



COACHES

TURNING THE CORNER WITH

Pat Kennedy

HEAD COACH

King's College (Pa.), '75

29th Season Overall, 5th at Towson

The Tigers are turning the corner on their drive to higher ground in the Colonial Athletic Association with Pat Kennedy at the wheel. It's time to buckle up because he's making the move that puts Towson into the fast lane.

When Pat arrived for the 2004-05 year he assumed command of a program that was resting at the bottom of the CAA. In four years he has lifted the Tigers to the middle of the pack. The last two years in particular demonstrate how far he has brought them in a league that has sent a pair of its teams to the NCAA Tournament two out of the last three years, including one Final Four appearance in 2006.

In the last two years the Tigers have posted 28 wins, the most in two consecutive seasons in 12 years. This past season, as his teams continue to create an exciting atmosphere for basketball in the Towson Center, the Tigers won 11 home games, the most in 14 years, and in the process set an all-time home attendance record by a margin of almost 4,500 fans.

Towson's progress under Kennedy's leadership has been gained at a steady pace. It hasn't been the sprint Tiger basketball fans hoped for when Pat was first hired due mainly to the competitiveness of the league. Other Baltimore metropolitan schools have earned a ticket to the Big Dance. But they don't slug their way through the CAA each year.

Towson competes in the toughest league of any Division I school in town. The CAA's Ratings Percentage Index is 13, ahead of the MEAC (Morgan State and Coppin State) at 30th, America East (UMBC) at 26th, Northeast (Mt. St. Mary's) at 23rd, the MAAC (Loyola) at 17th and the Patriot (Navy) at 16th. Towson's former league, the Big South, is 27th.

Each of Pat's prior coaching assignments presented him with challenges too. He cleared all the hurdles at Iona, Florida State, DePaul and Montana, leading teams to eight NCAA Tournament appearances and five National Invitation Tournaments.

His Seminoles advanced to the 1993 NCAA Elite Eight and the 1987 NIT championship game. Eleven of his former players went on to the NBA, including Sam Cassell, a local Baltimore product from the





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Winningest Active NCAA Division I Coaches

(Prior to start of 2007-08 Season)

1.	Mike Kyzyszewski, Duke	803	33
2.	Lute Olson, Arizona	799	35
3.	Jim Calhoun, Connecticut	774	36
4.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	771	32
5.	Bob Huggins, West Virginia	616	31
6.	Tom Penders, Houston	608	34
7.	Gary Williams, Maryland	604	30
8.	Homer Drew, Valparaiso	593	31
9.	Roy Williams, North Carolina	560	20
10.	Ben Braun, Rice	558	31
11.	Bo Ryan, Wisconsin	556	24
12.	Pat Douglass, California Irvine	547	29
13.	Cliff Ellis, Coastal Carolina	547	28
14.	Larry Hunter, Western Carolina	543	28
15.	Rick Byrd, Belmont	541	27
16.	Rick Pitino, Louisville	521	22
17.	Bobby Cremins, College of Charleston	492	27
18.	John Beilein, Michigan	486	26
19.	Dave Bike, Sacred Heart	463	30
20.	Pat Kennedy, Towson	462	28
21.	Stew Morrill, Utah State	455	22
22.	Rick Barnes, Texas	449	22
23.	Rick Majerus, St. Louis	438	21
24.	Don Maestri, Troy	433	26
25.	L. Vann Pettaway, Alabama A&M	421	21

storied Dunbar High School program. Countless others have enjoyed successful careers overseas. A number of his former assistants are now head coaches themselves.

His first season at Towson was a bust in terms of the record - a career low 6 wins (one was a forfeit) against a career high 24 losses. Despite the dismal results, however, Pat and his staff scored big off the court.

Those behind-the-scene efforts paid huge dividends in year two. The Tigers rose from the ashes of the CAA's last place to finish seventh in a league that expanded to 12 schools and sent four of its teams (two to the NCAA, two to the NIT) into post-season play. Towson was the most improved team in the CAA for the 2005-06 regular season with a plus seven.

In year three Pat directed the Tigers to 15 victories, the most in a single season for them in 11 years. The Tigers were 9-5 in the Towson Center, their best home record in seven years.

Last year Towson advanced to the CAA quarterfinals for a second straight year. Towson was the best in the league in turnover margin (+2.03) and in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.21). The Tigers finished 12th nationally in turnovers per game.

Pat has been a Division I head coach practically his entire career. After two years as an assistant at Iona, he was hired to replace his mentor, the legendary Jim Valvano, as the Gaels head coach. Pat has never been anything but a Division I head coach since. He remains one of only six active college coaches to serve at least 28 consecutive years as a Division I head coach.

Kennedy stands 20th among all active Division I coaches with his 462 career victories. Those wins place him at the top of the CAA coaches' list.

There isn't a level of Division I college basketball he hasn't coached on, from the MAAC while at Iona, to the Metro Conference and Atlantic Coast Conference at Florida State, through Conference USA at DePaul to the Big Sky at Montana.

Now he finds himself in the CAA where Towson's conference record is 37-89 after seven years in the league. Over half of those wins, 23, have been earned under Kennedy.

Pat's previous 28 years have been more kind to him than not, leaving him with much success and little disappointment to overcome.

The 2004-05 season was Pat's first at Towson. And, it was his most dismal ever. The Tigers struggled to a 5-24 record, their second worst in 25 seasons as a Division I school.

Because he wasn't hired until the spring, Pat was able to bring in just two recruits, a junior college transfer point guard that started 23 of 28 games, and a freshman wing who averaged just 5.9 minutes in 22 games. Three of the returning veterans, with a combined 94 career starts, were sidelined with knee injuries. One of those vets was a 6-10 center who was a member of the CAA's All-Defensive Team for leading the league in blocked shots the year before. That trio played a total of 205 minutes for the entire 2004-05 season.

Midway in the season a fourth player who was starting on the wing went down with a knee injury, missing eight games and forcing Kennedy to play a walk-on in his stead. The Tigers never recovered from that final blow, losing the last 13 games of the season.

But if one factor has loomed larger than any other in Pat's career, it has been his ability to recruit. His last three incoming groups are testimony to that fact.

Kennedy was introduced to coaching by Ed Donohue while he was an undergraduate attending King's College of Pa. on a basketball scholarship. After two years on the Monarchs' squad, Donohue coaxed Pat out of his uniform to coach King's junior varsity, which he did to a 17-4 record. In his senior year Kennedy was elevated to the top assistant on the varsity. From that point on Pat knew what he wanted to do in his life - coach college basketball.

After graduating from King's in 1975, Kennedy took a similar position at Lehigh for one year. Then the Keyport, N.J. native joined the late Jim Valvano's staff at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y. He served two years as Valvano's assistant. After the 1979-80 season, Valvano moved on to North Carolina State. Kennedy moved up and became the Gaels' head coach at the age of 28.

In six seasons at Iona, Pat led the Gaels to a 124-60 record, two trips to the NCAA Tournament and two NIT appearances. His very first career victory, an upset over South Carolina, was an indication of what was ahead.

Iona posted a 15-14 record in Kennedy's first year. The next four were all 20 plus win seasons and included two NIT appearances plus two trips to the NCAA tournament. He became just the fourth coach in NCAA Division I history to win 100 games in his first five seasons as a head coach.

One of his finest teams was the 1983-84 squad that posted a 23-8 record. That performance put him into the NCAA Tournament for the first time as a head coach. It also earned him his first recognition; the New York Metro Area Coach of the Year. The following year his

Coach Kennedy vs. All Opponents

Opponent	W	L	Opponent	W	L	Opponent	W	L	Opponent	W	L
Alabama	1	0	George Mason	0	6	Montana Tech	2	0	Samford	3	0
Alabama Birmingham	2	3	George Washington	2	2	Morgan State	5	1	San Francisco	0	1
Alabama State	5	0	Georgetown	1	2	Mt. St. Mary's	1	0	Seton Hall	1	0
Alaska-Anchorage	2	1	Georgia State	4	3	Murray State	0	1	Siena	2	1
Alcorn State	1	0	Georgia Tech	8	5	Navy	0	1	South Alabama	2	0
American	1	2	Gonzaga	1	2	Nebraska	0	1	South Carolina	10	5
Arizona	0	1	Great Falls	1	0	Nevada Las Vegas	0	4	South Carolina-Spartanburg	1	0
Arizona State	1	0	Hardin Simmons	1	0	New Mexico	0	1	Southeast Missouri State	2	0
Arkansas	1	1	Hartford	1	0	New Orleans	4	2	South Florida	10	5
Arkansas Little Rock	1	0	Hofstra	4	7	Niagara	3	0	Southern	1	0
Army	13	2	Holy Cross	6	4	Nicholls State	1	0	Southern California	1	0
Assumption	1	0	Houston	3	1	Norfolk State	1	1	Southern Illinois	0	1
Auburn	1	3	Howard	2	0	North Carolina	4	12	Southern Mississippi	10	4
Bethune-Cookman	1	0	Idaho	1	0	North Carolina Asheville	1	0	Southern Utah	1	0
Boston Univ.	3	1	Idaho State	5	1	North Carolina Central	1	0	Southwest Louisiana	1	0
Brown	1	0	Illinois	0	1	North Carolina Charlotte	6	8	Stanford	1	0
Bucknell	2	2	Illinois-Chicago	1	0	North Carolina Greensboro	2	0	Stetson	5	0
Butler	1	0	Indiana	0	3	North Carolina State	9	7	Syracuse	1	7
California	1	1	Iowa	0	1	North Carolina Wilmington	3	4	Temple	3	3
Cal State Northridge	0	1	Iowa State	1	0	Northeastern	3	3	Tennessee	2	2
Canisius	0	1	Jackson State	0	1	Northern Arizona	0	4	Tennessee-Chattanooga	1	0
CCNY	1	0	Jacksonville	8	1	Northern Illinois	2	0	Tennessee State	1	1
Central Connecticutw	1	0	James Madison	6	3	Northern Iowa	0	1	Texas	0	1
Central Florida	5	0	Kansas	0	5	Northwestern	1	1	Texas Christian	0	1
Chaminade	1	0	Kansas State	0	1	Notre Dame	0	1	Texas-Pan American	1	0
Charleston	1	1	Kentucky	0	1	Ohio	0	1	Texas Southern	1	0
Chicago State	4	0	Lafayette	2	1	Ohio State	1	1	Tulane	9	4
Cincinnati	8	14	La Salle	5	4	Oklahoma	0	2	UCLA	0	3
Clemson	9	4	Lehigh	2	0	Old Dominion	0	6	UMBC	3	1
Connecticut	3	2	Lewis	1	0	Pace	2	0	Utica	1	0
Dartmouth	0	1	Long Island	2	1	Penn	0	1	Valdosta State	1	0
Dayton	0	4	Louisiana Tech	1	1	Penn State	2	0	Vanderbilt	0	2
Delaware	6	4	Louisville	4	21	Pepperdine	0	1	Vermont	1	1
Denver	1	1	Loyola (Ill.)	0	1	Pittsburgh	0	1	Villanova	0	1
DePaul	1	1	Loyola (Md.)	3	1	Portland State	2	2	Virginia	4	9
Detroit	2	0	Loyola Marymount	1	1	Purdue	0	1	Virginia Commonwealth	1	7
Detroit Mercy	1	0	Maine	2	0	Radford	1	0	Virginia Tech	8	3
Drexel	2	6	Manhattan	10	1	Rhode Island	2	0	VMI	1	1
Duke	2	12	Marist	3	1	Rice	1	0	Wagner	3	0
Duquesne	2	2	Marquette	2	12	Rider	1	0	Wake Forest	6	7
East Carolina	2	0	Maryland	5	9	Robert Morris	2	0	Washington State	1	2
Eastern Washington	1	3	Maryland Eastern Shore	1	0	Rutgers	0	1	Weber State	1	3
Elon	1	0	Massachusetts	1	1	Sacramento State	3	2	Western Carolina	1	0
Evansville	1	0	Memphis State	8	11	Sacred Heart	1	0	Western Kentucky	1	1
Fairfield	12	2	Mercer	1	0	St. Bonaventure	1	3	West Virginia	1	0
Fairleigh-Dickinson	0	1	Miami	2	2	St. Francis (N.Y.)	2	0	Wichita State	0	2
Florida	8	8	Michigan	0	1	St. Francis (Pa.)	1	0	William & Mary	4	3
Florida Atlantic	2	0	Michigan State	1	1	St. John's	1	1	Winston-Salem	1	0
Florida A&M	1	0	Middle Tennessee	0	1	St. Joseph's	1	0	Wisconsin Green Bay	1	0
Florida International	6	0	Missouri	1	2	St. Leo's	2	0	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	0	1
Florida Southern	1	0	Monmouth	4	0	St. Louis	5	6	Xavier	0	1
Florida State	1	1	Montana	1	0	St. Mary's (Calif.)	1	0	Youngstown State	1	0
Fordham	14	3	Montana State	2	2	St. Peter's	9	5		462	385



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Kennedy Ranks 6th Nationally in Tenure

Pat Kennedy is one of only six active college basketball coaches who have served at least 26 consecutive seasons as a Division I head coach. Connecticut's Jim Calhoun leads the way with 35 straight years at a Division I helm. Pat, who is in his 29th consecutive year (Iona 1980-86, Florida State 1986-97, DePaul 1997-02, Montana 2002-04, Towson 2004-present) is sixth. In addition to that list, Pat is 13th among active Division I coaches in most seasons as a head coach (28) and 11th among that group for most games coached (847).

1. Jim Calhoun (Connecticut)	36 Yrs.
2. Lute Olson (Arizona)	35 Yrs.
3. Mike Krzyzewski (Duke)	33 Yrs.
4. Jim Boeheim (Syracuse)	32 Yrs.
5. Gary Williams (Maryland)	30 Yrs.
6. Pat Kennedy (Towson)	28 Yrs.

Gaels were 26-5 and made another trip to the NCAA Tournament.

Kennedy was a Heineken Award recipient, an honor symbolic of excellence in college coaching. He followed Valvano, St. John's Lou Carneseca and North Carolina's Dean Smith as an honoree of the prestigious award.

Over 95 percent of his recruits at Iona graduated. USAToday cited Kennedy's program at Iona as having one of the most outstanding graduation rates in college athletics.

While at Iona, Pat developed a penchant for administration, serving five years in the dual role of head basketball coach and associate athletics director. He was also president of the MAAC Coaches' Association and a member of the NCAA Tournament Selection Committee for the Eastern Region.

Kennedy resigned his position at Iona following the 1985-86 season to accept the head coach's job at Florida State. Prior to his arrival, the Seminoles had made only four trips to the NCAA tournament in the previous 39 seasons. During Kennedy's 11 years at the Tallahassee school, FSU appeared in the NCAA tournament five times, reaching the Sweet Sixteen in 1992 and the Elite Eight in 1993.

The NIT figured into FSU's post-season history as well while Pat was at the helm. In his first season Florida State advanced to the NIT second round. In his last season the Seminoles were 20-12. They reached the NIT finals where they eventually bowed to Michigan.

Up until Kennedy's arrival at Florida State, the Seminoles had never won a conference championship - regular season or postseason. In 1990-91, FSU's last year in the Metro Conference, the Seminoles cleared that hurdle by winning the school's first post-season tournament with a stunning comeback victory against Louisville.

During his tenure at FSU, Pat engineered the Seminoles' transition from the Metro Conference to the Atlantic Coast Conference. In 1992 the Seminoles made their ACC debut, finishing with an impressive 22-10 record that included an 11-5 league mark, good enough for a second place finish behind eventual national champion Duke. FSU went to the NCAA tournament where it beat Montana and Georgetown before suffering a Sweet Sixteen loss to Indiana.

The following year, Kennedy's seventh with the Seminoles, Florida State won a school record 25 games. The 11th-ranked Seminoles (they had been ranked as high as 6th) beat Evansville, Tulane and Western Kentucky to advance to the NCAA regional championship where the best season in Florida State history ended with a loss to Kentucky.

After achieving a 202-131 record at Florida State, Pat left the



Coach Kennedy and the late Jim Valvano, his predecessor at Iona

Tallahassee campus to accept the task of rebuilding the basketball program at DePaul in Chicago. The year before he arrived (1996-97) the Blue Demons were 3-23.

The 1997-98 season was dismal. The Blue Demons were 7-23. But they opened the campaign with a victory that stopped a 13-game DePaul losing streak. They also beat Memphis and UAB, which were the first and second place finishers in Conference USA's National Division. Both were road wins.

The following year Kennedy rallied DePaul to the biggest one-season turnaround in its history. The Blue Demons finished with an 18-13 record and participated in the NIT, downing Northwestern before bowing to California in a one-point loss.

The turnaround continued in 1999-2000 when the Blue Demons posted a 21-12 record. They returned to the NCAA tournament for the first time in eight years where they were beaten in overtime by Kansas.

Over a two year period Pat was faced with a situation he had never experienced - players leaving early for the NBA. Five of his Blue Demons opted to end their college careers for the professional ranks, including first round picks Quentin Richardson and Steven Hunter. Additionally, high school star Eddy Curry, who had made a verbal commitment to DePaul, opted to enter the draft and was selected fourth overall.

In his final season at the Chicago school, he suspended three of his team's top four scorers for academic reasons. They were eligible by DePaul and NCAA standards, but not by Kennedy's.

After the 2001-02 season, Kennedy resigned from DePaul with a 67-85 record and moved to the Big Sky country, accepting the head coach's job at Montana.

Kennedy coached the Grizzlies to a two-year record of 23-35. He picked up his 400th career victory when Montana downed Portland State 61-49 on January 11, 2003. Montana finished third in the Big Sky Conference in 2004-05 year but won the league's tournament title to earn its sixth appearance in the NCAA Tournament. That

Montana team carried Kennedy's brand. Four of the five starters for the Grizzlies were Pat's recruits. The Grizzlies returned to the NCAA Tournament the following year too.

Pat has never restricted his work in college basketball to coaching. For over a decade he served on the National Association of Basketball Coaches board of directors. He served as the NABC's president during the 2004-05 year. He continued his work in the NABC by serving on its committee for recruiting and access.

He was honored by the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Association with its prestigious 2004 NIT-NABC Coaches Award, presented in conjunction with the National Invitation Tournament.

Kennedy served as president of the men's basketball committees while coaching in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Conference USA and the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.

A passion of Pat's continues to be his work with the Special Olympics. When he met his wife 30 years ago, Jeannie was the assistant executive director for the State of New York Special Olympics. They have maintained their affiliation with the organization and have served as hosts for Summer Games at every school Pat has coached. He has been recognized by the Special Olympics as its Volunteer Man of the Year. Additionally, Pat served as chairman of the March of Dimes in northern Florida during his tenure with the Seminoles.

Joseph Patrick Kennedy is the son of an immigrant father, Joseph William Kennedy who came to this country from Tralee, Ireland. He has never forgotten those roots. He was one of several coaches who raised money for former NBA commissioner Walter Kennedy to build the first basketball arena in Dublin, Ireland. Pat has conducted several tours of basketball clinics and has lectured throughout Ireland during his coaching career. He was also one of the owners of the Burger Land Team of Cork, one of Ireland's first professional teams.

After attending Red Bank (N.J.) Catholic High School, home of the Fighting Caseys, he completed his undergraduate education at King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a sister school to the University of Notre Dame.

Pat and Jeannie are the parents of a son, Joey, who is a graduate of Northwestern where he played guard for the Wildcats and was a team captain in his senior year, and two daughters, Kimberly and Kathryn.

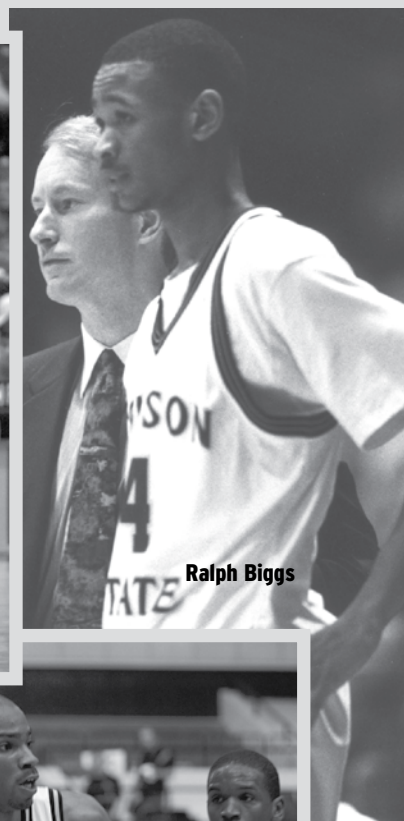
Kennedy Players in the Pros

Tigers in Europe

There are several former Towson Tigers playing professionally in Europe. Two of them played for Coach Kennedy. A third, Ralph Biggs (1994-98), is in his 11th year on the European circuit where he has averaged over 16.0 points per game. Ralph is in his second year in Russia after a lengthy and very successful career in Belgium. Lawrence Hamm (2002-06), a four-year starter and 1,000-point career scorer for the Tigers, is in his first year with USK Praha in the Czech Republic after two seasons with Aris Friesland in The Netherlands where he averaged over 13 points and five rebounds. He was selected as a Dutch All-Star in his first season. The third Tiger playing professionally in the European leagues is Gary Neal (2005-07). While playing for Pinar Karsiyaka Gary led the Turkish League in scoring with a 26.5 average. His contract was purchased by FC Barcelona. He was most recently signed by Benetton Treviso of the Italian Lega A, the most organized basketball program in all of Europe.



Lawrence Hamm



Ralph Biggs



Gary Neal

Career Records For CAA Coaches

Coch/School	All Yrs/CAA Yrs	Career Record
1. Pat Kennedy/Towson	28/4	462-385
2. Tony Shaver/William & Mary	22/5	413-214*
3. Jim Larranaga/George Mason	24/11	404-301#
4. Blaine Taylor/Old Dominion	4/7	278-149
5. Bruiser Flint/Drexel	12/7	204-166
6. Rod Barnes/Georgia State	9/2	150-130
7. Tom Pecora/Hofstra	7/7	115-100
8. Matt Brady/James Madison	4/0	73-50
9. Anthony Grant/VCU	2/2	52-15
10. Benny Moss/UNC Wilmington	2/2	27-35
11. Bill Coen/Northeastern	2/2	27-36
12. Monte Ross/Delaware	2/2	19-43

*Includes a 398-121 record at Division III Hampden-Sydney

#Includes a 26-25 record at Division II American International College



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Kennedy Players in the NBA

Iona College:

Steve Burt

1984-85 Golden State

1987-88 LA Clippers

1991-92 Phoenix

1992-93 Washington

Gary Springer

1984 Draft Pick by

Philadelphia 76ers

Florida State:

Randy Allen

1988-90 Sacramento

1993-96 Houston

1996-97 Dallas/New Jersey

Phoenix

1997-98 New Jersey

1998-99 New Jersey/Milwaukee

1999-03 Milwaukee

2003-05 Minnesota

2005-08 LA Clippers/Boston

Tony Dawson

1990-91 Sacramento

1994-95 Boston

Doug Edwards

1993-95 Atlanta

1995-96 Vancouver

George McCloud

1989-93 Indiana

1994-96 Dallas

1996-97 LA Lakers/Dallas

1997-99 Phoenix

1992-02 Denver

Bob Sura

1995-00 Cleveland

2000-03 Golden State

2003-04 Detroit/Atlanta

2004-05 Houston

Irv Thomas

1990-91 LA Lakers

Charlie Ward

1994-03 New York

2003-04 New York/San Antonio

2004-05 Houston

DePaul:

Andre Brown

2006-07 Seattle

2007-08 Memphis

Steve Hunter

2001-04 Orlando

2004-05 Phoenix

2005-07 Philadelphia

2007-08 Denver

Paul McPherson

2001-01 Phoenix/Golden State

Quentin Richardson

2000-04 LA Clippers

2004-05 Phoenix

2005-08 New York

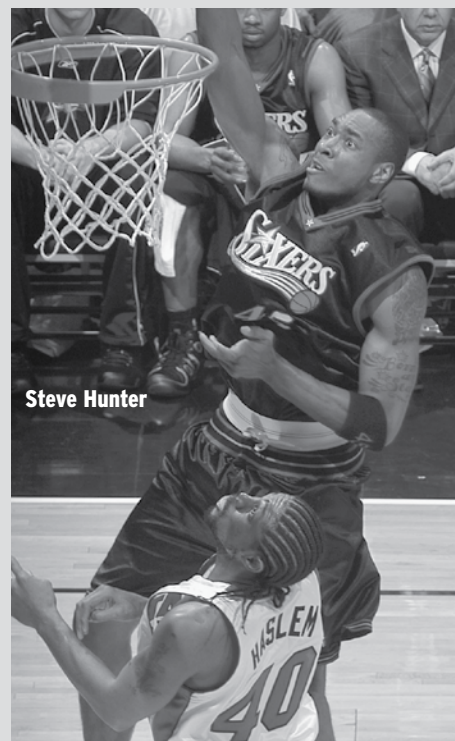
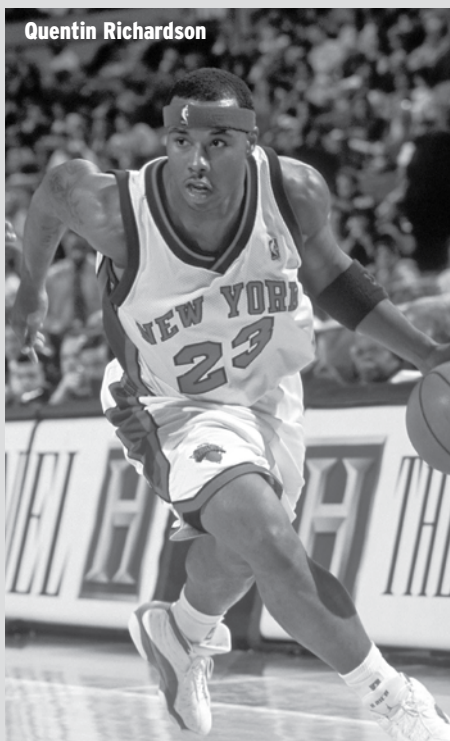
Bobby Simmons

2001-03 Washington

2003-05 LA Clippers

2005-08 Milwaukee

Quentin Richardson



Steve Hunter

Sam Cassell



Bobby Simmons



Assistant Coaches



Eric Skeeters

Assistant Coach
Coppin State, '97 • 5th Season

Upon arriving at Towson head coach Pat Kennedy began assembling his staff. Baltimore native son Eric Skeeters was his first hire.

"Skeets" came to Towson from Virginia Tech where he was an assistant under Seth Greenberg for the 2003-04 season when the Hokies enjoyed their first winning record (15-14) in four years. He left the Blacksburg, Va. school just as it finished recruiting for its first ACC season. The Hokies' incoming class was rated 23rd by Rivals Hoop. Skeets' top recruit, Deron Washington, was named to the ACC All-Rookie team that year.

A 1986 graduate of Woodlawn High School, Skeets got his start as the junior varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at Baltimore's St. Frances Academy from 1992-96 under coach William Wells. While there he coached Mark Karcher, a former standout at Temple who was a 1997 USA TODAY first team All-American, a McDonald's All-American and a two-time Baltimore Sun Player of the Year. In Skeets' final season at St. Frances, the team was 30-4 and ranked 14th nationally in the USA TODAY final poll. The ball-boy for the Panthers that year was Carmelo Anthony, the Big East's Rookie of the Year and the third pick in the 2003 NBA Draft. He and Skeets have maintained a close relationship through the years.

From 1992-96 Skeets served three seasons as an assistant coach to Ron "Fang" Mitchell at Coppin State. With the Eagles, Skeets assisted in all areas for the team and served as Coppin State's chief recruiter. While at Coppin State, Skeets helped the Eagles to a three-year record of 58-30 and three Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference regular-season championships. In 1997, Coppin State earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament where the Eagles scored a huge upset, beating second-seed South Carolina 78-65.

Skeets left Coppin for Youngstown State where he contributed immediately to the Penguins' recruiting. He was responsible for signing Doug Underwood out of Meade High School. Underwood was named to the Horizon League All-Rookie Team and then first team All-Conference.

In 1994 Skeets directed a team called Baltimore's Best to a 56-team tournament championship, the Midwest Future Showdown & Shootout in Columbus, Ohio. His squad beat defending champion New York Riverside, 65-59 for the title. Members of Baltimore's Best included Shawnta Rogers of Lake Clifton, Alphonso Jones of Douglass, Guy Butler of Woodlawn, Tommy Polley of Dunbar (now a linebacker with the New Orleans Saints), Colin Jones of Patterson and Marvis Thornton of Dunbar plus a St. Frances Academy contingent of Karcher, Keon Chavez, Greg Billups and Tavares Graham.

Skeets was awarded a bachelor's in management science from Coppin State in 1997. He earned an associate's degree in 1991 from Catonsville Community College. At Catonsville, he played lacrosse and basketball for two seasons where he led his region in assists in 1990.

He was a standout point guard in basketball and midfielder in lacrosse at Woodlawn High School, earning All-County honors in lacrosse. Skeets played both basketball and lacrosse throughout his competitive career that began as a youngster at St. Mark's School in the Catonsville Midget League. A knee injury that he suffered while at Catonsville C.C. eventually ended his playing career.

Eric and his wife, Marie, a University of Maryland graduate, have two sons, Evan and Miles.





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Assistant Coaches



Jim Meil

Assistant Coach
Lehigh '82 • 18th Season

Jim Meil is in his second stint as an assistant coach at Towson. He was a member of the Tigers' staff for 15 years before continuing his career at the University of Miami and Wagner College. He is in his third year since returning.

A Baltimore native, Jim is a 1978 graduate of The McDonogh School where he was a four-year starter and 1,000-point career scorer for the Eagles under Paul Smith. He was an assistant coach at Towson from 1982 to 1997. He began his association with Towson under Vince Angotti and remained with the program when Terry Truax was hired in 1983.

From 1988 to 1994 Towson posted six straight winning seasons with a record of 112-65 (.633) that included three consecutive East Coast Conference championships, a school record 22-game home win streak and the Tigers' only two trips to the NCAA Division I Tournament.

The success coincided with the appearance of local Baltimore products Kurk Lee, Devin Boyd, Kelly Williamson, Kennell Jones and Terrance Jacobs, among many others, whom Jim was instrumental in recruiting.

Boyd ended his career as Towson's all-time leading scorer with 2,000 points. Lee went on to play in the NBA with the New Jersey Nets before enjoying a lengthy professional career in Finland. Jones was named the league's 1990 Scholar-Athlete of the Year for men's basketball.

Boyd, Lee and Jacobs, another European leaguer, each won the ECC Player of the Year award during their careers. Boyd and Lee are Towson's only Division I players to receive All-American honors.

Towson finished the 1993-94 seasons with a 21-9 record, the Tigers' only 20-win season thus far on the Division I level. In 1995-96 the Tigers were 16-12 to mark the only winning record for Towson in the last 11 seasons.

In 1997, Jim joined Leonard Hamilton's Hurricanes staff as an administrative assistant while earning a Master's degree in sports administration at Miami. The Hurricanes went to the NCAA Tournament both years he was associated with the program.

In 1999, Jim moved on to Wagner where he served on the staff for seven years, four as an assistant coach and the last three as associate head coach. He was an assistant coach for Dereck Whittenburg for four seasons and Mike Deane for three years.

Jim helped the Seahawks win three straight Northeast Conference scoring titles, along with three straight winning seasons, a 2002 NIT berth and the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance in 2003.

Jim is a 1982 graduate of Lehigh where he earned a degree in marketing. He actually got his start in coaching while an undergraduate. After his freshman year, Jim became a student assistant under Brian Hill, who went on to become the head coach of the NBA's Orlando Magic. As a senior, Jim was named head jayvee coach and directed the Engineers to a 12-6 record.



Assistant Coaches



Shaun Morris

Assistant Coach
Lycoming, '05 • 4th Season

Shaun Morris continues to rise through the Towson University ranks with his appointment as assistant men's basketball coach.

"I am very excited about the addition of Shaun as a full-time assistant to our men's basketball program," said head coach Pat Kennedy in making the

announcement. "Over the years I have had a long history and success with seeing young coaches develop to be a positive force in our business. Shaun will be no exception."

Shaun will be in his fourth year with Towson's program. After one year as a volunteer assistant he was named Coordinator of Basketball Operations by Kennedy. He served in that capacity for two years before accepting the appointment as assistant coach.

The next several seasons will be special for Shaun whose younger brother, Brian, joins the Tigers for his sophomore year.

Shaun hails from a basketball family. His dad, John Morris, was a two-year starter at nearby Loyola College during his intercollegiate career.

Shaun's three brothers each helped Trinity High School to a Pennsylvania State Class AA championship. Each was a 1,000-point career scorer in high school. All four brothers have played college basketball; John at Old Dominion, Shaun and Kevin at Lycoming, and Brian who is transferring into the Tigers' program from Richmond.

Kevin was recently named 2008 Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Corporation Scholar Athlete of the Year for men's basketball.

Shaun was captain of Trinity's 29-4 team that captured the 2001 state title, averaging 13.0 points, 7.0 assists and 5.0 rebounds. He was named All-Conference and All-District.

After a freshman year at Wheeling Jesuit University, Shaun transferred to Lycoming where he was a three-year starter, helping the Warriors to a 53-27 record that included a MAC Freedom Conference championship and a trip to the 2004 NCAA tournament. He finished his college career as the Warriors' all-time career assist leader with 355. His 154 assists in 2004-05 remain the single season program record. He also held the school record for assists in a game with 10 against Delaware Valley and Marymount.

Shaun was a captain in his senior year at Lycoming when he received the school's Academic Achievement Award for men's basketball. In his junior year the marketing major was the Dutch Burch Award winner, given for outstanding desire and defensive intensity. A Dean's List student, he was also an active member of the Institute of Management Studies at Lycoming.





COACHING STAFF

Support Staff



Jon Korellis

Coordinator of Operations
Monmouth, '05 • 2nd Season

Jon Korellis, who began his association with Towson men's basketball in 2007-08 as administrative assistant and video coordinator, is now the program's Coordinator of Operations.

"Jon has an exceptional amount of experience for a young coach, having worked on the high school, AAU and college levels," said head coach Pat Kennedy in making the announcement. "He will add tremendously to our coaching staff in the area of basketball operations. We are very happy to have Jon on our staff."

Jon is a 2005 graduate of Monmouth University where he earned a degree in history and education. He did not play collegiately electing to get an early start on his coaching career which began when he was 18-years-old.

In his first year out of Middletown (N.J.) High School South he returned to his alma mater where he coached the Eagles' freshman team to 17 wins, matching their most victories ever in a season. While attending Middletown he was a two-year starter at point guard.

Jon then moved on to Metuchen High School as an assistant varsity coach. The Bulldogs had not posted a winning record since 1988. He helped guide them to three consecutive winning seasons, compiling a 54-22 record that included two state runner up finishes and a banner 22-3 record in 2005-06. That team was led by Marqus Blakely who averaged 19.4 points and 10.0 rebounds per game. Blakely went on to a successful collegiate career at the University of Vermont.

Jon also has coaching experience on the AAU circuit. He was an assistant to Joe Stein for the under 16 New Jersey Shore Shots. He has been affiliated with the Philly Hoop Group working such events as the West Virginia Jamfest, Reebok Summer Classic and the Eastern Invitational Basketball Clinic.

Steve Lappas, former head coach at Manhattan, Villanova and Massachusetts who is now a college basketball analyst for College Sports Television Network (CSTV) is Jon's godfather who has served as a major influence on his decision to pursue a career as basketball coach. Lappas and Jon's dad, John, were teammates at CCNY in the late 1970's.



Ryan Whalen

Administrative Assistant/Video Coordinator
St. Joseph's '08 • 1st Season

Ryan Whalen joins the Towson program as an administrative assistant and video coordinator.

A 2008 graduate of St. Joseph's in Philadelphia, Ryan played two years of jayvee basketball for the Hawks before becoming a student assistant coach for Phil Martelli. In the summer of 2007 he

served an internship with the Philadelphia 76ers. He earned his degree in food marketing.

"We are very happy to have Ryan as an addition to our outstanding staff," says head coach Pat Kennedy. "He served as the lead student assistant and was intricately involved at St. Joseph's University. He was an outstanding high school player and is eager to begin his coaching career."

Ryan attended Shore Regional High School in West Long Branch, N.J. where he lettered in basketball (shooting guard) and football (wide receiver and defensive back). He also played AAU ball for the Jersey City Boys Club, winning five straight New Jersey state titles.

Ryan hails from an athletic family. His dad served as an assistant to Bob Hurley at St. Anthony's High School which finished 2007-08 as the nation's number one ranked prep team with a perfect 32-0 record. A younger sister is currently attending East Stroudsburg where she plays field hockey. An older sister played field hockey while an undergraduate at Villanova.



Amanda Wolf

Athletic Trainer
Towson '02 • 1st Season

The Tigers welcomed back one of their own when Amanda was added to Towson's Sports Medicine staff this past summer. She is assigned to work with the men's basketball team.

A 2002 graduate of the Towson Athletic Training Education Program, Amanda spent the previous four years as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at the College of the Holy Cross. At Holy Cross, she served as the trainer for the Crusader women's soccer and basketball teams while assisting with men's lacrosse, field hockey and softball.

Amanda also helped cover the 2005 NCAA Men's Basketball First Round Northeast Regional.

She earned her Master of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts in 2004. While an undergraduate at Towson, she gained valuable experience working with the Tiger football, men's basketball and women's lacrosse programs in addition to serving an internship at the Gilman School.

Team Managers



Brandon Hall



Brandon Holley



Mike Hollis



Patrick Springer



Kendall Martins