



**MANNY ATKINS**  
F • 6-6, 205 • R-Jr. **23**  
Tucker, Ga.



**DENNY BURGUILLOS**  
F • 6-7, 230 • Jr. **45**  
Valencia, Venezuela



**MARKUS CRIDER**  
F • 6-6, 205 • Fr. **33**  
Dayton, Ohio



**TYLER GAMBLE**  
G • 6-0, 190 • So. **15**  
Commerce, Ga.



**JUSTIN GREEN**  
G • 6-6, 210 • So. **34**  
Jonesboro, Ga.



**RYANN GREEN**  
G • 6-1, 175 • So. **2**  
College Park, Ga.



**R.J. HUNTER**  
G • 6-5, 175 • Fr. **22**  
Indianapolis, Ind.



**RASHAAD RICHARDSON**  
G • 6-4, 185 • Jr. **25**  
Charleston, S.C.



**KEVIN SHAW**  
G • 6-0, 175 • So. **10**  
Louisville, Ky.



**T.J. SHIPES**  
F • 6-7, 225 • Fr. **31**  
Buford, Ga.



**LARON SMITH**  
F • 6-8, 190 • Fr. **1**  
Palm Bay, Fla.



**CAMERON SOLOMON**  
G • 6-3, 170 • R-So. **21**  
Hampton, Ga.



**DAVID TRAVERS**  
G • 6-0, 170 • Fr. **20**  
Carlsbad, Calif.



**JAMES VINCENT**  
C • 6-10, 260 • Sr. **50**  
Columbus, Ga.



**CURTIS WASHINGTON**  
F • 6-9, 230 • R-So. **42**  
Elizabethtown, Ky.



**DEVONTA WHITE**  
G • 5-10, 170 • Jr. **12**  
Alpharetta, Ga.



**RON HUNTER**  
Head Coach  
2nd Year at Georgia State



**DARRYL LABARRIE**  
Associate Head Coach  
2nd Year at Georgia State



**EVERICK SULLIVAN**  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Year at Georgia State



**CLAUDE PARDUE**  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Year at Georgia State

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
23	Manny Atkins	F	6-6	205	R-Jr.	Tucker, Ga. (Tucker HS/Virginia Tech)
45	Denny Burguillos	F	6-7	230	Jr.	Valencia, Venezuela (Casper (Wyo.) College)
33	Markus Crider	F	6-6	205	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio (Wayne HS/Bridgton (Maine) Academy)
15	Tyler Gamble	G	6-0	190	So.	Commerce, Ga. (Commerce HS)
34	Justin Green	G	6-6	210	So.	Jonesboro, Ga. (Lovejoy HS)
2	Ryann Green	G	6-1	175	So.	College Park, Ga. (Benjamin Banneker HS)
22	R.J. Hunter	G	6-5	175	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)
25	Rashaad Richardson	G	6-4	185	Jr.	James Island, S.C. (Oldsmar Christian Academy)
10	Kevin Shaw	G	6-0	175	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Seneca HS)
31	T.J. Shipes	F	6-7	225	Fr.	Buford, Ga. (Buford HS)
1	LaRon Smith	F	6-8	190	Fr.	Palm Bay, Fla. (Heritage HS)
21	Cameron Solomon	G	6-3	170	R-So.	Hampton, Ga. (Brevard CC/Lovejoy HS)
20	David Travers	G	6-0	170	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)
50	James Vincent	C	6-10	260	Sr.	Columbus, Ga. (Northside HS)
42	Curtis Washington	F	6-9	230	R-So.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Southern Cal/Elizabethtown HS)
12	Devonta White	G	5-10	170	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Centennial HS)

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
1	LaRon Smith	F	6-8	190	Fr.	Palm Bay, Fla. (Heritage HS)
2	Ryann Green	G	6-1	175	So.	College Park, Ga. (Benjamin Banneker HS)
10	Kevin Shaw	G	6-0	175	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Seneca HS)
12	Devonta White	G	5-10	170	Jr.	Alpharetta, Ga. (Centennial HS)
15	Tyler Gamble	G	6-0	190	So.	Commerce, Ga. (Commerce HS)
20	David Travers	G	6-0	170	Fr.	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)
21	Cameron Solomon	G	6-3	170	R-So.	Hampton, Ga. (Brevard CC/Lovejoy HS)
22	R.J. Hunter	G	6-5	175	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)
23	Manny Atkins	F	6-6	205	R-Jr.	Tucker, Ga. (Tucker HS/Virginia Tech)
25	Rashaad Richardson	G	6-4	185	Jr.	James Island, S.C. (Oldsmar Christian Academy)
31	T.J. Shipes	F	6-7	225	Fr.	Buford, Ga. (Buford HS)
33	Markus Crider	F	6-6	205	Fr.	Dayton, Ohio (Wayne HS/Bridgton (Maine) Academy)
34	Justin Green	G	6-6	210	So.	Jonesboro, Ga. (Lovejoy HS)
42	Curtis Washington	F	6-9	230	R-So.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Southern Cal/Elizabethtown HS)
45	Denny Burguillos	F	6-7	230	Jr.	Valencia, Venezuela (Casper (Wyo.) College)
50	James Vincent	C	6-10	260	Sr.	Columbus, Ga. (Northside HS)

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Ron Hunter (Miami (Ohio), 1986), 2nd Year at GSU  
**Associate Head Coach:** Darryl LaBarrie (Georgia Tech, 2001), 2nd Year at GSU  
**Assistant Coach:** Everick Sullivan (Louisville, 2002), 2nd Year at GSU  
**Assistant Coach:** Claude Pardue (Emory, 2008), 2nd Year at GSU  
**Director of BB Operations:** Nate Summers (IUPUI, 2009)  
**Athletic Trainer:** Dinika Johnson (Georgia State, 2009)  
**Strength Coach:** Jamal Terry (Mississippi State, 1986)  
**Graduate Assistants:** Junard Hartley & Jeff Diepenbrock

## PRONUNCIATION

Devonta White.....duh-VON-tay  
 TJ Shipes .....SHY-ps  
 Denny Burguillos.....Bur-GEE-los  
 LaRon Smith.....La-Ron

## A NEW ERA OF PANTHER BASKETBALL

After taking over the men's basketball program on March 21, 2011, Ron Hunter immediately set new expectations that were met in year one. The 15th head coach in school history led the Panthers to their fourth postseason appearance and a 22-12 record, the second most wins in school history. On the way to the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament, the Panthers won a school-record 11 straight games, including four of those victories coming by more than 30 points.

Following the season, Hunter was named the Georgia College Coach of the Year and senior Eric Buckner earned Georgia Player of the Year honors by the Atlanta Tip-off Club. Both Buckner and senior Jihad Ali earned All-CAA honors and Ali earned the CAA's prestigious Dean Ehlers Leadership Award.



## HELPING OTHERS

The Georgia State basketball staff and players traveled to South Africa in early August for a different kind of overseas trip. Rather than playing games, the team, working with Samaritan's Feet, distributed shoes to children in South Africa. Coach Hunter, who is heavily involved with Samaritan's Feet, made his sixth trip abroad and first with his Panther squad. He previously brought his IUPUI team to Lima, Peru several years ago.

During the 10-day trip, Georgia State did several shoe distributions. There was also some free time worked into the trip that allowed the team to see the national aquarium, go on a safari and visit Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans connect.

## 515 AND COUNTING

Georgia State has made at least one three-point field goal in 515 straight games, dating back to the 1994-95 season. The last team to hold the Panthers without a trey was Stetson on Feb. 18, 1995.



Nearly 2700 fans showed up for Coach Hunter's first Barefoot for Bare Feet game in the Sports Arena in January.

## THE PANTHERS AT A GLANCE

### STARTERS RETURNING

Name.....	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG
Devonta White .....	G	5-10	170	Jr.	12.9	3.2

### OTHER KEY RETURNEES

Name.....	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG
Rashaad Richardson.....	G	6-4	185	Jr.	5.4	1.4
James Vincent .....	C	6-10	260	Sr.	3.2	2.0

### KEY LOSSES

Name.....	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	PPG	RPG
Jihad Ali .....	G	6-5	205	Sr.-R	12.5	6.0
Eric Buckner .....	F	6-4	190	Sr.	10.8	7.1
James Fields.....	G	6-4	182	Sr.	9.6	3.9
Josh Micheaux .....	G	6-5	222	Sr.	7.7	6.1
Brandon McGee.....	G	6-6	228	Sr.	3.4	2.3

### NEWCOMERS

Name.....	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
Manny Atkins.....	G-F	6-7	205	Jr.-R
Tucker, Ga. (Virginia Tech/Tucker HS) * Redshirted in 2011-12				
Denny Burguillos.....	F	6-7	230	Jr.
Valencia, Venezuela (Casper (Wyo.) College)				
Markus Crider.....	F	6-6	205	Fr.
Dayton, Ohio (Wayne HS/Bridgton (Maine) Academy)				
R.J. Hunter.....	G	6-5	175	Fr.
Indianapolis, Ind. (Pike HS)				
T.J. Shipes.....	F	6-7	225	Fr.
Buford, Ga. (Buford HS)				
LaRon Smith.....	F	6-8	190	Fr.
Palm Bay, Fla. (Heritage HS)				
Cameron Solomon.....	G	6-3	170	R-So.
Hampton, Ga. (Brevard CC/Lovejoy HS)				
David Travers.....	G	6-0	170	Fr.
Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon HS)				
Curtis Washington.....	F	6-9	230	So.-R
Elizabethtown, Ky. (Southern Cal/Elizabethtown HS)				

## ROSTER ANALYSIS

BY CLASS		BY STATE/COUNTRY			
Seniors.....	1	Georgia .....	8	Indiana .....	1
Juniors .....	5	Kentucky.....	2	Florida .....	1
Sophomores .....	5	Ohio.....	1	California .....	1
Freshmen.....	5	South Carolina ...	1	Venezuela .....	1

GEORGIA STATE BASKETBALL

A man in a dark suit, light blue shirt, and patterned tie is shouting with his right hand cupped around his mouth. He is surrounded by dynamic, glowing blue light trails that swirl around him. The background is dark with diagonal light streaks. The word "COACHES" is written in large, white, block letters across the bottom of the image.

COACHES

## RECORD AT GEORGIA STATE:

22-12 (2nd Season)

## CAREER RECORD:

296-231\* (19th Year)

**R**on Hunter restored the Georgia State program to national prominence in just his first year as head coach of the Panthers during the 2011-12 season. Georgia State won 22 games, the second most in school history, advancing to the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament, the Panthers fourth-ever postseason appearance.

Hunter has won 296 games in 18 seasons, but the accomplishments made by the 2011-12 team might be the most special. After being named head coach on March, 21, 2011, he built a squad that finished in the top 20 in the nation in scoring defense, defensive shooting percentage, steals and blocked shots, as six seniors finished their careers triumphantly.

"I will remember my first team at Georgia State for the rest of life," commented Hunter after the season. "We were able to get a group of seniors to buy-in and it made for a very special season that will not soon be forgotten about."

Following the record-setting season, Hunter was named Atlanta Tip-off Club Georgia Coach of the Year, while his players earned a record-number of conference and national awards.

National notoriety is nothing new for Hunter. While at IUPUI, he was lauded for his humanitarian efforts, partnering with Samaritan's Feet, an organization that collects shoes for underprivileged children around the world.

He continued that work in Atlanta, coaching the Panthers while barefoot to victory over UNCW in front of the largest crowd in the Sports Arena since 2007.

While leading IUPUI to 25 or more wins in two of his final four seasons, Hunter began to partner with Samaritan's Feet, an organization that collects shoes for underprivileged children around the world. On Jan. 24, 2008, he coached IUPUI against Oakland in his bare feet to help raise awareness for the cause. By tipoff, Hunter's efforts had raised more than 100,000 pairs of shoes, and to date, that number has climbed well above 250,000.

During his first season at Georgia State, Hunter led the Panthers to the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament, just the fourth time

## RON HUNTER LEDGER

### Name:

Ronald Hunter

### Date of Birth:

April 7, 1964

### Hometown:

Dayton, Ohio

### Family:

Married to the former Amy Puglia

Two children: Jasmine (24) and R.J. (19)

### Education:

Miami (Ohio), 1986 (B.A., Education)

Miami (Ohio), 1987 (Masters)

### Playing Career:

Four-year letterwinner at Miami (Ohio), 1982-86

Three NCAA Tournament appearances, two MAC Championships

### Coaching Career:

Head Coach, Georgia State, 2011-present (Second Season)

Head Coach Oklahoma, IUPUI (17 seasons)

Assistant Coach, Miami (Ohio) (1 season)

Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee, 1987-1993 (6 seasons)

### Coaching Honors:

2003 Summit League Coach of the Year

2006 Summit League Coach of the Year

2012 Atlanta Tip-off Club Georgia Coach of the Year



**RON HUNTER** has dedicated his time and energy to help Samaritan's Feet raise 10 million shoes for 10 million children in 10 years.

# HEAD COACH RON HUNTER



GSU earned a postseason bid. The Panthers opened the tournament at home, another first, hosting a postseason contest and earning an impressive 74-43 victory against Tennessee Tech.

Earlier in the year, Hunter's squad won 11 straight games, a school-record, earning impressive victories over CAA preseason favorite Drexel and at VCU. The streak included wins of 32, 32 and 31 points.

The Panthers winning ways continued in the CAA Tournament with a record-setting 35-point victory against Hofstra in the first round, the largest margin of victory in CAA Championship history.

One of Hunter's six seniors, Eric Buckner, became one of the top shot blockers in the country and in just his second season as a Panther, set the school-record for career blocked shots. Both Buckner and fellow senior Jihad Ali earned All-CAA honors while Ali was recognized with the prestigious Dean Ehlers Leadership Award. Buckner later

earned Georgia Men's College Player of the Year honors by the Atlanta Tip-off Club.

Ali and fellow senior James Fields earned CAA All-Academic Team honors while setting the record for the top two games played in a career: Ali with 126, Fields with 124.

Hunter's resume includes numerous national honors including an NABC Guardians of the Game Pillar Award for Service, the 2009 Giant Steps Award from the National Consortium for Academics and Sport (NCAS), and a Minority Achievement Award from the Center for Leadership Development (CLD).

He was one of seven head coaches who served on the Division I Basketball Academic Enhancement Group, as appointed by late NCAA President Myles Brand, and he is a member of the National Basketball Coaches Association (NABC) Board of Directors.

**RON HUNTER** and his wife, Amy, with son R.J. and daughter Jasmine.

In his 17 seasons at IUPUI, Hunter guided the program through its transition from the NAIA and Division II level into NCAA Division I and the Summit League. He is the school's winningest coach, both in number of victories and winning percentage, and he led IUPUI to its only appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2003 in just the school's third season as a full-fledged Division I program.

His program produced George Hill, the 2008 Summit League Player of the Year who was drafted in the first round of the 2008 NBA Draft (26th selection) by the San Antonio Spurs.

Hill was the standout for Hunter's 2007-08 IUPUI squad that won a school-record 26 games. The Jaguars led the nation in three-point field goal percentage that year while also

ranking in the top five in both field goal percentage and free throw percentage.

In 2009-10, Hunter's Jaguars won 25 games, including the first post-season victory in school history. IUPUI, the Summit League runner-up, earned a berth in the College Basketball Invitational, where the Jaguars defeated Hofstra in the first round before falling to Princeton in double overtime. IUPUI ranked second in the nation in field goal percentage in 2009-10.

Hunter's 2010-11 team earned third place in the conference with a 12-6 mark in conference play, along with an overall record of 19-14, including victories over Big East member USF (69-68) and Summit League champion Oakland (100-88). The Jaguars suffered a 75-64 loss at NCAA No. 1 seed Ohio State and a 56-54 loss to No. 2 seed San Diego State.

Named Summit League Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2006, Hunter led IUPUI to the conference championship game five times from 2002-10, including the 2003 title game victory over top-seeded Valparaiso. Since 2003, the Jaguars have never finished lower than fourth in the league standings, including runnerup finishes in 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010.



**RON HUNTER** and college teammate and best friend **RON HARPER** who won five NBA titles in his illustrious 16-year career.

## RON HUNTER LEDGER

Season	Position, School, Honors/Postseason	Record
<b>Head Coach, Career (18 seasons)</b>		<b>296-231</b>
<b>Head Coach, Georgia State (1st season)</b>		<b>22-12</b>
2011-12	Head Coach, Georgia State	22-12
<b>Head Coach, IUPUI (17 seasons)</b>		<b>274-219</b>
2010-11	Head Coach, IUPUI	19-14
2009-10	Head Coach, IUPUI (CBI Tournament; d. Hofstra, I. Princeton)	25-11
2008-09	Head Coach, IUPUI	16-14
2007-08	Head Coach, IUPUI	26-7
2006-07	Head Coach, IUPUI	15-15
2005-06	Head Coach, IUPUI	19-10
2004-05	Head Coach, IUPUI	16-13
2003-04	Head Coach, IUPUI	3-11*
2002-03	Head Coach, IUPUI (NCAA; I. Kentucky)	20-14
2001-02	Head Coach, IUPUI	15-15
2000-01	Head Coach, IUPUI	11-18
1999-00	Head Coach, IUPUI	7-21
1998-99	Head Coach, IUPUI (Joined Division I)	11-16
1997-98	Head Coach, IUPUI	17-9
1996-97	Head Coach, IUPUI	16-11
1995-96	Head Coach, IUPUI	22-7
1994-95	Head Coach, IUPUI	16-13
<b>Assistant Coach, Miami (Ohio) (1 season)</b>		<b>19-10</b>
1993-94	Assistant Coach, Miami (Ohio)	19-10
<b>Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee (6 seasons)</b>		<b>111-59</b>
1992-93	Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee	16-12
1991-92	Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee	24-7
1990-91	Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee	10-18
1989-90	Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee	18-10
1988-89	Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee	20-8
1987-88	Assistant Coach, UW-Milwaukee	16-12
<b>Player, Miami (Ohio) (4 seasons)</b>		<b>81-39</b>
1985-86	Player, Miami (Ohio) MAC Champion, NCAA (I. Iowa State)	24-7
1984-85	Player, Miami (Ohio) NCAA (I. Maryland)	20-11
1983-84	Player, Miami (Ohio) MAC Champion, NCAA (I. SMU)	24-6
1982-83	Player, Miami (Ohio)	13-15

\* 18 wins vacated due to university rules violation; including wins record would be: 314-231

# HEAD COACH RON HUNTER



Sixteen of Hunter's Jaguars received first or second-team all-conference accolades, including two Player of the Year honorees in Hill (2008) and Odell Bradley (2004) as well as Defensive Player of the Year Matt Crenshaw (2004). Another 10 IUPUI players were recognized on the league's All-Newcomer team, including Newcomer of the Year winners Austin Montgomery (2007) and Robert Glenn (2009).

Hunter's teams have shown the ability to knock off top competition on the road, recording victories at Georgia Tech (2001-02), at Northwestern (2002-03) and at Seton Hall (2008-09).

Hunter arrived at IUPUI as head coach in 1994-95 and led the then-NAIA program to a winning record at 16-13 in his first season. His second IUPUI squad posted a 22-7 mark in NCAA Division II, at the time the highest single-season winning percentage in school history.

Winning records followed the next two seasons, and Carlos Knox became a three-time All-American at the Division II level. The program began its transition to Division I and the Summit League in 1998-99.

Hunter's coaching career began in 1987, when he served as an assistant at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. During his six seasons at Milwaukee, the school moved from NAIA to NCAA Division II status and eventually to Division I. During Hunter's stint, Wisconsin-Milwaukee amassed an overall record of 111-59, including a 23-4 mark in 1992-93.

Prior to his arrival at IUPUI, Hunter spent one year as the top assistant coach at his alma mater, Miami (Ohio), under current Arizona State head coach Herb Sendek. During that season, the Redhawks were 19-10, finishing second in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) and making an appearance in the postseason National Invitation Tournament (NIT).

Hunter, 48, earned his bachelor's degree in education at Miami in 1986 and added a master's in 1987. He was a standout player on strong Miami teams of the mid-1980s, along with high school and college teammate Ron Harper, who went on to a long NBA career. The Redhawks were 81-30 during Hunter's four-year career and earned three consecutive NCAA Tournament berths while winning two MAC championships.

Hunter and his wife, Amy, have two children, Jasmine (24) and R.J. (19), who signed with the Panthers during the early signing period in November 2011 and will be a freshman on the team this season.



Following the second most successful season in school history, **RON HUNTER** was named Georgia College Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tip-off Club.



**RON HUNTER** coaches one game a season barefoot to raise awareness for Samaritan's Feet. A record-setting crowd showed up in the Sports Arena for the Jan. 12 win over UNCW.



## DARRYL LABARRIE

Associate Head Coach  
Georgia Tech, 2001  
2nd Year at Georgia State

**D**arryl LaBarrie, a former Georgia Tech assistant coach with Atlanta roots, enters his second season at Georgia State. Prior to last season, LaBarrie spent the previous two seasons on the staff at Georgia Tech under Paul Hewitt, where he worked on recruiting and with the perimeter players.

In his first season with the Panthers, LaBarrie helped lead the squad to 22 wins, the second most in school history, and the second round of the CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament. GSU finished among the top 20 in the NCAA in scoring defense, defensive field goal percentage, blocked shots and steals.

In his first season with the Yellow Jackets (2009-10), LaBarrie helped lead Tech a 23-13 record and the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Tech nearly won the ACC Tournament, falling to Duke, 65-61 in the championship.

During his second season, LaBarrie continued to oversee the development of Iman Shumpert, who led the Yellow Jackets in scoring, rebounds and assists and was named to the All-ACC Second Team as well as the conference's all-defensive team.

Prior to his stint with the Yellow Jackets, LaBarrie spent two seasons as an assistant coach at East Carolina. LaBarrie helped the Pirates produce the top two three-point shooting seasons in school history and ranked first or second in Conference USA in that category in his two seasons. During the 2008-09 season, ECU made a school-record 261 treys, breaking the mark established the previous year.

A 2001 graduate of Georgia Tech,



LaBarrie spent the 2006-07 season as an assistant coach at Campbell University. Prior to joining the Camels' staff, he served as a coach with the highly regarded Atlanta Celtics AAU program. He also worked as a regional NBA scout for Marty Blake's Court Report while serving as an assistant coach at Stone Mountain (Ga.) High School.

LaBarrie is no stranger to Georgia State as he earned his master's degree in sports administration on campus in 2005 while serving as a graduate assistant at Tech. He worked one year in general athletics administration (2003-04), then the following year with the men's basketball program (2004-05).

LaBarrie earned three letters at Georgia Tech, playing two years under Bobby Cremins and one season for Hewitt. He helped lead the Yellow Jackets to the 2001 NCAA Tournament and received his

B.S. in management that year.

He began his collegiate career at Florida A&M, where he earned Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference All-Rookie Team honors as a freshman before transferring to Tech.

A native of Decatur, Ga., LaBarrie was named first-team all-state and Dekalb County Player-of-the-Year as a senior when he led Tucker High School to a state title. He played with former Panther great Shernard Long, forming one of the most formidable tandems in Georgia.

LaBarrie and his wife, Aisha, are the parents of three daughters, Sydney, Kai and Diarra.



## EVERICK **SULLIVAN**

*Assistant Coach*  
*Louisville, 2002*  
*2nd Year at Georgia State*

**E**verick Sullivan, a former associate head coach at Eastern Kentucky, enters his second season as a member of the Georgia State staff. Before coming to GSU before the start of last season, he spent the previous three seasons with the Colonels and has 11 years of experience as a collegiate basketball coach. He helped guide Eastern Kentucky to 53 wins, including an appearance in the 2010 Collegiate Basketball Invitational postseason tournament.

In his first season with the Panthers, Sullivan helped guide the Panthers to 22 wins, the second most in school history, and an appearance in the CollegieInsider.com Postseason Tournament. GSU finished among the top 20 in the NCAA in scoring defense, defensive field goal percentage, blocked shots and steals.

White at Eastern Kentucky, the Colonels were among the top 10 in the NCAA in three-point shooting percentage. He spent two seasons as an assistant before being promoted to associate head coach last season.

In his final season with Eastern Kentucky, Sullivan helped guide the Colonels to wins over a pair of NCAA Tournament teams, Indiana State and Morehead State. The win over Morehead State ended MSU's 22-game home court winning streak and 24-game OVC home court winning streak.

Prior to his three-year stint with Eastern Kentucky, Sullivan spent the previous four years as a head coach while compiling an overall record of 107-26 (.804). From 2005-08, Sullivan



*EVERICK SULLIVAN is pictured with Michelle, Ellery and Kyndall McNeill.*

was in charge of the Vincennes (Ind.) University program and helped the Trailblazers advance to two National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) tournament appearances. A total of 22 of his 24 student-athletes went on to a four-year institution.

Sullivan began his coaching career at Wabash Valley College (Ill.) (2002-04) before serving one year as the head coach at Lincoln Trail College (Ill.) (2004-05).

The native of Simpsonville, S.C., played collegiate basketball at the University of Louisville under Hall of Fame head coach Denny Crum from 1988-92. He played in three NCAA

tournaments and is among the Cardinals' all-time leaders in scoring (15th), assists (ninth), three-point percentage (10th) and dunks (10th).

After earning a bachelor's degree in communications, Sullivan went on to play eight years of professional basketball in Finland, Portugal, Slovenia, Poland, Puerto Rico, Cyprus and Lebanon. In 1998, his team won the Cyprus league championship and he was voted MVP.

Sullivan and his fiancée Michelle, have a daughter, Ellery, born February 24, 2012.



## CLAUDE PARDUE

*Assistant Coach  
Emory, 2008  
2nd Year at Georgia State*

**C**laude Pardue, a former Georgia State basketball graduate assistant, returned to GSU prior to the start of the 2011-12 season. He spent the 2010-11 season as a program coordinator for Tim Floyd at the University of Texas-El Paso. A graduate of Emory University, Pardue earned his masters at Georgia State while working as a graduate assistant with the men's basketball team.

In his first season back with the Panthers, Pardue helped guide the Panthers to 22 wins, the second most in school history, and an appearance in the CollegieInsider.com Postseason Tournament. GSU finished among the top 20 in the NCAA in scoring defense, defensive field goal percentage, blocked shots and steals.

He oversees the very successful Ron Hunter Basketball Camps each summer at Georgia State that have seen a significant increase in attendance since he took over.

While at UTEP, Pardue was responsible for planning, coordinating and executing all team travel. He acted as the liaison between the men's basketball team and the compliance department while managing student managers and recruiting operations. Pardue was also responsible for all team gear and the team's Fastbreak Luncheons.

Pardue was responsible for recruiting operations, including the planning and coordination of official visits and the recruiting database. He also assisted with all aspects of the team's video ed-

iting, including post-game film breakdown, opponent scouting and player development. Pardue was also helped track student-athlete academic progress and was responsible for planning and directing team camps.

Pardue was the founder and head coach of Grand Strand's Finest AAU Basketball Program in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Working with players 17 and under, Pardue directed the squad to the Final Four of the South Carolina State Championships during summer 2006 & 2007.

He has also served as a counselor at several colleges' summer camps, including NC State, Davidson, Northwestern, Texas, South Carolina, Florida, Florida State, VCU and 5-Star.

A native of Myrtle Beach, Pardue attended Carolina Forest High School before spending his junior year at The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, N.J. Playing for coach Ron Kane, he helped Lawrenceville to the Prep-A state championship as well as the Mid-Atlantic Prep League regular season and tournament title.

He continued his playing career at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. A four-year letterman for coach Jason Zimmerman, Pardue served as team captain his senior year and was an academic all-conference honoree. He earned his



Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Emory in 2008 and added a Masters of Science in Sports Administration from Georgia State in 2010.

Pardue's other accomplishments include playing for former New York Knicks assistant coach Dan D'Antoni as a member of the Beach Ball Select team in the summers of 2002 and 2003. He also traveled to China as a member of the Athletes in Action squad in 2008 playing for IUPUI head coach Todd Howard.



## **NATE** --- **SUMMERS**

*Director of Operations  
IUPUI, 2009  
2nd Year at Georgia State*

**N**ate Summers, a graduate assistant with the Georgia State men's basketball team last season, was named the Director of Basketball Operations in August.

Summers, who previously worked with head coach Ron Hunter at IUPUI, worked closely with the team in all facets last year before assuming his new role.

"Nate has been with me for five years and when the opportunity came along to move him into this role, I thought it was a perfect fit," commented Hunter. "Nate did a great job last year as we were building our program and I look forward to him doing well in his new role as we look to bring championships to Georgia State."

Last season, Summers assisted in team travel, player personnel, the program's recruiting database, team equipment and the day-to-day operations of a program that won 22 games, the second most in program history.

Summers graduated from IUPUI in 2009 with a degree in sports management. He was a three-year manager for Hunter while being in charge of filming games, player equipment and assisting in team travel.

He was part of an IUPUI team that went 26-7 during the 2007-08 year and featured George Hill. Hill was drafted into the NBA by the San Antonio Spurs and is currently a member of the Indiana Pacers.



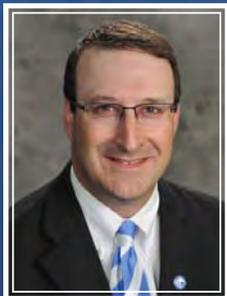
After graduating from IUPUI, Summers spent the 2009-10 season as a varsity assistant at Monrovia High School. In his second year with the program, he continued his role as varsity assistant while serving as the freshman

coach. The varsity squad went 14-9 and won the West Central Conference with a 6-1 record.

# SUPPORT STAFF



**SIDNEY BALL**  
Sr. Academic Advisor -  
Community Service  
Coordinator



**DAVE COHEN**  
*The Voice of the Panthers*



**JEFF DIEPENBROCK**  
Graduate Assistant



**MELANIE FIELDS**  
Administrative Assistant



**JUNARD HARTLEY**  
Graduate Assistant



**MIKE HOLMES**  
Associate Director -  
Sports Communications



**DINIKA JOHNSON**  
Head Athletic Trainer



**JAMAL TERRY**  
Asst. Strength & Conditioning  
Coach

