

Vincent Completes Coaching Staff

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Appalachian State University head women's basketball coach Darcie Vincent announced the addition of assistant coach Katherine Katz to round out her coaching staff on Tuesday afternoon. "We couldn't be more excited about adding Kat to our staff as our recruiting coordinator," said Vincent. "Kat is an exceptional young lady with a tremendous work ethic in our profession. As we begin to prepare for the Sun Belt Conference, we are gaining a very knowledgeable and motivated individual. Additionally, her expertise also stretches into scouting and player development. However, the overwhelming advantage is her knowledge of our program and our philosophies. This alone is invaluable."

Katz joins the women's basketball coaching staff after spending five seasons as an assistant with Southern Conference member Samford University, where she helped guide the Bulldogs to three national postseason tournaments, two Southern Conference Championships, and a pair of NCAA Tournament bids.

"I am excited and very grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to join the Appalachian State family," said Katz.

"App State not only holds the reputation of great basketball, but also of high academic standards, a great sense of community and a wonderful place to work. I am thrilled to come and work with Head Coach Darcie Vincent. She has proven on every level that she is one of the best and, having known her for the past few years, I know I am working for a great person as well. I am looking forward to becoming a part of the Boone community, the Appalachian State family and even more, I am looking forward to working with a great group of young women."

During her time at Samford, Katz assisted in coaching a women's team that won at least 20 games in each of four consecutive seasons, including a school record 25 wins in 2010-11 to reach the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history, along with a second NCAA Tournament berth in 2012.

In her first season with Samford, Katz handled team travel operations, including arranging accommodations and meals, and coordinating practice times. She was promoted in 2009, becoming involved in all aspects of the women's basketball program, including recruiting, practices, and in-game coaching.

Prior to her stint at Samford, Katz served on staff at Louisiana State University [LSU], beginning as a graduate assistant for the Lady Tigers in August 2006. While at LSU, Katz assisted with day-to-day operations, directed film exchange, and assisted with special player breakdown and recruiting compilations, in addition to working with community promotions and the Junior Fast Break Club for community youth. Katz also served as an assistant to the head women's basketball coach, managing her charitable foundation and assisting with the direction of summer camps.

Before joining LSU, Katz served as a volunteer student assistant at her alma mater, Birmingham-Southern [BSC]. She organized monthly schedules for the coaching staff, compiled recruiting schedules, and oversaw film exchange. A 2006 graduate of Birmingham Southern College, Katz earned her bachelor's degree in English, while a four-year member of the softball team and a three-year member of the Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll; along with serving as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee community service chair, a Fellowship of Christian Athletes representative, and a member of the Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society. Katz received her master's degree in kinesiology from LSU in 2008.

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