

COACHES



# COACHES • Head Coach Tia Jackson

On April 6, 2007, the Washington women's basketball program entered an exciting new era with the appointment of Tia Jackson as the school's head coach.

Now with one year of head coaching experience under her belt, Jackson begins her second campaign as the Huskies' Top Dawg in 2008-09. Last season, a young UW squad garnered a 13-18 record, with highlights including a come-from behind last-second shot win over eventual NCAA Tournament team Purdue and a dramatic upset of ninth-ranked California in the regular season finale.

UW finished sixth in the 2007-08 Pac-10 standings with an 8-10 league mark. The Huskies were able to play the role of spoiler at the end of the season, with their win over Cal dashing the Bears' hopes of claiming a share of the conference crown.

Jackson had three players earn conference

honors at season's end, led by senior Emily Florence's nod to the All-Pac-10 third-team and the inaugural Pac-10 Defensive Team. Sophomore Sami Whitcomb was tabbed to the Pac-10 Defensive honorable mention squad and Katelan Redmon earned Pac-10 All-Freshman Team acclaim. The springtime also saw the graduation of Jackson's three seniors - Florence, Dominique Banks and Andrea Plouffe.

Already showing her talent on the recruiting trail, Jackson's initial 2008 signing class included three nationally-ranked prospects. Heading up that group was 18th-ranked Liz Lay out of Oklahoma City, Okla., as well as 44th-ranked Kristi Kingma (Mill Creek, Wash.) and 64th-ranked Mollie Williams (Cerritos, Wash.).

Jackson's first recruiting class also included standout South Australian point guard Nicole Romeo and Charmaine Barlow from the Chief Sealth High School program that won back-to-back state titles in 2005 and 2006. Transfers include another Chief Sealth star Regina Rogers who played her freshman year at UCLA, and Southeastern Illinois teammates Christina Rozier and Lydia Young.

Jackson arrived in Seattle after spending the previous two seasons as an assistant under coach Gail Goestenkors at Duke University, where she was considered by many experts as one of the top recruiters in the country. She helped lead the Blue Devils to the

NCAA championship game in 2006 and the NCAA Sweet Sixteen in 2007.

In addition to serving as an assistant at Duke, Jackson's strong assistant coaching resume included stints at UCLA, Stanford and Virginia Commonwealth. Not only a successful coach, the East Coast native played her collegiate career at the University of Iowa under C. Vivian Stringer and competed with the Phoenix Mercury under head coach Cheryl Miller in the WNBA's inaugural season.

"Tia is perfect match for Washington," said then-UW Athletic Director Todd Turner at the time of her hiring. "Her experiences at the highest levels as a coach and a player have prepared her well for this special opportunity. Tia's passion for the game, her tutelage under some of the greatest coaches in women's basketball, and her commitment to the total development of student-athletes make her the ideal person to lead our program."

As a recruiting coordinator at Duke, Jackson attracted consecutive recruiting classes that ranked among the top five in the nation. She also signed four players who were named McDonald's All-America honorees. In addition, Jackson was involved in all aspects of the program's operation including scheduling, budget, scouting, player development, on-court coaching, academic advisement and community



## JACKSON'S YEAR-BY-YEAR ASSISTANT COACHING RECORDS

Year	School	W-L	Highlights
2006-07	Duke	32-2	NCAA Sweet 16; 14-0 in ACC play; 14-0 at home
2005-06	Duke	31-4	NCAA Runner-up; ACC Runner-up; 12-2 ACC record
2004-05	UCLA	16-12	
2003-04	UCLA	17-13	NCAA First Round
2002-03	UCLA	18-11	
2001-02	UCLA	9-20	
2000-01	UCLA	6-23	
1999-00	Stanford	21-9	NCAA Second Round; tied for second in Pac-10
1998-99	VCU	11-17	CAA Semifinalist
1997-98	VCU	15-13	
1996-97	VCU	13-15	
<b>11 years</b>		<b>189-139</b>	<b>Four NCAA Tournaments; One NCAA Final Four</b>

service.

Prior to her two-year stint at Duke, Jackson spent six seasons as an assistant on the West Coast. During the 1999-2000 season, she served under Tara VanDerveer at Stanford and helped lead the Cardinal to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. She then spent five seasons at UCLA as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Coach Kathy Olivier.

During her time at UCLA, she was responsible for attracting two nationally-ranked top-10 recruiting classes that included four McDonald's and/or WBCA All-America selections.

"I am extremely excited to be coming to the University of Washington and to be a part of the academic and athletic excellence for which this university is known," Jackson, who played against Washington on 13 occasions as a player and assistant coach, said at the time of her hiring. "This is an extraordinary opportunity, filled with a wonderful new challenge. I want to thank President Emmert and Todd Turner for this tremendous opportunity. I feel so fortunate to be back in the Pac-10, where I've spent a great deal of my coaching career. This is truly a homecoming for me.

"There is a great women's basketball tradition at Washington that the coaches before me have worked hard to build. I'm excited to present a style of basketball that will stimulate the Husky fan base and push our program to the top of the Pac-10 and toward our goal of a national championship."

A 1995 graduate of the University of Iowa, Jackson played for Stringer, the first coach to lead three different schools to the NCAA Final Four and a member of the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. She helped lead the Hawkeyes to four top-25 rankings in five seasons before earning her bachelor's degree in media studies and film, emphasizing in television production and editing.

As a junior, Jackson helped Iowa to a 27-4 record, a berth in the NCAA Final Four and was named to the NCAA Midwest Regional all-tournament team. She completed her college career ranked 10th on Iowa's all-time list for rebounds with 507 and seventh in steals with 168. For her career, she averaged 10.2 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game. Jackson was honored as an all-Big Ten Conference selection and a Street & Smith's Preseason All-American twice.

Upon graduation, Jackson accepted a position as an assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth. Following her first year as an assistant at VCU, she was drafted No. 9 overall by the Phoenix Mercury and played in the WNBA's inaugural season in 1997. Jackson helped lead the Mercury to the Western Conference title under Olympian and Basketball Hall of Fame honoree, Cheryl Miller. During her time with the Mercury, Jackson was a teammate to two-time Olympian and Basketball Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman.

A native of Salisbury, Md., Jackson was a honorable mention high school All-America selection for Mardela Springs High School after scoring 3,108 points during her prep career under the tutelage of coach Barbara McCool.



## 2ND SEASON IOWA (1995)

### JACKSON'S PROFILE

**Full Name:** Tia S. Jackson

**Date of Birth:** April 21, 1972

**Hometown:** Salisbury, Md.

**High School:** Mardela Springs

**College:** Iowa, 1995

B.S., Media Studies & Film

### Coaching Experience

2007-	Washington (Head coach)
2005-07	Duke (Assistant)
2000-05	UCLA (Assistant)
1999-00	Stanford (Assistant)
1996-99	Va. Commonwealth (Asst.)

### Playing Experience

1997	Phoenix Mercury (WNBA)
1991-95	University of Iowa

### Collegiate Playing Honors

1993/95	All-Big Ten
1993/94	Preseason All-American
1993	NCAA Final Four
1993	NCAA Midwest Regional All-Tournament Team
1992/93	Big Ten Champions

## WASHINGTON COACHES

Coach	Years	Wins	Losses	Pct.
Tia Jackson	2007-	13	18	.419
June Daugherty	1996-07	191	139	.584
Chris Gobrecht	1985-96	243	89	.732
Kathie Neir	1975-79	82	31	.726
Sue Kruszewski	1980-83	50	34	.595
Joyce Sake	1983-85	43	10	.811
Pat Dobratz	1979-80	14	14	.500
Christine Burkhart	1974-75	11	11	.500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1974-08</b>	<b>647</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>.652</b>



The Jackson family includes (clockwise from top left): brother Ryan, father William Sr., brother Dric, mother Barbara Gordy, Tia and brother Eric who is deceased.



# COACHES • Tia Jackson In The Community...



*Coach Jackson with Seattle SuperSonics 2007 first-round NBA draft pick Kevin Durant (left) and former Seattle Seahawks star NFL running back Shaun Alexander at Durant's welcome party in Seattle.*



*Jackson appeared with the Husky band and cheer squad at the 2007 SeaFair Torchlight Parade, an annual Seattle tradition. A crowd of nearly 200,000 people lined the 2.5-mile parade route, while 700,000 television viewers watched the event on KIRO-TV.*



*Coach J throws out the first pitch prior to a Mariners game in May, 2007.*



*Coach Jackson started "PWOW" which stands for Phenomenal Women of Washington as a way for the current UW staff to reconnect with alumni in the Seattle area. Pictured here are Rhonda Smith, Traci Thirdgill, Asst. Coach Loree Payne, Melissa Erickson, Tara Davis, former assistant Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, Tia Jackson, Shannon Kelly, Elise Woodward, former video coordinator Betsy Butterick and Heidi Hoffman.*



*Jackson served as the key-note speaker for the 2007 Chicks Play Hard Event, a program aimed to build self-confidence in young girls.*



*Youngsters from the Make-A-Wish Foundation can be a Lucky Dawg for a day. Coach Jackson takes some time before a game to pose for a photo with a young Lucky Dawg participant last season.*

*"Tia is destined to be a superstar. She has it all...she's outgoing, she's an incredible recruiter and she's great with people. She knows the game of basketball and is an awesome teacher on the basketball court. Her preparation and organizational skills are outstanding. I can't say enough about her. As I told Todd Turner and Marie Tuite, she's an impact coach and Washington is one fortunate university."*

**-Gail Goestenkers, University of Texas Head Coach and former Duke University Head Coach**

*"Tia was and is excellent in all she does. She was a great student, a great athlete and tremendous competitor (at Iowa), one who sought knowledge and got along well with everyone. Tia is a person of high integrity and character. I said of her upon meeting Tia, this one will be special and she truly was and is. I have been fortunate to be part of her life and in her career choices."*

*"Tia is one of the few individuals that can become the head coach at a Top-10 basketball program. And I feel she will be extremely successful. Everywhere Tia has coached, every program Tia has touched, they have excelled because of her. It warms my heart to know she has been given this opportunity and I am extremely proud of her."*

**- C. Vivian Stringer, Rutgers University Head Coach and Jackson's former head coach at Iowa**

*"I think Washington just hired one of the hottest, brightest young coaches in basketball. She was a great teammate of mine. She was always very astute. I think she will be able to take the Washington program to a totally different level. They found the right person for the job and I'm very proud of her."*

**-Nancy Lieberman, former Phoenix Mercury teammate**

*"As a player Tia was hard working, the first one to practice, and the last one to leave the court. I fully expect that she will bring the same type of work ethic and commitment to her team as a head coach."*

**-Cheryl Miller, former Phoenix Mercury Head Coach**

*"Tia has a great personality. One of her strengths is that she gets along with so many types of people, and she is an extremely hard worker. I'm sure she'll do a great job at Washington. Her time at UCLA has definitely prepared her well for the challenge of being a Pac-10 head coach."*

**-Kathy Olivier, UNLV Head Coach and former UCLA Head Coach**

*"Wow! The University of Washington hit a home run in hiring Tia Jackson. I think she's the perfect fit for the university and the great city of Seattle. Congratulations."*

**-Lin Dunn, former Seattle Storm Head Coach**

*"I'm thrilled that Tia will become the next head coach at Washington. My good friend Gail Goestenkers cannot say enough positive things regarding Tia's work ethic and professionalism. I want Tia to know that I'm here to help in any way I can. Congratulations to the University of Washington."*

**-Anne Donovan, former Seattle Storm Head Coach**

*"I think that Tia really is the shot in the arm that the program needed. I'm really excited to see her here. She's young, she's energetic, and I think she's going to bring a lot of energy to the sidelines. I played against her while she was at Iowa and she just really has a tremendous amount of respect for the game and that's exciting."*

**- Former Husky Rhonda Smith**

*"I think that Coach Jackson is a great fit for UW. She obviously has worked with and played under some of the greatest coaches. I'm really excited about her and what she brings, and I look forward to watching the games and getting involved in the team as much as I can."*

**- Former Husky Melissa Erickson**







## APPLIN'S PROFILE

**Full Name:** Fred Applin  
**Hometown:** Roseboro, N.C.  
**High School:** Lakewood  
**College:** Elon College, 1985 - B.S., Recreation  
 North Carolina Central, 1989 -  
 Master's, Therapeutic Recreation

### Coaching Experience

2007- Washington, Assistant Coach  
 2004-07 Wake Forest, Associate H.C.  
 1998-04 Texas, Assistant Coach  
 1997-98 Wake Forest, Assistant Coach  
 1995-97 Hampton, Head Coach  
 1993-95 Houston, Assistant Coach  
 1988-93 UNC-Chapel Hill, Assistant Coach

### Playing Experience (Football/T&F)

1980-85 Elon College



# FRED APPLIN

## Second Season

## Elon College (1985)

Fred Applin begins his second season as an assistant coach at Washington.

Applin, an associate head coach at Wake Forest for three seasons before arriving on Montlake, has an extensive coaching resume. A highly-regarded recruiter, Applin's career has also included assistant coaching stints at Texas, North Carolina and the University of Houston, as well as a tenure as head women's basketball coach at Hampton University from 1995-97.

Applin, UW's recruiting coordinator, also assists all areas of the program including scouting and player development.

"Fred has been a great contributor to the success of many of the top programs in the country," UW head coach Tia Jackson said at the time of his hiring. "He has spent many years establishing himself as a highly-regarded recruiter and helping teams build programs that can compete for national championships. I am so happy to bring someone with Fred's experience into our program and into our community. He maintains the highest level of excellence on and off the hardwood and he will be a great representative of this program and university. We are so fortunate to have him join our Husky family."

Applin, a 1985 Elon graduate and native of Roseboro, N.C., was recognized by the Women's Basketball Journal as one of the nation's top assistant coaches in its annual coaching poll in 1998-99. During his six-year tenure at Texas (1998-2004), the Longhorns reached the NCAA Sweet 16 three straight years (2002-04) and advanced to the Final Four in 2003. The 2003 Longhorns also won both the Big 12 regular season and tournament titles, while the 2004 squad won the Big 12 regular season title.

In Applin's last two years at Texas, he helped sign three McDonald All-Americans in the first two years of the honor (Nina Norman, Tiffany Jackson and Kalee Carey) and four WBCA/Nike All-Americans (Norman, Jackson, Carey and Ernesha Bailey). Three of Applin's players at Texas went on to have WNBA careers including Jamie Carey (Connecticut Sun), Jackson (New York Liberty) and Edwina Brown (Houston Comets).

Applin was the head women's basketball coach at Hampton University from 1995-97, where he signed two Nike High School All-Americans (Danielle Dawson and Felecia Bryant) and his recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top-30 by the Blue Star Report. While at Hampton, 13 of Applin's student-athletes attained Dean's list status, while his teams maintained the highest team grade-point average in school history.

Prior to his head coaching stint at Hampton, Applin spent two seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Houston (1993-95) where he was responsible for bringing in a pair of top-25 recruiting classes. His first collegiate assistant coaching position was a five-year tenure at North Carolina (1988-93) where he served as the

recruiting coordinator for the nationally-ranked Tar Heels. Applin signed All-American standouts Sylvia Crawley, Tonya Sampson and Charlotte Smith, as well as All-America two-sport star Marion Jones who went on to become a U.S. Olympic and World Championship sprint and long jump gold medalist. Crawley, Sampson and Smith all went on to play in the ABL (American Basketball League), with Smith and Crawley also playing in the WNBA. Applin was also a volunteer UNC men's basketball junior varsity coach (1987-88).

In addition to his collegiate coaching resume, Applin did some scouting for the Washington Mystics in the summer of 2008.

Off the court, Applin is a noted speaker and champion of community service. He has initiated numerous promotional and service endeavors surrounding his basketball programs. While an assistant at Texas, he was heavily involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Champions for Christ.

Applin is a member of both the Black Coaches Association and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. He was recently selected to the 2007 BCA Achieving Coaching Excellence program for ethnic minority male and female basketball coaches. He was selected in the first class for male coaches.

Applin earned a bachelor's degree in recreation at Elon College where he was a two-sport athlete (football, track and field). He was a member of the NAIA National Championship football team, and a student coach and manager for the women's basketball team. Applin received his master's degree in therapeutic recreation from North Carolina Central University in 1989.

Applin was a commissioned officer in the North Carolina National Guard and completed his U.S. Army Quartermaster Officer School Training at Fort Lee (Virginia) in 1986.

Applin and his wife, Cora, have two daughters, Anaiah and Hillary, and a son, Michael. Michael is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, while Hillary is a freshman at Christopher Newport University and Anaiah is a senior in high school.





## PAYNE'S PROFILE

**Full Name:** Loree Lynn Payne  
**Hometown:** Havre, Mont.  
**High School:** Havre  
**College:** Washington, 2003  
 Bachelor's degree, Psychology

### Coaching Experience

2007- Washington, Assistant Coach  
 2004-07 Portland, Assistant Coach  
 2003-04 Northwest Nazarene, Assistant

### Playing Experience

2000-03 University of Washington

### Collegiate Playing Honors

2001-03 UW Team Captain  
 2002-03 First-Team All-Pac-10  
 2002-03 Pac-10 All-Academic first-team  
 2002-03 CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII  
 2000/02 Kodak/WBCA All-Region Team  
 2001 Pac-10 All-Academic second-team  
 2000 U.S. Jones Cup Team  
 2000 Pac-10 All-Freshman Team  
 2000 All-Pac-10 honorable mention



# LOREE PAYNE

## Second Season Washington (2003)

Former Husky standout Loree Payne begins her second season as an assistant coach at Washington.

Payne will serve as the team's academic coordinator, as well as working with the Husky perimeter players, organizing scout teams and recruiting. She will also be responsible for running summer camps.

Payne, a 2003 Washington graduate and two-time All-Pac-10 player, returned to her alma mater after serving as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Portland for three seasons. Payne spent one season as an assistant coach at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho, before taking the position with Portland.

"I am excited about bringing Loree back to her basketball roots," UW head coach Tia Jackson said at the time of her hiring. "The tradition and standard of excellence at the University of Washington are what I believe originally drew her to UW as a player and now as a coach. She is a great addition to this staff and will be a tremendous asset to our success. She brings great energy and passion, key elements that define what our program will be about. This is a special time for our program and I am fortunate to have Loree join me in bringing back the buzz to Husky women's basketball."

Payne, a four-year letterwinner from 2000-2003 and three-year team captain, is Washington's career leader in three-point field goals made (245) and three-point field goals attempted (732). She ranks seventh on Washington's all-time scoring list with 1,675 career points and was the 17th UW player to reach the 1,000-point milestone when she did so on Jan. 2, 2002. She was just the ninth Husky to reach the mark as a junior.

During her collegiate career, Payne was also a three-time selection to the Pac-10 All-Academic team including back-to-back first-team nods as a junior and senior.

"I'm very honored to be given this opportunity to return Washington," Payne said when she was hired. "This is where my heart and soul have always been and I'm really looking forward to being a part of the Husky family again. Tia is awesome and I'm also looking forward to being a part of everything she is going to bring to the

University."

Payne was a member of two NCAA Tournament teams at Washington, including the Huskies' dramatic run to the Elite Eight in 2001. Her game-winning shot at the buzzer in Washington's first round game against Old Dominion made ESPN's Plays of the Week. Payne was also selected to the USA Basketball Jones Cup team that toured Taiwan in 2000. As a freshman, she led Washington in scoring with 17.4 points per game and was a Pac-10 All-Freshman honoree.

Payne's coaching career began at Northwest Nazarene in 2003-04 where her responsibilities included organization of film exchange and recruiting details, fundamental and skill development, and the organization of summer camps. She was then appointed an assistant coach at Portland in the spring of 2004, where her coaching duties included on-court fundamentals, scouting and recruiting. She also worked primarily with the Pilots' perimeter players.

Payne is a native of Havre, Mont., and a 1999 graduate of Havre High School. As a prepster, she was named a 1998 Nike All-American, was Montana's 1999 USA Today Player of the Year, and was a two-time Gatorade Circle of Champions Montana High School Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Payne was also a standout track and field athlete in high school, winning the state high jump title in 1998.

Payne resides in Seattle.







## SPOELSTRA'S PROFILE

**Full Name:** Judy Spoelstra  
**Hometown:** East Wenatchee, Wash.  
**High School:** Eastmont

**College:** Oregon State, 1983 -  
 B.S., Physical Education  
 University of Idaho, 1992 -  
 Master's, Physical Education

### Coaching Experience

2008- Washington, Assistant Coach  
 2005-07 La Jolla Country Day School, Asst.  
 1995-05 Oregon State, Head Coach  
 1989-95 Montana State, Head Coach  
 1986-89 Idaho, Assistant Coach

### Playing Experience

1981-83 Oregon State  
 1979-80 Washington State  
 1983-86 NEC, Japan Women's League

### Collegiate Playing Honors

1983 Second-Team Kodak All-American  
 1983 First-Team All-NorPac  
 1983 Wade Trophy Finalist



# JUDY SPOELSTRA

## First Season Oregon State (1983)

Washington native Judy Spoelstra begins her first season as an assistant coach for the Husky women's basketball program in 2008-09.

No stranger to the Pac-10, Spoelstra returns to the collegiate coaching ranks this year for the first time since wrapping up a 10-year tenure as the head coach at Oregon State in 2005. While in Corvallis, she was tabbed 2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

"With the addition of Coach Spoelstra to our existing coaching staff of Fred Applin and Loree Payne, there is absolutely no doubt that we have one of the most experienced and accomplished coaching staffs in the nation," UW head coach Tia Jackson said.

"Judy Spoelstra is a tremendous hire for us. I'm very excited to work with her after having the opportunity of seeing her in action during my previous years in the Pac-10. We have nothing but the deepest respect for her ability as a coach. She is a trusted and loyal colleague who brings many years of experience. Her willingness to work hard, with the intent of helping us reach the next level, is special to this program. We are very excited to have her join our basketball family."

Spoelstra brings a 16-year head coaching resume to Montlake that includes a 10-year tenure at Oregon State (1995-2005) and before that a six-year stint at Montana State (1989-95).

While in Corvallis she led the Beavers to one NCAA Tournament appearance in 1996 and four consecutive WNIT trips from 2001-04. She compiled an overall record of 133-158 at OSU and was named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 2000.

"It is an honor and a tremendous opportunity to work for a university that I have held in high regard since growing up in Everett," Spoelstra said at the time of her hiring. "I have known Tia for many years and have admired her work ethic as a recruiter. When I sat down and listened to her vision for UW, I was impressed with how clear her ideals were, her systematic approach to building a program and her positive demeanor. I am thrilled to be working with her and assisting her in realizing the full potential of this program."

As a head coach at Montana State, Spoelstra compiled an overall record of 98-68, leading the Bobcats to four conference tournament berths and the 1993 conference title. She was also named the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in 1993.

Spoelstra served as an assistant coach at the University of Idaho for three seasons before taking on her first head coaching

position at Montana State.

From 2005-07, Spoelstra served as the assistant girls' basketball coach at La Jolla Country Day School in La Jolla, Calif., where she helped lead the hoops squad to back-to-back CIF Southern Section Division titles. Previous La Jolla Country Day products have included former Stanford All-American Candice Wiggins, Oregon State's Mercedes Fox-Griffin and Arizona State's Janae Fulcher.

Spoelstra also substitute taught at La Jolla Country Day and worked in private business in the San Diego area for two years, in addition to serving as a scout for the WNBA's New York Liberty.

Spoelstra had a standout playing career as a two-year letterwinner for Oregon State during the 1981-82 and 1982-83 seasons. She was a second-team Kodak All-American and first-team All-NorPac selection in 1983. Also a Wade Trophy finalist and a member of the Oregon State Athletic Hall of Fame, Spoelstra helped the Beavers to a NCAA Sweet 16 appearance in 1983 and a WNIT title in 1982. She played her first two collegiate seasons at Washington State before transferring to OSU.

Spoelstra earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in physical education from Oregon State in 1983 and earned a Master's of Science degree in physical education from Idaho in 1992.

After her collegiate playing career, Spoelstra served as a player/coach in the Japan Women's League from 1983-86. She earned all-league honors three times and was MVP in 1984.

Spoelstra is a 1978 graduate of Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, Wash. She also lived in Everett and Marysville until the age of 13. Spoelstra has a five-year old son, Evan.







## WINGATE SMITH

**Director of Operations • Second Season • North Carolina (2005)**

Wingate Smith begins his second season as the Director of Basketball Operations for the Huskies.

Smith's duties include assisting with the team's travel arrangements, summer camps, budget, community service activities and on-

campus recruiting.

A native of Thomasville, N.C., Smith came to Seattle from the high school coaching ranks having served as an assistant varsity girls' basketball coach at Thomasville, N.C., in 2006-07. He helped lead the team to a 20-5 record and the 2007 Yadkin Valley regular season championship title. Smith taught eighth-grade social studies at Thomasville Middle School, where he was also the head soccer coach.

Smith earned his bachelor's degree in geography from North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2005. As an undergrad, he served as a student manager for Sylvia Hatchell and the UNC Lady Tar Heels during the 2004-05 season.

Smith went on to get his Master's degree in education from Wake Forest in August, 2006. At Wake Forest, he was the video coordinator for the Demon Deacon women's basketball team during the 2005-06 campaign.

Smith was a two-year varsity letterman in basketball at Thomasville High School where he played point guard and shooting guard. He helped his prep squad to the 2000 North Carolina 1-A state championship title. Smith resides in Seattle.



## SARAH PFEIFER

**Video Coordinator • First Season • Arkansas (2006)**

Sarah Pfeifer begins her first season as video coordinator for the Husky women's basketball program in 2008-09.

Pfeifer came to Seattle from the University of Arkansas where she was a member of the women's basketball squad from 2002-08.

A team captain from 2004-07, she helped the Lady Razorbacks to appearances in the 2003 NCAA Tournament and the 2005 WNIT. Along the way, Pfeifer endured two different major injuries that kept her from playing two seasons, suffering a season-ending shoulder injury in 2003-04 and then suffering a torn ACL just prior to the 2005-06 season.

While at Arkansas, Pfeifer also assisted with the video coordinator duties. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering in 2006 and will earn a Master's of Education in Recreation, Sport Management in December, 2008. A standout student, Pfeifer was twice named the SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2005 and 2007, and was a five-time selection to the SEC Academic Honor Roll list.

Pfeifer, a native of Ozark, Ark., also served as head coach of an AAU girls basketball team, the Arkansas Lightning, from 2004-07. She has also worked numerous basketball camps and was active in community service during college.

Pfeifer resides in Seattle.





## JENN RATCLIFF

### Certified Athletic Trainer

Jenn Ratcliff begins her sixth season working with the Washington women's basketball team. She is also an athletic trainer for the Husky men's golf team.

Ratcliff earned bachelor's degrees in sports medicine and secondary education from Whitworth College in 1999, where she was a four-year letterwinner in basketball.

Ratcliff went on to do her graduate studies at the University of Oregon. She earned her Master's degree in exercise and movement science in 2002, while working as a graduate assistant trainer with the Ducks' women's basketball and football teams.

She interned at Washington State University during the 2002-03 season, working primarily with football and women's rowing.

Originally from Seattle, Ratcliff is a 1995 graduate of Mt. Rainier High School where she played basketball, volleyball and softball. She resides in Lynnwood.



## MATT LUDWIG

### Assistant Sports Performance Coach

Matt Ludwig begins his fourth season as an assistant sports performance coach at Washington, but his first working with women's basketball. Ludwig also works with the men's basketball and women's golf squads.

A 2000 graduate of Purdue where he was a member of the football team, Ludwig joined the UW staff in October, 2005. He has also worked with the Husky women's gymnastics, track and field, cross country and football teams during his

tenure in Seattle.

Ludwig came to UW after working for four years at Washington State. He also interned at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 2001.

Ludwig and his wife, Tessa, have a one-year old son Matthew James and are expecting are daughter in November. Ludwig is a native of Lemont, Ill., where he attended Lemont High School.



## CHERYL FORSBERG

### Administrative Assistant

Forsberg is in her fifth season coordinating the day-to-day operations in the women's basketball office, providing assistance to the basketball coaching staff. She resides in Shoreline, Wash.



## McCALL HALL

### Student Manager

Hall, a Seattle native, begins her second season as a team manager for the Huskies. A senior journalism major at UW, Hall also interns for the WNBA's Seattle Storm. She attended Eastside Catholic High School where she played basketball, softball and golf. Hall was an All-Metro league selection in in basketball.



## NEUSHA HEJAZINIA

### Student Manager

Hejazinia, a freshman at UW, begins her first year as a student manager. Originally from Tehran, Iran, Hejazinia is a 2008 graduate of Interlake High School in Bellevue, where she played basketball for two years. As a sophomore, she was tabbed the team's Most Inspirational Player.



## LARS PHILLIPS

### Student Manager

Phillips begins his second season as a team manager for the Husky women. A junior from Seattle, Phillips played on the team's practice squad, the "White Squad," as a freshman. He was accepted into the UW Business School as a freshman and is a 2006 graduate of Ballard High School where he was a three-year varsity letterwinner in baseball.



**April Albriton**  
Ticket Operations



**Karen Baebler**  
Asst. AD, Sport Operations



**Nicole Davis**  
Travel Coordinator



**Emily Edison**  
Sports Nutritionist



**Dan Gaston**  
Event Manager



**Dr. John (Trey) Green, III**  
Team Physician



**Karen Gunderman**  
Equipment Manager



**Dr. Kim Harmon**  
Team Physician



**Bruce Hilliard**  
Academic Counselor



**Brad McDavid**  
Husky Band & Cheer Dir.



**Rob Post**  
Asst. Dir. SAAS



**Krista Rammelsberg**  
Special Events



**Erin Rowley**  
Communications



**Mary Ryles**  
Travel Manager



**Alison Small**  
Tyee Office



**Amy Wilson**  
Marketing & Promotions



**Bill Wong**  
Video Operations