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MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY



The University History

Mississippi State University forms a cohesive higher education-municipal community with Starkville, a growing agricultural-commercial-industrial city of nearly 24,000. Located in the eastern part of north-central Mississippi, MSU is 125 miles northeast of Jackson and 23 miles west of Columbus. It is served by U.S. and state highways 82, 12 and 25, along with feeder air service through the Golden Triangle Regional Airport 14 miles to the east.

The communities enjoy many intellectual, cultural and recreational advantages. Among them are the MSU-Starkville Civic Symphony and Chorus; Starkville Community Theater; University Lyceum series, continuing intercollegiate athletic events in modern facilities, and varied recreational opportunities on playing fields and courts in neighboring forests, fields and lakes, and along the nearby Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

The University

Mississippi State University is a comprehensive, doctoral degree-granting institution with a nationally and internationally diverse student body. To individuals, it offers a wide range of opportunities and challenges for learning and growth; to the world of knowledge, vigorous and expanding contributions in research, discovery and application; and to people in every region of Mississippi, a variety of expert services.

Mississippi State holds the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's designation as a Doctoral/Extensive institution. Representative of the American land-grant tradition and distinctive in its own character and spirit, it is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters, specialist and doctoral degrees.

A faculty drawn from the best institutions in all parts of the nation work earnestly to demonstrate excellence in teaching, while producing in their specialized studies scholarly books, articles, and conference papers that gain respect for themselves, the university and the state. In the process, they ensure for their students instruction that immediately is in touch with current knowledge and thought.

A body of energetic researchers, both faculty and other, are assisted by an effective research administration to place Mississippi State among the top 100 universities in the nation in research and development in the sciences and engineering. Campus service agencies similarly are distinguished, earning the respect and support of their varied constituencies throughout the state, as well as in other states and countries throughout the world.

The History

As the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi—one of the national land-grant entities created by Congress through the 1862 Morrill Act—it was established February 28, 1878. In doing so, the Mississippi Legislature gave it a mission to provide training in “agriculture, horticulture and the mechanical arts . . . without excluding other scientific and classical studies, including military tactics.”

The new college received its first students in the fall of 1880 during the presidency of former Civil War

general Stephen D. Lee, a United States Military Academy graduate. In 1887, Congress passed the Hatch Act to provide for the establishment of the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1888. Two other pieces of federal legislation provided funds to extend the college's mission: the 1914 Smith-Lever Act called for "instruction in practical agriculture and home economics to persons not attendant or resident," creating a statewide effort that led to extension offices in every county; and the 1917 Smith-Hughes Act that supported the training of teachers in vocational education.

In 1926, it gained accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

By 1932, when the Legislature changed the name to Mississippi State College, the institution included the Agricultural Experiment Station (1887), College of Engineering (1902), College of Agriculture (1903), School of Industrial Pedagogy (1909), School of General Science (1911), College of Business and Industry (1915), Mississippi Agricultural Extension Service (1915) and Division of Continuing Education, (1919).

The legislature made a second name change in 1958 to Mississippi State University, by which time the Office of Graduate Studies had been organized (1936), doctoral degree programs begun (1951), the School of Forest Resources established (1954), and the College of Arts and Sciences created (1956).

The College of Architecture admitted its first students in 1973, while the College of Veterinary Medicine admitted its first class in 1977. The School of Accountancy was established in 1979.

Purposes

As a land-grant institution, Mississippi State University is dedicated to three broad purposes already mentioned: learning, research, and service. Learning, both on- and off-campus, enhances the intellectual, cultural, social and professional development of students; research, both to extend the present limits of knowledge and bring deeper insight, understanding, and usefulness to existing knowledge; and service, to apply knowledge and the fruits of research to the lives of people.

Fulfilling these purposes is the primary goal of the educational units that make up the total university. Among others, these include the academic departments, colleges and schools, along with continuing education, Mississippi State University Extension Service and Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station.

Quality of the faculty, staff, and administrators ensures the high quality of the instruction, research and service provided. Resulting university programs ensure that students receive a well-designed and comprehensive education that will assist them in leading constructive lives and achieving personal and professional goals.

The University Today

Mississippi State University in the 21st century comprises the following academic units: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, including the School of Human Sciences; College of Architecture, Art and Design; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Business, including the Adkerson School of Accountancy; College of Education; Bagley College of Engineering, including the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering; College of Forest Resources; Office of the Graduate School, and College of Veterinary Medicine.

2021 – 2022 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW CONTINUED

The Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station operates 16 branch stations throughout the state to conducts research in a variety of areas and assists in the university's teaching and service functions.

Finally, the Mississippi State University Extension Service offers programs and services to state residents through campus and county offices and personnel.

Supporting the academic and educational programs of the total university are the Mitchell Memorial Library and its branches.

Within the institutional framework, several units perform specialized teaching, research or service activities. Among these are the Center for Distance Education, Shackouls Honors College, Advanced Research Projects Laboratory, Center for Safety and Health, Center for Science, Mathematics and Technology, Electron Microscope Center, Portera High Performance Computing Center, Institute for Digital Biology, Institute for Neurocognitive Science and Technology, Franklin Furniture Institute, Forest and Wildlife Research Center, Sustainable Energy Research Center, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, Research and Curriculum Unit, Center for Education and Training Technology, GeoResources Institute, Life Sciences and Biotechnology Institute, Social Science Research Center, Carl Small Town Center, Design Research and Informatics Laboratory, Educational Design Institute, Jackson Community Design Center, Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, Biological and Physical Sciences Resources Institute, Center for Computational Sciences, Cobb Institute of Archaeology, Institute for the Humanities, John C. Stennis Institute of Government, Center for Educational Partnerships, Early Childhood Institute, Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute, Martin Center for Technology and Disability, Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, Center for Computer Security Research, Center for DoD Programming Environment and Training, Computational Simulation and Design Center, Institute for Clean Energy Technology, High Voltage Laboratory, and Raspet Flight Laboratory.

Mississippi State University also operates an off-campus, degree-granting center in Meridian where both undergraduate and graduate programs are offered, as well as a program center at the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County. In cooperation with the U. S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station, the engineering college offers a master of science degree in Vicksburg.

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning has designated Mississippi State as a comprehensive, doctoral degree-granting institution. This designation, in concert with its original land-grant mission, make the university a major contributor to the state's educational system. For more than a century, Mississippi has benefited greatly from the university and its graduates, most of whom have remained in the state and aided in its economic, social, and educational development.

Through membership in such organizations as the Southern Regional Education Board, American Council on Education and National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, Mississippi State is recognized for educational and technological contributions to the national and international communities.

Today, the commitment of faculty, administrators and staff personnel is to continue the high quality of teaching, research and service to Mississippi.

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Rocket Watts
Junior/Guard

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Iverson Molinar
Junior/Guard

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Javian Davis
R-Junior/Forward

3



Shakeel Moore
Sophomore/Guard

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Cameron Matthews
Sophomore/Guard/Forward

5



Cam Carter
Freshman/Guard

10



Garrison Brooks
Graduate/Forward

11



Andersson Garcia
Sophomore/Guard/Forward

12



KeShawn Murphy
Freshman/Forward

13



D.J. Jeffries
Junior/Forward

20



Derek Fountain
Sophomore/Forward

21



Justin Rumph
R-Senior/Guard

24



Tyler Brumfield
Freshman/Guard

25



Isaac Stansbury
Junior/Guard

35



Tolu Smith
R-Junior/Forward

44



Alden Applewhite
Freshman/Forward

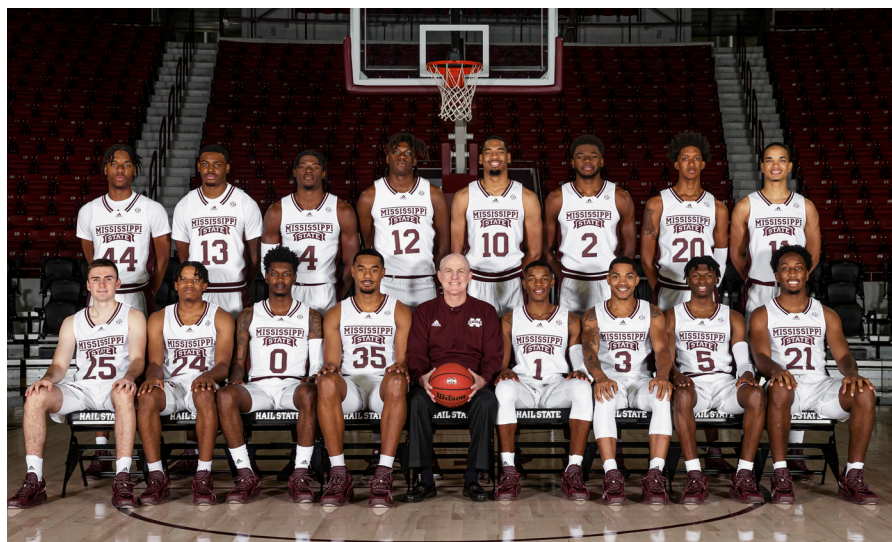
2021 - 2022 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Rocket Watts	G	6-2	185	Jr.	Detroit, MI [SPIRE Academy, OH/Michigan State]
1	Iverson Molinar	G	6-3	190	Jr.	Panama City, Panama [Veritas Prep - CA]
2	Javian Davis	F	6-9	240	R-Jr.	Canton, MS [Canton HS/AL]
3	Shakeel Moore	G	6-1	185	So.	Greensboro, NC [Moravian Prep/North Carolina State]
4	Cameron Matthews	G/F	6-7	225	So.	Olive Branch, MS [Olive Branch HS]
5	Cam Carter	G	6-3	185	Fr.	Donaldsonville, LA [Oak Hill Academy - VA]
10	Garrison Brooks	F	6-9	230	Gr.	LaFayette, AL [Auburn HS/NC]
11	Andersson Garcia	G/F	6-7	210	So.	Moca, Dominican Republic [Hamilton Heights HS - TN]
12	KeShawn Murphy	F	6-10	245	Fr.	Birmingham, AL [Ramsay HS]
13	D.J. Jeffries	F	6-7	215	Jr.	Olive Branch, MS [Olive Branch HS/Memphis]
20	Derek Fountain	F	6-9	220	So.	Holly Springs, MS [Holly Springs HS]
21	Justin Rumph	G	6-5	220	R-Sr.	Birmingham, AL [Hoover HS/Faulkner/Southern Union State CC]
24	Tyler Brumfield	G	6-2	185	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
25	Isaac Stansbury	G	6-1	170	Jr.	Bowling Green, KY [Greenwood HS]
35	Tolu Smith	F	6-11	245	R-Jr.	Bay St. Louis, MS [Kahuku HS - HI/Western Kentucky]
44	Alden Applewhite	F	6-7	205	Fr.	Memphis, TN [Compass Prep School - AZ]

HEAD COACH: Ben Howland

ASSISTANT COACHES: George Brooks, Korey McCray, Ernie Zeigler

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: John Janovsky



2021 – 2022 MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S OUTLOOK

STARKVILLE – Head coach Ben Howland and company went out during the offseason and brought in a load of new talent to an already strong roster.

Transferring in were forwards Garrison Brooks and D.J. Jeffries along with guards Shakeel Moore and Rocket Watts. Brooks comes to Starkville after spending four seasons at North Carolina, while Jeffries made the move to State from Memphis. Moore was at N.C. State last year, while Watts went from Michigan State to Mississippi State.

It's quite an influx of both experience and skill. As word got out Jeffries, Brooks, Moore and Watts were Starkville bound, veteran MSU forward Tolu Smith was overjoyed.

"It was great to hear," Smith said. "I just want to be a part of a winning program so having that type of talent come in, it just gives you a sense of hope that we can be and will be good."

Of course, Smith is a big reason for State's high hopes all on his own. The junior post presence was a force for the Bulldogs last year, leading the Southeastern Conference in rebounds per game (8.5).

The MSU guards are loaded with potential as well. There's third-year Bulldog Iverson Molinar, who ranked among the SEC's top 10 in points per game and field goal percentage last season. Then, add in Moore and Watts, along with four-star freshman Cam Carter and the pieces seem to be in place for State to be an incredibly well-rounded squad.

"We've got some really good players coming in and that's exciting to have all this talent coming into a team and trying to incorporate them into the team," Molinar said.

There's little question about the caliber of the players making up MSU's current roster. From the aforementioned young men to names like Cam Matthews, Andersson Garcia and Derek Fountain, who both had strong debut seasons last year and are now looking to make big leaps, there is talent at every turn.

But just how are all the guys getting along? Team chemistry is such a big part of basketball. Fortunately for MSU, these Bulldogs have bonded quickly.

"It's been going good," Jeffries said. "From the first day, we all embraced each other. We all loved each other. We all go out to eat and have fun and joke. It's kind of like we've all been knowing each other for years."

Yet there's no denying MSU's 2021-22 mixture has the makings of a team that can make plenty of noise. There's talent. There's togetherness. There's a drive within the group to succeed.

"I've been a part of a few teams that have been really talented and really good," Brooks said. "I look around at this team and I see how hard everyone works all the time. I see Tolu and Iverson coming in the gym every day. I see all these guys here relentlessly trying to get better. I think our team is going to be really good."

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



As one of the nation's leading research universities, Colorado State provides an excellent and accessible education, conducts research that transforms our world, and leads outreach programs that support economic vitality and improve the quality of life for people worldwide.

As Colorado's land-grant university, Colorado State was founded in 1870 to fulfill the vision of President Abraham Lincoln and others—to create access and opportunity for people in Colorado and around the world who can benefit from hands-on, engaged learning.

With more than 150 programs of study and 74 undergraduate degree programs in eight colleges—and a faculty-to-student ratio of 18:1—students have access to a wealth of educational possibilities. Colorado State leads the world in disciplines such as human and animal health, clean energy and the environment, global and sustainable business, engineering, and climate research. Along with outstanding programs in the liberal and performing arts, humanities and social sciences, Colorado State offers some of the top professional programs in the country in construction management, occupational therapy, psychology, communications and agriculture—and is home to the top-ranked public business school in the state.

Challenging academic programs and world-changing research are hallmarks of Colorado State, and it is our special commitment to service, outreach, and transforming our world through innovation that sets this university apart.

WHERE WE RANK

No. 1 Best Four-Year College in Colorado - For cost to attend, efforts to ensure student success, and program prominence from Schools.com

No. 1 Top National University in Colorado (and top 25 percent in the nation) - For contributions to the public good in three broad categories: social mobility, research, and providing opportunities for public service from Washington Monthly

Top 10% Best College Campus in America - For outstanding campus resources across classrooms, labs, performance venues, housing, food, and recreational facilities, based on key statistics and student reviews using data from the U.S. Department of Education, from Niche

No. 9 Coolest School - For impactful initiatives to reduce on-campus waste and energy consumption, promote alternative transportation, provide funding to student and faculty-led green proposals, and more, from Sierra Club

Top 5% Best Student Life in America - For a positive, fun, and friendly student culture and a vibrant campus community, based on student reviews and statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, from Niche

No. 3 Best College Town to Live in Forever - For a thriving economy and culture that make a city perfect for a long-term commitment, from College Ranker

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Trace Young
Sophomore/Guard

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John Tonje
Junior/Guard

2



Jalen Scott
Freshman/Guard

3



Kendle Moore
Senior/Guard

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Isaiah Stevens
Junior/Guard

5



Baylor Hebb
Sophomore/Guard

10



James Moors
R-Sophomore/Forward/Center

11



Dischon Thomas
Junior/Forward

13



Chandler Jacobs
5th Year/Guard

15



Jalen Lake
Freshman/Guard

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David Roddy
Junior/Forward

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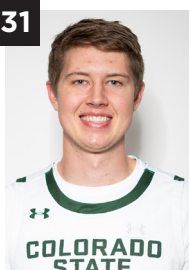
Nick Bassett
Junior/Forward

23



Isaiah Rivera
Sophomore/Guard

31



Adam Thistlewood
Senior/Forward

35



Jacob Jennissen
Sophomore/Center

2021 - 2022 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Trace Young	G	6-3	180	So.	Austin, Texas (Dripping Springs HS)
1	John Tonje	G	6-5	210	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Omaha Central HS)
2	Jalen Scott	G	6-2	180	Fr.	Surprise, Ariz. (Paradise Honors HS)
3	Kendle Moore	G	6-0	155	Sr.	Danville, Ill. (Danville HS)
4	Isaiah Stevens	G	6-0	185	Jr.	Allen, Texas (Allen HS)
5	Baylor Hebb	G	6-2	180	So.	Colleyville, Texas (Heritage HS/Loyola Chicago)
10	James Moors	F/C	6-10	260	R-So.	Auckland, New Zealand (Westlake Boys HS)
11	Dischon Thomas	F	6-8	235	Jr.	Durham, N.C. (Hillcrest Prep (Ariz.))
13	Chandler Jacobs	G	6-3	185	5th	Missouri City, Texas (Elkins HS/Dallas Baptist)
15	Jalen Lake	G	6-4	190	Fr.	Waxahachie, Texas (Waxahachie HS)
21	David Roddy	F	6-6	255	Jr.	St. Paul, Minn. (Breck School)
22	Nick Bassett	F	6-5	205	Jr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Cheyenne Mountain HS/Neb. Wesleyan)
23	Isaiah Rivera	G	6-5	210	So.	Geneseo, Ill. (Geneseo HS)
31	Adam Thistlewood	F	6-8	225	Sr.	Golden, Colo. (Golden HS)
35	Jacob Jennissen	C	7-1	240	So.	Sauk Centre, Minn. (Sauk Centre HS)

HEAD COACH: Niko Medved

ASSISTANT COACHES: Ali Farokhmanesh, Brian Cooley, Sam Jones

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT: Joe DeCiman

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: Aaron Katsuma

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL ADMINISTRATION: Emma Montie



2021 - 2022 COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S OUTLOOK

Head Coach Niko Medved and the Rams are coming off the program's 20-8 overall record and a program-best 14-4 conference record in the COVID-shortened season and berth in the NIT Final Four last year, having earned him Mountain West Coach of the Year from the league's media and United States Basketball Writers Association District Coach of the Year honors. The Rams advanced to their second consecutive postseason invitation, playing in the National Invitation Tournament and advancing to the semifinals with wins over Buffalo and NC State to eventually finish 2-2. The 20 wins marked the first back-to-back 20-win seasons since 2011-12/2012-13 when Medved was an assistant coach on the staff.

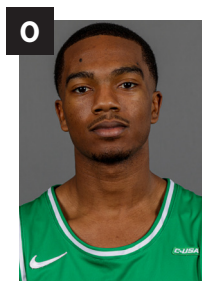
For the first time in program history, the Colorado State men's basketball team has been picked to win the Mountain West in the annual preseason media poll. CSU returns three All-Mountain West players in juniors Isaiah Stevens and David Roddy and senior Adam Thistlewood, all five starters, nine letterwinners and more than 90 percent of its scoring, rebounds, assists and minutes from last year's squad. The previous high for the Rams was being picked to finish third prior to the 2003-04 season as CSU had won the 2003 Mountain West Tournament and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS



The University of North Texas is a student-centered public research university and is the flagship of the UNT System. The university stands as the most comprehensive in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, offering 99 bachelor's, 104 master's and 49 doctoral degree programs, many nationally recognized. UNT leads Texas in the number of students selected as Goldwater Scholars in math and science. Founded in 1890, UNT takes pride in its outstanding faculty, high academic standards and diverse student body. UNT has been named one of America's 100 Best College Buys® for 12 consecutive years. It is one of nation's top 100 colleges for Hispanic students and one of the nation's top 100 colleges graduating the most African American students. Offering a traditional college experience and the quality of a private university at an affordable cost, UNT has more graduate students than any other university in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It is the largest provider of online credit courses among Texas public universities and is one of the state's largest universities, enrolling over 40,000 students. The UNT Dallas Campus is in a new 75,000-square-foot facility, which is Dallas' first public university opened in 2009. The UNT System also includes the UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth.

Denton is located just 35 miles to the north of both Dallas and Fort Worth in north central Texas. Denton has a population of 138,541 and boasts the historic downtown square, with its centerpiece being the century-old Denton County Courthouse. The county seat for one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Texas, more than 800,000 people currently live in Denton County. Denton is the host of numerous annual events, including the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival, North Texas State Fair and Rodeo, Blues Festival and the Fourth of July Jubilee.



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Rasheed Browne
Junior/Guard



1
Mardrez McBride
Senior/Guard



2
Aaron Scott
Freshman/Guard/Forward



4
Thomas Bell
Senior/Forward



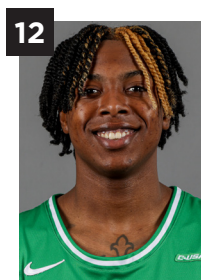
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Tylor Perry
Junior/Guard



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Jahmiah Simmons
Senior/Forward



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JJ Murray
Senior/Guard



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Bryce Zephir
Sophomore/Guard



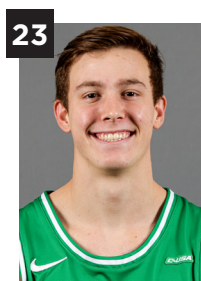
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Arsh Mattu
R-Freshman/Guard



15
Rubin Jones
Sophomore/Guard



21
Chris Morgan
Freshman/Forward



23
Matthew Stone
Freshman/Guard



33
Abou Ousmane
Sophomore/Forward



44
Hameir Wright
Senior/Forward

2021 - 2022 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS MEN'S ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Rasheed Browne	G	6-2	182	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA (Texas A&M Corpus Christi)
1	Mardrez McBride	G	6-2	180	Sr.	Augusta, GA (USC Salkehatchie)
2	Aaron Scott	G/F	6-7	190	Fr.	Spring, TX (Legacy Prep)
4	Thomas Bell	F	6-6	205	Sr.	E. St. Louis, IL (Kaskasia CC)
5	Tylor Perry	G	5-11	182	Jr.	Fort Coffee, OK (Coffeyville CC)
10	Jahmiah Simmons	F	6-4	220	Sr.	St. Thomas, USVI (Arkansas State)
11	JJ Murray	G	6-1	180	Sr.	Rowlett, TX (Eastfield College)
12	Bryce Zephir	G	6-4	200	So.	Carson, CA (Chipola JC)
13	Arsh Mattu	G	6-3	192	R-Fr.	Lewisville, TX (Lewisville HS)
15	Rubin Jones	G	6-5	190	So.	Houston, TX (Jack Yates HS)
21	Chris Morgan	F	6-8	243	Fr.	DeSoto, TX (Lancaster HS)
23	Matthew Stone	G	6-4	205	Fr.	Kingfisher, OK (Kingfisher HS)
33	Abou Ousmane	F	6-10	230	So.	Brooklyn, NY (Scotland Institute)
44	Hameir Wright	F	6-8	208	Sr.	Albany, NY (Washington)

HEAD COACH: Grant McCasland

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: Ross Hodge

ASSISTANT COACHES: Jareem Dowling, Matthew Braeuer

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: Andre Shaw



2021 - 2022 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS MEN'S OUTLOOK

The North Texas men's basketball team enters the 2021-22 season as the back-to-back Conference USA champions and are a season removed from making program history at the NCAA Tournament.

UNT posted an 18-10 overall record last year and won four games in four days at the 2021 C-USA Championship to claim its first C-USA Tournament title and first league tournament title since 2010 when they competed in the Sun Belt Conference. With the 2021 league title the Mean Green earned their fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament and their first since 2010. At the 2021 NCAA Tournament, North Texas earned a program-best No. 13 seeding in the South Region and upset fourth-seeded Purdue, 78-69 (OT), in the first round. The victory over Purdue was the school's first NCAA Tournament victory and its first win over an AP Top 25 ranked opponent since 1971.

Last season's success was an accumulation of the previous two seasons.

Senior Javion Hamlet who scored 24 points and had 12 rebounds to lead the Mean Green to the victory over Purdue, had led UNT to the 2020 C-USA Regular Season title the season before. The Mean Green posted a program-record 14-4 league record in 2019-20 and claimed their first regular season league title in 31 years. Hamlet was named the C-USA Male Student-Athlete of the Year as well as the C-USA Men's Basketball Player of the Year. UNT earned a No. 1 overall seed in the 2020 C-USA Tournament but never played a game as the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

UNT posted a 38-21 record between the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

The Mean Green this year have lost six players from last season's historic team including three starters such as Hamlet. Four of the six lost players were key pieces to the team's back-to-back conference championship run.

UNT does however welcome back senior Thomas Bell who started every game last season for his squad and was named a preseason all-conference selection this year. He enters the 2021-22 season as the program's active career leader in games played, starts, points, rebounds, assists, 3-pointers, blocks and steals.

In addition to Bell, North Texas returns Mardrez McBride who also started every game last season for UNT. McBride was critical in the team's postseason run last year, including hitting a late game-tying 3-pointer at the end of regulation of the C-USA championship game to send it into overtime where the Mean Green would beat top-seeded WKU, 61-57.

Head Coach Grant McCasland is in his fifth season with the Mean Green. A coach whose roots are tied to the junior college ranks, McCasland has built a blue collar gritty program at UNT that has six key active players who have junior college experience including four who are expected to start. UNT is typically one of the slowest tempo teams in the country and prides its self in being a defensive-first team that wants to put its opponents into rock fights.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS



The University of Massachusetts Amherst is the flagship public higher education campus in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, making a profound, transformative impact to the common good. Founded in 1863, UMass is the largest public research university in New England, distinguished by the excellence and breadth of the academic, research, and community outreach programs.

UMass is one of the nation's top public universities, currently ranking number 26 in a field of more than 700 public, four-year colleges and universities in the United States in the U.S. News & World Report's annual college guide. For the ninth consecutive year, UMass is among the 100 "Best College Values" for public colleges compiled by Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine while Money magazine ranks the university among the nation's best colleges based on the most bang for the tuition buck. Additionally, UMass earned the number one national ranking in The Princeton Review's Best Campus Food list for the fifth consecutive year.

More than 28,000 students are enrolled at UMass, including more than 22,000 undergraduates from 71 countries and 50 states. Around 40,000 students applied for 4,700 seats in the Class of 2025 while academic quality remains excellent with combined average SATs at 1268/1600 and average GPAs at 3.89.

Since 2007, UMass has invested \$1.8 billion in the construction of new facilities, including the next generations of facilities for living and learning that features new classrooms, labs, residence halls, dining commons, and recreation venues.

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Trent Buttrick
Graduate/Forward

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Javohn Garcia
Sophomore/Guard

2



Preston Santos
Junior/Guard/Forward

3



Kolton Mitchell
Junior/Guard

5



Cairo McCrory
Sophomore/Guard

10



Greg Jones
Junior/Forward

11



Noah Fernandes
Junior/Guard

12



C.J. Kelly
Junior/Guard

20



Ryan Marcus
Sophomore/Guard

22



Rich Kelly
Graduate/Guard

23



T.J. Weeks
R-Sophomore/Guard

24



Michael Steadman
Senior/Forward

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Dibaji Walker
Senior/Forward

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Dyondre Dominguez
Sophomore/Forward

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Trent Buttrick	F	6-8	240	Gr.	Bloomsburg, Pa. /Penn State
1	Javohn Garcia	G	6-2	180	So.	Columbus, Ohio/Brewster Academy
2	Preston Santos	G/F	6-6	185	Jr.	Providence, R.I./Woodstock Academy
3	Kolton Mitchell	G	6-3	185	Jr.	Fort Myers, Fla./Victory Rock Prep
5	Cairo McCrory	G	6-5	190	So.	Hartford, Conn./Woodstock Academy
10	Greg Jones	F	6-7	225	Jr.	Bronx, N.Y./Southern Conn. State
11	Noah Fernandes	G	5-11	175	Jr.	Mattapoisett, Mass./Wichita State
12	C.J. Kelly	G	6-5	190	Jr.	Long Island, N.Y./Albany
20	Ryan Marcus	G	6-3	185	So.	Wakefield, Mass./Wakefield Memorial
22	Rich Kelly	G	6-1	175	Gr.	Shelton, Conn./Boston College
23	T.J. Weeks	G	6-4	185	R-So.	Warwick, R.I./Woodstock Academy
24	Michael Steadman	F	6-10	231	Sr.	Union City, Calif./Montana
35	Dibaji Walker	F	6-9	200	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio/Woodstock Academy
45	Dyondre Dominguez	F	6-9	205	So.	Providence, R.I./Woodstock Academy

HEAD COACH: Matt McCall

ASSISTANT COACHES: : Tyson Wheeler, Lucious Jordan

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: Jacob Kurtz



New Faces, New Place

The Minutemen welcome six transfers to the team for the 2021-22 season. The group of newcomers includes five upperclassmen, including two from high-major programs in Trent Buttrick (Penn State) and Rich Kelly (Boston College). Fellow upperclassmen C.J. Kelly (UAlbany), Michael Steadman (Montana) and Greg Jones (Southern Connecticut State/James Madison) joined the team in addition to John Kelly (Fairfield).

2020-21 Season In Review

UMass finished the condensed 2020-21 season with a 8-7 overall record and a 7-4 mark in Atlantic 10 play on the way to a fourth-place finish in the standings. The Minutemen were the top offense in the A-10 with 76.7 points per game and ranked 51st nationally in the category. UMass reached the 100-point mark for the 45th time in team history and the first against an A-10 opponent since 2016 in a tournament win over Saint Joseph's.

Commonwealth Kid

Massachusetts native Noah Fernandes returned home and joined the Minutemen for the 2020-21 season following his freshman campaign at Wichita State. Fernandes averaged the third-most minutes per game on the team last season with 30.8 per contest while scoring 11.1 points per game to go along with 4.4 assists and 4.2 rebounds per night. The now junior ranked fourth in the a-10 and 62nd in the country a season ago with a 2.19 assist to turnover ratio.

Staff Shuffle

The Minutemen made a few changes to the coaching staff for the 2021-22 campaign as Jacob Kurtz was elevated to an assistant coach following two seasons at the Director of Basketball Operations and two as the Assistant Director of Basketball Operations/Assistant to the Head Coach. UMass also brought back 2010 alumnus Ricky Harris as the Director of Basketball Operations. Harris returned home to UMass following an 11-year professional career overseas.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN UNIVERSITY



OUR CAMPUS: Stephen F. Austin State University has provided instruction, research and outreach to benefit the state and nation for almost 100 years. Founded in 1923, SFA is one of two independent public universities in Texas. The university, on average, creates approximately \$335 million of economic activity per year in the Nacogdoches County area. With more than 100,000 living alumni, SFA offers undergraduate students approximately 80 majors and 120 areas of study within its six colleges.

SFA's 31 academic buildings comprise traditional and modern active-learning facilities, like the state-of-the-art Cole STEM Building. During the past decade, SFA has completed hundreds of millions of dollars in campus improvements, including construction of a first-year residential hall, parking garage, Student Success Center, and innumerable technology and infrastructure improvement projects. New academic buildings include the DeWitt School of Nursing and the Cole STEM Building. Most recently, the university held a grand opening for the Loddie Naymola Basketball Performance Center.

SFA is an NCAA Division I program competing in the Western Athletic Conference. SFA sponsors 18 intercollegiate sports. Men's sports include football, basketball, baseball, cross-country, indoor-outdoor track and field, and golf. Women's sports include soccer, volleyball, beach volleyball, cross-country, basketball, indoor-outdoor track and field, softball, golf, tennis and bowling.

QUICK FACTS FALL 2021:

Location: Nacogdoches, Texas

Nacogdoches population: 32,147 city, 64,653 county

Enrollment fall 2021 academic semester: Total: 11,946, Undergraduate: 10,299, Graduate: 1,647

Under-represented minority students: 41%

Headcount by Texas Origin: From East Texas: 37%, From Houston: 27.5%, From Dallas: 20.5%

First-time undergraduates Avg. ACT score: 20.8, Avg. SAT score: 975, Female: 64.26%, Male: 35.74%

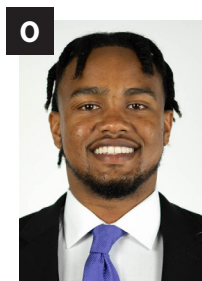
Retention rate: 76.2%

Six-year graduation rate: 53%

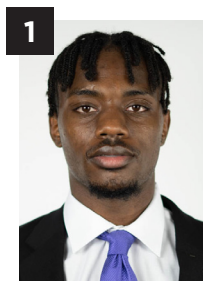
Faculty and staff: Full-time faculty: 549, Faculty with terminal degrees: 500, Student/faculty ratio: 17:1, Full-time staff: 797

Residence Life Department: Students living on campus: 2,994, Residence halls: 9

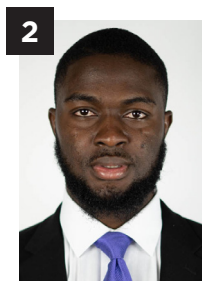
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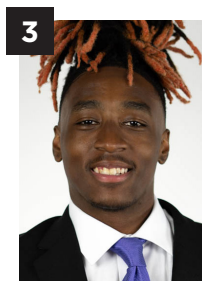
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Senior/Guard



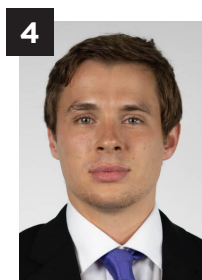
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Freshman/Guard



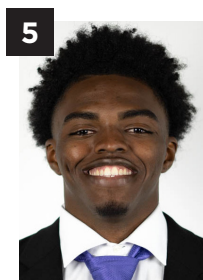
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Freshman/Forward



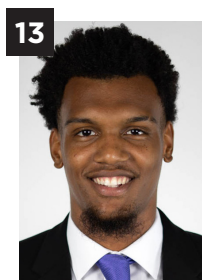
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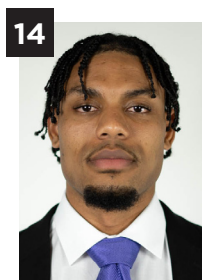
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Latrell Jossell
Sophomore/Guard



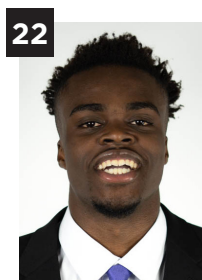
Calvin Solomon
Junior/Forward



Gavin Kensmil
Senior/Forward



Russell Hyman
Sophomore/Guard



Nana Antwi-Boasiako
Sophomore/Forward



Roti Ware
Senior/Guard



Jimel Cofer
Freshman/Guard



Diego Willis
Senior/Guard

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Nigel Hawkins	G	6-4	-	Sr.	Houston, Texas UTEP
1	Derrick Tezeno	G	6-5	-	Fr	Melville, Louisiana North Central HS
2	Jonathan Aku	F	6-10	-	Jr.	Kaduna, Nigeria Texas A&M
3	Sadaidriene Hall	F	6-4	-	Fr.	Sulphur Springs, Texas East Tennessee State
4	David Kachelries	G	6-1	-	Sr.	Emmaus, Pennsylvania Mineral Area College
5	Jaylin Jackson-Posey	G	6-2	-	R-Fr.	Midland, Texas Grand Prairie HS
10	Latrell Jossell	G	5-11	-	So.	Chicago, Illinois Kansas
13	Calvin Solomon	F	6-7	-	Jr.	Houston, Texas Klein Forest HS
14	Gavin Kensmil	F	6-7	-	Sr.	Paramaribo, Suriname Navarro College
21	Russell Hyman	G	6-1	-	So.	Southlake, Texas/Southlake Carroll
22	Nana Antwi-Boasiako	F	6-9	-	So.	Nacogdoches, Texas Nacogdoches HS
23	Roti Ware	G	6-3	-	Sr.	Martin, Mississippi East Central CC
24	Jimel Cofer	G	6-3	-	Fr.	Lansing, Michigan Universal Academy
25	Diego Willis	G	6-2	-	Sr.	Hermosillo, Mexico New Jersey Institute of Technology

HEAD COACH: Kyle Keller
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: Tony Jasick
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH: Dalonte Hill
ASSISTANT COACH: Tanner Smith
DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: Austin Cox



2021 – 2022 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN UNIVERSITY MEN'S OUTLOOK

The Lumberjacks are coming off a 16-5 season in the COVID-shortened 2020-21 campaign as Head Coach Keller, currently in his sixth season, led the 'Jacks to another winning season and competed for a Southland Conference regular season title throughout.

Entering 2021-22, the Lumberjacks will compete in its first season of the 13-member, two division Western Athletic Conference. SFA is joined by three other previous Southland Conference programs in Abilene Christian, Lamar and Sam Houston State. The 'Jacks are picked to finish second in the WAC Media Poll.

Experience was a pivotal, positive factor for the 'Jacks heading into the year, featured by returning veterans in Roti Ware, Gavin Kensmil and David Kachelries who recorded over 550 minutes of action. The trio entered 2021-22 with a 44-8 record, good for 4th in the nation. In the Preseason All-WAC teams announcement in October, Kensmil slated a spot on the First Team while Ware was named to the Second Team.

To complement the maturity piece for the 'Jacks, SFA returned 69.5 percent (1173/1686) of its scoring and 62.3 percent (468/751) of its rebounding from last year, and were among the nation's most accurate teams converting on 52.1 percent of field goal attempts from the floor. On the defensive end, #PressU lived up to its name, where the 'Jacks ranked sixth in the country in turnovers forced (18.1) and fourth in steals per game (9.5).

In 2019-20, the Lumberjacks posted a remarkable 28-3 record, a 19-1 Southland Conference mark, and pulled off one of college basketball's biggest upsets of all time with a victory over top-ranked Duke University in Cameron Indoor Stadium. The 'Jacks finished No. 26 in the AP Poll, notably slated in the Top 10 of eight statistical categories across NCAA Division I (Total Steals – No. 1, Turnovers Forced – No. 1, Free Throw Attempts – No. 4, Winning Percentage – No. 4, Field Goal Percentage – No. 7, Scoring Margin – No. 7, Points Per Game – No. 8).

The Lumberjacks are the winningest program in the state of Texas over the last 12 years (218-97) for a percentage of 75.7 percent, accompanied by 85 road wins since 2011, ranked as the 11th best in NCAA road win percentage.

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY



Liberty University trains Champions for Christ with the values, knowledge, and skills essential for impacting tomorrow's world. Liberty University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, bachelor's, master's, specialist, and doctoral degrees.

Liberty University is a Christian academic community in the tradition of evangelical institutions of higher education. As such, Liberty continues the philosophy of education which first gave rise to the university, and which is summarized in the following propositions.

God, the infinite source of all things, has shown us truth through scripture, nature, history, and above all, in Christ.

Persons are spiritual, rational, moral, social, and physical, created in the image of God. They are, therefore, able to know and to value themselves and other persons, the universe, and God.

Education as the process of teaching and learning, involves the whole person, by developing the knowledge, values, and skills which enable each individual to change freely. Thus it occurs most effectively when both instructor and student are properly related to God and each other through Christ.

Maintaining the vision of the founder, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Liberty University develops Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge, and skills essential to impact the world.

Through its residential and online programs, services, facilities, and collaborations, the University educates men and women who will make important contributions to their workplaces and communities, follow their chosen vocations as callings to glorify God, and fulfill the Great Commission.

Location: Lynchburg, Va.

Founded: 1971

Enrollment: Total enrollment exceeds 100,000

- 15,000 on Campus
- Over 30,000 military students
- Over 850 international students

President: Jerry Prevo

Athletic Director: Ian McCaw

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Drake Dobbs
Sophomore/Guard

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Brody Peebles
Freshman/Guard

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Darius McGhee
Senior/Guard

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Stephen Burggraf
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
0	Drake Dobbs	G	6-1	175	So.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie HS)
1	Brody Peebles	G	6-2	168	Fr.	Hartselle, Ala. (Hartselle HS)
2	Darius McGhee	G	5-9	150	Sr.	Roxboro, N.C. (Blue Ridge School)
3	Isiah Warfield	G	6-5	180	So.	Monaca, Pa. (Central Valley HS)
4	Stephen Burggraf	G	6-0	160	Jr.	Lynchburg, Va. (Liberty Christian Academy)
5	Bryson Spell	F	6-9	220	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va. (Cape Henry Collegiate School)
11	Jonathan Jackson	G	6-4	180	So.	Dallas, Texas (Blue Valley HS)
13	DJ Moore	G	6-3	190	Fr.	Worthington, Ohio (Worthington Christian)
20	Keegan McDowell	G	6-6	190	R-Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller HS)
21	Gabriel McKay	G	6-2	189	Jr.	Lynchburg, Va. (Trevecca Nazarene)
22	Kyle Rode	F	6-7	220	Jr.	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Christian Academy)
23	Joseph Venzant	G	6-3	193	Fr.	Midland, Texas (Midland Christian)
24	Micaiah Abii	F	6-7	220	So.	Frisco, Texas (Liberty HS)
32	Blake Preston	F	6-9	225	R-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. (Charlotte Christian School)
33	Shiloh Robinson	F	6-7	200	Jr.	Kearney, Ne. (Kearney HS)

HEAD COACH: Ritchie McKay

ASSOCIATE COACH: Brad Soucie

ASSISTANT COACHES: Derek Johnston, Joe Pierre III

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Chelsea Mangino



2021 – 2022 LIBERTY UNIVERSITY MEN'S OUTLOOK

Expectations Await Flames in 2020-21 Season

Liberty is picked to win the 2021-22 ASUN men's basketball title as voted by the ASUN coaches and media, while Liberty's Darius McGhee was also picked as the Preseason Player of the Year. Liberty is on a historical run for its program, as the Flames have won 82 games in the last three seasons, which ranks third in country only behind Gonzaga (95 wins) and Houston (84 wins). Liberty is only one of eight programs in the country with 20+ plus wins in the last five seasons.

Darius McGhee – Proven Winner

Liberty's Darius McGhee has been synonymous with winning throughout his time at Liberty. In McGhee's first three seasons, Liberty has won three ASUN Regular Season titles and three ASUN Tournament titles. McGhee has won 83 games at Liberty, just 21 wins away from tying the program record for most career wins. Last season, McGhee won ASUN Player of the Year and was named ASUN Tournament MVP after averaging 15.6 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game. Lethal at all three levels, McGhee shot 45.8 percent from the field, 41.3 percent from three-point range and 84.8 percent from the free throw line. During conference play McGhee picked up his game, averaging 16.9 points per game along with 4.6 rebounds and 1.9 assists while shooting 47 percent from the field, 42.3 percent from three-point range and 87 percent from the free throw line.

One of the Best Defense's in the Country

Ritchie McKay has brought the "Pack Line Defense" model from Virginia and has implemented it in Lynchburg as the Flames rank among the top defenses in the country. McKay and his staff had one of the best defenses in the country over the past three years, as the Flames ranked 19th in Division I in scoring defense in 2018, sixth in 2019, number two in 2020 and number three in 2021.

McKay Recognized as One of the Best

Leading the Flames to its best run in school history, Ritchie McKay has made Liberty one of the best mid-major programs in the country. McKay has led Liberty to the Round of 32 in the 2019 NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history and was named the 2019 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Award winner, which is presented annually to the top coach in Division I men's basketball. McKay is coming off back-to-back seasons where he was named ASUN Coach of the Year and has 177 wins at the helm for Liberty.