



**THE COACHING
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Head Coach Joanne Boyle

Joanne Boyle, who steered Richmond to three straight post-season appearances, has elevated the California women's basketball team into the national spotlight after directing the Golden Bears to their best season in 13 years during her inaugural campaign in Berkeley.

In 2005-06, Boyle led a freshman-dominated Cal team to an 18-12 overall record, a sixth-place showing in the Pac-10 Conference (10-8) and to the school's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1992-93. The Golden Bears boasted winning overall and conference records for the first time since 1992-93 when they posted a 19-10 mark and tied for fourth in the Pac-10 at 10-8.

Last year, Cal registered victories over No. 13 Arizona State (66-64) and Pac-10 Tournament champion UCLA (65-58) at home and No. 23 USC (72-67) on the road. After leading in the first half, the

10th-seed Bears fell to seventh-seeded St. John's, 78-68, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

On the heels of last year's success, Cal is ranked as high as No. 12 in a preseason ESPN.com top 25 poll, according to ESPN analyst and Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman. Athlon Sports, sportspagemagazine.com, and Lindy's tabbed the Bears No. 19, No. 22, and No. 25, respectively, in their preseason polls.

Cal established school records for scoring defense (60.4 ppg) and field goal percentage defense (37.8%) this past season, ranking second and third, respectively, in the Pac-10. All told, the Bears ranked in the top five in 10 league statistical categories in 2005-06.

Under Boyle's tutelage, four Cal players received conference postseason honors, highlighted by guard Alexis Gray-Lawson securing the Bears' first Freshman of the Year award. Forward/

center Devanei Hampton became the 10th freshman in conference history to be named first-team All-Pac-10, and freshman forward/center Ashley Walker joined Gray-Lawson and Hampton on the Pac-10 All-Freshman team. Guard Jené Morris received honorable mention Pac-10 All-Freshman.

After her first season at Cal, Boyle was named an assistant coach for USA Basketball's 2006 FIBA Americas U20 Championship for Women's team and a member of the WBCA Board of Directors. With Boyle on staff and Hampton on the 12-player roster, the USA defeated Brazil, 96-54, to claim the FIBA Americas title with a 5-0 record.

Boyle, who owns a four-year career record of 85-41 (.675), was hired at Cal April 15, 2005, after serving three seasons as head coach at Richmond, where she directed the Spiders to three consecutive 20-plus win seasons, including a 23-8 record and the program's



first NCAA berth in 14 years in 2004-05. The Spiders finished with a 12-4 record in the Atlantic 10 in Boyle's final year, their best mark in the four years since they joined the conference. In January 2005, the program received its first-ever national ranking – No. 25 in the ESPN-USA Today-WBCA Coaches' Poll.

In 2005, Richmond earned the program's first at-large bid and third overall invitation to the NCAA Tournament. The 11th-seeded Spiders lost to sixth-seeded Florida State, 87-54, in the first round. Also in 2004-05, Boyle coached Richmond to victories over Virginia, Liberty and Dartmouth – all NCAA Tournament qualifiers – and fielded a team that led the Atlantic 10 in three-point field goal percentage (35.1%) and ranked in the top five in the conference in 13 statistical categories. For Boyle's efforts, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* named her the Virginia State Coach of the Year.

at the helm, snapping a streak of 12 straight losing seasons.

Boyle also has a proven track record as a recruiter, inking Blue Star Index's 12th-ranked recruiting class in the country for 2004-05. She signed Crystal Goring, who was rated the No. 6 best player nationally by Blue Star and earned McDonald's and WBCA All-America honors.

Before accepting her first collegiate head coaching job at Richmond, Boyle was an integral part of Duke's rise to national prominence as an assistant coach for nine seasons. The season before Boyle's arrival in 1993-94, Duke compiled a 12-15 record and finished last in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Two seasons into her stint in Durham, N.C., the team notched 20-plus wins (22-9) for the first time in 10 years and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

who faced a unique personal challenge off the court. In late November, Boyle suffered an arteriovenous malformation (AVM) in her brain, which resulted in brain surgery and a lengthy hospital stay. The genetic condition is a capillary deficiency that causes an eruption of blood vessels which produces stroke-like symptoms and bleeding within the cerebellum. An AVM differs from a blot clot in that an AVM cannot reappear.

Surrounded by her team, friends and family, Boyle fought valiantly to overcome her illness. Her recovery process was more rapid than her doctors had predicted. Her steely resolve, coupled with intense physical and speech therapy, enabled Boyle to return to her role on the Blue Devils' bench within a month. Not long after that, she was on her way to San Antonio, Texas, with the team for Duke's second Final Four appearance in four years.



The Philadelphia native recorded a 67-29 mark (.698) in three seasons at Richmond. In addition to the 2005 NCAA Tournament, she led the Spiders to the WNIT quarterfinals in 2003 (21-11) and to the WNIT semifinals in 2004 (23-10). Her 2003-04 team paced the conference in six statistical categories, including scoring offense, scoring margin, field goal percentage and assist/TO ratio. At 17.9 assists per game, Richmond ranked 10th in the nation.

Under Boyle's guidance, six Richmond players were selected All-Atlantic 10, with Kate Flavin receiving first-team honors in 2004 and 2005.

Boyle was hired by the Spiders in April 2002, inheriting a team which posted a 14-16 overall record the previous year and hadn't enjoyed a postseason appearance since 1990-91. As she did at Richmond, Boyle brought a winner to Berkeley in her inaugural year

With Boyle on staff, Duke garnered eight straight NCAA Tournament berths, highlighted by appearances in the 1999 national championship game and the 2002 semifinals. The Blue Devils reached the 20-win plateau seven times, twice amassed at least 30 victories, were ranked in the top 10 nationally four straight years, grabbed four regular-season ACC championships and advanced to the 1998 NCAA Elite Eight and to the 2000 and 2001 NCAA Sweet 16.

Kodak All-Americans Michele VanGorp (1999), Georgia Schweitzer (2001), Alana Beard (2002 and 2003) and Iciss Tillis (2003) were among the players who benefited from Boyle's presence at Duke. Beard was selected the 2003 Kodak Player of the Year.

Fueling Duke's rise on the national scene were four straight top five recruiting classes from 1999-02.

Duke's success in 2001-02 was particularly rewarding for Boyle,

Prior to coaching at Duke, Boyle played professional basketball overseas for division one teams in Luxembourg and Germany before returning to the United States after three years. During her European stay, she also won two league championships.

Boyle, a four-year letterwinner at Duke, graduated in 1985 with a degree in economics and obtained a master's of science degree in health policy and administration from North Carolina in 1989. She ended her playing career ranked second on the Duke scoring charts and second in assists. Her 75 steals during the 1984-85 campaign remained the highest single-season total until Beard broke the mark in 2000-01.



BOYLE VERSUS ALL OPPONENTS



Arizona	1-1	Florida State	1-1	Oregon	1-1	Temple	1-4
Arizona State	1-1	Georgetown	3-0	Oregon State	1-1	UC Davis	1-0
Arkansas State	1-0	George Washington	0-7	Radford	1-0	UCLA	1-2
Auburn	0-1	Georgia Southern	1-0	Rhode Island	4-1	UC Santa Barbara	0-1
Baylor	0-1	Howard	1-0	Rider	1-0	UNLV	1-1
Columbia	1-0	La Salle	4-2	Sacred Heart	1-0	USC	2-0
Creighton	0-1	Liberty	3-0	Saint Joseph's	2-2	Virginia	1-0
Dartmouth	1-0	Louisiana State	0-1	San Jose State	1-0	Virginia Commonwealth	3-0
Dayton	5-1	Marshall	1-0	South Carolina State	1-0	Virginia Tech	0-1
Delaware	2-0	Maryland	1-0	South Florida	1-0	Wagner	1-0
DePaul	0-1	Massachusetts	3-0	Southwest Missouri State	1-0	Washington	1-1
Duquesne	6-0	Miami	0-1	Stanford	0-2	Washington State	2-0
Eastern Washington	1-0	Mount St. Mary's	1-0	St. Bonaventure	5-0	Western Michigan	1-0
Fordham	3-0	New Mexico	0-1	St. John's	0-1	Williams & Mary	2-0
Florida	2-0	Northwestern	0-1	Stony Brook	1-0	Xavier	4-2



CAREER COACHING RECORD

CALIFORNIA (HEAD COACH)

Years	Overall	Conf. Record/Finish	Postseason
2005-06	18-12	10-8/6th Pac-10	NCAA First Round
Totals	18-12 (.600)		

RICHMOND (HEAD COACH)

Years	Overall	Conf. Record/Finish	Postseason
2002-03	21-11	9-7/T4th Atlantic 10	WNIT Quarterfinals
2003-04	23-10	11-5/4th Atlantic 10	WNIT Semifinals
2004-05	23-8	12-4/4th Atlantic 10	NCAA First Round
Totals	67-29 (.698)		

DUKE (ASSISTANT COACH)

Years	Overall	Conf. Record/Finish	Postseason
1993-94	16-11	7-9/5th ACC	—
1994-95	22-9	10-6/4th ACC	NCAA Second Round
1995-96	26-7	12-4/2nd ACC	NCAA Second Round
1996-97	19-11	9-7/5th ACC	NCAA Second Round
1997-98	24-8	13-3/1st ACC	NCAA Elite Eight
1998-99	29-7	15-1/1st ACC	NCAA Finals
1999-00	28-6	12-4/2nd ACC	NCAA Sweet 16
2000-01	30-4	13-3/1st ACC	NCAA Sweet 16
2001-02	31-4	16-0/1st ACC	NCAA Final Four
Totals	225-121 (.650)		



Head coach Joanne Boyle answers questions about her own journey, which has taken her from the East Coast, to Europe, and now to California.

How did you get your start playing basketball?

As a kid I was a tomboy, and grew up playing all kinds of sports with the boys in my neighborhood. I played tag football, baseball and basketball; athletics came naturally to me. Not only did I enjoy the competition sports provided, but they helped me to develop self-esteem and confidence. I played multiple sports throughout my childhood, but began to focus on basketball as I got older.

staff, at my alma mater, I took it. I was only making \$12,000 a year, but it didn't matter, within 6 months I knew that coaching was my calling.

What was it about coaching that intrigued you?

Coaches, like teachers, can have such a huge impact on young people. I always knew I wanted to be in a profession where I could give back and really make a contribution to the world. That is what originally drew me to the idea of joining the Peace Corps. During that first year coaching at Duke, I realized that I had found what I was looking for. I knew that as a coach, I would have a chance to influence a young person's life for four years and even beyond, just as my coaches had impacted me.

How was the transition from Richmond to California?

We had a lot of success at Richmond and I could have stayed

family. The transition to California and our first year were incredibly rewarding, and I'm even more excited about the future.

What do you hope your players learn from you throughout their journey at Cal and after graduation?

On the basketball side of it, I want them to know that we're in this together. We go through our up and downs, but like a family, we stick together, trust one another, and always remain one unit. I want them to know that once you are a part of this program, you are a part of it for life. We want to create an environment where their four years here at Cal are the best years of their lives, but also helps them to establish memories and relationships that flourish even after they graduate. I also hope to instill in them a sense of enjoying the journey, of seizing the moment. Here at Cal, we have specific goals we want to reach on



When did you decide coaching would be the career path you would choose?

My plan had always been to go into the Peace Corps after grad school, but I was offered the chance to play professional basketball overseas and I jumped at the opportunity. Playing again made me realize that I really missed the sport, and the competition and camaraderie that goes along with being on a team. One summer, when I was back from Europe and on Duke's campus, I met Gail Goestenkors who had recently been named Head Coach there. We had a conversation about the potential of Duke Women's Basketball, and she shared with me her vision for the program. She believed that the women's team could be as successful as the Duke men, and she was driven to get them there. I believed in what Gail was saying, and was inspired by her passion. So when she offered me a position on her

there for years, but when Sandy Barbour approached me about the job opening at Cal, I knew I had to seriously consider it. The more I researched and spoke to people about both Sandy and Cal, I knew it was the opportunity of a lifetime. So I came to Berkeley with a lot of excitement and some very lofty goals. Taking over a program always involves an all-consuming commitment. My staff and I invested ourselves in this brand new challenge, and we put in numerous hours of work, all with the end goal of establishing a new level of excellence for Cal Women's Basketball. It was so rewarding to see the players buy into what we were doing. There were ups and downs in the first year, and it wasn't always easy. There is always a process of getting to know and trust one another, and that takes time. But we were able to achieve success on the court faster than most people expected, and even more importantly, we were able to come together as a

the court, like getting to that Final Four. But I want this team to enjoy the day-to-day moments along that journey. The hard work, the sacrifice, the shared moments of joy with their teammates – those are the things that make the experience special. I hope they carry that mentality, to seize each moment, with them into their lives after graduation as well.

What drives you to succeed?

I think each day we are given is a blessing, and there are no guarantees that we will be here tomorrow. I wake up every morning wanting to make the most of my day. I think my drive comes from being given a gift and wanting to find my purpose with it. I have been so fortunate to have had wonderful life experiences through basketball, and I want my team to experience their own journey with a sport they love.





Lindsay Gottlieb Assistant Coach

Birthday: October 2
Hometown: Scarsdale, NY
High School: Scarsdale High School
Alma Mater (year): Brown (1999)



Lindsay Gottlieb, a veteran member of head coach Joanne Boyle's staff, enters her second season as an assistant coach for the California women's basketball team.

Gottlieb assists with all aspects of Cal's program, including recruiting and scouting, and serves as the team's academic liaison. She has been integral to the development of Cal's post players, including Devanei Hampton, an All-Pac-10 selection, and Ashley Walker, a member of the Pac-10 All-Freshman team.

In her inaugural year in Berkeley, Cal posted its first winning record (18-12) in 13 years and garnered its first NCAA Tournament berth since 1993. While Boyle was attending to a family illness, Gottlieb served as Cal's interim head coach for the Bears' game at Stanford Jan. 14, 2006.

During Gottlieb's three seasons as an assistant coach at Richmond

under Boyle, the Spiders posted 20-plus wins each year and advanced to the postseason three times. In 2004-05, Richmond finished with a 23-8 record and earned the program's first NCAA Tournament berth in 14 years. The Spiders were invited to the 2003 and 2004 WNIT.

Prior to Gottlieb's stint at Richmond, she served as an assistant coach at New Hampshire in 2001-02, under head coach Sue Johnson.

Before joining the New Hampshire staff, Gottlieb was an assistant coach for two years at Syracuse with Marianna Freeman at the helm. In addition to her coaching duties for the Big East program, Gottlieb was the assistant director of the school's girls' basketball camp. While at Syracuse, she earned her master's degree in philosophy of education.

Gottlieb obtained additional coaching expertise with the Westchester Basketball Association AAU program and Kutsher's

Sports Academy.

The Scarsdale, N.Y., native graduated from Brown University in 1999 with a bachelor's of arts degree in political science after playing four years of basketball. Gottlieb was a student assistant coach during the 1998-99 campaign and received the Team Heart and Soul Award in 1999.

A self-described sports geek, Gottlieb advanced to be one of the final 40 contestants for the 2003 season of ESPN "Dream Job."

College Coaching Experience

1999-01	Assistant Coach	Syracuse
2001-02	Assistant Coach	New Hampshire
2002-05	Assistant Coach	Richmond
2005-	Assistant Coach	California





Kim Hairston Assistant Coach

Birthday: June 20
Hometown: Bassett, VA
High School: Bassett High School
Alma Mater (year): Richmond (2000)



Kim Hairston, who helped Richmond achieve national prominence, begins her second year as an assistant women's basketball coach at California.

Hairston assists with all areas of Cal's program, including recruiting and scouting. She has played an integral role in the development of the Golden Bears' guards, highlighted by Alexis Gray-Lawson earning the 2005-06 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year award.

In her inaugural campaign at Cal, the Bears posted their first winning record (18-12) in 13 years and garnered their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1993.

A former standout player at Richmond, Hairston served as an assistant coach at her alma mater during its breakout 2004-05 campaign. The Spiders posted a 23-8 record and earned

the program's first NCAA Tournament berth in 14 years. When Richmond head coach Joanne Boyle assumed the reins at Cal, Hairston decided to make the trek west, as well.

Before joining Richmond's staff, Hairston spent two years as an assistant coach at James Madison, where her primary duties included guard development, game strategy and recruiting.

Prior to JMU, Hairston served as an assistant in 2001-02 at Howard, helping the Bison to a first-place finish in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

In 2000, Hairston jumpstarted her collegiate coaching career with a one-year stint at James Madison. That season, the Dukes advanced to the semifinals of the 2001 WNIT.

Hairston starred at Richmond for two years (1998-00) after transferring from Radford, where she was named the 1996 Big

South Rookie of the Year. As a Spiders' co-captain her senior year, she was named to the 2000 Colonial Athletic Association All-Defensive team.

A product of Bassett, Va., Hairston received her bachelor's degree in sports science from Richmond in 2000.

College Coaching Experience

2000-01	Assistant Coach	James Madison
2001-02	Assistant Coach	Howard
2002-04	Assistant Coach	James Madison
2004-05	Assistant Coach	Richmond
2005-	Assistant Coach	California





Dean Mendes Assistant Coach

Birthday: April 27
Hometown: Easton, MA
High School: Oliver Ames High School
Alma Mater (year): Fordham (1982)



Dean Mendes, who boasts 12 years of collegiate coaching experience, begins his second season as an assistant coach for the California women's basketball team.

Mendes contributes to all facets of Cal's program, including recruiting and scouting, and pushes the Bears' guards to reach their potential. He helped sophomore Alexis Gray-Lawson claim the 2005-06 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year award.

In his inaugural year in Berkeley, the Bears posted their first winning record (18-12) in 13 years and garnered their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1993. At the 2006 NCAA Final Four, he was a panelist for a forum on electronic recruiting.

Mendes' arrival at Cal came on the heels of his two seasons as an assistant coach at Vermont, under women's head coach Sharon Dawley. He was the recruiting coordinator for the Catamounts and

assisted with all aspects of the program.

Prior to his time at Vermont, Mendes (pronounced men-DEEZ) served as an administrative assistant for the Boston College women's basketball program during the 2002-03 campaign. The Eagles advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 that season.

Mendes, who hails from Easton, Mass., served four years as assistant women's basketball coach and recruiting coordinator at Brown before his stint at Boston College.

In addition, Mendes developed his coaching skills as an assistant women's basketball coach at Assumption College (1994-96) and at Worcester State College (1996-98).

He earned a bachelor's of arts degree in communications from Fordham in 1982.

Mendes married Tina Maietta on Aug. 19, 2006, and has a

daughter, Shardae Gonsalves, who competes on the basketball and lacrosse teams at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Despite being from the Boston area, Mendes lists the New York Yankees as his favorite team.

College Coaching Experience

1994-96	Assistant Coach	Assumption College
1996-98	Assistant Coach	Worcester State College
1998-02	Assistant Coach	Brown
2002-03	Admin. Assistant	Boston College
2003-05	Assistant Coach	Vermont
2005-	Assistant Coach	California





Sarah Holsinger *Director of Basketball Operations*

Sarah Holsinger enters her second year as the director of basketball operations for the California women's basketball team after serving two seasons in the same capacity at James Madison.

Holsinger is responsible for all aspects of basketball administration. Her duties include coordinating team travel, game day management, assisting with special events and on-campus recruiting visits, overseeing community service projects, acting as a liaison with opponents and providing budgetary and administrative support to the coaching staff. She also is the director of Cal's

basketball camps and the *Contra Costa Times* Classic.

Originally from Luray, Va., Holsinger played basketball and lacrosse at Bridgewater College in Virginia and was a member of the Eagles' 1999 Old Dominion Athletic Conference championship basketball team. Following graduation, she was head junior varsity girls' basketball coach at Eastern Mennonite High School in Virginia for the 2002-03 season.

Holsinger earned her bachelor's of science degrees in allied health science and nutrition and wellness from Bridgewater College in May 2002. She obtained a master's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in sports administration and coaching from JMU in May 2004.



Jason Spitulnik *Video Coordinator*

Jason Spitulnik begins his second season as the video coordinator for the California women's basketball team.

Spitulnik oversees the daily video needs of the Golden Bear staff, including shooting practices and all games, and assembling scouting tapes. He also manages film exchange with the Bears' opponents, assists with internal department requests for women's basketball footage and helps with a variety of office work.

Prior to joining the Cal staff, Spitulnik worked in the University of Kentucky's sports video department since November 2000. In that capacity, he taped games and practices for the nationally-

ranked men's basketball team, as well as the football program and non-revenue sports. He also gained experience editing on a variety of platforms and creating highlight tapes.

The native of Rochester, N.Y., is a skilled videographer who is knowledgeable about many camera and recording platforms. Spitulnik is familiar with non-linear and linear editing, the XO's Sports Pro system for basketball and football, and the SportsTec Sports Code system, which he has implemented at Cal.

He earned his bachelor's of arts degree in anthropology from Kentucky in May 2005.



Nikki Truax *Assistant Director of Operations*

Nikki Truax enters her second season as California's assistant director of basketball operations following a short stint as a corporate concierge for Les' Concierges. Her duties at Cal include overseeing the recruiting database, coordinating travel for recruiting trips, alumni and donor relations, supervising student assistants and directing the Cub Club.

With Les Concierges, Truax provided a full array of personal and business assistance, including travel, meeting planning, special events, parties and gifts.

The native of Pensacola, Fla., also worked for a year as a club

level concierge for the Ritz Carlton in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

From June 1996 to October 2004, Truax served as the office manager and as a personal assistant for the Insider Capital Group. In those capacities, she managed accounts receivable and accounts payable, assisted with budget reports and administrator profit planning, ordered office supplies and arranged for travel and entertainment.

Truax gained additional experience as a front desk clerk and concierge at the Royal Palms Resort & Spa and as a software trainer for CM-IT Solutions/Computer M.O.M.S.

She received her bachelor's degree in business administration from West Florida in 2003.





Sarah Berrin
Student Manager



Jessica Dolan
Student Manager



Tamilyn Lee
Student Manager

Tawnie Lee
Student Manager



Pat Dixon
Strength & Conditioning Coach



Laura Wong
Equipment Manager



I see my entire life as a journey and being a student-athlete at Cal is just one chapter. As I walk along my path, I know I never walk alone. I put my faith in the Lord, and He is with me.

Long ago, I set a goal to get here. To go to college, to get a scholarship, to play for Cal. Now that I've reached that goal, I appreciate every minute of it. To me, the ability to play the game I love with teammates I admire, for a school I have pride in, is truly a blessing.

I am challenged everyday, both physically and mentally. But through the tough times and the joyful ones, I retain my faith. I know I can do all things through Him.

My name is Krista Foster, and I play basketball for Cal.

