

OREGON STATE **08**
BASKETBALL **09**



COACHES



LaVonda Wagner



- Head Coach
- Fourth Season
- Mars Hill College, '86

Wagner Up Close

- Fourth Season at Oregon State
- Served 17 years as an assistant coach at three NCAA Division I institutions
- Assistant Coach - Duke University (2002-05)
- Associate Head Coach - University of Illinois (1994-99)
- Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator - University of Illinois (1994-99)
- Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator - East Tennessee State University (1988-94)
- 10 consecutive postseason appearances
- NCAA Final Four berth
- Two NCAA Elite Eight appearances
- 300 career wins as an assistant
- Two-sport athlete at Mars Hills College (Basketball and Volleyball)
- Member of the Mars Hill Athletic Hall of Fame

Simply put, in three seasons at Oregon State, LaVonda Wagner has made her mark on the women's basketball program.

Now entering her fourth season as head coach of the Beavers, Wagner has molded Oregon State into a program that expects success on the court and off it. Her student-athletes work hard on the court to be successful as a team. They work hard off it to be valuable citizens in the Corvallis community and to succeed in the classroom.

In 2007-08, Wagner's leadership of the Oregon State program produced a host of successes. Oregon State saw its players recognized on the Pac-10 level, including a Player of the Week award after an effort that nearly set a single-game conference record, an All-Conference honoree and three Beavers recognized for their work in the classroom with All-Academic Honorable Mention honors.

Wagner's players competed hard in 2007-08, challenging the likes of No. 6 Stanford and No. 9 California, and taking each down to the wire. They did so through teamwork and dedication, points of pride the head coach stresses and expects. They are necessary tools when building a family atmosphere as Wagner has done with the Beavers.

Oregon State's success in 2007-08 continued into the postseason, where OSU defeated Arizona in the first round of the Pac-10 Tournament. The Beavers held the Wildcats to just 31 points, the lowest ever against a Pac-10 team and the third-lowest total regardless of opponent during Wagner's tenure.

Wagner began the process of rebuilding Beaver basketball when she was hired as the program's fourth head coach on April 15, 2005. Since that date, Wagner and the Beavers have made upward progress to becoming a dangerous Pac-10 club. And Wagner has planned this from day one.

Wagner wants her players to take ownership in the program, just as she does. By instilling work ethic, her players, even from day one as freshmen, play with a passion for the game and an understanding of what it takes to compete and be successful at the collegiate level. They bond as a team and develop trust and respect for one another and the program.

Wagner has recruited players who not only have established themselves on the court, but in the classroom as well. On the court, Wagner's first three recruiting classes have helped replenish the Oregon State program. She and her staff have an eye for talent and have utilized that to the tune of three prominent and decorated classes that will be at the forefront of Oregon State's reconnaissance.





LaVonda and Maxine Wagner

In 2008-09, Wagner will have at her disposal one of the most balanced Oregon State squads in recent history. Three seniors in Fox-Griffin, Brittney Davis and Tiffany Ducker will lead the club with extensive Pac-10 experience. Wagner will also have youth, evidenced by top freshmen Brittany Kennedy and Kirsten Tilleman. In between will be a core group of Oregon State players who have benefited from joining the Beavers and who have been a key part of the blueprint to change OSU basketball.

Off the court, Wagner has targeted the type of player who fits the Oregon State mold; one who excels in the classroom, in the community and who is interested in preparing themselves for post-college success. During her first season in Corvallis, Wagner helped mentor Mandy Close, who earned Pac-10 All-Academic First-Team honors. And during the 2006-07 season, Wagner watched as Ashley Allen, in her first season on the court with the Beavers, earned Pac-10 All-Academic honorable mention honors.

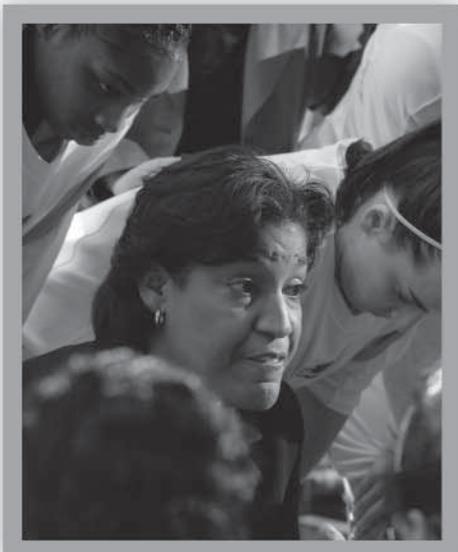
While she has been busy rebuilding the Oregon State program, Wagner has also begun to take a leadership role on a national scale. Starting in 2007, she became a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Executive Team. She was named to the WBCA's Board of Directors in 2006. Wagner has also helped influence future coaches by speaking at the "So You Want To Be A Coach" seminar at the WBCA National Convention.

In 2006-07, Wagner and the Beavers fought through adversity to post nine victories and play to within the last minute in a number of contests. Oregon State made strides as a team, with many of the team's younger players gaining valuable experience and leadership opportunities.

Wagner takes solace in the fact that the 2006-07 season served to develop a number of the team's players.

Casey Nash, in her final but most successful and dynamic season, led the Pac-10 and finished 14th nationally averaging 20 points per game. And Mercedes Fox-Griffin, in just her sophomore season, placed first in the Pac-10 and eighth nationally with 6.4 assists per game. She, in fact, was one of 45 players invited to try out for USA Basketball's Under 21 National Team.

The Beavers' also saw freshmen excel, with Wagner and her coaching staff mentoring a class that produced a Pac-10 All-Freshman selection in 2006-07.



LaVonda Wagner Recruiting Success

- Four Top-5 national recruiting classes
- Top recruiting class in the nation Duke University (2003)
- Second-best recruiting class in the nation - Duke University (2005)
- Top-5 recruiting class in the nation Duke University (2004)
- Top-5 recruiting class in the nation University of Illinois (2000)
- Signed the Alaskan State Player of the Year
- Signed the Montana State Player of the Year
- Signed the 2007 Oregon State Player of the Year



COACHES



That, of course, is just another sign of the evolution of Oregon State basketball under Wagner. With Pac-10 prominence comes national prominence and a whole host of opportunities to succeed and gain recognition.

Wagner made an immediate impact after taking ownership of the Oregon State program. She guided the Beavers to a 16-15 overall record and a postseason Women's National Invitation Tournament berth in 2005-06 during her inaugural season as a head coach.

The Beavers posted a 10-game improvement overall – one of just eight programs in the nation to show at least a 10-game improvement from the previous season – and finished with a 7-11 Pacific-10 Conference record after garnering just one conference victory the previous year.

Wagner was named Oregon State's Women's Sport Coach of the Year by the Corvallis Gazette-Times newspaper and The Oregonian newspaper listed her as one of its Top 25 most influential people in sports for the state.

Wagner came to Oregon State with a winning pedigree. Prior to her appointment as head coach, she served on three successful coaching staffs as an assistant. She accumulated 17 years of experience at Duke, Illinois and East Tennessee State.

She posted 300 wins as an assistant and was involved in nine consecutive postseason appearances. Accustomed to success, Wagner has coached in the NCAA Final Four, two NCAA Elite Eight games, and two NCAA Sweet 16 appearances.

A native of Bristol, Va., Wagner spent three seasons (2002-05) as an assistant coach at Duke University, where she was heavily involved in recruiting, scouting and working with the Blue Devils' post players.

In her time at Duke, Wagner helped the Blue Devils bring in three top five national recruiting classes, including the top recruiting class in 2003 and the second-best recruiting class in 2005. Duke advanced to the NCAA

Elite Eight in each of Wagner's three seasons and earned a trip to the 2003 NCAA Final Four.

Prior to joining Duke's staff, Wagner spent eight seasons at the University of Illinois (1994-02), where she played a large role in the rise of Illini basketball. She was instrumental in garnering one of the top five recruiting classes in 2000, while she attracted many of the top players from Illinois and recruited on a national scale.

While working at Illinois and Duke, Wagner was mentored by two of the most respected and successful coaches in the basketball ranks – Theresa Greutz (formerly of Illinois) and Gail Goesten Kors (formerly of Duke).

Greutz, the former head coach at Illinois, has more than 600 wins in her career and is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, while Goesten Kors, now the head coach at Texas, has nearly 400 career victories.

Wagner began her stint at Illinois in 1994 as an assistant coach and four years later she was promoted to recruiting coordinator. After the completion of the 1998-99 season, Wagner was promoted once again to associate head coach where she spent four seasons (1998-02).

Prior to arriving at Illinois, Wagner spent six seasons at East Tennessee State (1988-94) where she served as the top assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Before joining the basketball ranks, Wagner coached volleyball at ETSU from 1986-88.

A successful student-athlete as well, Wagner earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-America honors in basketball and volleyball in 1986 at Mars Hill College in North Carolina. On Oct. 23, 1998, Wagner was inducted into the Mars Hill Hall of Fame.

Wagner earned a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in recreation from Mars Hill in 1986 and a master's degree in education with an emphasis in athletic administration from East Tennessee State in 1988.

Wagner understands how important it is for her players and staff to make themselves available to the Corvallis community. She believes involvement in the community is an important part of the growth of Oregon State basketball and instills that same desire of "giving back" to her student-athletes.

An acclaimed public speaker, Wagner has spent time talking at Rotary, Kiwanis, high school clinics, elementary schools, DARE programs and other civic organizations.

What They Are Saying About LaVonda Wagner

"LaVonda Wagner is a teacher and a coach who is dedicated to constant improvement in our women's basketball program and making Oregon State basketball a power in the Pac-10. She has truly prepared her student-athletes for success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. LaVonda is also a great ambassador for Oregon State University. She is actively engaged in the university and the broader community."

**-Dr. Ed Ray,
Oregon State President**

"Vision, guidance, and leadership have all been established in Oregon State Women's Basketball under the direction of LaVonda Wagner. She has done a miraculous job of instilling confidence in the hearts of the young women who have passed through the program. Coach Wagner has been a positive force in my life ever since she set foot on campus. She has been a great coach, mentor, and friend who has helped me discover my passion in life; Coaching! With her help and direction she has fostered in me a great sense of pride and devotion to excellence in every area of my life and for that I will be forever indebted."

**-Mandy Close,
Former Oregon State guard
Current assistant coach at Montana State**

"Coach Wagner's dedication and desire enforces ones will to succeed. She consistently makes her players better through her knowledge of the game and her passion for Beaver Basketball. Coach Wagner is persistent in looking for ways to improve the Oregon State program and her players on and off the court. I am thankful to have had one year under Coach Wagner as she is a woman of character, respect and honesty."

**-Karen Vickery,
Former Oregon State guard
Current Boise State Academic Advisor**

Wagner often speaks at Oregon State Business roundtable luncheons and has spent time with the Zonta Service Fountain of Corvallis, the Professional Faculty Leadership Association, Altrusa and the Triad faculty club.

Wagner served as honorary speaker at the 2006 Oregon State African-American Graduation and branched outside of the coaching ranks by working as a television analyst on FSN during the 2006, 2007 and 2008 WNBA seasons and playoffs.



Pacific Northwest native and veteran collegiate coach Kellee Barney is in her first season as an assistant coach with the Oregon State women's basketball team.

Barney, a native of Leavenworth, Wash., brings to Oregon State 24 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level, most recently serving as the assistant head coach at Arizona. During her six-year tenure with the Wildcats, Arizona reached the NCAA Tournament three times, winning its first postseason game since 2000 in 2005. The Wildcats also shared the 2003-04 Pac-10 regular season championship with Stanford.

While at Arizona, Barney's players earned two Pac-10 Freshman of the Year awards – Dee-Dee Wheeler and Shawntinice Polk – while her players earned seven All-Pac-10 awards and five were named to the Pacific-10 Conference All-Tournament Team. Polk was named to an All-America honorable mention team four times during her career while Wheeler earned two All-America honorable mention selections in 2004-05.

Four of players coached by Barney – Wheeler, Polk, Amy Grzyb and Natalie Jones – are members of Arizona's 1,000-points club of which there are 15 all-time.

Prior to her tenure at Arizona, Barney was already an established collegiate coach. From 1994-2000, she was the head coach at Gonzaga in Spokane, Wash. While there, she produced two first team All-West Coast Conference selections, six honorable mention All-WCC choices and seven players who earned WCC All-Academic honors. Her 1998-99 team placed in the top 10 nationally for overall team grade-point average.

The stint at Arizona was not Barney's first in the Pacific-10 Conference as she spent nine years at Washington State, first as an assistant coach, then as associate head coach during the 1993-94 season. The Cougars' last visit to the NCAA Tournament, 1991, occurred during Barney's tenure.

Her tenure at Washington State also helped her gain International coaching experience. Barney was an assistant coach for the Pac-10 All-Star Team during its tour of Hungary in 1989 and Belgium and France in 1992.

Oregon State will mark her second coaching stint in the state of Oregon as she began her coaching career at Portland State from 1983-85, where she served as the Vikings' recruiting coordinator for current Portland head coach Jim Sollars.

Barney has also gained athletic exposure outside of the coaching ranks. Prior to her tenure at Arizona, she spent two years as a program manager for the People To People Sports Ambassador Program in Spokane. During her two years with the program, she shared her personal experiences as an athlete and a coach with more than 10,000 families across the United States in order to encourage young athletes to expand their leadership through sports and International travel.

Barney earned a bachelor of science degree in sociology from Idaho in 1983. She played for the Vandals from 1982-83 and was part of the 1982 squad that went 27-5.

She also played at Wenatchee Valley College for Sollars from 1980-81, winning state championships both years.

She and her husband, Michael, have an 11-year-old son, Jarryd.



**Kellee
Barney**



- Assistant Coach
- First Season
- Idaho, '83





**Krista
Reinking**



- Assistant Coach
- Fourth Season
- Illinois, '98



Krista Reinking is in her fourth season with the Oregon State women's basketball and her coaching with the team's guards and perimeter players has produced a wealth of student-athletes who have become integral pieces in the reconnaissance of OSU basketball.

In 2007-08 alone, Reinking's tutelage helped produce an All-Pac-10 Third Team member in Mercedes Fox-Griffin, an All-Pac-10 Freshman performer in Talisa Rhea and two players, Brittney Davis and Ashley Allen, who led the Beavers in scoring.

Fox-Griffin averaged nearly five assists per game in 2007-08, placing her second in the Pac-10. The La Jolla, Calif., native has benefited under Reinking's coaching to 330 assists, which places her 10th in school history. Fox-Griffin earned All-Pac-10 Third Team and All-Defensive Honorable Mention honors last season.

Rhea came to OSU from Juneau, Alaska and the sharpshooter took to Reinking's mentoring so well that she knocked down 67 three-pointers, the second-highest total in school history. Rhea earned Pac-10 All-Freshman honors and became OSU's first Pac-10 Player of the Week since the 2003-04 season after setting a school record with eight three-pointers in a game against Washington State.

Davis and Allen, meanwhile, jumped to the top of OSU's scoring lists in 2007-08. Davis, in her first season with the Beavers, developed as one of Oregon State's starting guards and was second on the team with 12.8 points per game, including 14.6 in Pac-10 games. Allen led the Beavers with 14.9 points on average, up from her 7.6 points per game as a junior. She finished fifth in the Pac-10 in scoring last season.

Reinking, a former All-Big Ten Conference selection, has made her mark on the OSU program in a short time by developing guards and versatile shooters who give the Beavers an extremely potent dimension to their offense.

Reinking worked with Fox-Griffin for the 2006-07 season, and helped turn the guard into one of the top players in the Pacific-10 Conference. Fox-Griffin matured into a leader, and averaged 6.4 assists per game, good for eighth nationally and first in the Pac-10. Fox-Griffin also became a sharpshooter for the Beavers, averaging 9.5 points per game.



In the first season after her arrival, Reinking helped build the confidence of Beaver senior guard Anita Rivera, who more than doubled her scoring average from the previous year and finished the season ranked fifth in the Pacific-10 Conference for minutes played per game. Reinking's tutelage of Oregon State's guards and perimeter players, including point guard Mandy Close, who averaged 13.3 points and 4.8 assists per game, helped lead the Beavers to a berth in the Women's National Invitation Tournament during the 2005-06 campaign.

Off the court, Reinking has played an invaluable role with the team's recruiting. She is skilled at finding and evaluating talent. She's well aware of what type of players that will excel for the Beavers. Reinking is adept at being able to shape that talent into quality players in the Oregon State system.

Reinking came to Corvallis in September of 2005 after serving as the Administrative Associate for women's basketball at The University of Texas, working directly with Hall of Fame coach Jody Conradt.

A basketball letterwinner, Reinking was a two-time All-Big Ten honoree as a guard at the University of Illinois and helped lead the Fighting Illini to a pair of NCAA Sweet 16 appearances and the Big Ten Conference championship. LaVonda Wagner helped coach Reinking for four years, when she served as assistant for Illinois.

Familiar with Gill Coliseum as a player, Reinking was named the 1996 Gazette-Times Classic Most Valuable Player as Illinois knocked off Oregon State.

She finished her career with 1,215 points – the 14th highest total in Illinois history. As a sophomore in 1995-96, Reinking averaged 15.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game while dishing out a team-leading 109 assists.

Reinking is Illinois' all-time leading career 3-point shooter with 194 treys. She also formerly held the school's single season 3-point record with 74.

After earning her bachelor's degree in Leisure Studies with an emphasis in Sport Management in 1998, Reinking served as an assistant under Hall of Fame coach Theresa Grentz at Illinois, sharing the sidelines with Wagner as well. In 2001, Reinking earned her Master's degree in Educational Organization and Leadership, while emphasizing in Higher Education.

Reinking ranks in the Illinois Top-25 in five different career statistical categories (points, 3-point field goals made, games played, steals, field goals and free throws made).



Veteran collegiate assistant coach Anthony Turner is in his first season with the Oregon State women's basketball team.

A tireless recruiter, Turner is in his ninth season as a collegiate coach and brings with him an impressive resume after stints at UNLV and San Diego State. Now with Oregon State, he will be charged with ssss.

In the six years he spent in Las Vegas, Turner made a lasting mark on the Lady Rebels program. He tutored two All-American Honorable Mention players in RanDee Henry and Sherry McCracklin, who both earned the honor during the 2003-04 season. Henry earned Mountain West Conference Newcomer of the Year honors that season while McCracklin was named Co-Defensive Player of the Year honors. Both were also selected to the All-MWC First-Team in 2003-04; McCracklin earned a third-team selection the previous season while Henry was named to the second-team in 2004-05.

An excellent recruiter, Turner assisted with all aspects of recruiting, both on campus and off, and garnered commitments from several top 50 recruits. He recruited Sequoia Holmes, who recently signed a contract with the WNBA's Houston Comets. Holmes ended her career at UNLV as a three-time All-MWC selection, just the fifth different player in school history to accomplish the feat.

A two year-starter at UNLV was Shamela Hampton, a center, who, under Turner's tutelage, averaged better than 12 points per game while averaging 6.6 rebounds last season as a junior. She earned All-MWC Third-Team honors the past two seasons.

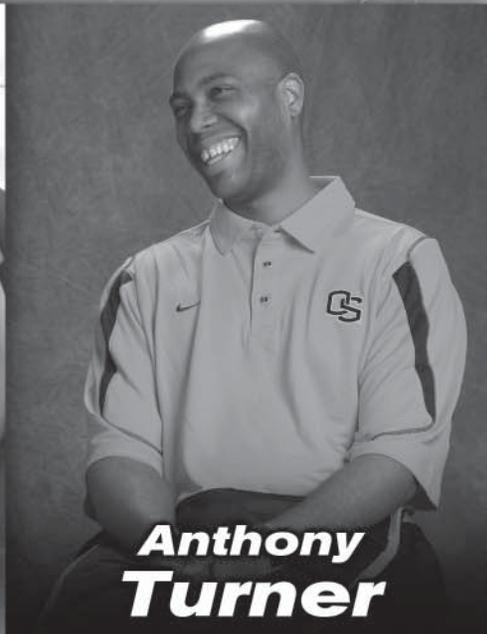
All told, Turner mentored players who earned Mountain West Conference Newcomer of the Year honors, the MWC Defensive Player of the Year, two league scoring leaders, a MWC rebounding leader and a league steals leader as well as numerous All-Conference honorees.

During his tenure at UNLV, the Lady Rebels made four WNIT appearances, including a trip to the final game in 2004. The 2003-04 team posted 26 wins, tying it for third-most in school history.

Prior to joining the staff at UNLV, Turner was an assistant coach at San Diego State from 2000-02. While there, he assisted with the day-to-day operations of the program as well as with recruiting, scouting reports, film exchange, court instruction and conditioning. His primary focus was the team's guard play and he directed the Aztecs' summer camps.

From 1999-2000, Turner worked with the Mile High Magic, an AAU club based out of Denver. With the Magic, he coordinated tryouts and assisted with game-planning and strategies.

A graduate of Colorado with a degree in English, Turner worked as a student assistant with the Buffaloes from 1997-99, assisting with scouting reports, editing practice tapes and keeping statistics during games.



**Anthony
Turner**



- Assistant Coach
- First Season
- Colorado, '99





Erin Entwistle



- Director of Operations
- Fourth Season
- Western Illinois, '04



Erin Entwistle is in her fourth season as Director of Basketball Operations at Oregon State.

Entwistle handles all of the daily operations of the Oregon State women's basketball program. She is responsible for the organization and execution of team travel and she coordinates the scheduling of player and staff commitments throughout the year. She also manages head coach LaVonda Wagner's schedule.

Entwistle oversees the budget for the women's basketball program and is the liaison between the community and the women's basketball staff to facilitate team involvement with the community. She is responsible for the creation and distribution of office publications, including newsletters and postcards, and she assists with summer basketball camps. She is a member of The Rebounders' Executive Board and has been instrumental in the growth of the booster club throughout the past two seasons.

Entwistle joined the Beaver staff in September of 2005 after spending a year as marketing intern at Oklahoma State University where she worked primarily with the Cowboy football, men's basketball and baseball programs.

While at Oklahoma State, Entwistle handled all marketing duties for baseball, assisted with game management for men's basketball and coordinated group ticket sales for football. She helped set new football records in season tickets sold and average attendance.

Prior to joining the Oklahoma State athletic department, Entwistle served as a graduate assistant for marketing and promotions at Western Illinois University where she helped implement and organize promotions for eight sports and coordinated radio and print advertising for all sports.

Entwistle was a four-year basketball letterwinner at Western Illinois. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in Business-Economics, she spent a season as graduate assistant with the Westerwinds' women's basketball program. In addition to her on-court responsibilities, Entwistle assisted with travel itineraries and coordinated film exchange.

She earned her Master's degree in Physical Education-Sport Management from Western Illinois in 2004.



WNBA veteran and former UC Santa Barbara standout Stacy Clinesmith is in her first season as the assistant director of operations with the Oregon State women's basketball team.

With the Beavers, Clinesmith assists with all day-to-day operations of the team, including travel, accommodations and meals. She also serves as film exchange coordinator, director of the team's managers and is responsible for the team's summer camps.

Clinesmith spent three seasons in the WNBA; two years with the Sacramento Monarchs before joining the Detroit Shock for the 2002 season. She was drafted in the second round of the 2000 WNBA Draft by Sacramento, and played two seasons in California's Capital city, seeing action in 42 games. She averaged 2.5 points, 1.2 rebounds and 1.9 assists during her tenure with the Monarchs.

Clinesmith played for Detroit in 2002 and saw action in 12 games, finishing the season with 2.3 points per game.

A native of Spokane, Wash., she was a standout guard at UC Santa Barbara from 1996-2000, helping the Gauchos to four straight NCAA appearances. She earned All-Big West First Team honors three times, starting with her sophomore year, and was named to the Big West All-Freshman Team after the 1996-97 season.

Clinesmith was also a clutch performer in the postseason, helping guide UC Santa Barbara to Big West Tournament titles in each of her four seasons. She was named the Big West Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2000 as the Gauchos swept through the tournament, winning all three games by at least seven points.

Clinesmith is one of 20 UC Santa Barbara players to finish with at least 1,000 career points, totaling 1,565, which is sixth in program history.

Her 647 career assists stands second in UC Santa Barbara history, with her career best 196 coming in 1999-2000 standing as the third-best single-season mark in school history.

In 1996-97, her first year in Santa Barbara, she averaged 10.7 points per game en route to earning Big West All-Freshman Team honors. She was named to the All-Big West First Team her sophomore, junior and senior seasons; In 1997-98, her sophomore year, she averaged a career-best 14.0 points per game, followed by 11.5 as a junior and 12.9 as a senior.

Clinesmith's professional career has also come with the Springfield Spirit of the National Women's Basketball League (NWBL) and the Gigantes de Carolina in Puerto Rico.

The former guard has stayed active in basketball, most notably by serving as a color commentator and sideline analyst for Gonzaga basketball with channel KHQ-TV in Spokane.

Clinesmith comes to Oregon State as the owner and manager of Clinesmith Basketball. Since 2005, she has developed, organized and instructed basketball camps in the Spokane area for girls aged 12-18, including the Coeur d'Alene and Colville Tribes. She has organized tournaments at the tribes' facilities and teaches basketball and life skills with her athletes.

She also served as the Director of the Sports Performance Extreme Enhancement Development (SPEED) program at Whitworth Physical Therapy in Spokane from 2005-07. While there, Clinesmith was the head coach of strength and conditioning for college and high school athletes in the area, many of whom came from Gonzaga University.

Her tenure at Whitworth came a year after serving as Director of Sports, USA, for one year, 2004, where she coordinated all basketball operations in Spokane.

Clinesmith graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2000 with a bachelor of arts in sociology. She has been a certified strength and conditioning coach since 2004. Additionally, she is a Read to Achieve spokesperson and a Wishing Star Foundation volunteer.



**Stacy
Clinesmith**



- Assistant Director of Operations
- First Season
- UC Santa Barbara, '00



COACHES





BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



Matt Arend
Assistant
Athletic Director



Todd Stansbury
Senior Associate
Athletic Director



Marianne Vydra
Associate Athletic Director
Senior Woman
Administrator



Alex Parker
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Director Compliance



Dr. Kate Halischak
Associate Athletic Director
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Academic Affairs



Cecil Hairston
Women's Basketball
Director of Tickets



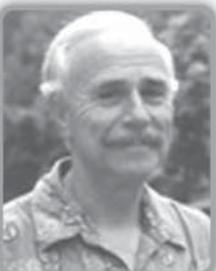
Lindy Brown
Academic Counselor



Holly Dilbert
Women's Basketball
Athletic Trainer



Hank Hager
Women's Basketball
Sports Information Director



Dr. Jerry Lynch
Team Sports
Psychologist



Tom Williams
Equipment Manager



Brendon Ziegler
Strength and
Conditioning Coach

Oregon State Department of Athletics is reminding the loyal fans of Beaver Nation to continue to conduct themselves in a good and proper manner by always displaying good sportsmanship. The sportsmanship program for Oregon State Athletics is titled - BE(AV)'havior Counts - and simply means good sportsmanship will be mandatory by all Oregon State fans, visiting team fans, coaches, staff and student-athletes.

BE(AV)'havior Counts is a sportsmanship awareness program designed to promote first-class fan conduct at Oregon State athletic events. Part of the commitment of attending and supporting the Beavers is to exhibit respectful behavior - now BE(AV)'havior - at all times to fellow fans, opposing fans, game-day staff and student-athlete's from both sides.

- Beaver fans are the caretakers of the great game day experience Oregon State is known for. Disrespectful conduct results in a game day environment that is less enjoyable for the majority of fans in attendance.
- Fans who witness any violations of stadium guidelines to report these actions to the nearest guest services person.
- While the extremes of this unwanted behavior are not commonplace at Oregon State athletic events it is important for all fans in attendance to display a respectable level of proper BE(AV)'havior. Please join us in our efforts to maintain Oregon State's national reputation as an intense and hard place to play and always a first-class host. Oregon State Athletics will also insist on respectful BE(AV)'havior by our fans and student-athletes when traveling as well.
- BE(AV)'havior Counts will be promoted before every OSU sporting event along with additional information on venue policies found in the guest guide for Oregon State athletic events.

The mission of Oregon State Athletics is to provide opportunities and develop leaders – everyday – for all 17-sports and over 500 student-athletes who succeed in the classroom, in the community, in life and on the fields of play.



Bob De Carolis became the 12th director of athletics at Oregon State University when then-President Dr. Paul Risser appointed him to the position on August 28, 2002. He signed a five-year contract extension in May of 2006.

De Carolis originally joined the OSU staff on April 20, 1998 as associate athletic director of internal operations; he was promoted to senior associate athletic director on July 1, 1999. Prior to coming to Oregon State, he spent 19 years on the athletic department staff at the University of Michigan.

Since arriving at OSU, De Carolis has developed and executed the financial recovery plan that helped the OSU Department of Athletics eliminate a \$12.5 million accumulated deficit and grow the overall budget by more than \$20 million. At the same time, the department was able to not only maintain competitive teams, but also had its first winning football season in nearly three decades, its first winning men's basketball season in 15 years, the softball program made its first appearance ever in the College World Series and the baseball team competed in the College World Series for the first time in over five- capturing the 2006 and 2007 national championships. With him in a leadership role, the football program has played in seven bowl games and overall 16 of the 17 intercollegiate programs sponsored by OSU have participated in the postseason.

De Carolis has been responsible for hiring some of the most high profile coaches in OSU history, including Mike Riley (football), former U.S. Olympic coach Taras Liskevych (volleyball), two-time NCAA Coach of the Year Jim Zalesky (wrestling), former standout assistant coach LaVonda Wagner (women's basketball), Craig Robinson (men's basketball), Kelly Sullivan (women's track/cross country), Larry Liebowitz (women's swimming), Linus Rhode (women's soccer), Steve Todd (men's rowing) and Emily Ford (women's rowing). All of his hires have or are building record-setting programs at OSU.

It's not all about wins or losses or about new facilities; De Carolis has stressed the importance of being a total student-athlete and being a part of the community. With his leadership, nearly 47 percent of the entire athletic roster sports a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Community service hours have increased nearly 300 percent during his tenure and contributions for scholarships to the Beaver Athletic Student Fund have increased from \$5 million to over \$11 million.

He spearheaded the feasibility study for a plan that has expanded and renovated Reser Stadium to its current capacity of nearly 46,000. Improvements at the Stadium since the beginning of 2005 have included a new east side structure that houses some of the best amenities in all of college football, construction of the largest video board in the Pac-10 (as of 2007 season) and new seating in the south end zone. In all, approximately \$115 million in improvements to the football facility alone has enabled "Beaver Nation" to create one of the best home field advantages in the nation. Beaver fans have responded with record ticket purchases.

The latest addition to the OSU facilities landscape is the Sports Performance Center (included in the Reser Stadium improvements). The new building, adjacent to legendary Gill Coliseum, houses a 17,000-square foot strength training area and a 7,000-square foot wrestling practice facility. Meanwhile, the final touches were made in spring (2008) to expand the home of the two-time national champion baseball team - Goss Stadium at Coleman

Field. In addition, under his guidance, OSU has built the Merritt Truax Indoor Center, the OSU Softball Complex, expanded the Tommy Prothro Football Complex and renovated several locker rooms.

De Carolis' fundraising goals continue for the upcoming academic year and beyond. Current projects in development include a \$16 million Student Academic Success Center that will be shared with the entire OSU campus, \$4 million in exterior improvements to Gill Coliseum, a \$4 million sports medicine facility and women's basketball locker room, the remodeling the Valley Football Center, construction of a \$10 million practice facility for the basketball and volleyball teams, a \$2.5 million crew facility on the banks of the Willamette River and a \$4 million track and field complex.

De Carolis is also actively involved in national and conference level committees, and just completed a three-year stint on the NCAA Division I Management Council (MANCO). He recently chaired the Pac-10

Conference Budget and Finance Committee, and sits on the Pac-10 Television and Bowl Committees. He also was recently selected to serve on the NCAA Student-Athlete Benefits Cabinet.

He started his Michigan career in 1979 as an administrative assistant. He was promoted to assistant business manager in 1980; at the same time, he was also named the head softball coach. De Carolis was Michigan's softball coach from 1980 to 1984 and his Wolverines had a third-place finish at the AIAW national championships.

De Carolis was promoted from assistant business manager to business manager in 1983; in 1987 to assistant athletic director for business; in 1990 to associate athletic director for internal operations; in 1994 to senior director for financial operations; in 1996 to senior associate athletic director and became responsible for all athletic facilities and venues at Michigan (encompassed the strategic planning of all capital improvements). In addition, he managed the department's information technology system and ancillary business operations. He was also responsible for the overall event management of football, men's and women's basketball, and ice hockey.

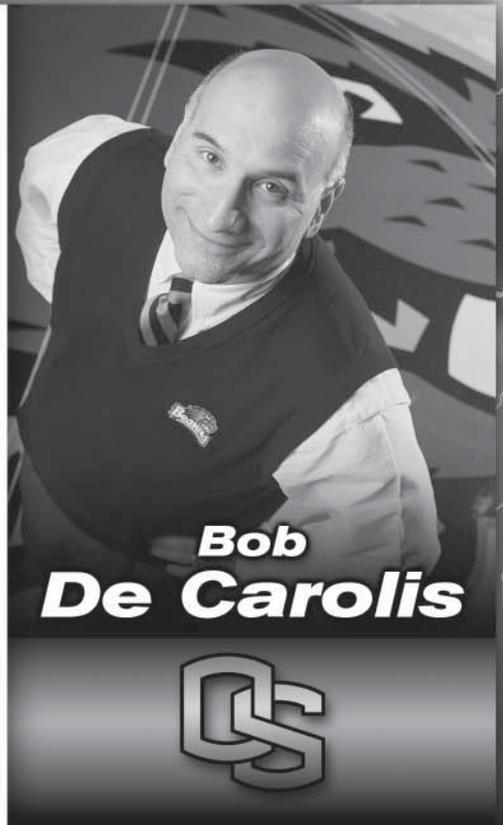
Under his leadership as senior director for financial operations, De Carolis led negotiations with Nike for an all-school contract for athletic shoes and apparel. He established a long-term relationship with Pepsi-Cola for beverage rights, and led a capital improvement project for Yost Ice Arena, Michigan Stadium and the soccer/field hockey complex.

De Carolis also spearheaded a "gift brick" donor program for Michigan Stadium, developed a comprehensive capital improvement program and coordinated the development of a master plan for the expansion of Michigan Stadium.

De Carolis is a 1976 graduate of Bloomsburg State College in Bloomsburg, Pa., with a B.S. in business education. He received a Master's of Science degree in sports management in 1979 from the University of Massachusetts. During his undergraduate days at Bloomsburg, he was a two-year letterwinner in football and baseball from 1973-75.

He got his first taste of coaching at Bloomsburg State when he served as an assistant coach in baseball and football from 1976-78.

Bob is married to the former Sandra Taylor and they have three children, daughter Lyndsay and twin daughters Lauren and Hayley. Lyndsay is a sophomore at the University of Michigan and is a member of the Wolverines' soccer team.



**Bob
De Carolis**

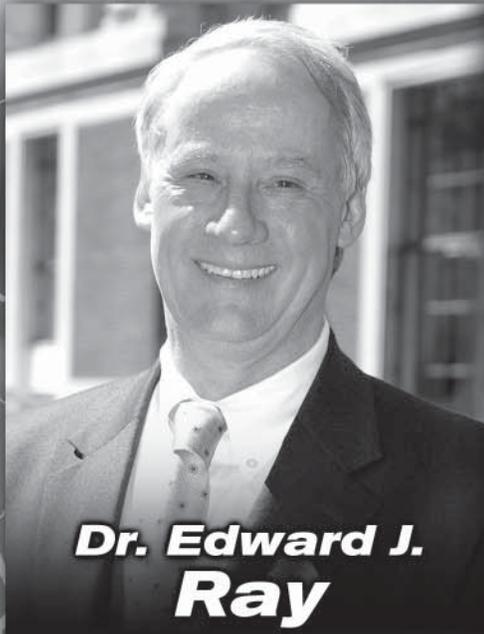


- Director of Athletics
- Seventh Year
- Bloomsburg State College (Pa.), '76



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**Dr. Edward J.
Ray**



- President
- Sixth Year
- Queens College, '66



Dr. Edward J. Ray assumed the position of Oregon State University's President on July 31, 2003. Prior to coming to Oregon State, Ray was executive vice president and provost of The Ohio State University.

Under his leadership, OSU has completed a visionary campus-wide strategic plan that is serving as the framework for the university's development in profound and historic ways. Research funding has grown to \$209 million since Dr. Ray's arrival, and the university has opened such key scientific facilities as the Kelley Engineering Center and the Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Mindful of OSU's commitment to the people of Oregon, Dr. Ray has overseen the expansion of the Degree Partnership Program (DPP) with 11 of the state's community colleges, making it easier for students to complete four-year degrees. He has also taken a leadership role in fostering a more seamless P-20 system, working with area school superintendents, community college leaders and university colleagues to strengthen institutional connections and enhance the student experience. Dr. Ray has also helped to usher in a new era of partnership and cooperation between Oregon's public universities.

Dr. Ray was a member of the economics faculty at Ohio State from 1970-2003, serving as economics

department chair from 1976 to 1992. He served as an associate provost from May 1992 until May 1993, senior vice provost and chief information officer from 1993-1998, and executive vice president and provost from 1998-2003.

His research interests include the history of protectionism in the United States, the determinants of U.S. foreign direct investment and foreign direct investment in the United States, the structure of tariff and non tariff trade barriers in the United States and abroad and the adoption of Social Security. His work has been published in *The American Economic Review*, *The Journal of Political Economy*, *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *The Review of Economic Studies* and other journals. He has co-authored a principles text, and his book, "U. S. Protectionism and the World Debt Crisis" was published by Quorum Press in 1989.

Dr. Ray received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Queens College (CUNY) in June 1966, graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his master's in economics from Stanford University in 1969 and his doctorate in economics from Stanford in June 1971.

His wife Beth was a counselor and assistant dean in the College of Arts and Sciences while at Ohio State. They have three children and two grandchildren.

