





# MIKEANDERSON

**HEAD COACH - 6TH SEASON** 

The Razorback Nation welcomed home one of its own on March 23, 2011, when Mike Anderson was named the 12th head men's basketball coach in Arkansas history. Charged with bringing back the winning tradition that was synonymous with the Razorback program throughout the '80s and '90s, Anderson enters his sixth season at Arkansas and 15th year as a head coach in 2016-17.

After losing 72 percent of scoring production heading into the 2015-16 season, Anderson continued his history of developing players as Arkansas finished third in the Southeastern Conference in scoring at 78.2 points per game and paced the league in three-point field goal percentage, turnover margin and assist/turnover ratio. Despite dropping eight games by four points or less, Arkansas never wavered and caught fire toward the end of the season to win four of its final five regular season games and finish eighth in the SEC. The Razorbacks became one of five teams to post a .500 or better record in conference play each of the last four years.

A longtime assistant and associate head coach at Arkansas, Anderson spent a combined nine years as a head coach at the University of Alabama-Birmingham and the University of Missouri before returning to the Razorbacks.

One of just 10 current Division I head coaches with 10-plus years of experience and no losing seasons, Anderson's 14 years at the helm of a program have resulted in a 302-162 record, nine 20-win campaigns, seven NCAA Tournament appearances, two Sweet Sixteen berths and a run to the 2009 Elite Eight.

During his first five seasons at Arkansas, Anderson produced a 102-64 record and was the first head coach in program history to win 18 or more games in each of his first four years. Anderson has also re-established Bud Walton Arena as one of the toughest places to play and brought excitement back to the tradition-rich program. In his first five years, Arkansas has won 80 games (80-12) in Bud Walton Arena, including an arena-record 17 during each of his first three years. The 2012-13 squad posted just the third unbeaten SEC home record (9-0) in program history and the first since 1998. The success on-and-off the court has translated into fan support as Arkansas returned to the top 25 in national attendance the first four years, including No. 11 in 2014-15.

Fans caught a glimpse of the glory days in 2014-15, as the Razorbacks returned to both the NCAA Tournament and SEC Tournament championship game for the first time since 2008. Highlighted by a victory over Southern Conference champ Wofford in the second round of the NCAA Tournament and a program record six SEC road wins, Arkansas produced the sixth-most wins in program history with a 27-9 record. Of course, the uptempo style of play donned the "Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball" reached another level, as the Razorbacks led the SEC in five different statistical categories, including scoring (77.4), assists (16.1) and turnover margin (+3.8).

The 2014-15 campaign brought back memories of the 1990s, as Arkansas finished second in the SEC at 13-5 and spent eight weeks ranked in both the Associated Press Top 25 and USA Today Coaches Poll. Anderson's attention to detail in skill development helped sophomore Bobby Portis become just the second Razorback in program history to be named the SEC Player of the Year by both the Associated Press and league head coaches. Portis was the first Razorback to surpass 1,000 points and 500 rebounds as a sophomore and went on to become the 12th player in program history to be selected in the first round of the NBA Draft, when he went 22nd overall to the Chicago Bulls.

In 2013-14, the Razorbacks returned to the postseason for the first time since 2008 by earning a spot in the NIT. Improving its SEC Tournament seeding by two spots for the second straight year under Anderson, Arkansas finished fifth in the league standings at 10-8, while reaching the 20-win plateau (22-12) for the first time since the aforementioned 2007-08 campaign. Highlighting the 22-win season was the program's first season sweep of SEC rival Kentucky and a 5-1 mark against teams that advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament and NIT.

The Arkansas faithful witnessed the benefits of the coach Nolan Richardson-era style of play that Anderson teaches as the Razorbacks led the SEC in scoring (80.1), assists (15.3), steals (8.4) and turnover margin (+5.5), figures that all ranked in the top 30 in the nation. Individual development was also critical to Arkansas' improvement in 2013-14 as Bobby Portis became the sixth freshman in program history to earn All-SEC honors, snagging

a spot on the All-SEC second team, SEC All-Freshman squad and USBWA All-District VII team.

Anderson's ability to change the direction of programs is nothing new. He inherited a program at Missouri that had been sub-.500 for two consecutive years and within three seasons, Anderson rejuvenated the program and had the Tigers dancing toward the Sweet 16. He guided Missouri to an overall record of 111-56 (.665) in five years with 13 wins over ranked opponents, four NCAA Tournament victories and a 75-13 mark at home.

Adapting his style of play from his mentor and Hall of Fame coach, Nolan Richardson, Anderson's teams are known for playing "The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball." His up-tempo style and tough defense allowed Missouri to make the biggest turnaround in college basketball during the 2008-09 season, when the Tigers went from 16-16 in Anderson's second season to 31-7 a year later. The turnaround of the Missouri program was not lost on the national analysts as he was named the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) National Coach of the Year and the Clair Bee Coach of the Year in 2009 after he led the Tigers to the Big 12 Tournament championship and NCAA Tournament Elite Eight.

Anderson's "The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball" has resulted in his team's ranking among the nation's elite in multiple statistical categories, while compiling some staggering numbers that have resulted in opponents fearing the up-tempo style of play. Anderson's clubs have led the nation in steals four times and have been in the top 10 in steals nine of 15 years, while finishing in the top 30 in scoring eight times. Since 2002-03, Anderson's teams have accounted for five of the 28 team totals around the country of 350-plus steals in a season, while he has won the turnover battle in 382 of 464 career games.

The influence of "The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball" has been obvious in Anderson's return to Fayetteville as the Razorbacks finished in the top 10 in turnover margin and top 20 in steals during each of the last three seasons. Last season, Arkansas ranked in the top 25 nationally in assist/turnover ratio (18th), turnover margin (17th) and blocked shots per game (22nd).



#### **COACHING STAFF**





Anderson led Missouri to the NCAA Tournament during each of his final three years with the program. His 2008-09 squad marched all the way to the Elite Eight, defeating nationally-ranked Marquette and Memphis, before falling to Connecticut. He returned the Tigers to the postseason in 2009-10, leading Mizzou to the second round of the tournament and completed the trifecta with a second round exit in 2010-11.

Missouri's success was due in large part to Anderson and his coaching staff, who searched for the best talent available to fill the needs of "The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball." That search led to back-to-back Big 12 Newcomers of the Year, Missouri's first Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year and Sixth Man of the Year and multiple All-Big 12 honors. Missouri's 2010 recruiting class was the best in the Big 12 and ranked in the top 10 in the nation by every recruiting service.

Anderson's first head coaching stop was at UAB, where in four years he amassed an 89-41 (.685) record with the Blazers. His teams made four consecutive postseason appearances, including three NCAA Tournament runs. Anderson's 2003-04 squad went all the way to the Sweet 16 after it defeated No. 2 Kentucky in the second round.

He was named the Ray Meyer Conference USA Coach of the Year in 2004 after leading the Blazers to an overall record of 22-10 and a share of the league's regular season championship. UAB's first round NCAA Tournament victory over Washington was the Blazer's first since the 1986 season and the Sweet 16 run was the first since the 1980-81 season.

While many believed that UAB would be rebuilding following its run to the Sweet 16, Anderson and his coaches went back to work developing talent and recruiting, and produced a 22-11 record the following year. The Blazers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and defeated SEC Western Division champion LSU in the first round of the Big Dance.

Anderson's success at both UAB and Missouri made him the ideal candidate to fill Arkansas' coaching vacancy when it opened. A 10-day search ended when Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics Jeff Long made his hiring official on the evening of March 23, 2011.

"We are extremely excited to welcome home Mike Anderson to the University of Arkansas as our new head men's basketball coach," Long said. "Under Mike's leadership,



I am confident the Razorbacks will be successful in the future on-and-off the court. The decision to hire Mike Anderson as head coach is based on my firm belief that he is the right person to lead the Razorback program today and in the years to come."

A part of the history and tradition that is Arkansas basketball, Anderson was a volunteer assistant, assistant coach, recruiting coordinator and assistant head coach over 17 seasons with the Arkansas basketball program under Richardson. During that run, the Razorbacks made 15 postseason appearances, five Sweet 16's, four Elite Eights, three Final Fours, finished as national runner-up in 1995 and won the 1994 National Championship. Anderson was a part of perhaps the greatest run of basketball in Arkansas history as it matched many of the biggest names in the sport in total wins, NCAA Tournament appearances and Final Fours. The Razorbacks won five outright conference championships during his 17 years on the bench, an SEC Western Division title and Arkansas' only SEC Tournament championship in 2000.

Anderson's coaching career began as a volunteer assistant at his alma mater, Tulsa, where he worked with Richardson for three years before moving to Arkansas. His teams were 69-22 (.758) in those three seasons and earned two NCAA Tournament berths.

He played two seasons for Tulsa after transferring to the Golden Hurricane program from Jefferson (Ala.) Junior College. A two-year starter, Anderson averaged 12 points per game. His hard-nosed play helped Tulsa win the NIT Championship in 1981 and make the NCAA Tournament in 1982. He earned his bachelor's degree in education during the spring of '82 from Tulsa.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Anderson was an All-State and All-City guard at Jackson Olin High School. He averaged 19 points as a senior and took his team to the state semifinals as a junior.

Anderson and his wife Marcheita have three children; Darcheita, a real estate agent, Mike Jr., a former player for Coach A while at Missouri and Yvonne, who played for Texas and is currently playing in a professional league in Italy. Anderson and his wife are also known as Popi and Mimi to their four grandchildren: Aiyana, Miikayla, Laila and Anderson.



#### **COACHING STAFF**



**Born:** Dec. 12, 1959

Hometown: Birmingham, Ala. Alma Mater: Tulsa (1982)

Wife: Marcheita

Children: Darcheita, Michael Jr., Yvonne

Date Named Head Coach at Arkansas: March 23, 2011

#### **COACHING HISTORY**

2011-Present	.Arkansas, Head Coach
2006-11	.Missouri, Head Coach
2002-06	.UAB, Head Coach
2000-02	.Arkansas, Assistant Head Coach
1989-00	.Arkansas, Assistant Coach
1985-89	Arkansas, Volunteer Assistant Coach
1982-85	.Tulsa. Volunteer Assistant Coach

#### **HEAD COACHING EXPERIENCE**

Overall Record	.302-162	(14 Years)
Arkansas Record	.102-64	(Five Years)
Missouri Record	.111-57	(Five Years)
UAB Record	.89-41	(Four Years)

#### At Arkansas

2015-16	16-16	
2014-15	27-9	(NCAA, Third Round)
2013-14	22-12	(NIT, Second Round)
2012-13	19-13	

#### At Missouri

2011-12 ......18-14

2006-07.....18-12

2010-11	23-11	(NCAA Second Round)
2009-10	23-11	(NCAA Second Round)
2008-09	31-7	(NCAA Elite Eight)
2007-08	16-16	

#### At Alabama-Birmingham (UAB)

2005-06	24-7	(NCAA First Round)
2004-05	22-11	(NCAA Second Round)
2003-04	22-10	(NCAA Sweet 16, C-USA Co-Champs)
2002-03	21-13	(NIT Quarterfinals)

#### **COACHING HONORS**

#### At Missouri

2009 NABC National Coach of the Year 2009 Clair Bee Coach of the Year 2009 U.S. Olympic Trials coach

#### At UAB

2004 Conference USA Coach of the Year

#### **Player History**

1980-82.....Tulsa

- Two-year starter; averaged 12 points
- Led Tulsa to the 1981 NIT title
- Advanced to the 1982 NCAA Tournament

1978-80	Jefferson (Ala.) Junior College
1975-78	Jackson Olin (Ala.) High School







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at Arkansas:48-40
Home:88-27, 34-10 at Ark.
Away:45-69, 14-30 at Ark.
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Conference Tournaments: 13-13
at Arkansas:2-5
NCAA Tournaments: 8-7
at Arkansas:1-1
Scoring Below 50 Points:0-4
Home:0-0, 0-0 at Ark.
Away:
Neutral:0-0, 0-0 at Ark.
Scoring 50-59 Points:5-25
at Arkansas:3-11
Home:2-4, 2-0 at Ark.
Away:1-16, 0-10 at Ark.
Neutral:2-5, 1-1 at Ark.
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Scoring 60-69 Points:39-60
at Arkansas:13-27
Home:19-14, 9-5 at Ark.
Away:14-33, 3-16 at Ark.
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Scoring 70-79 Points:81-47
at Arkansas:29-14
Home: 50-12, 20-4 at Ark.
Away:23-22, 8-5 at Ark.
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Scoring 80-89 Points:108-24
at Arkansas:33-10
Home:80-7, 30-5 at Ark.
Away:12-14, 1-4 at Ark.
Neutral:16-3, 2-1 at Ark.
Scoring 90-99 Points:48-1
at Arkansas:16-0
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Away:3-1, 1-0 at Ark.
Neutral:1-0, 0-0 at Ark.
Scoring 100 or More Points: 21-1
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## MELVIN**WATKINS ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH**6TH SEASON

A coaching veteran at the highest levels, Melvin Watkins is in his sixth year as associate head coach with the Razorbacks in 2016-17. A 39-year coaching career for Watkins has seen him as a long-time assistant, associate head and head coach at Charlotte, Texas A&M and Missouri.

As Arkansas' recruiting coordinator and associate head coach, Watkins was retained on staff at Missouri when Anderson took the head coaching duties at the school before the 2004-05 season and a dynamic relationship formed. The Anderson-Watkins combination immediately turned Missouri into a winning program, as the team went 18-12 in their first year together. Two years later, Missouri danced into the Elite Eight and won the Big 12 Tournament, reaching heights the Tigers had not seen in many years.

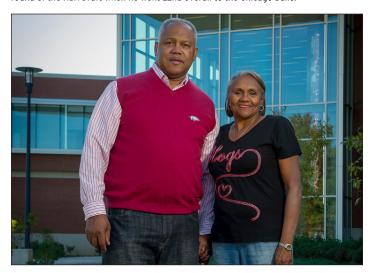
One of the best recruiters and assistants in the nation, Watkins was named the Top Assistant Coach in both 2009 and 2010 by Rivals.com as he helped Missouri advance to a pair of NCAA Tournaments, go a combined 54-18 and win the Big 12 Tournament Championship during those years.

Watkins' prowess on the recruiting trails has already made its impact at Arkansas, as the Razorbacks ushered in the No. 18 ranked recruiting class in 2013 according to ESPN.com which featured a pair of top-50 recruits.

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A stickler for recruiting players that are accountable both on the floor and in life, Watkins places heavy demand on his players' academic pursuits. While head coach at Texas A&M, 14 of the 17 players who completed their eligibility went on to earn degrees while the three who did not began their professional basketball careers early. His players during that time earned 15 Academic All-Big 12 First or Second Team honors.

Watkins joined the Missouri staff following an eight-year run as a head coach at both Texas A&M and his alma mater Charlotte. He spent six years roaming the sidelines for the Aggies between 1999 and 2004 and helped rebuild the struggling program. His efforts in recruiting landed him eight top 100 recruits, including Texas A&M's No. 4 all-time leading scorer Bernard King, 2005 NBA first round pick Antoine Wright and 2007 First Team All-American and former Chicago Bull Acie Law.

Prior to landing the head coaching job at Texas A&M, Watkins was the head coach at Charlotte for two seasons and led his team to a pair of 20-win campaigns and two NCAA Tournaments. After a 19-year stint with the 49ers as an assistant and associate head coach, Watkins was given the head coaching title for the 1997 season and led his squad to a 22-9 mark and second round appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The fantastic first year for Watkins earned him Conference USA Ray Meyer Coach of the Year honors, while his second year at the helm of the program saw him guide the 49ers to a record of 20-11, a Conference USA divisional championship and another second round NCAA Tournament run.

Charlotte fans knew about Watkins long before he took over the program, as he was an All-Conference point guard for the school from 1973-77 and led the 49ers to the Final Four in 1977. Watkins then served as an assistant coach at the school for 10 years before being promoted to associate head coach, a position that he served in for nine years. During his 19-year stint as an assistant and associate, Charlotte had three 20-win seasons, made five postseason tournaments and won three conference regular season and tournament championships. Watkins was involved in every 20-win season in Charlotte history before leaving the program for Texas A&M.

Following his standout career on the hardwood as a collegiate, Watkins was drafted by the Buffalo Braves in the fourth round of the 1977 draft. His No. 32 at Charlotte was retired following his senior season along with teammate Cedric Maxwell's No. 33.

Watkins's prep career at Reidsville High School saw him earn High School All-America honors as a senior in 1973. That season he acted as team captain and led his team to a state championship. Watkins was a three-year starter for Reidsville.

Along with his myriad duties as a coach, Watkins has found time to be an invaluable member of the Columbia, Missouri; College Station, Texas; and Charlotte, North Carolina, communities. He is an active participant in Habitat for Humanity "Home Building Project," was a co-chair of the Battered Women's Shelter and is a member of the "100 Black Men of Charlotte" organization, a nationally known group that mentors young people and raises funds to assist individuals in their efforts to go to college.

Watkins and his wife Burrell are the parents of two sons, Manuale and Marcus, and a daughter, Keia. Marcus played basketball for Missouri, while Keia is a graduate of the Missouri Medical School. Manuale is currently a senior guard for the Razorbacks. Watkins is also the grandfather to Nathan and Eli, Keia and her husband David's two sons.





TJCLEVELAND
ASSISTANT COACH
6TH SEASON

A former Razorback and one of the best young recruiters in the nation, TJ Cleveland returned to the University of Arkansas in 2011 and is entering his sixth year as an assistant coach in 2016-17.

A 14-year coaching and staff veteran since his playing days at Arkansas, Cleveland's career path back to Fayetteville mirrors that of his mentor, Mike Anderson.

A player for the Razorbacks from 1998-2002, Cleveland joined Anderson's staff at the University of Alabama-Birmingham upon graduation as a video coordinator, and was named an assistant coach prior to the 2005-06 season. Cleveland joined his former coach at Missouri for the 2006-07 season and in five seasons with the Tigers became known as a tireless worker and recruiter as well as one of the up-and-coming young coaches in the college game.

Following his third season with Missouri, Cleveland was asked to participate and was featured at Nike's Top Up & Coming Assistants Villa 7 Consortium. He has since been featured at Villa 7 five times.

Cleveland's efforts with the Razorback backcourt were visible immediately, as the Razorbacks improved their turnover margin by 200-percent, which moved them from 101st in the nation to 19th in a single season. In four of the last five years, Arkansas has led the SEC in both turnover margin and steals, statistical categories that are synonymous with Anderson's "The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball."

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Cleveland was instrumental in the recruitment and development of Bobby Portis, as the sophomore became just the second Razorback in program history to be named the SEC Player of the Year by both the Associated Press and league head coaches in 2014-15. Portis was the first Razorback to surpass 1,000 points and 500 rebounds as a sophomore and went on to become the 12th player in program history to be selected in the first round of the NBA Draft when he went 22nd overall to the Chicago Bulls.

During his tenure with Missouri, Cleveland worked predominantly with the Tigers' guards, and players flourished under his tutelage. In 2006-07, Cleveland's first season at Missouri, he mentored Stefhon Hannah to Big 12 Newcomer of the Year accolades. Another Cleveland trainee, J.T. Tiller, took Co-Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2008-09, and since there have been several Missouri players that either led or been at the top of the Big 12 and national rankings. He was also instrumental in the development of NBA first round pick DeMarre Carroll who was drafted by The Memphis Grizzlies and recently signed with the Toronto Raptors.

Executing Anderson's style of play from the guard position has been instrumental in the team success that Cleveland has enjoyed both as a player and coach. Missouri ranked second in the nation in turnover margin each of the last three seasons and led the nation in steals in 2010 (10.9 per game) and assists in 2009 (18.4 per contest). Cleveland's last team at Missouri ranked second in the nation in both steals per game (9.7) and turnover margin (5.4).

Cleveland's coaching career started at UAB where he worked his way up from video coordinator to assistant coach. In his one year as a coach with the Blazers, UAB advanced to the first round of the NCAA Tournament and ranked third in the nation in steals per game at 10.9 per contest. UAB also led Conference USA in assists, assist-turnover ratio, turnover margin and field goal percentage, while ranking second in scoring, scoring margin and steals. Former Blazer Carldell Johnson ranked ninth in the nation in assists per game that year with 6.3 per outing, while also ranking 20th with 2.6 steals per game.

During his time at UAB and Missouri, Cleveland worked with six eventual NBA players: Donell Taylor (Washington Wizards), Squeaky Johnson (New Orleans Hornets), first round draft pick DeMarre Carroll (Toronto Raptors), Kim English (Detroit Pistons), Marcus Denmon (San Antonio Spurs) and Phil Pressey (Boston Celtics). Cleveland was also a teammate of current Brooklyn Nets guard and NBA All-Star Joe Johnson, as well as Charlotte Hornets guard Jannero Pargo.

As a player for the Razorbacks, Cleveland was instrumental in Arkansas' run to the 2000 SEC Tournament title, the only SEC Tournament championship in school history. During Arkansas' four-day run to the tournament title, Cleveland scored 23 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, dished 10 assists and had 11 steals, all off the bench. His best game in the tournament came in the semifinals against LSU, when he had seven steals, which is the most by a Razorback against an SEC opponent in regular season or postseason play.

During Cleveland's four-year career at Arkansas, the Razorbacks compiled a 76-50 overall record and made three trips to the NCAA Tournament. A two-year captain, Cleveland led the team in steals three times in his four seasons in Fayetteville and currently ranks tied for fifth on Arkansas' all-time steals list with 226. Cleveland led the Razorbacks in assists two times and three-point percentage in 1999-2000. His 112 assists in SEC games ranks eighth on the Arkansas career charts, while he is ninth in career three-point field goal percentage.

As a prep player for Minor High School in Birmingham, Alabama, Cleveland was an All-State and All-Metro player as well as the MVP of the state tournament as a senior when he led his team to the state championship.

A 2002 graduate from Arkansas with a degree in communications, he is married to Ami (Watson) and the couple have twins: Caynen Thomas and Cayden James.





## SCOTTYTHURMAN ASSISTANT COACH 1ST SEASON

Responsible for one of the most memorable moments in Arkansas basketball history, Scotty Thurman is in his seventh year with the program and his first as an assistant coach under Mike Anderson in 2016-17.

After spending six years as the Director of Student-Athlete Development and two seasons as a radio analyst on the Razorback Sports Network, Thurman was elevated to an assistant coach role on May 11, 2016. As a member of the coaching staff, Thurman assists with recruiting, scouting reports and player development.

No stranger to Arkansas basketball, Thurman provided his signature moment in the final minute of the 1994 NCAA championship game when his three-pointer with 53 seconds remaining secured a 76-72 win over Duke.

Thurman returned to the Razorbacks in 2010-11, after successful professional and business careers to assist the student-athletes associated with the men's basketball program with their growth as individuals off the court. He was also charged with bridging the gap between Arkansas' current and former players. Those results are evident, as Razorback greats like Ronnie Brewer, Darrell Walker, Kareem Reid, and Todd Day, as well as others, have already heard the call of one of their own.

During his six years as Director of Student-Athlete Development, Thurman assisted with academics and was a member of the Razorback Foundation's External Operations Team and the Athletic Director's Diversity Council, as well as, the Never Yield steering committee.



As a player for the Razorbacks, Thurman's three years were some of the most decorated in program history, as he helped lead Arkansas to an 85-19 record over that span. The only player in Arkansas history to be named to the All-SEC first team three times, Thurman still ranks 10th on Arkansas' all-time scoring list with 1,650 points. He continues to hold Arkansas' single-season record for three-pointers in a season with 102 and ranks second on the career three-point chart with 267.

Following his first stint with the Razorbacks, Thurman played 11 seasons of professional basketball overseas in Lebanon, Greece, Cyprus and Italy. His successful pro career came to a close after the 2006 season and Little Rock, Arkansas, became his permanent home. There, he worked in the real estate field and, eventually, began working for Episcopal Collegiate School as Director of Community Relations, as well as being a teacher and coach

Thurman received a bachelor's degree from Philander Smith College in 2003 and his Masters in Secondary Education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2012. He and his wife Regina have two children, Scotty Jr., and Romani and one grandson, Isaiah. Scotty Jr. graduated from Arkansas in the spring of 2016 and was a member of the Razorback football team.







### MATTZIMMERMAN DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS 6TH SEASON

An Arkansas native and University of Arkansas graduate, Matt Zimmerman returned to his alma mater in 2011 and is in his sixth year with the Razorback men's basketball program in 2016-17.

After spending five years as a member of the coaching staff, Zimmerman is in his first year as the Director of Basketball Operations and will oversee the day-to-day operations of the program.

He will be involved in all facets of the program, including on-campus recruiting, studentathlete visits, team travel, summer camps and the budget.

A 20-year basketball coaching veteran at both the high school and collegiate ranks, Zimmerman has been with Mike Anderson for each of the past 14 seasons as an assistant with stops at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, the University of Missouri and now at the University of Arkansas.

Known for his tireless work ethic and recruiting, Zimmerman is a high-energy coach whose personality is infectious on the court. Over his 14 seasons on Anderson's staff, he has been a part of nine 20-win campaigns, seven NCAA Tournament appearances, two Sweet Sixteen berths and a run to the 2009 Elite Eight.

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Zimmerman's history of developing players was on full display in 2014-15, as sophomore Bobby Portis became just the second Razorback in program history to be named the SEC Player of the Year by both the Associated Press and league head coaches. Portis was the first Razorback to surpass 1,000 points and 500 rebounds as a sophomore and went on to become the 12th player in program history to be selected in the first round of the NBA Draft when he went 22nd overall to the Chicago Bulls.





Prior to coming to Arkansas, Zimmerman was an assistant at Missouri and helped the Tigers compile a 111-57 record in Columbia. While just 34-28 in his first two seasons, the individual improvements of the Tigers were evident in year three as Missouri was credited with the best turnaround in the nation in 2008-09, going 31-7 overall, winning the Tigers' first Big 12 Tournament Championship and advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight. That 2008-09 team's trip to the NCAA Tournament was the first of three straight postseason appearances for Missouri.

Working with both the guards and the posts, he takes great pride in the individual development of his players, and has watched some of his protégés at Missouri, DeMarre Carroll, Phil Pressey, Kim English and Marcus Denmon become some of the best players in Tiger history. Denmon completed his Missouri career as the second-best three-point shooter in school history, while English earned All-Big 12 honors and was joined by Denmon in the backcourt to create one of the most feared guard tandems in recent memory in the Big 12 Conference.

Zimmerman's first collegiate coaching position was at UAB when he joined Anderson for his first season with the Blazers in 2002-03. In four seasons, UAB advanced to four postseason tournaments, including three straight NCAA bids and a dramatic Sweet Sixteen run in 2004. That year, the Blazers knocked off No. 1 seed Kentucky after defeating Washington in the first round. Along with its postseason accomplishments, UAB also won a share of the Conference USA championship in 2004 with its impressive 12-4 league record.

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Zimmerman's coaching career began in the high school ranks in Arkansas where he spent seven years as a head coach at both Dardanelle High School and Planview-Rover High School. He amassed an impressive 74-46 record as the head coach at Dardanelle over four seasons and guided his team in 2000 to the quarterfinals of the Class AAA State Tournament. The Sand Lizards ended the 2000 season with a record of 24-11 and a No. 7 ranking. After a 17-10 record and state tournament appearance in 2001, Zimmerman led his team to a District 4A Tournament championship in 2002 with an 18-12 record. He earned District Coach of the Year honors in each of his final three seasons and was named the KARV Dream Team Coach of the Year and River Valley Radio Coach of the Year in 2000.

As the head coach and athletics director at Planview-Rover, Zimmerman led the Panthers to three conference championships and was selected as the 4A South Conference's Outstanding Boys Coach in 1996. His girls' team competed in the 1997 State Tournament and finished with a state ranking of No. 10.

A veteran of "The Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball" style that Anderson employs, Zimmerman learned the basics of the system when he was a manager for his alma mater and Naismith Hall of Fame head coach Nolan Richardson. In his three years working with the Razorbacks, Arkansas won two Southwest Conference (SWC) Championships, two SWC Tournament titles and made three NCAA Tournament appearances. He was a part of Arkansas' 1990 Final Four team which ended the year 30-5. He also assisted with Razorback Basketball Camps throughout his tenure as manager and high school coach.

A 1990 graduate of Arkansas with a degree in physical education and four years in the ROTC, Zimmerman joined the United States Army after he earned his degree. He would spend five years in the military, earning the rank of Captain, graduating from Airborne School in 1991 and serving with the 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) from 1991-95. His other experiences in the military included Platoon Leader, Shop Officer, Company Executive Office and Battalion Adjutant.





### JEFF**DANIELS DIRECTOR OF S-A DEVELOPMENT**6TH SEASON

Jeff Daniels is in his sixth year with the Razorbacks in 2016-17 and enters his first season as the Director of Student-Athlete Development. A veteran of the game, Daniels came to Arkansas after spending five years on head coach Mike Anderson's staff at Missouri.

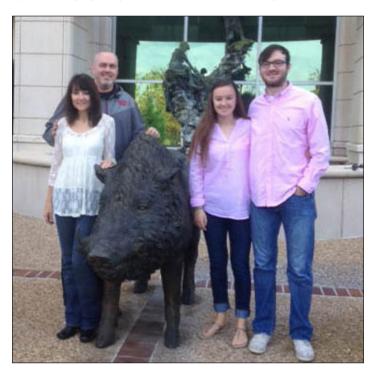
Daniels spent the last five years as the Director of Basketball Operations, before transitioned into the Director of Student-Athlete Development for the 2016-17 season. In his new role, Daniels will be charged with coordinating programs to enhance personal and career development of the student-athletes, while engaging the players in community service efforts.

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The 2014-15 campaign saw Arkansas return to its glory days of the 1990s, as the Razorbacks returned to both the NCAA Tournament and SEC Tournament championship game for the first time since 2008. Highlighted by a victory over Southern Conference champ Wofford in the NCAA Tournament second round and a program record six SEC road wins, Arkansas produced the sixth-most wins in program history with a 27-9 record.

In 2013-14, the Razorbacks returned to the postseason for the first time since 2008, by earning a spot in the NIT. Arkansas finished fifth in the league standings at 10-8 while reaching the 20-win plateau (22-12) for the first time since the aforementioned 2007-08 campaign. Highlighting the 22-win season was the program's first-ever season sweep of SEC rival Kentucky and a 5-1 mark against teams that advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament and NIT.

Daniels has been with Anderson for the past 11 years, one at Alabama-Birmingham, five at Missouri and the last five at Arkansas. Over his 11 years on Anderson's staff, he has been a part of nine winning campaigns, six 20-win seasons and five NCAA Tournament appearances, highlighted by a 31-win season and run to the Elite Eight in 2009 at Missouri.



Daniels joined his longtime friend at the Division I level after a 10-year coaching career at Montevallo and Division II Valdosta State. His coaching career at his alma mater, Montevallo, began in 1995 when he was named the program's fifth head coach. His teams were well known for their defensive prowess and he guided the Falcons to steady improvements throughout his tenure. He was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year in 2002 before accepting a position as associate head coach at Valdosta State in 2003.

In two seasons with Valdosta State, the Blazers went 43-13, won a Gulf South Conference championship and ranked as high as No. 3 in the nation. Daniels defensive mindset was instilled in the Blazers arsenal and Valdosta State ranked No. 1 in the nation in field goal percentage defense each of his two years with the program.

Daniels' coaching career began as a graduate assistant coach at Montevallo. He spent two years as a graduate assistant before accepting the full-time assistant position in 1986 on Rob Spivery's staff, helping guide the Falcons to its most successful stint in the program's history. Daniels first met Anderson during his junior college playing days as the two began their post-high school careers at Jefferson State Community College in 1979-80. The teammates reached the National Junior College Athletic Association's national title game, losing to a Nolan Richardson coached Western Texas team.

Following his junior college days, Daniels began a two-year playing career at Montevallo. Daniels was awarded the Dean's Trophy for scholastic achievement as a junior and was named a captain prior to his senior campaign.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, Daniels attended Huffman High School. He and his wife, Robbie, have two children, son Andrew (20) and daughter, Makenzie (16).







### LEEMAYBERRY SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE HC 3RD SEASON

One of the most decorated players in program history who was a key part of Arkansas' highly-successful transition from the Southwest Conference (SWC) to the Southeastern Conference (SEC), Lee Mayberry returned to join head

coach Mike Anderson's staff and is in his third year back with the program in 2016-17.

A first round pick by the Milwaukee Bucks in the 1992 NBA Draft, Mayberry had a sevenyear career in the NBA following his illustrious four years at Arkansas. He returned to finish his undergraduate degree in American Studies in 2014-15 and has stayed on staff after receiving his diploma. He was recently announced as a member of the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame and was inducted on Oct. 24, 2016.

Recruited and coached by Naismith Hall Of Fame inductee Nolan Richardson, Mayberry teamed with fellow 1992 NBA first round draft picks Todd Day and Oliver Miller to lead Arkansas to a 115-24 overall record, four straight conference titles (3 SWC & 1 SEC) and four NCAA Tournament appearances, highlighted by the run to the Final Four in 1990.

Mayberry's legacy is visible all over the Razorback record book, as he still holds the program record for career steals (291) while ranking second in assists (729) and third in points (1,940).

An All-SEC first team selection following Arkansas' first year in the league, Mayberry was also a two-time All-SWC first team honoree. Mayberry and the Razorbacks left the SWC in style, winning three straight league titles with a combined record of 42-6 before taking the SEC regular season crown in 1991-92 with a 13-3 mark.

Selected in the first round of the 1992 NBA Draft by the Bucks along with Day, Mayberry spent his first four years with Milwaukee and played in 328 consecutive games to open his career. His final three years in the NBA came with the Vancouver Grizzlies as he accumulated over 2,500 points and 1,700 assists over his seven seasons as a pro.

Following his NBA career, Mayberry became a mentor in the National Basketball Developmental League (NBDL) for three years before becoming an NBA Scout for the Golden State Warriors from 2011-2013. Mayberry is the Co-owner of the Playing With Basketball program. The faith-based program teaches youth the basics of basketball and stresses the importance of quality.

Mayberry is a native of Tulsa, Oklahoma and graduated from Will Rogers High School where he won a state championship in 1988. He is married to his high school sweetheart Marla and together they have five daughters: Taleya, Kaylan, Maya, Wyvette and Rhyian.











WILLBARTLETT VIDEO COORDINATOR 6TH SEASON

Will Bartlett joined the Razorbacks in the summer of 2011 following the hiring of head coach Mike Anderson and is in his sixth year with the program in 2016-17.

No stranger to Anderson's "Fastest 40 Minutes in Basketball," Bartlett worked with Anderson for five years as a student manager and graduate assistant at Missouri before taking Arkansas' Coordinator of Basketball Operations position prior to the 2011-12 season. Bartlett was promoted to the role of Video Coordinator in fall of 2013.

In his current role, Bartlett is in charge of collecting game tapes, breaking down practice and game footage for instructional use and organizing scouting video for the Razorback coaching staff.

After earning his undergraduate degree, Bartlett was retained by Anderson and his staff to work as a graduate assistant at Missouri. In that role, he coordinated film exchange, organized the video editing, assisted with scouting reports, oversaw the recruiting database and helped to organize summer camps.

Prior to his increased role, Bartlett was the head student manager at Missouri and helped coordinate visiting team practices, supervised campers at summer camps, set up a training program for new managers, organized practice equipment and assisted coaches with drills and workouts.

A 2009 graduate of Missouri with a degree in psychology, he also graduated with a master's degree in parks and recreation from Missouri in the spring of 2011. He was a multi-semester member of the Dean's List as an undergraduate and graduated in the top 15 percent of his class when he earned his master's degree.

A native of Macomb, III., Bartlett is the son of David and Martha Bartlett. He was a fouryear letterwinner in soccer, basketball and baseball at Macomb High School. He married the former Ashton McAllister on June 4, 2016 and the couple resides in Fayetteville.





ADAMPETWAY
HEAD STRENGTH COACH
3RD SEASON

Adam Petway begins his fourth year with Arkansas men's basketball in 2016-17, and his third as the head strength and conditioning coach after being promoted from an assistant in the summer of 2014.

Petway oversees all aspects of the Arkansas men's basketball strength and conditioning program, including its unique performance training for head coach Mike Anderson's uptempo style and nutritional guidelines.

In his time with the Razorbacks, Petway has worked diligently to ensure that his strength and conditioning style reflects Anderson's expectations. Aligning with the #Fastest40 mantra, Petway's workouts are explosive and fast. Petway's training platform is functionally bent and is specific to demands of the game and to the athlete's needs. He works closely with each player to develop individualized strength and conditioning programs.

Prior to joining Anderson and his staff at Arkansas, Petway spent two years as a basketball performance intern at Maryland. While in College Park, Md., Petway worked alongside Kyle Tarp and helped run all workouts in the then-new performance center and monitored each athlete's nutrition and post-workout supplementation.

Petway was also a key contributor in the player development aspect of Maryland's strength and conditioning program, and was mentored by David Adkins who is now the player development assistant for the Washington Wizards.

The Atlanta, Georgia, native earned his degree from the United States Sports Academy in Sports Science in 2013.







DAVE**ENGLAND**HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER
31ST SEASON

Dave England has been a full-time athletic trainer with the Razorbacks since 1984 and he is currently the head athletic trainer for the Arkansas men's basketball program. He also works with baseball, men's and women's tennis, men's golf and the Razorback spirit squads.

In 2016, he was honored by the Southeastern Conference with the Chris Patrick Award, an honor handed out annually to the most outstanding athletic trainer in the SEC. In 2004, England received the District 6 Athletic Trainer Service Award from the National Athletic Trainers Association. He was honored in 2000 as the Arkansas Athletic Trainers' Association Trainer of the Year.

England also worked at Arkansas as a student and graduate assistant athletic trainer. He returned to Fayetteville, Arkansas following a stint in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

A 1980 graduate of Arkansas with a Bachelor's of Science degree in education, England worked the 1976 Cotton Bowl and the 1978 Orange Bowl football games as a student athletic trainer. He was a graduate assistant for Dean Weber in 1980-81 and went with the Hogs to the 1980 Hall of Fame Bowl. He also worked with baseball as a student and graduate assistant.

After spending some time in the lower levels of the Cardinals organization, he worked his way up to the position of head trainer for the Cardinals' Double-A team in Little Rock, Arkansas. He returned to the Razorbacks in January 1984 as an assistant and was promoted to head athletic trainer in 1989.

While working with Razorback Basketball, England has been to 17 NCAA tournaments and two NITs. He's made three trips to the Final Four and worked with the 1994 NCAA champions and the 1995 national runner-up. He returned to the College World Series with Razorback Baseball in 1985 and 1987.

While working with football, he has been to the Liberty and Cotton bowls twice, along with trips to the Orange, Holiday and Hall of Fame bowls.

One of the founding members of the Arkansas Athletic Trainers' Association in 1987, England was inducted into the AATA Hall of Fame in 1999.

England has two daughters -- Jennifer and Alyson -- and two granddaughters, Ellie and Sadie. He is married to the former Heather Cullum, the director of guest services for the Razorback Athletic Department.





KIKKOHAYDAR GRADUATE ASSISTANT 2ND SEASON

Kikko Haydar is in his second year as a graduate assistant with the Razorback men's basketball program in 2016-17. He played overseas with Hekmeh Basketball Club in Lebanon for one season after graduating from Arkansas in 2014 with a degree in Kinesiology.

Haydar was a four-year letterwinner for the Razorbacks from 2011-14, playing in 63 games with four career starts. He scored 171 points, including a career-high 15 on 4-of-7 field goals, 3-of-6 from beyond the arc and 4-of-4 from the line in a 81-70 win over LSU on Feb. 1, 2014.

He was a team captain for his junior season. Haydar was also a three-time UA Athletic Director's List, a two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll and a UA Academic Champion as a freshman. He earned the SEC Community Service Award as a junior and was only the third student-athlete in Arkansas history to earn a Bodenhamer Fellowship.

Haydar is the son of Adnan and Paula Haydar, who are both professors at Arkansas. He is pursuing an MBA.



### RILEY**HALL**GRADUATE ASSISTANT 1ST SEASON

Riley Hall is in his first year as a graduate assistant with the Razorback men's basketball program in 2016-17. Prior to coming on staff, Hall served has a student manager from 2013-16

In his current position, Hall oversees all student managers, supervises practice preparations, directs and sends mailouts for current and future recruits and reviews film breakdown/scouting reports for potential opponents.

The Bryant, Arkansas native graduated from the University of Arkansas in May 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. He is currently pursuing a masters in recreation and sport management.





## TERRYMERCER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT 39TH SEASON

A major component of the University of Arkansas basketball program, Terry Mercer is in her 39th year as the executive assistant for Razorback basketball in 2016-17. Her friendly demeanor welcomes visitors to the offices at the brand new Basketball Performance Center.

Mercer, whose career has spanned five head coaches, was one of the first people to welcome Mike Anderson back to Fayetteville as the two spent 17 years together in his first stint with the program.

She handles all correspondence for coach Anderson and helps with the administrative details of the Mike Anderson Razorback's Basketball Camp in addition to organizing Anderson's hectic schedule. Other duties include coordinating coach Anderson's speaking engagements and handling the day-to-day business for associate head coach Melvin Watkins.

Mercer has enjoyed the success of the Razorback program, making four trips to the Final Four and 23 NCAA Tournament excursions.

A native of Princeton, N.C., she graduated from Saratoga High School in 1972, she worked for Southern Piping Company in Wilson, N.C., for six years before her husband, Elton, was transferred to Fayetteville.

She and Elton have a daughter, Heather (Husband Ryan), a son, Jacob (Wife Danielle), and four granddaughters Caitlyn (14), Kenleigh (11), Lauren (15) and Laney (8).



AMANDACREAMER
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
6TH SEASON

Amanda Creamer is in her sixth year with the Razorbacks as an executive assistant in 2016-17. Joining the University for a second time, Creamer was a student at Arkansas and later assisted with the recruiting efforts and summer

camps for three years before leaving, only to return when Mike Ánderson was named head coach.

Prior to returning to her alma mater, Creamer was the executive assistant to Mike Anderson at Missouri. With the Tigers she maintained the day-to-day aspects of the office, handled coach Anderson's schedule and oversaw student workers, among other duties

Creamer was the office manager for the women's basketball team at Alabama-Birmingham (UAB) for two years before moving to Columbia. In that capacity, she assisted with the statistical crew for home games along with her other day-to-day tasks for the Blazers and their Dragon Club.

A native of Harrison, Ark., Creamer earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from Arkansas in 2000 and is close to earning her masters in the same discipline. In six years with the Razorbacks, she worked as a student assistant in the Women's Communications Office as well as an intern in the men's Sports Information Office. She began her work with men's basketball during the summer of 2001.

In addition to her work in athletic departments, Creamer has also worked with the Columbia (Mo.) Chamber of Commerce in various capacities.

### THE MANAGERS



**Tyler Sobey** Senior | 4th Year New Diana, Texas



**Velton Kennedy** Senior | 3rd Year Little Rock, Arkansas



**Glen McGann** Senior | 3rd Year St. Charles, Missouri



**J.T. Plummer**Junior | 3rd Year
San Antonio, Texas



Blake Rudolph Senior | 3rd Year Chesterfield, Missouri



Jacob Leonard Sophomore | 1st Year Flippin, Arkansas