



# NOTRE DAME

## Women's Basketball 2011-12

2001 NCAA Champions • 2011 NCAA National Finalist  
1997 NCAA Final Four • 9 NCAA Sweet 16 Berths

### 2011-12 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

#### General Information

Location.....Notre Dame, Indiana 46556  
 Founded .....1842  
 Enrollment ..... 8,363 (undergraduate) / 11,731 (total)  
 Nickname ..... Fighting Irish  
 Colors .....Gold and Blue  
 Conference .....BIG EAST  
 Arena (capacity).....Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center (9,149)  
 President ..... Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.  
 Vice President/Athletics Director..... Jack Swarbrick  
 Senior Deputy Athletics Director/SWA .....Missy Conboy  
 Associate Athletics Director/WBB Administrator..... Jill Bodensteyner

#### Coaching Staff

Head Coach ..... Muffet McGraw (Saint Joseph's (Pa.) '77)  
 Record at Notre Dame.....556-211 (.725) / 25th season  
 Career Record .....644-252 (.719) / 30th season  
 Associate Head Coach.....Jonathan Tsipis (North Carolina '96)  
 Associate Coach ..... Carol Owens (Northern Illinois '90)  
 Assistant Coach .....Niele Ivey (Notre Dame '00)  
 Coordinator of Basketball Operations.... Stephanie Menio (Pittsburgh '04)  
 Associate Director of Operations & Technology  
 ..... Angie Potthoff (Penn State '97)  
 Administrative Assistant..... Tinaia Scott

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#### Basketball History

Seasons of Basketball..... entering 35th  
 First Season of Basketball (record) ..... 1977-78 (13-4)  
 All-Time Record..... 720-310 (.699)  
 Record at Purcell Pavilion/Joyce Center ..... 354-88 (.801)  
 Record in BIG EAST Conference..... 201-63 (.761)  
 NCAA Championship Appearances .....18  
 Most Recent Appearance (finish) ..... 2011 (National Finalist)  
 Best Finish.....National Champion (2001)

#### 2010-11 Season In Review

Overall Record..... 31-8  
 BIG EAST Conference Record (finish)..... 13-3 (tie-2nd)  
 BIG EAST Championship Results ..... Finalist  
 def. Louisville (63-53), quarterfinals  
 def. DePaul (71-67), semifinals  
 lost at Connecticut (64-73), championship  
 NCAA Championship ..... National Finalist  
 def. Utah (67-54), first round  
 def. Temple (77-64), second round  
 def. Oklahoma (78-53), regional semifinal  
 def. Tennessee (73-59), regional final  
 def. Connecticut (72-63), national semifinal  
 lost to Texas A&M (70-76), national championship  
 Final Poll Rankings ..... 9th (AP)/2nd (ESPN/USA Today)

#### 2011-12 Outlook Information

##### Monogram Winners Returning (9)

Natalie Novosel\*\*\* .....5-11, Sr., G, 15.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 1.9 spg.  
 Skylar Diggins\*\* .....5-9, Jr., G, 15.0 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 4.8 apg.  
 Devereaux Peters\*\*\*\* .....6-2, Grad., F, 11.9 ppg., 7.5 rpg., 1.7 bpg.  
 Kayla McBride\* ..... 5-11, So., G, 8.7 ppg., 3.3 rpg.  
 Brittany Mallory\*\*\*\* ..... 5-10, Grad., G, 7.1 ppg., 2.7 apg.  
 Natalie Achonwa\* .....6-3, So., F, 6.9 ppg., 5.3 rpg.  
 Kaila Turner\*\* ..... 5-8, Jr., G, 2.7 ppg., 1.7 apg.  
 Fraderica Miller\*\*\* .....5-10, Sr., G, 1.9 ppg., 2.1 rpg.  
 Ariel Braker\* .....6-1, So., F, 1.6 ppg., 2.2 rpg.  
 \* - monograms earned

##### Monogram Winners Graduated (2)

Becca Bruszewski\*\*\*\* ..... 6-1, F, 8.9 ppg., 5.3 rpg.  
 Mary Forr\* ..... 5-11, F, 1.5 ppg., 0.7 rpg.

##### Starters Returning (4)

Natalie Novosel\*\*\* .....5-11, Sr., G, 15.1 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 1.9 spg.  
 Skylar Diggins\*\* .....5-9, Jr., G, 15.0 ppg., 4.0 rpg., 4.8 apg.  
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##### Starters Graduated (1)

Becca Bruszewski\*\*\*\* ..... 6-1, F, 8.9 ppg., 5.3 rpg.

##### Incoming Freshmen (3)

Madison Cable .....5-11, G, Mt. Lebanon, Pa. (Mt. Lebanon HS)  
 Whitney Holloway..... 5-4, G, Plainfield, Ill. (Montini Catholic HS)  
 Markisha Wright... 6-2, F, Des Moines, Iowa (Des Moines East HS)

#### Media Information

Flagship Radio.....Pulse FM (96.9/92.1) in South Bend  
 Play-by-Play ..Bob Nagle (574-291-8200; bnagle@lesea.com)  
 Local Newspaper .....South Bend Tribune  
 Beat Writer..... Curt Rallo (574-235-6161, crallo@sbtinfo.com)





## 2011-12 NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ROSTERS

### Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.-Exp.	Hometown (High School)
4	Skylar Diggins	G	5-9	Jr.-2V	South Bend, Ind. (Washington)
11	Natalie Achonwa	F	6-3	So.-1V	Guelph, Ontario (St. Mary's Catholic)
12	Fraderica Miller	G	5-10	Sr.-3V	Atlanta, Ga. (The Marist School)
14	Devereaux Peters	F	6-2	Grad.-4V	Chicago, Ill. (Fenwick)
15	Kaila Turner	G	5-8	Jr.-2V	Joliet, Ill. (Marian Catholic)
21	Natalie Novosel	G	5-11	Sr.-3V	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
22	Brittany Mallory	G	5-10	Grad.-4V	Baltimore, Md. (McDonogh School)
23	Kayla McBride	G	5-11	So.-1V	Erie, Pa. (Villa Maria Academy)
44	Ariel Braker	F	6-1	So.-1V	Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. (Grosse Point North)
	Madison Cable	G	5-11	Fr.-HS	Mt. Lebanon, Pa. (Mt. Lebanon)
	Whitney Holloway	G	5-4	Fr.-HS	Plainfield, Ill. (Montini Catholic)
	Markisha Wright	F	6-2	Fr.-HS	Des Moines, Iowa (Des Moines East)

**NOTE:** players are listed by their academic class year

### Alphabetical Roster

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Jonathan Tsipis	Associate Head Coach	9th	North Carolina '96
Carol Owens	Associate Coach	12th*	Northern Illinois '90
Niele Ivey	Assistant Coach	5th	Notre Dame '00
Stephanie Menio	Coordinator of Basketball Ops.	7th	Pittsburgh '04
Angie Potthoff	Assoc. Dir. Ops./Technology	7th	Penn State '97

\* - Owens is in second season of second tenure at Notre Dame, having also served on staff from 1996-2005

### Pronunciation Guide

Natalie Achonwa	uh-CHAWN-wuh
Ariel Braker	BREAK-er
Niele Ivey	knee-ELL
Stephanie Menio	MANY-oh
Fraderica Miller	fruh-DARE-uh-kuh
Natalie Novosel	KNOW-vuh-sell
Devereaux Peters	DEV-er-oh
Kaila Turner	KAY-luh
Jonathan Tsipis	SIP-iss
Markisha Wright	marr-KEY-shuh
Guelph	GWELF
Joliet	joe-lee-ETT
McDonogh School	muck-DONE-uh
Montini Catholic	mon-TEE-knee

### Roster Breakdown

#### By Class

Seniors/Graduate Students.....	4
Juniors.....	2
Sophomores.....	3
Freshmen.....	3

#### By Position

Forwards.....	4
Guards.....	8

#### By State/Province

Illinois.....	3
Pennsylvania.....	2
Indiana.....	1
Iowa.....	1
Georgia.....	1
Kentucky.....	1
Maryland.....	1
Michigan.....	1
Ontario (Canada).....	1

#### By Height

Achonwa.....	6-3
Peters.....	6-2
Wright.....	6-2
Braker.....	6-1
Cable.....	5-11
McBride.....	5-11
Novosel.....	5-11
Mallory.....	5-10
Miller.....	5-10
Diggins.....	5-9
Turner.....	5-8
Holloway.....	5-4