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SCHEDULE

Friday, December 17

8:00 PM
San Diego State vs Saint Mary’s College

Saturday, December 18

11:00 AM
Gonzaga University vs Texas Tech University

2:00 PM
Georgia Tech vs University of Southern California

5:30 PM
Grand Canyon University vs University of San Francisco

8:00 PM
University of San Diego vs Northern Arizona University
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

Gonzaga University – A Catholic Liberal Arts Education

Gonzaga University is a private liberal arts college located in Spokane, Washington. Providing a Catholic liberal arts education, we are dedicated to the Jesuit, Catholic, humanistic ideals of educating the mind, body and spirit to create men and women for others. Located on the north bank of the Spokane River, Gonzaga University inspires and transforms people to shape a better world through education, character, service and faith.

About Gonzaga

Gonzaga College started in 1881 with $936 in hard silver dollars. It bought Gonzaga’s founder, Father Joseph Cataldo, S.J., 320 acres of land and water, what people then referred to as “the old piece of gravel near the falls.” Six years later, the College officially opened the doors of its only building for “young Scholastics, whose ambition it is to become priests.” Exclusively for boys, the College was under the charge of the Jesuit priests. Enrollment for the 1887-88 academic year was 18 boys and young men.

Today, it is known as Gonzaga University, a private, four-year institution of higher education. More than 105 buildings dot the 131-acre campus overlooking the Spokane River. Students include both women and men, who can enroll in a multitude of undergraduate or graduate programs. Enrollment for the 2018-19 academic year was 7,566 students.

A constant throughout the years is Gonzaga’s educational philosophy, based on the centuries-old Ignatian model of educating the whole person – mind, body and spirit. At Gonzaga, students discover how to integrate science and art, faith and reason, action and contemplation. “Cura personalis,” or care for the individual, is our guiding theme.

Gonzaga Mission

In keeping with the mission, the office will develop programs and initiatives which engage faculty, staff, students, trustees, and regents in the understanding of our Jesuit and Catholic identity and commitments. The Office supports all members of the Gonzaga community in their professional and personal exploration of Gonzaga’s mission; faith and intellectual life; Jesuit higher education; Ignatian spirituality; social justice; and her or his own spiritual journey.

By promoting opportunities for mission development, reflection, attentiveness and action, the Office of the Mission Vice-President encourages faculty and staff of every faith to see their work as part of a larger effort to serve our globalized world and explore the various ways in which faith and justice are at the very heart of Gonzaga’s educational mission.

Because our work involves people in every area of the university, the Vice-President for Mission is advised by a Mission Advisory Committee, the members of which provide insight and guidance. The Mission Division includes the Office of the Vice-President for Mission and University Ministry. The Vice-President reports directly to the university president, who is the chief spokesperson for Gonzaga’s mission and identity.
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**HEAD COACH:** Mark Few  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Brian Michaelson, Roger Powell Jr., Stephen Gentry  
**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:** Jorge Sanz
The Bulldogs were on the doorstep of winning the whole thing again in 2021-22. In an unprecedented year of no fans, last minute scheduled games, an NCAA Tournament in a single location, Gonzaga nearly pulled off one of the greatest seasons in college basketball history. For argument’s sake, they did.

The Zags won their first 31 games of the season, before falling in the national championships. Gonzaga was the first team to enter the national championships unbeaten since Indiana State in 1979. The Bulldogs prevailed in what was possibly the best NCAA Tournament game ever, capping it off with a “where were you when” type of shot in the national semifinals. GU reeled off a program-best 35 consecutive victories dating back to the 2019-20 season. Gonzaga won its games by a national-best 21.3 points per outing. The Zags had the most efficient offense in the country according to KenPom, leading the nation in scoring offense (91.0) and field goal percentage (54.9).

Entering 2021-22, GU is the only program in NCAA history to have five straight 30-win seasons, has been ranked No. 1 in each of the last three seasons at some point.

Gonzaga’s incoming recruiting class ranked second on ESPN.com, is led by the highest-ever ranked signee in program history, Chet Holmgren. The versatile 7-1 prospect was the top-ranked recruit in the Class of 2021 by ESPN and 247 Sports. Holmgren was named the Gatorade National Player of the Year, Naismith Prep Player of the Year, Morgan Wootten National Player of the Year, Sports Illustrated All-American Player of the Year, MaxPreps National Player of the Year, and a McDonald’s All-American.

Hunter Sallis was another McDonald’s All-American. The 6-4 guard from Omaha, Neb., committed to GU in April as the sixth-ranked recruit in the 2021 Class on 247 Sports. Nolan Hickman was the 22nd-ranked player in the Class of 2021, and a five-star recruit, according to ESPN.

Rasir Bolton transfers in from Iowa State. He earned All-Big 12 Third Team accolades last season after leading the team with 15.5 points per game, which ranked seventh in the Big 12 in scoring.

Gonzaga fans all exhaled in late May when Drew Timme announced he would be return after an incredible 2020-21 season. Timme won the Karl Malone Award last season, which is presented to the nation’s top power forward. He was named Second Team All-American by the Associated Press, NABC and USBWA.

Anton Watson returns for his junior season. He appeared in all 32 games last year, starting 17. Ben Gregg graduated high school early and joined the Zags’ lineup last December.

Andrew Nembhard will lead the GU backcourt. In 29.9 minutes per game last season, the Aurora, Ont., native, scored 9.2 points and dished out 4.4 assists. He was named the WCC Sixth Man of the Year and Second Team All-Conference. Dominick Harris and Julian Strawther came in with the 2020 class and look to make an impact this season.
Committed to teaching and the advancement of knowledge, Texas Tech University, a comprehensive public research university, provides the highest standards of excellence in higher education, fosters intellectual and personal development, and stimulates meaningful research and service to humankind.

For the 13th consecutive year, the university has achieved record enrollment. After surpassing 40,000 students in 2020, Texas Tech now boasts an enrollment of 40,666. This continues to propel the university as one of the fastest-growing institutions of higher education in the U.S. in the last 10 years.

Texas Tech is among 131 universities and colleges in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education’s “Very High Research Activity” category. The University also is only one of 94 public institutions listed. The list is updated every three years and universities must maintain specific criteria to achieve designation. Texas Tech first made the list in 2015 and was reaffirmed in 2018.

Texas Tech was created by legislative action in 1923 and has the distinction of being the largest comprehensive higher education institution in the western two-thirds of the state of Texas. The university is the major institution of higher education in a region larger than 46 of the nation’s 50 states and is the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, law school and medical school. Originally named Texas Technological College, the college opened in 1925 with six buildings and an enrollment of 914. Graduate instruction did not begin until 1927 within the school of Liberal Arts. A “Division of Graduate Studies” was established in 1935 and eventually became known as the Graduate School in 1954. By action of the Texas State Legislature, Texas Technological College formally became Texas Tech University on September 1, 1969.

In 2019, Texas Tech achieved full status as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). In the Fall of 2019, the institution recorded an undergraduate Hispanic student population of 29.2%. While HSI status is determined based on an undergraduate student body that is above 25% Hispanic, Texas Tech offers a comprehensive series of programs, services, initiatives, and organizations to underrepresented students, students of color, and first-generation students, many of whom are Hispanic.

The Texas Tech Red Raiders are members of the Big 12 Conference and compete in 17 varsity sports, including nine women’s and eight men’s programs.
Kevin Obanor  
Senior/Forward

Terrence Shannon, Jr.  
Junior/Guard

Davion Warren  
Senior/Guard

Clarence Nadolny  
Junior/Guard

Daniel Batcho  
R-Freshman/Forward

Sardaar Calhoun  
Senior/Forward

Ethan Duncan  
Freshman/Forward

Bryson Williams  
Senior/Forward

Mylik Wilson  
Junior/Guard

Marcus Santos-Silva  
Senior/Forward

Kevin McCullar  
R-Junior/Forward

KJ Allen  
Sophomore/Forward

Chibuzo Agbo  
Sophomore/Guard

Adonis Arms  
Senior/Guard
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**HEAD COACH:** Mark Adams  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Barret Peery, Corey Williams, Talvin Hester  
**CHIEF OF STAFF:** Rick Cooper  
**HEAD COACH ADVISOR:** Sean Sutton
The Texas Tech Red Raiders have advanced to three straight NCAA Tournaments for the first time in program history after making it to the second round of the 2021 NCAA Tournament. The program advanced to the 2018 Elite 8 and the 2019 NCAA Championship final where it finished as national runner-up after an overtime loss to Virginia.

The Red Raiders are led by head coach Mark Adams who is in his first season as the program’s leader following five seasons as an assistant on staff. Adams, who is a Texas Tech graduate, came into the season with 554 career victories as a head coach including leading Howard College to the 2010 NJCAA National Championship.

The Texas Tech roster consists of five returners, seven transfers from the transfer portal, one junior college transfer and one player from high school. Tech added six upperclassmen through the transfer portal with Bryson Williams, Davion Warren, Kevin Obanor, Sardaar Calhoun, Mylik Wilson and Adonis Arms joining the program in the summer. The team started taking shape with Kevin McCullar making his intention to stay official on social media on April 6 when Adams was announced as the next head coach and Allen was the first signee a week later.

The program returns McCullar, Terrence Shannon, Jr., Marcus Santos-Silva, Chibuzo Agbo and Clarence Nadolny from a team that went 18-13 last season. Shannon and Obanor both went through the NBA Draft Process before deciding to return to play for the Red Raiders.

Texas Tech has advanced to three straight NCAA Tournaments for first time in program history. The Red Raiders are 8-3 with trips to the 2018 Elite 8, 2019 Final and to the 2021 Second Round after a win over Utah State to open last year’s tournament in Bloomington, Indiana before falling to Arkansas. TTU has the third most NCAA Tournament wins over the past three tournaments with Gonzaga and Michigan tied for the most with 10. Baylor, Houston and Duke each have seven and Virginia has six.

NEW PRACTICE FACILITY

Texas Tech officially opened the Dustin R. Womble Basketball Center, a state-of-the-art $32.2 million facility during the summer. The Womble Center, which was funded entirely through philanthropic gifts to The Campaign for Fearless Champions, represents the premier basketball facility in the country, providing both programs a day-to-day home for player development and strength and conditioning workouts. The nearly 59,000-square foot Womble Center, which is located directly across from United Supermarkets Arena for quick access for both programs.
THIS IS GEORGIA TECH

The Georgia Institute of Technology is a top 10 public research university with nearly 40,000 students who study in person at the main campus in Atlanta, at Georgia Tech-Lorraine in France, at Georgia Tech-Shenzhen in China, as well as through distance and online learning.

Students represent 50 states and 149 countries. Its engineering and computing Colleges are the largest and among the highest-ranked in the nation, and the Institute also offers outstanding programs in business, design, liberal arts, and sciences. With more than $1 billion annually in research awards across all six Colleges and the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI), Georgia Tech is among the nation’s most research-intensive universities. It is an engine of economic development for the state of Georgia, the Southeast, and the nation.

Georgia Tech’s mission is to develop leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition. Its mission and strategic plan are focused on making a positive impact in the lives of people everywhere. For more than 135 years, the people of Georgia Tech have dared to imagine and then create solutions for a better future. The innovative culture and leadership continue, for Progress and Service for all.
Michael Devoe  
Senior/Guard

Kyle Sturdivant  
Junior/Guard

Saba Gigiberia  
Sophomore/Center/Forward

Bubba Parham  
Senior/Guard

Jordan Usher  
Senior/Guard/Forward

Deivon Smith  
Sophomore/Guard

Dallan “Deebo” Coleman  
Freshman/Guard

Tristan Maxwell  
Sophomore/Guard

Khalid Moore  
Senior/Forward

Miles Kelly  
Freshman/Guard

Jalon Moore  
Freshman/Forward

Jordan Meka  
Sophomore/Center/Forward

Rodney Howard  
Junior/Center/Forward

Coleman Boyd  
Junior/Guard

Brayden Daniels  
Freshman/Guard

Jehloni James  
Junior/Forward

Jermontae Hill  
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**2021 – 2022 GEORGIA TECH MEN’S ROSTER**

**HEAD COACH:** Josh Pastner  
**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH:** Eric Reveno  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Julian Swartz, Anthony Wilkins  
**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:** Tyler Benson
The defending ACC champion Yellow Jackets (17-9, 11-5 ACC last season) welcome back five of their top seven scorers for head coach Josh Pastner's sixth season, including junior guard Michael Devoe (Orlando, Fla.), senior forward Jordan Usher (Canton, Ga.), senior guard Bubba Parham (Snellville, Ga.), senior forward Khalid Moore (Briarwood, N.Y.) and junior guard Kyle Sturdivant (Norcross, Ga.). Those returnees are bolstered by the transfer of guard Deivon Smith (Loganville, Ga.) from Mississippi State and a freshman class ranked No. 16 in the nation.

Devoe, who has been named honorable mention All-ACC each of the last two years and was the ACC Tournament MVP in 2021, is the Yellow Jackets’ top all-conference candidate for 2021-22. He averaged 15.0 points per game and was one of the league’s top three-point shooters at 40 percent for the season.

Usher, who began his college career at USC, has started every game for Tech since becoming eligible in midseason 2019-20, and last year was Tech’s fourth-leading scorer (11.6 ppg) and third-leading rebounder (4.2 rpg), and made the ACC All-Tournament team. Parham has started 20 of 56 games in two seasons at Tech after transferring from VMI, averaging 5.8 points per game.

Devoe and Parham are both career 1,000-point scorers.

All three freshmen in this year’s recruiting class were rated among the nation’s top 150 prospects, and the class is ranked 28th in the nation, the highest-ranked class for Tech since 2012.

This is Georgia Tech’s sixth season under head coach Josh Pastner, who has built the Tech program based on a “get old and stay old” philosophy, elevating the talent level incrementally through ever-improving high school recruiting and attracting transfers who went to high school in the Atlanta area.

Tech is coming off the team’s first Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 28 years, and the fourth in program history. The Yellow Jackets also are coming off the team’s first NCAA Tournament appearance in 11 years, and 17th in program history.
A Leading Private Research University

The University of Southern California is one of the world’s leading private research universities. An anchor institution in Los Angeles, a global center for arts, technology and international business, USC’s diverse curricular offerings provide extensive opportunities for interdisciplinary study and collaboration with leading researchers in highly advanced learning environments.

In its comprehensive 2022 ranking, The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education ranked USC 19th among more than 1,000 public and private universities. Among all California institutions — public and private — only USC, Caltech and Stanford University ranked within the top 20. Of the 150 universities surveyed in the western U.S., USC ranks No. 3 overall. Among the top 25 schools, USC ranked No. 4 in engagement, which measures student sentiment on how their education prepares them for the real world.

This year, USC received more than 71,000 applicants for its fall freshman class, an acceptance rate of 12.5 percent. The number of students who are the first in their families to attend USC has been growing steadily for five years — 23 percent of the incoming class are first-generation college students, and 32 percent of the Class of 2025 are students of color. With one of the most abundant financial aid pools in the country, USC provides more than $640 million in scholarships and aid. Students from families earning $80,000 or less each year attend tuition-free under a new USC initiative to make college more affordable for lower and middle-income families.

USC’s distinguished faculty of 4,000 innovative scholars, researchers, teachers and mentors includes five Nobel laureates, and dozens of recipients of prestigious national honors including the MacArthur “Genius” Award, Guggenheim Award, the National Medal of the Arts, the National Humanities Medal, the National Medal of Science, the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, and Pulitzer Prize.
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Freshman/Forward

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Senior/Guard

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**HEAD COACH:** Andy Enfield  
**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH:** Chris Capko  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Eric Mobley, Jay Morris  
**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:** Michael Swets  
**DIRECTORS OF SCOUTING:** Desmon Farmer, Kurt Karis
Talented Trojans Poised To Keep It Rolling - Have Won School Record 134 Games Over Last 6 Seasons

The USC men's basketball team is gearing up to extend the program's winningest six-year stretch in school history and the depth of talent on the roster would lead you to believe that is a very achievable goal. Eleven Trojans are back this season including veterans Isaiah Mobley, Isaiah White, Drew Peterson, Chevez Goodwin, Ethan Anderson and Max Agbonkpolo. They will be joined this season by uber-talented transfer guard Boogie Ellis and a strong freshman class.

Reigning Pac-12 Coach of the Year Andy Enfield led the 2020-2021 Trojans to a 25-8 record and an Elite Eight run in the 2021 NCAA Tournament. The team ranked tops in the Pac-12's field goal percentage, rebounding offense, blocked shots, defensive rebounds per game, offensive rebound percentage, while having the best scoring margin in the Pac-12.

USC has won 47 games the past two seasons, which is third among all teams from the six power conferences in basketball. The Trojans were ranked ninth in the final Coaches Poll of the 2021 season, their highest finish ever. This year’s team has continued to add great athleticism, defensive length and chemistry as they look to advance their upward trend.

Leading the way are the powerhouse forwards, led by Isaiah Mobley (6-10, 235). Mobley averaged 9.9 points per game, 7.3 rebounds and started in 32 games. Mobley’s talent was exhibited during the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight run when he averaged 16.0 points and 5.3 rebounds, while making 61.0 percent of his shots (25-for-41). He also made 10 of 15 shots (66.7 percent) from beyond the arc in the postseason. The junior ranked third in the Pac-12 in rebounding and tied for third with six double-doubles. He finished the season scoring a team-high 19 points in the Elite Eight game against Gonzaga. Mobley tested the NBA waters last season before deciding to return to school.

The redshirt senior forward Goodwin (6-9, 225) averaged 5.6 points and 3.5 rebounds last year. Goodwin was second on the team with a shooting percentage of 53.8 among players with at least one shot per game and was third on the team with 43 offensive rebounds. He scored a season-best 12 points twice. The forward is a consistent scorer and tough rebounder who was and will continue to be a key reserve for USC.

The sophomore forward Boubacar Coulibaly (6-10, 210) averaged 1.3 points and 0.6 rebounds in his first season. The athletic and impressive forward made 71.4 percent of his field goal attempts (10-for-14) last season. He played in three NCAA Tournament games and made a shot in the win vs. Kansas. The sophomore continuous to be a solid scorer inside the paint and provides USC with depth on the frontline.

Agbonkpolo (6-9, 190) averaged 3.9 points and 2.6 rebounds, while appearing in all 33 games, making two starts. He scored five points, had five rebounds and a key steal and dunk in the win at Stanford. He averaged 5.3 points in USC's four NCAA Tournament games as well as scoring a season-high nine points in USC's Sweet 16 victory over Oregon. As Agbonkpolo improves his three-point shooting, he will become more and more of a difficult matchup for USC's opponents.

The redshirt sophomore Joshua Morgan (6-11, 210) was used sparingly after he was cleared by the NCAA to be able to compete for USC last season, following his transfer from Long Beach
State. He grabbed four rebounds in seven games overall. Morgan played in USC’s first two NCAA Tournament games and could be a key defensive player called upon to fill the void left by Evan Mobley. Morgan was the 2020 Big West Defensive Player of the Year when he tallied 80 blocks.

USC has a robust contingent of guards which will be expected to contribute in a variety of ways on both the offensive and defensive end of the court, including impressive redshirt senior Isaiah White (6-7, 210). White averaged 7.6 points, 3.4 rebounds, led the team with 31 steals and started in 28 games. A proven scorer and rebounder, he led USC with a season-best 22 points in the win at Arizona on Jan. 7. Despite not playing in the last two games of the regular season because of back spasms, White returned to action by averaging 10.3 points in USC’s Elite Eight run, including pouring in 22 points in the NCAA Tournament win over Oregon. After the season, he was the recipient of the John Rudometkin Award at the team banquet as the player who always demonstrated maximum effort.

The junior guard Anderson (6-1, 215) averaged 5.7 points, 1.8 rebounds and 2.7 assists. Making six starts, he was third on the team with a 38.6 shooting percentage from three-point range (17-for-44). He began the season as the starting point guard and a key returning player, combining for 20 points and nine assists in USC’s first two games. Anderson missed eight games due to back spasms and made his return in mid-January. He posted a career-high 19 points and five three-pointers to lead USC to a victory over then-No. 21 UCLA on Feb. 6. He scored 14 points and had four assists in USC’s NCAA Tournament run to the Elite Eight.

Drew Peterson (6-9, 195), a senior guard, averaged 9.8 points and 5.0 rebounds. He was second on the team with 88 assists, was third in steals with 21 and scored in double figures 18 times. Peterson started in 30 of the 33 games. The guard has proven to be a versatile scoring guard who is also a strong rebounder and good distributor of the ball.

Freshman Dixon-Waters (6-5, 210) graduated from high school early and enrolled at USC in December, but his debut game was postponed due to a positive COVID-19 test. In his eventual introductory game on Dec. 29 vs. Santa Clara, he made his first shot – a three-pointer – and scored five points and recorded a rebound in five minutes of action. He played in three of USC’s four NCAA Tournament games along USC’s NCAA Tournament run to the Elite Eight. Dixon-Waters gained valuable experience and should really benefit from being part of the 2020-21 team and developing his skills in what amounted to a bonus season.

Additional guards include seniors Reggie Parris (6-3, 190) and Amar Ross (5-7, 150). Parris transferred to USC last season. In his first season he grabbed one rebound, and had an assist in limited action. He also played a minute in the NCAA Tournament on March 22 against Kansas. Ross scored eight points in a total of four minutes of action. Expect Parris and Ross to come off the bench and provide a lot of energy this season.

One of the Trojans’ key players this season figures to be the highly talented transfer Rejean “Boogie” Ellis (6-3, 180). He came to USC after two seasons at Memphis, where he was named the American Athletic Conference Co-Sixth Man of the Year in 2021. Last season at Memphis, he averaged 10.2 points per game. He made 51 three-point baskets and hit at a 38.6 percent from beyond the arc. Ellis finished third on the team in scoring and second in three-point baskets made. He was named to the AAC All-Tournament team. In the 2019 national recruiting ranking, he was ranked No. 38 in the nation by 247Sports and Rivals. Ellis was key in Memphis’ run to the NIT.
title, scoring a team-high 23 points in the championship game against Mississippi State.

USC’s strong incoming freshman group is also expected to have a strong impact on the 2021-22 team, starting with 2021 California Gatorade Player of the Year Malik Thomas (6-4, 205), who graduated from Damien High School in La Verne, Calif. As a senior, he averaged 22.6 points, 2.2 assists and 1.9 steals per game and was named to the All-CIF Southern Section Open Division team. Thomas was also the California Junior of the Year in 2020 and the Freshman of the Year in 2018. In the 2020 national recruiting rankings, Thomas was ranked No. 86 by ESPN and No. 6 in California by 247Sports and Rivals.

Freshman forward Harrison Hornery (6-9, 210) will be in the mix to see action in the frontcourt for the Trojans. The native of Australia graduated from Mater Dei in 2021. As a senior, he averaged a team-leading 18.6 points, 7.8 rebounds, 3.3 assists per game. Hornery was named first team All-State and the Orange County Player of the Year as he led the Monarchs to a 27-4 record. The freshman was also named first team All-CIF and Trinity League MVP. In the 2020 national recruiting rankings, he was ranked No. 14 in California by 247Sports and Rivals.

Kobe Johnson (6-5, 190) is a freshman wing who graduated from Nicolet High in Glendale, Wisc. As a senior, he averaged 26.7 points, 10.4 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.4 steals per game. He led Nicolet to a 14-10 record and was named Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Division ll All-State team as a junior and senior. He was also named WBCA Division ll All-State team. He left Nicolet with the single-season scoring record and was second on the school’s all-time scoring list. As a sophomore he helped lead his team to a 27-1 record and to its first state title. In the 2020 national recruiting rankings, Johnson was ranked No. 5 in Wisconsin by 247Sports and Rivals.

The new player cohort also includes Zach Brooker (6-0, 180) who graduated Sierra Canyon High in Calabasas, Calif., in 2020. The guard is excited to kick off his first collegiate basketball season as a Trojan.

The 2021-22 Trojans have put together a diverse, athletic team which can create offense in the paint and light it up from the outside. The coaching staff is excited about the talent and the depth of the 2021-22 roster and looks to keep the good times rolling for the USC men’s basketball program.
ACADEMICS: Grand Canyon University was founded in 1949 and is Arizona’s premier private Christian university. GCU — home to 23,500 on-campus students in Fall 2021 — is regionally accredited and offers more than 230 degree programs for both traditional undergraduate students and working professionals. The university’s curriculum emphasizes interaction with classmates, both in-person and online, and individual attention from instructors. As a Christian university, GCU also encourages students to find their purpose in Christ, with an emphasis on applying Christian values and ethics to the workplace. GCU’s quality academic programs, offered through its nine colleges, prepare students to become global citizens, critical thinkers, effective communicators and responsible leaders by providing an academically challenging, values-based curriculum from the context of our Christian heritage.

ATHLETICS: The Grand Canyon University Athletics Department is dedicated to using intercollegiate sport as a platform in developing good Christian role models and in embodying the highest standards of excellence in the overall development of their student-athletes. The department is integrated within the University community and inclusive of all students in the promotion of the personal growth of their student-athletes. Men and women are prepared to be student-athletes distinguished by integrity, academic and athletic excellence, and Christian conduct. Student-athletes, coaches and staff are expected to emulate Christ in all aspects of their lives including their academic and athletic endeavors. GCU won the Learfield Sports Directors Cup in back-to-back years (2011-12 and 2012-13) as the top performing school in Division II. As members of the NAIA, the Lopes won a combined seven national championships, four coming in baseball and three in men’s basketball. The Lopes have won the WAC Commissioner’s Cup in three of their first four years of NCAA postseason eligibility.
Sean Miller-Moore  
5th Year/Guard

Dima Zdor  
Senior/Forward/Center

Chance McMillian  
Sophomore/Guard

Kobe Knox  
Freshman/Guard

Jalen Blackmon  
Freshman/Guard

Jovan Blacksher Jr.  
Junior/Guard

Holland Woods II  
5th Year/Guard

Aidan Igiehon  
Junior/Forward

Jayden Stone  
Sophomore/Guard

Raef Gerdes  
Senior/Forward

Liam Lloyd  
Sophomore/Guard

Yvan Ouedraogo  
Junior/Forward

Gabe McGlothan  
R-Junior/Forward

Ethan Spry  
Junior/Forward

Isaiah Shaw  
Freshman/Guard

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Walter Ellis  
Senior/Guard
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**HEAD COACH:** Bryce Drew  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Jamall Walker, Ed Schilling, Casey Shaw  
**DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** Ryne Lightfoot
In a conference that improved, Grand Canyon has to find a way to do that as well.

Defending WAC champion is a title to last the year, but it will not win the next one unless the Lopes progress along with the expanded conference. With other teams sporting heavy returns, GCU has known since the summer that it will have to find much of its improvement from within.

The Lopes bolstered the roster with four Power 5 transfers, but GCU second-year head coach Bryce Drew also has the services of returning point guard Jovan Blacksher Jr. and power forward Gabe McGlothan — a duo that is key to continuing the program’s ascension.

Once the season was over, Drew met with his lone returning starter, Blacksher, about where to go after his second season ended with All-WAC second-team and WAC Tournament Most Valuable Player honors.

“Mindset change,” Blacksher said. “I talked to Coach after the season and just got into a different mindset. I started working every day and taking care of my body, just the important things to get where I want to go.”

McGlothan has spent each of his two years at GCU in a grind, whether is was rehabilitating after knee surgery two years ago or being the key energizer off the bench last season. He does not need to be stoked into hard work, but he found it all around him this summer.

“A lot of it was just seeing guys in the gym,” McGlothan said of his belief in this season’s team. “Everybody’s working and just being able to want to build GCU’s name to keep growing. The work that we did last year, nobody’s content with it. Let’s do that again and then try to build on that and keep building on what GCU is all about. The confidence – and I should put it as determination – is pretty sky high.”

WAC hoops found offseason hoopla by bringing in Abilene Christian, which advanced to the NCAA tournament second round, and Stephen F. Austin and Sam Houston teams that have averaged 20 and 19 wins, respectively, over the past three seasons. GCU is tabbed to finish second by coaches (behind New Mexico State) and third by media (behind NMSU and SFA).

“We know we have to get better,” Drew said. “The league is substantially better, we believe, top to bottom than it was last year. We’ll have to play at a much higher level to compete against some of the teams and new players that we have coming in this year.”

Blacksher and McGlothan are among seven scholarship players who punched the program’s first Big Dance ticket and learned how to take on the responsibility of leading a team to the same goal.

“I wouldn’t say it’s pressure,” Blacksher said. “I’d say it’s more of our expectations, standards. Our coaches do a really good job of coaching us and giving us the confidence to want to do those things.”
The University of San Francisco (usfca.edu) is located in the heart of one of the world’s most innovative and diverse cities and is home to a vibrant academic community of students and faculty who achieve excellence in their fields. USF offers more than 230 undergraduate, graduate, professional, and certificate programs in the arts and sciences, business, law, education, and nursing and health professions.

At USF, each course is an intimate learning community in which top professors encourage students to turn learning into positive action, so the students graduate equipped to do well in the world — and inspired to change it for the better.

Founded in 1855, USF is San Francisco’s first university, and its Jesuit Catholic mission helps ignite a student’s passion for social justice and a desire to “Change the World From Here.” USF has a storied athletics tradition, and today its accomplished Division I scholar athletes compete in seven men’s sports and eight women’s sports as a member of the West Coast Conference.

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Graduate/Forward

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**HEAD COACH:** Todd Golden  
**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH:** Chris Gerlufsen  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Michael Plank, Jonathan Safir  
**ASSISTANT COACH FOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** Vinnie McGhee  
**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:** Garrett Furbayashi
2020-21 Recap:

Navigating an unprecedented landscape last season, the Dons had impressive moments as a unit, including an early win over No. 4 Virginia on Nov. 27, 2020, which marked USF’s first victory over a top five team since the sixth ranked Dons defeated No. 2 Wichita State on Dec. 29, 1981. Despite a 7-4 start that also included a road win at Nevada, USF ultimately finished with an 11-14 overall record and a 4-9 mark in conference play.

New Faces on The Hilltop:

Chris Gerlufsen, who comes to USF after serving as the top assistant under Eran Ganot at Hawaii, was named the new associate head coach of the Dons this summer and serves as the main offensive coordinator. Prior to his time at Hawaii, Gerlufsen was on the bench at San Diego, serving as an assistant coach for the Toreros from 2015-19.

Joining the Dons this summer after time at Washington State, Michael Plank currently serves as an assistant coach and the main recruiting coordinator for USF. Born nearby in the city of Stockton, this marks Plank’s second stint on the Hilltop after he served as a graduate assistant during the 2012-13 season. Over the last two years, Plank has served as the recruiting coordinator for Washington State under former USF head coach Kyle Smith.

After initially joining the program in the summer of 2018 as Director of Basketball Operations, Jonathan Safir was promoted to Assistant Coach this past summer. In his current role, Safir oversees all analytics and strategy for the Dons and plays an integral role in scouting, recruiting and player development. Prior to joining the Dons, Safir served as the Director of Basketball Operations at Columbia University in New York City from 2016 to 2018.

Working the Portal:

Aiming to add a wealth of experience and size down low, Coach Golden added five division I transfers this offseason: Yauhen Massalski (6’9” forward from San Diego), Zane Meeks (6’9” forward from Nevada), Patrick Tapé (6’10” forward from Duke), Gabe Stefanini (6’3” guard from Columbia) and Volodymyr Markovetskyyy (7’2” center from Washington State).

Preseason Honors:

Guards Jamaree Bouyea and Khalil Shabazz were named to the 2021-22 Preseason All-WCC Team while the Dons were picked to finish fifth as a team. Notably, Bouyea is one of five student-athletes to be named to the Preseason Team for the second consecutive year, joining Alex Barcello of BYU, Eli Scott of LMU, Drew Timme of Gonzaga and Josip Vrankic of Santa Clara. Additionally, USF is one of four schools to have two players selected to the 2021-22 Preseason Team as BYU, Gonzaga and Santa Clara each have two selections as well. Last season, Bouyea was named to the All-WCC First Team while Shabazz was placed on the All-WCC Second Team following their impressive campaigns.

On Nov. 4, Bouyea was named to the 2021-22 Lou Henson National Player of the Year Award preseason watch list, which is presented annually to the nation’s top mid-major player in Division I men’s college basketball.
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

The University of San Diego is set at the edge of an international gateway on a campus that’s consistently ranked among the nation’s most beautiful. Our focus on academic excellence — inspired by faith, infused with contemporary Catholic values and nurtured in a warm, community environment — empowers innovative, confident, original thinkers to make positive contributions by confronting humanity’s urgent challenges in places near and far.

With more than 9,000 students from 85 countries and 50 states, USD is the youngest independent institution on the U.S. News & World Report list of top 100 universities in the United States. USD’s small class sizes, compassionate culture, unique learning opportunities, study-abroad opportunities and state-of-the-art resources ensure that graduates of our undergraduate and graduate programs succeed after graduation and throughout their lives.
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HEAD COACH: Sam Scholl  
ASSISTANT COACHES: Jerry Brown, Martin Bahar, Mitch Charlens  
DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS: Lance LaVetter  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT: Jose Martinez
New Faces
The Toreros lineup features 10 new faces in 2021-22, including transfers Bryce Monroe (Sam Houston State), Jase Townsend (Denver), Marcellus Earlington (St. John’s), TJ Berger (Georgetown), and Terrell Brown (Pittsburgh).

Calcaterra Continuity
Redshirt senior Joey Calcaterra is the longest tenured Torero, joining the team ahead of the 2017-18 season. He has 615 points, 155 rebounds, and 105 assists over the last three seasons. Last season, he led the team with 13.3 points per game and was a All-WCC Honorable Mention.

McKinney III Stays Home
McKinney III is a three-star recruit (247 Sports and Rivals.com) from nearby Coronado High School. The 6’0” guard averaged 28.4 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.7 steals during the 2019-20 campaign, earning All-CIF First Team honors. At the time of his commitment, McKinney III ranked 126th nationally by 247 Sports and 146th by Rivals—the highest ranked commitment in USD history for both rankings.

Big Time Transfers
Bryce Monroe - Scored 9.6 PPG as a freshman at Sam Houston State last season and earned Southland Conference Freshman of the Year.

Jase Townsend - 2020-21 All-Summit League Honorable Mention. Appeared in 77 career games (55 starts) at Denver, averaging 28.4 minutes and 13.9 points per game.

Marcellus Earlington - Appeared in 74 games at St. John’s. Notched a career-high 25 points, 10 rebounds at Creighton (Feb. 8, 2020).

TJ Berger - Shot 46.7 percent from the field and 6-of-13 (46.2 percent) from three-point range as a freshman at Georgetown last year.

Terrell Brown - Played 118 games over four years at Pitt. Ranks third at Pitt with 173 career blocks. Holds the Pitt single game blocks record with nine against Colgate during the 2018-19 season.

Key Student-Athletes
Joey Calcaterra - Team leader and leading scorer from last season (13.3 PPG) 2020-21 All-WCC Honorable Mention.

Jase Townsend - Poised to make a big impact as a transfer (1,072 points in three seasons at Denver). As a sophomore, he averaged 16.9 PPG. As a junior, he averaged 19.2 PPG. Poured in a career-high 35 points against Oral Roberts in January 2021.

Head Coach Sam Scholl
- 24 years of experience in the WCC (player, assistant coach, head coach)
- In his first full season as head coach in 2018-19, he became only the second coach in program history to take the Toreros to a postseason tournament (NIT) and win 20+ games.
Northern Arizona University, situated in the shadow of the San Francisco Peaks on Historic Route 66, is focused on increasing access and success for all of its students, no matter where they are studying or what life experiences brought them to NAU. The university specializes in sustainability and the environment, cybersecurity, health disparities, forestry, astronomy, and education. The School of Hotel and Restaurant Management is ranked seventh in the world and includes unmatched hands-on work and study abroad opportunities. In addition, NAU offers one of the highest-rated yearlong study abroad programs in the country, offering students the opportunity to not only go to school abroad, but also to participate in research or an internship in their country of choice.

NAU is a designated Hispanic-serving Institution and, in addition to serving students from throughout the United States and more than 80 countries, has students from 127 Native American tribes. NAU students frequently win national scholarships and awards, including Goldwater, Fulbright, NASA fellowships, and the National Science Foundation’s Graduate Research Fellowship. NAU also offers research experience in the field and in groundbreaking labs; both undergraduate and graduate students have been part of teams that studied COVID-19, examined the effects of climate change on the natural world, and helped build robotic leg braces that allow children with muscular dystrophy to walk.

Education at NAU is not just about the opportunities to learn from world-class professors. Ensuring students have the resources to be successful, both in and out of the classroom, and graduate with the skills and abilities to succeed in the world is a critical part of NAU’s mission. NAU keeps class sizes small to encourage support between students and professors, offers peer mentoring and tutoring, and facilitates connections between current students and alumni. The Veterans Success Center offers support and outreach for military-connected students, and the Native American Cultural Center offers a place where Indigenous students can build familial relationships and find a home away from home at NAU. Plus, with more than 400 clubs and organizations, there are plenty of opportunities for students to find other Lumberjacks who share similar interests and passions.

NAU has 210 degree programs and 90 certificates, with students earning both undergraduate and graduate degrees at the Flagstaff Mountain campus, at more than 20 other locations throughout the state of Arizona, and throughout the country and around the world in innovative online programs.
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**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Tyler Ojanen, Chris Fowler, Jake Ricciardi  
**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:** Alexandra Green  
**GRADUATE ASSISTANT:** Matt McClaughry
NEW ‘JACKS
The Lumberjacks welcome seven new players this season, comprising nearly 50 percent of the roster (7-of-15). The newcomers are highlighted by Virginia Tech transfer, Jalen Cone. Cone appeared in 47 games across two seasons with the Hokies where he averaged 9.2 points per game. He ranked seventh in the country, and led the ACC, in 2019-20 in three-point percentage at 45.7 percent while playing all 32 games as a true freshman.

The list of new Lumberjacks also includes Mason Stark, a three-year starter at Division II Northern State. Stark, a native of Chandler, returns to his home state after averaging 16.9 points and shooting 51.4 percent overall and 44.9 percent behind the arc during the 2020-21 campaign.

In all, Cone and Stark are two of three new transfers on the roster to go with three incoming freshman. The seventh fresh name is Spencer Roberts, who spent the 2020-21 season at NAU as a team manager.

THE MAIN RETURNER
Among the team’s eight returners is the longest-tenured player in the program, Nik Mains. Mains, in his fifth season as a Lumberjack, is coming off a career-season in which he ranked third on the team in scoring with 8.8 points per game. Mains also set a new career-high with 3.6 rebounds per game.

The Scottsdale native finished the season on a high note, averaging 11.3 points and shooting 48.7 percent from the field and 45.8 percent from three-point range over his final 13 games.

In addition to being the Lumberjacks’ leading returning scorer and rebounder, Mains has excelled in the classroom, graduating over the summer with his bachelor’s degree in information systems. He is a three-time Big Sky All-Academic selection and two-time NABC Honors Court awardee.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Speaking of excelling in the classroom, that is exactly what Northern Arizona has done during Shane Burcar’s first two seasons as head coach.

The Lumberjacks’ team grade point average has risen in each of Burcar’s first two seasons, while the team has earned consecutive NABC Team Academic Excellence Awards. Prior to the recognition following the 2019-20 and 2020-21 academic years, NAU had not received the honor in the first seven years of the award’s existence.

CARRYING THE MOMENTUM
It is no secret that NAU fell short of its own expectations in 2020-21, but the Lumberjacks hope to build on late season momentum heading into the fall.

NAU, like so many programs across the country, battled the challenges of COVID-19, yet, the Lumberjacks found themselves in March at the Big Sky Conference Tournament. Knocking off Portland State in the first round, NAU recorded its first conference tournament win in six years.

The Lumberjacks, seeded 10th, had upset on their mind in the quarterfinals as they matched up with No. 2 seed Eastern Washington. NAU ultimately fell short in a 66-60 loss, but the Lumberjacks gave the eventual conference tournament champions their closest game on their way to the NCAA Tournament.
Founded in 1897, San Diego State University is a major public research institution that provides transformative experiences for its more than 34,000 students. SDSU ranks No. 1 in the California State University (CSU) system for federal research support, is a long-standing Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and resides on Kumeyaay land.

The University is known for offering transformational research and international experiences, sustainability and entrepreneurship initiatives, internships and mentoring, and a broad range of student life and leadership opportunities. It offers bachelor’s degrees in 97 majors, master’s degrees in 84 programs and doctorates in 21 areas.

Recognized as a national leader in higher education, SDSU is committed to excellence and is known for its efforts advancing diversity and inclusion.

SDSU is nationally recognized for its study abroad initiatives, veterans’ programs and support of LGBTQIA+ students, as well as its powerhouse Division I athletics program. Students have access to more than 350 student clubs and organizations, and an inclusive environment with a diverse range of programs and offerings.

SDSU is ranked in the top 35 nationwide for ethnic diversity according to U.S. News & World Report; about 54 percent of its undergraduates and graduates are students of color. The University’s rich campus life and ideal location offers opportunities for students to lead and engage with the creative and performing arts, career and internship opportunities with SDSU’s more than 400,000 living alumni, and the vibrant cultural life of the greater San Diego and U.S.-Mexico region.

San Diego State leverages its strategic location on the Pacific Rim and the border of Latin America to advance international study and research. The University ranks fifth in the nation for the number of students who study abroad.

Impact-driven philanthropy happens here. For decades, generous contributions have helped SDSU open doors for students to follow their dreams and unlock their potential as they prepare for lifelong successful careers. Gift commitments to San Diego State totaled more than $127 million in the 2019-20 fiscal year, an increase of nearly 10 percent from the previous year despite an economic downturn from the COVID-19 pandemic.
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**HEAD COACH:** Brian Dutcher  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Dave Velasquez, Chris Acker, JayDee Luster, Mark Fisher  
**DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** JD Pollock  
**DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS:** Matt Soria
The standard has certainly been set. For more than a decade, the San Diego State men’s basketball team has proven itself to be a program that reloads rather than rebuilds. At the corner of Montezuma and 55th, transition years aren’t a thing, and a little turnover is no excuse not to hang a banner or three.

A little not-so-distant history tells the tale:
Following the 2010-11 season, the Aztecs lost four starters — including a pair of career 1,000-point scorers: Chase Tapley and future Aztec Hall of Fame inductee D.J. Gay along with another future Aztec Hall of Fame inductee…a guy named Kawhi Leonard — off a 34-win squad that reached the Sweet 16 of the 2011 NCAA tournament and finished No. 6 in the nation. The encore was a 26-8 campaign, a No. 22 national ranking, another Mountain West regular-season title and a trip back to the Big Dance.

In 2014, the Aztecs second Sweet 16 appearance was followed by the departure of its floor general, Mountain West Player of the Year Xavier Thames. The following season saw 27 more wins, another Mountain West regular-season championship and a March Madness victory over St. John’s.

It’s a familiar setup that greets the 2021-2022 Aztecs.

Every fan and national pundit can tell you what San Diego State lost from a team that rocketed to a 53-7 record over the past two seasons, won back-to-back Mountain West crowns and made itself a mainstay in both the Associated Press Top 25 and on social media undefeated maps. Gone from last year’s team are fan favorites and 1,000-point scorers Matt Mitchell and Jordan Schakel. Mitchell finished his Aztec career as one of only three players in program history to score 1,000 points, grab 500 rebounds, have 200 assists and 100 steals. Schakel is one of the deadliest sharp shooters San Diego State has produced. His 225 3-pointers are the third most in program history and his career 42.7 percent 3-point shooting percentage ranks No. 2 in Aztec history. Also departed is last year’s third-leading scorer, and a career 1,000-point scorer in his own right, Terrell Gomez.

Still very much present? The expectations for another special season.

“We know what the standard is — to win the conference and hang a banner,” head coach Brian Dutcher said. “Whatever your best season is, that’s what the expectation has become.”

At the very least, we also know San Diego State is a program that can weather a little adversity. In a bizarre 2020-21 season played in empty gyms because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Aztecs handled their business on the court and stayed safe off it. Dutcher proudly notes that the program produced zero positive tests and that its only cancelled games were because of circumstances with opposing teams.

“I’ve been through some incredible things as an assistant and as a head coach,” he said. “To work for Coach (Steve) Fisher at Michigan when he took over right before the NCAA Tournament and then won it all. To being a part of the Fab Five. To coming here and having the Kawhi Leonard teams that really elevated the program. To finally coaching through a COVID year.

“I think if you’re coaching long enough, the expectation is to expect the unexpected. Last year was unexpected.”

This season, the unknowns are — thankfully — more competitive than epidemiological. Who will be trusted to take the game-winning shot? Who will step up to make the timely play on defense with the game on the line? How high, truly, is this team’s ceiling?

All to be determined.
Saint Mary’s College of California invites you to passionately embrace knowledge, the challenges of scholarship, and the capacity to make lasting change in the world. The foundation for this is our mission.

**To probe deeply the mystery of existence by cultivating the ways of knowing and the arts of thinking.**

Recognizing that the paths to knowledge are many, Saint Mary’s College of California offers a diverse curriculum that includes the humanities, arts, sciences, social sciences, education, business administration and nursing, serving traditional students and adult learners in both undergraduate and graduate programs. As an institution where the liberal arts inform and enrich all areas of learning, it places special importance on fostering the intellectual skills and habits of mind, which liberate persons to probe deeply the mystery of existence and live authentically in response to the truths they discover. This liberation is achieved as faculty and students, led by wonder about the nature of reality, look twice, ask why, seek not merely facts but fundamental principles, strive for an integration of all knowledge and express themselves precisely and eloquently.

**To affirm and foster the Christian understanding of the human person which animates the educational mission of the Catholic Church.**

Saint Mary’s College holds that the mystery which inspires wonder about the nature of existence is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ giving a transcendent meaning to creation and human existence. Nourished by its Christian faith, the College understands the intellectual and spiritual journeys of the human person to be inextricably connected. It promotes the dialogue of faith and reason: it builds community among its members through the celebration of the church’s sacramental life; it defends the goodness, dignity and freedom of each person, and fosters sensitivity to social and ethical concerns. Recognizing that all those who sincerely quest for truth contribute to and enhance its stature as a Catholic institution of higher learning, Saint Mary’s welcomes members from its own and other traditions, inviting them to collaborate in fulfilling the spiritual mission of the College.

**To create a student-centered educational community whose members support one another with mutual understanding and respect.**

As a Lasallian college, Saint Mary’s holds that students are given to its care by God and that teachers grow spiritually and personally when their work is motivated by faith and zeal. The College seeks students, faculty, administrators and staff from different social, economic and cultural backgrounds who come together to grow in knowledge, wisdom and love. A distinctive mark of a Lasallian school is its awareness of the consequences of economic and social injustice and its commitment to the poor. Its members learn to live “their responsibility to share their goods and their service with those who are in need, a responsibility based on the union of all men and women in the world today and on a clear understanding of the meaning of Christianity.” (From The Brothers of the Christian Schools in the World Today: A Declaration).
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**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Justin Joyner, Mickey McConnell, Wayne Hunter  
**DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:** Joe Rahon  
**GRADUATE ASSISTANTS:** Dan Sheets, Holden Wright, Cameron Miller
The Gaels overcame a COVID-19 pause, a young roster, and a rash of injuries to finish the 2020-21 season with a 14-10 record. Saint Mary’s reached the semifinals of the WCC tournament and also reached the first round of the National Invitation Tournament for the first time since 2018.

Saint Mary’s enters the 2021-22 season in a different situation than the previous year. Entering 2020-21 with just returning players and losing over 72 percent of the team’s scoring, the Gaels are one of just two teams in the NCAA bringing back 100 percent of the team’s minutes. Every player from last year’s team will return, with just three newcomers joining the fold.

Logan Johnson will return as one of the leaders of this year’s team, after finishing his junior season with 13.3 points per game, landing on the All-WCC Second Team for his efforts. He will be joined in the backcourt by Tommy Kuhse, returning for his sixth season in Moraga, and his second on scholarship. Back from an ankle injury that hampered much of his 2020-21 season, Alex Ducas will look to recapture his shooting magic that saw him average 11.3 points per game before his injury. Dan Fotu and Matthias Tass will loom large in the paint, looking to build on junior seasons that saw them average 19.3 points per game and 10.5 rebounds between the two.

Two newcomers are drawing a lot of attention and should bring immediate help and potential star-power to the Gaels. Augustas Marciulionis is a 6-foot-4-inch guard from Lithuania who is one of the top international recruits in the country and has ties to the Bay Area. His father, Sarunas, is a former star with the Golden State Warriors and was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2014. Chris Howell is also a notable addition to the Gaels, starring for Torrey Pines High School and leading the Falcons to a finals appearance in the CIF Southern California Open Division. He was named the 2021 CIF San Diego Section Player of the Year.