total of five years, the last three as Ferris State's top assistant from 2022-25. Fleming, who played for the Bulldogs from 2012-16, worked as a key part of the coaching staff for two seasons prior (2020-22) to his promotion. In the last three years, he helped guide the Bulldogs to a 77-26 overall record, three NCAA Division II tournament appearances, and a 39-17 Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season record. In 2023-24, Ferris State won the GLIAC Tournament Championship and claimed the Midwest Regional Championship en route to an NCAA Division II Elite Eight appearance.

A Chicago area native, Fleming helped lead the Bulldogs to back-to-back GLIAC Tournament Championships during his final two years as an FSU student-athlete and played a key role as the Bulldogs continued their success under Bronkema. He was a two-time All-GLIAC honoree and concluded his career as a 1,000-point collegiate scorer while helping to lead Ferris State to the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen as a senior in 2015-16. Fleming was a four-year letterwinner and starter while helping set the foundation for the Bulldogs' march to the 2018 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Following his collegiate experience at Ferris State, Fleming spent time as a professional player overseas. He competed in Slovakia for Iskra Svit in 2016-17 and then played in Cyprus for Appel in 2017-18.

In addition to his time at Ferris State and on the Bulldog staff, Fleming has also been active in the community, serving on the substitute teaching staff for Big Rapids Public Schools for two years, while also being involved in the FSU program where he's played a key role in recruiting, player development and coaching duties.

Fleming graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2016.

Prior to FSU, Fleming was a prep standout at Glenbard North High School on Chicago's west side, earning Illinois Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) All-State accolades.



JIMMY BOOTH

Director of Basketball Operations First Season

Northern Michigan native and former Ferris State assistant Jimmy Booth reunites with Andy Bronkema at Central Michigan as its Director of Men's Basketball Operations.

Booth spent the previous three seasons (2022-25) on Bronkema's Ferris State' coaching staff in various capacities. He originally joined the Bulldog staff as a Basketball Analyst and served as an advance and internal scout before becoming an assistant coach and offensive coordinator in the program. Booth helped fill a role with the Bulldogs following the retirement of former assistant coach Dave Schlump, who was both his high school coach and held the top role at Muskegon CC prior to his appointment with the Jayhawks.

The 2020 Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Junior College Coach of the Year, Booth led Muskegon Community College to 81 wins in his five seasons at the helm, including four championships and a runner-up effort. Muskegon C.C. captured the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region 12 title in both 2020 and 2022, while finishing as the runner-up in 2021. Under Booth's leadership, they claimed the MCCA Western Conference and state title in 2020.

During his tenure at Muskegon C.C, Booth coached a pair of NJCAA All-Americans and had two student-athletes tabbed as the MCCA Western Conference Defensive Player of the Year along with one MCCA Western Conference Player of the Year and one Western Conference Freshman of the Year recipient.

Along with being chosen as the 2020 BCAM JUCO Coach of the Year, Booth also received Western Conference Coach of the Year honors in both 2020 and 2022, while earning the state's MCCA Coach of the Year honor in 2022. He is a two-time NJCAA Region 12 Coach of the Year and the Region 12 District A Coach of the Year.

Under Booth, Muskegon broke a 74-year drought by winning the 2019-20 MCCA State Championship, which was the program's first since World War II. They also broke a 30-year drought by advancing to the NJCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen for the first time since the 1989-90 season. Each season, he had players move on to four-year schools all over the country.

He began his basketball coaching career as the assistant coach at his alma mater Cedar Springs High School in 2009-12.

A Cedar Springs, Mich. native, Booth played under Schlump during his prep career and later served as his assistant coach at Muskegon CC from 2012-16 before taking over the program when Schlump returned to Ferris State and joined Bronkema's staff. Booth played a total of four years of collegiate basketball, including one season at Muskegon C.C., along with three at Grace Christian University where he helped the squad to the 2006 NCCAA National Championship.

Booth earned a bachelor's degree in religious education from Grace Christian in 2009 and holds a degree in business management from Davenport University (2009). He earned his master's degree in sports administration from Wayne State University in 2019.



2025-26 MEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Uchenna Amene	G	6' 1"	180	Fr.	Northville, Mich. / DME Academy (Fla.)
1	Nsikan Usen	F	6' 6"	205	Fr.	Milford, Mich. / Lakeland H.S.
2	Jalen Kampen	G	6' 3"	175	Fr.	Parchment, Mich. / Parchment H.S.
3	Jaxson Whitaker	G	6' 4"	215	So.	Muskegon, Mich. / Ferris State
4	Kareem Aburashed	C	6' 10"	235	Sr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. / Wayne State
5	Tamario Adley	G	6' 1"	195	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. / Wayne State
10	Phat Phat Brooks	G	6' 2"	195	So.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Michigan
11	Kayden Nation	F	6' 7"	225	Jr.	Peoria, Ill. / Indian Hills C.C.
13	Keenan Garner	F	6' 6"	220	So.	Fishers, Ind. / IU-Indianapolis
21	Nick Mullen	F	6' 10"	230	Sr.	Chesterton, Ind. / IU-South Bend
22	Will Ashford	G	6' 5"	200	So.	Aurora, Ill. / Purdue Northwest
23	Jorden Brooks	G	6' 1"	185	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Ferris State
24	Rodney Johnson, Jr.	F	6' 5"	220	Sr.	Bryan, Texas / Tennessee Tech
32	Nathan Claerbaut	C	7' 0"	230	Sr.	Zeeland, Mich. / Ferris State
33	Logan McIntire	G	6' 5"	205	Sr.	Ramsey, Ind. / Kentucky Wesleyan

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Andy Bronkema (1st)

Associate Head Coach: Brooks Miller (1st)

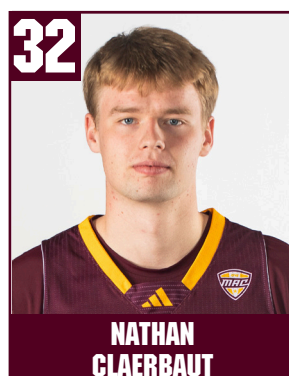
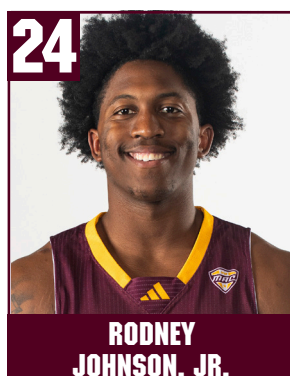
Assistant Coach: Jim Lake (1st)

Assistant Coach: Raymoan McAfee (1st)

Director of Player Development: Josh Fleming (1st)

Director of Basketball Operations: Jimmy Booth (1st)

2025-26 MEN'S BASKETBALL





2025-26 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Madi Morson	G	5' 8"	So.	Canton, Mich. / Salem
1	Mayla Ham	G	5' 11"	Jr.	Detroit, Mich. / Georgetown
2	Lilah Turnbull	G	5' 7"	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Western Reserve (OH)
3	Kara Bartels	C	6' 3"	Jr.	West Olive, Mich. / Lansing C.C.
10	Rylan Buschell	G	5' 6"	Fr.	Belleville, Mich. / Belleville
11	Nekhu Mitchell	F	6' 0"	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. / George Mason
12	Riley Smith	F	6' 2"	So.	Miamisburg, Ohio / Archbishop Alter
21	Zareia Chevre	F	5' 10"	5th	St. Paul, Minn. / Governors State
23	Demetria Prewitt	F	5' 10"	Sr.	Madison, Wis. / Kirkwood C.C.
24	Taylor Anderson	G	5' 10"	Sr.	South Lyon, Mich. / South Lyon East
25	Ayanna-Sarai Darrington	F	6' 2"	So.	Lexington, Ky. / Frederick Douglass
30	Jayda Mosley	G	5' 7"	So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Purcell Marian
40	Taylor Johnson	C	6' 3"	Jr.	Cannon Falls, Minn. / Southern Idaho

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kristin Haynie (3rd)

Associate Head Coach: Chelsie Butler (3rd)

Assistant Coach: Jenna Allen (3rd)

Assistant Coach: Jordan Walker (1st)

Director of Player Development: Rana El-Husseini (1st)

Director of Basketball Operations: Ava Denton (5th)

Director of Scouting/Video Operations: Jackson Marlan (3rd)

2025-26 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



**MADI
MORSON**



**MAYLA
HAM**



**LILAH
TURNBULL**



**KARA
BARTELS**



**RYLAN
BUSCHELL**



**NEKHU
MITCHELL**



**RILEY
SMITH**



**ZAREIA
CHEVRE**



**DEMETRIA
PREWITT**



**TAYLOR
ANDERSON**



**AYANNA-SARAI
DARRINGTON**



**JAYDA
MOSLEY**



**TAYLOR
JOHNSON**



HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

HEAD COACH KRISTIN HAYNIE

SECOND SEASON

Head Coach Kristin Haynie enters her third season at the helm of Central Michigan Women's Basketball in the 2025-26 season, entering with a 20-39 record, 13-23 in Mid-American Conference play.

The 2024-25 campaign set a new course for the program, turning a corner toward progress in its 14-17 mark, 9-9 in MAC play, producing the program's first MAC Tournament appearance since 2021. The Chippewas retained their MAC lead in rebounding, moving into the top five nationally in per-game averages for both total rebounding (43.30, fourth) and rebounding margin (+10.6, fifth) and was eighth in offensive rebounding (16.1). The season was led by MAC Freshman of the Year Madi Morson and fellow All-MAC Freshman Ayanna-Sarai Darrington, the top two freshman in the league in scoring. Morson set a program record with 511 points, the most by a Chippewa in their freshman campaign, breaking a mark that had gone untouched since Sue Nissen's 1987-88 season. Morson also marked the second-best single-game performance by a freshman with 32 points at Dayton (Dec. 15, 2024). Darrington was a steady riser in the rotation, hitting her stride for the conference season as she posted six of seven double-doubles (fifth among NCAA I freshmen), all three 20-point games and a 21-rebound performance against Ball State (Feb. 26, 2025) all after the calendar flipped to 2025.

Her inaugural season in 2023-24 began the groundwork for her program with an emphasis on work ethic, as the Chippewas led the MAC—and consistently ranked in the top-20 of NCAA I—in total rebounding. CMU's 64-60 victory at Eastern Michigan early in conference play (Jan. 13, 2024) eliminated the program's first roadblock: a 34-game winless streak in road games, 20 consecutive in league play, that began nearly two full seasons prior to her hire. Later in the month, the Chippewas collected just their second instance of back-to-back conference wins since the program's appearance in the 2021 MAC Championship final, defeating Western Michigan (Jan. 27) at home and Miami (OH) (Jan. 31) on the road.

Former CMU assistant coach and Mid-Michigan legend Kristin Haynie is the new head women's basketball coach at Central Michigan University, Zyzelewski Family Associate Vice President/Director of Athletics Amy Folan announced April 20, 2023. Haynie becomes the 13th head coach in Chippewa women's basketball history.

"It's exciting to have Kristin leading our program," Folan said. "She is a Michigan girl that learned basketball here. Basketball has taken her to a Big Ten Championship, an NCAA Final Four, a WNBA championship, and all around the world. She is part of the Sue Guevara and Suzy Merchant coaching tree. As two women who have had a tremendous impact on this program and the game nationally, Kristin is a perfect fit for our student-athletes at Central Michigan. It's nice to have her back home in Mount Pleasant to lead our program."

"We are excited to get a coach of Kristin's caliber," Folan said. "We want to express our gratitude to the Minnesota Lynx. The Lynx have been the long-standing gold standard of the WNBA. This hire could not have happened without their support and flexibility."



"We are delighted to welcome Coach Haynie back to CMU," said CMU president Bob Davies. "In our conversations, it was immediately clear that she shares our commitment to helping our student-athletes achieve a degree on one hand and a championship ring on the other. I know she will push our amazing team to excel on the court, in the classroom, and in the community."

"I am thrilled to be here," Haynie said. "What a great opportunity to be coaching in my home state and in this incredible Mount Pleasant community. I want to thank Amy Folan, Dr. Robert Davies, and the rest of the university for making this dream come true. I am excited to get to know the players and invest in them on and off the court and to continue to bring championships to this amazing program."

Haynie, who has won at every level of basketball, takes over a Central Michigan Women's Basketball program that has made seven NCAA Tournament appearances (1983, 1984, 2013, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021), won five Mid-American Conference Tournament titles (1983, 1984, 2013, 2018, and 2021), captured eight MAC regular season overall/division championships (1983-84, 1984-85, 2013-14 West Division, 2015-16 West Division, 2016-17 Overall/West Division, 2017-18 Overall/West Division, 2018-19 Overall/West Division, 2019-20 Overall/West Division), and advanced to five Women's National Invitation Tournament appearances (2011, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2017).



In her previous stint at Central Michigan as an assistant coach under Sue Guevara (2014-17), Haynie helped lead the Chippewas to the 2017 Mid-American Conference championship with guard Presley Hudson earning MAC Freshman of the Year honors. CMU also claimed the 2016 MAC West Championship. During her time in Mount Pleasant, the Chippewas totaled a 58-38 combined overall record and 36-18 league record.

Haynie spent the last month as an assistant coach with the Women's National Basketball Association's Minnesota Lynx. She completed the 2022-23 season as an assistant coach at her alma mater Michigan State University, where she spent the past four seasons under head coach and Central Michigan graduate Suzy Merchant.

The Spartan legend has cultivated strong coaching ties in the state of Michigan as she came back to East Lansing after working as a basketball skills trainer in western and central Michigan. She worked as a mentor to inspire and motivate athletes to reach their full potential and help them realize their impact off the court.

Haynie began her coaching career as an assistant at Eastern Michigan from 2012-14.

As a point guard, Haynie had a stellar collegiate career at Michigan State, ranking as the career leader in assists (574) and steals (346). She finished her career ranked eighth in MSU history in scoring (1,199 points) and is still 15th in career scoring. At the time of her graduation, she was just the fourth player in Big Ten history to reach career totals of 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 500 assists and 300 steals. She is also the Michigan State leader in single-season steals with 117. The point guard is still one of just three Spartan women's basketball players to record a triple-double and became the first woman to complete a triple double (points, assists, and steals) in the NCAA Tournament. In 2005, she guided the Spartans to a 33-win season, the Big Ten Championship, the program's first-ever Final Four appearance, and berth in the NCAA Championship Game.

Just weeks after the 2005 National Championship game, Haynie was selected with the ninth pick in the 2005 WNBA Draft by the Sacramento Monarchs. She helped the Monarchs capture the WNBA title in her first season as a pro. She played in 160 games during her WNBA career, spending five seasons in the WNBA from 2005-09 with the Monarchs, Atlanta Dream, and Detroit Shock. During her stint in the WNBA, Haynie played professionally in Italy, Lithuania, Russia, and Greece.

Haynie was inducted into the Michigan State University Hall of Fame in 2017 and the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

A native of Mason, Mich., Haynie graduated from Michigan State with a degree in family community service in 2005. She is joined in Mount Pleasant by her wife Noel, and 2 children, Avery and Hudson.



THE HAYNIE FILE

Date announced as CMU Head Coach:

April 20, 2023

Birthdate:

June 17, 1983

Hometown:

Mason, Mich.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts, Family Community Service,
Michigan State University, 2005

COACHING CAREER

Central Michigan University

Head Coach (2023-present)
Assistant Coach (2014-17)

Minnesota Lynx (WNBA)

Assistant Coach (April 2023)

Michigan State University

Assistant Coach (2019-23)

Eastern Michigan University

Assistant Coach (2012-14)



COACHING STAFF



CHELSIE BUTLER

Associate Head Coach Third Season

Chelsie Butler will mark her third season on Central Michigan Women's Basketball's coaching staff in 2025-26, as well as being tasked with the program's recruiting duties, entering the season with a 20-39 record,

13-23 in the MAC. She was elevated to Associate Head Coach in the summer after the 2024-25 campaign.

CMU finalized the inaugural coaching staff of Head Coach Kristin Haynie's tenure with the announcement of Coach Butler in September 2023. The 2015 graduate of Marquette joined the 2023-24 bench after a two-year stint at Youngstown State.

Butler joined the Youngstown State women's basketball program in October 2021 and handled the team's recruiting efforts on head coach John Barnes' staff, a role she will continue to hold for the Chippewas. She also held key roles with scouting, practice preparation, camps and individual workouts.

In her first season with the Penguins, YSU earned the Horizon League's automatic bid into the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) through a 24-win campaign and share of the conference title. Youngstown state opened the 2021-22 season with 15 wins through its first 16 games, marking three separate five-plus game winning streaks for just the second time in school history for a single season.

A native of Minerva, Ohio, Butler ventured to Youngstown State after spending the previous four seasons at Southeastern Louisiana. Prior to her time in Hammond, La., Butler was the graduate manager on the women's basketball staff at Akron, where she collected a master's degree in coaching. Butler's first crack at the MAC overlapped with another member of Central Michigan's 2023-24 staff as Jared Roane graduated from Akron's women's basketball staff with his master's degree in 2016.

During Butler's tenure with the Lady Lions, the team went from 12th place in the Southland Conference up to second. Butler oversaw Southeastern's post players, opponent scouting and out-of-bounds plays. She also assisted with the team's offensive schemes and recruiting, oversaw all camps and clinics, and was tasked with the program's equipment and gear orders.

Butler spent four seasons playing at Marquette, where she averaged 5.4 points and 3.5 rebounds during her collegiate career, then capped her tenure with a bachelor's degree in broadcasting. She was the All-Ohio Co-Player of the Year at Minerva High School in Ohio as a senior and was inducted into her alma mater's Hall of Fame in 2017.



JENNA ALLEN

Assistant Coach Third Season

Assistant Coach Jenna Allen will enter her third season on the bench for Central Michigan Women's Basketball for the 2025-26 season, entering the season with a 20-39 record, 13-23 in the MAC,

through Head Coach Kristin Haynie's first two campaigns.

Allen joined the Central Michigan Women's Basketball Coaching Staff in May 2023 for the first season of Coach Haynie's second tenure in Mt. Pleasant, as she was an assistant for the program from 2014-17. Allen will work closely with the Chippewas' post players while being tasked as the team's liaison to strength & conditioning and athletic training.

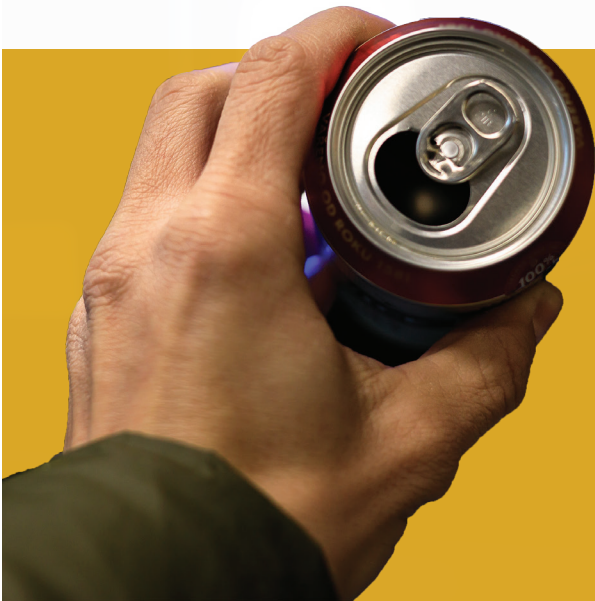
Allen logged a four-year professional career for Baxi Ferrol in Spain prior to her hire with the Chippewas. Throughout her career overseas she averaged double-digit points and five-plus rebounds per game while shooting well over 50 percent from the field. Her well-decorated 2022-23 campaign saw a career-high 12.6 points per contest on 51.5 percent shooting, culminating in being named the All-Spanish LF Challenge Player, Center and Import Player of the Year on top of the 2023 regular season championship.

Allen, a four-year contributor on the court at Michigan State, became the Spartans' 23rd 1,000-point scorer on March 3, 2019 at Minnesota. Over her final two seasons in East Lansing she started 57 games over 65 appearances including all 33 contests of her senior campaign. For her career, the Bedford, Ind.-native averaged 8.6 points on 50.4 percent shooting from the floor, 4.5 rebounds and 20.3 minutes per game; as a senior her line was 12.5 ppg on 49.8 percent shooting and 6.5 rpg over an average of 27.3 mpg.

The North Lawrence High School graduate, Allen earned a Bachelor's in Kinesiology from Michigan State in 2019.



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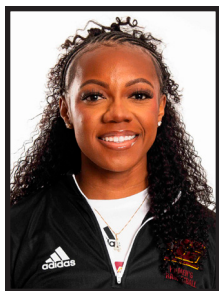
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COACHING STAFF



JORDAN WALKER

Assistant Coach First Season

Jordan Walker joined the Central Michigan Women's Basketball staff for the 2025-26 season, beginning her third season of full-time coaching with the Chippewas.

She had previously made one-year stops at Jacksonville (2024-25) and Mercer (2023-24) after finishing a three-year playing career at Tennessee as a two-time master's graduate.

Walker aided Jacksonville (2024-25) to a 14-17 record, 8-10 in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Dolphins fell in the first round of the ASUN tournament in overtime against Bellarmine. Under Head Coach Special Jennings, Walker helped Jacksonville to a three-game improvement over Jennings's first season with the program.

At Mercer (2023-24), Walker oversaw guard/point guard development and coached three all-conference guards, which included one all-conference defensive award. She also headed the team's gear and equipment, and was a WBCA Convention Panelist for the presentation of So You Want To Be A Coach. She was one of three coaches selected as a panelist, with her focus on 'Being the Best Assistant Coach.'

In her playing career between Western Michigan (2017-20) and Tennessee (2020-23), Walker scored over 1,300 points with more than 700 rebounds and 400 assists.

At Tennessee, Walker started in 77 of 96 games played over her three seasons. She averaged 6.3 points, 4.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists, and 1.1 steals during her time in Knoxville. She also helped lead Tennessee to three NCAA Tournament appearances, twice making the Sweet Sixteen (2023, 2022).

At Western Michigan, Walker started in 54 of 64 games. She averaged 11.8 points, 4.9 rebounds, 2.2 assists and 1.8 steals per game. She scored in double figures in 38 of her 64 games and posted three double doubles during her time at WMU. She also had 12 games of 20 or more points and two 30+ point games.

Walker grew up in Muskegon, Michigan where she had a highly successful high school career including being named Miss Basketball in the state of Michigan in 2017. Walker graduated from WMU in 2020 with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in communications. She earned a master's degree from Tennessee in business administration (MBA) with a concentration in entrepreneurship and innovation in May of 2022.

She then earned her second master's degree in May of 2023 in the Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications (ALEC) Department with a concentration on Name, Image, and Likeness and Women's Leadership. Walker was also an active participant in leadership programs such as So You Want To Be A Coach and the inaugural Above The Rim Summit.



RANA EL-HUSSEINI

Director of Player Development First Season

El-Husseini took on the player development role for Central Michigan Women's Basketball ahead of the 2025-26 season, the third under Head Coach Kristin Haynie. She joined the Chippewas

after spending her first season in the coaching ranks with NCAA II University of Charleston (WV). The Golden Eagles posted a 16-14 record and advanced to the Mountain East Conference semifinal.

Her collegiate playing career concluded at Mid-American Conference rival Buffalo in 2023-24 after three seasons at NCAA II Edinboro (PA). She was a standout point guard and team captain in both spots.

El-Husseini graduated from Buffalo with a master's in public health, was an All-MAC Tournament Team selection and became the third player in program history to record a triple-double—at 5-foot-3, she was the shortest to do so in NCAA I that season.

At Edinboro, she was a WBCA All-America honorable mention in her junior season with two All-PSAC West First Team nods and the PSAC West Freshman of the Year to her credit and finished her bachelor's in exercise science.

A first-generation Arab American, El-Husseini competed for Lebanon in the 2023 West-Asia Cup and in the pre-qualification tournament in Rwanda for the 2024 FIBA World Cup.

El-Husseini coordinated three non-profit basketball camps in her hometown of Dearborn including equipment, operations and volunteer staff, utilizing funds raised to fund local AAU programs and offer scholarships for college-bound student-athletes.

At both Buffalo and Edinboro, El-Husseini spear-headed food drives that each collected over 1,000 pounds of food to be donated to community food pantries.



AVA DENTON

Director of Basketball Operations Fifth Season

Ava Denton was retained for a full-time role as Central Michigan Women's Basketball's Director of Basketball Operations in the summer of 2025 upon graduating with master of arts in sports administration from CMU.

As the program's DOBO, she organizes the team's logistics, coordinates team meals, aids in running camps, oversees student managers and more. A longtime team student assistant for the program, Denton took on a graduate assistant role as the DOBO for the Chippewas in the summer of 2024.

A unique role for Denton has been organizing the program's annual Hoops for Hunger contest since the 2022-23 season. The event invites local school districts to attend a midweek contest after a coordinated canned food drive between the districts and the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Denton has taken the lead for both events, conducting meetings with relevant staff and coaches at CMU in executing the event. The two drives she helped organize combined to raise over 30,000 pounds of food.

Denton's relationship with the program began almost as soon as she stepped foot on campus after she graduated from Utica High School in 2021. As the head student manager for the program, she helped with game and practice setup, was the lead among the student assistants, took bench stats and cut practice and game film.

The Utica, Mich.-native completed her bachelor's degree in sport management in 2024 while already in the sports administration graduate program at CMU.



JACKSON MARLAN

Director of Scouting/Video Ops Third Season

Jackson Marlan will enter his third season with the Central Michigan women's program in 2025-26, his first as Director of Scouting and Video Operations.

Marlan came to Central Michigan Women's Basketball in May 2023, originally to take on the program's Director of Basketball Operations role for the first staff under Head Coach Kristin Haynie. In his position on the Chippewas' staff, Marlan managed and oversaw the administrative and logistical aspects of the basketball program including travel, equipment, apparel and communication.

Marlan transferred from Michigan State University following the spring of 2023 to be a part of Coach Haynie's inaugural staff in Mt. Pleasant after spending time with the Spartans' women's program during Haynie's tenure as an assistant coach.



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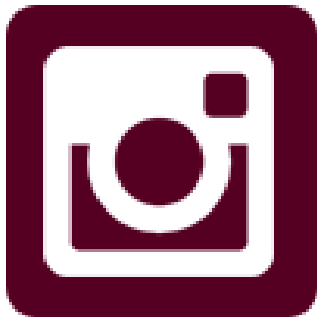
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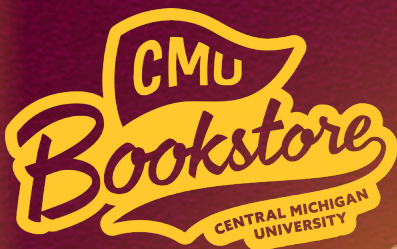


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