

Salt Lake Community College

Women's Basketball History

A Tradition of Excellence



A commitment to excellence, both in the classroom and on the court, has been the trademark of the Women's Basketball program at Salt Lake Community College since its inception in the fall of 1987. Through the years, SLCC's athletic accomplishments have included two Scenic West Athletic Conference Championships, three 2nd place conference finishes, ten 3rd place conference finishes, 15 top five Scenic West conference finishes, nine 2nd round SWAC tournament advancements, six Region 18 tournament runner-up finishes, and two Region 18 Championships. Salt Lake Community College has annually been one of the dominant teams in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, which is recognized as one of the strongest conferences in the nation. Individually, players have been recognized for their outstanding efforts with seven players chosen as National Junior College Athletic Association All-Americans, 18 athletes receiving 1st Team All-Conference recognition, and 19 athletes being named to the 2nd Team All-Conference team.



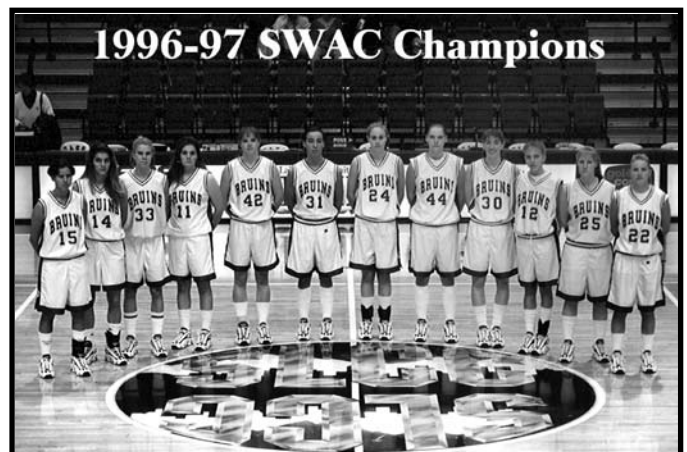
SLCC's women's basketball players have also had their share of success in the classroom. Over the past 18 years, SLCC has had 26 National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-Americans. Since its inception in 1999, SLCC



has had 50 players named to the Scenic West Athletic Conference All-Academic Women's Basketball Team. SLCC's players have shown a collective commitment to academic excellence with seven of the last 10 teams finishing as one of the top ten academic teams in the nation in the NJCAA and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Since 1987, Salt Lake Community College Women's Basketball has seen four quality coaches leave their mark on the program's overall success. Jean Widdison started it all in 1987 setting precedence for others to follow with a strong 11-5 3rd place conference finish and an overall record of 16-11. Widdison went on to coach through the 1989-90 season, finishing with an impressive 54-29 overall record and a 32-20 conference record. In her three years at the helm, she coached three All-Conference players, one Academic All-American, and NJCAA All-American and present SLCC scoring record holder, Cheryl Tye. Widdison, who presently teaches in SLCC's Health and Lifetime Activities Department, also served as SLCC's interim head volleyball coach during the 1999 season when the Bruins finished second in the nation with a 45-4 overall record.

In 1990, former All-American University of Utah player, Soni Adams, took over the head coaching position at SLCC and guided the Bruins for the next four years. During her tenure she won 77 games and lost 37 while finishing 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the Scenic West Athletic Conference and twice as the Region 18 conference tournament runner-up. She helped develop six All-Conference players, including 1994





Conference Player of the Year, Kami Siddoway. She challenged her players in the classroom as well, coaching five Academic All-Americans. In 1994, Adams left SLCC to coach at Brigham Young University. After three years at BYU, she returned to Salt Lake Community College where she is presently an associate professor and the Department Coordinator in the Health and Lifetime Activities Department.

A former point guard and assistant coach for the University of Utah, Monica Starrett took over the helm in the fall of 1994. In her two years, Starrett won 75% of her conference contests, finishing with two 3rd place finishes and an impressive conference record of 27-9. Her overall record at SLCC was 38-18, and in that time she coached four players to All-Conference status and one Distinguished Academic All-American.



Betsy Specketer first joined the SLCC women's basketball program as an assistant to Monica Starrett in 1994. When Starrett left in 1996, Specketer was named as interim coach for the 1996 season and was promoted to head coach in 1997. Since 1996, she has led the Bruin program to two Scenic West Athletic Conference Championships, three 2nd place and five 3rd place finishes, one 4th place finish, two second round conference tournament advancements, four Region 18 conference tournament runner-up finishes, two Region 18 Conference Championships, an NJCAA National Tournament finish of 12th in 2005-06 and an Elite Eight finish in 2006-07. She has coached 23 All-Conference players, three Conference MVP's and five All-Americans. Under her guidance, the Bruins have gone 276-114 overall and 151-68 in Scenic West Athletic Conference play. She has challenged her players in the classroom as well, where 20 of her players have been named as Academic All-Americans and 19 as Distinguished Academic All-Americans. Since 1996, eight of her teams have been recognized for academic excellence by finishing in the top ten nationally in the NJCAA and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association respectively.



Through the years Salt Lake Community College and its Athletic Department has shown a commitment to excellence. By entrusting its Women's Basketball program to respected and successful coaches, a supportive college and administration have helped play a key role in giving dedicated players an opportunity to achieve their personal best in athletics and academics. Their efforts have produced an annually competitive and nationally respected program with a strong foundation from which to build and grow.