

IBCA Coach of the Year  
(2009-2010)

Led Team to NJCAA Final 4  
(2009-2010)

Region 24 Champion  
(2009-2010)

NJCAA MWAC Coach of the  
Year (2009-2010)

NJCAA Region 24 Coach of  
the Year (2009-2010)

**“Ex- Illini Star Deon  
Thomas, remains a  
popular draw in C-U, as  
evidenced by the post-  
game gathering of  
autograph-seekers  
following his attendance  
at a recent Illini game”**

*Al Kurtz, writer*

*Illinois Alumni Mag.*

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**BIG 10-** All BIG 10 Team 1991,  
1992, 1993, 1994

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
VARSITY BASKETBALL  
LETTERMAN 1989-1994**

**SIMEON HIGH SCHOOL –  
CHICAGO, IL**

McDonald’s High School All  
American (1989)

Parade High School All  
American (1989)

Illinois Mr. Basketball (1989)

Inducted into the Illinois  
Basketball Hall of Fame

**Drafted 28<sup>th</sup> pick by Dallas  
Mavericks 1989**

**NBA Draft  
Fourteen Year European  
Professional in Spain, Greece,  
Turkey, Bulgaria, Israel**

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

As Head Coach I recruit, retain and teach student athletes to compete in a highly competitive environment. As Athletic Director I manage a budget in excess of half a million dollars and direct and promote ten additional division I and division II sport programs. I believe my strongest personal asset is the ability to understand and relate to players who come from diverse backgrounds as well as successfully working with administrators, donors and community leaders to promote the ideals of the Institution. As a Coach I strive to elevate player understanding of the team concept and how each position is like a piece to a puzzle. Each individual contributes to the whole picture. I believe, Inside players and perimeter players should learn the same basic skills which contribute to the success of the team.

## QUALIFICATION

- Two years as Head Coach and Athletic Director
- Served three years as player coach in Europe
- Twenty-four years of competitive athletic experience
- Head Men’s Basketball Coach at University High School
- Fourteen years of competitive professional basketball
- Five years of running basketball programs in both individual and team environments.

## ATHLETIC EXPERIENCE

Lewis and Clark Community College      AD & Head Coach      Godfrey, IL  
2009 - Present

**Athletic Director.** Oversee and develop athletic program goals. Responsible to direct and manage fund raising and development campaigns, control and manage the daily operations of the athletic department. Direct and manage men and women sports programs supervise eight coaches and one assistant athletic director

**Head Coach.** Recruit top athletes for the men’s basketball team, prepare and implement daily practice plans. Work individually with players to improve individual play as well as team continuity. Coordinate scouting reports and video review to prepare for upcoming games. Mentor players to help them grow as young men and productive college student-athletes. Maintain compliance with all NJCAA rules; participate in conference rule making and compliance meetings. Promote a positive image for all the athletic programs and assist in ensuring their financial viability. Coordinate volunteer and community involvement campaigns. Run and direct summer basketball camps, golf outings and summer fundraising events.

After experiencing 14 years as a pro in Europe my coaching philosophy has expanded. I believe that true basketball is about all-around development. I also believe that:

*In order to instill a wide assortment of skills into each player's psyche and game I have my guards go through the same drills as my big men and vice versa.*

## **AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS**

Finished first in the division for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in school history.

1<sup>st</sup> twenty win season in school history

1<sup>st</sup> season in school history to be ranked in school history

FEDERATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION  
EURO-LEAGUE

- FIBA Euro-League  
Champion (2004, 2005)  
FIBA Euro-league  
Final Four. (2004, 2005)

**FEDERATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
BASKETBALL  
ASSOCIATION ISRAELI  
LEAGUE**

- FIBA  
IBL WINNER'S CUP  
Champion. (2004, 2005)  
FIBA IBL ISRAELI CUP  
Champion. (2004, 2005)

**FEDERATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
BASKETBALL  
ASSOCIATION KINGS CUP**

- FIBA Kings Cup Final  
Four. (1996-1997)

**FEDERATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL  
BASKETBALL  
ASSOCIATION KORAC CUP**

- FIBA Korac Cup Elite  
Eight. (1996-1997)

## **Junior Varsity Head Coach:**

Focused on the individual development of the players and overall team development to prepare them to join the varsity program. Mentored players to become more productive students and valuable young men.

## **Associate Coach/ Consultant:**

Met with coach to design and discuss game preparation and tactics for upcoming games. Assisted the head coach on game time decisions and worked directly with the players to enhance individual talent and team proficiency.

## **All-Pro Sports Academy (Tamarac, FL) Skills Coach 2007-2009**

*Skills Coach:* Worked directly with guards and post players to develop individual skills. Acted as a mentor to the participants in the camps and clinics.

## **EDUCATION:**

*UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS*

**Bachelor of Arts**

**Major:** Political Science

*Personal References Provided Upon Request*