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Dee Davis returns home to Princeton Vikings as Head Coach of Girls Basketball



(April 12, 2021) Cincinnati, OH - Princeton City Schools is pleased to announce hometown Princeton Hall of Fame, professional basketball player, Dee Davis will be returning to Vike Nation as head coach for the Lady Vikings varsity team.

“We quickly identified an individual that is going to lead the Lady Vikes Basketball player in the future,” announced Joe Roberts, athletic director at Princeton City Schools to members of the Lady Vikings team.

“Coach Davis has always been a Princeton Viking. With her banners hanging in our arena, she went on to the highest level of professional basketball, and we are looking forward to the return of our 2003 graduate onto our home court,” Roberts stated as he introduced the coach.

“It’s a surreal feeling and full-circle experience, being back at Princeton, where it all began for me,”

Davis explained. “It’s a privilege to serve the community and school that gave so much to me. I’m ready to get back on Viking paint, to work with student-athletes, and empower these young ladies with skills for success. When they graduate from Princeton High School, I want our student-athletes to be proud of the trajectory of their careers and life.”

At Princeton High School, Davis was named a McDonald’s All-American player, Parade High School All-American, and a Women’s Basketball Coach Association (WBCA) All-American. She participated in the 2003 WBCA High School All-American game of the twenty most elite female players in the nation.

“Bringing home one of our own is best for our student-athletes, and what is best for Princeton,” said Ron Bollmer, Princeton High School principal. “Dee Davis understands what it takes to lead

by example on and off the court. Her talent, skills, and commitment to excellence will make a Viking difference.”

Davis continued her education, earning a degree in communications, as she was a four-year starter for Vanderbilt University (2003-2007). At Vanderbilt, Davis was a two-time All-Southeastern Conference (SEC) point guard scoring over 1,000 points, while setting the Commodores all-time career assists record of 730. She led the team in two SEC Championships, two Sweet Sixteen Conference appearances, and two second-round NCAA appearances.

Success continued in 2007, as Davis was the second-round draft pick, number 14 overall, into the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) by the Houston Comets. She also spent time with the Seattle Storm and in training camp with the San Antonio Silverstars.

After playing for the WNBA, Davis was a basketball player overseas and served as a head high school varsity basketball coach and a private basketball player for over ten years in Nashville. She was recognized as a 2017 SEC Legend and is the author of “Player’s Guides to College Hoops.” Most recently, she has coached at three collegiate women’s basketball programs and is leaving her post at the University of Texas-Arlington.

Coach Davis will assume the role of varsity head coach for the Vikings in early May. Coach Jill Phillips, the most winning basketball coach for the Vikings, stepped down from the position in March 2021. To learn more about Viking Athletics, please visit www.vikenation.org.

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