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# LAVONDA WAGNER

Head Coach • Fifth Season • Mars Hill College, '86



LaVonda Wagner returns for her fifth season as the head coach of the Oregon State women's basketball team and is just a year removed from engineering one of the top turnarounds in the history of the program.

Wagner's club won 20 games in 2008-09, the most since the 1994-95 season. Oregon State improved by eight victories last season, one of the top marks in the nation. And the Beavers made their second Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) appearance in her four seasons as head coach.

Furthering their successes, OSU went 9-9 in Pacific-10 Conference play to finish in a tie for fourth, which is the highest finish for the Beavers since the 1995-96 season. Seniors Brittney Davis and Mercedes Fox-Griffin and sophomore Talisa Rhea were recognized by the league for their fine play during the regular season.

Rhea, for one, began the season off on the right foot by breaking the Pac-10 single-game record for three-pointers with 10 against Sacramento State. She finished with 42 points in that game, one of the top 10 performances in school history.

That began a year that included a season sweep of Oregon, the first for OSU since 1993. The 2008-09 season saw OSU hold Portland State to 24 points in December, a school record and one point off tying the Pac-10 single-game record. The Beavers also won 11 non-conference games last season, the most in Oregon State history.

The 2008-09 season simply put an exclamation point on Wagner's tenure with the Beavers. She has molded Oregon State into a program defined by dedication, teamwork, respect, competitiveness and passion. Her clubs play to the final second and strive for success not only on the floor but off it. In addition to having an outstanding season on the court, the team's players also were successful off it as the team posted a 3.28 grade point average in the spring, the best term in the team's history.

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 four 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 four prominent and decorated classes that will be at the forefront of Oregon State's reconnaissance.

In just four seasons at OSU, Wagner and her coaching staff have signed the Player of the Year from the states of Oregon, Alaska and Montana and a Spanish National Team member.

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.

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 Up Close

- Fifth 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



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## 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

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.

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.

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.

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.



LaVonda and Maxine Wagner





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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 Grentz (formerly of Illinois) and Gail Goestenkers (formerly of Duke).

Grentz, 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 Goestenkers, 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.



## 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**

*"Under Coach Wagner I have gained sense of pride, I've made it a habit to be fully committed in everything I do, I know what it means to part of a Team, I understand that I won't get the things I want, unless I sacrifice, and with that, I've learned the real meaning of excellence. Coach Wagner's passion resonates through everything she does, on and off the court. She has built a program based on character, loyalty, respect and dedication, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to experience it. The knowledge Coach Wagner has for the game is amazing, but knowledge she has about life is astonishing, and it's the bigger picture she instilled in me, and the reason I will be successful in whatever I chose to do."*

**-Mercedes Fox-Griffin  
Former Oregon State guard  
Currently playing professional basketball in Israel**

*"Coach Wagner helps you become a better player on and off the court by her leadership, discipline, dedication and the passion she puts into this program. She helps mold these values into every one of her players. This to me is why this program has become so successful and will continue to be successful - because of the values that she lives by and instills in her players. I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to play under Coach Wagner because she has helped me improve and become a better leader on and off the court."*

**-Brittney Davis  
Former Oregon State guard**

*"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 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.

Currently, the fifth-year OSU head coach is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Board Of Directors as a Division I/ At-Large representative. She is also a voter in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

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.

Wagner has also played a big part in the community during her tenure at OSU. Recently, she has served as the emcee of "Puttin' On The Pink," a fashion show sponsored by the Corvallis Clinic to raise money for breast cancer

awareness. She has also spoken for the North American Wholesale Lumber Association meeting, an event hosted by North Pacific; Roth's "Oregon is Home" Luncheon. She's also spoken for the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis.

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

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.

# PAC-10/NATIONAL HONORS UNDER HEAD COACH LAVONDA WAGNER

## ALL-PAC-10



**Brittney Davis**  
2008-09 • Third Team



**Mercedes Fox-Griffin**  
2008-09 • Honorable Mention



**Talisa Rhea**  
2008-09 • Honorable Mention



**Mercedes Fox-Griffin**  
2007-08 • Third Team



## COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

**Talisa Rhea**  
2008-09  
All-District 8 Second Team

**Mandy Close**  
2005-06  
All-District 8 Third Team



**Ashley Allen**  
2007-08 • Honorable Mention



**Casey Nash**  
2006-07 • First Team



**Kim Butler**  
2005-06 • Honorable Mention

## PAC-10 ALL-ACADEMIC



**Talisa Rhea**  
2008-09 • First Team



**Mercedes Fox-Griffin**  
2008-09 • Honorable Mention



**Mercedes Fox-Griffin**  
2007-08 • Honorable Mention

## PAC-10 ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM



**Mercedes Fox-Griffin**  
2008-09 • First Team



**Brittney Davis**  
2008-09 • Honorable Mention



**Mercedes Fox-Griffin**  
2007-08 • Honorable Mention



**Julie Futch**  
2007-08 • Honorable Mention



**Stacey Nichols**  
2007-08 • Honorable Mention



**Ashley Allen**  
2006-07 • Honorable Mention

## PAC-10 ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM



**Talisa Rhea**  
2007-08 • First Team



**Judie Lomax**  
2006-07 • First Team



**Mandy Close**  
2005-06 • First Team



**Karen Vickery**  
2005-06 • Honorable Mention

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# KELLEE BARNEY

Assistant Coach • Second Season • Idaho, '83



Pacific Northwest native and veteran collegiate coach Kellee Barney returns to Oregon State for her second season as an assistant coach with the Beavers.

In her first season with Oregon State, Barney helped guide the club to its finest season in more than a decade. She served a vital role in the further development of the team's post players, including the continued development of Tiffany Ducker, who ended her OSU career in the top 10 in rebounding, field goal percentage and blocks.

Barney also played a vital role in the early development of Kirsten Tilleman, who, in her first season with the Beavers, started a majority of the Pac-10 season as a true freshman. Tilleman improved as the year wore on, finishing multiple games with 10 rebounds while playing upwards of 30 minutes a game for one of the most improved teams in the nation.

Barney has a wealth of collegiate experience and since coming to the program prior to the 2008-09 season, has been a big influence on the club's roster.

A native of Leavenworth, Wash., she brings to Oregon State 24 years of coaching experience at the collegiate level prior to her appointment with the Beavers, 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. 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 players coached by Barney – Wheeler, Polk, Aimee 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 a 12-year-old son, Jarryd.



Kellee and Jarryd Barney

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# KRISTA REINKING

Assistant Coach • Fifth Season • Illinois, '98



Krista Reinking enters her fifth season with the Oregon State women's basketball team, and has been an integral piece in the building of the program.

Reinking played a key role in helping guide the Beavers to one of their finest seasons in 2008-09. As the coach for the team's guard and perimeter players, Reinking oversaw a trio of players who had excellent seasons.

Reinking served as Mercedes Fox-Griffin's coach for each of the guard's four seasons in Corvallis, some of the most successful in the program's history. Last season, Fox-Griffin earned All-Pac-10 Defensive Team honors and was an All-Pac-10 honorable mention. Fox-Griffin left the program with 491 assists, third-most in OSU history.

Talisa Rhea is another of Reinking's protégés and the guard has responded by becoming perhaps the top three-point shooter in the Pac-10. Rhea, who left high school primarily shooting from inside the three-point line, is second in school history after hitting on 131 shots from beyond the three-point line in her two-year OSU career.

Brittney Davis played for OSU for two years, and in 2008-09, her final year under Reinking's tutelage, was named to the All-Pac-10 Third Team while leading the Beavers in scoring with 14.5 points per game. Davis scored in double figures in her last 17 games.

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.

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

In the two years prior, Reinking had the opportunity to work with Casey Nash, who ended her career with 1,163 points, and is one of 15 players in OSU history to top the 1,000-point mark. In 2006-07, her senior year, Nash averaged 20 points per game to go along with 6.5 rebounds en route to an All-Pac-10 First-Team honor.

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' second 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).



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# ANTHONY TURNER

Assistant Coach • Second Season • Colorado, '99



Anthony Turner returns for his second season as an assistant coach at Oregon State, just a year after helping guide the Beavers to one of their finest campaigns in school history.

Turner moved to Corvallis from UNLV prior to last season, and immediately made an impact with the team's post players. He mentored Tiffany Ducker in her senior year, and watched as the center averaged 7.0 rebounds per game, including a season-high 17 against Washington State.

Turner also had a chance to tutor Kirsten Tilleman during her freshman campaign. The former Montana State Player of the Year finished the year with 18 starts and 4.1 rebounds per game. She had at least five rebounds in seven of her last 18 games, which were all starts. Tilleman had 10 rebounds twice, the second time coming against New Mexico in the Women's National Invitation Tournament.

The 2009-10 season will be Turner's 10th as a coach, and the second after leaving UNLV. He made a big mark with the Lady Rebels.

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.

Turner married the former Jaime Oltman on August 31, 2008, and the couple is expecting their first children (twins) in February.



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# ERIN ENTWISTLE

Director of Operations • Fifth Season • Western Illinois, '04



Erin Entwistle is in her fifth 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 four seasons. In the club's first season, it had 80 members, and in the time since, it has grown nearly 200 more strong to 270.

In addition, Entwistle, who is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), has organized the team's annual banquet and the Oregon State Pink Zone event, which in 2010 will be in its third year. She has attended conventions on behalf of OSU in order to better prepare the team's coaching staff for their video editing and film breakdown processes.

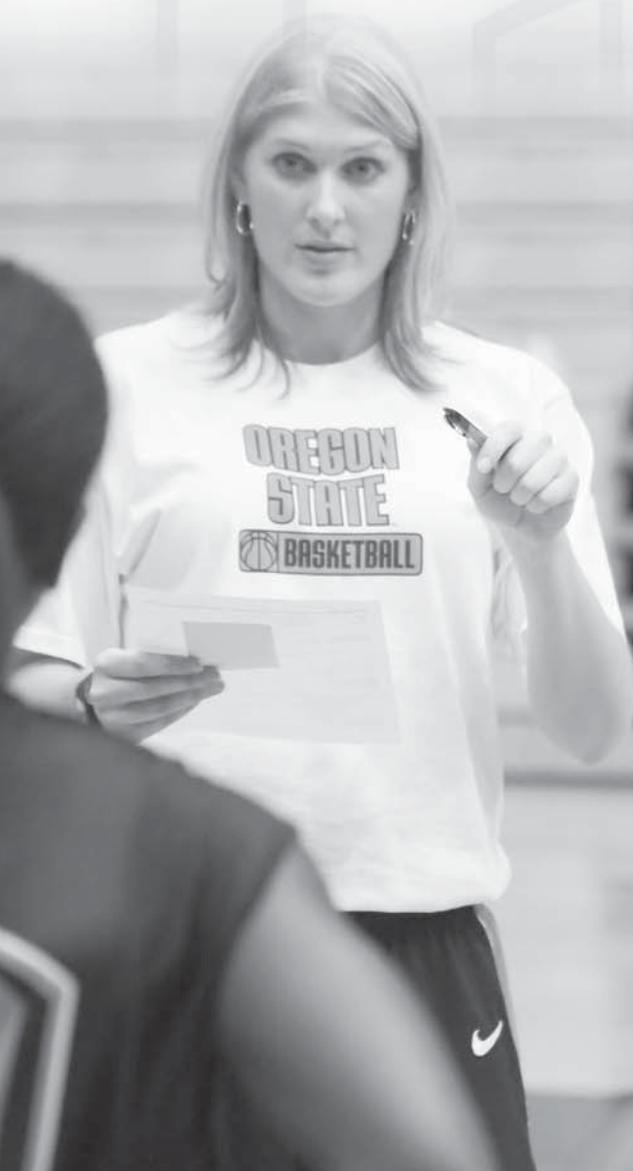
Entwistle joined the Beaver staff in September of 2005 after spending a year as marketing intern at Oklahoma State University where she worked primarily with the Cowboy football, men's basketball and baseball programs.

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.



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# ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION



**Todd Stansbury**  
Executive Senior  
Associate Athletic Director



**Dr. Kelvin Koong**  
Faculty Athletic  
Representative



**Marianne Vydra**  
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Senior Women's Administrator



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**Megan Gillick**  
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**Dr. Kate Halischak**  
Associate Athletic Director,  
Student-Athlete Academic  
Affairs



**Linda Johnson**  
Associate Athletic Director,  
Life Skills Coordinator



**Alex Parker**  
Associate Athletic Director,  
Compliance



**Mark Spencer**  
Associate Athletic Director,  
Business Operations



**John Cheney**  
Assistant Athletic Director,  
Facilities & Operations



**Steve Fenk**  
Assistant Athletic Director,  
Athletic Communications



**Linda Hurd**  
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Video Coordinator



**Jeff Taylor**  
Video Coordinator



**Tom Williams**  
Equipment Manager



# BOB DE CAROLIS

Director of Athletics • Eighth Year • Bloomsburg State College (Pa.), '76



Director of Athletics Bob De Carolis was appointed to his current position on Aug. 28, 2002 by then OSU President Dr. Paul Risser and has since led the Beavers to unprecedented success on and off the fields of play. The popular De Carolis signed a five-year contract extension in May of 2006 that takes him through June 30, 2011.

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 Department of Athletics eliminate a \$12.5 million accumulated deficit and grow the overall budget by more than \$25 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 campaign in 15 years, the softball program made its first appearance in the College World Series and the baseball team competed in the College World Series for the first time in over five decades – capturing the 2006 and 2007 national championships. With him in a leadership role, the football program has played in eight bowl games, men's basketball captured the College Basketball Invitational (2009), gymnastics has competed in the national championships four straight years and overall 16 of the 17 intercollegiate programs sponsored by OSU have participated in 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), three-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) Emily Ford (women's rowing) and most recently Steve Simmons (men's soccer).

It's not all about wins, losses or 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 50 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 \$6 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. Coming online in the fall of 2009 will be the completion of the \$4 million exterior improvement project for Gill Coliseum, a \$4 million sports medicine facility and women's basketball locker room, and the remodeling of the Valley Football Center.

In addition to the latest projects, De Carolis has also managed the recent completion of the home of the two-time national champion baseball team – Goss Stadium at Coleman Field. During his tenure the Merritt Truax Indoor Center and the OSU Softball Complex have been constructed, and the Tommy Prothro Football Complex and several locker rooms were renovated.

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, construction of a \$15 million practice facility for the basketball and volleyball teams, a \$2.5 million rowing 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 just having completed a stint as chair of the conference television committee, former chair of the conference budget and finance committee, and currently serves on the bowl committee. At the NCAA level he is a member of the Student-Athlete Benefits and Financial Aid Cabinet, the Football Bowl Subdivision Issues Committee, and is a former member of the prestigious Management Council (MANCO).

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.

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 one of the first of its kind in the country. He established a long-term relationship with Pepsi-Cola for beverage rights, to all athletic venues.

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 renovation 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.

In the fall of 2008 he was awarded the Harold VanderZwaag distinguished alumnus award from UMASS. In the fall of 2009 he will be inducted into the Bloomsburg University Hall of Fame.

Bob is married to the former Sandra Taylor and they have three children, daughter Lyndsay, a junior at the University of Michigan, and twin daughters Lauren and Hayley, juniors at Crescent Valley High School.



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# DR. EDWARD J. RAY

President • Seventh 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.

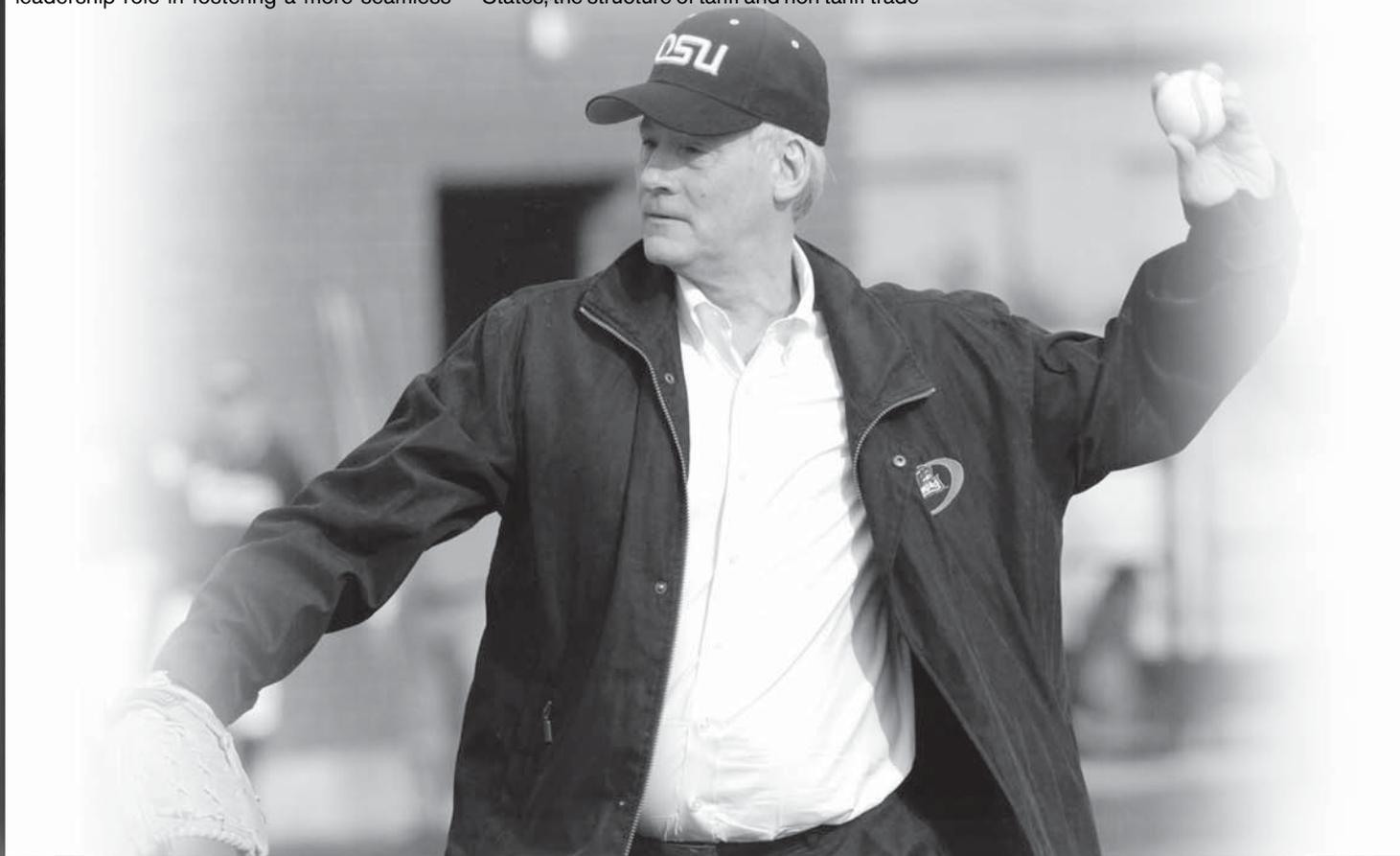
Dr. Ray was a member of the economics faculty at Ohio State from 1970-2003, serving as economics department chair from 1976 to 1992. He served as an associate provost from May 1992 until May 1993, senior vice provost and chief information officer from 1993-1998, and executive vice president and provost 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.



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