

# GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## Media Credentials

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## Media Services

Up-to-date game notes and statistics, along with roster cards and media guides, will be made available prior to each home game. A complete NCAA Basketball Boxscore and the play-by-play account of the game can be picked up after the contest in the Sports Communications Office on the first floor of the Sports Arena. Halftime box scores will be distributed to each media representative during the intermission and flash statistics will be made available to each radio and/or television crew during timeouts. Statistics will be kept live online on GeorgiaStateSports.com.

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## Follow The Panthers

### On the Radio

All Panther games, both at home and on the road, are broadcast live on 100,000-watt WRAS Radio, 88.5 FM (some contests may be heard on a tape-delay basis if there is a time conflict with a State men's basketball game).

Panther Sports Talk will air 30 minutes prior to game time and will lead into the pregame show, featuring Coach Henry, which will begin 15 minutes prior to tipoff. Henry will again be interviewed after the conclusion of the contest during the post-game show.

Georgia State's new women's basketball play-by-play announcer was not known at press time. Dave Cohen serves as broadcast coordinator for men's and women's basketball.



Assisting the radio crew in the studio throughout the season will be Gary Lowe, Alex Merlo, Orin Brown, Jason Hanes, Matthew Simmons, Chris Culwell, Edgar Treiguts, Marvin Evangelista, Calleb Obumba, Mark Gilmore, Sheldon Thompson and James Lenzer.

### GeorgiaStateSports.com

The official Georgia State athletic department Web site, GeorgiaStateSports.com, was launched in September 2002 and redesigned in September 2006 in a new contract with XOS/Jumptv.

The athletics web site includes up-to-date results, statistics, game notes, photographs, schedules, rosters, biographies and other general information on each and every team at Georgia State, as well as basic department and university information. Also, all State women's basketball broadcasts will be made available on the Web site. Live stats of games will be available online.

For Colonial Athletic Association standings, statistics and other information, log on to its Web site at [www.caasports.com](http://www.caasports.com). Contact Nike DeSantis at [ndesantis@caasports.com](mailto:ndesantis@caasports.com) for tournament credentials and conference information.

NCAA statistics and other information can be found at [www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com).



# SCHEDULE

NCAA



| Date    | Day    | Opponent                 | Location         | Time         |
|---------|--------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Nov. 13 | Thurs. | GA. SOUTHWESTERN [Exh.]  | Atlanta, Ga      | 6 p.m.       |
| Nov. 22 | Sat.   | at Clemson               | Clemson, S.C.    | 7 p.m.       |
| Nov. 26 | Wed.   | at Georgia Tech          | Atlanta, Ga.     | 5 p.m.       |
| Nov. 29 | Sat.   | at College of Charleston | Charleston, S.C. | 2 p.m.       |
| Dec. 2  | Tues.  | PRESBYTERIAN             | Atlanta, Ga.     | 6 p.m.       |
| Dec. 5  | Fri.   | ALABAMA STATE            | Atlanta, Ga.     | 6 p.m.       |
| Dec. 13 | Sat.   | WINTHROP                 | Atlanta, Ga.     | 12 p.m. (DH) |

## UAB Blazer Invitational

|         |       |                                                    |                  |          |
|---------|-------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
| Dec. 15 | Mon.  | vs. Louisiana-Lafayette                            | Birmingham, Ala. | 5 p.m.   |
| Dec. 16 | Tues. | Consolation/Championship<br>[Alabama State or UAB] |                  | 5/7 p.m. |

|         |      |                |              |        |
|---------|------|----------------|--------------|--------|
| Dec. 21 | Sun. | DELAWARE STATE | Atlanta, Ga. | 1 p.m. |
|---------|------|----------------|--------------|--------|

## Georgia State Invitational

|         |       |                                           |              |          |
|---------|-------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Dec. 29 | Mon.  | MISS. VALLEY STATE                        | Atlanta, Ga. | 2 p.m.   |
|         |       | Rhode Island vs. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi |              | 4 p.m.   |
| Dec. 30 | Tues. | Consolation/Championship                  | Atlanta, Ga. | 2/4 p.m. |

|         |        |                    |                   |                  |
|---------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Jan. 4  | Sun.   | at UNC Wilmington* | Wilmington, N.C.  | 2 p.m.           |
| Jan. 8  | Thurs. | NORTHEASTERN*      | Atlanta, Ga.      | 6 p.m.           |
| Jan. 11 | Sun.   | DELAWARE*          | Atlanta, Ga.      | 2 p.m.           |
| Jan. 15 | Thurs. | at Drexel*         | Philadelphia, Pa. | 7:30 p.m.        |
| Jan. 18 | Sun.   | at Old Dominion*   | Norfolk, Va.      | 12 p.m. [CSS-TV] |
| Jan. 22 | Thurs. | at Towson*         | Baltimore, Md.    | 7 p.m.           |
| Jan. 25 | Sun.   | HOFSTRA*           | Atlanta, Ga.      | 2 p.m.           |
| Jan. 29 | Thurs. | OLD DOMINION*      | Atlanta, Ga.      | 6 p.m.           |
| Feb. 1  | Sun.   | at William & Mary* | Williamsburg, Va. | 2 p.m.           |
| Feb. 5  | Thurs. | TOWSON*            | Atlanta, Ga.      | 6 p.m.           |
| Feb. 8  | Sun.   | at George Mason*   | Fairfax, Va.      | 2 p.m.           |
| Feb. 12 | Thurs. | at Northeastern*   | Boston, Mass.     | 7 p.m.           |
| Feb. 15 | Sun.   | DREXEL*            | Atlanta, Ga.      | 2 p.m.           |
| Feb. 19 | Thurs. | at VCU*            | Richmond, Va.     | 7 p.m.           |
| Feb. 22 | Sun.   | JAMES MADISON*     | Atlanta, Ga.      | 2 p.m.           |
| Feb. 26 | Thurs. | UNC WILMINGTON*    | Atlanta, Ga.      | 6 p.m.           |
| Mar. 1  | Sun.   | at Delaware*       | Newark, Del.      | 1 p.m.           |
| Mar. 4  | Wed.   | VCU*               | Atlanta, Ga.      | 6 p.m.           |

## Colonial Athletic Association Championships

Mar. 12-15 Thurs.-Sun. at CAA [James Madison] Harrisonburg, Va. tba

\* Colonial Athletic Association games

All home games in bold are played at the Georgia State Sports Arena [downtown Atlanta].  
All DATES and TIMES [Eastern] are subject to change.

All games are broadcast on WRAS-FM [88.5] and on [www.GeorgiaStateSports.com](http://www.GeorgiaStateSports.com).

# A DECADE OF SUCCESS

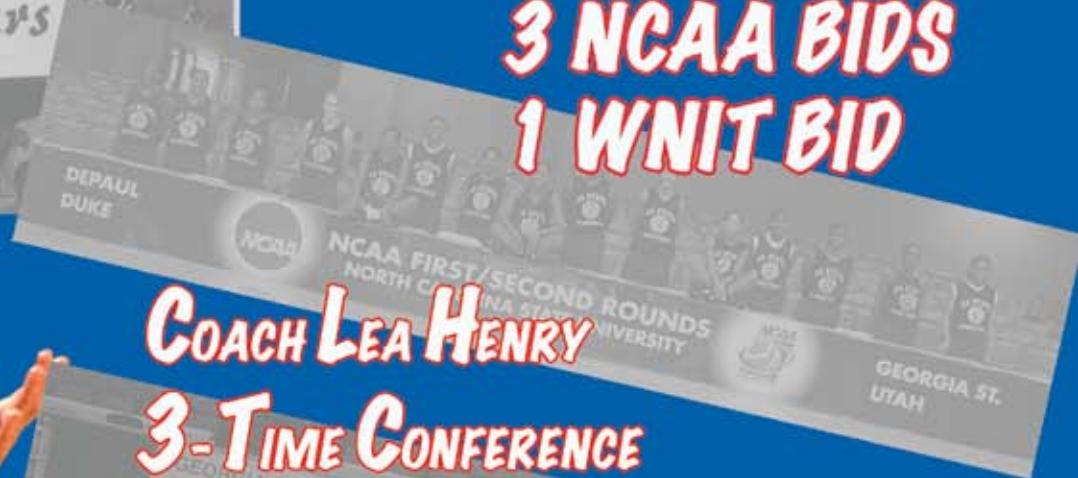
**3 NCAA BIDS  
1 WNIT BID**

**COACH LEA HENRY  
3-TIME CONFERENCE  
COACH OF THE YEAR**

- **170 WINS (17 PER YEAR)**
- **20 WINS OR MORE IN 4 SEASONS**

- **PLAYED IN 6 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- **POSTED 18 CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT WINS**
- **WON 5 CONFERENCE REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**21 ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS  
4 CONFERENCE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**



# GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL

A PROUD TRADITION  
A BRIGHT FUTURE



## 2008-09 SEASON PREVIEW

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NCAA FIRST/SECOND ROUNDS  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY



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# GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY



## PANTHER WOMEN'S BASKETBALL '08-09 QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School..... Georgia State University  
Location..... Atlanta, Ga.  
Founded..... 1913  
Enrollment..... 28,000  
Nickname..... Panthers  
Colors..... Blue & White  
Arena/Capacity..... Georgia State Sports Arena/3,400  
Affiliation..... NCAA Division I  
Conference..... Colonial Athletic Association  
President..... Dr. Carl V. Patton  
Athletics Director..... Mary McElroy  
Senior Woman Administrator..... Gail Barksdale  
Athletic Department Phone..... (404) 413-4000  
Ticket Office Phone..... (404) 413-4021  
Website..... GeorgiaStateSports.com

### TEAM INFORMATION

2007-08 Overall Record..... 8-22  
Home: 5-10, Away: 2-10, Neutral: 1-2  
2007-08 CAA Record/Finish..... 5-13/10th  
2008 CAA Tourn. Record..... 0-1/First Round

### HISTORY

First Year of Basketball..... 1975-76  
Overall All-Time Record..... 467-445 (.512)  
Years in NCAA Tournament/Last..... 3/2003  
Years in WNIT/Last..... 1/2000  
Last Postseason Opponent..... Duke  
Result:..... Lost, 66-48, 2003 NCAA 1st Round

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Play-by-Play Announcer..... tba

### COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Lea Henry (Tennessee '83)  
Record at State/Years..... 218-189 (.536)/14  
Career Record/Years..... 276-247 (.528)/18+  
Office Phone..... (404) 413-4058  
Assistant Coaches.....  
..... Bridgette Gordon (Tennessee '89, 2nd season)  
..... Lisa Pace (Eastern Kentucky, '99, 1st season)  
..... Dee Dee Merriweather (Georgia State, '05, 1st season)  
Dir. of WBK Operations..... Kristie Cowan  
Administrative Asst..... Glenise Moore  
Graduate Manager..... Evita Rogers  
Manager..... Tavia Clark  
Athletic Trainer..... Kristen Wilkey

### Starters Returning/Lost..... 5/0

[In 2007-08: Guard Brittany Hollins 30 games, Forward Danyell McKeller 29 games, F Shay Rawls 29 games, G Traci Haltiwanger 17 games, G Monica Mann 15 games - Stats on next page]

### Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 9/4

[Lost C Vatai Smith, F Brittany Hudson, G Eboni Fields, and G Courtney Chasten]

### Newcomers..... 5

[JUCO G Brittany Graham and F Dana Olsen, High School recruits F Kyla Bennett, G Crystal Johnson, G Jylisa Williams]

**Notes:** Top seven scorers return, top five rebounders return; Hollins was third-team All-CAA and All-Defensive team; Recruiting Class that ranked No. 52 in nation includes a first-team JUCO All-American and former MVC All-Freshman (Olsen) and the Metro Atlanta Player of the Year (Williams)



### COLONIAL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Delaware, Drexel, George Mason, Georgia State, Hofstra, James Madison, Northeastern, North Carolina-Wilmington, Old Dominion, Towson, Virginia Commonwealth, William and Mary

# GEORGIA STATE TEAM INFORMATION

| <b>Starters Returning (R) and Lost (L):</b> | <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Cl.</b> | <b>Ht.</b> | <b>GP/GS</b> | <b>PPG</b> | <b>RPG</b> | <b>Other</b>                               |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|
| (R) Brittany Hollins                        | G           | Sr.        | 5-9        | 30/30        | 13.2       | 4.8        | All-CAA third team, All-CAA Defensive Team |
| (R) Danyiehl McKeller                       | F           | Jr.        | 5-11       | 30/29        | 10.9       | 5.2        | .527 FG%, 23 double figures                |
| (R) Shay Rawls                              | C           | Jr.        | 6-2        | 30/29        | 8.1        | 8.3        | 3rd CAA Reb./8 double-doubles              |
| (R) Traci Haltiwanger                       | G           | So.        | 5-9        | 30/17        | 7.0        | 1.9        | 31 treys led team; 1.2 steals              |
| (R) Monica Mann                             | PG          | Jr.        | 5-5        | 29/15        | 4.3        | 1.9        | 9th CAA Asst./106 (3.65)                   |

| <b>Letterwinners Ret. (R) and Lost (L):</b> | <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Cl.</b> | <b>Ht.</b> | <b>GP/GS</b> | <b>PPG</b> | <b>RPG</b> | <b>Other</b>                    |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| (R) Chandrica Smith                         | F/G         | Sr.        | 6-1        | 19/9         | 4.8        | 2.6        | 3 double-figure games           |
| (R) Chandra Harris                          | F           | So.        | 6-2        | 30/1         | 3.2        | 3.2        | 3 double-figure games           |
| (R) Danielle Anderson                       | F           | So.        | 6-0        | 27/7         | 1.9        | 2.2        | 1 double-figure game, 10 blocks |
| (R) Stacie Young                            | F           | Sr.        | 6-0        | 22/4         | 1.5        | 1.4        | 1 double-figure game, 9 steals  |
| (L) Vatai Smith                             | C           | Sr.        | 6-4        | 27/1         | 2.7        | 2.5        | 18 blocks led team              |
| (L) Brittany Hudson                         | F           | Sr.        | 6-0        | 23/5         | 2.7        | 2.5        | 11 steals                       |
| (L) Courtney Chasten                        | G           | So.        | 5-8        | 12/0         | 0.4        | 0.5        | 2 assists                       |
| (L) Eboni Fields                            | G           | So.        | 5-5        | 10/3         | 1.3        | 0.7        | 4 assists                       |

| <b>Newcomers (2 Transfers, 3 Fresh):</b> | <b>Pos.</b> | <b>Cl.</b> | <b>Ht.</b> | <b>Previous School Accomplishments</b>                       |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dana Olsen                               | F           | Jr.        | 6-1        | JUCO All-America, No. 2 scorer (24.3), All-MVC Freshman      |
| Jylisa Williams                          | G           | Fr.        | 5-9        | Metro Atlanta Player of Year (18.0), Stephenson state champs |
| Crystal Johnson                          | G           | Fr.        | 5-8        | Three-time first-team All-State Florida, Yonge H.S. (19.0)   |
| Kyla Bennett                             | F/C         | Fr.        | 6-2        | 14.3 ppg, 11.7 rpg. career, Jones H.S., Houston, Tex.        |
| Brittany Graham                          | G           | Jr.        | 5-9        | All-Jayhawk Conf., KCCC; 48 three-point baskets              |

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Head Coach:</b>             | Lea Henry (Tennessee '83, 15th season at Georgia State/19th-plus overall)                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Assistant Coaches:</b>      | Bridgette Gordon (Tennessee '89, 2nd season at Georgia State)<br>Lisa Pace (Eastern Kentucky, '99, 1st season at Georgia State)<br>Dee Dee Merriweather (Georgia State '05, 1st season at Georgia State) |
| <b>Director of Operations:</b> | Kristie Cowan (Duke, '91, 12th season at State/15th overall)                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Graduate Manager:</b>       | Evita Rogers (Georgia State, '03, 4th season)                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Manager:</b>                | Tavia Clark                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Athletic Trainer:</b>       | Kristen Wilkey (Southeast Missouri State, '03, 1st at Georgia State)                                                                                                                                     |

## **ROSTER BY CLASS:**

|             |                                                                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Seniors:    | 3 (Brittany Hollins, Chandrica Smith, Stacie Young)                         |
| Juniors:    | 5 (Brittany Graham, Monica Mann, Danyiehl McKeller, Dana Olsen, Shay Rawls) |
| Sophomores: | 3 (Danielle Anderson, Chandra Harris, Traci Haltiwanger)                    |
| Freshmen:   | 3 (Kyla Bennett, Crystal Johnson, Jylisa Williams)                          |

## **ROSTER BY STATE:**

|                |                                                                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Georgia        | 5 (Chandra Harris, Monica Mann, Shay Rawls, Chandrica Smith, Jylisa Williams) |
| Florida        | 2 (Crystal Johnson, Stacie Young)                                             |
| South Carolina | 2 (Traci Haltiwanger, Brittany Hollins)                                       |
| Alabama        | 1 (Danielle Anderson)                                                         |
| Colorado       | 1 (Brittany Graham)                                                           |
| Kansas         | 1 (Dana Olsen)                                                                |
| North Carolina | 1 (Danyiehl McKeller)                                                         |
| Texas          | 1 (Kyla Bennett)                                                              |

# GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL ROSTER



## Numerical

| No. | Name              | Pos. | Cl. | Ht.  | Hometown/High School/Previous School                    |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 4   | Jylisa Williams   | G    | Fr. | 5-8  | Atlanta, Ga./Stephenson HS                              |
| 5   | Brittany Hollins  | G    | Sr. | 5-9  | Columbia, S.C./Columbia HS                              |
| 10  | Brittany Graham   | G    | Jr. | 5-9  | Boulder, Col./ Kansas City CC /Boulder HS               |
| 12  | Chandra Harris    | F    | So. | 6-2  | Macon, Ga./Northeast HS                                 |
| 14  | Kyla Bennett      | F/C  | Fr. | 6-2  | Houston, Tex./ Jesse Jones HS                           |
| 21  | Chandrica Smith   | F/G  | Sr. | 6-1  | Decatur, Ga./Oak Hill [Va.] Academy/Notre Dame          |
| 22  | Traci Haltiwanger | G    | So. | 5-9  | Summerville, S.C./Summerville HS                        |
| 23  | Crystal Johnson   | G    | Fr. | 5-8  | Gainesville, Fla./P.K. Yonge HS                         |
| 25  | Shay Rawls        | F/C  | Jr. | 6-2  | Augusta, Ga./Cross Creek HS                             |
| 31  | Monica Mann       | G    | Jr. | 5-5  | Smyrna, Ga./Campbell HS                                 |
| 32  | Stacie Young      | F    | Sr. | 6-0  | Miami, Fla./Miami Killian HS/Miami-Dade College         |
| 40  | Dana Olsen        | F    | Jr. | 6-1  | Overland Park, Kan./Labette JC/Shawnee Mission South HS |
| 42  | Danyiell McKeller | F    | Jr. | 5-11 | Fayetteville, N.C./Westover HS                          |
| 44  | Danielle Anderson | F    | So. | 6-0  | Smiths Station, Ala./Smiths Station HS                  |

## Alphabetical

| No. | Name              | Pos. | Cl. | Ht.  | Hometown/High School/Previous School                    |
|-----|-------------------|------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 44  | Danielle Anderson | F    | So. | 6-0  | Smiths Station, Ala./Smiths Station HS                  |
| 14  | Kyla Bennett      | F/C  | Fr. | 6-2  | Houston, Tex./ Jesse Jones HS                           |
| 10  | Brittany Graham   | G    | Jr. | 5-9  | Boulder, Col./ Kansas City CC /Boulder HS               |
| 22  | Traci Haltiwanger | G    | So. | 5-9  | Summerville, S.C./Summerville HS                        |
| 12  | Chandra Harris    | F    | So. | 6-2  | Macon, Ga./Northeast HS                                 |
| 5   | Brittany Hollins  | G    | Sr. | 5-9  | Columbia, S.C./Columbia HS                              |
| 23  | Crystal Johnson   | G    | Fr. | 5-8  | Gainesville, Fla./P.K. Yonge HS                         |
| 31  | Monica Mann       | G    | Jr. | 5-5  | Smyrna, Ga./Campbell HS                                 |
| 42  | Danyiell McKeller | F    | Jr. | 5-11 | Fayetteville, N.C./Westover HS                          |
| 40  | Dana Olsen        | F    | Jr. | 6-1  | Overland Park, Kan./Labette JC/Shawnee Mission South HS |
| 25  | Shay Rawls        | F/C  | Jr. | 6-2  | Augusta, Ga./Cross Creek HS                             |
| 21  | Chandrica Smith   | F/G  | Sr. | 6-1  | Decatur, Ga./Oak Hill [Va.] Academy/Notre Dame          |
| 4   | Jylisa Williams   | G    | Fr. | 5-8  | Atlanta, Ga./Stephenson HS                              |
| 32  | Stacie Young      | F    | Sr. | 6-0  | Miami, Fla./Miami Killian HS/Miami-Dade College         |

## Staff:

Head Coach: Lea Henry, (Tennessee '83),  
15th season at Georgia State/19th-plus overall

Assistant Coaches: Bridgette Gordon, (Tennessee '89), 2nd season  
Lisa Pace (Eastern Kentucky, '99), 2nd season  
Dee Dee Merriweather (Georgia State '05, 1st)

Dir. of Operations: Kristie Cowan (Duke, '91, 12th season)

Admin. Assistant: Glenise Moore (Georgia State, '06)

Athletic Trainer: Kristen Wilkey (Southeast Missouri State, '03)

Graduate Manager: Evita Rogers (Georgia State, '03)

Manager: Tavia Clark

Asst. AD for Communications (WBK contact): Charlie Taylor

## Pronunciation Guide:

|    |                 |               |
|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 4  | Jylisa Williams | juh-LEE-suh   |
| 14 | Kyla Bennett    | KY-la         |
| 21 | Chandrica Smith | shan-DREE-kah |
| 12 | Chandra Harris  | CHAN-dra      |
|    | Lea Henry       | LEE           |

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## GEORGIA STATE **SEASON PREVIEW**

The **EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED** by Coach Lea Henry for her Panthers 2008-09 team. With a **SEASONED ROSTER** of nine returning letterwinners, led by senior all-conference guard **Brittany Hollins**, combined with a **HIGHLY-REGARDED RECRUITING CLASS**, Georgia State should be ready to return to its **WINNING WAYS** of the past.

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"We are excited and extremely optimistic about this 2008-09 season" said veteran head coach Lea Henry. "We have a well-rounded group of experienced players who have grown and matured a great deal since last season at this time."

"We are aware that it is time to raise our expectations and find ways to accomplish our goals," she stated. "We will not have as much patience with mistakes this year as we had last year."

With nine returning letterwinners and a five-player recruiting class that was ranked as high as No. 52 by one poll, Georgia State's roster appears as solid as it has been since joining the CAA in 2005.

Georgia State's all-time leader in wins, Henry has 218 victories in 14 previous seasons in Atlanta and 276 overall in an 18-year career. She has taken three Panthers' teams to the NCAA Tournament and one to the WNIT postseason and has experience at the top levels of competition. A former All-SEC player at Tennessee and Olympic gold-medal winner, Henry feels optimistic that this year's team has the potential to challenge the upper-level of the CAA.

Last year, eight of the 13 players on the roster were freshmen and sophomores and that group played 64 percent of the minutes. Add this valuable experience on the court to a summer of hard work, and an outstanding recruiting class and the expectations are high for this season.

"We will utilize the players who prove they can make a difference in winning games," Henry said of the 14-member roster. "With the talent that we have added this year, I believe that we will have a deep rotation."

### **Nine Veterans Return and All Starters**

Who comes back from last season: the seven top scorers, the five top rebounders and the six top assist makers return. Eight of the nine returners played more than 300 minutes, so the front-line battle experience should prove beneficial.

"We know we are going to have a deeper and stronger roster and they will challenge one another daily to make the team better," Henry noted.

Headlining the returning players is third-team All-CAA guard **Brittany Hollins**, a three-time member of the CAA all-de-



**BRITTANY HOLLINS won four awards at the CAA Banquet and ranked in the top 10 in four categories.**



fensive team. The 5-foot-9 guard from Columbia, S.C. was in the top 10 in the CAA in scoring, assists and steals. Junior 6-foot-2 forward **Shay Rawls** (Augusta, Ga.) was third in the CAA in rebounding last year (8.3 per game) and third on the team in scoring (8.1). Junior 5-foot-10 forward **Danyiell McKeller** (Fayetteville, N.C.) was second in the CAA in field goal percentage (.527) and second on the Panthers in both scoring (10.9) and rebounding (5.2). Junior point guard **Monica Mann** (Smyrna, Ga.) was ninth in the CAA in assists (3.66) and fifth in assist/turnover ratio (1.43). Sophomore guard **Traci Haltiwanger** (Summerville, S.C.) became a starter during the season and led the team in three-point baskets (31) in building her average to 7.0 points per game. Sophomores **Chandra Harris** (6-2, Macon, Ga.) and **Danielle Anderson** (6-0, Smiths Station, Ala.) had double-figure games as freshmen and flashed their long-term potential. Transfers **Chandrica Smith** (6-0, Decatur, Ga.) and **Stacie Young** (6-0, Miami, Fla.) should blossom more in their second years with the program.

## RECRUITING CLASS APPEARS STRONG

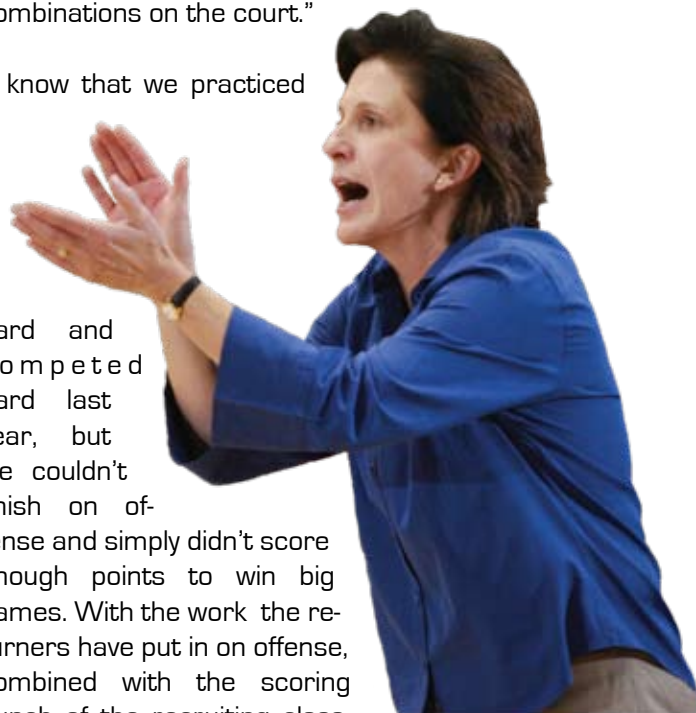
Adding to that existing firepower is a recruiting class that does not appear to be coming to sit and watch. Heading the list is junior college first-team all-America forward, **Dana Olsen** (6-1, Overland Park, Kan.). She was No. 2 in the nation last year at 24.3 points a game to go with 7.1 rebounds. Her NCAA experience as a freshman at Southern Illinois saw her earn All-Missouri Valley freshman team honors. More offensive firepower should come from freshman guard **Jylisa Williams**, the Metro Atlanta Player of the Year from state champion Stephenson High School. Williams put up 18 points a game to go with four steals a game on defense. Freshman point guard **Crystal Johnson** (Gainesville, Fla.) was first-team all-state three years in Florida and put up 22 points and four assists a game for Yonge High School's Final Four team. Wing **Brittany Graham** (Boulder, Colo.) comes from Kansas City Kansas Community College where she led that team with 48 three-point baskets. She was second on her team in scoring (12.0) and scored in double figures in 18 of her 25 games played. Freshman 6-foot-2 post player **Kyla Bennett** (Houston, Texas) put up 14.3 points and pulled down 11.7 rebounds last year for 20-win Jones High.

"The depth of this roster should enable us to play at a more up-tempo style and challenge hard for all 40 minutes," Henry explained. "The talent is better. The basketball maturity is higher. The attitude is excellent. We won't have a true 5-position player, so we will use our long and

athletic players to utilize their mixture of skills. We will use multiple traps on defense to dictate tempo. We will ask our players to contribute in several ways and in varied combinations on the court."

"I know that we practiced

hard and competed hard last year, but we couldn't finish on offense and simply didn't score enough points to win big games. With the work the returners have put in on offense, combined with the scoring punch of the recruiting class, we believe we have the ability to make an impact in the CAA," Henry commented.



## A FIRST LOOK AT THE GUARDS

"First, it will be productive for our team to put **Brittany Hollins** back at her two-guard spot," Henry said. "Brittany can create, score and use her natural abilities at this position. She did so much for the team last year playing at multiple positions, but I know, as a senior, she can achieve even greater success. Focusing on one position gives her freedom to play her game and to excel at the skills that make her such a tremendous player. She is a returning all-conference player who has gotten better every year she has been at Georgia State and I know she wants to make her final year even more special."

Hollins has played 89 straight games at State and scored 960 career points with 59 double-figure games. She is already the school career leader in steals (260) and sixth all-time in assists (367). The 5-foot-9 guard was in the top 10 in the CAA in points (13.2), assists (4.57), steals (2.73) and minutes (37.6) and didn't let up on the defensive end in earning All-CAA defensive honors for a third straight year.

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"Brittany has increased her range and shooting. But, she is probably a scorer more than a shooter," Henry noted. "Surrounded by quality players, she should be one of the best players in our league."

"**Monica Mann** played a lot of valuable minutes as a sophomore and is an improving floor leader," Henry said of last year's starter for 15 games at the point. "You can't win with just one point guard, so Monica has dedicated her offseason to improve her offensive production." Mann had 106 assists last year (3.66) and 74 turnovers to give her a +32 and rank fifth in the CAA in the assist/turnover ratio statistic (1.43). Her four double-figure games and 17 three-point baskets were part of her 4.3 scoring average. She was also second on the team in steals (38) adding to her value on the court.

"**Traci Haltiwanger** turned into a scorer for us and proved to be an outside threat," Henry commented about the 5-foot-9 guard who overcame several months absence with a foot injury at the start of the season to become a starter for 17 of the final 19 games. "I am excited to see how one year of experience has impacted her abilities, but she has gotten game-time experience and now has the benefit of knowing how we do things. Her defensive tenacity should be better than it was as a freshman." Haltiwanger added 10 double-figure scoring games with 31 treys and 51 assists.

"In addition to Brittany, Monica and Traci, we have added three guards who showed the ability to score for their previous programs," Henry said. "I am looking forward to seeing these skills showcased at the Division I level and to seeing how well they compete on defense."

**Jylisa Williams** turned heads and won games in being named the Georgia 5A Player of the Year and the Metro Atlanta Player of the Year for a state championship team. "Jylisa had an outstanding high school career in which she displayed quickness, effort and an ability to get to the basket and score. She is an impact player and provides energy on both ends of the court," Henry added. Williams, a scorer with top games of 34 and 33 points, also saved top efforts for postseason games. She was a blue chip recruit sought by SEC schools and other top programs.

**Crystal Johnson**, a 5-foot-8 point guard, led her team to three consecutive final four berths in Florida. "Crystal is a true point guard who has strong leadership skills," Henry stated. "Add these abilities to the fact that she was her team's leading scorer in high school and she has the tal-

**Junior DANYIELL McKELLER averaged 10.9 points per game and was second in the CAA in field goal pct. (.527).**

ents necessary to be a force in our program."

She was recruited by ACC, Big East and A-10 schools and has potential to make a positive impact as a freshman.

**Brittany Graham**, a basketball coach's daughter, was an outside shooter who scored 15 points game in high school and 12 last year junior college while playing solid defense. "Brittany Graham's basketball IQ has the potential to make a team better. She is a solid outside shooter and a good passer who understands the team concept," Henry commented.

The Panthers could use any of these in two-guard or three-guard sets and also have wing help from taller players like **Chandrica Smith** and **Danielle Anderson**.

**Smith**, a 6-foot veteran, joined the team in mid-season after sitting out a year in transfer from Notre Dame. She has three career double-figure scoring games and understands the college game. "Chandrica's size and athleticism allow her to be a versatile player. We are excited about her potential to help our program in her first full year of competition," Henry added. Smith was a scorer



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[17.5] coming out of Oak Hill Academy and a nationally-sought recruit.

**Anderson**, a 6-foot sophomore, played 27 games as a freshman at State and had seven starts, topped by a double-figure scoring game at North Carolina. "Danielle has the size and skills to help us. Her strength and size along with her ability to score inside and out should be a valuable asset to our team," Henry said.

### A FIRST LOOK AT POST PLAYERS

Junior **Shay Rawls** has proved her rebounding skills and leadership in playing all 60 games her first two years with 39 starts. "Shay brings energy and leadership to our team and has had a tremendous impact on our program during her first two seasons," Henry said. "She is an outstanding rebounder and defensive player and we are looking forward to seeing her become a more consistent scorer."

**Junior SHAY RAWLS was third in the CAA in rebounding (8.3 per game) with 12 games of double-figure boards.**

Rawls has 16 career double-figure rebounding games (12 last year) and was third in the CAA (8.3) in 2006-07. She has 14 double-figure scoring games and eight double-doubles, while averaging 8.1 points last season.

Junior **Danyell McKeller** has started 56 games her first two years and was second on the team in scoring (10.9) and second in the CAA in field goal percentage (.527). "Danyell had an outstanding 2007-08 campaign," Henry noted. "She is a scorer, rebounder and true competitor on both ends of the floor for our team. I am looking forward to her having another outstanding year." She has put up 23 double-figure scoring games and nine double-figure rebounding games.

Sophomore **Chandra Harris** played all 30 games as a freshman with three double-figure scoring games and a pair of double-double games. "Chan has the potential

to have an outstanding 2008-09 season," Henry thinks. "She has always had the ability to score, rebound and defend, but as she has gotten stronger, we will see her have more of a dominant presence in the post."

Senior **Stacie Young** excelled for two years in junior college before joining State last year. She got four starts in her first year at State after 28 double-double games as a sophomore at Miami-Dade. "Stacie has a tremendous work ethic and outstanding athleticism on the court," Henry explained. "She is physical, a good rebounder and has the ability to score."

All-America transfer **Dana Olsen** has Coach Henry excited. "We are aware that Dana is a difference maker," said Henry. "She is a fierce competitor, a complete all-around player and has the ability to put up big numbers for our team throughout the season," Henry explained.

Olsen was rated No. 28 on a list of recruits this past year after her banner year at Labette (Kan.) Community College. She was No. 2 in the nation in scoring (24.3) and did it in a variety of ways by shooting 57 percent. She drove to the basket and got to the free throw line 244 times, knocking down 83.6 percent when she got there. She even scored 100 points in one week with 35, 38 and 27-point games. On the boards, she pulled down 7.1 rebounds a game. Olsen first played at Southern Illinois, where she earned all-freshmen honors in the tough Missouri Valley Conference. She started 24 games as a freshman with 10 double-figure games and an 8.4 average.

Freshman **Kyla Bennett** developed a rough-and-tumble game in high school. "Kyla is a physical and aggressive low-block player who was a double-double producer in high school," noted Henry. "She is a hard worker and with experience, should be a big asset to our program."



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As a prep post player, Bennett had a 28-point, 18-rebound game as a senior and had a 20-rebound game as a junior. She has played both center or power forward positions and showed a physical presence.

### DECISION-MAKING AND CHEMISTRY WILL BE KEY

"We began to make better decisions in our offense as last year went on and the team chemistry developed and improved," Henry reflected. "I think having the nine-player nucleus back and the level of talent in the recruiting class, we should be cohesive and productive. One key is for us to take better care of the basketball."

"Having the players work together year-round has been a big plus and we appreciate the athletic enabling us to do that," department Henry admitted. "The team seems focused, energized and excited about the upcoming season. We anticipate getting to practice and to preparing to face the challenges ahead."



**Sophomore TRACI HALTIWANGER led the team with 31 three-point baskets**

our roster," explained Henry. "Add a burning desire to compete and win to our experience and talent and we have positioned ourselves to contend at the top of the CAA."

### TOUGH SLATE OF OPPONENTS AWAITS

"The CAA will be a challenge as always, but we feel better prepared to accept those challenges," Henry said of the 12-team league that has been among the top 12 leagues in the nation the past three years. Over the past five seasons, six different CAA teams have earned at least one postseason bid.

Georgia State's 2008-09 schedule will again include 11 non-conference games and 18 league games heading into the CAA Championships in March at James Madison in Harrisonburg, Va.

The 11-game non-league slate includes road games at a pair of ACC foes in Clemson and Georgia Tech, as well as a road game at SoCon opponent College of Charleston. The Panthers will have eight home non-league games, including the annual Georgia State Invitational during the holiday break that will include Rhode Island of the A-10, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi of the Southland and Mississippi Valley of the SWAC. State will host a pair of Big South opponents in Winthrop and UNC Asheville.

The 18-game CAA slate includes two games with Sweet Sixteen squad Old Dominion, whose 25 NCAA Tournament bids are third most in history. State plays two games with CAA foes Delaware, Drexel, Northeastern, Towson, UNC Wilmington and VCU. The Panthers host Hofstra and James Madison and travel to George Mason and William and Mary.



**Junior MONICA MANN was ninth in the CAA with 106 assists.**

## 2008-09 RECRUITING CLASS



This recruiting class was ranked No. 52 in the nation with two transfers and three freshmen. Kneeling is junior college transfer Brittany Graham. Standing are freshman Crystal Johnson, freshman Kyla Bennett, junior college transfer Dana Olsen and freshman Jylisa Williams. The recruits came from five different states with Graham from Colorado, Olsen from Kansas, Bennett from Texas, Johnson from Florida and Williams from Georgia.

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# 2008-09 BASKETBALL STAFF



## GEORGIA STATE HEAD COACH



Georgia State's **ALL-TIME WIN LEADER**, Lea Henry knows how to produce. An **ALL-AMERICA PLAYER**, **OLYMPIC GOLD MEDAL WINNER** and **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**, Henry will be looking to take a fourth Panther team to the **NCAA Tournament**.

**Lea Henry** completed her 14th season in 2007-08 as the head coach of the Georgia State University women's basketball program and 18th year overall at the helm of an NCAA Division I team.

This year's recruiting class, ranked No. 52 in one poll, adds to the growth and excitement for the 2008-09 year. A fourth NCAA bid and fifth postseason tournament bid are among her goals for this team.

Under Henry, the Panthers have enjoyed over a decade of excellence as they have won at least 15 games in nine of the past 11 years, making postseason tournament appearances four times.

### **BUILDING THE PROGRAM**

Henry already holds the record for most career wins at State with 218 and has won 20 or more games in a season four times.

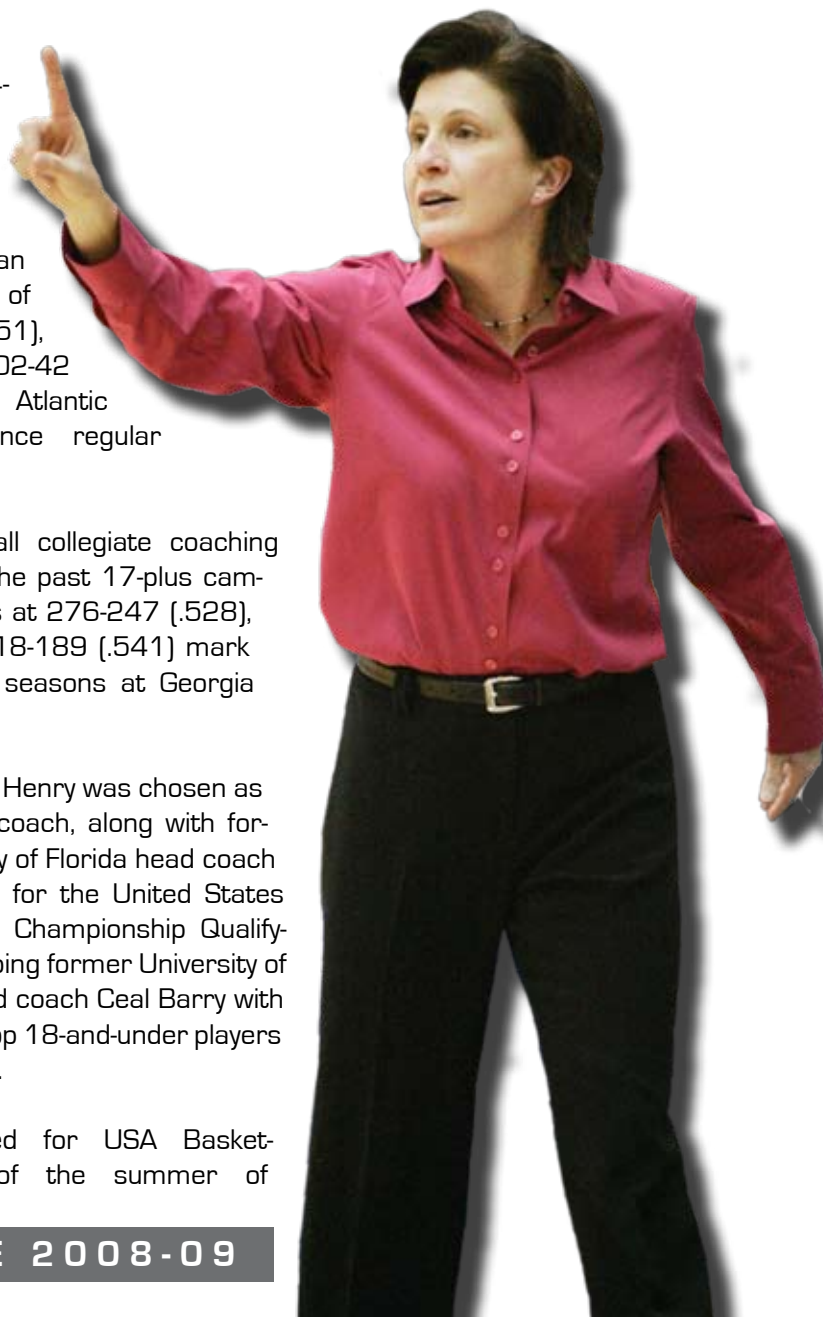
What Henry has accomplished in Atlanta has been no small feat as she led Georgia State to a school-record eight straight winning seasons from 1997-

98 to 2004-05. During that eight-year span, the Panthers put together an overall record of 155-83 (.651), including 102-42 (.703) within Atlantic Sun conference regular season play.

Henry's overall collegiate coaching record over the past 17-plus campaigns stands at 276-247 (.528), including a 218-189 (.541) mark over her 14 seasons at Georgia State.

In May 2004, Henry was chosen as an assistant coach, along with former University of Florida head coach Carolyn Peck, for the United States Junior World Championship Qualifying Team, helping former University of Colorado head coach Ceal Barry with some of the top 18-and-under players in the country.

Henry worked for USA Basketball much of the summer of





2004, preparing the U. S. Junior National Team for the 2005 Junior World Championship, held in July in Tunisia. While assisting the 2004 summer squad, she traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo., Denver and Miami for training, and then to Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, for the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Athletics Junior World Championship Qualifying Tournament. The U.S. won the gold medal at the tournament, winning all five of its games by an average margin of 81 points.

### **THE MOVE TO THE CAA**

Georgia State is making significant strides after three seasons in the Colonial Athletic Association under Henry. The 2006-07 squad recorded an even 15-15 overall mark after the inaugural 2005-06 campaign, improving by six victories from the previous year and posting four more league wins. During that year State posted seven CAA wins, including a pair by 46 points and 25 points, and lost two overtime games and a one-point game in battling the conference's top teams.

In 2005-06, the Panthers battled through CAA competition for the first time, giving some indication of what the future holds with a solid showing at the CAA Tournament. State upset fifth-seeded William & Mary - a team that defeated the Panthers in two previous meetings - in the first round and battled well against No. 4 seed Hofstra in the quarterfinals. Henry recorded her 250th career victory following the Panthers 89-65 triumph at Towson on Jan. 15, 2006. She collected her 200th win as Georgia State's head coach against Florida A&M on Dec. 18, 2006.

### **EIGHT STRAIGHT WINNING SEASONS**

Henry ran her winning-season streak to eight straight in 2004-05. In the 2002-03 season, Henry recorded career win 200 overall and win number 150 at Georgia State as the team went 20-11, while capturing the A-Sun North Division and the Tournament Championship.

In 2001-02, the Panthers had a 21-10 overall record and 14-6 Atlantic Sun mark, claiming the outright conference regular season crown. After a second straight conference tournament championship, State made a second consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament. Follow-

## **Lea Henry Coaching Career**

### **Head Coach**

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Georgia State (1994-present) | 218-189 |
| Mercer (1990-94)             | 55-55   |
| Florida (Interim 1989-90)    | 3-3     |
| 18-plus Years                | 276-247 |

### **Assistant Coach**

Florida (1986-90)  
Stetson (1985-86)  
Tennessee (Graduate Assistant, 1983-85)

### **U.S.A. Basketball Coach**

U. S. A. Junior National Team, 2004-06, asst. coach  
U.S.A. Basketball Selection Committee, 4-year term, 1992-96, that picked '96 Olympic Team

ing the campaign, Henry was selected as the 2002 Georgia College Division I Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club (also won it in 1998 and 2000).

Georgia State made it back-to-back 24-7 overall records in 2000-01 with three of the losses coming against nationally-ranked, non-conference opponents (Villanova, Georgia and Louisiana Tech). The Panthers finished 15-3 for the second consecutive year during the conference regular season, but had to settle for second place. State got revenge, however, by going 3-0 at the conference tournament, defeating regular season champion Campbell in the final game and earning the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament bid.

In 1999-2000, Henry guided Georgia State to its first-ever conference regular season title en route to being named the conference Coach of the Year. Although the Panthers ended



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as the conference tournament runner-up—missing out on the NCAA Tournament—State did make it into the postseason, taking part in the Women's National Invitation Tournament for the first time.

Henry's success has come by recruiting top-flight players and turning them into some of the nation's finest talent. Most recently, Pat-echia Hartman became Henry's seventh conference Player-of-the-Year selection (2004 & 2005), including her fifth at Georgia State. By coaching 1997 conference Player-of-the-Year Etolia Mitchell, who pulled down 13.2 rebounds per game in 1996-97, Henry is one of the few coaches to have developed both an NCAA national scoring leader (Andrea Congreaves in 1991 and 1992 while at Mercer) and rebounding champion (Mitchell).

She has coached 29 all-conference and all-rookie honorees in 13 seasons at State and 61 of her athletes have been named to their respective conference all-academic teams.

### COACHING BEFORE GEORGIA STATE

A 1984 Olympic gold medalist, Henry came to Atlanta from former conference-rival Mercer, just down the road in Macon, Ga., where she was the head coach for four seasons.

During her four years with Mercer, Henry led the Bears to conference regular season championships (1991 and 1992) in her first two full campaigns as a collegiate head coach and was chosen as the conference Coach of the Year both times. During those seasons, Henry coached Congreaves, a Kodak All-American, two-time Division I national scoring leader and three-time conference Player of the Year who spent time in the WNBA and also played overseas. Those two years at Mercer featured 18-9 and 20-8 overall records.

Prior to taking over in Macon, Henry was an assistant coach at Florida from 1986-90. She served as the interim head coach with the Lady Gators at the end of the 1989-90 season, posting a 3-3 record. As the interim coach of that 15-13 team, Henry coached a win over SEC rival Kentucky in the SEC tournament opener. Two of her three losses at Florida were to her former coach, Pat Summitt, at the end of regular season and in the second round of the SEC Tournament.

Before Florida, Henry was an assistant coach at then-conference member Stetson for one season.

### Coaching Accomplishments

- Three-time Conference Coach of the Year
- \* Three-time Georgia Division I Coach of the Year
- \* Five Conference Regular Season Championships
  - One Conference Divisional Championship
- Three Conference Tournament Championships
  - Three NCAA Tournament Appearances
    - One WNIT Appearance
- Assistant Coach, 2004-05 U. S. Junior National Team
  - Seven Conference Players of the Year
- Coached both an NCAA National Scoring Leader and National Rebounding Leader
  - Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Inductee (2006)
- Tennessee Lady Vols Hall of Fame Inductee (2005)
  - Georgia State's All-Time Winner (218 games)



# GEORGIA STATE HEAD COACH



## **Milestone Coaching Wins**

|      |                                         |          |
|------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| 1.   | Florida 84, Stetson 64                  | 2-14-90  |
| 50.  | Mercer 73, USF 72 (OT Coliseum)         | 2-15-93  |
| 75.  | Georgia State 85, Jacksonville State 84 | 1-27-96  |
| 100. | Georgia State 79, Stetson 75            | 2-14-98  |
| 125. | Georgia State 64, Stetson 51            | 12-4-00  |
| 150. | Georgia State 105, Morris Brown 45      | 12-14-01 |
| 175. | Georgia State 67, Campbell 58           | 1-9-02   |
| 200. | Georgia State 79, at UCF 50             | 2-6-03   |
| 225. | Georgia State 79, Jacksonville 55       | 2-14-04  |
| 250. | Georgia State 89, Towson 65             | 1-15-05  |
| 275. | Georgia State 64, George Mason 49       | 2-14-08  |

## **Notable Wins**

|                                                                                                      |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Florida 70, Kentucky 54, SEC Tournament<br>(won after having lost to Kentucky at home during season) | 3-2-90   |
| Georgia State 83, Troy 78 (TAAC Tournament)<br>(first tournament win as Georgia State head coach)    | 3-5-98   |
| Georgia State 66, Georgia Tech 56<br>(win over cross town ACC rival on the road)                     | 12-19-99 |
| Georgia State 64, Campbell 62 (TAAC Tournament)<br>(tournament title and first NCAA bid)             | 3-10-01  |
| Georgia State 64, FAU 63 (TAAC Tournament)<br>(tournament title and second NCAA bid)                 | 3-9-02   |
| Georgia State 80, UCF 63 (A-Sun Tournament)<br>(tournament title for third consecutive NCAA bid)     | 3-15-03  |
| Georgia State 89, Towson 65<br>(first win over CAA opponent)                                         | 1-15-06  |
| Georgia State 81, William & Mary 66 (CAA Tourney)<br>(first CAA tournament win, over higher seed)    | 3-8-06   |

## **LEA HENRY AS A PLAYER**

Houston Shamrocks (1984) of  
 Women's American Basketball Assn. (pro)  
 U.S. Olympic Team (summer 1984)  
 Gold Medal winner, starting point guard  
 U.S. National Team (1980-84)  
 1981 & 1983 World University Teams  
 Won silver and gold medals  
 U.S. Olympic Festival (1978-79)  
 U. S. Junior National Team (1978-79)  
 University of Tennessee (1979-83)  
 All-SEC point guard (1983)  
 Four-Year starter for Vols  
 Three teams went to Final Four  
 Two-time Academic All-America pick  
 Owns 3 of top 10 assist seasons in UT history  
 Scored 1,128 points, made 593 assists  
 Southwest Georgia Academy (1975-79)  
 Kodak High School All-American

Prior to Stetson, she was a graduate assistant coach at her alma mater, Tennessee, under National Basketball Hall-of-Famer and all-time collegiate coaching wins leader Pat Summitt from 1983-85 while working on her master's degree.

Henry earned a bachelor's degree in 1983 and master's in 1985, both from UT in physical education.

## **HENRY: THE BASKETBALL PLAYER**

As a prep at Southwest Georgia Academy in Damascus, Henry was a Kodak All-American in 1979. From there, she became a four-year starter at Tennessee and a true coach on the floor at point guard. As a Lady Vol, she captained three teams that went to the Final Four and was twice recognized as an Academic All-American.

For three consecutive seasons, Henry led UT in assists (1980-83), averaging 4.4 for her career (593 total). She finished her brilliant collegiate career with averages of 8.4 points and 1.7 steals per contest while shooting 46.6 percent from the field. Henry played in 134 games during her time in Knoxville, starting 123. In 1983, she was an All-Southeastern Conference selection and later received an NCAA post-graduate scholarship.



## GEORGIA STATE HEAD COACH

The biggest highlight of Henry's playing career occurred when she was chosen as the starting point guard for the 1984 United States Olympic Team that was coached by Summitt. In six contests, she averaged 4.2 points and 3.0 assists a game, playing with some of the best women's basketball talent ever assembled, including Teresa Edwards, Lynette Woodard, Anne Donovan and Cheryl Miller. Henry's squad, which earned the U.S. its first gold medal in Olympic women's basketball, played in front of raucous and enthusiastic crowds at The Forum in Los Angeles [Inglewood], which hosted the 1984 Games.

Henry has previously served on the USA Basketball Player Selection Committee, playing a role in picking the members of the 1996 Olympic championship team in Atlanta, and the NCAA Mid-East Regional Committee. She was also on the 1997-98 Women's Basketball Coaches Association Division I Coach of the Year Selection Committee and has been a member of the NCAA Women's Basketball Rules Committee and Kodak All-America Selection Committee. She currently serves on the screening committee for the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame and is on the Advisory Board

for the Atlanta Dream team of the WNBA.

An instructor at numerous coaching clinics and camps throughout her career, including the Pat Summitt Basketball Camp, Kay Yow Basketball Camp, Georgia Basketball Camp, B.C. All-Star Camp, and Norman Carter Basketball School, Henry has also directed her own Lea Henry Camp of Champs for the past 22 years.

### HALLS OF FAME

Because of her outstanding collegiate, national, international and coaching career, Lea Henry was inducted into the Tennessee Lady Volunteer Hall of Fame in September 2005 and was enshrined into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in May 2006. She was on the Advisory Board for the Atlanta Dream WNBA franchise that started in 2007-08.

Henry, who is originally from the Damascus/Colquitt area of Georgia, married Greg Manning in 2005. The couple resides in the Druid Hills community of Atlanta.

### Lea Henry's Season-By-Season Head Coaching Records

| Season  | School            | Record (Pct.) | Conference Reg. Season     | Conference Postseason |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1989-90 | Florida (Interim) | 3-3 (.500)    | (2-2, .500)                |                       |
| 1990-91 | Mercer            | 18-9 (.667)   | Champion (10-2, .833)      | TAAC Semis            |
| 1991-92 | Mercer            | 20-8 (.714)   | Co-Champion (10-2, .833)   | TAAC Semis            |
| 1992-93 | Mercer            | 11-18 (.231)  | 6th (4-8, .333)            | TAAC Final            |
| 1993-94 | Mercer            | 6-20 (.379)   | 7th (1-11, .083)           | TAAC Quarters         |
| 1994-95 | Georgia State     | 9-18 (.333)   | T-5th (7-9, .438)          | TAAC Quarters         |
| 1995-96 | Georgia State     | 11-15 (.423)  | 8th (6-9, .400)            | TAAC Quarters         |
| 1996-97 | Georgia State     | 11-16 (.407)  | 8th (6-10, .375)           | TAAC Quarters         |
| 1997-98 | Georgia State     | 17-11 (.607)  | T-3rd (10-6, .625)         | TAAC Final            |
| 1998-99 | Georgia State     | 15-12 (.556)  | T-3rd (10-6, .625)         | TAAC Semis            |
| 1999-00 | Georgia State     | 24-7 (.774)   | Champion (15-3, .833)      | WNIT, TAAC Final      |
| 2000-01 | Georgia State     | 24-7 (.774)   | 2nd (15-3, .833)           | NCAA, TAAC Champs     |
| 2001-02 | Georgia State     | 21-10 (.677)  | Champion (14-6, .700)      | NCAA, A-Sun Champs    |
| 2002-03 | Georgia State     | 20-11 (.645)  | Div. Champion (12-4, .750) | NCAA, A-Sun Champs    |
| 2003-04 | Georgia State     | 18-11 (.621)  | Co-Champion (14-6, .700)   | A-Sun Semis           |
| 2004-05 | Georgia State     | 16-14 (.533)  | T-3rd (12-8, .600)         | A-Sun Final           |
| 2005-06 | Georgia State     | 9-20 (.310)   | T-11th (3-15, .167)        | CAA Quarters          |
| 2006-07 | Georgia State     | 15-15 (.500)  | 8th (7-11, .389)           | CAA First Round       |
| 2007-08 | Georgia State     | 8-22 (.267)   | 10th (5-13, .278)          | CAA First Round       |

|                                  |                       |                                                                           |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Six Games at Florida             | 3-3 (.500)            | 2-2 (.500) in Conference                                                  |
| Four Seasons at Mercer           | 55-55 (.500)          | 25-23 (.521) in Conference                                                |
| 14 Seasons at Georgia State      | 218-189 (.541)        | 136-109 (.555) in Conference<br>121-70 (.634 in TAAC/A-Sun, 15-39 in CAA) |
| <b>Overall (18-plus Seasons)</b> | <b>276-247 (.528)</b> | <b>163-134 (.549) in Conference</b>                                       |



## 2009 NCAA Tournament Dates and Locations

*Selection Sunday, March 15, 2009*

### **First and Second Rounds, March 21 and March 23 *or* March 22 and 24, 2009**

The Pit/Bob King Court, Albuquerque, N.M.  
 Pete Maravich Assembly Center, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Comcast Center, College Park, Md.  
 Nationwide Arena, Columbus, Ohio  
**Arena at Gwinnett, Duluth, Ga.**  
 United Spirit Center, Lubbock, Texas  
 Galen Center, Los Angeles, Calif.  
 Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.

### **Regionals, March 28 and 30 *or* March 29 and 31, 2009**

RBC Center, Raleigh N.C.  
 Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton, N.J.  
 Ford Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Haas Pavilion, Berkeley, Calif.

64 teams will receive NCAA Tournament bids.  
 In addition, 48 teams will receive WNIT Tournament bids.

Last year's NCAA champion was the University of Tennessee while the WNIT champion was the University of Wyoming.

### **Women's Final Four, April 5 and 7, 2008**

Scottrade Center  
 St. Louis, Mo.

### **Future 2010 Tournament Sites - First and Second Rounds**

Austin, Texas, Norfolk, Va., Knoxville, Tenn., Minneapolis, Minn., Notre Dame, Ind., Trenton, N.J., Berkeley, Calif., Tempe, Ariz.

### **Future 2010 Regionals**

Dayton, Ohio, Kansas City, Mo., Memphis, Tenn., Sacramento, Calif.

### **Future Final Fours**

2010 - Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas  
 2011 - Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.



## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



A distinguished member of the 2007 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, an SEC Player of the Year, an Olympic gold medal winner, and a TWO-TIME NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPION PLAYER, Gordon can lead the way for student-athletes.

**Bridgette Gordon**, who begins her second season as an assistant coach at Georgia State, was a 2007 inductee into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

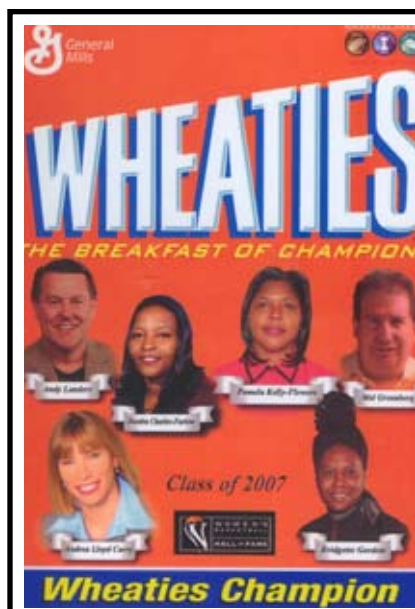
"She provides instant credibility with her past success as one of the best players ever in women's basketball," expressed Coach Henry. "She has been an outstanding addition to this program and has a reputation for being a top-notch recruiter."

Gordon is a 21-year basketball veteran with tremendous experience as both a collegiate and professional player. She assists Henry with all aspects of the program, including the signing of last year's recruiting class that was ranked No. 52 nationally by one service.

She came to the Panthers' staff after spending the 2006-07 season as a WNBA scout.

### **AN AWARD-WINNING ATHLETE**

Gordon, a former star at the University of Tennessee, helped lead the Lady Vols to four consecutive NCAA Final



Bridgette's photo on the Wheaties Box for the 2007 Basketball Hall of Fame

Four appearances (1986-1989) and its first two NCAA National Championships (1987 and 1989).

She was named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player in 1989 and was voted to the Final Four all-Tournament team in 1987 and 1989. Gordon was also a first-team All-Southeastern Conference performer all four years

and earned SEC Player of the Year honors in 1989.

A two-time Kodak, Naismith and United States Basketball Writers' Association (USBWA) All-American, Gordon still holds the Lady Vols record for most career steals (338) and is the second all-time leading scorer in school history (2,450 points), averaging 18.0 points and 6.7 rebounds in her UT career.

### **POST-COLLEGE CAREER**

Inducted into Basketball Hall of Fame (2007)  
Inducted into Tennessee Lady Vols Athletics Hall of Fame (2001)  
Played in WNBA with Sacramento Monarchs (1997-1998)  
Played Pro Ball overseas Italy (1989-1997) and Turkey (1999-2000)  
Was All-Star pick and team won seven Italian Championships

Assistant Basketball Coach, Stetson University (2001-2006)  
Scout for WNBA, (2006-07)

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Gordon was a fierce competitor. In Pat Summitt's book "Reach for the Summitt," the coach tells a story about Bridgette in an NCAA Championship game. During a timeout, Bridgette angered the coach by keeping her hand over her mouth. As coach challenged her team leader nose-to-nose, coach pulled Gordon's hand from her mouth and instructed her to get back in the game and play harder. Only after the game and four straight baskets by Gordon did the coach learn that a trip to the dentist was mandatory because of the tooth that had been knocked loose and required surgery to save. In the autographed copy, Coach Summitt acknowledges her respect for Bridgette's overall work ethic, competitive spirit and team leadership.

She was recognized as one of five players selected to the NCAA's 25th Silver Anniversary team in 2006.

In 1988, Gordon was one of two collegiate members of the gold medal-winning USA Olympic women's basketball team in Seoul, Korea. She graduated from Tennessee in 1989 with a bachelor's of arts degree in political science.

## PROFESSIONALLY

Over the next eight years, Gordon played for Pool Comense, a professional

## GORDON'S COLLEGE CAREER

NCAA 25th Silver Anniversary Team (2006)  
Two NCAA Championships (1987, 1989)  
Four Final Fours (1986-89)  
MVP of Final Four (1989)  
One of 20 all-time players named to  
NCAA Final Four Legends Team (1996)  
Final Four All-Tourney Team (1987, 1989)  
Second Most Points Scored in Final Four career  
Sixth Most Rebounds in Final Four career  
Two-time All-America pick  
SEC Player of the Year (1989)  
First-Team All-SEC (four times)  
Co-SEC Rookie of the Year (1986)  
SEC Scoring Leader (1988, 1989)  
Second-leading scorer UT history (2,460)  
Owns two of top 10 scoring seasons, UT history  
with 20.8 and 20.4 seasons  
School record holder steals (338)  
School single-game record 17 FT made, 20 FT attempted  
One of only five jerseys retired at UT (#30)  
Olympic Gold Medal Winner (1988)

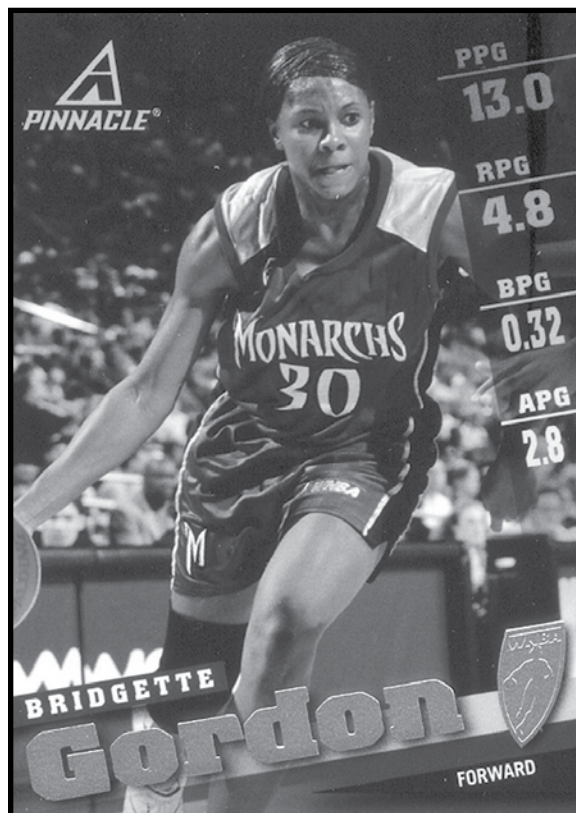
team in Casnate, Italy, winning the Italian League Championship every year from 1990-96. Gordon was an All-Star player each season and the league's leading scorer twice.

In 1997, Gordon joined the Sacramento Monarchs in the Women's National Basketball Association's (WNBA) inaugural season. That year, she led the team in free throw percentage (78.5) and ranked second in scoring (13.0 ppg).

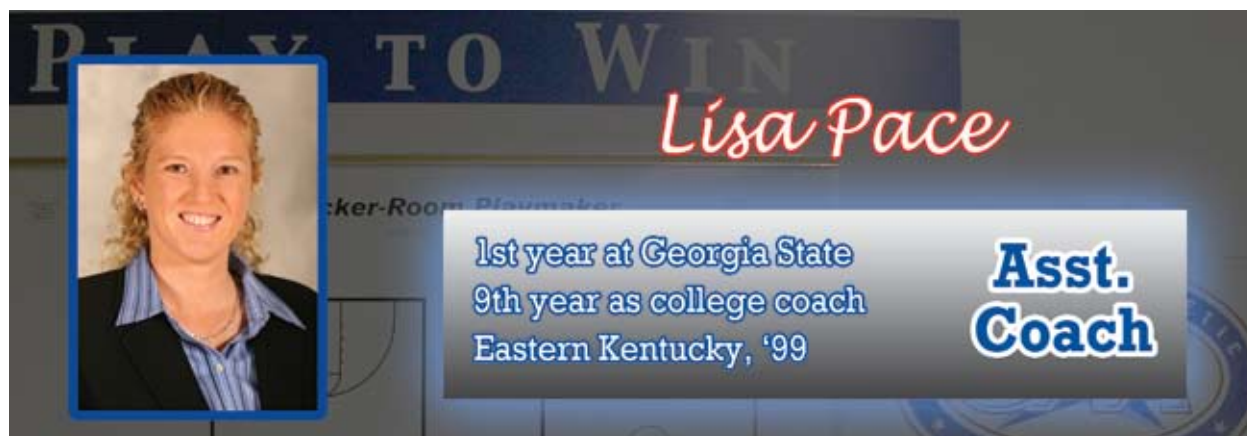
Gordon also played in Turkey and later worked as a broadcaster covering the Lady Vols for Fox Sports South. She retired as a player in 2000, after seeing action in 50 games during her two-year WNBA career.

## PERSONAL

She was born April 27, 1967, in DeLand, Fla., and attended DeLand High School from 1982-85. Bridgette helped lead the Lady Bulldogs to their first state championship in 1984. She was also an All-State performer and the team's leading scorer and rebounder all three seasons.



## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



**A strong RECRUITER, Pace joins her third Division I Coaching Staff. She was a talented college student-athlete, with conference titles and NCAA bids as both a player and an assistant coach.**

**Lisa Pace** joined the Panthers' staff this summer, following successful coaching stints at Southeast Missouri State and Eastern Kentucky. She begins her ninth season as a full-time college assistant coach.

### **A WINNING ATTITUDE**

Although new to Georgia State's tradition of success, Pace has been both a player and assistant with other winning programs.

At Southeast Missouri, Pace assisted on the 2007 OVC Championship team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament after an undefeated OVC regular season.

That Redhawks squad duplicated the feat of the 2006 team that won the OVC title and earned the NCAA bid. This rise marked the first-ever OVC titles for Southeast Missouri.

As a player at Eastern Kentucky, Pace competed on teams that won two OVC titles and earned NCAA postseason bids. Her coach, Larry Inman, retired in 2008 after 28 years and 480 wins at EKU.

### **A SOLID RECRUITER**

Pace was the recruiting coordinator at her previous two schools, playing a part in luring several outstanding student-athletes.

Joining her alma mater EKU a year ago in April, Pace quickly went to work recruiting two JUCO prospects to sign with the Lady Colonels. Both juniors played all 28 games for EKU and should excel this season.

In seven years at Southeast Missouri State, 11 of their former recruits capped solid playing careers by signing professional contracts to play overseas.

Pace recruited the 2005 OVC Player of the Year. Another student-athlete was the NCAA's leading rebounder of 2006-07, averaging 17 rebounds per game with 35 in one game. She now plays professionally in Sweden.

A third was the OVC Tournament Most Valuable Player and a fourth was an OVC preseason player of the year pick, who is currently playing overseas. Another of their Southeast

### **PACE CAREER PATH**

#### **Assistant Basketball Coach**

Eastern Kentucky (2007-2008),  
one season

Southeast Missouri State,  
(2000-01 thru 2006-07)  
seven seasons, 2 NCAA bids

Eastern Kentucky (1999-2000),  
graduate assistant, one season

Model Laboratory School  
(1998-99), one season

#### **College Student-Athlete**

Eastern Kentucky  
(1994-95 thru 1997-98)  
2 NCAA bids

Missouri State recruits played in the 2008 Olympics for New Zealand.

In 2004-05, Pace recruited the top scorer in St. Louis girls prep basketball to come to Southeast Missouri.



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### IN THE COMMUNITY

Pace has been a coordinator of summer basketball camps that teach the fundamentals of the game to children at each of the universities with which she has worked. She also spent the 2008 summer working internationally with a coaching clinic in Luxembourg with the FLBB (Basketball Federation of Luxembourg).

In addition, Pace has helped to promote booster programs known as "The Team Behind the Team" and "Rowdy's Lil' Rascals" children's group. She has also assisted in cancer research fund-raising.

### THE STUDENT-ATHLETE

At Eastern Kentucky, Pace was a four-year letterwinner for the Lady Colonels. She was a part of two OVC Championship teams, including the 1996-97 squad that posted a school-best 24-6 record (16-2 in the league) in earning the NCAA Tournament bid, the first NCAA bid in school history. That team beat Kentucky in the regular season but lost to Georgia in the NCAA Tournament.

The team followed that with a 20-8 season her senior year to repeat as OVC champs and earn a second straight bid. During her four years, she played in all 113 games as the Lady Colonels' teams went 74-39 (.655).

Pace finished fourth in school history with 113 three-point baskets made and led the OVC in three-point percentage one year (making 52-of-131 for .397). She shot 42.6 percent outside the arc as a senior (32-of-76). Her final career numbers include 683 points, 346 rebounds, 159 assists and 107 steals.

### THE LEARNING CURVE

While finishing her undergraduate degree, Pace spent one season at the Model Laboratory School in Richmond, Kentucky. She served as the assistant coach for the high school team and the head coach for the middle school, before rejoining Eastern Kentucky as a graduate assistant coach for 1999-2000.

She completed an internship as part of her master's program with the University of Tennessee women's basketball program under Pat Summitt. Pace assisted in the UT summer camps and saw the workings of their recruiting process.

Upon completion of her internship, Pace took a job at Fairview School in Huntsville, teaching special education and serving as head coach. In December 2000, she accepted the job at Southeast Missouri.

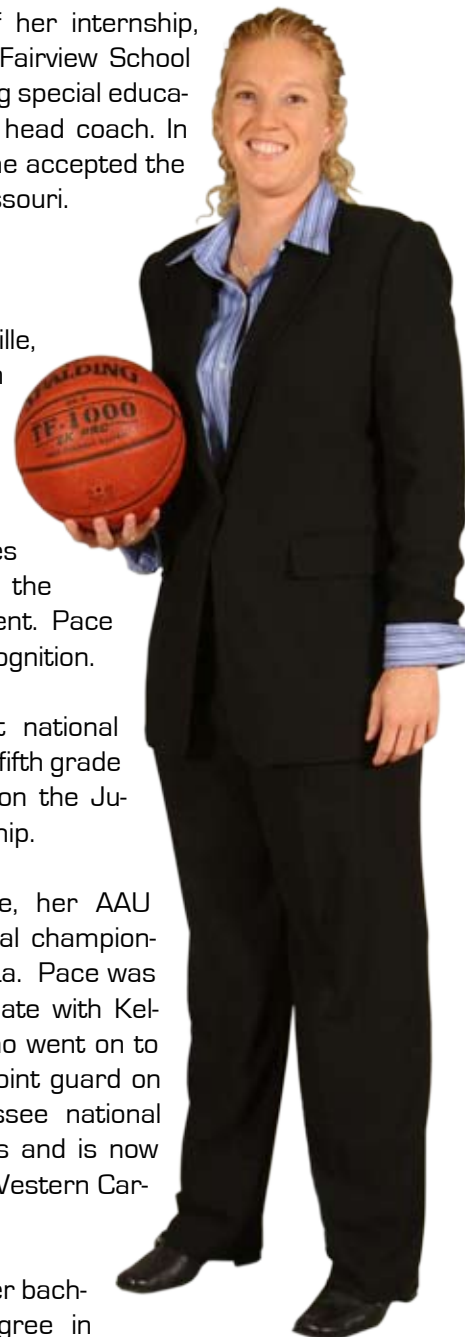
### PERSONAL

A native of Huntsville, Tenn., Pace began her athletic career with the Scott High School Highlanders. Her teams won three District titles and advanced to the sub state tournament. Pace earned All-State recognition.

Pace won her first national championship in the fifth grade with a team that won the Junior Pro Championship.

In the eighth grade, her AAU squad won a national championship in Shreveport, La. Pace was a backcourt teammate with Kelie Jolly (Harper), who went on to be an All-America point guard on three U. of Tennessee national championship teams and is now the head coach at Western Carolina University.

Pace earned both her bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1999 and her master's degree in sports administration in 2000 from Eastern Kentucky.



## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



**A veteran of the Georgia State program, Merriweather begins her coaching career. A former POINT GUARD, she was a key member of a pair of NCAA Tournament teams.**

**Dee Dee Merriweather** is certainly no stranger to the Georgia State University women's basketball program as she enters her eighth season involved with women's basketball.

This will be her first as a member of the coaching staff.

For the past three seasons, she has served as the administrative assistant for the program, handling countless tasks and serving however needed during the transition into the CAA.

And, for the four years prior to that, Merriweather was learning and understanding Coach Henry's program as the point guard directing the successful women's teams.

In 2005, Merriweather was one of 28 former student-athletes chosen for Nike's national "So You Want to be a Coach" program. This Women's Basketball Coaches Association and NCAA program provides an educational and professional foundation for female student-athletes who aspire to coach.

Merriweather is in her second year

of the master's degree program in instructional technology at Georgia State.

### PLAYING CAREER

A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter for the Panthers at point guard from 2001-2005, Merriweather was on teams that combined for a 75-46 record (62 percent) and earned two NCAA postseason bids.

Merriweather started 78 games and finished with 312 points (2.9 per game), 259 assists (2.4 per game), 168 rebounds (1.5 per game) and 89 steals. She was a career 71 percent free throw shooter and knocked down 47 three-point baskets.

She logged season-best totals of 110 points (3.7 ppg) and 60 rebounds (2.0 rpg) as a senior, along with a season-best 33 steals. She totaled a season-high 85 assists (2.8 apg) as a sophomore (2002-03).

Her .786 free throw percentage led the team. One of her highlights as a senior was making the winning basket with 4.4 seconds left in a win over Florida Atlantic.

Merriweather played on two Atlantic Sun tournament champion Georgia





# GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



State teams in 2002 and 2003 that finished 21-10 and 20-11, respectively, and advanced to the NCAA Tournament both years.

The 2002 squad also won the conference regular season title, while the 2003 team captured the A-Sun North Division regular season crown.

A two-time member of the Atlantic Sun Conference All-Academic team in 2003 and 2004, Merriweather was also a deserved recipient of Georgia State's Bruce LaBudde Sportsmanship Award as a junior and a senior.

## PREP CAREER

A four-year starter for the South Cobb Lady Eagles as a prep, Merriweather was named team captain and most valuable player three times.

Nicknamed "Magic," she helped lead her squad to a 95-17 overall record during her four seasons, including 55-3 the last two (30-1 as a senior with an undefeated regular season and 25-2 as a junior).

Merriweather was a two-time all-state selection while leading the Lady Eagles to regional championships in 2000 and 2001 and was named Region 6AAAA Player of the Year in 2001 after averaging 14.1 points, 6.2 assists, 4.8 rebounds and 3.5 steals per contest.

In addition to her basketball prowess, Merriweather earned four letters in fast-pitch softball and four letters in soccer.

## PERSONAL

Merriweather was born on Jan. 26, 1983, in Atlanta and has spent her entire lifetime here.

She had more than 75 family and friends attend her final game at Georgia State, all wearing No. 45 shirts.

She is the middle child of her mother, Rhonda, with an older brother Brian and younger brother, Chad. Dee Dee, whose given first name is Davetia, was named for her father who passed away about six weeks after attending her Senior Night game at Georgia State. She credits her stepfather Charles and her grandparents Gadisee and Betty Roberts for their supportive roles.

Merriweather earned her bachelor's degree in accounting in four years from Georgia State's Robinson College of Business in 2005.

Merriweather resides in Decatur Ga.

## MERRIWEATHER'S BASKETBALL PATH

Georgia State, 2005-08,  
Administrative Assistant

Georgia State, 2001-05  
Point Guard on Panther  
teams with 75-46 record  
2 NCAA Bids  
Two-Time All-Academic pick

Nike/WBCA "So You  
Want To Be A Coach"  
program (2005)

South Cobb High School  
Two-time All-State on teams  
with 95-17 combined records  
Region 6 5A Player of Year  
Two-time Regional Champs

College degree in Accounting

## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



**A veteran of the Georgia State program, Rogers PLAYED IN POSTSEASON ALL FOUR YEARS at State with three NCAA Tournament teams. and one WNIT squad.**

While she completes her masters degree, **EVITA ROGERS** will serve as a second year Graduate Manager for the program.

Rogers played four seasons at Georgia State from 1999-2003 and spent two seasons here as an assistant coach, so this marks her eighth year of involvement with the program.

One of the most decorated athletes in Georgia State women's basketball history, Rogers, a four-year letterwinner and four-year starter from 1999-2003, capped off her brilliant career by finishing as Georgia State's all-time leader in games played (121) and field goal percentage (53.3 percent). She currently ranks in the top 10 all-time in eight categories.

A member of three NCAA Tournament teams and a Women's National Invitation Tournament squad in 2000, Rogers helped build State into a Trans America Athletic/Atlantic Sun

Conference power. She is one of the three members of a senior class that participated all four years in postseason play.

Rogers concluded her career having helped State post a 56-16 (.778) league mark and an overall record of 89-35 (.718) in four years. Rogers was a two-time Most Valuable Player selection of the A-Sun Conference Tournament and garnered all-conference honors three times.

Rogers is fourth all-time in scoring with 1,728 points and grabbed 793 rebounds to rank eighth all-time. She had two games with 38 points scored to rank in the top 10 performances.

A Dean's List student, Rogers was also a 2005 Verizon Academic All-District 3 recipient and was named to the league All-Academic team for three consecutive seasons. On Dec. 6, 2004, Rogers' jersey number 51 was retired to the rafters.

Rogers graduated cum laude from Georgia State in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science and is working towards a master's in sports management.

She has worked as a personal trainer and as a basketball instructor within the Atlanta Hawks and Atlanta Spirit organizations, and played professional basketball overseas for one season with Escola Secundaria Santo Andre (ESSA) of the Liga Feminia (Women's League), which is the top women's division in Portugal.

Born April 8, 1981 to William and Josephine Rogers, Evita is an Atlanta native. She was a key player on the 1999 state championship team at Woodward Academy.



### STUDENT-MANAGER

**TAVIA CLARK** is serving in her second year as the team's manager. The native of Villa Rica, Ga., is a junior majoring in computer information systems.

## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



**Cowan's vast expertise and experience provide the OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT for the Panthers every day, every trip and every game.**

For **Kristie Cowan**, this season marks her 12th campaign of directing the operational aspects for the growing and successful Panther basketball program.

As the director of operations, she also focuses on travel arrangements and community service activities among the many critical behind-the-scenes duties she performs for the program.

Cowan came to Georgia State University during the 1996-97 academic year as a graduate student, working for the athletic department's director of development.

When the Panthers hosted the Trans America Athletic Conference (now Atlantic Sun Conference) Tournament in 1999, Cowan served as its tournament director. Since her arrival in Atlanta, she has also worked at numerous other events, including the Sarazen World Golf Championship, Atlantic Coast Conference Volleyball Tournament, Mizuno Golf Invitational (a former Georgia State event) and the Summer Olympic Games in 1996.

In March 1997, Cowan assisted at the first and second rounds of the men's

NCAA Basketball Tournament in Charlotte, N.C.

Prior to Georgia State, Cowan worked in 1995 for Heard and Associates, an advertising agency in Durham, N.C., with clients like L'eggs, Gerber Childrenswear and Remy Martin Cognac.

From 1991-94, Cowan served a three-year stint as assistant sports information director at Davidson College in North Carolina. She was responsible for the 10-sport women's program there and worked to help rebuild a basketball program that had been dropped in the 1980s.

Cowan also performed marketing and promotions tasks such as corporate sponsorship sales, game program advertisement sales, ticket sales and event promotion.

She played a big role in bringing the NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship to Davidson in both 1992 and 1993. As DC became the first neutral-site host for the tournament, Cowan worked with then-athletic director Terry Holland and the athletic

department's director of marketing to obtain sponsorships and build ticket sales while also handling some media relations activities.

She was also part of the media relations staffs at three other men's NCAA Basketball Tournaments, including the Final Four at Charlotte in 1994.

Cowan received her bachelor's degree in public policy studies at Duke University in 1991 and master's from Georgia State in 2001. At Duke, she was on the soccer squad for two seasons.

A current member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Cowan was also part of the College Sports Information Directors of America from 1991-94.

Born July 14, 1969, in Minneapolis, Minn., Cowan grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. She and her husband, Scott, presently live in Smyrna, Ga., with their daughter, Camryn (born Jan. 24, 2001), and son, Caden (born April 21, 2003). In her free time, Cowan enjoys reading and playing golf.

## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



**Glenise Moore**, a former Panther student-athlete returns to the program as the team's Administrative Assistant for 2008-09.

A recruit who began her Georgia State career in 2002-03, Moore earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and a minor in marketing in 2006. A member of State's last NCAA Tournament team, Moore

played in 23 games before injuries cut short her playing career after two seasons and a medical red-shirt season. She served as a team manager for her final year.

Recently, she worked with the HLM Financial Group in Decatur where she gained experience in that industry. In an effort to explore these interests, she's taking finance classes to begin work on a master's degree in busi-

ness at Georgia State.

Moore, who graduated 10th in her 2002 class at J. O. Johnson High School in Huntsville, was a four-time all-area honoree and the City Basketball Player of the Year as a senior. She was a four-time all-city and a three-time all-Metro pick for the Jaguars of Johnson High.

Born June 9, 1984, Glenise is the youngest of three children of Dennis



**Kristen Wilkey** joins the Georgia State program in 2008 as the Head Athletic Trainer.

Wilkey is a certified athletic trainer, an approved clinical instructor, a certified orthopaedic technician and is CPR and AED certified.

A graduate of Southeast Missouri State, Kristen earned her degree in 2003 in health management. She earned her master's degree from

Middle Tennessee State in 2005 in sport management.

She gained experience as a graduate assistant trainer at MTSU, as an athletic trainer for the National Indoor Football League Montgomery (Ala.) Maulers, as the head athletic trainer at Robert E. Lee High in Montgomery, as an assistant on the medical staff at Rehab Associates for Huntingdon College and most recently as the director of physical rehabilitation at the

Gwinnett Health Centers in Duluth, Ga. She was a professor at Huntingdon and taught first aid, CPR and Intro to Athletic Training.

She was the host athletic trainer for the 2007 SEC gymnastic championships.

Wilkey is a native of Festus, Mo, a town about 30 miles down the Mississippi River south of St. Louis.

## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF



**Ken Coggins** joined the Georgia State staff in May 2008 from Charleston Southern, where he was the program's first full-time strength and conditioning coach.

He previously worked as head strength and conditioning coach at Jackson State (2003-07), Belhaven College (1999-2003), Southwest Missouri State (1995-99), Arkansas Little Rock (1990-95) and Delta State (1988). He also served as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Memphis State (1988-90).

Coggins has worked with high-profile professional athletes, including NBA star Derek Fisher of the Los Angeles Lakers, with whom Coggins worked at Arkansas Little Rock.

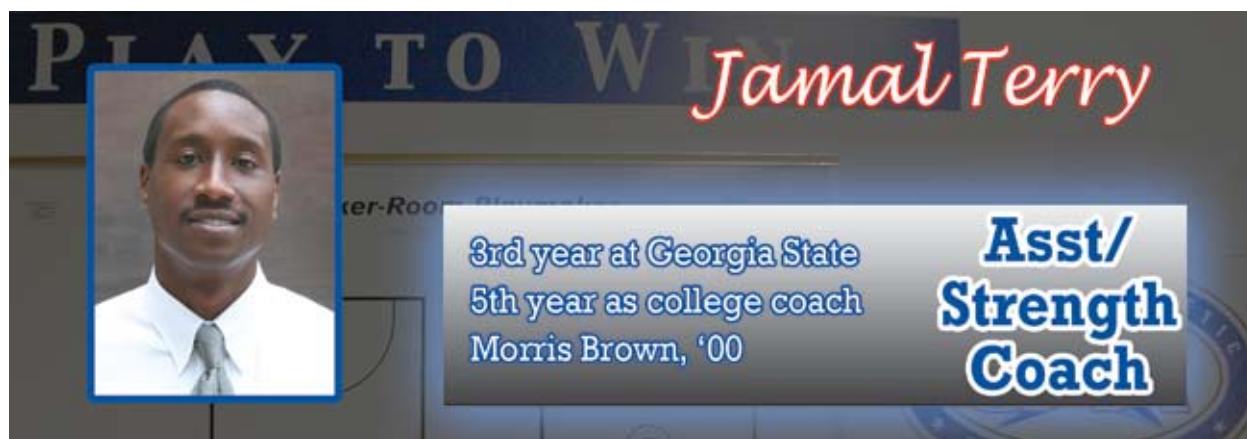
Coggins, 47, earned his B.S. degree in fitness management and exercise physiology from Mississippi State University in 1986.

A member of the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Association, he is certified by the National Association of Speed-Strength & Conditioning and the International Sports Association

(Speed-Strength Certification) and is a graduate of the Speed-Strength & Quickness Training Seminar at the Sports Conditioning Institute.

He has also traveled extensively to broaden his knowledge, studying at the Lenin Institute for Physical Culture in Moscow, Russia; the German Institute of Physical Culture and Sports Science in Leipzig, Germany; and the Bulgarian Institute of Physical Culture and Sports.

Coggins and his wife, Tina, have a 13-year-old daughter, Lauren.



**Jamal Terry** is in his third year with the Panthers program.

A graduate of Morris Brown in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in recreation, Terry is an Atlanta native.

Terry was a three-year starter, team captain and all-conference player for the Morris Brown Wolverine football

team. A four-year student-athlete, Terry was president of his senior class and an Academic All-American.

Terry began his strength and conditioning career at the University of South Florida in Tampa under strength coach Ron McKeefery.

At Georgia State, Terry works with all

16 teams to provide speed training, weight training and conditioning, as well as an array of speciality work.

He is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and The Black Coaches and Administrators of the NCAA. Jamal and his wife, Shimena, reside in Atlanta.

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## GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL STAFF

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**Charlie Taylor** will serve as the women's basketball primary media contact in his role as Assistant Athletics Director for Communications.

Taylor serves in his ninth year at Georgia State and works with all 16 teams to provide publicity services. A former NFL P.R. director, he worked with the Washington Redskins and Atlanta Falcons. He currently is employed by the NFL as an administrator on game days and works as a communicator and instant replay representative.

Taylor has worked multiple Super Bowls and Pro Bowls on the staffs in the NFL.

He has been working with the Atlanta sports media for 21 years in his roles with the Falcons and Panthers. Taylor has worked a pair of NCAA men's Final Fours and a pair of NCAA men's regional basketball tournaments on the staffs at the Georgia Dome.

Taylor was a Dean's List student, editor of the school newspaper, Sigma Pi

fraternity president and junior class president at his alma mater, Fairmont (W.Va.) State University. He worked two years as Sports Information Director there in a program that won the NAIA national football championship and advanced to the title game of the national basketball championship.

He is a second generation Navy veteran. Taylor and his wife of 27 years, Lynn, have a daughter, Lauren, who works in New York City. Charlie and Lynn reside in Alpharetta, Ga.

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**BRITTANY HOLLINS**

**STATE PLAYER OF YEAR  
SOUTH CAROLINA-2005**



**DANA OLSEN**

**FIRST TEAM JUCO  
ALL-AMERICAN-2007  
REGION MVP**



**JYLISA WILLIAMS**

**STATE PLAYER OF YEAR  
GEORGIA-2008**