

COACHING STAFF



Beginning his 10th year at Pitt and sixth as head coach, Jamie Dixon has made his mark on the Pitt basketball program. Dixon has compiled a 132-40 record, won two Big East championships (2004 regular season and 2008 tournament) and guided Pitt to five consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. His winning percentage (.767) ranks fourth nationally among active NCAA Division I head coaches and marks the best five-year start for a Pitt coach. Dixon's 132 career wins rank third all-time among NCAA Division I coaches after five seasons and his current .680 league winning percentage ranks No. 1 among all-time Big East coaches. The 2003-04 Big East Coach of the Year and first-ever Big East rookie coach to lead his team to the conference's regular season title, Dixon has put together an outstanding coaching staff. With the staff's unique blend of experience, contacts, talent, technical knowledge and personality, Pitt's coaching staff of Tom Herrion, Pat Sandle, Brandin Knight, Brian Regan and Rasheen Davis rates among the nation's best.



HEAD COACH JAMIE DIXON

TCU '87 ■ Sixth Year as Head Coach ■ 10th Year at Pitt

Beginning his sixth season as the University of Pittsburgh's head men's basketball coach, Jamie Dixon has certainly made his mark on the Pitt program. Dixon, who is in his 10th year at Pitt, has compiled several coaching milestones:

- He guided Pitt to its second all-time Big East Championship title in 2008. The Panthers became just the second squad in league history to capture the crown after winning four consecutive games.
- He became the first head coach in school history to guide Pitt to five consecutive 20-win seasons, five straight 10-plus win Big East regular seasons and five straight NCAA Tournaments. Dixon has also guided Pitt to two NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances (2004 and 2007).
- His 132 career victories rank as the third most wins after five seasons as a head coach in the history of NCAA Division I college basketball.
- Concluded the 2007-08 season as the winningest coach in Big East history with a current .680 winning percentage in league games (66-31), while topping several legendary names including John Thompson, Jim Calhoun, Jim Boeheim and Lou Carneseca.
- Guided Pitt to the Big East Championship Final in four of his first five seasons as head coach.
- Is one of only nine coaches in NCAA Division I history to win over 100 games during the first four seasons of a coaching career.
- Reached 100 wins at Pitt faster than any other head coach in school history. Dixon needed only 126 games to reach the milestone. Only 14 coaches in the history of college basketball reached 100 career victories faster than Dixon.
- Amassed a five-year 55-27 Big East regular-season record, the best mark in school history.
- Tallied an 80-10 home record in his first five seasons.
- Became the first rookie head coach in Big East history to both guide his team to the league's regular season title and earn Big East Coach of the Year honors in 2003-04. Dixon earned those accolades after leading the Panthers to their third consecutive Big East regular season

title and second all-time overall Big East title, third straight NCAA Tournament "Sweet Sixteen" appearance and to a school-record 31 wins. In addition, the 31 victories rank as the third highest total in NCAA Division I history for a first-year head coach. Dixon also led Pitt on an 18-game win streak to begin the 2003-04 season, a streak which ranks as the third-best start for a rookie head coach in NCAA Division I history.

An outstanding talent evaluator who is nationally recognized for his coaching know-how, unquestioned character and integrity, recruiting skills, rapport with players and work ethic, Jamie Dixon was introduced as the University of Pittsburgh's 14th head basketball coach on April 15, 2003.

Dixon, who has spent nine seasons as both the head coach and assistant at Pitt, is a basketball coach who is intelligent, honest, confident, well-spoken and true to his word. He is a family man and complete coach who cares for his players and program to the highest degree. For Dixon, basketball is a lifestyle, not a job. He believes teamwork, defense, rebounding and taking good shots are the key ingredients to winning championships. That philosophy has paid off as Pitt consistently ranks among the nation's top defensive and rebounding squads.

Dixon's five-year head coaching tenure at Pitt has seen the Panthers compile a 132-40 record, accumulate a 55-27 Big East regular season record and earn five NCAA Tournament berths, including two Sweet Sixteen appearances in 2004 and 2007. His 132-40 slate set a school record for the best five-year start to a Pitt coaching career and his .767 career winning percentage currently stands as the best among active Big East coaches. That percentage also ranks among the nation's top-10 best current marks in NCAA Division I.

Over the past nine seasons, Dixon has been the constant and essential figure in the Panthers' dramatic rise to national prominence. The three-year span from 2001-04 produced the winningest period in school history as Pitt won three consecutive Big East





THE JAMIE DIXON FILE

- **Birthdate:** November 10, 1965 in Burbank, Calif.
- **Hometown:** North Hollywood, Calif.
- **Education:** Notre Dame High School graduate (Sherman Oaks, Calif.), 1983; Bachelor of Business Administration–Finance, Texas Christian University, 1987; Master of Science–Economics, University of California–Santa Barbara, 1992.
- **Date announced as Pitt Head Coach:** Tuesday, April 15, 2003.
- **Family:** Wife, Jacqueline, son Jack Connor (born June 2, 2002), daughter Shannon Iwalani (born Feb. 25, 2004); son of Jim & Marge Dixon who reside in Los Angeles; has two sisters: Julie, who is an attorney in Los Angeles and the late Maggie Dixon, who served as head women's basketball coach at the United States Military Academy (2005-06) and as an assistant at DePaul.
- **Coaching Career**
Head Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2003-present; Associate Head Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 1999-2003; Assistant Coach, University of Hawaii, 1998-99; Assistant Coach, Northern Arizona University, 1994-98; Assistant Coach, University of Hawaii, 1992-94; Graduate Assistant Coach, University of California–Santa Barbara, 1991-92; Assistant Coach, Los Angeles Valley Junior College, 1989-91.
- **Playing Career**
Notre Dame High School, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Texas Christian University, 1984-87 (Named All-SWC in 1987 and SWC All-Academic honoree), led SWC in assists as a senior; Inducted into the TCU Athletic Hall of Fame, 2007; Played professionally in the Continental Basketball Association (Lacrosse Catbirds) and overseas (New Zealand).
- **Noteworthy Awards**
2004 Big East Coach of the Year; 2004 YMCA "Person of the Year."



regular-season titles, advanced to three straight NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances, captured the program's first-ever Big East Tournament title in 2003 and compiled one of the nation's three best winning percentages (.846 with an 88-16 record) from 2001-04 including a 51-2 home record over those three years. In addition, the program opened its sparkling, 12,508-seat Petersen Events Center, the nation's best on-campus basketball venue.

Dixon has 17 years of major NCAA Division I coaching experience, including stints at Pitt (nine years), Northern Arizona (four years), Hawaii (three years) and UC-Santa Barbara (one year). Additionally, he has served as an assistant under a school's winningest coach in four different stints (winning percentage). His teams have won 10 conference titles, advanced to the postseason in 12 different seasons and his student-athletes have earned four league player of the year awards.

He helped turn destitute programs at Pitt, Hawaii and Northern Arizona into winners, has been success everywhere and has enjoyed success at several different levels.

Facing a major rebuilding project, he joined the Pitt staff in 1999 as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator. In four short years, he helped turn the Pitt basketball program into a consistent national power. In 2000-01, the Panthers surged through the conference tournament, earning a surprising Big East Championship title game berth while winning five of their last seven contests. It was that year in Madison Square Garden that the college basketball world first took notice of the emerging Pitt program as the Panthers upset nationally ranked Syracuse, Notre Dame and a surging Miami team to earn the school's first-ever championship game berth. That strong finish concluded with a National Invitation Tournament berth, the

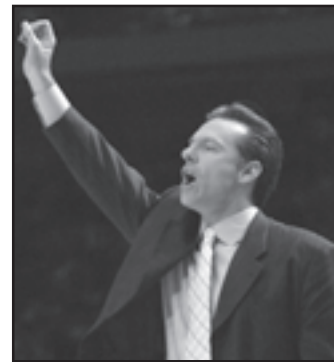


ACTIVE NCAA WINNING PERCENTAGE LEADERS

Coach	Pct.
Roy Williams, No. Carolina ...	.803
Mark Few, Gonzaga .....	.799
Bo Ryan, Wisconsin .....	.774
JAMIE DIXON, PITT .....	.767
Thad Matta, Ohio State .....	.761
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke .....	.750
Jim Boenheim, Syracuse .....	.735
Rick Pitino, Kentucky .....	.732
Lute Olsen, Arizona .....	.731

NCAA DIVISION I BEST COACHING STARTS (5 YEARS)

Coach	Wins
Everett Case, NC State	137
Mark Few, Gonzaga	133
JAMIE DIXON, PITT	132
Roy Williams, Kansas	132
Bruce Stewart, WV-W/MT	126
Forddy Anderson, Drake/BU ..	123
Jerry Tarkanian, LBSU/UNLV ..	122
Jim Boenheim, Syracuse	122
Thad Matta, Butler/OSU	122



school's first postseason appearance in four years.

The 2001-02 Pitt team built upon that momentum as it finished 29-6 and surpassed the school-record of 25 victories set in 1973-74. Pitt won the Big East West championship, the school's first league title of any kind since the 1987-88 campaign, and made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in nine seasons (1992-93). The squad also became the first Pitt team to advance to an NCAA Sweet Sixteen since 1973-74 with two NCAA tournament wins over Central Connecticut State and California.

With all five starters and nine letterwinners back, the 2002-03 Pitt squad captured the school's first-ever Big East Tournament championship while making its third straight appearance in the title game. It finished 28-5 on the year and advanced to its second consecutive NCAA Sweet Sixteen. The Panthers also won their second straight Big East West title and co-Big East regular-season title with a second consecutive 13-3 league record. In addition, the Panthers concluded the inaugural season in the Petersen Events Center with a perfect 16-0 home record and ended the season on a 22-game home win streak.

In his first season as head coach at Pitt (2003-04), Dixon guided the Panthers to a school-record 31-5 slate which included the Big East regular season championship, a third consecutive NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance and the program's fourth straight Big East Tournament title game appearance. He became the first

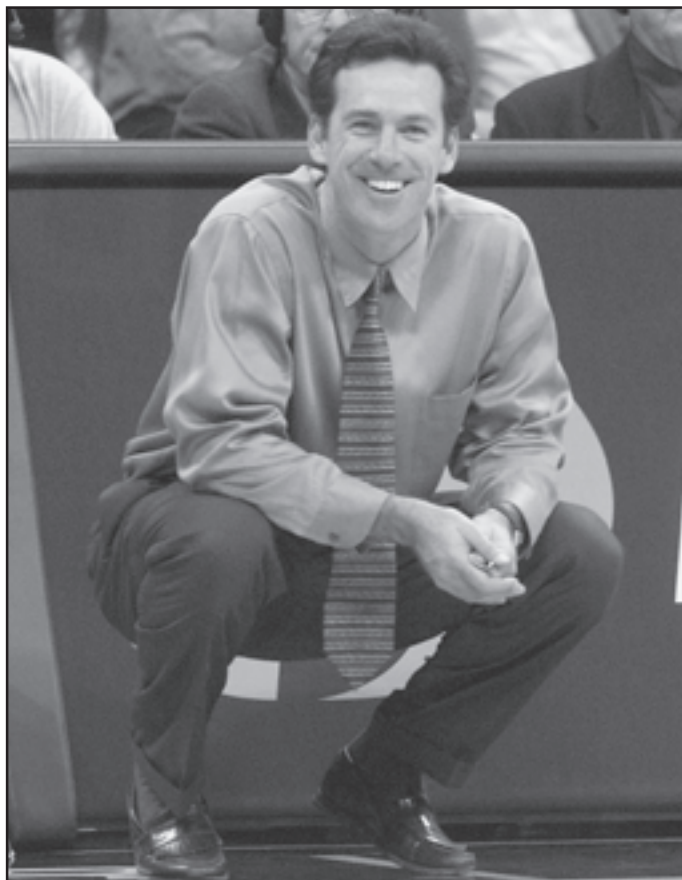
rookie head coach in league history to earn both Big East Coach of the Year honors and guide his team to the regular season title. He led Pitt to a school record 27-3 regular season and its first Big East Tournament No. 1 seed in 16 years. Dixon also won the first 18 contests of his coaching career, a mark that ranks third in NCAA Division I history for most wins to begin a coaching career.

His second season as Pitt's head coach saw Dixon guide the Panthers to a school-record fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and the program's fourth consecutive 20-plus win season (20-9).

In 2005-06, Dixon guided Pitt to a fifth straight NCAA Tournament appearance, 25-8 record and fifth berth in the Big East Championship Final over the last six seasons. The year marked Dixon's third straight 20-win season since taking over the coaching helm.

The 2006-07 Panthers ranked among the nation's top-10 teams all season and ended with a 29-8 record. Pitt advanced to NCAA Sweet Sixteen play for the fourth time in six seasons and achieved its sixth straight 20-win overall and 10-win league year. Additionally, Dixon reached 100 career wins faster than any other coach in school history and concluded the year with 105 career wins, the second-most wins accumulated over the first four seasons of a head coaching career.

The 2007-08 season saw Dixon's Panthers overcome the incredible adversity of losing two starters (Mike Cook and LeVance Fields) and four total players to serious injuries.



DIXON IN THE COMMUNITY

- Heavily involved with the Care Foundation which sponsors the Maggie Dixon Classic.
- Raises funds for The Caring Place, a community supported center that helps grieving children and families cope with the loss of a loved one.
- Participates in the HOPE Network Hoops Classic, a charitable event that raises funds to support sports, fitness and recreation programs for disabled children and adults.
- Speaker at numerous events hosted by non-profit organizations.
- Charity work with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.
- Attends the American Diabetes Association Expo with the entire Pitt basketball team.
- Coaches vs. Cancer.
- Variety Club-recognition for outstanding community service and fundraising in Pittsburgh.
- Charlie Batch's Summer Basketball Camp.
- NABC Hurricane Katrina and Rita Relief





Nevertheless, under Dixon's leadership, the undermanned Panthers continued on. Fields returned for the team's final 13 games and Pitt went on to a successful season. Pitt captured the school's second Big East Tournament title, becoming just the second team in league history to win the tourney by registering four straight wins, advanced to its seventh straight NCAA Tournament and finished 27-10 overall.

Prior to Pittsburgh, Dixon served as an assistant coach at the University of Hawaii under legendary head coach Riley Wallace for the 1998-99 season and previously was an assistant under Ben Howland at Northern Arizona University (1994-98). He also coached as an assistant with Howland at the University of California-Santa Barbara (1991-92) under Jerry Pimm before moving on to the University of Hawaii for two seasons (1992-94).

While at Northern Arizona, Dixon helped lead the Lumberjacks to a 42-17 record over his last two years, including back-to-back 21-win seasons

BIG EAST'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES (PCT.)

Coach	Pct.
JAMIE DIXON, PITT .....	.680
John Thompson, GU .....	.653
Jim Calhoun, UConn .....	.643
Jim Boeheim, Syracuse .....	.638
Lou Carnesecca, SJU .....	.635
Mike Jarvis, SJU .....	.613
Ben Howland, Pitt .....	.613
Rollie Massimino, VU .....	.572

(league regular season games and championship games combined)

and a pair of Big Sky regular season championships. Northern Arizona led the nation for three consecutive seasons (1997-99) in 3-point field goal percentage and ranked among the nation's top two schools in overall field goal percentage during that span. In addition, Northern Arizona won 20-plus games in three consecutive seasons and advanced to postseason play two times, including the 1997 National

YEAR BY YEAR WITH JAMIE DIXON

Year	Overall		Big East		BET		NCAA	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
2003-04	31-5	.861	13-3	.813	2-1	.667	2-1	.667
2004-05	20-9	.689	10-6	.625	0-1	.000	0-1	.000
2005-06	25-8	.758	10-6	.625	3-1	.750	1-1	.500
2006-07	29-8	.783	12-4	.750	2-1	.667	2-1	.667
2007-08	27-10	.730	10-8	.556	4-0	1.000	1-1	.500
Career	132-40	.767	55-27	.671	11-4	.733	6-5	.545





FASTEST TO 100 COACHING WINS IN PITT HISTORY

Coach	Games to 100	W-L	1st Year	Date of 100th win
JAMIE DIXON	126	100-26	2003	Feb. 19, 2007
H.C. Carlson	140	100-40	1922	Feb. 22, 1930
Paul Evans	156	100-56	1986	Nov. 20, 1991

Invitation Tournament and the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 1998. The 1998 Lumberjack squad was one of two teams to reach the NCAA Tournament and carry a team grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Howland and Dixon arrived at Northern Arizona for the 1994-95 season. After suffering through back-to-back 9-17 and 7-19 seasons, the staff guided Northern Arizona to the 10th all-time best one-year turnaround in NCAA Division I basketball history, improving the Lumberjacks to a 21-7 record in 1996-97.

Dixon completed his first stint as an assistant coach at the University of Hawaii from 1992-94 under head coach Riley Wallace. In 1993-94, he helped lead the Rainbows to their first-ever WAC championship and first NCAA Tournament appearance in nearly 30 years. Dixon was also instrumental in developing the Rainbows' perimeter players, including former Phoenix Suns guard and Buffalo, N.Y. native Trevor Ruffin. In his second stint at Hawaii (1998-99), he worked with the perimeter players including Denver Nugget Predrag Savovic and concentrated on recruiting both nationally and abroad. At UC-Santa Barbara, Dixon helped lead the Gauchos to an NIT appearance in 1992.

Dixon began his coaching career in 1989 as the head coach at TeAute College in New Zealand before serving as an assistant coach from 1989-91 at Los Angeles Valley Junior College where he helped head coach Jim Stephens lead the school to a Western States Conference Championship.

A North Hollywood, Calif. native, Dixon attended Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Calif., where he earned All-Del Rey League and All-California Interscholastic Federation honors. Dixon enjoyed a successful four-year career at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas where

he played for Jim Killingsworth and led the Horned Frogs to two Southwest Conference titles both as a junior and senior. He earned All-SWC honors in 1987 and was an All-SWC Academic performer. Additionally, he led the SWC in assists as a senior, earned the Henry Iba Award as MVP of the All-College Tournament and was voted TCU's Senior Male Scholar-Athlete Award recipient. He was inducted into the TCU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007. Dixon received his bachelor's degree in finance from TCU in 1987 and earned a master's degree in economics from UC-Santa Barbara in 1992.

Dixon was selected in the 1987 NBA draft by the Washington Bullets. He went on to play professionally with the Lacrosse Catbirds of the Continental Basketball Association and also in New Zealand before getting involved with collegiate coaching.

Dixon is extremely active in the Pittsburgh community. His many charitable events and affiliations include the Caring Place, HOPE Network Hoops Classic, St. Anthony's Holy Name Father-Child Breakfast, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Boy Scouts of America. Dixon has also served as a featured speaker at a variety of community-related functions and non-profit organizations. He was honored as the YMCA's "Person of the Year" at its awards banquet in 2004.

Dixon is married to the former Jacqueline Corteway. The couple has one son, Jack Connor, born June 2, 2002, and a daughter, Shannon Iwalani, born Feb. 25, 2004. His wife earned a Masters Degree in speech language pathology at the University of Pittsburgh in 2003.

The son of New York City natives Jim and Marge, Dixon spent much of his childhood in the Bronx. He has two sisters: the late Maggie Dixon, who served as head women's basketball coach at the United States Military Academy, and Julie Dixon, who is a Los Angeles attorney.



The Dixon family: Jack Connor (born June 2, 2002), Shannon Iwalani (born Feb. 25, 2004), Jacqueline and Jamie.





TOM HERRION

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

Merrimack '89 ■ Second Season at Pitt

An East Coast native with over 18 years of collegiate coaching experience, Tom Herrion begins his second season at the University of Pittsburgh as its Associate Head Basketball Coach. Herrion's main responsibilities include recruiting student-athletes, game preparation and on-floor coaching.

Herrion arrived at Pitt in May, 2007 with an impressive resume, including four seasons as the head coach at the College of Charleston. From 2002-06, Herrion compiled an 80-38 four-year record, earned a national top-25 ranking, guided his team to the 2003 National Invitation Tournament and achieved the best winning percentage in the Southern Conference during that period. His first Cougar team in 2002-03 finished 25-8, captured the Great Alaska Shootout title and advanced to the NIT. His 25 victories marked the highest total of any first-year NCAA Division I head coach during the 2002-03 season. Herrion also guided the Cougars to a 20-9 finish in 2003-04, 18-10 performance in

2004-05 and 17-11 record in 2005-06.

Herrion spent the 2006-07 year working as a television commentator for both ESPN Regional and Comcast, providing analysis for Conference USA games. He also worked as a collegiate player development consultant at the Nike All-American Camp and Michael Jordan Flight School.

"Over the past year, Tom has proved to be an outstanding and valuable addition to our staff," Dixon said. "Tom is a well-rounded coach and has helped us in recruiting, scouting and player development. We are extremely fortunate to have a coach with his background. He also has the experience of coaching in several different environments and is familiar with the Big East region."

Herrion's widespread collegiate coaching experience includes assistant stints at the University of Virginia (1999-2002), Providence College (1994-98) and NCAA Division II Merrimack College (1989-

94). He spent eight seasons under Pete Gillen at both Virginia and Providence. In his four seasons at Virginia, Herrion helped Gillen orchestrate a 70-50 record and three postseason appearances. His main responsibilities included recruitment of student-athletes, scheduling and scouting of opponents and assisting with practice planning and game preparation. Additionally, the Cavaliers' recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top-10 in three of his four seasons with the program. At Providence under Gillen, the Friars put together a 72-53 four-year record including a berth in the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight and two NIT appearances.

Herrion also served as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Merrimack College, from 1989-94. During that time, he helped guide Merrimack to two NCAA Division II tournament appearances.

Herrion received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Merrimack in 1989. As an undergrad at Merrimack, he

competed in both basketball and baseball and worked as a student assistant coach in 1986-87. He also served two seasons as the junior varsity coach at Cambridge Ridge and Latin High School in Cambridge, Mass.

A native of Oxford, Mass., Herrion was a three-year letterwinner in both basketball and baseball at Oxford High School.

Herrion hails from a coaching family. His father, the late Jim Herrion, was a successful high school coach in the New York City Catholic League before becoming an assistant coach at Holy Cross and later the head coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His older brother Bill is currently the head basketball coach at the University of New Hampshire (2005-present). Bill has also served head coaching stints at both East Carolina (1999-2005) and Drexel University (1991-99).

Herrion resides in Wexford with his wife, the former Leslie Tysinger of Hampton, Va. and their son, Robert James. Leslie is a former athletic administrator.



THE TOM HERRION FILE

- **Birthdate:** November 13, 1967.
- **Hometown:** Oxford, Mass.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts—Psychology, Merrimack College, 1989; Oxford High School (Oxford, Mass.), 1985.
- **Family:** Wife Leslie and son Robert James. Brother Bill Herrion is the head basketball coach at New Hampshire (2005-present) and served as head coach at both East Carolina (1999-2005) and Drexel (1991-99). Father Jim Herrion coached in the New York City Catholic League, as an assistant at Holy Cross and as head coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
- **Coaching Career**
Associate Head Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-current; Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-08; Head Coach, College of Charleston, 2002-06; Assistant Coach, University of Virginia, 1998-2002; Assistant Coach, Providence College, 1994-98; Assistant Coach, Merrimack College, 1989-94; Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, Cambridge Ridge and Latin School, 1987-89.
- **Playing Career**
Student Assistant Coach, Merrimack College, 1986-87; Merrimack College, 1985-86 (basketball and baseball); Oxford High School (basketball and baseball).



PAT SANDLE

ASSISTANT COACH

San Francisco State '87 ■ Sixth Season at Pitt

Known for scouting ability, work ethic, defense, intensity and successful guard play, Pat Sandle begins the sixth year of his second stint as an assistant coach at Pitt. Along with head coach Jamie Dixon, Sandle came to the University of Pittsburgh in 1999. Sandle's primary responsibilities include overseeing guard play and scouting opponents.

Sandle has played a key role in helping lead Pitt Basketball to national prominence. Since Sandle arrived back at Pitt in 2003, the Panthers have compiled a 132-40 record and .767 winning percentage, won a Big East regular season title (2003-04), captured a Big East Championship title in 2008 and advanced to five straight NCAA Tournaments. In 2003-04, the Panthers set a school record with a 31-5 mark, captured the Big East regular season title and advanced to NCAA Sweet Sixteen play. Pitt finished 25-8, earned a berth in the Big East Championship final and advanced to its fifth straight NCAA Tournament in 2005-06. In 2006-07, the Panthers went 29-8, advanced to the NCAA Sweet Sixteen and appeared in their sixth

consecutive NCAA Tournament. In 2007-08, Pitt overcame several injuries to finish 27-10 and win its second all-time Big East Championship title.

Sandle came back to Pitt from UCLA, where he served as an assistant basketball coach from 2001-03. At UCLA, Sandle helped guide the Bruins to an NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance and 20-plus win season under Steve Lavin in 2001-02. During his tenure, he assisted in the development of NBA players Dan Gadzuric, Matt Barnes and Jason Kapono.

"We're fortunate to have Pat Sandle at the University of Pittsburgh," Head Coach Jamie Dixon said. "Pat and I have known each other for a number of years. From the start, he was instrumental in building this program."

During a five-year coaching tenure with Dixon on Ben Howland's staffs at both Pitt and Northern Arizona (1996-99), Sandle has been responsible for guard play, scouting, conditioning and player development, on-campus recruiting and academic progress. He also served as director of the school's summer basketball camps. During

Sandle's 2000-01 season on Pitt's staff, the Panthers advanced to the National Invitation Tournament, their first postseason appearance in four years. While at Northern Arizona, the Lumberjacks enjoyed their most successful three-year period in school history (63-23, .733), won back-to-back Big Sky Conference title and advanced to the 1997 NIT and 1998 NCAA Tournament.

Sandle owns 22 years of coaching experience, including 11 seasons at the NCAA Division I level. He has served NCAA Division I stints at Pitt (1999-2001, 2003-current), UCLA (2001-03), Northern Arizona (1996-99), Fresno State (1991-92) and Saint Mary's College, Calif. (1990-91). Additionally, Sandle has coached at Sonoma State (1994-

96), Santa Barbara City College (1989-90), Skyline (Calif.) Junior College (1987-88) and Cuesta College (1986-87). He also coached two stints at San Rafael (Calif.) High School in 1988-89 and from 1992-94.

A standout at San Francisco State University from 1982-84, Sandle is a member of the school's athletic hall of fame. A two-time All-California North Conference selection, Sandle is the school's all-time career assist leader and ranks third in career steals (120). He also held the single-

season assists record for seven years with 138 in 1983-84.

Sandle began his basketball career at Los Angeles Crenshaw High School while playing for legendary prep coach Willie West. As a six-foot-one-inch senior guard, Sandle helped lead Crenshaw to back-to-back Los Angeles city championships.

Sandle was a standout junior college performer at Cuesta College (1980-82), earning All-California and All-North Coast Conference honors. He played his final two seasons at San Francisco State (1982-84), where he earned his undergraduate degree in communications in 1987.

Sandle is the father of newborn twins Kruz and Pierre.

THE PAT SANDLE FILE

- **Hometown:** Los Angeles, Calif.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts-Communications, San Francisco State, 1987; Los Angeles Crenshaw High School, 1980.
- **Coaching Career**
Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2003-current; Assistant Coach, UCLA, 2001-03; Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 1999-01; Assistant Coach, Northern Arizona University, 1996-99; Assistant Coach, Sonoma State University, 1994-96; Assistant Coach, San Rafael High School, 1992-94; Assistant Coach, Fresno State University, 1991-92; Assistant Coach, St. Mary's College, 1989-90; Assistant Coach, Santa Barbara City College, 1989-90; Assistant Coach, San Rafael High School, 1988-89; Assistant Coach, Skyline Junior College, 1987-88; Assistant Coach, Cuesta Junior College, 1986-87.
- **Playing Career**
San Francisco State, 1980-82
Member of SFSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cuesta College, 1980-82
All-California Junior College and All-North Coast California honoree.





BRANDIN KNIGHT

ASSISTANT COACH

Pittsburgh '05 ■ Third Season at Pitt

Former University of Pittsburgh star Brandin Knight begins his first year as an assistant basketball coach at Pitt. Knight is in his third season on Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon's coaching staff after serving the 2006-07 year as its Program Assistant/Video Coordinator and the 2007-08 season as Director of Men's Basketball Operations.

In his new role as an assistant coach, Knight is responsible for recruiting student-athletes, scouting opponents, game preparation and on-floor coaching.

"Brandin has always been a tremendous asset for our program," Dixon said. "As a player, Brandin proved to be a coach on the floor and he has developed through the years into an outstanding basketball coach. He has been a terrific role model for our players and he was instrumental in turning our program around. In addition, he has always remained loyal to Pitt."

Following his Pitt career, Knight played two seasons with the NBDL's Asheville Altitude. He helped lead the Altitude to back-to-back league titles in both 2003-04 and 2004-05. In 2005, he signed a contract with the NBA's Houston Rockets, but suffered a knee injury two weeks later. Knight spent the following two years in Pittsburgh rehabbing the injury.

Knight has coached several AAU teams, including a squad that captured the Under-16 Pittsburgh Jamfest title in 2006.

A Pitt point guard from 1999-2003, Knight's leadership was largely responsible for Pitt's recent basketball renaissance. The transformation of Pitt's basketball program into a national power can be traced directly through Knight who led the dramatic turnaround. Pitt finished 13-15 during his freshman year, improved to 19-14 with a surprise Big East

Championship Finals appearance and NIT berth as a sophomore, then burst onto the national stage with a 29-6 record, Big East West regular season title, national top-10 ranking and NCAA Sweet Sixteen berth during his junior season in 2001-02. As a senior in 2002-03, Knight's Panthers maintained that success with a 28-5 record, co-Big East West title and second straight NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance.

In the end, Knight helped lead Pitt to two consecutive Big East regular season titles (2001-02 and 2002-03), two NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances (2002 and 2003), the program's first-ever Big East Tournament title (2003), three consecutive appearances in the Big East Tournament final (2001, 2002, and 2003) and an 89-40 (.690) four-year record. A 2003 Wooden All-America team selection, 2002 Associated Press All-America team member and two-time All-Big East

honoree, Knight concluded his career with 1,440 points, 785 assists, 492 rebounds and 298 steals. He earned the Big East's co-Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Player awards in 2001-02. Knight still holds school records for career assists (785), career assist average (6.2 apg.), career steals (298), season assists (251 in 2001-02) and season minutes played (1,284 in 2001-02).

Knight, who graduated with a History degree from Pitt in June, 2005, is a native of East Orange, N.J. His brother Brevin is a member of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers and was a consensus All-America point guard at Stanford (1994-97). His father Melvin is a former Seton Hall assistant basketball coach (1978-82) and player (1968-71) who currently serves as basketball coach and athletic director at Essex County College in New Jersey.

Knight resides in Pittsburgh.



Pitt point guards present and past: LeVance Fields and Brandin Knight.

THE BRANDIN KNIGHT FILE

- **Birthdate:** December 16, 1981.
- **Hometown:** East Orange, N.J.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts-History, University of Pittsburgh, 2005; Seton Hall Prep, 1999.
- **Coaching Career**
Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-current; Director of Men's Basketball Operations, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-08; Program Assistant/Video Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh, 2006-07.
- **Playing Career**
University of Pittsburgh, 1999-2003
Four-year starter at point guard; scored 1,440 points, finished with 785 assists, 492 rebounds and 298 steals; Pitt's school recordholder in career assists (785), career assist average (6.2), career steals (298), season assists (251) and season minutes played (1,284); selected to the 2003 Wooden All-America team, 2002 AP All-America and a two-time All-Big East team member; named the Big East Most Valuable Player and Most Improved Player in 2001-02; guided Pitt to its first-ever Big East Tournament title in 2003, two NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances (2002 and 2003) and back-to-back Big East regular season titles in 2001-02 and 2002-03; compiled four-year record of 89-40.

Asheville Altitude, 2003-05
Guided the Altitude to back-to-back NBDL titles in both 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Houston Rockets, 2005



BRIAN REGAN

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Saint Vincent '88 ■ Second Season at Pitt

A native of Pittsburgh's Northside, Brian Regan is in his first season as the University of Pittsburgh's Director of Men's Basketball Operations. Regan's association with the Pitt Basketball program goes back more than 30 years when he first attended the "Play Basketball Day Camps," directed by former Pitt coach Tim Grgurich. He begins his second year on the Pitt Basketball Coaching Staff after serving the 2007-08 campaign as its Video Coordinator.

As Director of Men's Basketball Operations, Regan's various responsibilities include day-to-day operations of the men's basketball program, serving as a liaison to athletic department officials and coordinating the student-athletes' practice, game-day and daily schedules. He also coordinates the program's summer camp schedule and monitors academic progress.

"We are excited to promote Brian to our Director of Operations position," Pitt Head Coach Jamie Dixon said. "Brian has proved to be a valuable part of our program and has played a key role in our success. He brings with him extensive experience at several different levels. He is also thrilled to be working at Pitt and in his hometown of Pittsburgh."

Regan has a combined 20 years of college coaching experience. He

spent five seasons (2002-07) as an assistant basketball coach at Colgate University under Head Coach Emmett Davis. As a top assistant at Colgate, Regan's responsibilities included recruiting, scouting and coordinating the Raiders' summer basketball day and elite prospect camps. He also served as academic coordinator for the program.

Prior to his stint at Colgate, Regan served three years (1999-2002) as an associate head coach at Assumption College under Head Coach Tom Ackerman. In 2001-02, Assumption posted one of its most successful seasons in school history, advancing to the NCAA Division II Tournament Sweet Sixteen, capturing the Northeast-10 regular season championship and compiling a 24-6 record. All accomplishments were achieved after the Greyhounds were picked to finish dead last in the league's preseason coaches' poll. Three of Regan's recruits played key roles in that success, including league defensive player of the year Shahar Golan, All-America selection and league rookie of the year Brian Robinson and first team all-conference pick Shane O'Donoghue.

Regan is no stranger to the Western Pennsylvania coaching ranks after having served assistant coaching stints at Slippery Rock

University (1994-99), LaRoche College (1993-94) and Robert Morris University (1990-93). During his tenure at Robert Morris, the Colonials won the Northeast Conference title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1992 before dropping their first round matchup to UCLA in Tempe, Ariz. At Robert Morris, Regan oversaw guard play including Northeast Conference Player of the Year and Aliquippa native Myron Walker.

Regan began his college coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at Pitt, serving two seasons (1988-90) under Head Coach Paul Evans. He helped guide the Panthers to a 17-13 record and NCAA Tournament berth in 1989.

One of six siblings, Regan and his brothers regularly attended the Pitt basketball camps. Two of his

brothers served as Pitt ballboys and both went on to compete collegiately at New York University. His father, the late "Baldy" Regan, served as a Pittsburgh city councilman.

A 1988 graduate of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., Regan earned his degree in communications. At Saint Vincent, he worked as a student under legendary coach Bernie Matthews. Regan also attended the Kiski School in Saltsburg, Pa.

A member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Basketball Coaches Association of New York and Western Pennsylvania Coaches Association, he earned the NABC's 15-year merit award for service.

Regan resides in Pittsburgh with his wife Catherine and daughter Sophia.

THE BRIAN REGAN FILE

- **Birthdate:** August 13, 1965.
- **Hometown:** Pittsburgh, Pa. (Northside).
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts-Communications, Saint Vincent College (Latrobe, Pa.), 1988; Kiski School (Saltsburg, Pa.), 1984.
- **Family:** Wife Catherine and daughter Sophia.
- **Coaching Career**
Director of Men's Basketball Operations, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-current; Video Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-08; Assistant Coach, Colgate University, 2002-07; Associate Head Coach, Assumption College, 1999-2002; Assistant Coach, Slippery Rock University, 1994-99; Assistant Coach, LaRoche College, 1993-94; Assistant Coach, Robert Morris University, 1990-93; Graduate Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 1988-90.





BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



TONY SALESI
**COORDINATOR FOR ATHLETIC
 TRAINING FOR OLYMPIC SPORTS**

Pitt's athletic trainer and team confidant, Tony Salesi begins his 23rd season as a member of the Panthers' basketball staff. He was appointed Coordinator for Athletic Training for Olympic Sports in 2005.

A 1980 University of Pittsburgh graduate, Salesi began his athletic training career at Frazier High School. He then served three years as a head trainer for the Keystone Rehabilitation Center in Indiana, Pa., working with the IUP football team.

Salesi, who earned his Master's degree from Miami University (Ohio) in 1981, returned to his alma mater in August of 1986, when he was appointed a clinical instructor for the University of Pittsburgh sports medicine department and head trainer for the Panthers men's basketball, soccer and tennis teams.

In addition to his basketball responsibilities, Salesi serves as the Coordinator of Clinical Services for Olympics Sports.

Born April 9, 1957, Salesi and his wife Kathleen (Pitt grad, MBA '85) have five children: Lauren Ashley (21), who is a Pitt junior, Andrew Louis (20), Anthony Alexander (18), Matthew Aaron (15) and Joseph William (10).



DR. ROBIN WEST
TEAM PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robin West begins her sixth season of service as a team physician and orthopaedic surgeon with the University of Pittsburgh Athletic Department and men's basketball team. An assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Dr. West also serves as head team physician at Carnegie Mellon and as an assistant team physician for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Dr. West earned her bachelor's degree in biology at The Johns Hopkins University and went on to receive her M.D. from George Washington University. While at George Washington, Dr. West completed her surgical internship and orthopaedic surgery residency. She worked with the GW men's basketball team and supervised care of several District of Columbia high school football teams. She completed her training with a sports medicine and shoulder fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh.

Born and raised in Santa Monica, Calif., Dr. West competed on the Santa Monica High School Swim Team and advanced to the California State Swimming Finals. Dr. West and her husband, Mark have a three-year old daughter Jordan Paige West.



MIKE FARABAUGH
**DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT
 SERVICES FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**

Mike Farabaugh is in his 16th year at Academic Support Service for Student-Athletes. As Director, Farabaugh oversees the operation of the academic support program that assists the academic and personal development for the student-athletes. In addition, Farabaugh also serves as the liaison between the academic and athletic community concerning the interests of student-athletes.

His career in Academic Support began in 1990 as a graduate student, overseeing the math and science program. After a two-year stint as a graduate student, Farabaugh moved into a permanent role in the department as a learning skills specialist for the unit.

In his current capacity as Director, Farabaugh serves as the academic counselor for the men's basketball team, providing the necessary services and resources to the student-athletes and coaches. Farabaugh is also responsible for the coordination of the mathematics and science program for the unit.

Over the years, Farabaugh has conducted numerous time management, study skills, communication skills and goal setting workshops and seminars in academic settings.

A 1987 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Farabaugh went on to receive his master's degree in 1992. In addition to his duties at the University, Farabaugh also serves on the learning disabilities and Two-Year college committee with the National Association of Athletic Advisors as well as previously acting as the chair of the research committee.



RASHEEN DAVIS
VIDEO COORDINATOR

Rasheen Davis begins his first year with the Pitt men's basketball program as its Video Coordinator.

Davis arrives at Pitt with a diverse coaching background both at the collegiate and high school levels. He served the 2007-08 season as a program assistant for the men's basketball team at the University of Louisville. Among his many duties, Davis assisted in opponent scouting and film breakdown, monitored on-campus recruiting efforts and facilitated the program's daily schedules.

Prior to his stint at Louisville, Davis served as the assistant boy's varsity basketball coach at national power Rice High School in New York City for two seasons (2005-07) under coach Maurice Hicks. During his two seasons at Rice, the program captured back-to-back New York State Archdiocesan championships and one city title in 2005-06, totaled a combined 57-9 overall record and finished both seasons ranked among the nation's top-25 teams. Additionally, he worked extensively with the New York Gauchos AAU Basketball program, assisting Coach Dwayne Mitchell with the Under-17 boy's team for three years. Combining his high school coaching tenure, Davis has coached one McDonald's All-American, three Jordan Brand National All-Americans and six Jordan Brand Regional All-Americans.

Davis worked three years as an assistant coach at his alma mater St. Thomas Aquinas College (2002-05) in Sparkill, N.Y. where he played for two years and coached under 500-game winner Dennis O'Donnell. He earned a bachelor's degree in social science from STA in 2002.

A Bronx, N.Y. native, Davis earned a Master's degree in guidance and counseling from the College of New Rochelle (N.Y.) in 2005.

Davis has one son, Isaiah Davis (5).



BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



TIM BELTZ
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING
COORDINATOR

Tim Beltz begins his ninth season as a strength and conditioning coach for the Pitt men's basketball program. Beltz also serves as the strength coach for the Pitt women's basketball, baseball and softball squads.

Originally from Denver, Colo., Beltz attended the University of Northern Colorado where he earned his bachelor's degree in exercise physiology in 1995. Upon graduation, Beltz began working as an operations manager at the Amelia Wellness Center in Amelia Island, Fla. While in Florida, he additionally served as a consultant for competitive triathletes for two years.

Beltz returned to school to earn a master's degree in exercise physiology, from Akron in 1998. During his two year-stint at Akron, he began competing as an Olympic weightlifter. Beltz was also employed at the Fast Program in Boca Raton, Fla., where he worked with numerous NFL, MLB and NBA athletes. Most notably, he prepared Ron Artest (former St. John's standout) for the 1999 NBA Draft. Beltz also assisted the Toronto Raptors strength coach and developed weight training programs for the team.

Beltz is married to the former Trish Andrews, a 1994 University of Pittsburgh graduate. The couple has a daughter Alyssa and son T.J.



GREG HOTCHKISS
MEDIA RELATIONS
DIRECTOR

Greg Hotchkiss is in his seventh year at the University of Pittsburgh as its Media Relations Director and men's basketball contact. Hotchkiss owns 13 years of athletic media relations experience at four different schools and two professional organizations.

Prior to Pittsburgh, Hotchkiss worked at the University of Florida (2000-2002) as an assistant SID where he served as the media contact for the nationally ranked Gator baseball team, assisted with publicity for the Gator football squad and oversaw aspects of the office including UF's nationally acclaimed SID internship program.

Hotchkiss has also served assistant SID stints at Duke (1999-2000) and Texas Tech (1997-99). Hotchkiss worked the 1996-97 year in the Florida SID office where he worked closely with the 1996 national champion/SEC champion Florida football squad and assisted in the day-to-day publicity for Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel. He has also served internships with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, the NBA's Indiana Pacers (1994-95) and at the University of Michigan. Hotchkiss has won a total of 16 national publication awards at four different schools.



BRIAN BRIGGER
EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Brian Brigger begins his second season as equipment manager for the Pitt men's basketball program. Brigger is responsible for the day-to-day equipment operations of both the men's and women's basketball teams as well as several Olympic sports. His duties include distributing practice gear, game uniforms and equipment for the student-athletes and coaching staff.

Brigger is in his fourth year at the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to arriving at Pitt, Brigger served equipment internships at both the University of Central Florida (2004-05) and William & Mary (2005). At UCF, Brigger was primarily responsible for the Knights baseball team.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Brigger earned a sports management degree from Xavier University in 2004. At Xavier he served as a men's basketball manager for four years under coaches Skip Prosser and Thad Matta.

Brigger has completed three marathons.



BETH SCHOEDEL
MEN'S BASKETBALL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

HEAD STUDENT MANAGERS

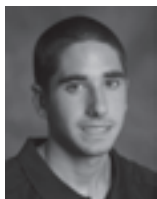
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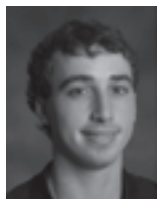
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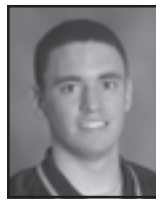
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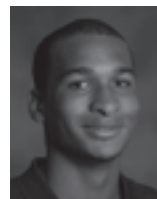
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