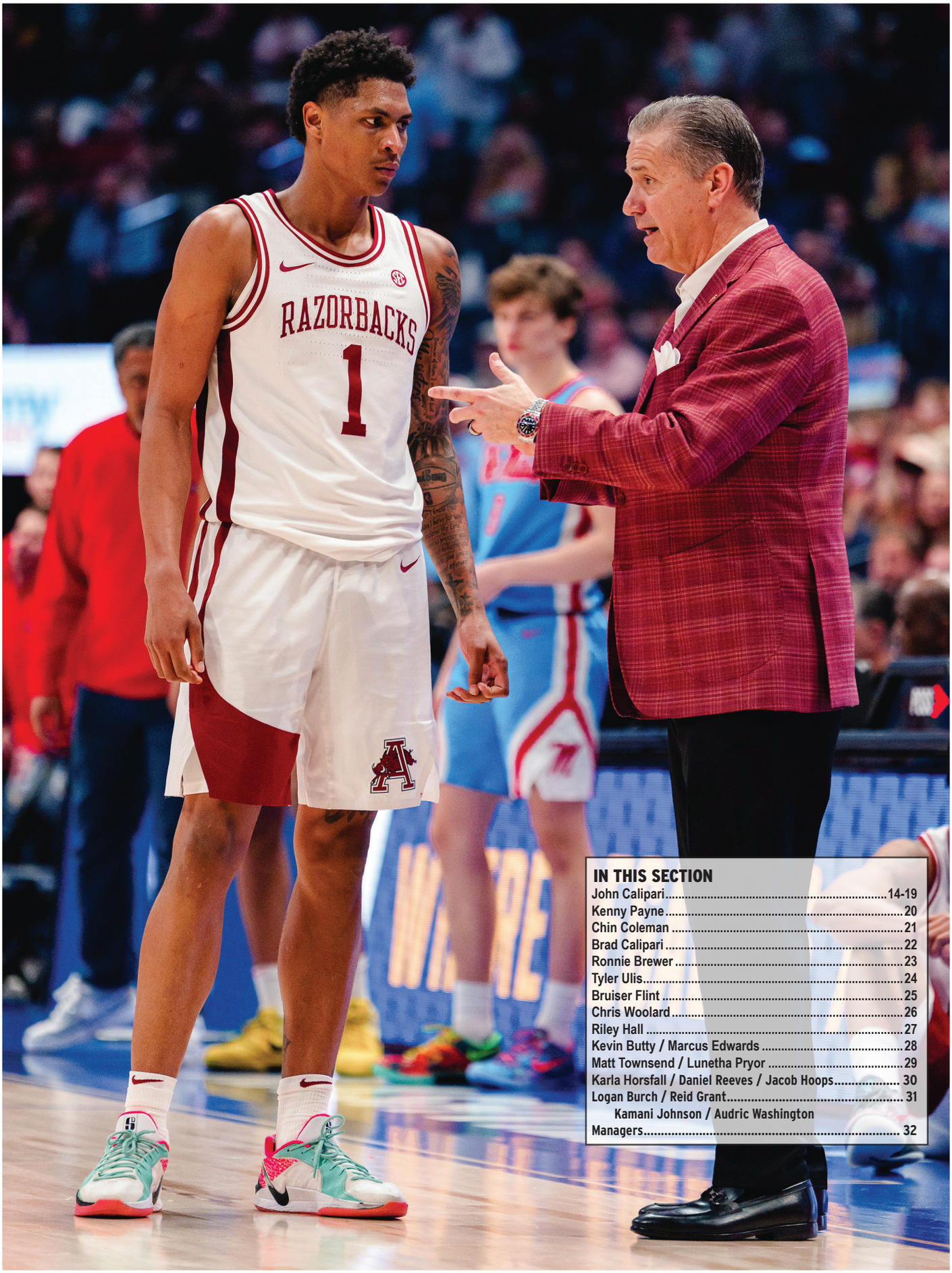


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JOHN CALIPARI
ARKANSAS HEAD COACH
Clarion, 1982

- **2015 NAISMITH BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**
- **5x NCAA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR** ('96, '08, '09, '10, '15)
  - *^ 3x Naismith (1996, 2008, 2015)*
  - *^ 3x NABC (1996, 2009, 2015)*
  - *^ 2x Basketball Times (1996, 2015)*
  - *^ 2x Adolph Rupp Cup (2010, 2015)*
  - *^ AP (2015)*
  - *^ Jim Phelan (2009)*
  - *^ Sports Illustrated (2009)*
- 4x SEC Coach of the Year (2010, 2012, 2015, 2020)
- 3x C-USA Coach of the Year (2006, 2008, 2009)
- 3x A10 Coach of the Year (1993, 1994, 1996)

ON-COURT SUCCESS

A "players-first" coach whose biggest goal is helping people reach their dreams, John Calipari, a Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Famer, reached 900 career wins with an overtime in the 2025-26 regular-season finale, while guiding six teams to the Final Four and helping 65 players earn selection in the NBA Draft during his 34-year college coaching career with his pros amassing over $5.8 billion in contracts.

Calipari, a member of six Halls of Fame overall, took UMass to the Final Four in 1996, guided Memphis to the National Championship game in 2008 and led Kentucky to four Final Fours - including the 2012 National Championship and a runner-up finish in 2014 - to become **only the second coach in NCAA history to lead three different schools to the Final Four**. He has racked up 24 NCAA Tournament appearances and numerous National Coach of the Year honors.

In his first two years at Arkansas, Calipari led the Razorbacks to a back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances and **became just the third coach in NCAA history to take four programs to the Sweet 16**. He win the 2026 SEC Tournament Championship for his 16th conference tourney title and become **the first coach to win SEC championships at two different schools**. Coach Cal helped Darius Acuff Jr. become the most decorated player in school history as he was a finalist for the 2026 National Player of the Year, the Bob Cousy Award winner, unanimous first team All-America and SEC Player of the Year.

At every collegiate stop, Calipari's career has been successful throughout, but his 10-year stretch at Kentucky (2009-19) was among the best decades in NCAA history, reaching four Final Fours (with a 2012 championship and 2014 national runner-up), seven Elite 8 berths and nine trips to the Sweet 16.

The 2015 campaign was highlighted by Coach Cal directing the first-ever college basketball team to own a 38-0 record (before falling in the Final Four) and became one of just three coaches to make four Final Fours in a five-year span. At the end of that 2015 season, Calipari became the 96th coach to join the **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame**.

Coach Cal has **led three teams to an NCAA-record 38 wins on the court in a season** (once at Memphis and twice at Kentucky), led the NCAA in wins six times (at least once at UMass, Memphis and Kentucky) and tallied 30, 20-win seasons (including 11 30-win campaigns). With his sustained success, Coach Cal received the John R. Wooden Award Legends of Coaching honor in 2024.

While building a program out of obscurity at UMass and returning Memphis and Kentucky to national contenders, he has totaled the second-most wins in NCAA history in the first 20 years of a college coaching career.

PLAYER SUCCESS

In his goal to lead a players-first program, he has helped **77 players realize their dreams by being drafted or playing in the NBA**. Calipari's NBA players have **amassed over $6 billion in contracts**, which does not include endorsements nor players that have played overseas. He has had four No. 1 overall picks, tying for most overall, among his **62 players drafted and 43 first-round picks**, both ranking second-most all-time. In 2010, he had a record five first-round draft picks. Two years later, six of his players heard their names called at the 2012 draft, the most in the two-round draft era. Then in 2015, Cal would have six picks again, including a record-tying four lottery selections.

Calipari's players have entered the league NBA-ready. His players have garnered 43 All-Star selections, including a record-breaking seven in 2024, with Anthony Davis winning the game's MVP honor in 2017. **Derrick Rose was named NBA MVP in 2011 and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander was voted NBA MVP in 2025 and 2026 to make Cal just the third person to coach two NBA MVPs in college** (with John Wooden and Dean Smith). Nine of his players have been tabbed All-NBA (a combined 21 times), three have been named NBA Rookie of the Year and 18 players have made the NBA All-Rookie teams. **He is the only coach in history to have a player win each of the NBA's major honors: MVP (three times), Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Player, Sixth Man of the Year (twice) and Clutch Player of the Year (twice)**.

Much like he did at UMass, where his players graduated at nearly 80%, Calipari has stressed academics. Seventeen of his last 20 seniors at Memphis earned their bachelor's degrees, and all 31 players at UK who were eligible to graduate by the end of their senior years walked away with a diploma in hand, including five players who earned their degree in just three years. Calipari's teams routinely have posted a combined team grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

COMMUNITY SUCCESS

Calipari has raised millions of dollars to help the lives of those in need. He has had a particular passion to assist those impacted by natural disasters. For instance, in 2010, he used a telethon to raise more than $1 million for victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. He followed that up with telethons in 2012, raising $1 million for victims of Superstorm Sandy, in 2017 for victims of Hurricane Harvey, played a leading role in the "Kentucky United" efforts that generated more than $5 million for victims of devastating tornadoes in Western Kentucky in 2021, and raised nearly $4 million with the Kentucky Flood Relief Telethon and open practice at Rupp Arena in 2022. In his second month on the job at Arkansas, Cal helped with cleanup efforts after tornadoes hit the state. He has continued the Suits & Sneakers Gala in NW Arkansas and continued his tradition of helping families at Christmas with food, presents and paying for rent.

Calipari launched his **THE CALIPARI FOUNDATION** in 2012 and has worked with several key partners to donate more than $1.5 million, a figure that does not include matching funds that have been contributed from individuals and corporations. In 2013, Calipari initiated hosting an annual alumni weekend around his basketball fantasy experience with the intent to raise money for charity. After generating $350,000 for selected organizations and charities during the inaugural game, the weekend has generated millions of dollars for charity since its inception.

In 2019, when federal workers were without pay due to a government shutdown, he, his wife and his foundation assisted workers with financial help and grocery gift cards. He and his wife, Ellen, teamed up with Fayette County Public Schools to help families in need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional efforts include spearheading the creation of the **JOHN McLENDON MINORITY LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE**, a nationwide coach-driven initiative to provide minorities a jump-start to their careers through practical experiences, opportunities to build their network and instilling the values of John McLendon: integrity, education, leadership and mentorship. Participants in the initiative will be known as MLI Future Leaders. **In 2026, the McLendon Foundation honored Coach Calipari with the 2026 Legacy of Impact Award.**

He was awarded the Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service in Sports by Multiplying Good in 2022. For more than 50 years, Multiplying Good has honored those who put others first. Those receiving the Jefferson Award are empowered to do more, while their stories of extraordinary public service inspire others to action. It is an award that underscores impact. He earned the Race Amity Medal of Honor in 2023.

OTHER SUCCESS

In 2017, Coach Cal was named the head coach of the 2017 USA Basketball Men's U19 World Cup Team, which finished third at the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup in Cairo. Also, he won gold as head coach of the 2012Dominican Republic team at the Centrobasket Championship.

Author of five books, including the New York Times Best Seller "Players First: Coaching from the Inside Out," Calipari is a master of communication and maximizing talent. He lives by the motto that "**it's never a matter of how far you have fallen, but instead it's about how high you bounce back.**"

CALIPARI COMPOSITE COACHING RECORD

			Overall	Conf.
COLLEGIATE		**34 Years**	**905-286**	**427-146**
UMass	1988-96	8 years	193-71	91-41
Memphis	2000-09	9 years	252-69	117-25
Kentucky	2009-24	15 years	410-123	198-65
ARKANSAS	**2024-pres.**	**2 years**	**50-23**	**21-15**
PROFESSIONAL		**3 Years**	**72-112**	
New Jersey	1996-99	3 years	72-112	
INTERNATIONAL		**3 Years**	**20-8**	
Dominican Republic	2011-12	2 years	15-7	
USA U-19	2017	1 year	5-1	

CALIPARI FILE

QUICK FACTS

Born: February 10, 1959
Hometown: Moon Township, Pa. (Moon Area HS, 1978)
Collegiate Career: UNC Wilmington (1978-80); Clarion (1980-82)
Alma Mater: Clarion State, 1982 (Business Marketing)
Family: Wife: Ellen. Children: Erin, Megan, Brad

COACHING CAREER

1982-85 Kansas (Associate Assistant Coach)
1985-88 Pittsburgh (Assistant Coach)
1988-96 UMass (Head Coach)
1996-99 New Jersey Nets (Head Coach & Exec. VP of BB Ops)
1999-00 Philadelphia 76ers (Assistant Coach)
2000-09 Memphis (Head Coach)
2000-24 Kentucky (Head Coach)
2024-pres. Arkansas (Head Coach)

COACHING AWARDS

2026 McLendon Foundation's Legacy of Impact Award
2024 NABC John R. Wooden Award "Legends of Coaching"
President of the NABC Board of Directors (2024-25)
2023 Race Amity Medal of Honor
2022 Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service in Sports
2022 Conference USA Hall of Fame
2021 NABC Guardians of the Game Pillar Award - Inclusion
NABC District 20 Coach of the Year
USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
2020 SEC Coach of the Year (Coaches)
2019 The Sporting News Coach of the Decade
2018 Naismith Hall of Fame 'Service Above Self' Honoree
NABC Metropolitan Award
2015 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee
AP National Coach of the Year
Naismith National Coach of the Year
NABC National Coach of the Year
The Sporting News National Coach of the Year
Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
Basketball Times National Coach of the Year
SEC Coach of the Year (AP/Coaches)
USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
2012 Nell & John Wooden Coach of the Year Leadership Award
Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
SEC Coach of the Year (AP/Coaches)
2010 Adolph Rupp National Coach of the Year
Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
SEC Coach of the Year (AP)
Sporting News SEC Coach of the Year
Yahoo! Sports SEC Coach of the Year
USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
2009 NABC National Co-Coach of the Year
Sports Illustrated National Coach of the Year
Phelan National Coach of the Year
Iba National Coach of the Year Finalist
C-USA Coach of the Year
2008 Naismith National Coach of the Year
C-USA Coach of the Year
Iba National Coach of the Year Finalist
Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
2007 Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist
USBWA District IV Coach of the Year
Basketball Times South Region Coach of the Year
2006 C-USA Coach of the Year
2004 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year
1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year
NABC National Coach of the Year
The Sporting News National Coach of the Year
Basketball Times National Coach of the Year
Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
1995 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
1994 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist
Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
1993 USBWA District I Coach of the Year
Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
1992 Eastern Basketball Coach of the Year



Naismith Hall of Fame coach John Calipari, who has led six teams to the Final Four, was named the 14th Razorback head men's basketball coach on April 10, 2024. Overall, the 2026-27 season will be his 35th as a collegiate head coach and third at Arkansas.

Calipari is one of the most successful and decorated coaches in college basketball history, having been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015 while being inducted into five additional Halls of Fame. However, he takes the greatest pride in the success his players experience in college, in professional basketball and life after their playing days are over.

Calipari has coached 65 players to be selected in the NBA Draft – 44 first-round picks, including 30 among the top 15 and four as the overall first pick – during his 34-year coaching career. In 2025 and 2026, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander was named NBA MVP, joining former Calipari pupil Derrick Rose as 2011 MVP. Coach Cal is just the third person to coach two different NBA MVPs in college.

He has amassed a record of 905-286 (.760), including a 50-23 tally at Arkansas, a 410-122 mark in 15 seasons at Kentucky (2009-24), 214-69 in nine seasons at Memphis (2000-09) and 189-71 in eight seasons at UMass (1988-96). In fact, Calipari became the third-fastest coach to 900 on-court wins.

Calipari also coached in the NBA for the New Jersey Nets for three seasons (1996-99) and internationally for the Dominican Republic national team (2011 and '12) and the United States U-19 basketball team (2017).

Calipari has been named both the Naismith (1996, 2008, 2015) and NABC (1996, 2009, 2015) National Coach of the Year three times – once at each collegiate stop – and AP College Coach of the Year (2015). He has added SEC Coach of the Year honors four times (2010, 2012, 2015, 2020), C-USA Coach of the Year three times (2006, 2008, 2009) and Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year three times (1993, 1994, 1996).

Of the 32 NCAA Tournaments held during his collegiate coaching career, he has led 24 teams to the NCAA Tournament, including 16 trips to the Sweet 16, 12 appearances to the Elite 8, six Final Four berths, three national title games and a national championship. (Note, in 2019-20, Kentucky was 25-6 and won the SEC with a 15-3 record, but the NCAA canceled the tournament due to COVID-19.) By reaching the Sweet 16 in his first year at Arkansas, Calipari improved his NCAA Tournament win total to 59, tying for the fifth-most in NCAA history.

Calipari is one of two coaches in NCAA history to take three different programs to the Final Four and one of just three coaches all-time to make four Final Fours in a five-year span. His teams have won an NCAA record 38 games three times – twice at UK (2012 and 2015) and once at Memphis (2008). With his first-year success at Arkansas, he became the third coach to lead four different programs to the NCAA Sweet 16..

AT ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks reached the NCAA Sweet 16 in each of his first two seasons, but did so in different ways each year.

In his first year in Fayetteville, Calipari beat a pair of Hall of Fame coaches at Kansas and St. John's, before falling to 9th-ranked Texas Tech in overtime. An injury-plagued season contributed to a 1-6 start in the SEC play, including an 0-5 start. However, a win over #12 Kentucky started an impressive run, as the team went 7-4 to close the season and secured a #10 seed in the NCAA Tournament. In fact, Arkansas became just the second team in the shot clock era to start league play 0-5 and earn an NCAA Tournament bid.

In year two, Darius Acuff Jr. emerged to be one of the top players in all of college basketball, being a unanimous first team All-America, the winner of the Bob Cousy Award and a finalist for the Naismith and Wooden Award National Player of the Year Awards. The Razorbacks finished with an SEC-best 28 wins, won the program's second SEC Tournament title, finished second in the SEC regular season and, thanks to an 18-5 record from January one including a 7-1 record in March, finished as one of the hottest team in the nation.

AT KENTUCKY

Calipari made an immediate impact at Kentucky with his first three Wildcats teams dominating college basketball. His inaugural team (2009-10) posted a 35-3 record and reached the NCAA Elite 8. Later that spring, he saw five of his players selected in the first round of the 2010 NBA Draft, the first time a school had ever produced five first-round picks in a single draft. Among those picks was the first Wildcat ever taken as the No. 1 overall selection, John Wall.

The next season, Calipari took the program to the next level, reaching the Final Four before falling to eventual national champion UConn. Despite losing three players from the 2011 runner-up team, the progression reached the pinnacle of college basketball in year three. Led by the #1 recruiting class in the nation – featuring National Player of the Year Anthony Davis and All-American Michael Kidd-Gilchrist – Kentucky won the 2012 national championship, going 38-2 overall and 16-1 in the SEC. The 38 wins tied the NCAA record for most victories in a season (matching his own mark set at Memphis in 2007-08). The 2011-12 team was later tabbed the team of the decade by the AP.

Kentucky's 21-win season in Calipari's fourth season was not enough to receive an NCAA bid. However, the following year, the 2013-14 Wildcats were NCAA runners-up, beating three teams in the NCAA Tournament that were in the Final Four the previous year. Kentucky rode that momentum the following year. With the core of the 2014 team returning and adding one of the top recruiting classes, the Cats used a two-platoon system to win its first 38 games of 2014-15, marking the third time Calipari matched his own NCAA record for wins in a season, before losing in the Final Four. For that historic 2014-15 season, he earned National Coach of the Year from the AP, Naismith and NABC.

Over the next four seasons, Kentucky played in four NCAA Tournaments, reaching the Sweet 16 three times including two Elite 8s. In 2019-20, the Wildcats were on their way to another NCAA Tournament, posting a 25-6 record and winning the SEC regular-season crown, before the SEC and NCAA Tournaments were canceled due to COVID-19.

The remnants of COVID carried over to 2020-21 and Kentucky did not reach the postseason. However, in each of his last three years with the Wildcats, Kentucky went 71-30 (.703), finishing among the SEC's top three teams each year and earning NCAA Tournament berths each year.

AT MEMPHIS

After his NBA tenure, Calipari returned to the college game in 2000 at Memphis, where he led the Tigers to the 2008 NCAA title game. Memphis' 38 wins in 2007-08 set the NCAA record for most wins in a single season (a number he tied twice at UK). As a result, Calipari was named the Naismith National Coach of the Year for a second time in his career.

Calipari, the 2009 Sports Illustrated National Coach of the Year, led the Tigers to nine straight 20-win campaigns and nine consecutive postseason appearances, the only Memphis coach to do that. He posted 252 wins – 28.0 wins per season – as the Tigers' head coach, making him the winningest coach in school history.

He was named C-USA Coach of the Year three times and his 2006 and 2008 Tigers were #1 seeds in the NCAA Tournament. Over his last five seasons at Memphis, the Tigers won 30 games each year and posted a 61-1 C-USA record.

NBA EXPERIENCE

From 1996-99, Calipari served as the head coach and executive VP of basketball operations for the New Jersey Nets. The 1997-98 Nets reached the NBA playoffs before losing to the eventual NBA champion Chicago Bulls in the first round. He additionally served as an assistant coach under Larry Brown with the Philadelphia 76ers for the 1999-2000 season. That squad reached the second round of the NBA Playoffs.

AT UMASS

Calipari started his head-coaching career at UMass in 1988-89, guiding a struggling program to the top of college basketball, capped off by a Final Four appearance in 1996.

At 29, when he was named head coach, Calipari's first two Minutemen teams went 27-32. In year three (1992), UMass won its first Atlantic 10 championship with a 30-5 overall record, including a 13-3 mark in league play. The '92 campaign was highlighted with a 77-71 overtime win over Syracuse in an East Regional second-round game to lead UMass to its first NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.

Including that 1992 season, UMass won five-straight A10 titles while compiling a 66-12 league record over the span and made five straight NCAA Tournaments including three Sweet 16s.

Calipari's 1995-96 team posted a 35-2 record and reached the Final Four. He was named the 1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year and The Sporting News National Coach of the Year. He was also named the A10 Coach of the Year for the third time in four years.

In addition to his Naismith National Coach of the Year honors in 1996, Calipari was a Naismith Coach of the Year finalist in 1994 and 1995. He was the USBWA District I Coach of the Year in 1993.

All-Time Calipari Draft Picks

65 PLAYERS (44 1st Rd • 21 2nd Rd)

$ - 30 NBA Lottery Picks

Player (School)		Year	Rd (Overall)
Lou Roe (UMass)		1995	Second (30)
Marcus Camby (UMASS)	$	1996	First (2)
• UMASS	**2 Players**		**1 1st Rd • 1 2nd Rd**
Dajuan Wagner (MEM)	$	2002	First (6)
Antonio Burks (MEM)		2004	Second (36)
Rodney Carney (MEM)		2006	First (16)
Shawne Williams (MEM)		2006	First (17)
DERRICK ROSE (MEM)	**$**	**2008**	**FIRST (1)**
Joey Dorsey (MEM)		2008	Second (33)
Chris Douglas-Roberts (MEM)		2008	Second (40)
Tyreke Evans (MEM)	$	2009	First (4)
Robert Dozier (MEM)		2009	Second (60)
• MEMPHIS	**9 Players**		**5 1st Rd • 4 2nd Rd**
JOHN WALL (UK)	**$**	**2010**	**FIRST (1)**
DeMarcus Cousins (UK)	$	2010	First (5)
Patrick Patterson (UK)	$	2010	First (14)
Eric Bledsoe (UK)		2010	First (18)
Daniel Orton (UK)		2010	First (29)
Enes Kanter (UK)	$	2011	First (3)
Brandon Knight (UK)	$	2011	First (8)
Josh Harrellson (UK)		2011	Second (45)
DeAndre Liggins (UK)		2011	Second (53)
ANTHONY DAVIS (UK)	**$**	**2012**	**FIRST (1)**
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (UK)	$	2012	First (2)
Terrence Jones (UK)		2012	First (18)
Marquis Teague (UK)		2012	First (29)
Doron Lamb (UK)		2012	Second (42)
Darius Miller (UK)		2012	Second (46
Nerlens Noel (UK)	$	2013	First (6)
Archie Goodwin (UK)		2013	First (29)
Julius Randle (UK)	$	2014	First (7)
James Young (UK)		2014	First (17)
KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS (UK)	**$**	**2015**	**FIRST (1)**
Willie Cauley-Stein (UK)	$	2015	First (6)
Trey Lyles (UK)	$	2015	First (12)
Devin Booker (UK)	$	2015	First (13)
Andrew Harrison (UK)		2015	Second (44)
Dakari Johnson (UK)		2015	Second (48)
Jamal Murray (UK)	$	2016	First (7)
Skal Labissière (UK)		2016	First (28)
Tyler Ulis (UK)		2016	Second (34)
De'Aaron Fox (UK)	$	2017	First (5)
Malik Monk (UK)	$	2017	First (11)
Bam Adebayo (UK)	$	2017	First (14)
Kevin Knox (UK)	$	2018	First (9)
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (UK)	$	2018	First (11)
Jarred Vanderbilt (UK)		2018	Second (41)
Hamidou Diallo (UK)		2018	Second (45)
PJ Washington (UK)	$	2019	First (12)
Tyler Herro (UK)	$	2019	First (13)
Keldon Johnson (UK)		2019	First (29)
Tyrese Maxey (UK)		2020	First (21)
Immanuel Quickley (UK)		2020	First (25)
Nick Richards (UK)		2020	Second (42)
Isaiah Jackson (UK)		2021	First (22)
Brandon Boston Jr. (UK)		2021	Second (51)
Shaedon Sharpe (UK)	$	2022	First (7)
TyTy Washington Jr. (UK)		2022	First (29)
Cason Wallace (UK)	$	2023	First (10)
Chris Livingston (UK)		2023	Second (58)
Reed Sheppard (UK)	$	2024	First (3)
Rob Dillingham (UK)	$	2024	First (8)
Antonio Reeves (UK)		2024	Second (47)
• KENTUCKY	**50 Players**		**37 1st Rd • 13 2nd Rd**
Adou Thiero (ARK)		2025	Second (36)
Darius Acuff Jr. (ARK)	$	2026	First (7)
Meleek Thomas (ARK)		2026	Second (34)
Trevon Brazile (ARK)		2026	Second (35)
• ARKANSAS	**4 Players**		**1 1st Rd • 3 2nd Rd**



Calipari 3rd Fastest to 900 Career Victories

With Arkansas's overtime 88-84 win at Missouri on Feb. 7, 2026, John Calipari reached 900 on-court wins. He is the fifth coach to collect 900 wins as head coach while at an NCAA DI program and is 1 of 11 to have 900 on-court wins coaching at any level.

Calipari is the **third-fastest coach to reach 900** wins (1,185). Roy Williams (1,161) and Mike Krzyzewski (1,183) reached the milestone faster. Cal is the **second-youngest to reach 900**. Coach K won 900 games at the age of 64. Cal turned 67 on Feb 10 and edges Bob Knight, who won his 900th at 67 and 2+ months.

Calipari was the fourth-fastest coach to 800 on-court wins at 1,037 games. Only Adolph Rupp (972 games), Roy Williams (1,012 games) and Dean Smith (1,029 games) did it faster.

NOTE: Coach Cal's 800th win and his 900th win were both in overtime. Cal was the fourth-fastest to 800, beating Mississippi State, 82-7, on Jan. 25, 2022.

When he defeated Mississippi State on Jan. 17, 2024, Calipari became the third-fastest active head coach to 400 wins at a single program, trailing only Bill Self (Kansas - 484) and Mark Few (Gonzaga - 499). Overall, Calipari needed just 516 games to reach 400 wins while coaching at UK to rank the eighth fastest in Division I history.

FASTEST TO 900 D-I WINS	**Gms**
1. Roy Williams	1,161
2. Mike Krzyzewski	1,183
3. JOHN CALIPARI	**1,185**
4. Rick Pitino	1,216
5. Jim Boeheim	1,251

First Ballot Naismith Hall of Famer

John Calipari joined basketball's fraternity of legends in **September of 2015 after being elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame** on the first ballot. Calipari joined an elite group of basketball players and coaches in the Naismith Hall of Fame, considered to be one of the ultimate honors in the sport.

The Class of 2015 included Calipari, Dick Bevetta, Louie Dampier, Lindsay Gaze, Tom Heinsohn, John Isaacs, Spencer Haywood, Lisa Leslie, Dikembe Mutombo, George Raveling and JoJo White. Calipari was inducted in Springfield, Mass., and nearly 70 of his former players joined him on stage during his acceptance speech.

The following are the six Halls of Fame Calipari has been inducted into:

- 1995 Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame
- 2004 UMass Athletic Hall of Fame
- 2004 National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame
- 2015 Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame
- 2022 Conference USA Hall of Fame Class
- 2026 Memphis Sports Hall of Fame

Coach Cal Immortalized at UMass and Clarion

John Calipari's Hall of Fame rise began at **UMass**, and the school honored his program's breakthrough in the 1990s by unveiling a statue of Calipari on the Amherst campus in September 2021. Calipari was one of four icons synonymous with UMass basketball to earn the honor. Calipari's statue was unveiled next to Marcus Camby, Julius Erving and the late Jack Leaman outside the Mullins Center.

At UMass, Calipari led the Minutemen to a 193-71 on-court record in his eight seasons as head coach from 1989-96. His .731 career winning percentage remains the best in school history. Calipari led UMass to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 1992 to 1996 after UMass had gone to the NCAAs only once in the first 81 years of the program. His Minutemen made the Atlantic 10's first and only Final Four appearance during the 1996 season, during which they went 35-2 overall and spent 10 weeks ranked No. 1 in the nation. Following the 1996 season, Calipari was named National Coach of the Year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, The Sporting News and Naismith.

He was inducted into the **UMass Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004**.

Clarion honored Calipari by having a statue erected and naming the basketball court in his honor. Tippin Gymnasium's floor was officially renamed the John V. Calipari Court in September 2021 and is better known as "Coach Cal Court." Calipari started his college playing career at UNC Wilmington before transferring to Clarion in 1981, helping the Golden Eagles reach their first NCAA Division II Tournament in program history that year.

He was inducted into the **Clarion University Sports Hall of Fame in 199**5.

Also in the Italian-American, C-USA and Memphis Sports Halls of Fame

Calipari, *who holds dual citizenship in both the USA and Italy*, was part of the **2004 National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame**. His class included NFL Hall of Famer Dan Marino, Cy Young Award winner Frank Viola, two-time World Boxing Champion Bobby Czyz, NFL Hall of Famer Jim Covert, Tampa Bay Devil Rays CEO Vince Naimoli, middleweight boxing great Joe DeNucci, women's sports pioneer Margaret Gisolo, baseball great John Beradino and former N.C. State head coach Jim Valvano.

In the summer of 2022, Calipari was enshrined into the **Conference USA Hall of Fame**. Calipari was honored by the league for his impressive tenure as head men's basketball coach at the University of Memphis, where he coached from the 2000-09. Calipari led the Tigers to the 2008 NCAA title game, including an NCAA, single-season record 38 wins. As a result, he earned his second Naismith National Coach of the Year honor, becoming only the second coach to earn the honor multiple times since its inception in 1987. Calipari, the 2009 Sports Illustrated National Coach of the Year, led the Tigers to nine straight 20-win campaigns and nine consecutive postseason appearances, the only Memphis coach to do that. He posted 252 on-court wins – 28.0 wins per season – as the Tigers' head coach, making him the winningest coach in school history. From 2006-08, the Tigers won 104 games, making Calipari the winningest head coach in NCAA Division I history in a three-year span.

Calipari was inducted into the **Memphis Sports Hall of Fame** in 2026 for his unprecedented success while serving as head coach of the Memphis Tigers.

Calipari is the winningest coach in Memphis basketball history, winning 78.5 percent of his games overall (252-69) and going 117-25 (.824) in Conference USA games. In fact, the Tigers went 61-1 in C-USA regular-season games over Cal's final four years. In Cal's nine years as head coach, Memphis won seven regular-season titles, while adding four C-USA Tournament championships. In 2007-08, Memphis was an NCAA runner-up, and the Tigers reached the Elite Eight in 2006 and 2007, reached the Sweet 16 in 2009, and earned NCAA berths in 2003 and 2004. Coach Cal additionally led Memphis to an NIT Championship in 2002 and NIT Final Fours in 2001 and 2005.

He won at least 20 games in all nine seasons at Memphis, including four 30-win seasons with an NCAA-record 38 wins in 2007-08.

A Wooden Award Legend of Coaching

On Oct. 3, 2023, it was announced that John Calipari would receive the J**ohn R. Wooden Award "Legends of Coaching" honor.** On April 12, 2024, the newly named Razorback head basketball coach was on hand for the trophy presentation at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

The "Legends of Coaching" honor recognizes coaches who exemplify Coach Wooden's high standard of coaching success and personal integrity. The award was adopted by the Wooden Award Steering Committee in 1999. The honorees are selected based on character, success on the court, graduation rate of student-athletes in their basketball program, coaching philosophy, and identification with the goals of the John R. Wooden Award. He will be presented the honor along with the 2024 Wooden Award winners on April 12, 2024.

Chairman of the Wooden Award Steering Committee Sam Lagana said, "Coach John Calipari has been a significant part of the Wooden Award experience, dating back to his first head coaching assignment at UMass. He has supported the Award and stood with his candidates and winners every step of the way. Coach Wooden had an appreciation for Coach Cal that carried through the years and Coach Calipari has demonstrated great reverence for Coach Wooden as both shared a 'players first' mentality, with emphasis on care for the student-athlete and in the value of competitive greatness. John Calipari is a wonderful addition to the fraternity of Wooden Award 'Legends of Coaching' recipients."

Calipari's on-court success is well publicized and culminated with the highest honor in the sport by being inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame. Off the court, Coach Calipari's impact has been felt in his community and abroad. In 2012, he founded the John Calipari Foundation which has partnered with many organizations, including: Samaritan's Feet, 4 Paws for Ability, One Parent Scholar House and Team Focus. He has partnered with the American Red Cross to raise millions of dollars to help people affected by disasters such as the 2010 Haitian earthquake, 2012 Superstorm Sandy, and the 2022 flooding in Eastern Kentucky. He helped spearhead the creation of the John McLendon Minority Leadership Initiative, a national coach-driven initiative to provide minorities with a jump-start to their careers.

Calipari Honored by McLendon Foundation with 2026 Legacy of Impact Award

The McLendon Foundation is pleased to announce that John Calipari, head basketball coach at the University of Arkansas, has been selected as the **2026 recipient of the Legacy of Impact Award, the Foundation's highest honor. The award will be presented at the second-annual Secret Summit on Thursday, April 2, 2026**, in downtown Indianapolis ahead of the 2026 Men's Final Four weekend.

The Legacy of Impact Award recognizes individuals whose leadership and actions have meaningfully advanced the values and vision of Coach John McLendon, one of the most influential figures in the history of sports. Coach McLendon was a trailblazer whose legacy centered on access, education, leadership, and opportunity both on and off the court.

Coach Calipari was selected by the McLendon Foundation Board of Directors for his commitment to creating opportunities and opening doors for aspiring leaders in sports. He was instrumental in the early vision and formation of the McLendon Leadership Initiative and has supported the program through advocacy, personal investment, and the encouragement of others across the coaching community to engage and contribute.

Dream Maker

As someone who prides himself on helping young men reach their dreams, John Calipari has helped 77 players get drafted or play in the NBA as free agents, including 62 players going in the NBA Draft.

^ 62 NBA Draft picks ranks third all-time, trailing only Mike Krzyzewski (74) & Dean Smith (65)

^ 62 1st and 2nd round draft picks rank second all-time, trailing Mike Krzyzewski (66) ... Roy Williams has the third-most (32)

^ 43 1st round picks ranks second all-time, trailing Mike Krzyzewski (46)

^ 29 lottery picks are tied for the most by any college coach in history (with Mike Krzyzewski)

^ 18 consecutive years (2008-25) with a player being drafted is the second-best streak all-time behind Dean Smith's 23 (1965-87) and THE ONLY COACH to have an 18-year streak since the draft was shortened to two rounds in 1989 as well BEING THE ONLY COACH to have a streak of 18 consecutive years of having at least one player drafted in the first or second round

^ Four No. 1 overall picks tie Mike Krzyzewski for the most all-time

^ In 2010, five of his players were selected in the first round marking the first time in NBA history having five from one school

^ His six players selected overall in both the 2012 and 2015 NBA drafts are the most by one coach in the two-round era

^ Only coach to produce the top two picks in the same draft (2012, #1 Anthony Davis and #2 Michael Kidd-Gilchrist)

^ Is the only coach in history to have a former player win each of the six major NBA awards: Player of the Year (three times), Rookie of the Year, Sixth Man of the Year, Most Improved Player of the Year and Clutch Player of the Year (twice).

^ Eleven of his former players have combined to earn 48 NBA All-Star honors, 10 have been tabbed All-NBA (21 times), three were named NBA Rookie of the Year, and 19 players have made the NBA All-Rookie teams. Derek Rose was named NBA MVP in 2011 and Shai Gilgeous-Alexander was the NBA MVP in 2025 and 2026.

Changing Families Lives ... $6 Billion and Counting

John Calipari hasn't just signed the best talent in the country; he's been the best at developing that talent, making those players better prepared than anyone else and getting them ready for all things at the next level. The proof is in the numbers.

Entering the 2026-27 NBA season, **Calipari's NBA pros will have amassed over $6 billion in NBA contracts over their careers**, which does not include endorsement deals or players on overseas contracts. Through 2025-26 his players on NBA rosters have tallied over $2.5 billion alone. For the 2026-27 NBA season alone, **Cal's players are set to earn over $636 million.**

Calipari Unrivaled in Conference

John Calipari has **won a combined 16 league regular-season championships** in his career (including six Southeastern Conference titles). Calipari has **won a combined 16 conference tournament titles** in his career (seven in the SEC • **one while at Arkansas**) 10 more than his closest competitor (Nate Oats with five).

Cal has tallied a **427-145 (74.5%) all-time record within conference play** as a head coach including a **219-80 (73.2%) SEC record**.

Although he's been publicly outspoken against conference tournaments – only because he doesn't favor playing three or more games on consecutive days to win the tournament – his teams have gotten up for them. **Calipari's teams** at UMass, Memphis and Kentucky **have been to 19 conference championship games in his career, winning a remarkable 15 of them**. Calipari is 59-17 (77.6%) all-time in conference tournaments, including 25-9 (73.5%) in the SEC. Calipari's 25 SEC Tournament wins ties for third all-time.





ALL-TIME ON-COURT WINS AS HEAD COACH AT NCAA DI PROGRAMS ONLY

1.	Mike Krzyzewski	1,202
2.	Jim Boeheim	1,116
3.	**Rick Pitino (active)**	**915**
4.	**JOHN CALIPARI (active)**	**905**
5.	Roy Williams	903
6.	Bob Knight	899
7.	Dean Smith	879
8.	Jim Calhoun	877
9.	Adolph Rupp	876
10.	Bob Huggins	864
11.	**Rick Barnes (active)**	**861**
12.	**Bill Self (active)**	**855**

ACTIVE BEST ON-COURT WINNING PCT.
NCAA Division I (min. 10 yrs coaching a DI program)

1.	Mark Few	772-156	.832	27th yr
2.	**JOHN CALIPARI**	**905-286**	**.759**	**34th yr**
3.	Bill Self	855-272	.758	33rd yr
4.	Rick Pitino	915-318	.742	38th yr
5.	Randy Bennett	589-228	.721	25th yr
6.	Tom Izzo	764-310	.711	31st yr
7.	Kelvin Sampson	754-318	.703	33rd yr

There's No Place Like Home

John Calipari-coached teams have posted an **all-time record of 502-63 (88.8%) record at home** (28-5 at ARK • 16-1 in '25-26).

Calipari's best home winning streak came when he began his career at UK with a 54-game home win streak at Rupp Arena. He additionally had a 42-game home win streak at UK (2014-17).

He has gone undefeated at home 10 times overall – adding eight times with just one loss – while going undefeated at home in league play 14 times.

Life Away From Home Isn't So Bad Either

As good as John Calipari's team's have been at home, they're pretty good in hostile environments on the road. His teams are **224-142 (61.3%) overall on the road** (9-11 at ARK).

At neutral-site venues, his teams are 179-81 (68.8%) – 12-7-at ARK • 7-3 in '25-26 – with 6 seasons with at least 10 neutral-site wins.

Calipari in Elite Company with Conference Championships

When Kentucky clinched a share of the 2017 Southeastern Conference championship, John Calipari became the first NCAA Division I coach to lead three different programs (UMass, Memphis, Kentucky) to five on-court, regular-season league titles three different times.

^ UMass won five Atlantic 10 titles (1992, '93, '94, '95 and '96).

^ Memphis claimed five Conference USA crowns (2004, '06, '07, '08 and '09).

^ Kentucky captured the SEC Championship six times (2010, '12, '15, '16, '17 and '20).

When Arkansas won the 2026 SEC Tournament, Calipari became the first coach to win SEC Tourney titles at two difference programs. With his 16 total conference tourney championships, Calipari has 32 combined regular-season and tournament championships. That trails only Mark Few of Gonzaga (43 titles) and Kentucky's Adolph Rupp (41) for the most combined championships. Bill Self (Kansas) has 31 combined titles.

Calipari at No. 1

John Calipari is one of just two coaches (Frank McGuire) to lead three programs to a No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press Top 25.

Calipari has led 10 of his teams to a No. 1 AP ranking.

^ His teams are 110-13 (89.4%) as when ranked #1 by AP #1, including 69-8 at UK, 32-4 at UMass and 9-1 at Memphis

^ His 110 victories are the most among active coaches with victories at No. 1

^ Has coached 123 career games as #1, 4th-most in NCAA history, trailing Mike Krzyzewski (255), John Wooden (228) and Adolph Rupp (127)

^ Among coaches who have owned a #1 ranking in at least 119 games, Calipari's winning percentage of 89.4% trails only Wooden (95.2%)

^ Calipari is 6-7 all-time when playing an AP #1 team.

Calipari Received 2022 Jefferson Award

John Calipari received the **Jefferson Award for Outstanding Public Service in Sports by Multiplying Good** on Nov. 2, 2022. For more than 50 years, Multiplying Good has honored those who put others first. Those receiving the Jefferson Award are empowered to do more, while their stories of extraordinary public service inspire others to action. It is an award that underscores impact.

Founded over 50 years ago by Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Sen. Bob Taft Jr., and Sam Beard, Multiplying Good is the world's most foremost and highly celebrated organization focused on and honoring public service.

Coach of the Decade from the 2010's; Had 3 Top 25 Teams This Century

Underscored by more victories than any other coach or program, more Final Four appearances, a record number of NBA Draft picks and the 2012 national championship, John Calipari was named the **College Basketball Coach of the Decade by Sporting News** in January 2020.

Calipari is one of two coaches (with Coach K) to have three teams listed on **The Athletics' 25 "Best College Basketball Teams from 2000-25"** (7/16/25). He is the only coach to have two teams among the top five and the only coach to lead two different programs on the list – Memphis 2007-08 at #20, Kentucky 2014-15 at #4 and Kentucky 2011-12 at #2.

CALIPARI'S CAREER AS NCAA HEAD COACH

Season	Team	Overall Record	Conference Record		Conf. Finish	Conf. Tourney	Post Results NCAA/NIT	Postseason	Final Rank AP/COACH
1988-89	UMass	10-18	5-13	A10	8th	0-1	--	--	--
1989-90	UMass	17-14	10-8	A10	6th	2-1	0-1	NIT 1st Rd	--
1990-91	UMass	20-13	10-8	A10	T-3rd	0-1	3-2	NIT Final Four (4th Place)	--
1991-92	UMass	30-5	13-3	A10	1st	3-0 Won	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16	17 / 21
1992-93	UMass	24-7	11-3	A10	1st	3-0 Won	1-1	NCAA Rd of 32	14 / 22
1993-94	UMass	28-7	14-2	A10	1st	3-0 Won	1-1	NCAA Rd of 32	8 / 15
1994-95	UMass	29-5	13-3	A10	1st	3-0 Won	3-1	NCAA Elite 8	7 / 7
1995-96	UMass	35-2	15-1	A10	1st	3-0 Won	4-1	NCAA Final Four	**1 / 1**
	8 YEARS	**193-71 %**	**91-41**			17-3	11-5/3-3	**5 NCAAs (1 Final Four, 3 Sweet 16s)**	
2000-01	Memphis	21-15	10-6	C-USA	2nd (National)	1-1	4-1	NIT Final Four (3rd Place)	--
2001-02	Memphis	27-9	12-4	C-USA	1st (National)	0-1	5-0	NIT Champion	--
2002-03	Memphis	23-7	13-3	C-USA	1st (National)	1-1	0-1	NCAA Rd of 64	19 / --
2003-04	Memphis	22-8	12-4	C-USA	T-1st	0-1	1-1	NCAA Rd of 32	24 / --
2004-05	Memphis	22-16	9-7	C-USA	T-6th	3-1	3-1	NIT Final Four	--
2005-06	Memphis	33-4	13-1	C-USA	1st	3-0 Won	3-1	NCAA Elite 8	4 / 6
2006-07	Memphis	33-4	16-0	C-USA	1st	3-0 Won	3-1	NCAA Elite 8	5 / 7
2007-08	Memphis	38-2	16-0	C-USA	1st	3-0 Won	5-1	NCAA Runner-Up	2 / 2
2008-09	Memphis	33-4	16-0	C-USA	1st	3-0 Won	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16	3 / 9
	9 YEARS	**252-69 %**	**117-25 %**			17-5	14-6/12-2	**6 NCAAs (1 Final Four, 4 Sweet 16s)**	
2009-10	Kentucky	35-3	14-2	SEC	1st (East)	3-0 Won	3-1	NCAA Elite 8	2 / 5
2010-11	Kentucky	29-9	10-6	SEC	2nd (East)	3-0 Won	4-1	NCAA Final Four	11 / 3
2011-12	**Kentucky**	**38-2**	**16-0**	**SEC**	**1st**	2-1	**6-0**	**NCAA CHAMPION**	**1 / 1**
2012-13	Kentucky	21-12	12-6	SEC	T-2nd	0-1	0-1	NIT First Rd	--
2013-14	Kentucky	29-11	12-6	SEC	T-2nd	2-1	5-1	NCAA Runner-Up	-- / 2
2014-15	Kentucky	38-1	18-0	SEC	1st	3-0 Won	4-1	NCAA Final Four	**1** / 3
2015-16	Kentucky	27-9	13-5	SEC	T-1st	3-0 Won	1-1	NCAA Rd of 32	10 / 16
2016-17	Kentucky	32-6	16-2	SEC	1st	3-0 Won	3-1	NCAA Elite 8	6 / 5
2017-18	Kentucky	26-11	10-8	SEC	T-4th	3-0 Won	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16	18 / 17
2018-19	Kentucky	30-7	15-3	SEC	T-2nd	1-1	3-1	NCAA Elite 8	7 / 7
2019-20	Kentucky	25-6	15-3	SEC	1st	$	$	$ - Postseason Canceled	8 / 7
2020-21	Kentucky	9-16	8-9	SEC	8th	0-1	--	-	--
2021-22	Kentucky	26-8	14-4	SEC	T-2nd	1-1	0-1	NCAA Rd of 64	7 / 16
2022-23	Kentucky	22-12	12-6	SEC	3rd	0-1	1-1	NCAA Rd of 32	RV / RV
2023-24	Kentucky	23-10	13-5	SEC	T-2nd	0-1	0-1	NCAA Rd of 64	20 / 19
	15 YEARS	**410-123**	**198-65**			24-8	32-11/0-1	**12 NCAAs (1 Title, 4 Final 4s, 8 Sweet 16s)**	
2024-25	ARKANSAS	22-14	8-10	SEC	T-9th	1-1	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16	20 / 25
2025-26	ARKANSAS	28-9	13-5	SEC	T-2nd	3-0 Won	2-1	NCAA Sweet 16	13 / 13
	2 YEARS	**50-23**	**21-15**			4-1	4-1/0-0	**2 NCAAs (2 Sweet 16s)**	
CAREER	**33 YEARS**	**905-287**	**427-146**		**18 Titles**	**16 Titles**	**1 Title**		

NOTES: This reflects his on-court W-L records. The NCAA vacated 5 games (4-1 record) in the 1996 NCAA Tournament and vacated 39 games (38-1 record as well as all 16 C-USA games) in 2007-08

DID YOU KNOW...

- Calipari's collegiate players have earned:
  - ^ 4 National Players of the Year (3 UK, 1 UMass)
  - ^ 13 Conference Players of the Year (6 UK, 3 MEM, 3 UMass, 1 ARK)
  - ^ 26 All-American Honors (14 UK, 8 MEM, 3 UMass, 1 ARK)
  - ^ 2 National Freshmen of the Year (1 UK, 1 MEM)
  - ^ 21 Conference Frosh/Newcomers of the Year (12 UK, 6 MEM, 2 UMass, 1 ARK)
  - ^ 81 All-Conference Selections (36 UK, 22 MEM, 22 UMass, 1 ARK)
- Calipari has won an NCAA single-season record 38 games three times in his career ... Memphis in '08, UK in '12 and UK in '15. Also, his 35 wins at UMass in '96 led the NCAA and are a UMass record. Overall, Calipari's teams have led the NCAA in wins six times ('96, '06, '08, '10, '12 & '15).
- Calipari is the winningest coach in NCAA Division I history for a five-year span with 173 victories from 2008-12.
- Calipari is the first coach in NCAA Division I history to record five straight 30-win seasons.
- Calipari is one of only two coaches (Rick Pitino) to lead three different schools to a Final Four.
- Calipari is one of four coaches (Eddie Sutton, Lon Krueger and Rick Pitino) to lead four different schools to the Sweet 16.
- Calipari has advanced to the Sweet 16 in 14 of the last 20 NCAA Tournaments played and on to the Elite Eight 10 times.
- Calipari is one of only three coaches (John Wooden and Mike Kzryzewski) to go to four Final Fours in a five-season span.
- Calipari had more wins in a 10-year period than any other coach in college basketball history with 327 from 2006-15.
- Calipari was the third-fastest coach to 900 on-court wins, doing so in 1,185 games. Only Roy Williams (1,161 games) and Mike Krzyzewski (1,183 games) did it faster.
- Calipari's 32 combined regular season and tournament league titles trail only Mark Few (43) of Gonzaga for most among active coaches.
- Calipari's 61 NCAA Tournament wins are tied for the most by active coaches (Tom Izzo) and tied for fifth-most all-time.
- Calipari has helped 65 players earn selection in the NBA Draft, including 44 first-round picks, and has had at least one player selected in 19 straight years, with 12 times having three players drafted, including five times with at least four. He is tied with Dean Smith for second all-time with his 65 NBA picks (Coach K leads with 74) while Cal's 65 1st & 2nd Rd picks are second-most all-time (Coach K's 66) as are his 44 1st rounders (Coach K's 46). Only Dean Smith has a longer streak of consecutive years of having a player drafted at 23 years.
  - **^ However, Coach Cal is THE ONLY COACH since the draft was shortened to just two rounds in 1989 to have at least one player drafted in 19 consecutive years as well as being THE ONLY COACH EVER regardless of the era to have at least one player taken in the 1st or 2nd round in 19 consecutive years.**
- **Calipari and Mike Krzyzewski are the only coaches to have four #1 overall picks in the NBA Draft. Four coaches have two.**
  - Calipari - Derrick Rose, John Wall, Anthony Davis, Karl-Anthony Towns
  - Krzyzewski - Elton Brand, Kyrie Irving, Zion Williamson, Paul Banchero
- In his career, his players have won each of the six NBA major awards – the only coach to have his former players accomplish the feats:
  - ^ 3 NBA Players of the Year
  - ^ 2 NBA Most Improved Players
  - ^ 2 NBA Sixth Man of the Year
  - ^ 3 NBA Rookies of the Year
  - ^ 2 NBA Clutch Player of the Year
  - ^ 1 NBA Defensive Player of the Year

CALIPARI BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 NCAA National Championship
- 1 NIT Championship *(4 total NIT Final Fours)*
- 3 NCAA National Title Games
- 6 Final Fours
- 12 NCAA Elite 8's
- 17 NCAA Sweet 16's
- 16 Conference Tournaments Titles Won
- 18 Regular Season Conference Titles Won or Shared
- 25 NCAA Tournament Berths
- 30 Combined NCAA and NIT Berths
- 31 20-win seasons
- 61 Wins in the NCAA Tourney (61-24 – 71.8%)
- 62 Wins in Conference Tourneys (62-17 – 78.5%)
- 138 Postseason Wins (138-47 – 74.6%)
  - ^ Includes Conference Tourneys, NIT and NCAA
- 184 Wins (all games) in March/April (184-64 – 74.2%)

CAREER	34 YRS	OVERALL 905-286	H 502-63	A 224-142	N 179-81	CONF. 427-145	H 245-40	A 182-106
• UMASS	8 YRS	193-71	86-14	54-42	53-15	91-41	54-11	37-30
• UM	9 YRS	252-69	153-19	69-28	30-22	117-25	63-8	54-17
• UK	15 YRS	410-123	234-25	92-61	84-37	198-65	115-16	83-49
• ARK	2 YRS	50-23	29-5	9-11	12-7	21-15	13-5	8-10

COACHES WITH THE MOST NCAA TOURNEY WINS

	Coach	Wins	Gms	Record
1.	Mi1ke Krzyzewski	101	135	101-31 (.765)
2.	Roy Williams	79	106	79-27 (.745)
3.	Dean Smith	65	90	65-25 (.722)
4.	Jim Boeheim	62	96	62-34 (.646)
5.	**JOHN CALIPARI (active)**	**61**	**84**	**61-24 (.718)**
	Tom Izzo (active)	**61**	**86**	**61-27 (.693)**
7.	**Bill Self (active)**	**58**	**83**	**58-25 (.699)**
8.	**Rick Pitino (active)**	**57**	**80**	**57-23 (.713)**
9.	Jim Calhoun	51	71	51-20 (.718)
10.	John Wooden	47	57	47-10 (.825)

CAL IN THE NCAA TOURNEY (25th appearance)

Overall		61-24	UMass	MEM	UK	ARK
1st Rd	25th app	**22-3**	5-0	5-1	10-2	**2-0**
2nd Rd	22 app	**17-5**	3-2	4-1	8-2	**2-0**
Sweet 16	17 app	**12-5**	2-1	3-1	7-1	**0-2**
Elite 8	12 app	**6-6**	1-1	1-2	4-3	-
Final Four	6 app	**3-3**	0-1	1-0	2-2	-
Championship	3 app	**1-2**	-	0-1	1-1	-
TOTALS			11-5	14-6	32-11	4-2

NBA DRAFT PICKS

MOST PLAYERS DRAFTED

	Coach	Players
1.	Mike Krzyzewski	74
2.	**JOHN CALIPARI**	**65**
	Dean Smith	65
4.	Adolph Rupp	46
	Jim Boeheim	46

MOST NBA 1st & 2nd ROUND PICKS

	Coach	Players
1.	Mike Krzyzewski	66
2.	**JOHN CALIPARI**	**65**
3.	Roy Williams	32

MOST NBA 1st ROUND PICKS

	Coach	Players
1.	Mike Krzyzewski	46
2.	**JOHN CALIPARI**	**44**
3.	Roy Williams	42

MOST NBA LOTTERY PICKS

	Coach	Players
1.	**JOHN CALIPARI**	**30**
	Mike Krzyzewski	29
3.	Roy Williams	17

MOST CONSECUTIVE YEARS WITH AN NBA PICK

	Coach	Years	Span
1.	Dean Smith	23	1965-87
2.	**JOHN CALIPARI**	**19***	**2008-26**
3.	Mike Krzyzewski	12	2011-22
4.	John Wooden	11	1964-74
5.	Bill Self	9	2010-18

CALIPARI VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	Overall	at ARK
Abilene Christian	1-0	-
Alabama	20-9	0-2
Alabama-Birmingham (UAB)	15-3	
Albany	2-0	-
Arizona	1-2	0-1
Arizona State	2-1	-
Arkansas	***16-9***	**-**
Arkansas-Little Rock	4-0	1-0
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1-0	-
Arkansas State	4-0	-
Auburn	16-8	1-2
Austin Peay	6-1	-
Baylor	1-3	0-1
Bellarmine	1-0	-
Belmont	2-0	-
Boise State	1-0	-
Boston	7-1	-
Boston College	2-0	-
Bradley	1-0	-
Bucknell	1-0	-
Buffalo	3-0	-
BYU	1-0	-
Cal State-Northridge	1-0	-
Canisius	1-0	-
Central Arkansas	2-0	2-0
Central Connecticut State	2-0	-
Central Florida (UCF)	5-0	
Central Michigan	1-0	-
Charlotte	2-3	-
Chattanooga	2-0	-
Christian Brothers	2-0	-
Cincinnati	6-7	-
Cleveland State	4-0	-
Coastal Carolina	1-0	-
Colorado	1-1	-
Colorado State	0-1	-
Columbia	1-0	-
Connecticut	2-5	-
Coppin State	1-0	-
Cornell	1-0	-
Dartmouth	1-0	-
Davidson	1-0	-
Dayton	1-0	-
DePaul	4-2	-
Detroit	1-0	-
Drexel	2-0	-
Duke	1-5	0-1
Duquesne	13-4	-
East Carolina	7-0	-
East Tennessee State	4-0	-
Eastern Kentucky	4-0	-
Eastern Michigan	2-0	-
Evansville	0-1	-
Fairfield	1-0	-
Fairleigh Dickinson	1-0	-
Florida	25-12	0-2
Florida A&M	1-0	-
Florida State	1-1	-
Florida Tech	0-1	-
Fordham	5-0	-
Fort Wayne	1-0	-
Fresno State	1-0	1-0
Furman	1-0	-
George Mason	1-0	-
George Washington	8-9	-
Georgetown	2-1	-
Georgia	23-5	1-1
Georgia Tech	2-2	-
Gonzaga	4-2	-
Grand Canyon	1-0	-
Hampton	1-0	-
Hartford	2-0	-
Harvard	2-0	-
Hawai'i	1-0	1-0
High Point	2-0	1-0
Hofstra	1-0	-
Holy Cross	4-1	-
Houston	17-4	0-1
Howard	2-0	-
Illinois	1-2	0-1
Illinois-Chicago (UIC)	1-0	-
Illinois State	2-0	-
Indiana	3-2	-
Iowa	0-1	-
Iowa State	2-0	-
Jackson State	3-0	1-0
James Madison	1-0	1-0
Kansas	6-9	1-0
Kansas State	2-2	-
Keene State	1-0	-
Kentucky	3-5	1-1
La Salle	3-0	-
Lafayette (Pa.)	1-0	-
Lamar	5-0	-
LIU-Brooklyn	1-0	-
Lipscomb	2-0	1-0
Long Beach State	1-0	-
Louisiana State (LSU)	18-6	3-1
Louisiana Tech	1-1	-
Louisville	20-8	1-0
Loyola (Md.)	1-0	-
Manhattan	2-0	-
Marist	2-0	-
Marquette	3-1	-
Marshall	7-0	-
Maryland	5-3	-
Maryland-Eastern Shore	1-0	1-0
Massachusetts	1-0	-
Massachusetts-Lowell	2-1	-
Memphis	1-0	-
Miami (Fla.)	2-1	1-0
Miami (Ohio)	2-0	-
Michigan	3-0	1-0
Michigan State	3-3	0-1
Middle Tennessee	3-0	-
Milwaukee	1-0	-
Mississippi (Ole Miss)	21-7	2-2
Mississippi State	22-1	2-0
Mississippi Valley State	1-0	-
Missouri	15-6	3-1
Monmouth	2-0	-
Montana State	1-0	-
Morehead State	3-0	-
Mount St. Mary's	2-0	-
Murray State	1-0	-
Nevada	1-0	-
New Hampshire	5-0	-
New Mexico	1-0	-
New Mexico State	1-0	-
New Orleans	1-0	-
NJIT	1-0	-
North Carolina	9-4	-
UNC-Asheville	2-0	-
UNC-Greensboro	2-0	-
UNC-Wilmington	1-1	-
North Carolina A&T	1-0	1-0
North Carolina State	1-0	-
North Dakota	1-0	-
North Florida	2-0	-
North Texas	1-0	-
Northeastern	3-1	-
Northern Kentucky	2-0	-
Northwestern State	1-0	-
Notre Dame	2-3	-
Oakland	2-1	1-0
Ohio	1-0	-
Ohio State	1-3	-
Oklahoma	7-2	2-1
Oklahoma State	0-2	-
Old Dominion	2-0	-
Oral Roberts	1-0	-
Oregon State	1-0	-
Pacific	1-0	1-0
Penn	4-0	-
Penn State	4-4	-
Pepperdine	1-0	-
Pittsburgh	2-1	-
Portland	3-0	-
Princeton	2-0	-
Providence	4-1	-
Purdue	2-1	-
Queens	1-0	1-0
Radford	1-0	-
Rhode Island	16-2	-
Rice	4-0	-
Richmond	1-1	-
Rider	1-0	-
Robert Morris	2-1	-
Rutgers	11-4	-
Saint Louis	4-3	-
Saint Peter's	0-1	-
Sam Houston State	1-0	-
Samford	4-0	1-0
Santa Clara	1-0	-
Savannah State	1-0	-
Seton Hall	1-1	-
Siena	4-0	-
South Carolina	18-7	2-1
South Carolina State	1-0	-
South Florida (USF)	10-1	-
Southern	2-0	1-0
Southern Cal	2-0	-
SMU	7-0	-
South Connecticut	1-0	-
Southeastern Louisiana	3-0	-
Southern Illinois	1-0	-
Southern Miss	15-4	-
Southwest Texas St.	1-0	-
St. Bonaventure	17-1	-
St. John's	2-0	1-0
Saint Joseph's	16-5	-
Saint Mary's College	1-0	-
Saint Peter's	1-0	-
Stanford	3-2	-
Stephen F. Austin	1-0	-
Stonehill	1-0	-
Stony Brook	1-0	-
Syracuse	3-2	-
TCU	7-1	-
Temple	13-11	-
Tennessee	23-17	1-1
Tennessee-Martin	5-0	-
Tennessee State	1-0	-
Tennessee Tech	1-0	-
Texas	5-2	3-0
Texas-Arlington	3-0	-
Texas-El Paso (UTEP)	5-0	-
Texas-San Antonio	1-0	1-0
Texas A&M	13-6	1-1
Texas A&M-Commerce	1-0	-
Texas Tech	2-1	1-1
Towson	1-0	-
Troy	2-0	1-0
Tulane	16-0	-
Tulsa	11-1	-
UCLA	4-5	-
Utah	2-2	-
Utah Valley	2-0	-
Valparaiso	1-0	-
Vanderbilt	30-6	3-0
Vermont	3-0	-
Villanova	2-0	-
Virginia	0-1	-
VMI	1-0	-
Virginia Tech	3-0	-
Wake Forest	2-1	-
Washington	1-0	-
West Virginia	13-7	-
Western Kentucky	3-0	-
Wichita State	2-0	-
Winthrop	4-0	1-0
Wisconsin	1-1	-
Wofford	2-0	-
Wright State	1-0	-
Xavier	2-2	-
Yale	2-0	-
Totals	**905-286**	**50-23**

CAL AT SEC ARENAS

	TOTAL	MASS	UM	UK	ARK
Coleman Coliseum	5-6	0-0	1-0	4-5	0-1
Bud Walton Arena	8-5	0-0	1-1	7-4	(29-5)
Neville Arena ^	4-8	0-0	0-0	4-6	0-2
Exactech/O'Connell Center	10-6	0-0	0-0	10-5	0-1
Stegman Colilseum	7-5	0-0	0-0	7-4	0-1
Rupp Arena	1-1	0-1	0-0	(234-25)	1-0
Maravich Center	7-5	0-0	0-0	6-4	1-1
Black Pavilion #	4-1	0-0	0-0	3-1	1-0
Humphrey Coliseum	10-0	0-0	0-0	9-0	1-0
Mizzou Arena *	5-3	0-0	0-0	4-2	1-1
Lloyd Noble Center	2-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-0
Colonial Life Arena	5-7	0-0	0-0	5-6	0-1
Thompson-Boling Arena	9-10	0-0	1-2	8-7	0-1
Moody Center	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Reed Arena	6-4	0-0	0-0	6-3	0-1
Memorial Gym	14-2	0-0	0-0	13-2	1-0
As Opposing Coach	**99-64**	**1-2**	**3-3**	**86-49**	**8-10**

NOTES	*TOT*	*MASS*	*UM*	*UK*	*ARK*
^ AUB Beard-Eaves-Memorial	*1-0*	*0-0*	*0-0*	*1-0*	*--*
# OM Tad Smith Coliseum	*3-2*	*0-0*	*1-1*	*2-1*	*--*
** MIZ Hearnes Center*	*0-1*	*0-0*	*0-0*	*0-1*	*--*

#LaFamilia NBA Awards

NBA MOST VALUABLE PLAYER ..... (3)
2011 Derrick Rose
2025 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
2026 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander

NBA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ..... (3)
2009 Derrick Rose
2010 Tyreke Evans
2016 Karl-Anthony Towns

NBA DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR..... (1)
2007 Marcus Camby

NBA MOST IMPROVED PLAYER..... (2)
2021 Julius Randle
2024 Tyrese Maxey

NBA SIXTH MAN OF THE YEAR ..... (2)
2022 Tyler Herro
2026 Keldon Johnson

NBA CLUTCH PLAYER OF THE YEAR..... (2)
2023 De'Aaron Fox
2026 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander

NBA CARES COMMUNITY ASSIST AWARD..... (3)
2021 Devin Booker
2017 DeMarcus Cousins (offseason)
2016 John Wall

NBA SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAMPION ..... (2)
2024 Karl-Anthony Towns
2026 Bam Adebayo

NBA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD ..... (1)
2024 Tyrese Maxey

ALL-NBA TEAM..... (24)
2011 Derrick Rose (1st)
2012 Derrick Rose (1st)
2015 Anthony Davis (1st)
DeMarcus Cousins (2nd)
2016 DeMarcus Cousins (2nd)
2017 Anthony Davis (1st)
John Wall (3rd)
2018 Anthony Davis (1st)
Karl-Anthony Towns (3rd)
2020 Anthony Davis (1st)
2021 Julius Randle (2nd)
2022 Devin Booker (1st)
Karl-Anthony Towns (3rd)
2023 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (1st)
De'Aaron Fox (3rd)
Julius Randle (3rd)
2024 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (1st)
Anthony Daivs (2nd)
Devin Booker (3rd)
2025 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (1st)
Karl-Anthony Towns (3rd)
2026 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (1st)
Tyrese Maxey(3rd)
Jamal Murray (3rd)

ALL-NBA ROOKIE TEAM.....(19)
1997 Marcus Camby (1st) 1997
2010 Tyreke Evans (1st)
Derrick Rose (1st)
2011 DeMarcus Cousins (1st)
John Wall (1st)
Eric Bledsoe (2nd)
2012 Brandon Knight (1st) 2012
2013 Anthony Davis (1st)
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist (2nd)
2015 Nerlens Noel (1st)
2016 Karl-Anthony Towns (1st)
Devin Booker (1st)
Willie Cauley-Stein (2nd)
2017 Jamal Murray (2nd)
2019 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (2nd)
2020 Tyler Herro (2nd)
PJ Washington (2nd)
2021 Immanuel Quickley (2nd)
2024 Cason Wallace (2nd)

ALL-NBA DEFENSIVE TEAM.....(17)
2005 Marcus Camby (2nd)
2006 Marcus Camby (2nd)
2007 Marcus Camby (1st)
2008 Marcus Camby (1st)
2015 Anthony Davis (2nd)
John Wall (2nd)
2017 Anthony Davis (2nd)
2018 Anthony Davis (1st)
2019 Eric Bledsoe (1st)
2020 Anthony Davis (1st)
Eric Bledsoe (2nd)
Bam Adebayo (2nd)
2021 Bam Adebayo (2nd)
2022 Bam Adebayo (2nd)
2023 Bam Adebayo (2nd)
2024 Anthony Davis (1st)
Bam Adebayo (1st)

FREE AGENTS TO PLAY IN NBA.....(15)
2006 Earl Barron MEM
2008 Darius Washington MEM
2013 Antonio Anderson MEM
2016 Aaron Harrison UK
2017 Alex Poythress UK
2017 Kyle Wiltjer UK
2019 Isaiah Briscoe UK
2019 Isaac Humphries UK
2020 Mychal Mulder UK
2020 Wenyen Gabriel UK
2021 Ashton Hagans UK
2022 Olivier Sarr UK
2024 Jacob Toppin UK
2024 Oscar Tshiebwe UK
2025 Justin Edwards UK

NBA CHAMPIONS.....(5)
2020 Anthony Davis (Lakers)
2023 Jamal Murray (Nuggets)
2025 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (Thunder)
Cason Wallace (Thunder)
2026 Karl-Anthony Towns (Knicks)

NBA ALL-STAR TEAM ..... (48)
2010 Derrick Rose
2011 Derrick Rose
2012 Derrick Rose
2014 Anthony Davis
John Wall
2015 DeMarcus Cousins
Anthony Davis
John Wall
2016 DeMarcus Cousins
Anthony Davis
John Wall
2017 DeMarcus Cousins
Anthony Davis
John Wall
2018 DeMarcus Cousins
Anthony Davis
Karl-Anthony Towns
John Wall
2019 Anthony Davis
Karl-Anthony Towns
2020 Bam Adebayo
Devin Booker
Anthony Davis
2021 Devin Booker
Anthony Davis
Julius Randle
2022 Devin Booker
Karl-Anthony Towns
2023 Bam Adebayo
De'Aaron Fox
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
Julius Randle
2024 Bam Adebayo
Devin Booker
Anthony Davis
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
Tyrese Maxey
Julius Randle
Karl-Anthony Towns
2025 Anthony Davis
Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
Tyler Herro
Karl-Anthony Towns
2026 Shai Gilgeous-Alexander
Tyrese Maxey
Karl-Anthony Towns
Devin Booker
Jamal Murray
De'Aaron Fox

ALL-STAR GAME MVP..... (1)
2017 Anthony Davis

RISING STARS CHALLENGE MVP ..... (3)
2010 Tyreke Evans
2011 John Wall
2017 Jamal Murray

SLAM DUNK CONTEST WINNER..... (2)
2014 John Wall
2019 Hamidou Diallo

3-POINT CONTEST WINNER ..... (2)
2018 Devin Booker
2022 Karl-Anthony Towns

SKILLS CHALLENGE WINNER..... (3)
2009 Derrick Rose
2016 Karl-Antony Towns
2020 Bam Adebayo



KENNY PAYNE

Associate Head Coach
3rd Year at Arkansas
Louisville, 2003

Kenny Payne, who has over 20 years of coaching experience on the collegiate and professional levels, enters his third season on the Razorback staff.

A former Louisville Cardinal basketball great and first-round NBA selection, Payne spent two seasons (2022-24) as head coach at his alma mater. He has additionally served as an assistant coach with the NBA's New York Knicks as well as spending 15 years on staffs with both the University of Oregon and the University of Kentucky.

Payne has helped the Razorbacks reach the NCAA Sweet 16 in each of his first two years (2025 and 2026). One of Payne's primary focuses is working with the bigs. In 2025, Jonas Aidoo and Trevon Brazile were one of the top two 1-2 punches in the post, while Zvonimir Ivisic ranked second in the SEC/21st in the NCAA in blocked shots. Adou Thiero ranked second in the SEC in field goal percentage and was among the league leaders in free throws, rebounds and steals. The quartet's efforts helped Arkansas rank sixth in the NCAA in blocked shots. In 2026, Brazile and Malique Ewin played a key role down the stretch as the Hogs finished second in the SEC during the regular season and win the 2026 SEC Tournament. Brazile had a career year, earning SEC All-Tournament team honors and becoming the first Razorback to ever reach 40-40-40 in 3's made (45), blocked shots (58) and steals (53), while Ewin had three double-doubles in the Hogs' six postseason games.

Payne has also been part of successful teams while on staff with the Knicks, Wildcats and Ducks. The Knicks posted a 41-31 record in 2020-21, finishing fourth in NBA Eastern Conference. In his 10 years at Kentucky, he helped the Wildcats win the 2012 NCAA Championship, play for the 2014 NCAA Championship, advance to four Final Fours, reach a total of eight Sweet 16s, win six SEC Tournament titles and had 41 players drafted including 31 first round selections. At Oregon, the Ducks won the 2007 PAC-10 Championship and went to two NCAA Tournaments, including an Elite 8 berth in 2007.

For his contributions, Payne was honored in the A STEP UP Assistant Coaches Hall of Fame Class of 2020 for his track record of success, outstanding and significant contributions to the game, as well as his high character, integrity and respect among colleagues.

Payne, who served as associate head coach at Kentucky from 2014-20, played a key role in assembling 11 impressive recruiting classes while at Kentucky, all of which were among the nation's top three and five that were recognized as the No. 1 class, plus he helped gather a top 20 class at Oregon. As head coach at Louisville, his 2023 recruiting class was ranked in the top six nationally by both Rivals and 247Sports.

He has been nationally recognized for player development. In Payne's 10 years at Kentucky, the Wildcats had a player selected in the NBA Draft lottery and had multiple players picked in the first round in every year, including two overall No. 1 selections. In addition, three Oregon players were selected in the first and second rounds of the NBA Draft in Payne's time there.

As a student-athlete at UofL, Payne scored 1,083 points in his four years (1985-86), connecting on 40.1 percent of his career three-point goals (85-of-212, fourth-highest in UofL history). He was a member of Louisville's 1986 NCAA Championship team as a freshman and during his collegiate career, Louisville participated in three NCAA Sweet 16s and won three Metro Conference championships and three Metro tournament titles while posting a combined 98-41 record.

As a senior playing under Hall of Fame Coach Denny Crum, Payne averaged 14.5 points and 5.7 rebounds and was named to the All-Metro Conference second team as Louisville posted a 24-9 record and reached the NCAA Sweet 16.

He was selected in the first round of the 1989 NBA Draft with the 19th overall pick by the Philadelphia 76ers, where he played four seasons (1989-93). He continued to play professional basketball abroad and in the Continental Basketball Association until 2000, with stops at the CBA Tri-Cities (Washington) and with teams in Italy, Japan, Brazil, the Philippines, Cypress, China, Argentina and Australia.

Payne earned a Bachelor of Science degree in sport administration from Louisville in 2003.

He and his wife, Michelle, have two children: Alexis and Alexander (Zan), who played on the UofL basketball team.

PAYNE FILE
Born: Nov. 25, 1966, in Laurel, Miss.
Hometown: Laurel, Miss. (Northeast Jones HS)
Collegiate Playing Career: Louisville (1985-89)
Alma Mater: Louisville '03 (Sport Administration)
Wife, Michelle. Children: Alexis and Alexander (Zan)

COACHING CAREER

2004–09	Oregon (Assistant Coach)
2010–14	Kentucky (Assistant Coach)
2014–20	Kentucky (Associate Head Coach)
2020–22	New York Knicks (Assistant Coach)
2022–24	Louisville (Head Coach)
2024–pres.	Arkansas (Associate Head Coach)





CHIN COLEMAN

Associate Head Coach
3rd Year at Arkansas
Lamar, 1997

Ronald "Chin" Coleman was named associate head coach to the Razorback staff on May 1, 2024, and enters his third season at Arkansas.

In his 15 years as a collegiate coach, he has built a reputation as having a relationship-driven focus with his players that forges success on the court and on the recruiting trail. With that, Coleman is recognized as one of the top coaches in the country.

Coleman helped solidify his reputation by helping Arkansas reach the NCAA Sweet 16 in 2025 and 2026 and win the 2026 SEC Tournament while producing three recruiting classes among the nation's top 4.

In 2025, Arkansas overcame early injuries to make an impressive run late in the season thanks to Coleman's work as defensive coordinator. In 2026, Coleman worked heavily with Darius Acuff Jr. and Meleek Thomas. Acuff finished the season as the most decorated player by a Razorback for a season, earning unanimous first team All-America, winning the Bob Cousy Award and being a national Player of the Year finalist (Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy). Thomas would have set the Razorback freshman record for scoring had he not played with Acuff. However, Thomas did set a UA school record for 3-point shooting in SEC play by making 48.7% of his 3-pointers.

Prior to Arkansas, Coleman served on Calipari's staff at Kentucky for three seasons (2021-24).In his first season in Lexington, Coleman helped in the development of guards Sahvir Wheeler, who was a Bob Cousy finalist and led the Southeastern Conference in assists per game, as well as TyTy Washington Jr., who set the UK single-game record with 17 assists against Georgia. Coleman aided in the development of guards Cason Wallace and Antonio Reeves in 2022-23. Reeves became the 2023 Southeastern Conference Co-Sixth Man of the Year and Wallace ranked among league leaders in assists per game, assist-to-turnover ratio and steals per game. In 2023-24, Reeves earned All-American honors while freshmen Reed Sheppard and Robb Dillingham were tabbed SEC Freshman of the Year and Sixth Man of the Year, respectively, as well as both being named to the SEC All-Freshman Team.. Also part of that 2023-24 freshman class was D.J. Wagner, who was named to the SEC All-Freshman team, and Justin Edwards, one of the top three recruits in the country.

At Illinois, Coleman was instrumental in the development of Ayo Dosunmu, one of the country's best point guards. Under his guidance, Dosunmu raked in dozens of national and conference honors – including USA Today National Player of the Year, Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year and NCAA Consensus All-America First Team honors – while leading Illinois to a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

With Coleman on the bench, Illinois posted back-to-back 20-win seasons the last two years for the first time since the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons and finished second in the Big Ten in 2021. With Coleman serving as a defensive coordinator in 2020-21, the Illini finished seventh in the country in the Ken Pomeroy's adjusted defensive rankings and hovered around the top spot for much of the season.

Prior to Illinois, Coleman served two years as an assistant coach under Steve McClain at UIC. The Flames underwent a remarkable turnaround in Coleman's two seasons on staff, winning 17 games in 2016-17, a 12-win increase over the previous season.

At UIC, Coleman helped recruit and develop Dikembe Dixson, who was named the 2016 Horizon League Freshman of the Year and earned a spot on the All-Horizon League Team after setting the league's scoring record by a freshman. During his first season with the Flames, Coleman was key in the development of sophomore Tai Odiase, one of the top rim protectors in the country. Odiase led all NCAA Division I players with 3.23 blocks per game during the regular season and was named to the Horizon League All-Defensive Team.

Coleman was at Bradley for three seasons before UIC and was elevated to assistant head coach in his final season in 2014-15. In his first year with the Braves, Coleman helped BU to its first winning record in three seasons.

Prior to his time at Bradley, he was an assistant coach at Colorado State under Tim Miles. The following season, Miles brought Coleman with him to Nebraska as the Director of Player Development.

In his lone season at Colorado State, Coleman helped pilot the 2011-12 Rams to their first 20-win campaign in 14 years and their first NCAA Tournament berth since the 2003 season. CSU featured three All-Mountain West players that season, including first-team pick Wes Elkmeier.

Before entering the college ranks, Coleman served as head coach of the Chicago-based Mac Irvin Fire AAU squad from 2005 to 2011. Coleman laid the foundation for Mac Irvin Fire into becoming one of the premier AAU teams in the country.

Coleman also coached Illinois prep hoops for Benjamin E. Mays Academy and Whitney Young High School in Chicago. In 2006, he directed Mays to a perfect 35-0 record and a District 299 City Championship. He then moved back home to lead Whitney Young as the associate head coach, and from 2007 to 2011, Whitney Young finished in the top 25 nationally for four consecutive seasons, including an Illinois High School Association title in 2009.

The Chicago native played high school ball at Chicago's South Shore Career Academy before competing collegiately for Weber State and Lamar. Coleman spent his first season and played his final three seasons at Lamar, Coleman led the Cardinals in scoring all three seasons and earned three consecutive All-Sun Belt First Team honors. His 1,316 points was the 10th-best mark in Lamar school history at the conclusion of his career.

Coleman played seven seasons of professional basketball, including stints with the Houston Rockets and the Grand Rapid Hoops in the Continental Basketball Association. He also competed overseas in Finland and in Latvia's top league before returning to the United States to begin his coaching career.

Coleman earned a bachelor's degree in applied arts and science from Lamar in 1997.

He and his wife, Angela, have a daughter, Rahni.

COLEMAN FILE
Born: in Chicago, Ill.
Hometown: Chicago, Ill. (South Shore HS)
Collegiate Playing Career: Weber State (1992-92) and Lamar (1994-97)
Alma Mater: Lamar '97 (Applied Arts and Sciences)
Family: Wife: Angela. Daughter: Rahni

COACHING CAREER

2011–12	Colorado State (Assistant Coach)
2012	Nebraska (Director of Player Development)
2012–15	Bradley (Assistant Coach)
2015–17	UIC (Assistant Coach)
2017–21	Illinois (Assistant Coach)
2021–24	Kentucky (Assistant Coach)
2024–pres.	Arkansas (Associate Coach)





BRAD CALIPARI

Assistant Coach
Director of On-Court Player Development
3rd Year at Arkansas
Kentucky, 2019

Brad Calipari joined the Arkansas staff for the 2024-25 season and serves as assistant coach/director of on-court player development. He took on a more active role in recruiting responsibilities in the summer of 2026.

In each of his two seasons, Arkansas showed marked individual improvement throughout the year, especially over the final two months, to reach the NCAA Sweet 16 in both 2025 and 2026 as well as win the 2026 SEC Tournament. In February and March, Arkansas posted a 22-9 record in both seasons, including a 7-1 mark in March 2026. The Razorbacks had Adou Thiero get picked in the second round of the 2025 NBA Draft while Darius Acuff Jr., Meleek Thomas and Trevon Brazile are projected NBA picks in 2026.

Calipari came to Fayetteville after two seasons working in player development at Vanderbilt and Long Island.

Calipari was the director of on-court player development at Vanderbilt for the 2023-24 campaign. He helped Erza Manjon and Tyrin Lawrence rank among the top scorers in the SEC while Ven-Allen Lubin was one of the most improved players in the league.

In 2022-23, Calipari was the director of player development for Long Island University in Brooklyn. At LIU, Calipari worked alongside head coach Rod Strickland – an NBA veteran who made the transition to collegiate coaching.

Prior to his time in Brooklyn, Calipari was a graduate assistant for the Kentucky men's basketball program, earning his master's certificate in sports kinesiology in 2022.

As a student-athlete, Calipari began his career at Kentucky, suiting up for the Wildcats for his first three seasons (2016-19) on teams that made two Elite 8's and a Sweet 16. He played the final two seasons of his collegiate career at Detroit Mercy for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 seasons.

Calipari graduated from Kentucky in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in communications and media studies before earning a master's degree in liberal arts from Detroit Mercy in 2021.

CALIPARI FILE
Born: Nov. 11, 1996, in Franklin Lakes, N.J.
Hometown: Franklin Lakes, N.J. (MacDuffie (Mass.) School)
Collegiate Playing Career: Kentucky (2016-19); Detroit Mercy (2019-21)
Alma Mater: Kentucky '19 (Comm and Media Studies)

COACHING CAREER

2021-22	Kentucky (Graduate Assistant)
2022–23	Long Island University (Director of Player Development)
2023–24	Vanderbilt (Director of On-Court Player Development)
2024–pres.	Arkansas (Assistant Coach/Director of On-Court Player Development)







RONNIE BREWER

Assistant Coach
Director of Student-Athlete Development & Mid-South Recruiting
6th Year at Arkansas
Arkansas, 2015

Razorback All-American, NBA first-round draft pick and 2026 University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor selection Ronnie Brewer joined Arkansas's basketball staff as recruiting coordinator on July 20, 2021. Two years later, prior to the 2023-24 campaign, he added assistant coach duties to his resume. Since the 2024-25 season, Brewer has served as the program's director of student-athlete development and Mid-South Recruiting while returning to his role as an assistant coach in the summer of 2026.

In addition to his role as an assistant coach, Brewer works with the players in their personal and professional development off the court as well as coordinates the team's community service efforts, as he has been and continues to be entrenched in the Northwest Arkansas community.

Brewer made an immediate impact in his first year (2021-22) as the Razorbacks landed the consensus #2 class in the nation – with three five stars and all six being among the ESPN and SI top 100. Three of those – Anthony Black (#6), Nick Smith Jr. (#27) and Jordan Walsh (#38) – were "one-and-dones" and Arkansas was one of two programs with three players drafted in 2023 but the only school with two – much less three – taken inside the top 40. In his six years, Arkansas has earned four Sweet 16 berths, advancing to the Elite 8 in 2022, and brought home the 2026 SEC Tournament title.

Brewer, the 14th pick in the 2006 NBA Draft by the Utah Jazz, spent 10 seasons playing professional basketball (2006-16). Brewer played three seasons (2006-10) with the Utah Jazz and played in the 2008 NBA Rookie-Sophomore Game. He was traded to the Memphis Grizzlies in January of 2010. He then signed with Chicago prior to the 2010-11 season and spent two seasons with the Bulls. Over the next two seasons, Brewer played with the New York Knicks (2012-13), Oklahoma City Thunder (2013), Houston Rockets (2013-14) and a second stint with the Bulls (2014). He ended his professional career playing one season (2015-16) with the Santa Cruz Warriors.

He scored 3,940 points in his NBA career with 1,427 rebounds and 828 assists. Highlights include him playing and starting a career-high 81 games while averaging a career-high 13.7 points in 2008-09 with the Utah Jazz and playing 81 games in 2010-11 to help the Chicago Bulls post the best record in the NBA (62-20) and reach the Eastern Conference finals.

After his rookie season in the NBA, he started the Ronnie Brewer Foundation in 2007 to support communities in at-risk situations while promoting education, physical fitness, and the importance of working together as a team. He additionally organized annual summer basketball camps for the youth in Fayetteville and has created jobs in Farmington with his Brew Crew Transportation Trucking Company.

In 2009, Brewer was the recipient of the University of Arkansas' Silas Hunt Legacy Award, which recognizes African Americans for their significant contributions to the community, state and nation.

After retiring from professional basketball and in addition to his Foundation and trucking company, Brewer has worked at Fayetteville High School with the boy's basketball team and a communications teacher as well as coaching the Woodz Elite U16 AAU basketball team. Brewer has also put his communications background to use by serving as host on sports radio talk shows in South Florida and Northwest Arkansas.

During his playing career at Arkansas, Brewer was a 2006 All-American, a two-time first team All-SEC selection (2005 and '06) and a two-time All-District pick (2005 and '06) by both the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Brewer ranks 16th on Arkansas' all-time scoring list with 1,416 – trailing his father and fellow NBA first-round pick Ron with 1,440 points – in his three seasons with the Razorbacks. He led the Razorbacks in steals in each of his three seasons, including leading the SEC in 2006 with 83, and ranks eighth on the school's all-time steals list. Brewer additionally led the Hogs in scoring, rebounding, field goals made and free throws made in both 2005 and 2006 while leading the team in assists and 3-point field goal percentage in 2005.

Born in Portland, Ore., Brewer grew up in Fayetteville and was inducted into Fayetteville High School's Hall of Greats in 2017. While with the Purple Bulldogs, he was selected Mr. Basketball in Arkansas as a senior in 2003. He broke Corliss Williamson's conference scoring record as a senior and averaged 25 points, nine rebounds and six assists that season.

Although he only played three seasons for the Razorbacks (2004-06), Brewer received his degree in journalism from Arkansas in 2015.



BREWER FILE

Born: Mar. 20, 1985, in Portland, Ore.
Hometown: Fayetteville, Ark. (Fayetteville HS)
Collegiate Playing Career: Arkansas (2003-06)
Alma Mater: Arkansas, 2015
University of Arkansas Sports Hall of Honor Class of 2026

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-20	16-Under Woodz Elite (Assistant Coach)
2020-21	16-Under Woodz Elite (Head Coach)
2019-21	Fayetteville HS (Assistant Coach)
2021-23	Arkansas (Recruiting Coordinator)
2023-24	Arkansas (Assistant Coach - Recruiting Coord.)
2024-26	Arkansas (Dir. of Student-Athlete Devel. & Mid-South Recruiting)
2026-pres.	Arkansas (Assistant Coach/Director of Student-Athlete Development & Mid-South Recruiting)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2006	NBA Lottery Pick (14th overall)
2006-10	Utah Jazz
2010	Memphis Grizzlies
2010-12	Chicago Bulls
2012-13	New York Knicks
2013	Oklahoma City Thunder
2013-14	Houston Rockets
2014	Chicago Bulls
2015-16	Santa Cruz Warriors (G League)



TYLER ULIS

Assistant Coach
3rd Year at Arkansas

Tyler Ulis, the 2016 SEC Player of the Year and consensus first team All-American under current Razorback head coach John Calipari at Kentucky, is in his third year with the Razorbacks. He spent the first two years as a staff assistant before being elevated to assistant coach in the summer of 2026.

Ulis brings a unique ability to speak with players both as a coach and as someone who played for Coach Cal has helped the Razorbacks reach the Sweet 16 in each of his first two seasons.

Ulis, who won the Bob Cousy Award in 2016, was credited with his work with Darius Acuff Jr. throughout the 2025-26 season, helping Acuff win the Cousy Award and earn unanimous first-team All-America honors. In his first year with the Razorbacks, Ulis helped Boogie Fland earn Freshman All-America. Ulis had his professional career cut short due to a severe injury after a car accident. He returned to Kentucky for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons as a student assistant coach, then followed Coach Cal to Arkansas for the 2024-25 season.

Prior to Arkansas, Ulis was a student assistant coach at Kentucky. His duties with the Wildcats encompassed all on-court activities, including practices, individual workouts and film sessions, while assisting the staff with practice and game-plan preparation.

Also, in the summer of 2024, Ulis served as head coach for the Kentucky-based "La Familia" team and led the squad to the TBT semifinal.

While playing at Kentucky, Ulis was one of the most decorated players in the country for the 2015-16 season, his second year with the Wildcats. He earned consensus first team All-American honors – being named to a total of nine All-American teams – and was the SEC Player of the Year. Ulis additionally won the Bob Cousy Award, presented annually to the nation's top point guard, was the SEC Defensive Player of the Year, tabbed first team All-SEC and was the SEC Tournament MVP. He joined Anthony Davis to be the only player to win the SEC Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year honors in the same season. Ulis additionally was one of four finalists for the Naismith Trophy and one of 10 finalists for the Wooden Award.

On the court, he led the SEC and ranked seventh in the NCAA in assists (with a UK season record of 7.03 assists per game) while dishing out a UK single-season record of 246 helpers on the season. He also ranked sixth in the SEC in scoring (17.3 ppg), second in free throw percentage (.856), third in free throws made (167), seventh in double-doubles (8) and 10th in field goal percentage (.434) while leading the league in minutes (36:48 avg.).

Ulis was named to the 2015 SEC All-Freshman Team as he led the Wildcats and ranked ninth in the SEC in assists (3.6 avg. with a total of 135). Kentucky went 38-1 with its lone loss coming to Wisconsin in the 2015 Final Four.

Despite playing just two seasons, Ulis ranks 10th on the school's career assist list with 381.

After his sophomore season, Ulis entered the 2016 NBA Draft and was the 34th overall pick (second round) by the Phoenix Suns. He made an impact immediately with the franchise as he earned second team All-NBA Summer League honors. In his first NBA season (2016-17), Ulis averaged 7.3 points and 3.7 assists to finish 14th in the voting for the 10-man NBA All-Rookie team. He played 71 games in his second season (2017-18) with the Suns and averaged 7.8 points and 4.4 assists. In 2018, Ulis was signed by the Chicago Bulls. His final season of professional basketball was 2019-20 with the Stockton Kings.

Ulis was a McDonald's All-American in 2014, played in the Jordan Brand Classic, named third team USA Today All-American and was a consensus five-star while at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, Ill. He was a two-time All-State selection and finished among the top four in the Illinois Mr. Basketball voting twice.

ULIS FILE
Born: Jan. 5, 1996, in Southfield, Mich.
Hometown: Chicago, Ill. (Marian Catholic) / Lima, Ohio
Collegiate Playing Career: Kentucky (2014-16)

COACHING CAREER

2021-22	Kentucky (Student Assistant Coach)
2024–26	Arkansas (Basketball Assistant)
2026-pres.	Arkansas (Assistant Coach)

COLLEGIATE PLAYING HONORS

2016	Bob Cousy Point Guard of the Year
2016	Consensus first team All-America
2016	USBWA District Player of the Year
2016	SEC Player of the Year (Coaches/Media)
2016	SEC Defensive Player of the Year
2016	First team All-SEC (Coaches/Media)
2016	SEC All-Defensive Team
2016	SEC Tournament MVP
2015	SEC All-Freshman Team

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

2016	2nd Rd (34th overall) pick by Phoenix Suns
2016-18	Phoenix Suns / Northern Arizona Suns (2016)
2018-19	Chicago Bulls / Windy City Bulls (2018)
2019-20	Stockton Kings (G League)





BRUISER FLINT

Special Assistant to the Head Coach
3rd Season at Arkansas
Saint Joseph's, 1987

James "Bruiser" Flint, a former John Calipari assistant at UMass and Kentucky with more than 30 years of coaching experience at the head coach and assistant levels, joined the staff as the special assistant to the head coach for the 2024-25 season.

Arkansas reached the Sweet 16 in each of Flint's two seasons and added an SEC Tournament title in 2026. Flint's role includes helping Coach Calipari in game planning, scouting opponents, and formulating the team's approach in practices and in games.

Flint was originally hired at Kentucky as an assistant coach from (2020-23). Then, in 2023-24, he was elevated to assistant to the head coach in 2023-24 where he was tasked with an increased role off the court in helping head coach John Calipari run the program.

A former member of Calipari's staff at UMass for seven seasons, Flint served the previous three seasons at Indiana under Archie Miller. He has 20 years of experience as a Division I head coach at Drexel (2002-16) and UMass (1996-01).

With a blue-collar background and an infectious personality, Flint is well-known in the college basketball fraternity for his success in both recruiting and developing players. His honest, engaging approach has been the consistent variable behind 20 successful seasons as a Division I head coach at Drexel and UMass, plus several prominent assistant coaching stops, including seven seasons at UMass under Calipari.

Flint won 331 games as a head coach during his 20 seasons at the helm at UMass and Drexel. Four times he was named Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year (2002, 2004, 2009 and 2012) and National Association of Basketball Coaches District Coach of the Year (1998, 2007, 2009 and 2012).

The Philadelphia native was a member of Calipari's staff at UMass from 1989-90 through the 1995-96 season, helping build a national program in Amherst, Massachusetts, after 11 straight losing seasons. With Calipari and Flint on staff, the Minutemen made five NCAA Tournament appearances, including the 1996 Final Four run, to go along with five Atlantic 10 regular-season and five A-10 Tournament titles.

Flint played a key role in the development of Marcus Camby, who won the John R. Wooden Award and the Naismith Trophy as the national player of the year in 1996. Camby was drafted No. 2 overall in the NBA Draft that spring.

After Calipari departed for the NBA, Flint took over the program for five seasons, including NCAA Tournament berths in the first two seasons. He also posted the best record of any first-year coach UMass in school history.

Following his stint in Amherst, Flint took the reins at Drexel, where he racked up more victories (245) than any other coach in school history over his 15 seasons. With stingy defenses and a culture of toughness, Flint set new standards at Drexel, leading the Dragons to 20 or more wins three times while recording at least 10 CAA wins in nine seasons.

During his tenure, Drexel featured the CAA Defensive Player of the Year on four occasions, 23 All-CAA selections, 12 members of the conference's All-Defensive Team, six players named to the league's All-Rookie Team and two CAA Rookies of the Year.

Flint's Dragons had a record-breaking season in 2011-12. His squad set a school record with 29 wins and won the CAA regular-season title, going 16-2. The Dragons won a program-best 19 straight games and advanced to the CAA title game for the second time ever.

His teams were an unfriendly foe for some of the nation's top teams. In 2010-11, Drexel stunned No. 20 Louisville, handing the Cardinals their first-ever loss in the new KFC Yum! Center. The Dragons also defeated NCAA teams Old Dominion and VCU. In 2006-07, on its way to a 23-9 overall record, Drexel won 13 road games (tied for most in Division I). The Dragons won at Syracuse, Villanova and Creighton. Flint became the first coach in Drexel history ever to beat three Philadelphia Big 5 teams in one season.

FLINT FILE
Born: July 23, 1965, in Philadelphia, Pa.
Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa. (Episcopal Academy)
Collegiate Playing Career: Saint Joseph's (1983-87)
Alma Mater: Saint Joseph's, 1987 (Financial Management)
Daughter: Jada

COACHING CAREER

1987–89	Coppin State (Assistant Coach)
1989–96	UMass (Assistant Coach)
1996–01	UMass (Head Coach)
2001–16	Drexel (Head Coach)
2017–20	Indiana (Assistant Coach)
2020–23	Kentucky (Assistant Coach)
2023-24	Kentucky (Assistant to the Head Coach)
2024–pres.	Arkansas (Special Assistant to the Head Coach)

At Indiana, as an assistant, Flint was part of a staff that produced the No. 11 recruiting class nationally in 2018 and 2020 (according to ESPN's rankings), including signing Indiana Mr. Basketball winners Romeo Langford (2018) and Trayce Jackson-Davis (2019). Langford and Jackson-Davis were named McDonald's All-Americans and Langford was a lottery pick by the Boston Celtics.

In 2018-19, Indiana finished 20-12 and was poised to return to the NCAA Tournament before the COVID-19 Pandemic hit. The Hoosiers also finished with a winning record against nationally ranked teams with five victories, tied for seventh most in the country. The team also posted a 3.398 grade point average in the spring semester and a perfect 1.000 score on the NCAA's Academic Progress Rate for 2018-19.

Flint has enjoyed three coaching stints with with USA Basketball, serving as an assistant in 2007 for the USA U-19 National Team in Serbia, an assistant in 2005 for the USA U-21 World Championship Team that went 7-1 in Argentina and first as a court coach prior to the Global Games.

He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Coppin State (1988-89).

A 1987 Saint Joseph's graduate, Flint was a four-year letterwinner with the Hawks (183-87). He earned All-Atlantic 10 honors as a senior and led the Hawks to the 1986 A-10 championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament as a junior. He was inducted into the Saint Joseph's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

Flint has a daughter, Jada.





CHRIS WOOLARD

General Manager
3rd Year at Arkansas
UCLA, 1997

WOOLARD FILE
Born: May 6, 1974, in Carbondale, Ill.
Hometown: Carbondale, Ill. (Pullman (Wash.) HS)
Collegiate Playing Career: Chapman (1992-93)
Alma Mater: UCLA, 1997 (History)
Family: Wife: Courtney. Sons: Cooper and Case

CAREER

1995-97	UCLA (Student Assistant)
1997-03	Murray State (Assistant Coach)
2004–11	C-USA (Associate Commissioner for Sports Services)
2011–24	Kentucky (Associate Athletics Director for Basketball Ops)
2024–pres.	Arkansas (Men's Basketball General Manager)

Chris Woolard, a long-time associate of Coach Calipari, is in his third year as the Razorback men's basketball general manager.

Arkansas has reached the Sweet 16 in each of Woolard's first two seasons, while adding an SEC Tournament title in 2026. He is a trailblazer as he was one of the first to hold the title of general manager in this new age of college athletics. He not only manages the program, but he also helps manage Coach Calipari's schedule.

Woolard was on Kentucky's staff for 13 seasons and served as associate athletics director for basketball operations. He also serves as the executive director for the Calipari Foundation.

Woolard brings a wealth of experience at both the school and conference levels. He is involved with all aspects of the program and has an active role as a liaison linking John Calipari with the basketball program, the University of Arkansas campus and throughout the state of Arkansas.

Since Woolard joined the Wildcat program for the 2011-12 season, UK won a national championship, went to three Final Fours, won five league championships, claimed four conference tournament titles and been a part of unprecedented NBA Draft success.

Woolard joined the University of Kentucky staff after spending seven years at the Conference USA office, where he was the associate commissioner for sports services.

At C-USA, Woolard's responsibilities focused extensively on the men's basketball programs as an administrator and tournament director for the annual men's basketball championship. Woolard also served as the primary administrator for men's golf along with his duties to provide oversight to the entire C-USA Sports Services Department.

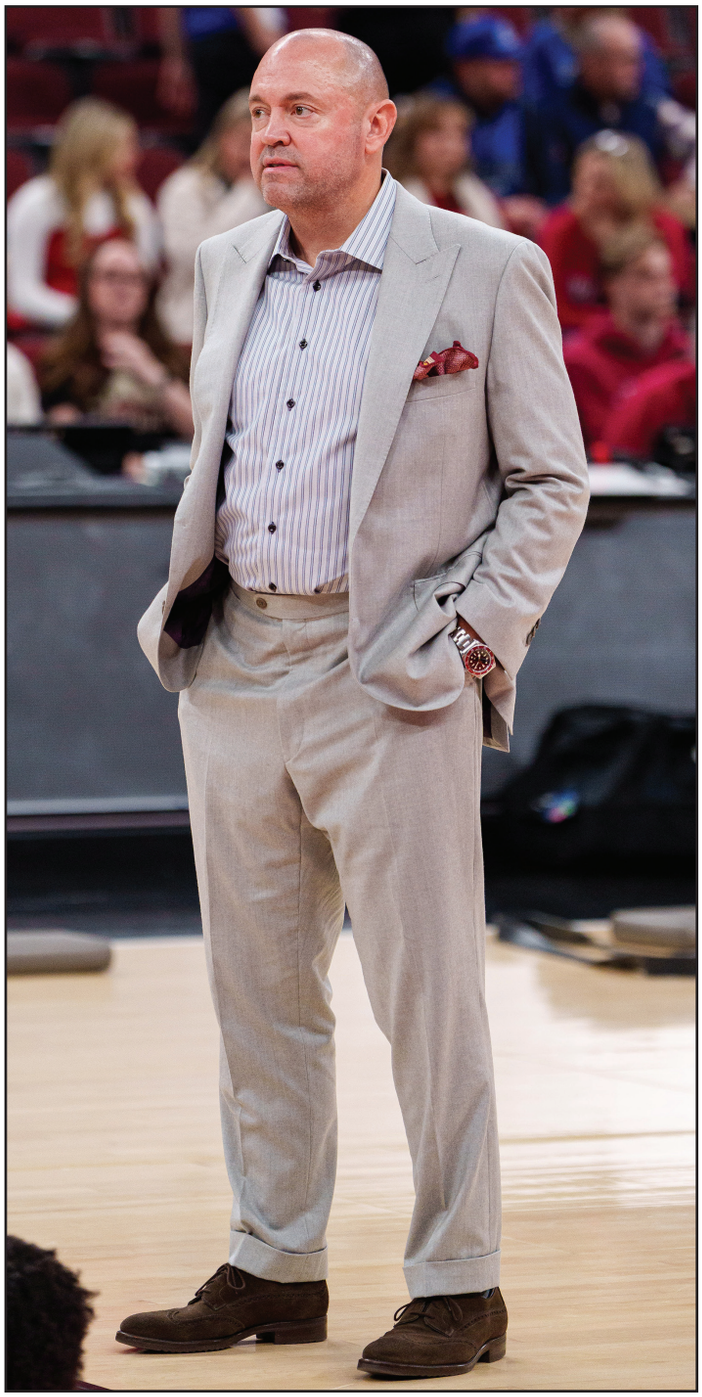
Prior to joining C-USA, Woolard spent a year in private business after working eight years in the college basketball coaching ranks.

He was an integral part of a highly successful Murray State men's basketball team from 1997-2003, serving as an assistant coach. During Woolard's time at Murray State, the Racers won three conference championships and made three NCAA appearances.

Woolard began his collegiate coaching career as a student assistant coach at UCLA. During his two years with the Bruins, UCLA made the NCAA Tournament both years, including an Elite 8 run in 1996-97.

Prior to finishing his college career at UCLA, he studied at Washington State for two years and played one season as a member of the varsity basketball team at Chapman University.

A native of Carbondale, Illinois, Woolard earned a bachelor's degree in history from UCLA in August 1997. He and his wife, Courtney, have two sons, Cooper and Case.





RILEY HALL

Director of Operations
11th Year at Arkansas
Arkansas, 2016

Riley Hall has served many functions in his 14 total years with the Razorbacks. After starting as a student-manager for the 2013-14 campaign, he spent two seasons as a graduate assistant (2016-18), three seasons as video coordinator (2018-21), three years as director of internal operations (2021-24) and now enters his third year as director of basketball operations, a role he assumed in the summer of 2024.

Hall has handled numerous administrative duties over his career. As director of basketball operations, Hall is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the program, executes all travel logistics for the team, arranges all team functions and meals, handles the budget and serves as the primary liaison for the program throughout the athletics department and the entire campus community. He works closely with Razorback marketing, ticketing, compliance and facilities. Hall also continues to coordinate summer camps.

In his time with the program, Arkansas has reached five NCAA Sweet 16's, including back-to-back Elite 8's, in a total of six NCAA Tournament appearances while adding a pair of NIT berths and a 2026 SEC Tournament title. He has worked with numerous players who went on to play in NBA including Bobby Portis, Daryl Macon, Dusty Hannahs, Daniel Gafford, Isaiah Joe, Mason Jones, Jaylin Williams, Stanley Umude, Moses Moody, Anthony Black, Nick Smith Jr., Jordan Walsh, Ricky Council IV , Adou Thiero, Darius Acuff Jr., Meleek Thomas and Trevon Brazile.

Prior to his stint as video coordinator and director of internal operations, Hall spent two seasons as a graduate assistant with the Razorback men's basketball program in 2017-18. His duties then included overseeing all student managers, supervising practice preparations, directing and sending mailouts for current and future recruits and reviewing film breakdown/scouting reports for potential opponents. Prior to coming on staff, Hall served as a student manager from 2013-16.

The Bryant native graduated from the University of Arkansas in May 2016 with a bachelor's in kinesiology. He completed his Master's in Recreation and Sports Management in 2018.

Hall married the former London Farrar on August 4, 2018. They are the parents of E.J., who was born in November of 2023, and Anniston Olivia, born in June of 2025.

HALL FILE
Born: August 25, 1994, in Little Rock, Ark.
Hometown: Bryant, Ark. (Bryant HS)
Alma Mater: Arkansas, 2016 (Kinesiology)
Arkansas, 2018 (Master's in Recreation & Sports Management)
Family: Wife: London. Son: E.J. and Daughter: Anniston Olivia

CAREER

2013-16	Arkansas (Student Manager)
2016-18	Arkansas (Graduate Assistant)
2018-21	Arkansas (Video Coordinator)
2018-24	Arkansas (Director of Internal Operations)
2024–pres.	Arkansas (Director of Basketball Operations)





KEVIN BUTTY

Video Coordinator
3rd Year at Arkansas
San Diego State, 2020

Kevin Butty (pronounced like buddy) joined the Razorbacks staff in May of 2024 as the video coordinator.

In his time at Arkansas, the Razorbacks have made two NCAA Sweet 16 appearances, won the 2016 SEC Tournament Championship and has seen four players drafted by the NBA (Adou Thiero, Darius Acuff Jr., Meleek Thomas and Trevon Brazile).

Prior to arriving in Fayetteville, Butty was Kentucky's video coordinator for the 2023-24 season. He has additionally worked with the Rio Grande Valley Vipers, Los Angeles Lakers and San Diego State Aztecs.

Butty spent one season (2022-23) with Rio Grande Valley in the NBA G League as a video coordinator and also as a member of the player development staff. Butty was the lead scout for all opponents, while also contributing video analysis and assisting in player development.

Additionally, Butty has been a coaching associate with the Los Angeles Lakers (2021-22). He was involved in all areas of scouting for the Lakers, as well as assisting with on-court development.

As a two-year graduate assistant with San Diego State's men's basketball team, Butty served as a member of the coaching staff and focused primarily on on-court player development, which included working with Jalen McDaniels and All-American Malachi Flynn. Both of whom were NBA Draft selections. San Diego State concluded the 2019-20 year ranking No. 4 in the country with a 30-2 overall record.

Butty is a two-time graduate of San Diego State. He earned a master's degree in liberal arts and sciences in 2021 and a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies in 2019.

He is married to Vanessa Godomar Butty.





MARCUS EDWARDS

Head Strength & Conditioning Coach
1st Year at Arkansas
Missouri, 2015

Marcus Edwards was named the head strength and conditioning coach for Razorback basketball in June Of 2026.

Edwards comes to Arkansas after two seasons at Oklahoma State. Edwards helped the Cowboys improve by five wins to 17 victories in 2024-25, then finished 20-15 in 2025-26. Oklahoma State reached the 2025 NIT quarterfinals and the 2026 NIT second round.

Prior to OSU, Edwards spent two seasons with the men's hoops program at Vanderbilt after serving in a similar capacity at Missouri, Wyoming and Southern Illinois.

During his time in Nashville, Edwards worked on the same staff with current Razorback assistant Brad Calipari. In his first season, the Commodores posted 22 wins and reached the NIT quarterfinals.

Edwards did two separate tours at his alma mater, Missouri, under former head coach Cuonzo Martin. He was assistant strength and conditioning coach during the 2017-18 season when Mizzou reached the NCAA tournament as a No. 8 seed. He returned to Columbia for the 2021-22 campaign as the program's director of athletic performance.

In between, Edwards left his mark on men's basketball programs at Wyoming (2018-19) and Southern Illinois (2019-21).

Edwards has also achieved basketball success as a player, winning back-to-back Kansas Class 4A State titles as Kansas City Sumner High School.

The 2015 Missouri graduate added a master's degree from the University of Texas in 2017 following a two-year stint as a graduate strength and conditioning intern. He's also Strength & Conditioning Certified (SCCC) by the Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association.

Edwards and his wife, Anika, have a daughter, Ahna, and a son, MeeJay.





MATT TOWNSEND

Head Athletic Trainer
7th Year at Arkansas
Washington State, 2015



Matt Townsend is in his seventh year at the University of Arkansas and fourth as a head athletic trainer.

Townsend originally came to Arkansas as an assistant athletic trainer and worked with men's and women's tennis and the spirit squads as well as assisting with the men's basketball program. He took over as the primary men's basketball athletic trainer in December of 2020 and was elevated to head athletic trainer in the summer of 2021.

He has helped the Razorbacks reach five Sweet 16 appearances, win the 2016 SEC Tournament Championship and helped 13 players reach their goal of playing in the NBA, including three lottery picks (Moses Moody, Anthony Black and Darius Acuff), first-round pick Nick Smith Jr., five second-round picks (Isaiah Joe, Jaylin Williams, Jordan Walsh, Adou Thiero, Meleek Thomas and Trevon Brazile) and three free agents (Mason Jones, Stanley Umude and Ricky Council IV).

Townsend successfully navigated the program through all the COVID protocols while the Razorbacks made back-to-back runs to the NCAA Elite 8, adding an appearance in the Sweet 16 in 2023.

Prior to Arkansas, Townsend spent two seasons (20147-19) as an athletic training fellow with the Kansas Jayhawks. He also spent two seasons (2015-17) as a graduate assistant at the University of Idaho, working with the men's and women's track and field/cross country programs. While there he received his master's degree in movement and leisure science.

Townsend, a native of Mukilteo, Wash, is a 2015 graduate of Washington State, receiving is bachelor's in athletic training. He served as an intern in the summer of 2015 working with the Cougars' baseball and volleyball programs.



LUNETHA PRYOR

Chief of Staff
3rd Year at Arkansas

Lunetha Pryor, who has worked with head coach John Calipari for 25 years spanning stints at Kentucky and Memphis, joined the Razorback men's basketball staff as chief of staff in May of 2024.

Pryor works closely with Razorback basketball general manager Chris Woolard in coordinating Coach Calipari's calendar and assists Coach Calipari with all of his travel and recruiting responsibilities.

Pryor is also in charge of coordinating all of Coach Calipari's autograph requests in addition to the ticket requests that the basketball office receives and those of the coaching staff.

A Memphis native, Pryor has one daughter, Kia Symone. She and her husband, Jason, were married in the summer of 2016.



KARLA HORSFALL

Associate AD/ Sports Performance Nutrition • 12th Year at Arkansas • Wisconsin, 2009 • BS in Nutrition

Previous Jobs:
• University of Arkansas - Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Performance Nutrition (2022-25)
• University of Arkansas - Director of Sports Nutrition (2015-2022)
• University of Wisconsin - Sports Dietitian (2010-2015)
Hometown: Patch Grove, Wis.



DANIEL REEVES

Equipment Manager • 13th Year at Arkansas • Kentucky, 2005 – BA in Education – Kinesiology (A.E.M.A. certified)

Previous Jobs:
• University of Houston - Asst. AD for Equipment Operations (2014-2018)
• University of Arkansas - Assistant Equipment Manager - Football (2011-2013) and Olympic Sports (2010)
• San Diego State University - Assistant Equipment Manager Football, WGF, Softball, Water Polo (2008-2009)
• San Diego Chargers - Seasonal Assistant Equipment Manager (2006-2007)
• Cologne Centurions - NFL Europe Equipment Manager (2006-2007)
• Miami Dolphins - Seasonal Assistant Equipment Manager (2005)
• University of Kentucky - Student Equipment Manager (2000-2004)
Family: Married to former Leslie Young. They have two Great Danes: Bulleit and Basil.
Hometown: Lexington, Ky.



JACOB HOOPS

Associate Director of Academics (MBB & WXC/WT&F) • 13th Year at Arkansas
University of Arkansas, 2012 (BS – Sports Management) || University of Arkansas, 2014 (M.Ed. – Sports Management)

Previous Positions:
Started at the University of Arkansas in December 2014 and has served in numerous roles including (listed by most recent first):
• University of Arkansas - Academic Counselor (M. Basketball, W. Ten)
• University of Arkansas - Academic Counselor (M. Basketball, M. Golf)
• University of Arkansas - Academic Counselor (Softball, S & D)
• University of Arkansas - Graduate Assistant (MBB & W. Golf)
• University of Arkansas - Student-Athlete Development (Intern)
• University of Arkansas - Football Operations (Intern)
Hometown: West Fork, Ark.



LOGAN BURCH

Graduate Assistant
Arkansas, 2026
1st Year at Arkansas

• 1st Year at Arkansas as a Graduate Assistant.
• Pursuing Master's in Adult & Lifelong Learning.
• Was head student manager under Coach John Calipari with the Razorbacks from 2024-26. Also served as a student manager with the Arkansas women's basketball program for two seasons (2022-24).
• Helped Arkansas win the 2026 Manager Games National Championship, defeating Kentucky, 45-32, in the title game.
• As a senior at Farmington HS, led the Cardinals to a 31-2 record and earned All-Conference.
• Graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2026 with a Bachelor's in sports management.
• Hometown: Farmington, Ark (Farmington High School - 2022).



REID GRANT

Graduate Assistant
Minnesota Crookston, 2025
1st Year at Arkansas

• 1st Year at Arkansas as a Graduate Assistant.
• Pursuing Master's in Adult and Lifelong Learning.
• Was an assistant coach at Winona State last season (2025-26)
• Played two years at Minnesota Crookston (2023-25) ... A two-year starter with the Golden Eagles and was named second team All-NSIC as a senior ... Set the school record for career assists per game at Minnesota Crookston (4.5) ... Played his first two seasons at North Dakota (2021-23) ... Led Fighting Hawks in assists per game as a freshman.
• Graduated from Minnesota Crookston in 2025with an Applied Studies BS in Sport & Recreation Management and Coaching.
• Hometown: Johnston, Iowa (Johnston HS - 2021).



KAMANI JOHNSON

Graduate Assistant
Arkansas, 2023
1st Year at Arkansas

• 1st Year at Arkansas as a Graduate Assistant.
• Pursuing Master's in Sports Management.
• Played professionally in the Indonesian Basketball League (2023) and in the G-League with the Memphis Hustle (2024) ... Also played for the 2024 New York Knicks NBA Summer League team.
• Spent three seasons at Arkansas ... Sat out the 2020-21 campaign due the NCAA transfer rules ... Helped the Razorbacks reach the 2022 Elite 8 and 2023 Sweet 16 ... Played his first two seasons at Little Rock ... Was a third team 2020 All-Sun Belt pick ... Led the Sun Belt and ranked 26th nationally in free throw attempts in 2019-20 and ranked 49th in the NCAA in free throws made (144).
• For his collegiate career, played in 111 games with 51 starts and scored 598 points with 492 rebounds, 119 assists, 57 steals and 44 blocked shots.
• Upon his graduation, Johnson was the top offensive rebounder in school history ... He had the top 2 season offensive rebounding rates in Razorback history with 1 every 5:58 minutes in 2021-22 and 1 every 6:30 minutes in 2022-33 ... Also set the career offensive rebounding rate in Razorback history at 1 every 6:17 minutes.
• Graduated from the University of Arkansas in 2023 with a Bachelor's in communications.
• Hometown: Brooklyn, N.Y. (Holy Spirit (Ga.) Prep School - 2018).



AUDRIC WASHINGTON

Graduate Assistant
Susquehanna, 2026
1st Year at Arkansas

• 1st Year at Arkansas as a Graduate Assistant.
• Pursuing Master's in Physical Education.
• Spent four seasons at Susquehanna and played in 100 games with 63 starts from 2022-26 ... Scored 591 career points with 492 rebounds, 114 assists and 94 blocked shots.
• Named 2026 Landmark Conference Tournament MVP after scoring 21 points with nine rebounds in the championship game to help River Hawks win the championship and earn a berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament.
• Was the inaugural recipient of Susquehanna's Mike Scheib Memorial Foundation Scholarship (2026).
• Named to the Dean's List four times and had a 3.5 cumulative GPA ... Named to the 2022-23 Landmark Conference All-Sportsmanship Team ... Was vice president of the Muslim Student Association, a member of the Black Student Association and a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, while serving as a resident assistant.
• Graduated from Susquehanna University in 2026 with a Bachelor's in early childhood education, while also minoring in psychology.
• Hometown: Bowie, Md. (St. Mary's (Annapolis) HS - 2022).



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3rd Year • Junior
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1st Year • Freshman
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Downers Grove, Ill.



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3rd Year • Senior
Bentonville, Ark.



STEPHEN SUTTON
4th Year • Senior
Tulsa, Okla.



WILL SUMMERS
3rd Year • Senior
Louisville, Ky.



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3rd Year • Junior
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BRETT THOMAS
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