

Daniel Leeworthy

Head Coach – Men’s Basketball / Assistant Professor, Physical Education

Daniel Leeworthy enters his third season as Head Coach for Men’s Basketball/Full time Faculty member at Umpqua Community College with high expectations. His experience includes both NCAA Division 1 and 2 institutions and has 11 years of College Coaching experience.

Last season with Coach Leeworthy’s first recruiting class in tact the Riverhawks recorded the 2nd biggest turnaround in program history going from 6 to 19 wins with only 3 sophomores on the roster. This feat was capped off by the team returning to the NWAC playoffs for the first time in 7 years. Sophomore Jordan Madrid-Andrews ended 3rd in the NWAC in rebounding and signed with D1 Chicago State University.

Leeworthy accepted the position in September of 2013 and became one of the youngest College Head Coaches in the nation at age 32. “I accepted this position at UCC because of the great community, and the beautiful campus. The Basketball facilities are very good, and I firmly believe we will be able to build a program that will become a standard of excellence for college basketball in the nation here,” said Coach Leeworthy.

Leeworthy came to UCC from NCAA Division 2 Western State Colorado University where in his 4 seasons as Head Assistant Coach helped the team improve every year. From 2012-2013 the team recorded, for the first time in 15 years, consecutive seasons of double digit conference wins. They were able to have signature wins during his tenure over #3 Metro State and #17 Fort Lewis. The 2012 and 2013 recruiting classes were considered two of the most talented in school history and featured a 4 star recruit—top 55 in the nation according to rivals.com.

Before arriving at Western State, Leeworthy spent two seasons at Ohio University as a graduate assistant under John Groce (currently head coach at the University of Illinois) and Tim O’Shea (Bryant). His responsibilities included basketball operations, scouting, video coordination, and camp director. The Bobcats turned in a 20 win Season in 2007-08 and earned a berth in the inaugural CBI. He worked with a number of all-conference players as well as Mike Allen who led the MAC in Assists. He also assisted in the recruiting of the 2009 class that would become one of the most successful mid-major recruiting classes ever. The class would go on to win 3 Conference Championships, and make 2 NCAA tournaments including a run to the Sweet Sixteen.

The Australian native started his collegiate coaching career at his alma mater, Division 2 powerhouse BYU-Hawaii, where he was an assistant coach from 2005-07, both seasons the Seaside finished second in the Pacwest Conference. In 2006-07, he helped guide the Seaside

to a 20-8 record and a spot in the NCAA Division II Tournament. He also coached then freshmen of the year Lucas Alves and winner of the Daktronics DII 2008-09 player of the year.

Leeworthy also has coaching experience in Prep basketball, having served as head coach of the Waverley Falcons in Australia. He has coached at various camps across the country, including the Boston Celtics, BYU, Air Force, Ohio, and BYU Hawaii.

In addition to these feats Leeworthy has coached 18 collegiate players to go on to play professionally, and Coached with some of the best Coaches in the Nation: John Groce (Illinois), Chris Holtmann (Butler), Kevin Kuwik (Dayton), Bacari Alexander (Michigan), Ken Wagner (BYU-Hawaii), Tim O'Shea (Bryant) to mention a few.

Leeworthy graduated from BYU-Hawaii with a degree (B.A) in TESOL with a minor in Exercise and Sports Science, and a Master's Degree (M.S) in Recreation and Sports Science: Coaching Education at Ohio University.

He and his wife, the former Lindsay Yamauchi of Hawaii, have two boys, Jaron and Madsen.

Coach Leeworthy says he is "excited to see student athletes achieve the program's goals of:

1. Graduate from UCC
2. Transfer to a 4 year school
3. Build Life skills that will last a lifetime
4. Build excitement in the community
5. Win Championships."