



KBCA 2022
2-Year College
Women's Basketball
Coach of the Year



Ben Conrad

Johnson County Community College

14 Seasons - 407-58

2022 Jayhawk D-II Conference Champions
2022 Region VI/Plains District Champions
2022 NJCAA D-II 5th Place National Tournament

Three-time National Coach of the Year Ben Conrad took over the reins of the Johnson County Community College women's basketball program in June, 2008, the Lady Cavaliers' stature not just rose in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference but on the national stage as well. Conrad has enjoyed an unprecedented level of success and carved a reputation as an energetic leader and relentless recruiter. In his first season, he began to build his program on a foundation of hard work, defensive effort and a "team first" mentality and the program has thrived under this direction.

Conrad tenure boasts nine 30-win seasons, eight consecutively, a first in NJCAA women's basketball history, a NJCAA Division II National Championship and school record 34 wins (2015, 2022), two national runner-up finishes (2017, 2021) and four other NJCAA D-II Tournament appearances (2011, 2012, 2013, 2022) and seven KJCCC conference titles (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022). His teams have finished as the number one or number two ranked team in the country eight times and his teams have been ranked in the top 10 over 90 percent of his tenure, including a span of 98 consecutively. He also has held the No. 1 ranking 60 times, including all 12 polls in 2015-16, the first seven regular season polls in 2018-19, the final three weeks in 2020-21 and five weeks in 2021-22.

Conrad also has accumulated many awards and recognitions since taking over the program in 2008. He was named the United States Marine Corps/WBCA Junior/Community College of the Year in 2016, Spalding® NJCAA Women's Division II National Coach of the Year and NJCAA Division II Coach of the National Tournament in 2015, Kansas Basketball Coaches Association Women's 2-Year Coach of the Year in 2021 and 2022, World Exposure Report Women's D-II Coach of the Year in 2021, NJCAA Women's District Coach of the Year (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2021, 2022) and the Kansas East Jayhawk Conference Women's Coach of the Year (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022). He has coached 16 NJCAA All-Americans, 14 WBCA All-Americans, four World Exposure Report All-Americans, seven National All-Tournament selections including one MVP, 45 All-Region VI performers 46 All-Jayhawk Conference picks, five conference MVP selections, three conference Defensive Player of the Year, and two conference Freshmen of the Year selections. Off the court, he has had 19 student-athletes recognized for academic excellence by the NJCAA.

Through 20 seasons as a college head coach, Conrad has amassed a 500-150 (.769), including a 407-58 (.875) slate in 14 seasons at Johnson County. In 17 seasons as a community college coach, Conrad has averaged 28.1 wins per year with an overall mark of 478-85 (.849).

Conrad has turned in historic seasons in during his run as the Lady Cavaliers coach. In 2014-15, Conrad led the Lady Cavaliers to a national title with a 66-64 win over top-seeded Parkland, and finished the

Ben Conrad - Through the Years
at Johnson County

Year	Overall	Conference
2008-09	19-13	11-7
2009-10	30-5	15-3
2010-11	32-5	14-4
2011-12	32-3	18-0
2012-13	30-2	17-1
2013-14	30-2	5-1
2014-15	34-2	11-2
2015-16	31-1	8-0
2016-17	33-3	7-1
2017-18	25-8	5-3
2018-19	27-5	6-4
2019-20	28-5	7-3
2020-21	22-2	8-0
2021-22	34-2	12-1
Total	407-58	144-30

Head Coaching History

Year	Overall	Conference
Des Moines Area	2002-05	71-27
Upper Iowa	2005-08	22-65
Johnson County	2008-22	407-58
Total	20 Seasons	500-150

year with a program record mark of 34-2. The win over Parkland also gave Ben is 300th win as a collegiate head coach. He was named Coach of the Tournament and was honored with 2015 Spalding NJCAA Women's Division II National Coach of the Year award. The team was ranked in the top 10 in all 13 polls, including spending seven weeks at No. 1. The season also saw Nieka Wheeler earn NJCAA and WBCA All-America honors, and win the national tournament MVP award, a first in team history.

This year, Johnson County opened with 20 straight wins, and finished the regular season 28-1, capturing the KJCCC D-II title. His team went on to win the Region VI/Plains District title, defeating all three teams by double digits, and place fifth at the NJCAA D-II National Tournament. He also coached NJCAA, World Exposure Report and WBCA All-American and KJCCC D-II MVP in Kierra Prim, World Exposure Report All-American



Jaylen Townsend and the KJCCC Freshman and Defensive Player of the Year in Nariyah Simmons. In all he had five total all-conference and All-Region/District selections and he was named the Conference Coach of the Year.

In 14 years at JCCC, Conrad has posted 66 wins over nationally ranked teams, including eight in 2016-17. Conrad also owns all 10 of the 10 longest wins streaks in team history, including a 43-game string that ran from Feb. 7, 2015 through March 3, 2016. Conrad also owns the top two home court winning streaks in program history, a 54-game streak that ran from Feb. 7, 2015 to Feb. 14, 2018, a 46-game streak that ran from Jan. 24, 2011 to Jan. 22, 2014 and is currently riding a 35-game home court streak that began on Feb. 8, 2020.

Conrad's team annually are one of the top offensive teams in the NJCAA. In 14 seasons, his teams have defeated opponents by 10-or-more points 363 times. From Feb. 10, 2009 to January 7, 2011, JCCC recorded 54 consecutive double digit victories. He had another string of 46 straight that started February 16, 2019 and ran until March 31, 2021, when the Lady Cavaliers defeated No. 8-ranked Labette by six points, 64-58.

Conrad also prides himself on coaching fundamentally sound defensive teams, and has had 13 of his 14 teams ranked in the top 10 nationally, including leading the nation six times. This year JCCC was third nationally allowing only 49.3 points per game.

Even more impressive, Conrad has helped 72 players of his players at Johnson County earn scholarships to four-year schools, including 24 at NCAA Division I programs. For his career, 87 players have earned scholarships, with 29 at NCAA D-I programs.

Head Coach Ben Conrad's Honors

2009-10 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
2009-10 – NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
2010-11 – NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
2011-12 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
2011-12 – NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
2012-13 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
2012-13 – NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
2013-14 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
2014-15 – NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
2014-15 – NJCAA Women's Division II Basketball Coach of the Tournament
2014-15 – Spalding NJCAA Women's Division II National Coach of the Year
2015-16 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
2016-17 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
2020-21 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
2016-17 – NJCAA Women's Division II District B Coach of the Year
2020-21 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
2020-21 – NJCAA Women's Division II Plains District Coach of the Year
2020-21 – Kansas Basketball Coaches Association 2-Year Women's Coach of the Year
2021-22 – Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
2021-22 – NJCAA Women's Division II Plains District Coach of the Year
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