

Chris Wright Named Talladega College Head Men's Basketball Coach



TALLADEGA, AL. (July 18, 2018) Talladega College announced today that Chris Wright, former head men's basketball coach at Central Baptist College, has been named Talladega's new head men's basketball coach.

Coach Wright brings to Talladega over 15 years of proven success in coaching college basketball. He has coached nine teams that are ranked in the top 25 nationally, six in the top ten, and four in the top five. In addition, he has recruited, coached and developed 34 players who have gone on to play professionally overseas. While he is one of small-college basketball's premier recruiters, he is also known for his ability to develop top-notch athletes who perform well academically.

"Coach Wright understands Talladega's commitment to the pursuit of excellence on and off the basketball court. His impressive track record demonstrates that he shares our values, and we are confident that he will take the team to the next level. We are confident that he will take us back to national tournament competition," said Talladega College President Dr. Billy C. Hawkins.

Talladega College Athletic Director Kevin Herod stated, "We are excited to have secured Coach Wright to be our next Head Men's Basketball coach. He has not only a great understanding of the NAIA but has also had success at the NAIA level both on and off the court."

Coach Wright expressed his enthusiasm about leading the team. "I am extremely honored to serve as the head coach at Talladega College. This is a very historic and special place for so many reasons. I want to sincerely thank Dr. Hawkins, Dr. Sharon Whittaker-Davis, Athletic Director Coach Herod, Assistant Athletic Director Demond Walker, and the entire search committee for this amazing opportunity," he said.

"There is an incredible amount of pride and passion in the basketball program here. I'm very excited to be at a place where winning at the highest level truly matters. I have no doubt that we will consistently compete for national championships while graduating our student-athletes and growing them as men."

Wright is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Applied Learning and Development. He also holds a Master of Arts in Kinesiology from Fresno Pacific University.

About Talladega College

The oldest private Historically Black College in Alabama, Talladega College was founded in 1867 by two former slaves, William Savery and Thomas Tarrant. Talladega College is the home of the renowned Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which received rave reviews from *The New York Times* during a three-year, eight-museum tour.