

# Table of Contents

## Contents

Radio/TV Chart .....	IFC
Contents .....	1
Key Basketball Contacts.....	1
2009-10 Roster.....	2
2009-10 Outlook.....	3
2009-10 Schedule.....	5
Head Coach Lane Lord .....	6
Assistant Coach Amanda Davied .....	8
Assistant Coach Andy Majors .....	9
Assistant Coach Anna Nimz.....	9
Graduate Assistant Brianna Buchanan.....	10
Player Profiles.....	11
All-Americans .....	33
All-Conference.....	34
PSU Hall of Fame.....	36
All-Time Greats.....	38
Letterwinners .....	39
Records.....	40
Double-Doubles .....	45
Player Stats.....	47
Coaching Records.....	50
PSU in NCAA Tournament.....	51
All-Time Scores.....	52
Series History .....	56
2008-09 Stats/Results .....	58
2008-09 Box Scores .....	59
The MIAA .....	65
Opponents.....	74
Pittsburg State University.....	86
The Gorilla Mascot.....	92
University Administration.....	93
Pittsburg, Kansas .....	95
Athletics Staff.....	96
Academic Success .....	98
John Lance Arena.....	103
Media Information .....	104
Campus Map .....	IBC

## Pitt State Women's Basketball Key Contacts



**Head Coach**  
Lane Lord  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4647  
llord@pittstate.edu



**Media Relations**  
Heidi Johnson, Media Relations Assistant  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4138  
hjohnson@pittstate.edu



**NCAA Eligibility**  
Natalie Cullen, Asst. AD/Academics & Compliance  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4067  
ncullen@pittstate.edu



**Game Administration**  
Steve Bever, Baseball Coach  
Office Phone: (620) 232-7951  
sbever@pittstate.edu



**Game Tickets**  
Jill Pjesky, Box Office Manager  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4797  
jminnema@pittstate.edu



**Athletic Training**  
Phil Carr  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4650  
pcarr@pittstate.edu



**Recruiting**  
Amanda Davied, Assistant Coach  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4814  
addavied@pittstate.edu



**Administrative**  
Lacie Anderson  
Office Phone: (620) 235-4389  
landerso@pittstate.edu

The **2009-10 Pittsburg State Women's Basketball Media Guide** was written, designed and edited by Media Relations Assistant Heidi Johnson with assistance from Assistant AD for Media Relations Dan Wilkes and Media Relations Student Assistant Bobby Frisbee. Cover Illustration by Heidi Johnson. Photography by Carla Wehmeyer. Printing by xxx.

# 2009-10 Gorilla Roster



**2009-10 Pitt State Women's Basketball** - Front Row (from left): DePrice Taylor, Maya Onikute, Drew Roberts, Whitney Conerly. Middle Row (from left): Courtney Tate, Amanda Orloske, Ciarra Washington, Marissa Poppe, Bailey Waugh. Back Row (from left): Nicole McCombs, Larissa Richards, Aubrey Jones, Lauren Brown, Tesia Danner, Laura Glenn, Lisa Elmer

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/Last School
4	Courtney Tate	G	5-9	SO	RS	Grandview, Mo./Grandview High School
5	Lisa Elmer	G	5-11	FR	HS	Pittsburg, Kan./St. Mary's-Colgan High School
11	Maya Onikute	G	5-6	SR	TR	Queens, N.Y./University of Houston
12	Drew Roberts	G	5-6	FR	HS	Blue Springs, Mo./Blue Springs High School
14	Bailey Waugh	G	5-9	JR	2L	Edna, Kan./Labette County High school
15	Aubrey Jones	C	6-3	SR	1L	Pittsburg, Kan./Independence Community College
21	Amanda Orloske	G	5-9	SO	1L	Wichita, Kan./Wichita Heights High School
22	DePrice Taylor	G	5-8	SR	2L	Detroit, Mich./Barton County Community College
24	Lauren Brown	C	6-6	FR	HS	Wichita, Kan./Independent High School
32	Marissa Poppe	G	5-10	JR	2L	Girard, Kan./Girard High School
33	Whitney Conerly	G	5-8	SR	1L	Ontario, Calif./Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College
35	Ciarra Washington	G	5-10	FR	HS	Gardner, Kan./Gardner-Edgerton High School
40	Larissa Richards	C	6-3	SO	RS	Great Bend, Kan./Great Bend High School
42	Laura Glenn	G	5-11	JR	2L	Marshfield, Mo./Marshfield High School
43	Tesia Danner	C	6-2	FR	HS	Kansas City, Mo./Central High School
50	Nicole McCombs	C	6-1	SR	1L	Richmond, Va./Drexel University

**Head Coach:** Lane Lord (Tabor, 1993)

**Assistant Coaches:** Amanda Davied (Pitt State, 2003), Andy Majors (Pitt State, 2006), Anna Nimz (Pitt State, 2007)

**Graduate Assistant:** Brianna Buchanan (Pitt State, 2009)

## Pronunciations

MAYA ONIKUTE MY-AH o-NIK-uh-tay  
 Amanda ORLOSKE or-loss-KEE  
 DEPRICE Taylor DEE-PREES  
 Marissa POPPE POP-ee (like the flower)

CIARRA Washington SEE-air-ah  
 TESIA Danner TAY-zah  
 Amanda DAVIED David  
 Brianna BUCHANAN Byu-CAN-an

## Q&A With Head Coach Lane Lord

**Gorilla Media Relations: What was the biggest change you saw in your team from year one to year two?**

**Lane Lord:** The biggest change from year one to year two was the familiarity of the style of play and expectations of the offense and defense. Having players with experience in the system was a huge advantage in the second year. Of course, the additions of Candice Gilbert and Nicole McCombs combined with the returners from our first year made us a better team.

**GMR: What can fans expect out of year three?**

**LL:** Fans can expect the same up-tempo offense and an improved overall team defense. I think most importantly, the fans can expect players that play with extreme passion and intensity

**GMR: What are your goals for this season.**

**LL:** We have three goals for the season:

1. Win a Conference Championship
2. Make the NCAA Tournament
3. Win PSU's first-ever NCAA Tournament game

**GMR: What are your biggest obstacles to achieving those goals?**

**LL:** The biggest obstacle we face is staying healthy. We have 10

returners from a year ago which gives us a great amount of experience. In order to stay in the race for a title we need to have quality depth. We have quality depth right now - We need to stay healthy for the rigors of the conference season.



### Personnel Breakdown

#### Starters Returning (2)

	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Nicole McCombs	C	6-1	Jr.
DePrice Taylor	G	5-8	Jr.

#### Starters Lost (3)

	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Brianna Buchanan	G	5-8	Sr.
Caitlin Demarest	G	5-6	Sr.
Candice Gilbert	G/F	5-10	Sr.

#### Letterwinners Returning (6)

	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Whitney Conerly	G	5-9	Sr.
Laura Glenn	G	6-0	Jr.
Aubrey Jones	C	6-3	Sr.
Amanda Orloske	G	5-9	So.
Marissa Poppe	G	5-10	Sr.
Bailey Waugh	G	5-9	Jr.

#### Letterwinners Lost (1)

	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Kayla Hruby	G	5-6	Fr.

#### Squadmembers Returning (2)

	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Larissa Richards	C	6-3	So.
Courtney Tate	G	5-9	So.

#### Newcomers (6)

	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.
Lisa Elmer	G	5-11	Fr.
Maya Onikute	G	5-6	Sr.
Drew Roberts	G	5-6	Fr.
Lauren Brown	C	6-6	Fr.
Ciarra Washington	G	5-10	Fr.
Tesia Danner	C	6-2	Fr.

#### Seniors (5)

	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Whitney Conerly	G	5-8	1L
Aubrey Jones	C	6-3	1L
Nicole McCombs	C	6-1	1L
Maya Onikute	G	5-6	TR
DePrice Taylor	G	5-8	2L

#### Juniors (3)

	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Laura Glenn	G	5-11	2L
Marissa Poppe	G	5-10	2L
Bailey Waugh	G	5-9	2L

#### Sophomore (3)

	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Amanda Orloske	G	5-9	1L
Larissa Richards	C	6-3	RS
Courtney Tate	G	5-9	RS

#### Freshmen (5)

	Pos.	Ht.	Exp.
Lauren Brown	C	6-6	HS
Tesia Danner	C	6-2	HS
Lisa Elmer	G	5-11	HS
Drew Roberts	G	5-6	HS
Ciarra Washington	G	5-10	HS

# 2009-10 Outlook

**GMR: What are the biggest assets this team possesses?**

**LL:** Team chemistry is our biggest asset. We have a very diverse group of student-athletes and our players have embraced the opportunity. Our second biggest asset is our experience. With 10 returning players, we feel we have the maturity to stay mentally focused throughout the season.

**GMR: What have your players done in the offseason that will most prepare them for this season?**

**LL:** Our offseason was outstanding this year. Our players as a group came into camp in great shape. We had most of our team stay in Pittsburg during the summer months. The players lifted weights, conditioned and worked on their individual skills together all summer.

**GMR: The play of Nicole McCombs was important to the team's success last year. What improvements has she made to her game to help overpower conference opponents who have already seen her several times?**

**LL:** Nicole was a tremendous impact player for the Gorillas a year ago. Nicole has improved her shooting range from the perimeter, as well as her ball handling skills. We really feel Nicole can be a threat not only underneath the basket, but also out on the perimeter. Nicole's biggest improvement has been her maturity as a leader and her focus and attention to detail.

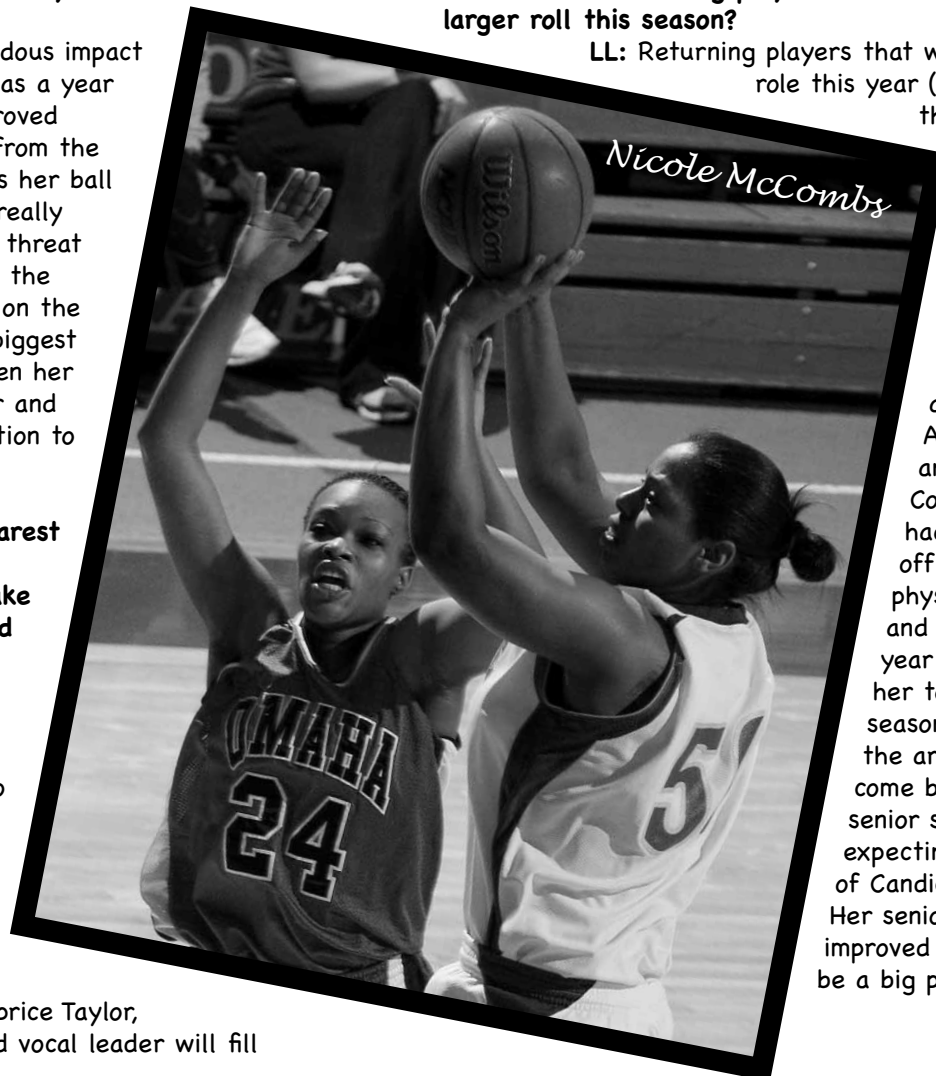
**GMR: With Caitlin Demarest and Brianna Buchanan graduating, who will take over at point guard and what unique skills do those players bring to the team?**

**LL:** With our offensive system requiring two point guards on the floor at all times, we feel we have four solid candidates to replace Caitlin and Brianna from a year ago. Deatrice Taylor, our team captain and vocal leader will fill

one of those spots. DP has improved each year at PSU and is a complete player that can drive the ball, shoot the three or find the open player. We also have senior transfer Maya Onikute from the University of Houston and Barton County (where she started two years for me at the point). Maya is our quickest and fastest player. She is a left-handed floor leader that can really get to the basket. Her Division I experience and her familiarity of our system will be key for the Gorillas. Courtney Tate is recovering nicely from a season ending knee injury a year ago and she will battle for playing time. Courtney averaged 20 minutes a game before her injury. She is a flashy point guard and a good on-the-ball defender. Freshman Drew Roberts is a talented freshman that will be in the mix early as a point guard contributor. Drew has already proved in pre-season that she is one of our best three-point shooters and she has a great understanding of the game.

**GMR: What returning players will we see playing a larger roll this season?**

**LL:** Returning players that will play a larger role this year (not counting the three players - Courtney Tate, Larissa Richards and Marissa Poppe - who missed the season due to ACL tears. They will all play a big role) are Amanda Orloske and Whitney Conerly. AO has had a tremendous off season and is physically stronger and more confident in year two. We expect her to have a huge season from behind the arc. Whitney has come back for her senior season and is expecting to fill the void of Candice and Brianna. Her senior experience and improved conditioning will be a big plus for us.



**GMR: Which of the new players do you see making an immediate impact this season?**

**LL:** Maya Onikute, Drew Roberts (mentioned earlier) and Lauren Brown should make immediate impacts for our team. At 6-6, Lauren Brown's best basketball is in her future, but she has improved everyday she has been on our campus. She can really run the floor and she really the ability to alter and block shots. I believe Lauren will help the Gorillas defensively with her presence and become an impact player.

**GMR: With Marissa Poppe, Courtney Tate and Larissa Richards healthy, what do they add to the team's dynamic?**

**LL:** The team is much more experienced with the return of our three injured players from a year ago. We talk about depth and quality depth in our program. All three players are potential starters or major contributors. With seven players who played quality minutes returning, adding those three players, we now have 10 players with experience. That is where depth is on our side.

**GMR: Besides winning, what is the team's biggest focus this year?**

**LL:** Winning is obviously very important, but we also want to focus on our academic success. We need to continue to improve academically. We want to be winners on the court, in the classroom and winners in our personal lives.

**GMR: What do you see as the biggest benefit of playing three Division I teams (Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska) to start the season?**

**LL:** The biggest benefit of playing the Big 12 North schools is a chance for respect. We have a great opportunity to show how far we have come as a program at PSU. We are proud of our players and the program and we get to show our talents on a big stage. Playing NCAA Division I and BCS programs, will help us prepare for the tough rigors of the MIAA conference.

**GMR: What games in your schedule are you most looking forward to?**

**LL:** We are most looking forward to the conference season. It is such a tough schedule in the conference, but we want to build on our 14 wins in the conference from a year ago. We still haven't beaten Emporia State in our two years, so I know those two games in particular are big for our players and coaches.

**GMR: What games do you see as the most challenging?**

**LL:** They are all really tough! I can't pick one or the other that is more challenging

**GMR: What is the most important thing for fans and future Gorillas to know about Pitt State Women's Basketball?**

**LL:** We are really fun to watch! Our style of play is fan friendly. Also, that we really appreciate all the support from the community. The players really enjoy playing in front of so many people who care out Pittsburg State and the women's basketball program!

## 2009-10 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
11/1	at Kansas (exhibition)	2 p.m.
11/3	at Nebraska (exhibition)	7 p.m.
11/9	at Kansas State (exhibition)	7 p.m.
11/15	Central Oklahoma	3 p.m.
11/20-21	at Texas Woman's Invitational	
11/20	vs. Tarleton State	5 p.m.
11/21	vs. Texas Woman's	4 p.m.
11/24	Arkansas-Ft. Smith	6 p.m.
11/27-28	at Dixie State Invitational	
11/27	vs. Dixie State	6:30 p.m.
11/28	vs. Academy of Arts	2 p.m.
12/2	Missouri Western*	5:30 p.m.
12/5	at Truman *	1 p.m.
12/12	at Southwest Baptist *	5:30 p.m.
12/19	at Arkansas-Ft. Smith	2 p.m.
12/28	Central Missouri *	5:30 p.m.
12/30	at Northwest Missouri*	5:30 p.m.
1/2	Missouri Southern *	5:30 p.m.
1/9	at Emporia State *	5:30 p.m.
1/13	Washburn *	5:30 p.m.
1/16	Fort Hays State *	1:30 p.m.
1/20	at Nebraska-Omaha *	5:30 p.m.
1/23	at Missouri Western *	5:30 p.m.
1/27	Truman *	5:30 p.m.
1/30	at Central Missouri *	1:30 p.m.
2/3	Southwest Baptist *	5:30 p.m.
2/6	Northwest Missouri*	1:30 p.m.
2/10	at Missouri Southern *	5:30 p.m.
2/17	Emporia State *	5:30 p.m.
2/20	at Washburn *	5:30 p.m.
2/24	at Fort Hays State *	5:30 p.m.
2/27	Nebraska-Omaha *	1:30 p.m.
3/4-7	MIAA Tournament Kansas City, Mo.	TBA

\* denotes Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association game