



THE  
COACHING STAFF



## Head Coach

# Mack McCarthy



**N**ow in his third season at the helm of the East Carolina basketball program, Mack McCarthy continues to make strides in the building of Pirate basketball.

McCarthy, who was introduced by Holland as the program's acting head coach Aug. 9, 2007 after serving as the team's associate head coach for two previous years, has led the Pirates to an improved overall record and a higher finish in the Conference USA standings each year as head coach.

The season prior to his appointment as head coach, the Pirates won just six games and finished in last place. That total nearly doubled in his first season (11) and then grew more in his second year.

He directed East Carolina to a 13-17 overall record last season, which marked the highest number of wins for a Pirate squad since the 2003-04 campaign. Of the 13 victories, five came during Conference USA play - matching ECU's top league win total since becoming a basketball member in the Dallas-based conference beginning in 2001-02.

McCarthy guided East Carolina to its best Conference USA finish in 2008-09, ninth.

In his first season at the helm, the Pirates notched victories against a pair of Top 50 teams, including the program's first-ever triumph over an Atlantic Coast Conference opponent, and produced a three-game win streak in league play for the first time in four years.

A three-time coach-of-the-year selection who has earned a total of 13 conference regular season or tournament titles in 14 winning seasons and produced eight 20-victory campaigns during his head coaching tenure, McCarthy has compiled a 333-213 (.610) record in 18 seasons directing programs at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Virginia Commonwealth and East Carolina.

After seven seasons as an assistant coach to Sonny Smith at Auburn, McCarthy got his first head coaching job at Tennessee-Chattanooga

in 1985 and proceeded to embark on one of the most prosperous runs of any college program during the next 12 years. The Mocs never experienced a losing season with McCarthy at the helm and won more than 20 games seven times. His record of 243-122 at UTC equaled the most wins ever for a Southern Conference coach.

McCarthy immediately molded the Mocs into a consistent winner, as his first three teams all won 20 games or more and reached the postseason. In his first season he guided UTC to the Southern Conference regular season championship and an NIT birth.

The Mocs went back to the NIT the following year before making the first of five NCAA Tournament appearances, capturing five Southern Conference tournament titles, under McCarthy in 1988.

The Mocs won at a tremendous pace during his 12-year tenure. After 10 seasons, McCarthy had won 204 games, which ranked as the eighth-highest victory total for any coach after the first decade of his coaching career. UTC was the dominant force in the Southern Conference with McCarthy in charge, compiling a regular season mark of 156-54, a .743 winning percentage, from 1986-97 and proved especially difficult to defeat at home.

Under his tutelage, the Mocs turned UTC Arena into one of the toughest places in the country for opponents to play. "The Roundhouse" was rated the "Third Toughest Place to Play in the NCAA" by *Sports Illustrated* in its 1995-96 *College Basketball Preview* issue. UTC was 146-30 (.829) inside UTC Arena, including an 83-10 (.892) record against Southern Conference opponents.

In all, seven of McCarthy's teams made trips to the postseason. Over an amazing stretch from 1988 to 1995, the Mocs were either Southern Conference regular season or tournament champions eight times, includ-

ing three straight from 1993-95 when they swept both the regular season and tournament titles.

In his final season at Chattanooga, McCarthy's 1996-97 UTC team put together the two greatest victories in school history. After earning the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by winning the Southern Conference tournament championship, the 14-seeded Mocs turned heads by knocking off third-seeded Georgia 73-70 in the opening round of the Southeast Regional in Charlotte. Two days later, UTC became the first Southern Conference team to advance to the Sweet 16 by upsetting Illinois and just fell short of the regional final after a close loss to Providence.

The tournament run also aided McCarthy's star player, Johnny Taylor, who was chosen in the first round of the 1997 NBA Draft.

McCarthy's success at UTC speaks for itself. His team won eight regular season conference titles and five tournament championships. He was named Southern Conference Coach-of-the-Year three times and earned NABC Regional Coach-of-the-Year award after guide the Mocs to a 23-7 record in 1993-94.

Prior to the start of the 1997-98 season, McCarthy joined his longtime friend Smith at VCU as associate head coach. He then took over for the retired Smith, a man who he had worked with as an assistant for 12 seasons at three different schools.

In his four years at VCU, the Rams increased their winning percentage each sea-







### THE LOOT

#### Personal

<b>Full Name:</b>	William Leroy "Mack" McCarthy
<b>Birth Date:</b>	July 3, 1952
<b>Hometown:</b>	Covington, Va.
<b>Wife:</b>	Jean
<b>Children:</b>	Katie

#### Education

<b>College:</b>	Virginia Tech, Bachelor of Science (1974)
	Virginia Tech, Master of Science (1976)

#### Coaching Experience

1974-76	Virginia Tech	Assistant Coach
1976-78	East Tennessee State	Assistant Coach
1978-85	Auburn	Assistant Coach
1985-97	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Head Coach
1997-98	Virginia Commonwealth	Associate Head Coach
1998-02	Virginia Commonwealth	Head Coach
2004-05	Georgia Tech	Assistant Women's Coach
<b>2005-07</b>	<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>Associate Head Coach</b>
<b>2007-present</b>	<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>Head Coach</b>

son, culminating with a 21-11 mark in 2001-02. He departed the Richmond campus with a four-year record of 66-55.

He wasted little time in turning the program around as his first season of 1998-99 saw him lead VCU to twice as many victories as the previous season in the Colonial Athletic Association. The following year he produced the school's first .500 season since 1996-97.

The top moment in VCU sports history, according to a voting of VCU fans and alumni, came under McCarthy as the Rams opened the ALLTEL Pavilion with a 79-74 win over Louisville in 1999.

The 10th greatest sports moment in school history also occurred under McCarthy; and at the expense of East Carolina as Bo Jones threw in a last-second 70-footer for a three-point win.

McCarthy, who grew up in Woodstock, Va., saw his coaching career take root at Virginia Tech, where he graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in education. During his two seasons as an assistant coach (along with Smith) under Don DeVoe, the Hokies earned a top 20 national ranking and NCAA berth in 1974-75. McCarthy then joined Smith when the latter became head coach at East Tennessee State and again followed Smith to Auburn, where the two worked together and took the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament in 1984 and 1985.

Through his recruiting efforts, McCarthy helped shape and change the identity of Auburn basketball. He was able to convince future NBA All-Star and Basketball Hall of Fame member Charles Barkley to sign with the Tigers, thus changing the course of Auburn basketball.

Barkley wasn't the only future pro to play under McCarthy. Dallas Cowboys' All-Pro wide receiver Terrell Owens played basketball at UTC, while McCarthy also helped tutor Chris Morris and Chuck Person at Auburn.

McCarthy followed his stint at VCU by serving as a television analyst for ESPN and hosting a daily radio show in Chattanooga called "On the Road With Mack McCarthy" for two years before accepting a position on the women's basketball coaching staff at Georgia Tech in 2004.

He also hosted his own weekly radio show for two years in Greenville.

McCarthy and his wife, Jean, reside in Greenville. The couple has one daughter, Katie, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia.



The McCarthys (left to right): Mack, Katie and Jean



**McCARTHY VS. ALL OPPONENTS**

Opponent	Overall	ECU	VCU	UTC
Alabama	1-2	-	-	-
Alabama State	2-1	-	-	2-1
Alaska-Anchorage	2-0	-	-	2-0
American	5-1	-	5-1	-
Appalachian State	14-8	-	-	14-8
Armstrong State	1-0	-	-	1-0
Auburn	1-0	-	-	1-0
Augusta College	1-0	-	-	1-0
Baylor	1-0	-	1-0	-
Bradley	1-1	-	-	1-1
Campbell	1-0	1-0	-	-
Canisius	0-1	-	-	0-1
Catawba	1-0	-	-	0-1
Citadel	21-4	-	-	21-4
Clemson	0-2	0-2	-	-
Cleveland State	0-1	-	-	0-1
Coastal Carolina	2-1	1-1	-	1-0
Coker	1-0	1-0	-	-
Colgate	1-0	-	-	1-0
Coll. of Charleston	1-0	-	-	1-0
Colorado	1-1	-	1-1	-
Colorado State	1-0	-	-	1-0
Columbus	2-0	-	-	2-0
Connecticut	0-1	-	-	0-1
Cumberland	2-0	-	-	2-0
Davidson	13-5	-	-	13-5
Delaware	1-2	-	1-1	0-1
Delaware State	1-0	-	1-0	-
Drexel	1-1	-	1-1	-
East Carolina	4-2	-	4-2	-
East Tenn. St.	21-12	-	2-0	19-12
Evansville	1-0	-	1-0	-
Florida Atlantic	2-0	-	2-0	-
Furman	22-4	-	-	22-4
Gardner-Webb	2-0	-	2-0	-
George Mason	3-7	1-1	2-6	-
Georgia	1-2	-	-	1-2
Georgia College	1-0	-	-	1-0
Georgia Southern	11-1	-	-	11-1
Georgia State	1-0	-	1-0	-
Georgia Tech	0-3	-	-	0-3
Hawaii-Hilo	1-0	-	-	1-0
Hofstra	2-1	-	2-1	-
Houston	1-1	1-1	-	-
Idaho State	0-1	-	-	1-0
Illinois	1-0	-	-	1-0
Iona	0-1	-	0-1	-

Opponent	Overall	ECU	VCU	UTC
Jacksonville	1-0	-	-	1-0
James Madison	6-3	-	6-3	-
Kansas	0-1	-	-	0-1
Kennesaw State	1-0	-	-	1-0
Kent State	0-2	-	0-1	0-1
Kentucky	0-1	-	-	0-1
Lee	0-1	0-1	-	-
Louisville	1-0	-	1-0	-
Loyola	0-2	-	-	0-2
Liberty	1-1	0-1	1-0	-
Limestone	2-0	2-0	-	-
Marshall	17-14	1-3	-	16-12
Md.-Eastern Shore	1-0	-	1-0	-
McNeese State	1-2	-	-	1-2
Memphis	0-4	0-2	-	0-2
Mercer	1-2	-	-	1-2
Michigan	0-2	-	-	0-2
Middle Tenn. State	0-3	-	-	0-3
Mississippi	1-2	-	0-2	1-0
Mississippi State	3-1	-	-	3-1
Missouri	0-1	-	-	0-1
Mo.-Kansas City	1-0	-	-	1-0
Murray State	0-1	-	-	0-1
Navy	1-0	-	-	1-0
New Mexico State	0-1	-	-	0-1
Norfolk State	2-0	-	2-0	-
North Carolina	0-1	-	-	0-1
North Carolina A&T	1-0	-	1-0	-
NC Central	1-0	1-0	-	-
NC State	1-1	1-1	-	-
NC Wesleyan	1-0	1-0	-	-
Northeastern Illinois	1-0	-	-	1-0
Northwestern	1-0	-	1-0	-
Ohio State	1-1	-	-	1-1
Oklahoma	0-1	-	-	0-1
Old Dominion	3-6	-	3-6	-
Penn State	0-2	-	-	0-2
Pepperdine	1-1	-	-	0-2
Pittsburgh	2-0	-	2-0	-
Prairie View A&M	1-0	-	1-0	-
Providence	0-1	-	-	0-1
PR-Mayaguez	1-0	-	-	1-0
Purdue	0-2	-	-	0-2
Radford	1-1	-	1-1	-
Rice	3-1	3-1	-	-
Richmond	3-6	0-1	3-5	-
Roanoke College	1-0	-	-	1-0

Opponent	Overall	ECU	VCU	UTC
Rutgers	1-0	-	1-0	-
St. Andrews	1-0	1-0	-	-
St. Bonaventure	1-0	-	-	1-0
Samford	1-0	-	-	1-0
San Francisco	1-0	-	-	1-0
Sewanee	1-0	-	-	1-0
SMU	2-1	2-0	0-1	-
South Alabama	1-0	-	-	1-0
South Florida	0-1	0-1	-	-
South Carolina St.	1-0	-	-	1-0
Southern	1-0	-	-	1-0
Southern Illinois	0-2	-	0-1	0-1
Southern Miss	6-8	1-3	0-1	5-4
Southwest Baptist	1-0	-	-	1-0
SW Louisiana	1-1	-	-	1-1
Tennessee	0-2	-	-	0-2
Tennessee State	5-2	-	-	5-2
Tennessee Tech	2-2	-	-	2-2
Tennessee Wesleyan	3-0	-	-	3-0
Texas	1-2	-	-	1-2
Texas A&M	1-1	-	1-1	-
TCU	0-1	-	0-1	-
Towson	2-0	-	2-0	-
Tulane	1-7	1-4	0-3	-
Tulsa	0-3	0-3	-	-
UAB	2-8	0-2	1-1	1-5
UCF	1-3	1-3	-	-
UC Irvine	2-0	-	-	2-0
UMBC	1-0	-	-	1-0
UNC Asheville	2-0	-	-	2-0
UNC Greensboro	3-0	1-0	-	2-0
UNC Wilmington	5-7	1-1	4-6	-
USC-Aiken	8-0	-	-	8-0
UTEP	0-2	0-2	-	-
Vanderbilt	0-1	-	-	0-1
VCU	2-1	1-0	-	1-1
Virginia	0-1	-	0-1	-
VMI	21-5	-	1-0	20-5
Wake Forest	0-2	0-1	-	0-1
Western Carolina	22-6	-	-	22-6
Western Kentucky	1-1	-	1-1	-
William & Mary	4-4	-	4-4	-
Winthrop	1-1	1-1	-	-
Wis.-Milwaukee	1-1	-	-	1-1
Wofford	2-0	-	-	2-0
Yale	1-0	-	-	1-0

**McCARTHY'S COACHING RECORD**

Year	School	Record	.Pct	Postseason/Conference Championships
1985-86	Tennessee-Chattanooga	21-10	.677	NIT/Southern Regular Season Champions
1986-87	Tennessee-Chattanooga	21-8	.724	NIT
1987-88	Tennessee-Chattanooga	20-13	.606	NCAA First Round/Southern Tournament Champions
1988-89	Tennessee-Chattanooga	18-12	.600	Southern Regular Season Champions
1989-90	Tennessee-Chattanooga	14-14	.500	
1990-91	Tennessee-Chattanooga	19-10	.655	Southern Regular Season Champions
1991-92	Tennessee-Chattanooga	23-7	.766	Southern Regular Season Champions
1992-93	Tennessee-Chattanooga	26-7	.788	NCAA First Round/Southern Regular Season and Tournament Champions
1993-94	Tennessee-Chattanooga	23-7	.766	NCAA First Round/Southern Regular Season and Tournament Champions
1994-95	Tennessee-Chattanooga	19-11	.633	NCAA First Round/Southern Regular Season and Tournament Champions
1995-96	Tennessee-Chattanooga	15-12	.555	
1996-97	Tennessee-Chattanooga	24-11	.667	NCAA Regional Semifinal/Southern Regular Season and Tournament Champion
1998-99	Virginia Commonwealth	15-16	.484	
1999-00	Virginia Commonwealth	14-14	.500	
2000-01	Virginia Commonwealth	16-14	.533	
2001-02	Virginia Commonwealth	21-11	.656	
2007-08	East Carolina	11-19	.367	
2008-09	East Carolina	13-17	.433	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>333-213</b>	<b>.610</b>	





# Larry Epperly

*Assistant Coach*



Larry Epperly is in his third season as an assistant coach at East Carolina. Epperly joined the Pirate coaching staff one week prior to the start of practice in 2007-08 after spending 20 years as a head coach at the Division II level.

He works primarily with the perimeter players and is also in charge of scheduling.

Epperly spent the previous 10 years as head coach and athletic director at Limestone College in Gaffney, S.C. During his final season at Limestone, Epperly guided the Saints to their best season ever as a Division II member. Epperly coached the Saints to a 20-9 overall mark, which included an 83-80 win over eventual Division II national champion Barton.

During Epperly's final six seasons at Limestone, the Saints finished at or above their preseason projected finish.

During the 2004-05 campaign, Epperly led the Saints to their first winning record since joining

the ranks of Division II, posting a trio of wins over nationally-ranked teams. Limestone finished the season with an overall record of 15-14 with nine of their 14 losses decided by five points or less.

During his tenure at Limestone, every player that completed his eligibility graduated.

Epperly arrived at Limestone following a 10-year stint as the head coach at the University of South Carolina at Aiken where he also served as assistant athletic director. During the 1992-93 season, Epperly led the Pacers to the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament titles championships. His efforts earned him Peach Belt Coach-of-the-Year honors.

Epperly spent one year on staff at Emory and Henry as an assistant after he finished his playing career. Following a three-year stint as a high school coach, he returned to college coaching as an assistant at Ohio University.

After a three-year tenure with the Bobcats, Epperly returned to his home state of Virginia where he served as an assistant coach at Richmond from 1981-85 under coach Dick Tarrant during which time he recruited NBA star Johnny Newman. At Richmond, Epperly was a part of the staff that won two Colonial

Athletic Association (CAA) championships, made two NIT appearances and one NCAA Tournament appearance in which the Spiders advanced to the second round by upsetting fifth-seeded Auburn in 1984.

Following his successful stay at Richmond, Epperly coached on the staffs at James Madison and Virginia Commonwealth.

Epperly holds a bachelor of arts degree from Emory and Henry College and a master's degree from Virginia Tech. He and his wife, Jenny, have two children, Tyler (22) and Elizabeth (19). Tyler is a junior at ECU and Elizabeth is a sophomore.



The Epperlys: Larry, Jenny, Elizabeth and Tyler

## COACHING CAREER

### 2007-present

East Carolina  
Assistant Coach

### 1997-2007

Limestone  
Head Coach

### 1987-97

USC Aiken  
Head Coach

### 1986-87

Virginia Commonwealth  
Assistant Coach

### 1985-86

James Madison  
Assistant Coach

### 1981-85

Richmond  
Assistant Coach

### 1978-81

Ohio University  
Assistant Coach

### 1975-78

Allegheny (Va.) County  
High School  
Head Coach

### 1974-75

Emory & Henry  
Assistant Coach

## THE LOOT

**Full Name:** Larry Douglas Epperly

**Birth Date:** June 15, 1952

**Hometown:** Christianburg, Va.

**Alma Mater (Year):** Emory & Henry (1974)

**Wife:** Jenny

**Children:** Tyler and Elizabeth

# Michael Perry

*Assistant Coach*



**A** former head coach at the Division I level for five years, Michael Perry is in his third season as an assistant coach with the Pirates. Perry works primarily with the post players during the season.

Last season he tutored rookie Darrius Morrow to an All-Conference USA Freshman Team season. Morrow finished second among all freshmen in rebounding and third in scoring. Perry's instructions and techniques helped the Pirates average more rebounds per game, while surrendering fewer in 2008-09.

Prior to joining the East Carolina coaching staff, Perry spent five years (2003-07) as the head coach at Georgia State after serving as an assistant coach to "Lefty" Driesell for five years. During his 10 years, Perry was a major catalyst in the growth of the basketball program and helped lead the transition from the Atlantic Sun conference into the Colonial Athletic Association.

During his tenure at Georgia State, the Panthers won 165 games and advanced to postseason play twice. Perry helped guide the Panthers to the Atlantic Sun conference title in 2001 and a NCAA Tournament First Round upset of Wisconsin. Georgia State received a bid to the NIT the following year.

With Perry on the bench, Georgia State won

three regular season conference championships and one tournament title. He also coached the team to back-to-back 20 win seasons for the only time in school history, while helping direct a trio of 20-win campaigns. Perry guided the Panthers to a 20-9 record during his first full season as head coach in 2003-04.

He was promoted from associate head coach to head coach on Jan. 3, 2003 when "Lefty" Driesell announced his retirement. He had joined the staff as an assistant with Driesell in 1997.

Perry began his coaching career at Virginia Union in 1985. Perry then moved to his alma mater, University of Richmond, in 1986 where he remained until joining Driesell at Georgia State in 1997. As an assistant to coach Dick Tarrant, he assisted in devising a game plan that helped the Spiders become the first No. 15 seed to beat a No. 2 seed (Syracuse) in the 1991 NCAA Tournament. As a No. 13 seed in 1988, Richmond defeated fourth-seeded and defending national champion Indiana.

Once a self-employed entrepreneur, Perry spent over a decade in the private business sector before moving into full-time coaching in 1994.

Perry was a four-year letterman at Richmond was elected to the Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002. He played in all 108 of the Spiders' games from 1978-81. Perry was an all-conference player and honorable mention All-America. He averaged nearly 20 points per game during his

career, including 22.8 points per game average as a senior. He scored over 2,000 points during his career and graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer. He was a 1981 draft pick of the Kansas City (now Sacramento) Kings.

Perry received his degree in real estate business. He and his wife Darlene have three children: Rashawna (26), Ashley (20) and Michael, Jr. (17).



**The Perrys: Ashley, Michael Jr., Rashawna, Darlene and Michael.**

## COACHING CAREER

### 2007-Present

East Carolina  
Assistant Coach

### 2003-07

Georgia State  
Head Coach

### 2002-03

Georgia State  
Associate Head Coach

### 1997-2002

Georgia State  
Assistant Coach

### 1994-97

Richmond  
Assistant Coach

### 1986-93

Richmond  
Restricted Earnings  
Assistant Coach

### 1985-86

Virginia Union  
Assistant Coach

## THE LOOT

**Full Name:** Michael Anthony Perry  
**Birth Date:** Nov. 10, 1958  
**Hometown:** Richmond, Va.  
**Alma Mater (Year):** Richmond (1981)  
**Wife:** Darlene  
**Children:** Rashawna, Ashley, Michael, Jr.





# John Moseley

Assistant Coach



**E**ast Carolina alumnus John Moseley was elevated from director of basketball operations to assistant coach prior to the start of the 2009-10

academic year. He rejoined the Pirate basketball program in June 2008 as the Director of Basketball Operations. Moseley began his career in collegiate basketball as a student manager for the Pirates while pursuing his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.

Moseley resumes his coaching responsibilities working with the perimeter players this season.

A native of Warrenton, N.C., Moseley joined the basketball staff from Winston-Salem State where he served as an assistant coach during 2007-08. Prior to his most recent position, Moseley served one year as an administrative assistant at Wright State under coach Brad Brownell and helped the Raiders to the Horizon League tournament championship and share of the regular-season title. Before heading to Wright State, he served two years as boy's basketball coach at Warren County (N.C.) High School where he led the Eagles to the 2005 Class 2A state championship game in his initial campaign. He was also an assistant coach at Delaware during the 2001-02 and 2002-03 seasons.

After earning his bachelor's degree in 1998, Moseley obtained a master's degree the following year and then worked one year as an academic coordinator in the ECU Athletics Department.

Moseley and his wife, Crystal, reside in Greenville with their newborn daughter, Jillian Elise.



The Moseleys: John and Crystal

## COACHING CAREER

### 2009-present

East Carolina Assistant Coach

### 2008-2009

East Carolina  
Director of Basketball  
Operations

### 2007-08

Winston-Salem State  
Assistant Coach

### 2006-07

Wright State University  
Administrative Assistant

### 2004-06

Warren County High School  
Head Boy's Coach

### 2001-03

University of Delaware  
Assistant Coach

## THE LOOT

**Full Name:** John Buchanan Moseley

**Birth Date:** Nov. 20, 1976

**Hometown:** Warrenton, N.C.

**Alma Mater (Year):** East Carolina (1998)

**Wife:** Crystal

**Children:** Jillian



## John Ashaolu

*Director of Basketball Operations*



**J**ohn Ashaolu is in his first season as the Director of Basketball Operations at East Carolina University.

Ashaolu's responsibilities include the coordination of all team travel, overseeing all aspects of the ECU Basketball Camps and all other day-to-day basketball operations.

Ashaolu joined the Pirate basketball staff after serving two seasons as the head coach and assistant director of operations for Basketball Stars of America AAU in Pittsburgh. He

also worked in a similar capacity for Grassroots Canada AAU in Toronto for five seasons.

He began his coaching career during the 2004-05 season as an assistant coach at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas. He coached there for one season before becoming an assistant coach at Toronto Academy Preparatory School.

Following the 2005-06 season, Ashaolu returned to collegiate coaching as a graduate assistant at Duquesne University. He assisted in all aspects of coaching including recruiting, travel planning and practice, while also managing inventory and the purchasing of team equipment and apparel.

Ashaolu has worked numerous basketball

camp, including the NBA Adidas Nations Camp and the Adidas ABCD All-American Camp.

He played collegiately at the University of New Orleans as a freshman and sophomore before transferring to Xavier University of Louisiana for his final two seasons. He served as team captain as a junior and senior at Xavier, where he helped his team capture a share of the 2003-04 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Championship.

Ashaolu earned his bachelor's of arts degree from Xavier in 2004 and received his master's of science degree from Duquesne in 2008.

Ashaolu resides in Greenville.

## Student Managers



2009-10 ECU student managers (left to right): Mitch Banks, Sam Jones, Alden Parrish, Kate Dosser, Gordon Ingram, Matt Grantham and Keena Lynch.





# Nathan Clark

*Assistant Athletic Trainer*



**N**athan Clark is in his second year as an assistant athletic trainer at East Carolina University. He joined the Pirate athletic program in the summer of 2009 and works primarily with the men's basketball team while

supervising several Olympic sports.

Prior to arriving at ECU, Clark spent five years as an assistant athletic trainer at North Carolina Wesleyan, serving as the head football trainer and serving as the primary athletic trainer for baseball.

Clark began his career in sports medicine as a student athletic trainer at Lock Haven University. After completing his undergraduate studies at Lock Haven, served as a graduate

assistant as Ohio University during the 2001-02 season, working primarily with the Bobcats' football program. From there he spent one season as a resident athletic trainer at Lafayette College before becoming a part of the athletic training staff at NC Wesleyan.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in health science from Lock Haven in 2001 and earned a master's degree in recreation and sport sciences from Ohio University in 2002.

Clark is a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) and member of the National Athletic Trainers Association. He is also a member of the North Carolina Board of Athletic Trainer Examiners.



# Danny Wheel

*Director of Strength & Conditioning for Olympic Sports*



**D**anny Wheel begins his ninth year as a member of East Carolina strength and conditioning staff and third as Director of Strength and Conditioning for Olympic Sports. He is in his second tour of duty

working directly with the men's basketball program.

In addition to developing and overseeing workouts for men's basketball, his responsibilities also entail supervising the training of women's basketball, softball, volleyball, women's soccer, while assisting with football.

During his first four years at East Carolina he served as an assistant director of strength and conditioning and worked with men's basketball and also directly over saw the strength training program for baseball, cheerleading, swimming and diving, and track and field. He also assisted in the organization and design of

the new weight room located in the Murphy Center.

Wheel earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Virginia Tech in 1998 and received his master's degree in health education from his alma mater in 2001.

He was a two-year starter and three-year letterman on the Hokie football team for coach Frank Beamer from 1993-1998. While pursuing his master's degree, Wheel served as a graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach, working with the Hokie football, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball teams as well as the throwers on the track squad.

Wheel is certified member of the Collegiate Strength Coaches Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Wheel is also Olympic Club Coach certified.





## Basketball Support Staff

**Jody Jones**  
(East Carolina 1997)

*Associate Director of Media Relations*



**J**ody Jones begins his 10th season as the media relations contact for the ECU men's basketball program. He works directly with the men's basketball, men's golf and swimming and diving teams.

Jones, a 1997 ECU graduate, returned to his alma mater in November 2000 from Western Carolina University where he served as Men's Sports Information Director for one and one-half years. He previously worked in the media relations departments at both College of Charleston and Wake Forest. He also served as press officer for a pair of United States basketball teams sponsored by Athletes In Action.

Jones, an avid St. Louis Cardinals' fan, is a member of the United States Basketball Writers Association, National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and College Sports Information Directors of America.

**Beth Kirkland**  
*Administrative Assistant*



**B**eth Kirkland begins her seventh year as an administrative assistant in the men's basketball office. Her responsibilities include being a receptionist, assist coaches with their travel schedules, while performing numerous clerical duties.

Kirkland has been a fixture in the athletic department for over 10 years. She previously worked in the Pirate Club and Athletic Ticket Office prior to assuming her duties in the men's basketball office.

She is the proud mother of two daughters, Dava (7) and Ramsie (2).

**Jessica Krasny**  
(East Carolina '04)  
*Academic Coordinator*



**J**essica Karsny, former ECU letterwinner as a member of the women's golf team, is in her second year as the team's academic coordinator.

Krasny returned to her alma mater after spending one year as a job location and development coordinator at the College of Charleston where she was responsible for establishing relationships with potential employers to develop jobs for CoC students.

Prior to joining the CofC staff, she spent one year as the lead attendant for outside operations at Grand Cypress Golf Resort in Orlando after spending two years as a professional golfer on the Futures Tour.

She earned her bachelor's of science degree in communication from ECU in 2004.

**Greg Pierce**  
(Eastern Kentucky 1997)  
*Director of Athletic Video Services*



**G**reg Pierce is in his eighth year as ECU's Director of Athletic Video Services. In this role he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the department's film and video needs as well as the streaming and archival video content on the school's official athletic website, [ecupirates.com](http://ecupirates.com). He also serves as the instant replay technician for all home football games and radio engineer for Pirate basketball games.

Pierce came to ECU from the University of Richmond, where he served as video coordinator.

A native of Galax, Va., Pierced served a term in the United States Army as a Russian linguist before attending Eastern Kentucky University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1997.

He and his wife, Erin, reside in Grimesland with their daughter, Madeline Frances (7) and son, Peyton Silas (2).

