

THE 2008-09 SEASON MARKS THE SECOND YEAR FOR DAVID LOWERY (PRONOUNCED: LOW - RHYMES WITH NOW - REE) AS AN ASSISTANT COACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.

ASSISTANT COACH
DAVID LOWERY

An enthusiastic individual, Lowery continued to show dedication to his craft by accepting an invitation to participate in a three-day seminar during the 2008 summer offered through the Black Coaches Administration entitled, "Achieving Coaching Excellence" or "ACE." At the invitation-only event, Lowery received intense training that exposed the participants to life as a head coach and prepared them for all aspects of being the leader of a program, while helping them become the best assistant they can be.

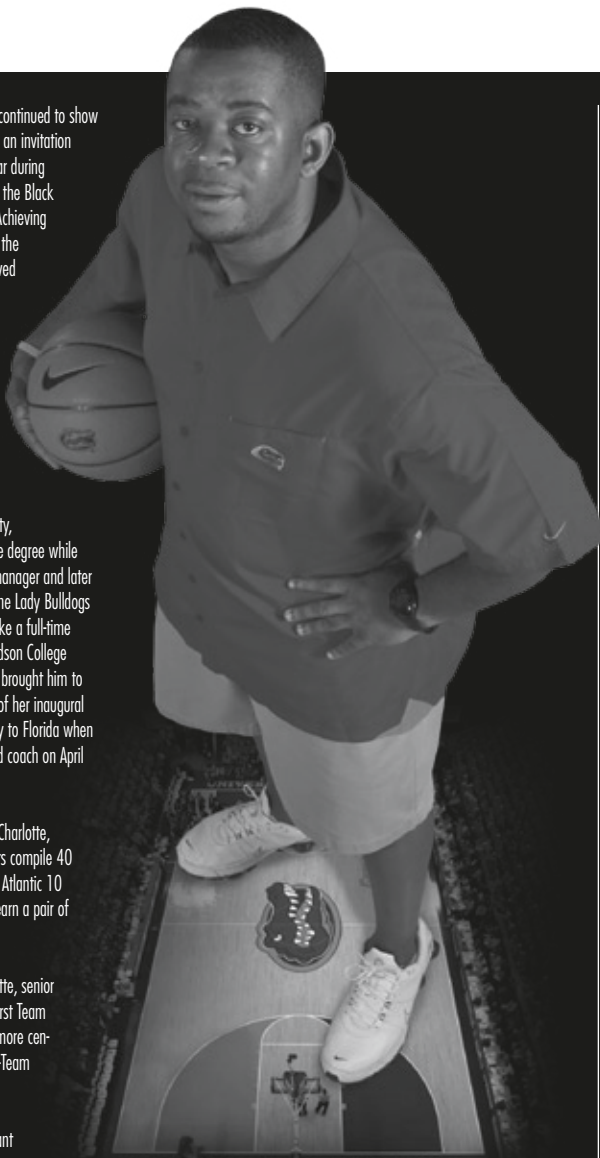
Lowery's path to Gainesville began at Mississippi State University, where he earned his undergraduate degree while spending four years as a student manager and later as a graduate assistant coach for the Lady Bulldogs (2000-01). He left Starkville to take a full-time assistant coaching position at Davidson College (2001-05), before Amanda Butler brought him to UNC Charlotte (2005-07) as part of her inaugural 49ers coaching staff and eventually to Florida when Butler was named the Gators' head coach on April 13, 2007.

During their two years together in Charlotte, Butler and Lowery helped the 49ers compile 40 wins, capture a share of the 2006 Atlantic 10 regular-season championship and earn a pair of postseason berths.

Under Lowery's guidance at Charlotte, senior forward Pam Brown was named First Team All-Atlantic 10 in 2006 and sophomore center Danielle Burgin became a Third-Team All-Atlantic 10 selection in 2007.

Lowery, like the other Gator assistant coaches, will head an academic team which is comprised of current squad members who report directly to him with progress of their classroom endeavors, supplementing the attention each player receives from Judy Traveis, the Gators' academic advisor.

Additionally, Lowery will work closely with fellow assistant coach Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick as the Gators' recruiting coordinator, while serving as the team's liaison with the UF marketing and promotions department. He will aid in the scouting of opponents and oversees the development of the guards with Kirkpatrick.



"When I think of the University of Florida, 'excellence' is the first word that comes to mind. I think of superior athletics. I think of superior academics. I think of being in a beautiful state with an amazing school that has all the resources that anyone in the world could want," Lowery said.

Prior to his stint at Charlotte, Lowery was an assistant coach at nearby Davidson College for four years, earning a position on Annette Watt's initial staff which inherited a team that won just nine

LOWERY AT A GLANCE

PERSONAL

Full Name: David Swandale Lowery
Hometown: Kosciusko, Miss.
Birthdate: July 19, 1976

EDUCATION

High School: Kosciusko H.S.
College: Mississippi State Univ. (B.S. in Secondary Education, 2000)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-01 Mississippi State Univ. Graduate Assistant Coach 2001 WNIT Quarterfinals
2001-05 Davidson College Assistant Coach
2005-07 UNC Charlotte Assistant Coach
 2006 Atlantic 10 Co-Champions; 2006 & 2007 WNIT Appearances
2007-Present Univ. of Florida Assistant Coach
 2008 WNIT Round of 16

games the year prior to their arrival. The Wildcats improved their win total each season, culminating in Davidson's 2005 runner-up spot in the Southern Conference - the best regular-season finish in program history.

Lowery earned a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Mississippi State in December of 2000. While completing his undergraduate work, Lowery served as a practice player for the Lady Bulldogs, working with some of the SEC's top players, including LaToya Thomas, who was a four-time first-team Kodak All-American and the No. 1 overall selection in the 2003 WNBA draft. He spent the second half of the 2000-01 season as a graduate assistant at Mississippi State, helping the Lady Bulldogs reach the WNIT in the midst of a six-year run of postseason appearances.

Lowery is a native of Kosciusko, Miss., which sports a population of less than 7,500 and has the distinction of being the birthplace of Oprah Winfrey. He graduated with honors from Kosciusko High School, where he was a four-year letterwinner on the basketball team and was captain of the "Big Red" marching band drumline. Lowery is the father of an 11-year old daughter, Kendall Arvryzena Hightower.

"David's energy and enthusiasm are incredible, while his genuineness as a person is striking. People enjoy being around him and they instantly trust him. All of those things initially speak more of his ability as a recruiter, but he's also a great coach. He knows the game so well and his communication style allows him to convey his knowledge to our players in such a positive, effective manner."

— HEAD COACH AMANDA BUTLER