



# RED HAWKS

MEET THE COACHES

## Maria Fantanarosa

Head Coach

Years as Head Coach: 13th Year  
 Years at Miami: 12th Year  
 Alma Mater: Miami '90



As she begins her 12th season at the helm of her alma mater, Miami head coach Maria Fantanarosa looks to guide a young, but talented team to success.

Since returning to her alma mater as head coach prior to the 1998-99 season, Fantanarosa has guided a resurgent program to nine winning seasons in the past 11 years, including two Mid-American Conference East Division crowns, the 2003-04 MAC regular-season championship and the 2008 MAC Tournament championship.

Fantanarosa became Miami's all-time winningest coach in program history with her 132nd win, an 87-79 victory over IUPUI on Dec. 30, 2006, passing Pam Wettig, who previously held the mark with a career record of 131-103. Fantanarosa's all-time record at Miami now stands at 177-148.

Fantanarosa's RedHawks have been consistently recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions on and off the court. As a result, Director of Athletics Brad Bates recently extended Fantanarosa's contract through the 2013-14 season, noting that the mentor of the Red and White continues to attract and produce high-quality student-athletes.

"Maria has led our program to two championships in the last five years as well as our first NCAA Tournament appearance," said Bates. "Her students grow, develop and graduate as leaders in our communities. Her staff contributes to our culture in meaningful and engaging ways. As an alumna, Maria represents Miami with a unique passion and love that inspires us all. We look forward to her continued leadership and are very excited about her commitment to this great university."

Critical to the program's success has been an impressive recruiting effort that has brought six of the program's top 10 career scoring leaders, as well as four of the top 10 career rebounding leaders to campus during her tenure. Under her tutelage, Miami has produced 44 MAC Players of the Week, 17 all-MAC selections and four MAC All-Freshman honorees.

The program has really taken off this decade, starting with the program's first MAC East Division Title in 2002-03. Heather Cusick was named MAC Player of the Year in 2001-02 and finished her career as Miami's all-time leading scorer with 1,728 points, a record that stood until the 2007-08 season.

In 2003-04, when Miami stormed through the league by reeling off 12-straight wins in the heart of the MAC season and capturing the overall MAC Championship. That season resulted in the program's first appearance in the Postseason WNIT, where they advanced to the second round of the tournament. That season, senior Colleen Day became the first RedHawk to win a major academic honor as she was named a CoSIDA Academic All-American, notching second-team honors.

In 2007-08, the RedHawks won nine of their final 10 regular-season contests to earn a No. 3 seed in the MAC Tournament.

## The Fantanarosa File ...

### Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Miami '90  
 Master's Degree: Xavier '93

### Playing and Coaching Experience:

Head Coach, Miami, 1998-pres.  
 Head Coach, Western Carolina, 1997-98  
 Assistant Coach, South Carolina, 1994-97  
 Assistant Coach, Xavier, 1991-94  
 Four-year letterwinner, Miami, 1986-90

The momentum continued as Miami battled for close victories in the quarterfinals and semifinals over Western Michigan and Toledo, respectively, before a second-half surge in the MAC Championship game resulted in the program's first MAC Tournament championship and NCAA Tournament berth.

A native of Kulpmont, Pa., Fantanarosa earned her bachelor's degree in speech communication with a minor in coaching science from Miami in 1990. She received her master's degree in sports administration from Xavier in 1993. Fantanarosa and her husband Tim Morrow have two daughters, Lauren (seven) and Allison (four).

## My Philosophy

### Overall Program Intent:

"Together, the Miami Women's Basketball Program works with pride in the relentless pursuit of excellence to develop a champion's mentality."

### On the Court Philosophy:

#### Offensive:

"Offensively, we want to play up-tempo with quick scoring attacks. We will run continuity offenses in the half court that will showcase our team's versatility to hit the 3 and attack the paint at all five positions."

#### Defensive:

"Defensively, we will play both man to man and zone, looking to dictate with ball pressure. Strong rebounding will also be a focus."



Maria's Family: Allison, Maria, Tim and Lauren

# HEAD COACH MARIA FANTANAROSA



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## Fantanarosa in brief ...

- 12th season as Miami's head coach
- All-time winningest women's basketball coach at Miami
- Three MAC titles
- Four professional players.
- Her players have earned 44 MAC Player-of-the-Week honors, 17 All-MAC honors and four All-MAC Freshmen honors
- 32 Academic All-MAC selections.
- First NCAA appearance in program history in 2007-08 season
- First WNIT appearance in program history in 2003-04 season
- Served as head coach for Western Carolina during the 1997-98 season
- Had seven years of assistant coaching experience at Xavier (1990-94) and South Carolina (1994-97)
- Played at Miami for four years (1985-89) and ranks 15th on the all-time scoring list with 1,086 points
- In high school, Fantanarosa set Pennsylvania state records for most points in a career - male or female - (3,823) and most points in a single season (1,318)



## Lisa Hayden

*Associate Head Coach*

Years at Miami: Ninth Year  
Alma Mater: Miami '95



Lisa Hayden, a standout for the Red and White from 1991-95, returned to her alma mater prior to the 2001-02 season after serving as head girls basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Mt. Notre Dame High School in Cincinnati.

Hayden, who has served as the program's recruiting coordinator for the past three years, is also responsible for coaching the RedHawk guards. She has guided the career of some of the program's top three-point shooters. Heather Cusick finished her career as Miami's all-time leader in three-point field goals (230), while in 2003-04, Nicki Motto broke the program record and led the MAC with 79 three-pointers.

Five RedHawks presently listed among Miami's career top 10 in three-point field goals worked with Hayden. During the 2005-06 season under Hayden's tutelage, Jenna Schone broke Miami's freshman three-point field goal record with 47 treys. Last season, Schone broke Motto's record by hitting 84 three-pointers.

Before returning to Miami, Hayden held a variety of posts at one of the premiere prep schools in Cincinnati. From 1997-2001, as Mt. Notre Dame's Assistant A.D., Hayden helped coordinated an athletic department that consisted of 12 sports, 25 teams and more than 350 athletes. During this time, she also served as an assistant coach on the girls basketball team for two seasons, before taking the reins as head coach. In her first season, Hayden guided the team to a sweet 16 appearance in the Ohio state tournament. Prior to joining the staff at Mt. Notre Dame, Hayden served as the assistant girls basketball coach at Badin High School from 1995-97.

One of the most prolific three-point shooters in Miami history, Hayden scorched the nets for 205 treys during her collegiate career, including a then-program record 68 three-pointers during her senior season. She also finished her career as one of just a handful of Miami women to clear 1,000 career points, amassing 1,047 points.

A native of Henderson, Ky., and inductee into the Henderson County High School Hall of Fame, Hayden earned a bachelor of science degree in education and allied professions from Miami in 1995.

## The Hayden File ...

### Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Miami '95

### Prior Playing and Coaching Experience:

Associate Head Coach, Miami 2009-pres.

Assistant Coach, Miami 2001-09

Head Coach at Mt. Notre Dame H.S., 1999-01

Assistant Coach at Mt. Notre Dame H.S., 1997-99

Assistant Coach at Badin H.S., 1995-97

Four-year letterwinner at Miami, 1991-95

**"We are very fortunate to have Lisa at Miami. She has proven herself to be both a great college player and coach. Lisa continues to contribute to the success of our program through her hard work and dedication."**



—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa



## Colleen Day

*Assistant Coach*

Years at Miami: Fourth Year  
Alma Mater: Miami '04



Returning for her fourth season as an assistant coach is former RedHawk standout Colleen Day.

Day's primary focus with Miami is monitoring players' academic performance. She also develops the RedHawk posts, and is involved in various aspects of recruiting and scouting.

A four-year starter for the Red and White from 2000-04, Day is one of only two players in program history to hold the title of team captain three times during her career. The 6-0 forward started 106 of the 114 career games in which she played, averaging 11.1 points and 7.0 rebounds for her career. Day's top season came as a senior in 2003-04, when she averaged 15.0 points and 8.4 rebounds per game while leading Miami to its first regular-season MAC Championship since 1990 and its first WNIT bid. She was a first-team all-MAC selection that season and came in second in MAC Player of the Year voting.

Day still ranks among Miami's all-time career leaders in eight major categories, including points (9th/1,269), rebounds (4th/794), free-throw percentage (7th/80.5) and double-doubles (4th/16).

More than just an accomplished athlete at Miami, Day also became the first RedHawk women's basketball player to earn Academic All-America status when she was named Second-Team CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-America during her senior season. She graduated magna cum laude in 2004 as she earned a bachelor's degree in English secondary education.

Following her collegiate career, Day competed internationally for one season in Germany while completing her student teaching at Ramstein Air Force Base.

Upon returning to Oxford in the fall of 2005, Day served as an intern with Miami's Strength and Conditioning program where she worked closely with a number of Miami's athletic programs, including the men's and women's basketball teams.

A native of Independence, Ohio, Day attended Holy Name High School, where she helped the Green Wave to a four-year record of 83-15 and was a second-team all-Ohio selection as a senior.

In 2007, she earned her Master's degree in Sport Studies from Miami.

## The Day File ...

### Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Miami '04

Master's Degree: Miami '07

### Playing and Coaching Experience:

Assistant Coach, Miami 2005-pres.

Professional basketball player, 2004-05

Four-year letterwinner, Miami, 2000-04

First-Team All-MAC in 2004

**"I am thrilled to have Colleen with our program. She was a great leader as a player, who helped us take this program to a championship level. Colleen has a lot to contribute as a young coach, and I'm excited about having her leadership skills and competitive energy influencing Miami Women's Basketball!"**

—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa



## Vicki Hall

*Assistant Coach*

Years at Miami: First Year  
Alma Mater: Texas '93



### The Hall File ...

**Education:**

Bachelor's Degree: Texas '93

**Prior Coaching Experience:**

Assistant Coach, Miami, 2009-pres.  
Professional basketball player, 1993-08  
Four-year letterwinner, Texas, 1989-93

Vicki Hall begins her first season as an assistant coach at Miami.

A sought after prospect out of high school, Hall was the named both the Naismith and Gatorade Player of the Year in 1988. She lettered four years at Texas and was named to the Southwest Conference All-Decade team for the 1990s. Hall began her playing career overseas, with teams in Switzerland and Greece before returning stateside for stints with the Colorado Explosion (1998-99) and Nashville Noise (1999-2000) of the ABL and the Cleveland Rockers (2000-02) of the WNBA. She spent the past seven years playing for teams in Italy, France and Israel, helping lead Pool Comense to the Final Four in Italy in 2006.

"We are glad to have Vicki join our Miami staff," said Fantanarosa. "Her energy, work ethic and knowledge of the game, along with her experience as a dominate player will help take our program to the next level."

Hall has spent her offseasons training basketball players of all ages. She conducted her own high skill basketball camp in 1996 and was on the staff of the Nike All American Camp in 1999.


"I'm just really happy to be a part of Miami," said Hall. "It has a wonderful tradition in women's basketball and I am hoping to be a part of another winning season. I am excited to see basketball from the other side. I've been a player professionally for 16 years and when you count college and everything else, I've been playing for 25 years. While I do have some experience in coaching individuals, I am excited to begin coaching at this level."

**"Vicki's professional player experience, coupled with her passion for the game, has already been a positive for our player development."**  
—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa







**Cristal Randolph**  
*Director of Operations*  
Years at Miami: Second Year  
Alma Mater: Florida Atlantic '07



**Connie Walker**  
*Administrative Secretary*  
Years at Miami: 13th Year



Cristal Randolph is entering her second year as Miami's Director of Basketball Operations. She is responsible for many of the day-to-day operations of the office as well as coordinating team travel. She has put together the team's Class at the Court project the past two years, welcoming over 1,500 area elementary students for an afternoon game.

Randolph played four years for Florida Atlantic (2003-07), appearing in 114 games, while starting 33. She helped lead the Owls to the NCAA Tournament as a junior in 2006 and became a regular starter her senior year, averaging 7.4 points per game. After graduating, Randolph spent a year at FAU as an admission coordinator, responsible for recruiting students to attend the university. She moves on to the RedHawks program as she looks to begin a coaching career.

Randolph graduated from Florida Atlantic in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in public communications.

Connie Walker is in her second year as the Women's Basketball Administrative Secretary and her 13th year at Miami overall. Her knowledge of the school coupled with her friendly, sincere personality makes the Women's Basketball office welcoming and efficient.

She is responsible for daily office operations as well as being the coordinator of the annual women's basketball banquet, senior day and parents' day.



**From Left to Right:** Colleen Day, Lisa Hayden, Maria Fantanarosa, Cristal Randolph, Vicki Hall

## David Hodge

*Miami University President*

**Years at Miami:** Fourth Year

**Alma Mater:** Macalester College (BA, '70),  
 Pennsylvania State University (MA, '73, Ph.D.,  
 '75)



Since arriving in July 2006 as Miami University's 21st president, David Hodge has been a visible presence among students, staff, faculty, and alumni. At the heart of the Miami Experience is the engaged learning environment that is evident both inside and outside the classroom, as students are immersed 24/7 in an environment designed to develop the whole person. President Hodge is championing this concept of "engaged learning" – where students are actively involved in shaping their learning experience – through initiatives such as the Top 25 program to redesign Miami's foundation courses. Making the Miami Experience accessible for all students, regardless of background, drove his creation of the Miami Access Initiative, which provides tuition and fees to Ohio residents with family incomes of less than \$35,000.

Hodge has been a supporter of Miami Athletics and the athletic department's goal to become a "Culture of Champions." The Culture of Champions' goals are interconnected with Hodge's strategic plan for Miami, and all of the institutional goals within Hodge's five-year plan have a mutually direct application to the athletic department's goals. Hodge also helped dedicate two of Miami's newest athletic facilities, as he participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Steve Cady Arena at the Goggin Ice Center and threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the new Miami Softball Stadium.

The Hodges came to Miami following Dr. Hodge's 31-year tenure at the University of Washington, where he served from 1998 to 2006 as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the university's largest college, with 40 departments, 900 faculty, and 500 staff who serve more than 24,000 students.

Joining the UW faculty in 1975, Dr. Hodge held the appointment of professor of geography and adjunct professor of civil engineering. In 1990, he earned the prestigious Distinguished Teaching Award. Prior to his appointment as dean, he served as chair of the geography department (1995-97) and divisional dean for computing, facilities, and research (1996-98).

His research, which has attracted grant support from the National Science Foundation and other federal, state, and local agencies, focuses on urban and transportation geography with special interest in the impact of telecommunications. Dr. Hodge served as program director at the National Science Foundation in 1993-94 and was editor of *The Professional Geographer* from 1994 to 1997.

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Hodge earned his bachelor of arts degree in geography from Macalester College in 1970 and went on to earn his master's degree (1973) and Ph.D. (1975) in geography from Pennsylvania State University. From 2000 to 2006, he served on Macalester's Board of Trustees; prior to this, he served on the Macalester Alumni Board. An NCAA All-American, he is a member of the Macalester College Athletics Hall of Fame and remains the school's outdoor track and field record holder in the 880 (now 800 meters) with a time of 1:50.2.

President Hodge and his wife, Valerie, have two children: Gene, a graduate of the University of Washington, and Meriem, a graduate of Miami.



## Brad Bates

*Director of Athletics*

**Years at Miami:** Eighth Year

**Alma Maters:** University of Michigan (BA, '81, MA, '82), Vanderbilt University (Ed.D., '97)



A progressive and driving force behind Miami University's athletic department since his arrival in November of 2002, Brad Bates has been instrumental in not only upholding Miami's storied athletic tradition but also in ushering Miami athletics into the next generation of intercollegiate athletics.

Bates' unique vision of developing a Culture of Champions at Miami has made the RedHawk athletic program a model for all intercollegiate athletic programs. In 2007, Miami president David Hodge rewarded Bates by extending his contract for an additional five years.

Over the past nearly seven years, Bates has presided over a department that made back-to-back football bowl game appearances for the first time in nearly 30 years, while capturing conference championships in football, women's cross country, ice hockey, baseball, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's swimming and diving, soccer, tennis, softball and synchronized skating.

In 2008-09, Miami's women's teams won the Mid-American Conference's Jacoby Award for athletic excellence for the second consecutive year, including tournament championships and NCAA berths for softball and tennis. Also on the women's side, the RedHawk swimming and diving and women's cross country teams won the MAC championship and the synchronized skating's senior and collegiate teams won national titles. The ice hockey program reached unprecedented heights, making it to its fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance and playing in the NCAA Championship game.

Miami also has won the Reese Trophy, an all-sport award presented annually to the MAC institution with the best all-around men's sports programs, in three of his nearly seven seasons.

In addition to the RedHawks' athletic success during his tenure, Bates has spearheaded efforts to improve the "athletic classrooms" in which Miami's student-athletes compete to rate among the best in the nation. Renovations to Yager Stadium continue, with plans for an indoor facility in the works. Already added to Yager are new stands on the east side, a state-of-the-art scoreboard, permanent lighting, Cradle of Coaches Plaza and a FieldTurf playing surface.

Additionally, Miami unveiled several new and renovated facilities three years ago: a brand new softball field, a state-of-the-art ice hockey facility, and a renovated field hockey field that was upgraded with a new artificial turf surface and press box.

Paramount among Bates' accomplishments has been the department's success in graduating its student-athletes. According to the most recent Federal Graduation Rates report, an extraordinary 75 percent of Miami's student-athletes who started college in 2001-02 graduated within six years. That is 11 percent better than the national student-athlete graduation rate of 64 percent. Additionally, over the first three years of the NCAA's Academic Performance Rate (APR), Miami has consistently ranked among the best Division I-A programs nationally, with a number of its individual

programs posting the highest scores nationally.

Bates, who came to Miami after 17 years at Vanderbilt University, achieved a doctorate in education at Vanderbilt in 1997. This followed the bachelor's and master's degrees he earned in education at the University of Michigan in 1981 and 1982. At Vanderbilt, along with overseeing the administration of all 15 sports, Bates, a Senior Associate A.D. when he departed, was highly involved in the department's budgetary, marketing, development, licensing and Title IX compliance decision-making.

Athletically, Bates was a walk-on defensive back for Michigan from 1977-81. He played for then-Wolverine head football coach Bo Schembechler, a 1951 Miami alumnus and member of Miami's legendary Cradle of Coaches. In his four years as a player, the Wolverines won three Big Ten Championships, posted a record of 37-11-0 and played in three Rose Bowls and a Gator Bowl.

Bates and his wife, Michele, reside in Oxford.



## Steve Cady

*Sr. Associate Athletic Director*

Alma Mater: St. Lawrence '75  
Years at Miami: 34th Season



Steve Cady, an institution at Miami and one of the founders of its hockey program, serves as the women's basketball team's sport administrator. Cady, who is in his 33rd year at Miami University, has been serving as senior associate athletic director since 1998 and was elevated to the position of assistant vice president for finance and business services in that same year.

Cady served as the head coach of the Miami ice hockey team for nine seasons, including its first seven years of varsity status from 1978-85. During his tenure, Cady took his team to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs in 1983 and 1985. He compiled a 121-126-11 record in seven varsity years and a career mark of 157-147-12.

In addition to his contributions to Miami's hockey program, Cady's hard work can be seen all over campus as he has served as the chairman of the Athletic Facilities Master Plan Committee since 1995. During his time in that role, Miami's athletic classrooms have undergone a remarkable transformation, including new baseball, softball and field hockey facilities, plus the construction of the Walter L. Gross Jr. Family Student-Athlete Development Center, which houses Miami's weightroom and academic service offices. In addition, there has been a multi-million dollar upgrade to Yager Stadium, the home of Miami's football program.

The most recent addition to Miami's ever-growing roster of state-of-the-art facilities was the construction of a \$34-million ice arena that bears his name. Steve Cady Arena at the Goggin Ice Center, which opened in July 2006, serves as the home of both Miami's hockey and synchronized skating teams, and is undoubtedly one of the finest facilities of its kind in the nation.

Cady's body of work extends beyond the boundaries of Miami University and has impacted college athletics on a national level over the past quarter century. He was a member of the NCAA Ice Hockey Committee, finishing a stint as its chairman at the 2009 Frozen Four. He was on the tournament selection committee in 1984 and 1985 and has twice served as an on-site coordinator at an NCAA Ice Hockey Regional Tournament (1984, 1990).

In 1995 he was selected to serve a four-year term as a member of the NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee and was an integral part of the group that helped Miami University secure the bid to serve as the host institution for the 1996 NCAA Ice Hockey Frozen Four in Cincinnati.

Cady was inducted into the Miami Athletic Hall of Fame in October. A native of Madrid, N.Y., he and his wife, Sue, have two sons who graduated from Miami: Matthew ('04), an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the RedHawks, and Kevin ('09).



**Brad Bates**  
Athletics Director



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Deputy Athletics Director



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Sr. Assoc. Athletics Director



**Jennie Gilbert**  
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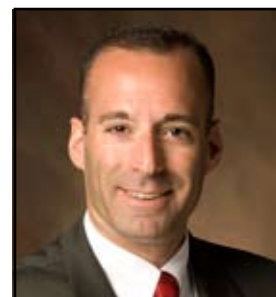
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