



DAVID KOOL

GUARD

6-3 • Sr.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

South Christian

23

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	35 (at Buffalo, 1/29/08)
Field Goals:	10 (twice)
Field Goal Att.:	23 (twice)
Three-Pointers:	5 (three times)
Three-Point Att.:	14 (Eastern Illinois, 2/21/09)
Free Throws:	15 (vs. Eastern Michigan, 3/13/08)
Free Throw Att.:	16 (twice)
Rebounds:	10 (at Eastern Michigan, 1/24/09)
Assists:	8 (Akron, 2/6/08)
Steals:	5 (at Eastern Michigan, 1/24/09)
Blocks:	1 (twice)

NOTEWORTHY: Ranks second all-time at WMU and in the MAC in career free throw percentage (.886) ... ranks seventh in career points (1,408), 380 shy of passing Manny Newsome's school record ... ranks fifth in career three-pointers (168), 79 shy of passing Ben Reed's school record ... ranks fourth in career free throws (396), 181 shy of passing Joe Reitz' school record917 free throw percentage in 2006-07 was the fourth-best ever by a freshman in NCAA history ... holds four of the top five longest consecutive free throw streaks in school history, including the record of 41 in a row over eight games from 1/19-2/12/08 ... made 102-of-109 (.936) career free throws in the final two minutes and overtime.

2008-09: *ESPN the Magazine* Third Team Academic All-American, *ESPN the Magazine* First Team Academic All-District IV, Second Team All-MAC, Academic All-MAC, NABC Honors Court, NABC District 14 First Team, BCAM College Academic-Athletic Honors Team, WMU Most Valuable Player ... led the MAC in scoring with 17.9 points per game to become the first Bronco to do so since Booker James in 1986-87 ... ranked second in free throws made (161) and free throw percentage (.894), fifth in three-pointers per game (1.87) and 15th in steals (1.42) in all games ... ranked first in scoring (18.7) and free throws made (96), second in free throw percentage (.932), seventh in defensive rebounds (4.56), 12th in three-pointers per game (1.56), 13th in steals (1.44) and 19th in rebounding (5.0) in conference games ... ranked sixth nationally in free throw percentage and 73rd in scoring ... started in 30-of-31 games averaging 17.9 points, 4.1 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.4 steals per game ... 161 made free throws are the third-most in a single season at WMU and .894 free throw percentage is fourth in a season ... made 39-of-40 (.975) free throws in late game situations (final two minutes and overtime) ... scored in double figures in 29 games, including 13 games of 20 points or more, and led the team in scoring 23 times ... named MAC West Player of the Week on Nov. 17 after averaging 24.3 points, 4.3 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 1.3 steals at the Charleston Classic ... named MAC West Player of the Week on Dec. 22 after scoring 19 points vs. Iona ... named MAC West Player of the Week on Jan. 12 after going off for 26 points, nine rebounds, three assists and two steals at Central Michigan ... named MAC Male Scholar Athlete of the Week on Jan. 15 for performance at CMU and on Feb. 12 after averaging 18.5 points, 5.0 rebounds, 2.0 assists and 1.5 steals at Bowling Green and Akron ... hit 37 consecutive free throws from 2/21-3/8, which is tied for third all-time ... scored 31 points at Northern Illinois (2/25) in 28 minutes on 10-of-19 shooting and 10-of-10 free throws ... hit for 27 points, six assists, five rebounds and two steals vs. SIU-Edwardsville (11/16) ... scored 26 points at CMU (1/11) and vs. Eastern Illinois (2/21) ... finished with 24 points and five rebounds vs. Hofstra (11/15) and 24 points vs. Ohio (2/11) ... scored

23 points at MAC Tournament champion Akron (2/8) ... tallied 22 points vs. TCU (11/14), at VCU (12/4), at Toledo (2/28) and vs. Ball State (3/4) ... scored 21 points vs. Central Michigan (3/8) and 20 points against co-MAC champion Buffalo (1/27) ... registered first career double-double with 16 points, 10 rebounds and career-high five steals at Eastern Michigan (1/24) ... converted 13-of-13 free throws at Toledo (2/28) ... earned third letter.

2007-08: First Team All-MAC, Academic All-MAC, *CollegeInsider.com* MAC Most Valuable Player, NABC Honors Court recipient for academic success ... ranked fourth in scoring (16.3 ppg), third in free throw percentage (.855), 13th in three-point percentage (.376) and fourth in three-pointers per game (2.22) in the MAC in all games ... led the MAC in scoring in conference games



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS			Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
													Off	Def	Tot									
2006-07	29-23	757	26.1	96	220	.436	39	93	.419	99	108	.917	13	73	86	3.0	45	0	48	47	0	34	330	11.4
2007-08	32-31	1032	32.2	158	378	.418	71	189	.376	136	159	.855	12	91	103	3.2	68	2	75	78	2	27	523	16.3
2008-09	31-30	1058	34.1	168	429	.392	58	195	.297	161	180	.894	15	112	127	4.1	72	2	62	84	0	44	555	17.9
TOTAL	92-84	2847	30.9	422	1027	.411	168	477	.352	396	447	.886	40	276	316	3.4	185	4	185	209	2	105	1408	15.3

(17.8 ppg), in addition to ranking third in free throw percentage (.859), ninth in three-pointers per game (1.94) and 11th in assists (2.75 apg) ... ranked 36th nationally in free throw shooting to help WMU lead the MAC and rank 15th in the country (.753) ... started in 31-of-32 games and averaged 16.3 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 0.8 steals, while shooting .418 (158-378) from the field, .376 (71-189) behind the three-point line and .855 (136-159) at the free throw line ... 71 three-pointers are the fifth-most ever in a season at WMU and his .855 free throw percentage is tied for ninth ... led the team in makes and percentage in late game situations by making 34-38 free throws (.895) in the final two minutes of games and overtime ... named MAC West Player of the Week on 1/28 after averaging 19.5 points, 3.5 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.5 steals per game against Central Michigan and Kent State ... named MAC West Player of the Week on 2/25 after averaging 17.0 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.0 assists vs. Eastern Michigan and Green Bay ... named MAC West Player of the Week on 3/3 after averaging 20.0 points per game at Northern Illinois and Toledo ... scored a career-high 35 points in come-from-behind double overtime victory at Buffalo (1/29) as he hit 9-19 field goals, 3-9 three-pointers and 14-14 free throws ... hit the game-tying free throws with 17 seconds left in regulation as 22 of his points came in the final 3:42 of regulation and both overtimes ... led WMU with 24 points in first win at Toledo (3/1) since 1998 ... scored 24 points at No. 11/13 Oregon (11/12) and at Central Michigan ... hit game-tying shots at the end of regulation and the first overtime on his way to a team-high 23 points in double overtime victory against Miami (2/12) ... scored 14 of his 23 points in the final 2:12 of regulation and both overtimes ... posted 22 points to lead WMU to its first win at Detroit (11/19) since 1974 ... hit a career-high 15-of-16 free throws en route to 24 points in MAC Tournament quarterfinal win over Eastern Michigan (3/13) ... passed out career-high eight assists in victory over Akron (2/6) ... led the team in scoring 17 times on his way to 29 double-figure games in 32 contests and eight 20-point games ... earned second letter.

2006-07: Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year, *MAC Report Online* Freshman of the Year ... MAC All-Freshman Team, *CollegeInsider.com* Mid-Major Freshman All-American ... led the Mid-American Conference and was fifth in the country in free throw percentage (.917-second all-time at WMU) ... ranked 22nd in scoring in all games (11.4) and 12th (13.4) in conference games, third in three-point percentage in all games (.419) and second (.473) in conference games and 14th in field goal percentage (.507) in conference games ... MAC West Player of the Week (3/5) after averaging 23 points, four rebounds and three assists per game in wins over Northern Illinois (3/1) and Ball State (3/4) ... converted 29 consecutive free throws over 12 games (11/24-1/13), which is tied for the second-longest stretch all-time at WMU ... scored a career-high 27 points on 6-of-14 shooting, 4-of-8 three-pointers and 11-of-14 free throws in the final game of the regular season at Ball State (3/4) ... posted 26 points on 7-of-10 shooting, 4-of-5 three-pointers and 8-of-9 free throws in a home victory over Eastern Michigan (1/20) ... scored 20 points at home vs. Ohio (2/6) ... hit 8-of-8 free throws on his way to 18 points at Indiana (12/20) ... led WMU in scoring eight times, including three of the last four games of the season ... converted on a game-tying three-point play with one minute to go to force overtime in a home victory over Valparaiso (2/17), finished with 16 points and a career-high four steals ... pulled down a career-high seven rebounds vs. Toledo (2/25) ... after missing the first three games with a hamstring injury, made his collegiate debut vs. Virginia Tech (11/23) at the Old Spice Classic ... made first career start vs. Illinois State (12/16) ... earned first letter.

High School: 2006 Michigan Mr. Basketball ... four-year letterwinner at South Christian High School under head coach Ken Hiskes where he averaged 23.5 points (all-time school leader with 1,853 points), 6.6 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 2.3 steals on 58.9 percent shooting from the field, 39.3 percent from behind the three-point line and 85.3 percent shooting at the free throw line ... Kool compiled a 71-7 varsity record and helped the Sailors win state championships in 2003 and 2005 ... two-time *Associated Press* Class B Player of the Year; became the first junior to ever win the award in 2005 ... named Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) First Team All-State, *Associated Press* First Team All-State, *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* First Team All-State and *Grand Rapids Press* Dream Team First Team after his senior year ... awarded High School Athlete of the Year honors by the March of Dimes ... led GRSC to a 20-1 record his senior year by leading Michigan in scoring with 30.1 points per game, in addition to 8.8 rebounds, 6.1 assists and 2.6 steals ... led GRSC to a 26-1 record and the 2005 Class B state championship his junior year by averaging 25.1 points, 6.3 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.4 steals per game ... set a Class B Championship record with 43 points and a perfect 20-of-20 performance at the free throw line in the championship game ... named AP First Team All-State, BCAM First Team All-State, *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press* First Team All-State and *Grand Rapids Press* Dream Team First Team ... averaged 22.2 points, 6.5 rebounds, 4.1 assists and 2.4 steals his sophomore year on his way to AP Special Mention All-State and BCAM Second Team All-State honors ... averaged 11 points as the sixth man on GRSC's 27-0 state championship team his freshman year ... lettered in soccer his freshman and sophomore year and was named team MVP and Second Team All-State after his sophomore campaign ... also lettered his freshman year in track and was the placekicker for the football team his sophomore year.

Personal: Born Sept. 23, 1987 in Battle Creek, Mich. ... full name is David Anderson Kool ... son of Nick and Jan Kool ... both parents attended Calvin College ... has two older sisters, Candace and Christin, and one older brother, William ... majoring in physical education with an emphasis in teaching and coaching with a 3.40 GPA.





DONALD LAWSON

CENTER
6-10 • Sr.
Chicago, Ill.
Leo

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NOTEWORTHY: Ranks eighth in career blocks (57) at WMU.

2008-09: Appeared in 22 games with 16 starts ... averaged 5.4 points, 5.5 rebounds and 1.0 blocks per game ... made 48-of-100 field goals (.480) ... ranked sixth in the MAC in blocks per game (1.0) and 12th in total blocks (21) ... scored career-high 13 points in the opening game of the season vs. TCU (11/14) on 6-of-10 shooting ... hit 5-of-9 field goals to score 10 points vs. Detroit (11/18) ... had 12 points, five rebounds and three blocks in victory over Iona (12/18) ... narrowly missed double-double with nine points and 10 rebounds vs. SIU-Edwardsville ... pulled down career-high 11 rebounds in back-to-back games at Southern Illinois (12/22) and Green Bay (12/30) ... came back from six-week layoff to finish with eight points, six rebounds and two blocks vs. Ohio (2/11) ... corralled nine rebounds vs. Eastern Illinois (2/21) and at Toledo (2/28) ... three 10-rebound games led the team ... led the team in rebounding seven times ... earned third letter.

2007-08: Named WMU Most Improved Player ... appeared in 31 games averaging 2.3 points, 1.9 rebounds and 0.8 blocks in 10.1 minutes per game ... made 24-of-42 (.571) field goals and 23-of-33 (.727) free throws ... ranked 10th in the MAC in blocked shots (0.77 bpg) in all games and 12th in conference games (0.80) ... tied for second on the team in dunks (6) ... scored a career-high 10 points in victory over Pepperdine (11/11) ... set career highs with six rebounds and five blocks against North Carolina Central (1/2) ... blocked three shots in MAC opening victory over Northern Illinois (1/5) ... scored six points in three-straight games at Eastern Michigan (1/12), at Ball State (1/16) and vs. Toledo (1/19) ... earned second letter.

2006-07: Appeared in 28 games averaging 1.5 points and 1.6 rebounds per game ... hit 18-of-30 shots (.600) ... finished second on the team with 12 blocked shots ... scored seven points and pulled down six rebounds in a nationally-televised game (ESPN2) vs. West Virginia (11/24), including a monstrous two-handed tip dunk ... scored six points in a nationally-televised game (ESPN2) vs. Marist (11/26) ... scored four points and had four rebounds at Temple (12/5) ... scored four points and tied his career high with six rebounds at Davidson (12/30) ... blocked a career-high three shots in first round MAC Tournament victory over Northern Illinois (3/7) ... made his collegiate debut vs. Detroit (11/20) ... earned first letter.

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Leo High School under head coaches Noah Cannon and Jerry Tokars ... averaged 14 points, nine rebounds and four blocks per game in leading the Lions to a 21-8 record and regional championship ... honorable mention Class AA all-state his senior year and

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	13 (vs. TCU, 11/14/08)
Field Goals:	6 (vs. TCU, 11/14/08)
Field Goal Att.:	10 (vs. TCU, 11/14/08)
Three-Pointers:	N/A
Three-Point Att.:	N/A
Free Throws:	6 (Iona, 12/18/08)
Free Throw Att.:	10 (Iona, 12/18/08)
Rebounds:	11 (twice)
Assists:	2 (twice)
Steals:	2 (twice)
Blocks:	5 (North Carolina Central, 1/2/08)

honorable mention Class A all-state his junior year ... two-time Chicago Catholic League Defensive Player of the Year and all-Chicago Catholic League ... member of 2004 Leo team that went 28-5 and won the Illinois Class A state championship ... four-year member of the Leo's Gold Honor Roll and was a member of the school choir.

Personal: Born June 20, 1988 in Chicago, Ill. ... full name is Donald Deondre Hewing Lawson ... son of Janette Lawson and Donald Hewing (deceased) ... has three siblings, Marko, Qiana and Shontell ... majoring in criminal justice.



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS													Pts	Avg
													Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg			
2006-07	28-0	261	9.3	18	30	.600	0	0	.000	7	25	.280	17	28	45	1.6	54	1	0	14	12	6	43	1.5			
2007-08	31-0	312	10.1	24	42	.571	0	0	.000	24	33	.727	25	35	60	1.9	64	2	4	23	24	4	72	2.3			
2008-09	22-16	504	22.9	48	100	.480	0	0	.000	23	49	.469	45	76	121	5.5	82	7	11	35	21	10	119	5.4			
TOTAL	81-16	1077	13.3	90	172	.523	0	0	.000	54	107	.505	87	139	226	2.8	200	10	15	72	57	20	234	2.9			



MARTELLE McLEMORE

GUARD

6-5 • Sr.

Detroit, Mich.

Consortium Prep

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CAREER HIGHS

Points:	15 (IUPUI, 11/29/08)
Field Goals:	5 (IUPUI, 11/29/08)
Field Goal Att.:	8 (twice)
Three-Pointers:	3 (three times)
Three-Point Att.:	5 (IUPUI, 11/29/08)
Free Throws:	2 (multiple times)
Free Throw Att.:	5 (at Valparaiso, 11/28/07)
Rebounds:	8 (at IUPUI, 12/15/07)
Assists:	3 (Akron, 2/6/08)
Steals:	3 (Toledo, 1/14/09)
Blocks:	1 (multiple times)

2008-09: Appeared in 28 games with six starts averaging 3.6 points, 2.8 rebounds and 0.7 assists on 35-of-94 (.372) field goals and 20-of-55 (.364) three-pointers ... set a career high with 15 points, including 3-of-5 three-pointers, and six rebounds vs. IUPUI (11/29) ... hit all three trifectas for 11 points, six rebounds and two assists in road win at Sam Houston State (11/25) ... connected on 3-of-4 three-pointers to score 11 points vs. SIU-Edwardsville ... finished with nine points and six rebounds at Toledo (2/28) ... tallied seven points and team-high seven rebounds at Holy Cross (12/6) ... hit a pair of three-pointers at MAC champion Bowling Green (2/4) and vs. Ohio (3/10) in the MAC Tournament ... notched career-high three steals and seven rebounds vs. Toledo (1/14) ... earned third letter.

2007-08: Appeared in 31 games with one start averaging 2.5 points and 2.7 rebounds per game ... made 27-of-85 (.318) field goals, 5-of-21 (.238) three-pointers and 18-of-27 (.667) free throws ... set a career high with 10 points and four field goals at Valparaiso (11/28) in just 11 minutes ... scored five points with a career-high eight rebounds and his first career blocked shot at IUPUI (12/15) ... posted seven points, six rebounds and career-high three assists vs. Akron (2/6) ... snared seven rebounds vs. Northern Illinois (1/5) ... earned second letter.

2006-07: Appeared in 23 games averaging 1.4 points and 1.1 rebounds per game ... finished with seven points and two assists vs. Culver-Stockton (1/2) ... scored four points and had a career-high six rebounds in first round MAC Tournament victory over Northern Illinois (3/4) ... hit three-pointers at Akron (1/27) and at Eastern Michigan (2/22) ... had two steals and three rebounds in nationally-televised (ESPN2) victory over Virginia Tech (11/23) ... made his collegiate debut with two points and two steals against No. 4 Pittsburgh (11/12) in the Maggie Dixon Classic ... earned first letter.

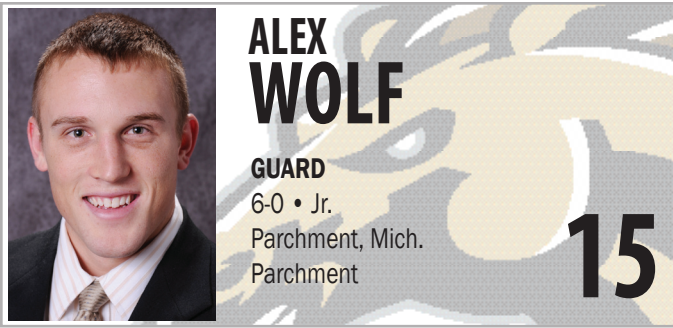
High School: Led Detroit Consortium Prep to a 16-6 record and the Detroit Public School Academy League championship his senior year, averaging 24 points, six rebounds and three assists ... named *Associated Press* Class C All-State Second Team; *Detroit Free Press* Class C All-State Second Team, All-Detroit Second Team and All-Metro Honorable Mention; *Detroit News* All-Detroit Third Team and All-Metro Fourth Team ... played in the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) All-Star Game ... ranked as the No. 4 wing player in Michigan by *Prep Spotlight* ... averaged 17 points and four rebounds at Detroit Mumford his junior year ... named MVP of the Roundball Classic at Detroit and MVP in the AAU state championship game ... led Team Michigan Trotters to two state AAU championships ... member of school's Honor Roll.

Personal: Born Aug. 21, 1988 in Detroit, Mich. ... full name is Martelle Dorian McLemore ... son of Corneal and Sharon McLemore ... has an older brother, Marques, and an older sister, Kristina ... his cousin, Carlos Rogers, was the 11th overall pick in the 1994 NBA Draft and played eight seasons in the NBA with the Golden State Warriors, Toronto Raptors, Portland Trailblazers, Houston Rockets and Indiana Pacers ... majoring in criminal justice.



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	REBOUNDS									PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg				
				FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct									Off	Def	Tot	Avg
2006-07	23-0	148	6.4	12	48	.250	3	18	.167	6	15	.400	10	15	25	1.1	29	0	7	9	0	8	33	1.4
2007-08	31-1	289	9.3	27	85	.318	5	21	.238	18	27	.667	29	56	85	2.7	49	1	10	24	3	10	77	2.5
2008-09	28-6	398	14.2	35	94	.372	20	55	.364	12	21	.571	26	51	77	2.8	48	0	20	24	1	14	102	3.6
TOTAL	82-7	835	10.2	74	227	.326	28	94	.298	36	63	.571	65	122	187	2.3	126	1	37	57	4	32	212	2.6



ALEX WOLF

GUARD
6-0 • Jr.
Parchment, Mich.
Parchment

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CAREER HIGHS	
Points:	4 (at Ball State, 1/16/08)
Field Goals:	1 (twice)
Field Goal Att.:	2 (at Southern Illinois, 12/22/08)
Three-Pointers:	N/A
Three-Point Att.:	1 (three times)
Free Throws:	2 (at Ball State, 1/16/08)
Free Throw Att.:	2 (twice)
Rebounds:	1 (twice)
Assists:	1 (three times)
Steals:	N/A
Blocks:	N/A

2008-09: Earned WMU Coaches' Award ... appeared in five games ... drove for a lay-up at Southern Illinois (12/22) ... handed out an assist at MAC Tournament champion Akron (2/8).

2007-08: Appeared in nine games for a total of 18 minutes ... made only field goal and hit both free throws for four points at Ball State (1/16) ... started the second half and had one assist and hit 1-of-2 free throws at Valparaiso (11/28) ... dished out one assist and corralled one rebound vs. North Carolina Central (1/2) ... earned first letter.

2006-07: Redshirted.

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Parchment High School under head coach Larry Bailey ... named a 2005-06 McDonald's All-America nominee by Bankhoops.com ... averaged 26.3 points, 6.2 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 3.8 steals in the first eight games of his senior year ... finished the year playing 11 games and averaged 21.7 points, 6.3 assists, 5.0 rebounds and 3.5 steals per game ... finished his high school career with 1,012 points ... received the B'nai B'rith Scholar-Athlete Award as a senior (Derek Jeter is a former winner) ... averaged 15.7 points, 7.2 assists, 4.8 rebounds and 2.4 steals while leading Parchment to the regional finals as a junior ... averaged 12.7 points, 4.6 assists, 3.1 rebounds and 2.2 steals as a sophomore ... played in 21 games as a freshman and averaged 6.2 points, 2.4 assists, 2.3 rebounds and 1.4 steals ... was named All-Kalamazoo Valley Association twice in basketball, soccer and tennis ... won district championships in basketball, tennis and soccer ... all-state in tennis as a senior after the team advanced to the state finals all three years he participated ... earned two varsity letters in soccer and was team MVP as a senior ... on academic honor roll all four years of high school ... earned high school diplomas from Parchment and the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center.

Personal: Born Jan. 6, 1988 in Kalamazoo, Mich. ... full name is Alexander Thomas Richard Wolf ... son of Kathy and Tom Wolf ... both parents graduated from WMU as did his grandfather, retired Army LTC Thomas R. Wolf ... father is employed in the information technology department at WMU ... has an older sister, Lauren ... majoring in civil engineering with a 3.26 GPA.



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2007-08	9-0	18	2.0	1	2	.500	0	1	.000	3	4	.750	0	2	2	0.2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	5	0.6
2008-09	5-0	11	2.2	1	3	.333	0	2	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.4	
TOTAL	14-0	29	2.1	2	5	.400	0	3	.000	3	4	.750	0	2	2	0.1	2	0	3	2	0	0	7	0.5	



MUHAMMED CONTEH

FORWARD/CENTER

6-7 • So.

Bloomington, Ind.
Providence School (Fla.)

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CAREER HIGHS

Points:	3 (twice)
Field Goals:	1 (twice)
Field Goal Att.:	2 (three times)
Three-Pointers:	N/A
Three-Point Att.:	N/A
Free Throws:	1 (three times)
Free Throw Att.:	2 (three times)
Rebounds:	3 (Toledo, 1/14/09)
Assists:	1 (Loyola (Ill.), 11/22/08)
Steals:	1 (at Bowling Green, 2/4/09)
Blocks:	1 (twice)

2008-09: Appeared in 12 games and compiled seven points, 13 rebounds and two blocks ... scored three points at Southern Illinois (12/22) and at MAC Tournament champion Akron (2/8) ... pulled down career-high three offensive rebounds vs. Toledo (1/14).

High School: Four-year letterwinner at three different high schools ... played for coach J.R. Holmes and won a district championship at Bloomington South High School as a freshman ... won a league championship and finished second in the state under coach Michael Byrnes at the Winchendon (Mass.) School as a sophomore ... spent his final two seasons at the Providence School in Jacksonville, Fla., playing for head coach Jim Martin ... Conteh led the Stallions to a 24-9 record as a junior and 22-4 mark as a senior ... the team reached the district finals and finished third in the state each year ... led the state of Florida in rebounding as a junior with 13 per game ... was named to the all-state tournament team and all-state each of his two years at Providence ... scored a Providence school record 32 points in a game as a junior.

Personal: Born Nov. 22, 1988 in Gambia, West Africa ... full name is Muhammed S. Conteh ... son of Julie Adams ... has two brothers and a sister ... majoring in the university curriculum with a 3.07 GPA.



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

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													Off	Def	Tot									
2008-09	12-0	58	4.8	2	8	.250	0	0	.000	3	7	.429	6	7	13	1.1	13	0	1	2	2	1	7	0.6
TOTAL	12-0	58	4.8	2	8	.250	0	0	.000	3	7	.429	6	7	13	1.1	13	0	1	2	2	1	7	0.6



MIKE DOUGLAS

GUARD

6-0 • So.
Detroit, Mich.
Finney

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2008-09: Appeared in 17 games with one start against SIU-Edwardsville (11/16) ... finished the season with 16 points, 14 assists, 11 rebounds and eight steals ... hit 4-of-9 three-pointers ... connected on three-pointers vs. SIU-Edwardsville (11/16), at Holy Cross (12/6), Green Bay (12/30) and at Akron (2/8) ... passed out career-high four assists against Iona (12/18) ... pulled down career-high three rebounds vs. Hofstra (11/15) ... earned first letter.

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Osborn High School as a freshman and Finney High School under head coach Ray Reeves his final three seasons ... piloted Finney, the preseason No. 2 team in the state, to a 22-4 record and quarterfinals of the state tournament ... named to *Detroit News* All-State Class A Third Team, *Detroit News* All-Metro Detroit First Team and *Detroit Free-Press* All-Detroit Team Honorable Mention, after averaging 17 points and state-high 14 assists per game ... named Finney MVP ... helped Finney win the Eastside championship as a junior ... contributed 60 hours of community service.

Personal: Born Nov. 29, 1989 in Detroit, Mich. ... full name is Michael Jason Douglas ... son of Michelle Douglas ... mother is a police officer in Detroit specializing in forensics and firearms ... has four siblings: Micai Douglas, Bre Asaka, Hannah Asaka and Mya Asaka ... majoring in criminal justice.

CAREER HIGHS

Points:	3 (multiple times)
Field Goals:	1 (multiple times)
Field Goal Att.:	4 (vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 11/16/08)
Three-Pointers:	1 (multiple times)
Three-Point Att.:	2 (twice)
Free Throws:	2 (vs. Hofstra, 11/15/08)
Free Throw Att.:	4 (vs. Hofstra, 11/15/08)
Rebounds:	3 (vs. Hofstra, 11/15/08)
Assists:	4 (Iona, 12/18/08)
Steals:	2 (Toledo, 1/14/09)
Blocks:	N/A



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS			PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg	
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2008-09	17-1	129	7.6	4	19	.211	4	9	.444	4	10	.400	0	11	11	0.6	10	0	14	8	0	8	16	0.9
TOTAL	17-1	129	7.6	4	19	.211	4	9	.444	4	10	.400	0	11	11	0.6	10	0	14	8	0	8	16	0.9



DEMETRIUS WARD

GUARD

6-2 • So.
Detroit, Mich.
Pershing

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CAREER HIGHS

Points:	14 (Toledo, 1/14/09)
Field Goals:	6 (Toledo, 1/14/09)
Field Goal Att.:	10 (Toledo, 1/14/09)
Three-Pointers:	1 (multiple times)
Three-Point Att.:	3 (Eastern Illinois, 2/21/09)
Free Throws:	4 (at Akron, 2/8/09)
Free Throw Att.:	5 (at Akron, 2/8/09)
Rebounds:	6 (Ohio, 2/11/09)
Assists:	3 (twice)
Steals:	3 (Eastern Michigan, 2/18/09)
Blocks:	N/A

2008-09: Named WMU Most Improved Player ... averaged 2.2 points, 1.7 rebounds and 0.7 assists per game playing in all 31 games ... increased averages to 3.4 points and 2.1 rebounds per game in conference play ... third on the team with 17 steals, including 13 in MAC play ... led the Broncos with 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting and five rebounds vs. Toledo (1/14) ... collected 11 points, three rebounds, two assists and two steals at MAC Tournament champion Akron (2/8) ... led the team with career-high six rebounds vs. Ohio (2/11) ... posted seven points and four rebounds at MAC co-champion Bowling Green (2/4) ... earned first letter.

High School: Three-year letterwinner at Pershing under head coach A.W. Canada ... led the Doughboys to a 25-4 record, while they won the Detroit Public School League, district and regional championships on the way to the Class A State Championship Game ... finished with 23 points, six rebounds and three assists in the final ... hit the game-winning shot in overtime vs. Romulus in the state semifinals and finished with 18 points, five rebounds and three steals ... defeated new teammate Mike Douglas and Detroit Finney, 59-50, in the state quarterfinals ... named *Detroit News* Class A First Team All-State, *Detroit Free Press* Class A Third Team All-State, *Associated Press* All-State Honorable Mention, *Detroit Free Press* Second Team All-Detroit and *Detroit News* First Team All-Metro Detroit ... averaged 16.9 points and 8.0 rebounds per game ... won district championship as a junior and was named All-Eastside MVP ... won the Eastside championship and reached the city finals as a sophomore ... featured on *YouTube.com* hitting a game-winning halfcourt shot during an AAU game ... member of the Honor Roll and National Honor Society.

Personal: Born Aug. 20, 1990 in Detroit, Mich. ... full name is Demetrius Eremias Ward ... son of Barbara Green ... has one older brother, Detric Green, one younger brother, Jalen Ward, and two younger sisters, Shamia and Dominique Green ... majoring in criminal justice.



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS				PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
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2008-09	31-0	308	9.9	23	68	.338	4	24	.167	18	30	.600	15	37	52	1.7	30	0	22	23	0	17	68	2.2
TOTAL	31-0	308	9.9	23	68	.338	4	24	.167	18	30	.600	15	37	52	1.7	30	0	22	23	0	17	68	2.2



FLENARD WHITFIELD

FORWARD

6-7 • So.
Detroit, Mich.
Martin Luther King

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2008-09: MAC All-Freshman Team ... appeared in all 31 games with 23 starting assignments ... averaged 5.5 points and 4.1 rebounds per game, while hitting 66-of-141 (.468) field goals and 40-of-69 (.580) free throws ... posted 13 points and 12 rebounds vs. SIU-Edwardsville (11/16) ... scored 13 points with seven rebounds vs. Hofstra (11/15) ... hit 6-of-7 field goals on his way to 13 points vs. Ball State (3/4) ... tallied 10 points and six rebounds at CAA champion VCU (12/4) ... scored nine points with seven rebounds against Kent State (1/31) and nine points with six rebounds vs. Ohio in the MAC Tournament (3/10) ... finished with eight points and seven rebounds on ESPN2 at Miami (2/14) ... scored eight points vs. Iona (12/18) and vs. Central Michigan (3/8) ... corralled eight rebounds at MAC Tournament champion Akron (2/8) ... led the team in rebounding seven times ... earned first letter.

High School: Three-year letterwinner in basketball and four-year letterwinner in football ... Named *Detroit News* Class A Fifth Team All-State, *Detroit Free Press* Class A Sixth Team All-State, *Associated Press* All-State Honorable Mention, *Detroit Free Press* First Team All-Detroit and Detroit Public School League Southeast Player of the Year ... averaged 22 points per game ... played wide receiver in football and caught a 29-yard touchdown pass to give his team the lead for good in the Crusaders' Division 2 State Championship Game victory ... King's title was the first for a team from the PSL in state history ... received significant recruiting interest as a wide receiver, in addition to playing basketball ... won a pair of city championships in football ... named Most Outstanding Wide Receiver after his senior year.

Personal: Born May 6, 1990 in Detroit, Mich. ... full name is Flenard Deon Whitfield Jr. ... son of Jacqueline and Flenard Whitfield Sr. ... has three sisters: LeQuisha, Chelsi and Chloe ... LeQuisha played basketball at the University of Michigan with career averages of 5.6 points and 3.3 rebounds per game ... major is undecided.


CAREER HIGHS

Points:	13 (three times)
Field Goals:	6 (Ball State, 3/4/09)
Field Goal Att.:	12 (vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 11/16/08)
Three-Pointers:	N/A
Three-Point Att.:	1 (three times)
Free Throws:	9 (vs. Hofstra, 11/15/08)
Free Throw Att.:	13 (vs. Hofstra, 11/15/08)
Rebounds:	12 (vs. SIU-Edwardsville, 11/16/08)
Assists:	2 (twice)
Steals:	2 (at Northern Illinois, 2/25/09)
Blocks:	2 (at Central Michigan, 1/11/09)



INDIVIDUAL CAREER HISTORY

Year	GP-GS	Min	Avg	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	REBOUNDS			Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
													Off	Def	Tot									
2008-09	31-23	620	20.0	66	141	.468	0	3	.000	40	69	.580	48	78	126	4.1	81	4	12	33	10	9	172	5.5
TOTAL	31-23	620	20.0	66	141	.468	0	3	.000	40	69	.580	48	78	126	4.1	81	4	12	33	10	9	172	5.5




ED THOMAS
GUARD
 5-9 • So.
 Lansing, Mich.
 Everett/Rockford College (Ill.)

12

Rockford College: Played freshman season at NCAA Division III Rockford in 2007-08 ... averaged 12.6 points, 4.3 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 2.3 steals in 31 minutes per game ... ranked in the top five in steals, top 10 in minutes and top 20 in scoring and field goal percentage in the Northern Athletics Conference.

High School: Averaged 12.8 points, 5.2 assists, 4.8 rebounds and 2.6 steals as co-captain during his senior year ... named *Lansing State Journal* First Team All-Conference and *Lansing State Journal* Dream Team Honorable Mention as a senior ... earned team Most Dedicated Award, Loyalty Award and Scholar Award as a junior and senior ... graduated on the Honor Roll with a 3.3 GPA ... legislative intern for state representatives Joan Bauer and Mary Waters.

Personal: Born Dec. 16, 1989 in Lansing, Mich. ... full name is Edward Mitchell Thomas ... son of Edward and Crystal Thomas ... has one older sister, Tamera (25), a former track and field athlete at Central Michigan ... majoring in finance.




DAVID BROWN
GUARD
 6-3 • Fr.
 Roscoe, Ill.
 Hononegah

25

High School: Four-year letterwinner at Hononegah for head coach Mike Miller ... named IBCA First Team 3A/4A All-State, *News-Gazette* Second Team All-State and *Associated Press* Class 4A All-State Honorable Mention as a senior after leading the Indians to a 26-4 record and first outright NIC-10 championship since 1990 with 17 points per game ... participated in the Northern Illinois Senior All-Star Classic, Chicago High School Classic and Rock River Valley Senior Classic All-Star Game ... two-time NIC-10 MVP averaged 23 points, eight rebounds and 3.5 assists as a junior ... named first team all-state after leading team to school record 28 wins and its first ever regional championship and co-NIC-10 championship ... scored 40 points as a junior in the sectional semifinals ... finished fourth in the 2008 Illinois Three-Point Shootout ... averaged 14.5 points and 5.5 rebounds as a sophomore when team went 22-9 and finished second in the NIC-10 at 12-4 ... three-time First Team All-NIC 10 ... three-time *Beloit Daily News* MVP ... attended the 2008 LeBron James Skills Academy ... started as a freshman and averaged 5.5 points per game ... 2009 NIC-10 Academic Athlete.

Personal: Born July 22, 1991 in St. Louis, Mo. ... full name is David Alexander Brown ... son of Pam and Ray Brown ... has one older brother, Richard (21), one older sister, Kortney (20) and four younger sisters: Kayla (13), Serena (10), Krista (5) and Corinne (2) ... majoring in sports communications.



AUSTIN HARPER
GUARD
 6-2 • Fr.
 Grand Haven, Mich.
 Grand Haven

22

High School: Three-year letterwinner at Grand Haven under head coach Steve Hewitt ... led Buccanneers to 17-8 record as a senior and district championship with 16.8 points, 6.0 rebounds, 4.8 assists and two steals per game ... *Detroit Free Press* Class A First Team All-State, BCAM Class A All-State, *Bankhoops.com* Class A Second Team All-State and *Detroit News* Class A Honorable Mention All-State ... McDonald's All-America candidate was leading scorer in West Michigan All-Star Game and played in BCAM Class A/B All-Star Game ... co-O-K Red Conference champions as a junior with 15 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals per game for 15-6 squad ... AP Class A Honorable Mention All-State, three-time *Muskegon Chronicle* A-B All-Area Team and two-time O-K Red All-Conference ... competed in sprints and high jump on the track team as a senior ... finished third in O-K Red in the high jump to earn all-conference honors.

Personal: Born Jan. 18, 1991 in West Bloomfield, Mich. ... full name is Austin E. Harper ... son of Ed and Kathy Harper ... father attended the Naval Academy and mother attended Michigan State ... major is undecided.



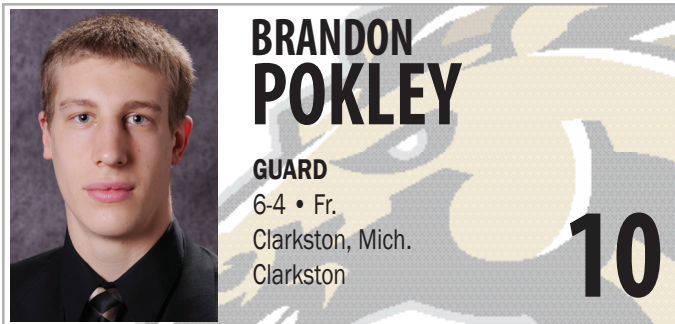
NATE HUTCHESON
FORWARD
 6-7 • Fr.
 Marion, Iowa
 Linn-Mar

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High School: Three-year letterwinner with a Linn-Mar team that reached the state finals each of his three years ... averaged 16.4 points, 5.5 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.2 steals per game as a senior for a team that finished 22-3 and second in the state ... Iowa Newspaper Association and Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Class 4A Second Team All-State and *IowaPreps.com* Class 4A Third Team All-State ... averaged 15.2 points and 2.8 rebounds per game as a junior for team that went 21-4 and finished third in the state ... All-Metro Second Team ... played for Lions' state championship team as a sophomore that went 24-1 ... competed in the high jump as a senior ... finished fifth in the state in 4A with a leap of 6-feet, 4-inches ... All-Metro in boys track ... 4A district champion in the high jump ... won the high jump at the A.D. Dickinson Indoor in his first ever event ... graduated with a 3.31 GPA.

Personal: Born Aug. 15, 1990 in Storm Lake, Iowa ... full name is Nathan Thomas Hutcheson ... son of Mark and Amy Hutcheson ... dad played four years of basketball at Westmar College (Iowa) ... has one sister, Jaye ... major is undecided.





BRANDON POKLEY

GUARD
6-4 • Fr.
Clarkston, Mich.
Clarkston

10

High School: Three-year letterwinner and two-year starter at Clarkston under head coach Dan Fife ... averaged 21 points and five rebounds as a senior and hit 40 percent from behind the three-point line as the Wolves went 24-2 and reached the Michigan Class A state semifinals for the first time since 1980 ... scored 23 points on 9-of-13 shooting, including 4-of-6 three-pointers, against state runner-up Kalamazoo Central in the state semis ... *Detroit Free Press* Class A Third Team All-State, *Detroit News* Class A All-State Honorable Mention, *Detroit News* All-Detroit Metro North Second Team and *Oakland Press* All-County Dream Team ... won league, district and regional championships each of his last three seasons and went 47-5 during his junior and senior seasons as a starter ... graduated with 3.6 GPA.

Personal: Born Oct. 14, 1990 ... full name is Brandon Allan Pokley ... son of Garry and Suzanne Pokley ... has two younger brothers, Blake (14) and Dalton (12) ... major is undecided.



SHAYNE WHITTINGTON

CENTER
6-10 • Fr.
Paw Paw, Mich.
Lawrence

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High School: Two-year starter and letterwinner at Lawrence ... led team to 47-4 record over the last two seasons and back-to-back trips to the MHSAA Class D State Finals, finishing tied for third in the state each year ... averaged 17.2 points, 12.1 rebounds, 4.0 blocks, 3.0 steals and 2.0 assists per game as the Tigers went 24-2, a school record for wins ... BCAM and *Bankhoops.com* Class D Player of the Year ... *Bankhoops.com*, BCAM, *Detroit News*, *Detroit Free Press* and *Associated Press* Class D First Team All-State ... averaged 11.3 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.1 blocks as Lawrence went 23-2 during his junior year and named *Detroit Free Press* Class D Honorable Mention All-State ... MVP of the BCAM Class C/D All-Star Game with 15 points ... won back-to-back Southwestern Athletic Conference, district and regional championships ... played tight end on the football team as a junior when team went 7-3 and reached the playoffs for the first time since 2000 ... graduated with honors ... member of the student council.

Personal: Born March 27, 1991 in Paw Paw, Mich. ... full name is Shayne Mitchell Whittington ... son of Scott Whittington and Carrie Rokos ... has one older brother, Spencer (20), a younger sister, Erika (15) and two younger brothers, Cody (15) and Joey (12) ... major is undecided.



NICK STAPERT

CENTER
6-8 • Fr.
Gobles, Mich.
Gobles

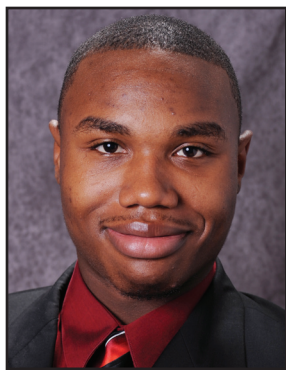
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High School: Letterwinner in football, basketball and baseball as a junior and senior at Gobles ... averaged 14.7 points and 10 rebounds per game, while shooting 53 percent from the field to be named all-conference ... tied the school record for blocked shots in a season with 70 ... averaged 14.2 points, 8.4 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game as junior ... played tight end and defensive tackle for football team that went 7-3 in his senior and junior season and made the playoffs both seasons ... played first base and pitched for the baseball team ... hit five home runs as a senior ... member of student council and National Honor Society ... member of the drum line in the Gobles Marching Band ... graduated with a 3.7 GPA.

Personal: Born Aug. 8, 1990 in Kalamazoo, Mich. ... full name is Nicholas Bruce Stapert ... son of Marc and Dawn Stapert and stepdad, James Geiger ... has two younger brothers, Clayton (11) and Jack (3) ... majoring in biomedical sciences.

WMU Newcomers (L-R): Nick Stapert, Brandon Pokley, Nate Hutcheson, David Brown, Shayne Whittington, Ed Thomas, Austin Harper





#1 Demetrius Ward



#3 Martelle McLemore



#5 Mike Douglas



#10 Brandon Pokley



#11 Nate Hutcherson



#12 Ed Thomas



#15 Alex Wolf



#21 Shayne Whittington



#22 Austin Harper



#23 David Kool



#24 Donald Lawson



#25 David Brown



#32 Muhammed Conteh



#33 Flenard Whitfield



#50 Nick Stapert



Head Coach Steve Hawkins



Assistant Coach Bacari Alexander



Assistant Coach Clayton Bates



Assistant Coach Rick Carter



Director of Operations Michael Murray



RADIO/TV ROSTER





STEVE HAWKINS

HEAD COACH

South Alabama, '87
7th Yr. at WMU (106-84)
16th Yr. Head Coach (243-195)

Beginning his seventh season as head coach and 10th season at Western Michigan, Steve Hawkins has positioned the Broncos as one of the best teams in the Mid-American Conference and propelled WMU to a level of success unparalleled in school history. The Broncos have made three of Western Michigan's six postseason appearances since Hawkins' arrival in Kalamazoo and have rattled off eight straight top-three MAC West finishes, the best mark in school history. In fact, over that eight-year span Western Michigan is one of only two schools in the conference to exhibit that kind of consistent success.

With six years under his belt at WMU, Hawkins is included amongst the top coaches in MAC history. He is 63-38 in conference games for a .624 winning percentage, fifth all-time in league history. He is 105-84 overall for a .556 winning percentage, which is 15th in MAC annals. Furthermore, Hawkins has led the Broncos to back-to-back MAC West championships and four championships in his six years as head coach.

Thanks to the team's efforts on the court, Bronco fans have been spoiled in recent campaigns with postseason appearances, all-conference players, attendance records and television appearances (53 regional or national broadcasts since 2003-04). The buzz about the Broncos was so high in 2007-08 that national television returned to University Arena for the first time since 2004 with WMU defeating in-state rivals Central Michigan, 72-52, and Eastern Michigan, 70-52, on ESPNU.

WMU had three-straight 20-win seasons and postseason appearances from 2003-05, matching the previous total in both categories since the first season of Bronco basketball in 1913-14. The Broncos added another 20-win season in 2007-08 to give Hawkins' credit for guiding four of WMU's seven 20-win seasons (three as head coach, one as an assistant).

The 2008-09 season marked the second MAC West championship in a row and fourth in six years for the Brown & Gold, while junior David Kool became the first Bronco to lead the MAC in scoring since 1987 on his way to becoming *ESPN the Magazine* Third Team Academic All-America and Second Team All-MAC. The Broncos went 3-1 against in-state rivals Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan to win the Michigan MAC Men's Basketball Championship for the fourth year in a row (the award has only existed for four years) and win the title outright for the third time in four years. Freshman forward Flenard Whitfield became the third newcomer of Hawkins' tenure named to the MAC All-Freshman Team.

Kool's Academic All-America honor gives Hawkins' Broncos an Academic All-American in each of the last three seasons, a mark that has happened only two other times in MAC history (1976-78 Ohio, 1991-93 Miami).

The 2007-08 season saw Western Michigan live up to preseason expectations as they claimed the MAC West title for the fourth time in school history and reached 20 wins for the fourth time in the last six seasons. The Broncos were strong defensively as they led the MAC and ranked 37th in the country (out of 328) in field goal percentage defense (.407) and 84th in the country in scoring defense (65.0 ppg). WMU also ranked 15th in the country and led the MAC in free throw shooting (.753) and the team was 34th in the country and led the MAC in rebound margin (+4.9). For his efforts, Hawkins was named the MAC Coach of the Year by ESPN mid-major reporter Kyle Whelliston at *MidMajority.com*.

The Broncos were led by only the fourth pair of First Team All-MAC honorees in school history in senior center Joe Reitz and sophomore guard David Kool. Reitz, one of Hawkins' first recruits, finished his career with a MAC record for free throws made (576) and finished third all-time in points (1,713) and rebounds (939) and fourth in field goal percentage (.548) in a career. Reitz was also named to the *CollegeInsider.com* Mid-Major All-America Team and signed a free agent contract with the National Football League's Baltimore Ravens.

Reitz was also named to the *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America Second Team to become only the seventh player in conference history to be a two-time Academic All-American.

Kool was named the Most Valuable Player in the MAC by *CollegeInsider.com* as he led the league in scoring in conference games with 17.8 points per game. In his five seasons as head coach, Hawkins' players have earned 21 all-conference selections.

Reitz and Kool were joined on the Academic All-MAC team by senior Andrew Hershberger to give WMU eight of the 16 nods on the team over the last three seasons. Reitz and Hershberger became the 18th and 19th players in school history to be three-time Academic All-MAC honorees and along with former Bronco Brian Snider (2004-06), Hawkins has coached the last three conference players to achieve that feat.

Western Michigan posted a pair of premier wins during the season as they knocked off NCAA Elite Eight participant Davidson, 83-76, and perennial mid-major power Southern Illinois, 57-41. Davidson was ranked No. 25 in the country when WMU defeated the Wildcats for the Broncos first win against a ranked team since Dec. 19, 1984 (No. 5 DePaul, 65-64). The 2007-08 Broncos also ended a pair of streaks by winning at Detroit, 60-59, for the first time since 1974 and winning at Toledo, 69-55, for the first win there since 1998.

Hawkins also was recognized in 2008 for his sense of style on the sidelines. He advanced to the final 16 of *CollegeInsider.com*'s Runway to the Fashionable Four. Along the way he defeated Florida coach Billy Donovan and Virginia Commonwealth (now at Alabama) head man Anthony Grant.

The Broncos faced their most ambitious schedule yet during the 2006-07 campaign. Going into conference play, the Broncos had the fourth toughest strength of schedule in the country (*CollegeRPI.com*/Jan. 4). The Broncos played five teams that made the 2007 NCAA Tournament (Davidson, Miami-Ohio, Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Indiana), postseason NIT champion West Virginia and three other NIT participants (Toledo, Marist, San Diego State).

The tough schedule saw Western Michigan make five national television appearances, including a victory over Virginia Tech on Thanksgiving Night at the Old Spice Classic in Orlando, Fla., that turned out to be the best win by a MAC team all season, as the Hokies finished 34th in the final RPI. Only one other MAC team posted a win against a team ranked in the RPI Top 50.

The Broncos finished the year with three all-conference players, including MAC Freshman of the Year Kool. Reitz was named Second Team All-MAC for a second straight season and Shawntes Gary was named Honorable Mention All-MAC.

Even more impressive, Reitz was named an *ESPN the Magazine* First Team Academic All-American, the first Bronco in school history to ever earn that honor and only the seventh in MAC history. Reitz and Hershberger were also named Academic All-MAC for a second consecutive season and WMU has held down five of the 11 total spots on the last two Academic All-MAC teams.

During the spring of 2007 and 2009, the Broncos were honored as being in the top-10 percent of Division I men's basketball programs by the NCAA in Academic Progress Rate (APR).

After three straight 20-win seasons, the Broncos struggled out of the gate during 2005-06, but rebounded under Hawkins' tutelage when conference play began. In a season Hawkins described as "the most rewarding in my career," the Broncos responded by putting themselves in position to win a third consecutive MAC West Division title on the final day of the regular season.

Not only were the Broncos successful on the court, but they continued to excel in the classroom. Senior Brian Snider and sophomores Reitz and Hershberger made up three-fifths of the Academic All-MAC team and Reitz became the first *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-District IV First Team selection for WMU since 1993.

After a record-setting first year as head coach in 2003-04, the Broncos followed with a 20-win campaign and National Invitation Tournament appearance in 2004-05. WMU became the first program ever to defend its MAC West Division title and featured the winningest senior class in school history.

WMU captured the MAC division, regular season and tournament championships en route to a 26-5 overall record in 2003-04, the highest total in school history. The team appeared in the NCAA Tournament for just the third time since the program's inception after claiming the league's automatic bid with Western Michigan's first MAC Tournament championship.

Along with individual and team success on the court, the Broncos gained national attention throughout the season. Included in the exposure was a national television broadcast (ESPN2) at University Arena, earned by the squad's quick start.

Voted the top rookie head coach by *Basketball Times* and Coach of the Year by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan, Hawkins has also helped renew interest on campus and in the community. Three of the top five crowds in the last 10 years have packed University Arena since Hawkins took over the reins to cheer the Brown & Gold to victory.

Players and coaches are heavily involved in organizations throughout the Kalamazoo area and the new student group, "The Zoo," has been a focal point for Hawkins during his tenure.

Highly respected in his profession, Hawkins will be a member of the *Collegeinsider.com* Mid-Major Top 25 voting panel for the fifth straight year and begin his first year as a member of the Regional Advisory Committee for the Division I NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

He has assembled one of the top coaching staffs not only in the conference, but the region as well. WMU's recruiting efforts have reached new heights and for the first time in recent memory the program has received a pair of early commitments from a player in his junior year. Hawkins also helped WMU sign the first Michigan Mr. Basketball in school history with 2006 award winner David Kool beginning his career at WMU last season.

Named Western Michigan's 13th head coach on May 1, 2003, Hawkins didn't have to move any further than an office away after accepting the job. He had served the previous three seasons as the program's top assistant under former head coach Robert McCullum.

A 21-year veteran of the collegiate ranks, Hawkins captured his 200th career victory on Dec. 2, 2006, when WMU defeated previously unbeaten San Diego State, 84-73, at University Arena. He has settled in the Midwest after beginning his career as a student at South Alabama and before arriving in Kalamazoo had already displayed the ability to direct a quality program, both on the court and in the classroom, at the NCAA Division II level.

Hawkins served for nine seasons as head coach of the basketball program at Quincy University in Illinois. The Ventura, Calif., native guided the Hawks to an overall record of 137-111, a total that included three NCAA Division II Tournament selections.

In only his third year at Quincy, Hawkins guided the Hawks to a 19-9 record and the first of back-to-back NCAA berths. The following year (1994-95) Quincy advanced to the Great Lakes Region semifinals and earned a 23-7 record. QU also competed in the event in 1996-97.

He was named the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division II Coach of the Year four times.

Hawkins first broke into the collegiate profession at the University of South Alabama, where he worked for three seasons (1985-87) under head coach Mike Hanks as a student assistant.

After spending the 1987-88 campaign as a graduate assistant at Quincy, Hawkins spent the next two seasons as the top assistant coach at St. Andrew's College (NAIA) in Laurinburg, N.C. He then returned to Quincy as an assistant coach for one season (1990-91) before assuming the head coaching duties in 1991-92.

At the age of 19, Hawkins was named the junior varsity coach at Villanova Prep High School (Ojai, Calif.), a position he held for two seasons. He followed that experience with a one-year stint as the junior varsity coach at St. Bonaventure High School (Ventura, Calif.) before moving from the West Coast.

Hawkins (47/DOB: 8-3-62) earned his bachelor's degree at South Alabama in 1987 and went on to claim his master's degree in sports science two years later at the United States Sports Academy.





THE HAWKINS FILE

Coaching Experience

Years	Position	School
2003-present	Head Coach	Western Michigan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2004 NCAA Tournament • 2005 Postseason NIT • 2004, '05, '08, '09 MAC West champions • Most wins WMU history 2003-04 (26) • Six straight top two MAC West finishes • Coached two <i>ESPN the Magazine</i> Academic All-Americans, MAC Player of the Year, MAC Freshman of the Year and MAC Sixth Man of the Year • Players have earned 14 All-MAC honors and 12 Academic All-MAC honors 	
2000-03	Assistant Coach	Western Michigan
1991-2000	Head Coach	Quincy
	137-111 career record Three NCAA Tournament berths Illinois D-II Coach of the Year four times	
1990-91	Assistant Coach	Quincy
1988-90	Assistant Coach	St. Andrew's
1987-88	Graduate Assistant	Quincy
1984-87	Student Assistant	South Alabama

Personal

Born: August 3, 1962
 Hometown: Ventura, Calif.
 Education: South Alabama (Bachelor's, '87)
 United States Sports Academy (Master's, '89)

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT COACH HAWKINS

"Steve is a great teacher who works well with young people. He did a great job working our summer camps when he was a young coach and it was obvious he had the potential to be an outstanding coach. He is a very likeable person who I am sure will enjoy continued success."

John Wooden
 former UCLA head coach

"With Steve Hawkins at the helm, Western Michigan is one of the top teams in the Mid-American Conference with a growing national profile. He is a fantastic teacher of the game of basketball and does an excellent job of maximizing the strengths of his players and incorporating that into a team concept. His players show marked improvement from year-to-year because of his teaching ability. The Broncos will remain a part of the discussion for championships in the MAC and much more with Hawk leading the way."

Steve Lavin
 ESPN college basketball analyst
 former head coach at UCLA

"Steve Hawkins is a 'young' veteran head coach. He's had terrific success already in his career and his best coaching days are yet to come. Steve runs a class program with kids who play with passion and intelligence. I enjoy watching the Broncos play."

Fran Fraschilla
 ESPN college basketball analyst
 former head coach at Manhattan, St. John's, New Mexico

"I love Coach Hawk to death. He is definitely a players' coach. He adjusts to the players and lets you be yourself both on the court and off the court. Coach finds a way to let the players personalities shine on and off the court. I think that's why we were able to win so many games once he took over and that's why I loved playing for him."

Ben Reed
 Western Michigan, '05

"One of the best experiences of my life was playing at Western Michigan for Coach Hawkins. He's extremely knowledgeable about the game, plus he's straightforward with his players and genuinely cares about them as players and people. I couldn't have asked for a better situation for my college basketball career."

Brian Snider
 Western Michigan, '06

"I loved playing for Coach Hawkins. He is a players' coach who gives you the freedom offensively needed to develop as an individual while also staying in a successful team concept. He is the best coach I have ever played for."

Mike Williams
 Western Michigan, '04

"What Coach Hawkins has meant to my family and me is indescribable. He was not only the best basketball mind that I have ever been around, but also has evolved into my best friend. There has never been a time in my life that coach has not been there for me. His love and loyalty to his players and those around him is what separates him from the rest and that is why playing for him was the single best decision I ever made in my life."

Matt Steffe
 Quincy, '98

"I am extremely pleased to have Coach Hawkins as our Bronco head basketball coach. Steve has been an instrumental member of our Bronco team for several years. He is passionate about the welfare of our student-athletes and his enthusiasm for the program is contagious. He also holds a tremendous amount of respect for our players and is committed to providing a positive learning environment in the classroom and on the court."

Kathy Beauregard
 WMU Director of Athletics

Q&A WITH COACH HAWKINS

Q: What is the ideal Western Michigan basketball player?

A: The most important thing we look for in a Western Michigan basketball player is toughness, both mentally and physically. I think the worst thing you can say about a player is that he is soft or selfish. Those are two things we are hyper-sensitive to in the recruiting process and if a player exhibits either of those qualities, we don't proceed. Overall, the thing we tell the kids is that the ideal Bronco is a beast on the court and a perfect gentleman off the court.

Q: What are your goals and expectations for the upcoming season?

A: I don't get caught up in numbers. I got this from Coach Wooden, but my goals for the team are the same every year and that is to be as good a team as we can possibly be. What that means from a record standpoint, I don't know. There is a ceiling out there about how good we can be and how much we can accomplish. It's my goal to get this team to reach that ceiling.

Q: Over the last three years, the Broncos had 10 of the 21 representatives on the Academic All-MAC Team and both Joe Reitz and David Kool were Academic All-Americans. How important is academics to the Bronco program?

A: Academics is not just something we pay lip-service to because it is something we take a lot of pride in. You can't pay me enough money to take a bunch of knuckleheads on the road and be worried about what might happen or get several e-mails from professors saying a kid missed class.

That's why we recruit kids with high character, and high character doesn't necessarily mean high grades, but it means there is an acceptance of learning what it means to be a responsible adult.

Furthermore, if I bring in a kid who helps me win a lot of games, but I don't worry about how he does in the classroom, all I've done is use a kid for my own gain and that's something I'm never going to be a part of. I think that is part of the reason every one of our kids has graduated, is on pace to graduate or is playing professionally.

Q: What are your thoughts on this year's schedule?

A: I think it's representative again of the challenge that we want to give our guys. Overall, this schedule is balanced with home and road games and littered with teams that have had great success in their conferences and will be projected to finish very high in those conferences again this season. This is a tough schedule that will help us achieve what a non-conference schedule should be there for and that is to help you prepare for Mid-American Conference play.

Q: This year, your roster features nine freshmen and sophomores among 12 scholarship players. How do you coach this kind of team?

A: More patiently. Coach Wooden always says when you are coaching a young team that it requires more teaching and more patience. I'm not the most patient guy in the world so it's not an easy thing, but we have to try and simplify things early on.

This year's group of freshmen, after just a few individual workouts, took to how physical Bronco Basketball is right away. The freshmen have taken to it and our sophomores are used to it, so we have a lot more high-energy group now than even at the end of last season. They don't know where they are going all the time, but they have great energy.

Q: What will it be like to have a more experienced coaching staff this season?

A: There's no question that coming into work everyday now is a lot less stressful for me because Bacari (Alexander) and Rick (Carter) have a full year under their belt and know all of my little quirks. Obviously, Clayton (Bates) is a glue guy. He was the glue guy for the first eight seasons he was here. He knows everything that is going on with the program and is familiar with the way our athletic department works. He is also so good at looking a week ahead, month ahead, five months ahead, even. It's much more comforting to have a coaching staff with this much experience at Western Michigan. It's all moving in a positive direction.

Q: How do you get more players involved than just David Kool?

A: I've always been a much bigger fan of balance as opposed to having one or two guys that you have to rely on. There are certain things when we are preparing to play a team that are very difficult to defend and one of the things that makes a team most difficult to defend is when there are more than two or three weapons on the court.

We've got to stick with other options early in the season. David Kool is our only proven

go-to-guy. I feel very comfortable with some of the other kids and their ability to score. We don't have any choice but to have a more balanced attack early in the year. In the beginning of the year, I hope we show more balance. We're going to call other players names and ask David to set people up more. At crunch-time, you can bet that David is going to be involved. It doesn't mean he is going to take the shot, but the ball will be in his hands and he'll be asked to make a play for himself or someone else. The biggest thing we can do to help out David is to show that everybody else can score.

Q: What do you think about the new three-point line that is one-foot further back after its first season of implementation?

A: It affected us more than it affected other teams. We struggled as a team last year from the three-point line. Some of that was because we had no inside game and teams covered our best players at the three-point line and beyond. I was able to see as a coach how to take advantage of that. We've made some adjustments to get more open shots for our personnel. Three-point shooting percentages went down last year, statistically, so I think the new line did have an affect in college basketball and even more on us.

Q: What are your thoughts on the Mid-American Conference this season?

A: Some interesting stats were brought to my attention by Elton Alexander of the *Cleveland Plain-Dealer* that 8-of-12 teams have five or more new players on their roster and overall, there are 50 new players in the MAC. That's an incredibly high number for a league with 12 teams. With all of that said, you can take preseason prognostications and throw them out the window because it's going to come down to how those 50 new players affect every team. That's a huge, huge part of this year. Early in the season, the teams that lost the least amount of players might have an advantage. So, the preseason for ourselves is very, very, very important to get the new players playing time, have them gel with their teammates and establish roles.

The other thing about the MAC is that a lot has been said about how much better the East was than the West. I think the big discrepancy last season had to do with the fact that almost every team in the West suffered key losses to very good players. This year, a lot of those players are back and I think the West will make great strides to balance the league out. The MAC may be more balanced than any other year, which is saying something for a league that is already one of the most balanced in the country to begin with.

Q: With all that parity, why has WMU been able to consistently be one of the best teams in the MAC every year of your tenure?

A: Continuity has been big. Every program in the West has had a coaching change and a lot in the East have undergone the same over the last six seasons. I'm not saying that it's all me, but the fact that we've had continuity in the coaching staff, we've had continuity in philosophy, we have continuity at the University and the athletic department is huge. It all starts with (AD) Kathy (Beauregard) and the leadership at the top and all of the associate and assistant athletic directors. We've had no changes at the top in the 10 years I've been here.

The stability and continuity that is in our athletic department, no question, has shown in our basketball program. It makes everybody feel comfortable and supported that there is not a revolving door going on at the top. Everybody that is here wants one thing, they just want the Broncos to do well. There are no hidden agendas.

The other thing, obviously, goes to the old saying "It's not about the Xs and the Os, it's about the Johnnys and the Joes." We've recruited very well and recruited high-character, high-integrity kids that fit the style we want to play. I'm not patting ourselves on the back and saying we're great recruiters, what I'm trying to say is we have recruited to exactly what we need to be successful. Are they McDonald's All-Americans? No, but they do very, very well in our blue collar style of basketball and we've identified them, which begins with the assistant coaches, early and we have a great University and great community to sell to those kids.





BACARI ALEXANDER

ASSISTANT COACH

Detroit, '99
2nd Yr. at WMU

Bacari Alexander is in his second season as an assistant coach at Western Michigan after helping the 2008-09 Broncos claim their second-straight Mid-American Conference West championship and the fourth in the last six years. Alexander worked with the Broncos' young group of frontcourt players and helped Flenard Whitfield make the MAC All-Freshman Team.

Alexander spent one season (2007-08) in the MAC at Ohio where he helped the Bobcats finish 20-13 overall, 9-7 in the MAC and advance to the second round of the inaugural College Basketball Invitational. In his seven seasons coaching in Division I, his teams have compiled an 126-121 record.

Prior to his work in Athens, Alexander spent six seasons coaching at his alma mater, Detroit, under head coach Perry Watson. Alexander helped the Titans compile a 96-87 record in six seasons, including a 53-43 mark in the Horizon League. The Titans finished .500 or better in conference play in 5-of-6 seasons with Alexander on staff.

He helped UDM reach the finals of the Horizon League Tournament in 2005 where they were seconds away from upsetting nationally-ranked Wisconsin-Milwaukee and moving on to the NCAA Tournament. During his first season on staff, Alexander helped the Titans reach the 2002 Postseason NIT after going 18-12 in the regular season. Detroit posted records of 18-12 in 2002-03 and 19-11 in 2003-04 with Alexander helping guide the team.

During his time at both Ohio and Detroit, Alexander's responsibilities included off-campus recruiting, developing defensive strategies, scouting opponents and on-court coaching.

Alexander is also recognized as the most fashionable assistant coach in America. Alexander is a three-time (2005, '07, '09) winner of *CollegeInsider.com's* Runway to the Fashionable Four and runner-up in 2008. He is the only three-time winner (head or assistant coach) in the contest's history.

Alexander finished his collegiate career with two seasons as a Titan. He helped Detroit win a pair of Midwestern Collegiate Conference regular season championships and reach the NCAA Tournament in 1998 and 1999. The Titans finished 25-6 during his junior year and received an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament and then defeated Butler, 72-65, in the MCC Tournament championship game the next season on the way to another 25-6 season. Alexander played in 62 games with 57 starts and averaged 5.8 points and 4.5 rebounds per game for the Titans and was named to the MCC All-Defensive Team as a senior.

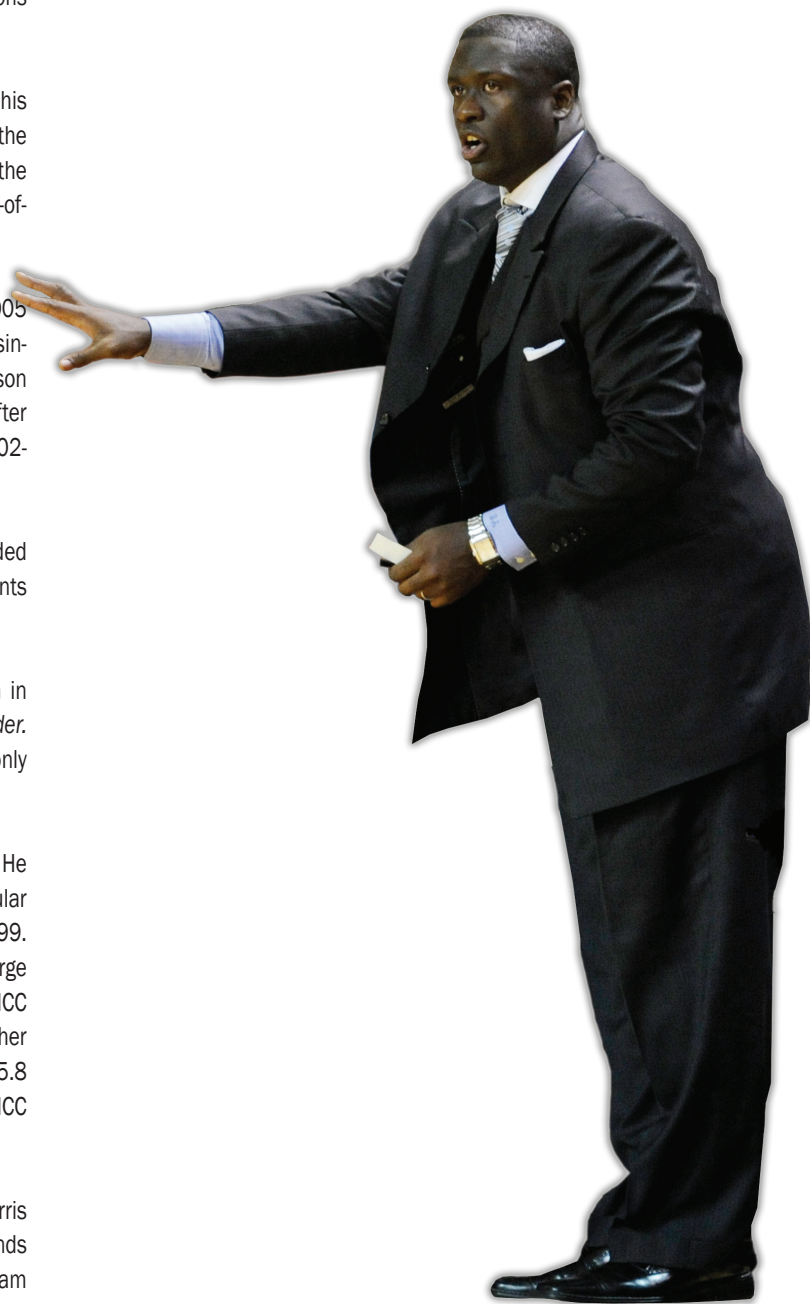
Prior to playing at Detroit, Alexander played two seasons at Robert Morris where he saw action in 55 games, compiling 8.2 points and 4.5 rebounds per game. He was named to the Northeast Conference All-Newcomer Team

in 1995. He prepped at Detroit Southwestern where he played under Larry Pierce.

Alexander received the President's Award as UDM's most outstanding senior student-athlete, and graduated in 1999 with a bachelor's of science in business administration and finance. After graduation he went to work for the Detroit Pistons as a Players Programs Coordinator, then left to return to the court as a member of the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters.

During his two seasons (2000-01) with the 'Trotters, Alexander played basketball in 13 countries, while also directing several camps for the team around the U.S. Additionally, he served as an "Advance Ambassador" for the Globetrotters, performing public relations duties, while making media and school appearances. In 2002, all past and current Globetrotters were inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

Alexander (33/DOB: 9-15-76) and his wife, Kesha, have one son, Mekhi.





CLAYTON BATES

ASSISTANT COACH

Florida, '95
9th Yr. at WMU

Clayton Bates is beginning his ninth season as an assistant coach at Western Michigan where he has played an integral role in turning the Broncos into one of the best teams in the Mid-American Conference.

Bates is one of the most experienced coaches in the MAC and has established himself as both an excellent coach and a top recruiter. Through his efforts, the Broncos have notched four of the school's seven 20-win seasons in school history during his time in Kalamazoo. Bates helped WMU reach the 2004 NCAA Tournament and the 2003 and 2005 National Invitation Tournament.

Bates serves as the program's academic liaison and recruiting coordinator, while also helping to supervise on-court coaching efforts.

His latest prized pupil was center Joe Reitz, who was named First Team All-MAC and *CollegeInsider.com* Mid-Major All-American in 2008, Second Team All-MAC in 2006 and 2007 and MAC All-Freshman Team in 2005. Reitz also became the first *ESPN the Magazine* First Team Academic All-American in WMU men's basketball history and only the seventh in MAC history in 2007 and he followed that up by being named an Academic All-American again in 2008.

Under his direction, big men Mike Williams, Anthony Kann and Levi Rost also developed into all-conference caliber performers. Williams was named the MAC Player of the Year in 2004 and Kann was tabbed to the all-league squad each of his final two years. Rost was named Second Team All-MAC in 2005.

In 2001-02, forward Steve Reynolds claimed Second Team All-MAC accolades following the arrival of Bates.

The Broncos have also been successful in the classroom under Bates oversight. Besides Reitz' national accolades, WMU has been represented in 12 of the 26 spots on the Academic All-MAC squad over the last five seasons.



Clayton and Annemarie Bates with their daughters Annelise (left) and Sydney.

Bates played at the University of Florida (1992-96) under head coach Lon Kruger. In 1997, Bates joined Kruger at the University of Illinois where he served as the team's administrative assistant for one season. The Illini advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament that year.

Following his one-year stint at Illinois, Bates returned to his native Florida at Jacksonville University as an assistant coach, a position he held for three seasons. While working with JU, he was responsible for all aspects of the day-to-day operation of the program, with the exception of off-campus recruiting.

As a player, Bates was a member of the Gators' Final Four squad in 1994 and 1995 NCAA Tournament team a year later.

A walk-on who later earned a full scholarship, the Gainesville, Fla., native was named Florida's Most Inspirational Player following the 1992-93 season. He was just the seventh Florida student-athlete in school history to be named to the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll on three occasions.

Bates was the Fred Koss Memorial Award winner in 1996. That award is given to the player who displays the highest levels of sportsmanship, dedication and commitment to the team and community during his career.

A member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, Bates has served on the Assistant Coaches Board of Directors since 1998.

Bates graduated from UF with a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology (1995) and completed his master's work in sports administration (1997) at Illinois.

Bates married the former Annemarie Mernagh, an All-Big East volleyball player at Pittsburgh, former WMU assistant volleyball coach and current Director of Advising for the WMU College of Aviation, in May 2002. The couple's first child, Annelise, was born in October 2003 and second daughter, Sydney, was born in July 2006.





RICK CARTER

ASSISTANT COACH
Michigan State, '02
2nd Yr. at WMU

Western Michigan assistant coach Rick Carter is beginning his second season in Kalamazoo after helping the Broncos bring home back-to-back Mid-American Conference West Division championships with a title in 2008-09. Carter worked with junior guard David Kool to help him become the first Bronco to lead the MAC in scoring since 1987.

Carter joined the Broncos after spending two seasons (2006-08) at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., and the 2003-06 seasons at Michigan State. He is also well versed in the Michigan AAU scene after coaching Western Michigan players Michael Redell and Kool while working with the Michigan Mustangs from 2000-03 and 2006.

With the Stags, Carter spent the 2007-08 season as an assistant coach after acting as the program's director of basketball operations during the 2006-07 season. In 2007-08, Carter helped Fairfield finish fifth in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference with an 11-7 record, one spot better than their 2006-07 conference record. Through his efforts, Carter helped the Stags to only their seventh and eighth winning conference records in their 26-year history in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC).

As part of a new staff, Carter's efforts helped Fairfield to a 21-15 MAAC mark in two seasons, which is better than any staff has done in its first two years at Fairfield.

As director of operations he served as a liaison between the coaching staff and the University community and developed strong relationships in Fairfield County through community service projects and community outreach programs. He supervised and coordinated all scouting services including video exchange. Carter also developed an academic program in conjunction with the University's academic coordinator and other support services. Furthermore, his responsibilities encompassed planning and scheduling recruiting trips and itineraries and he supervised on-campus visits with potential student-athletes.

Carter played a key role on the Michigan State staff as a graduate assistant from 2003-06, helping coordinate several aspects of the day-to-day operations. Besides planning everyday activities such as workouts and practice schedules, Carter also worked with the coaching staff with video exchange and scouting operations. Plus, he was instrumental in maintaining an academic support program for the Spartan players.

During the 2005-06 season, Carter contributed to Michigan State's 22-12 season that saw the Spartans gain entry to the NCAA Tournament. Three Michigan State players earned All-Big Ten honors, including Maurice Ager. Ager led the Big Ten in scoring for all games with 19.3 points per outing.

Before joining the Spartans, Carter was the junior varsity head boy's basketball coach and varsity assistant at East Lansing High School from 1998-2003.

A native of Grand Blanc, Mich., Carter (30/DOB:4-20-79) graduated from Michigan State with a degree in business management in 2002.



WMU BASKETBALL MANAGERS



**MICHAEL
MURRAY**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
Western Michigan, '08
3rd Yr. at WMU

Michael Murray is in his second season as director of operations for the Western Michigan men's basketball program.

Murray serves as WMU's video coordinator and is responsible for WMU's video exchange with opposing teams in addition to assisting with all of the day-to-day operations of the program. His efforts focus on aiding with practice sessions, supervising the team's corps of managers and handling all team travel arrangements. His responsibilities also include the planning and coordination of the Western Michigan summer basketball camps.

Murray, a 2008 Western Michigan grad, spent the 2007-08 season as the senior manager for the Broncos working with players on practice drills and handling various game day duties. He also worked closely with the director of operations on film breakdown and other day-to-day activities.

Murray (31/DOB: 9-2-78), a native of Millington, Mich., and his wife, Amanda, reside in Kalamazoo.



Jeff Brown-Senior Head Manager



John E. Cochran IV-Student Manager



Emmanuel Tommy-Student Manager



Blaise LePrad-Student Manager



Craig Campbell-Student Manager



Kevin Lillbridge-Student Manager

Not Pictured: Dan Loney, Alberto Rivera



COACHING STAFF BIOS





TIM HERRMANN

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH

Western Michigan, '00
10th Yr. at WMU

Tim Herrmann oversees the strength and conditioning program for men's basketball, baseball, volleyball, men's soccer, women's soccer, golf, men's tennis, women's tennis, dance and also works closely with the football team.

The Santa Maria, Calif., native first joined the department as a strength and conditioning intern in 1999, later becoming a graduate assistant in 2000 and being elevated to a full-time position in 2002.

Over the last three seasons, Herrmann has produced three National Strength and Conditioning Association All-Americans in volleyball players Kathryn Babcock (2007) and Ashley Vogl (2009) and men's basketball player Joe Reitz (2007).

Herrmann oversees the daily operation of the Read Fieldhouse and Seelye Center weight rooms, where 15 of WMU's 16 varsity programs train. He specifically develops and implements strength, speed and conditioning programs for men's basketball, volleyball, baseball, men's soccer, women's soccer, golf and women's tennis and assists with football. His numerous responsibilities also include daily scheduling of the weight rooms, overseeing the graduate assistant program and the maintenance and purchase of weight room equipment.

A NSCA certified strength and conditioning specialist since 2000, Herrmann possesses a pair of degrees from Western Michigan. He earned his bachelor's in exercise science in 2000 and was awarded a master's in exercise physiology two years later.



KEVIN LEHMANN

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Charlotte, '01
2nd Yr. at WMU

Athletic trainer Kevin Lehmann is in his second season at Western Michigan working with the men's basketball and men's tennis programs after gaining experience at every level of sports from high school to the pros

Prior to WMU, Lehmann spent the past three years as head athletic trainer at Savannah State University after stints from 2002-05 with the NFL's Carolina Panthers, the University of Tennessee and Bryan County (Ga.) High School.

A Kalamazoo native, Lehmann earned a bachelor's in health and fitness from Charlotte in 2001 and a master's in exercise science from Tennessee in 2002. He was also certified as a strength and conditioning specialist by the NSCA in 2007.

Lehmann is married to the former Alysia DeWitt and they have a son, Carter (4), and daughter, Addison (2).



MATT HOLMES

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF MEDIA RELATIONS

Indianapolis, '02
5th Yr. at WMU

Matt Holmes is in his fifth season at WMU and third as the associate director of media relations. He is in charge of media relations responsibilities for volleyball, men's basketball, men's tennis and women's tennis, while also serving as an analyst and occasional play-by-play voice for men's basketball on the Bronco Radio Network. Holmes also helps produce and report on features for the Bronco Review television program.

Before arriving in Kalamazoo, Holmes spent one season (2004-05) as the media relations contact for men's basketball, volleyball and softball at Western Illinois.

A member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), serving on the Membership Services Committee, and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA), Holmes won the 2009 ITA/USTWA SID Writing Competition. He has been a member of the media relations staff at the 2009 Men's Final Four in Detroit and the 2007 NCAA Hockey Midwest Regional in Grand Rapids.

Prior to joining the ranks of sports information, Holmes worked for two years at ESPN 950 (WXLW-AM) in Indianapolis. Holmes has also been a contestant on the ESPN sports trivia game show, "Stump the Schwab."

A native of Sonora, Calif., Holmes graduated from Indianapolis magna cum laude with a bachelor's in communication with a minor in business administration in 2002 and a master's in sport management from Western Michigan in 2009.

Holmes married Amanda Stevenson on Aug. 8, 2008 and the couple resides in Kalamazoo.

All 12 MAC Schools Will Participate In The Eighth Annual



The eighth annual BracketBusters event, a two-day men's college basketball extravaganza pitting potential NCAA Tournament hopefuls against each other Feb. 19-20, will feature 11 nationally televised games – on either ESPN2 or ESPN – selected from a pool of 98 teams.

For the fifth straight year, ESPN, the 24-hour college sports network, will televise five BracketBusters games while ESPN2 will televise six contests. The 11 BracketBusters matchups will be announced Feb. 1, while game time and network assignments will be announced Feb. 8.

BracketBusters, named because of the success of the teams in NCAA Tournament play, will provide the 22 televised teams an opportunity to play other top non-conference opponents three weeks before Selection Sunday. The 76 teams not selected for BracketBusters will compete against each other through the same two days.

The 98-team field will feature 12 teams from the Mid-American and Colonial Athletic; 11 from the Ohio Valley, 10 from the Missouri Valley, Horizon League and Metro Atlantic Athletic; nine from the Western Athletic and Big West; four from the Big South and Southern; three from the America East; two from the MEAC; and one from the Big Sky and Summit League.

HOME TEAMS: BALL STATE, BOWLING GREEN, CENTRAL MICHIGAN, KENT STATE, MIAMI, OHIO Vermont, Montana State, Gardner Webb, Radford, Cal State-Fullerton, Cal State-Northridge, Cal-Irvine, Cal-Riverside, Pacific, Delaware, George Mason, Georgia State, Hofstra, Northeastern, Virginia Commonwealth, Butler, Cleveland State, Detroit, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Canisius, Iona, Loyola, Manhattan, Saint Peter's, Creighton, Evansville, Bradley, Illinois State, Missouri State, Northern Iowa, Southern Illinois, Austin Peay, Eastern Illinois, Eastern Kentucky, Jacksonville State, Murray State, Appalachian State, Boise State, Fresno State, Hawaii, Idaho, Utah State

AWAY TEAMS: AKRON, BUFFALO, EASTERN MICHIGAN, NORTHERN ILLINOIS, TOLEDO, WESTERN MICHIGAN, Boston University, New Hampshire, Presbyterian, Winthrop, Cal Poly, Long Beach State, UC-Davis, UC-Santa Barbara, Drexel, James Madison, UNC-Wilmington, Old Dominion, Towson, William & Mary, Loyola, Illinois-Chicago, Valparaiso, Wright State, Youngstown State, Fairfield, Marist, Niagara, Rider, Siena, Drake, Indiana State, Wichita State, Morgan State, South Carolina State, Morehead State, SIU-Edwardsville, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee-Martin, College of Charleston, Elon, Western Carolina, Oral Roberts, Louisiana Tech, Nevada, New Mexico State, San Jose State.

