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ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — Ouachita Baptist University Director of Athletics David Sharp announced that Robert Dallimore has been hired as women's basketball head coach. Dallimore previously served as associate head coach for the Little Rock Trojans since 2009.

"Coach Dallimore brings a wealth of basketball knowledge and coaching experience to our program," Sharp said. "He has demonstrated the ability to recruit young ladies who want to excel in academics, on the court and in life. His work ethic and tenacious mentality will serve our program well as we compete for GAC championships."

"I am thrilled to have been chosen to lead the Ouachita women's basketball program," Dallimore said. "The commitment to excellence by our administration for all students spiritually, academically and athletically, along with the vision of the president, Dr. Ben Sells, and athletic director, David Sharp, to 'Ouachita Rising' is something I feel called to be a part of."

At the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), Dallimore helped lead the Trojans to six NCAA tournament appearances and three National Invitational Tournament appearances in addition to four Sun Belt Conference (SBC) West Division titles, five SBC tournament titles and four SBC overall regular season titles.

"Coach Dallimore brings a record of achievement and possess a deep commitment to advancing

Ouachita's mission, an important combination for our student-athletes," said Dr. Ben Sells, Ouachita president.

"I am truly excited about being part of Ouachita and the Arkadelphia community and am looking forward to the opportunity to mentor on a daily basis our basketball family to strive to become women of excellence in all that they do," Dallimore added.

"Ouachita hired a gem when selecting Robert Dallimore as their next women's basketball coach," said Chasse Conque, vice chancellor and director of athletics at UALR. "For a decade, Robert has been a critical piece of Joe Foley's staff and has helped our program at Little Rock achieve national prominence. He is a winner, a grinder and a good Christian man who will represent Ouachita in a first-class manner. I couldn't be happier for Robert and Sharon. The Dallimore family will be great assets to Ouachita and the Arkadelphia community."

"Robert is a tireless worker and grinder who has been instrumental in our program getting to the next level," said Joe Foley, UALR head women's basketball coach and Arkansas Hall of Fame Inductee. "He has contributed significantly in all aspects of our program, including but not limited to, player development, film breakdown and the recruiting of many of our top players. More importantly, Robert is a family man of high character who represents our program with excellence both on and off the court."

Previously, Dallimore served as for four years at the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM) as associate head coach and assistant coach of women's basketball and for nine years at Christian Life Academy (CLA) in Baton Rouge, La., as head girls basketball coach as well as assistant and head boys basketball coach. He also served three years in New Orleans as head basketball coach and head and assistant baseball coach at Redeemer-Seton High School (RSHS).

During his 12 years as head basketball coach at CLA and RSHS, Dallimore's teams' cumulative record was 331-131, also winning nine district championships, five final four state tournament appearances and two state championships. Additionally, his baseball team won one district championship in his two years as head coach.

Dallimore earned his juris doctorate at Mississippi College and bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University. He and his wife, Sharon, have one son, Caleb, and one daughter, Jordan.

For more information, contact Director of Athletics David Sharp at sharpd@obu.edu or 870-245-5181.

What others are saying

"Ouachita Baptist is fortunate to have Coach Dallimore as their women's basketball coach. Naming him as their next head coach shows the commitment that they have to women's basketball. He has aided UALR in multiple championships and post-season opportunities with his dedication and work ethic to the student-athletes' development off and on the basketball floor. I have no doubt that Coach Dallimore's commitment to excellence will be felt in the Great American Conference immediately!"

Zenarae Antoine

Women's Basketball Head Coach, Texas State University

"I've been coaching against Rob Dallimore for more than 20 years at every level and his passion for the game is second to none. His professionalism has always been impressive even when we were in recruiting battles. I feel his ability to recruit along with his work ethnic has made him one of the top recruiters in the country at any level. I wish Rob the best and hope he continues to be successful."

Garry Brodhead

Women's Basketball Head Coach, University of Louisiana

"Great hire! Robert is a fine coach whose ethics are impeccable and a man that will not be out-worked."

Dale Brown

Men's Basketball Retired Coach, Louisiana State University

"Robert Dalimore is a tremendous hire for Ouachita Baptist University. I have known Coach Dallimore for over 15 years and witnessed firsthand that his coaching reaches far beyond the hardwood. He is a proven winner, relentless recruiter and great teacher of the game. More importantly, he is a man of high character who cares about his student-athletes' success on and off the court. He will be invested in the Arkadelphia community in a variety of ways that will impact the community for years to come.

Terry Fowler

Men's Basketball Head Coach, University of South Alabama

"Robert Dallimore has been an instrumental piece to UALR's success in their women's basketball program. There is no doubt that his knowledge of the game, his knack for recruiting and his strong work ethic have been significant ingredients to their dominance in the Sun Belt. Robert has built professional relationships with his peers in the conference and has always been eager to collaborate and share with our staff at UTA on the recruiting circuit, tournaments or conventions. He is a good man and a great example. Ouachita Baptist has hired them a good one!"

Krista Gerlich

Women's Basketball Head Coach, University of Texas at Arlington

"Every time I speak with Robert, his passion for the game and working with young people is evident. Ouachita Baptist is getting a family man of high integrity, a passionate and tireless worker and a fantastic coach. Robert will bring an immediate vision and strong leadership to the women's basketball program. I look forward to following Ouachita Baptist under the direction of Robert."

Mike McGuire

Women's Basketball Head Coach, Radford University

"Robert is one of the finest human beings I have met in this profession. His priorities of God and family are a breath of fresh air. If my daughter is good enough, I hope he will stay in it long enough to influence and coach her. I am a better person for getting to know him."

Kevin McMillan

Women's Basketball Head Coach, University of Tennessee at Martin

"I have had the pleasure of knowing Robert since I entered the coaching world in 2006. A

consummate professional, Robert is one of the most passionate and hardworking coaches in the business. He is genuinely invested in the people that he encounters and has a heart of gold. Ouachita Baptist, you all got a gem in Robert, and I am fortunate to have him as a colleague, but more importantly as a friend."

Marisa Moseley

Women's Basketball Head Coach, Boston University Former Women's Basketball Assistant Coach, University of Connecticut

"Robert is a tireless and selfless worker with a servant heart who will bring those traits to everything he does as the head coach at Ouachita Baptist University. He is a strong man of faith with a passion for teaching and mentoring young people through the game of basketball. Robert is a proven recruiter with the ability to lead others toward his vision of what he program can become. He and his players will be great ambassadors in the classroom, in the community and on the court."

Cameron Newbauer

Women's Basketball Head Coach, University of Florida

"I've known Robert for over 30 years, and he has always been someone I've admired with a tireless work ethic that cares deeply about his student-athletes. Ouachita Baptist not only hired a coach that will impact the lives of the people involved in his program but he will extend his reach to the Arkadelphia community. Robert will build champions on and off the court."

Bob Starkey

Women's Basketball Assistant Coach, Texas A&M University

"Congratulations to OBU on the hiring of Robert Dallimore to lead the women's basketball program. I have known Robert dating back to his high school coaching days in Louisiana and followed his success throughout his college coaching career. Robert operates with integrity and will be a great addition to the campus and community. He will be passionate about developing the young women academically, athletically and spiritually."

Brooke Stoehr

Women's Basketball Co-Head Coach, Louisiana Tech University

"Wow! What a home run for Ouachita Baptist University. Coach Dallimore is a tireless worker, fantastic recruiter and has a bright basketball mind. I am excited to follow the success that is certainly on the horizon for Ouachita Baptist University."

Jaida Williams

Women's Basketball Head Coach, Coastal Carolina University