

Sam Terrell hired as Lady Pirate basketball coach

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Lady Pirate Basketball has a new head coach, as Sam Terrell was officially approved by the Greater Clark School Board on Tuesday evening in a special session.

Terrell takes over the head coaching duties of the Charlestown High School Girls Basketball program; replacing Tony Hall, who retired this past March after 13 seasons as the girls basketball head skipper.

Terrell, who is currently completing a Masters degree through Ball State, will also teach special education at Charlestown High School.

Terrell, 38, comes to the Lady Pirate program from Castle High School (southwestern Indiana); where he spent five years as a varsity assistant and junior varsity head coach of girls basketball. Terrell also taught special education while at Castle, and has coached basketball, track and cross country in several capacities at both the middle school and high school levels since 1998.

When asked what attracted him to the Charlestown coaching vacancy, Terrell commented that he is ready to lead a girls basketball program as its head coach; and expressed that the size of the Charlestown school and community makes him and his wife feel right at home.

Coach Terrell and his wife both grew up and graduated high school in similar sized communities of western Indiana.

Coach Terrell stated that Lady Pirate Basketball has a great tradition that he can't wait to continue, build on, and take to the next level as State Champions.

Terrell stated, "its more than just basketball, its developing a program that is a family, active in the community and has team spirit. Everything else, including winning, falls into place once you have those solid roots."

Coach Terrell commented that he "wants Charlestown to know he and his family are already dedicated to the community and program; that it's not about taking a resume step, but building a home and future they have desired for a long time."

Charlestown High School Principal Keith Hedges expressed excitement of finally moving forward on this position and stated; "Trying to replace such a successful coach as Tony Hall was a definite challenge and turned out to be a long and tedious process. The selection committee unanimously chose Coach Terrell and we are very excited that he has chosen to join the faculty at Charlestown High School. We feel Coach Terrell has the necessary talents to continue the Lady Pirate Basketball tradition and we feel confident that he will achieve great things for the program."

Coach Terrell and his family, including two elementary age children, now look forward to settling into Charlestown and getting preparations underway for the rapidly approaching school year and girls basketball season.

For more information about Lady Pirate Basketball, go to www.CharlestownPiratePride.com/GirlsBasketball.htm.