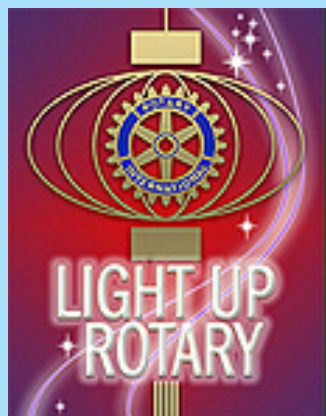


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This Week — September 2, 2014

Kristy Curry

Head coach, University of Alabama women's basketball



Alabama head women's basketball coach Kristy Curry enters her second season with the Crimson Tide. Curry made an immediate impact last season, winning seven Southeastern Conference games, the most since the 2001-02 season. Included in those wins was the first in Lexington against Kentucky since 2002, the first against Georgia since 2004, snapping a 23-game losing streak to the Lady Bulldogs, and the first in program history at Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym. Overall, Alabama won 14 games, playing one of the most difficult schedules in the nation, bringing Curry's overall coaching record to 323-165 (.662) in 15 seasons.

Home-game attendance increased significantly in Curry's first season as the Tide drew nearly 900 more attendees per game than it had in 2012-13.

The team was also heavily involved in community service, including Habitat for Humanity, Hoops for Heart at Huntington Place Elementary School, Upward Basketball, MDA Lock-Up, Project Angel Tree and the program's annual 5th Grade Fast-break. The team was recognized for its efforts during the athletic department's year-end banquet as the women's team with the most service hours throughout the year.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 9

Dr. Rick Myers
CEO
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SEPTEMBER 16

Sarah Patterson
retired head coach
University of Alabama
gymnastics

SEPTEMBER 23

Dr. Scot Duncan
associate professor, biology
Birmingham-Southern

At the 2014 Women's Basketball Coaches' Association Convention in Nashville, Tenn., Curry was awarded the Kay Yow Heart of a Coach Award, presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Prior to arriving at The Capstone, Curry was head coach of the Texas Tech women's program, compiling a record of 130-98. She guided the Lady Raiders to a 21-11 record in 2012-13 and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years. Previously, she was one of the most successful women's basketball coaches in Purdue history, where she coached from 1999-2006.

In her seven years at Purdue, Curry had a record of 179-51, winning two Big Ten regular-season and three Big Ten Tournament championships. She also guided her teams to seven NCAA Tournament appearances, including the Final Four and championship game in 2001. Curry became only the second coach in NCAA history to guide her team to the NCAA championship game in her second year as a head coach

In her fourth season at Purdue, Curry collected her 100th career coaching win, reaching that milestone faster than coaching icons Pat Summitt of Tennessee, Geno Auriemma of Connecticut and Tara VanDerveer of Stanford.

The on-court success of Curry's teams has carried over into the classroom as well. In seven years at Texas Tech, her student-athletes received Academic All-Big 12 honors 13 times and were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team five times. Curry's student-athletes received Academic All-Big Ten distinction 24 times during her career at Purdue. Every Boilermaker who finished her playing career at Purdue during Curry's tenure went on to graduate.

Curry began coaching in her home state of Louisiana, starting at the prep level and quickly moving to the college ranks as an assistant at Tulane, Stephen F. Austin, Texas A&M and Louisiana Tech.

A native of Olla, La., Curry graduated from LaSalle High School and then went on to earn her bachelor of science degree in health and physical education at Northeast Louisiana in 1988. She earned a master's degree in education at Stephen F. Austin in 1994.

Curry and her husband Kelly have two daughters, Kelsey and Kendall.



Last Week — August 26, 2014

Terry Waters, senior executive director of workforce and economic development for the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education, spoke on the challenges of developing a skilled and competent workforce in the state. Waters, a retired Alabama Power Co. executive and longtime Tuscaloosa resident, is also a member of the Alabama Workforce Council, which is examining ways to design education programs that match the needs of businesses. The meeting was held at the new Tuscaloosa Career and Technology Academy. Tours of the facility followed.

At the head table

Jack Pfaudler – Pledge of Allegiance – Owner, Southern House Furniture

Jerry Baggett – Introduction of Guests – Owner, Rodeway Inn, Tuscaloosa

Bill Lunsford – Invocation – President, Lunsford Construction and Development

Donny Jones – Introduction of Guest Speaker – Chief Operating Officer, Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama



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Honor Flight donation

The Alabama Marine Foundation donated \$5,000 to Rotary's Honor Flight program. From left are Tuscaloosa Rotary president Chuck Turner, Rotarian and Marine Foundation treasurer Jim McClean, Rotarian and Honor Flight coordinator Jordan Plaster and Rotary District Governor Jerry Shepherd.

Announcements

- If you have not paid your recent Rotary bill, please contact Treasurer Patricia Parnell to find out your balance at Patricia.Parnell@gmail.com or 205-789-2736.
- An Adopt-A-School golf tournament will be held Sept. 11 at Ol' Colony Golf Course. Sign up at an upcoming Rotary meeting or contact Camilla Canty.



ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY ...

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryclubone.org.

REPORT ALL MAKEUPS TO CLUB SECRETARY NANCY JONES