

THE ROARING LION

COLUMBIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER

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NEWS FROM THE LION'S DEN WITH HEAD COACH STEPHANIE GLANCE

February has been an eventful and productive month for Columbia Women's Basketball! Our team has made significant progress on the court. For the first time in program history, we beat Harvard in Levien Gymnasium. This milestone really shows the growth of our program and the players' vast improvement. Our players showed great maturity, by keeping their composure and focus when Harvard made their runs. Throughout the season, my staff and I have challenged our players to show competitive spirit, positive energy, and toughness. We couldn't be more proud of the way they responded, and look forward to closing out the season with the same fight.



We also welcomed back several former players for Alumnae Weekend in February. The alumnae game featured exceptional 3pt shooting from Melissa Shafer ('12 CC) and a strong overall performance from Sue Altman ('05 CC). It was so great to see some new faces throughout the weekend and to re-connect with the alumnae we met last year!

The women's basketball program also honored Dr. M. Dianne Murphy for her ten years of outstanding leadership as Athletics Director. My staff, the current and former players, and I are grateful of all she has done for Columbia Athletics, the women's basketball community, and our program. She has touched so many lives with her courage, service, and commitment to excellence. We are so appreciative of all that she has done and know she will continue to positively impact the people around her in her future endeavors.

2014-15 SCHEDULE

November

14	San Francisco	10pm
16	San Jose State	6:30pm
19	LAFAYETTE	7PM
21	Stony Brook	7pm
24	RHODE ISLAND	7PM
26	BRADLEY	7PM
29	KENNESAW STATE	1PM

December

3	UMASS LOWELL	7PM
5	UMBC	12PM
7	LIU-BROOKLYN	2PM
21	PORTLAND STATE	12PM
30	Wagner	2pm

January

7	FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON	7PM
12	NJIT	7pm
17	Cornell	1pm
24	CORNELL	4:30PM
30	Yale	7pm
31	Brown	6pm

February

6	Princeton	7pm
7	Penn	7pm
13	HARVARD	7PM
14	DARTMOUTH	7PM
20	BROWN	7PM
21	YALE	7PM
27	Dartmouth	7pm
28	Harvard	6pm

March

6	PENN	7PM
7	PRINCETON	7PM

* ALL Times Eastern

** Home Games are in BOLD

Athletics Director Transition

After serving as Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Physical Education for ten years, Dr. M. Dianne Murphy will be stepping down. She has guided Columbia through arguably the most successful and transformative period in the history of the athletics program. During Murphy's tenure, the Lions captured 26 Ivy League titles in 11 different sports and won 128 Ivy League individual event championships. Murphy also headed the creation of The Campbell Sports Center – the first new building for athletics in 40 years – and the completion of the \$100 Million Columbia Campaign for Athletics. Several programs, such as the Athletics Hall of Fame, the Columbia-Barnard Athletic Consortium 25th Anniversary Celebration, and the Championship Performance Program, were initiated under Murphy's leadership.

Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger has appointed Peter E. Pilling to replace Murphy as the Athletics Director. Pilling most recently was a vice president at IMG College, the nation's largest collegiate sports management company. He has extensive experience serving in athletic departments at various Division I schools - including the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Villanova, Brigham Young, and Baylor universities. In his first week on the job, Pilling hired Al Bagnoli to take over Columbia's football program. Bagnoli comes to Columbia after 23 years at the University of Penn, where he compiled a 148-80 record. He led Penn to nine Ivy League Football Championships and is the all-time winningest head coach in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision history. President Bollinger is confident that Pilling will continue to build on the foundation of an athletics department that, under Dr. Murphy, has produced its most successful years in Columbia's modern history.



Filming on Campus

In the current box-office hit, *Still Alice*, Julianne Moore plays a Columbia University linguistics professor who is diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's, an extremely rare version of the disease. Moore's performance, for which she won the Academy Award for Best Actress, depicts her character's swift decline from a brilliant academic to a shadow of her former self. It is fitting that Moore's character teaches at Columbia, where research and treatment of neurological and age-related diseases are a priority.

Columbia has been making groundbreaking strides with its research on Alzheimer's and the aging brain, as Dr. Eric Kandel won a Nobel Prize in 2000 for co-directing the Mortimer B. Zuckerman Mind Brain Behavior Institute. The Zuckerman Institute explores the mysteries of the brain and human behavior at every level – from molecular to societal.

In theatres across the globe, *Still Alice* addresses a nightmarish situation with calm, compassionate sensitivity. Alice Howland (Julianne Moore), along with her husband and three grown children, endure the cruel deterioration of her cognitive ability, and the emotional aspects that come with a struggle that has no real chance of growing easier. The directors hope that this film brings better awareness and sensitivity of Alzheimer's and other progressive illnesses to society.





Alumnae Paw Prints

Manju Dawkins **CC, '01**

Where do you currently reside?

Hartsdale, NY. I finally made the move out of the city and into the suburbs. There are coyotes in our yard. Also, we have a yard, so that's new...

Where do you work currently and what do you do there?

I am a dermatologist. I am an attending at Elmhurst Hospital in Queens and Bronx Lebanon Hospital in the Bronx.

What do you enjoy most about the career path you have chosen?

In both of my positions, I work with residents (doctors in training) and medical students from Albert Einstein School of Medicine and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Being able to teach and mentor has been one of the best parts of my positions. I also love having such a diverse patient base. I see patients from all over the world. I've never had a boring day.

What are your current interests, hobbies, and/or activities?

Currently I am interested in getting my new baby to sleep. Once that happens, I fully intend to pick up a hobby. But for now, my favorite activity is sleep.

Describe your experience at Columbia.

I loved it! I was challenged academically and athletically. I got to live in the best city in the world. And I met friends that I will have forever.

What are your fondest memories of your years at Columbia?

Stalking my now husband in the athlete's weight room
Eating Uris Sandwiches
Tubridy homecoming tailgate

What advice would you give to the current women's basketball players?

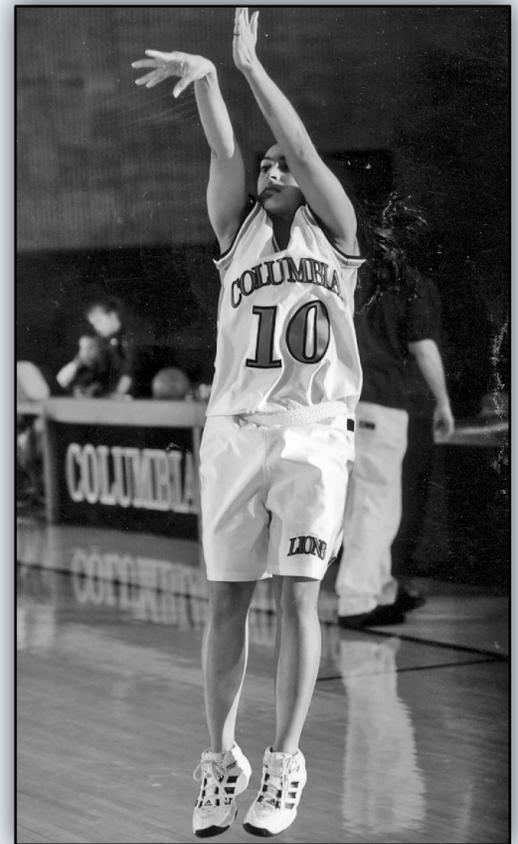
You are attending the best school in the world. Realize you are playing with and against future leaders in a number of different fields. Cherish it and be aware of it. Also enjoy the workouts now. Pretty soon, you'll find yourself having to pay someone to work you out.

Looking back on your life, what are you most proud of?

Honestly, making the Columbia Women's Basketball team as a walk-on was one of the best things I have ever done.

What are your plans for your future?

I hope to stay involved with Columbia Women's Basketball. I feel like having played has helped me in so many ways, and I look forward to giving back.



Purdie-Vaughns Rises to the Top

Valerie Purdie-Vaughns, renowned psychologist and Columbia women's basketball alumna, has defied all odds in her quest to study the impacts of society's expectations. Purdie-Vaughns was recruited by Columbia as a high school basketball player and the rest is history. Although some people doubted not only her chances for acceptance into the university, but also her ability to be successful throughout her four-year tenure at Columbia, she continuously proved them wrong. Purdie-Vaughns is now a brilliant and passionate associate professor of psychology at Columbia, striving to "make science magical by making it real and exciting and present and relevant." Among many other accolades, she has been named as one of New York City's top professors by the *New York Observer*.

Purdie-Vaughns is specifically interested in cultural psychology and the way that stereotypes, biases, and discrimination affect people's everyday living. She is currently studying the effects of toxic stress in childhood – poverty, social exclusion, abuse – on heart attacks, cardiovascular disease, mortality rates, and depression when people are 40 - 60 years old. Purdie-Vaughns has studied the effects of stereotypes in the criminal justice system, media, education, and several marginalized groups including African Americans, Latinos, the LGBT community, and women. She is grateful that negative stereotypes have not hindered her success as they have for many others: "I've been very, very fortunate to be in places where my race and gender weren't a factor. I feel like I'm creating a new image of what a scientist can look like and be like—at least I hope so."



PLAY 4 KAY

On February 14th, Columbia Women's Basketball hosted its eighth Play4Kay game in honor of legendary North Carolina State Women's Basketball Coach Kay Yow. For the game, the Lions were decked out in bright pink from head to toe. Our players were very appreciative of the opportunity to wear pink uniforms, shoes, and headbands, knowing the color pink takes on a greater meaning in the battle against cancer. The game was played with a profound purpose, honoring those who have lost their battles with cancer, as well as celebrating the survivors.

Over 600 fans came out to support the cause and cheer on the Lions. The crowd, decked out in pink, helped raise almost \$10,000! The donations will be given to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center to assist with cancer research and treatment. The night was an awesome success and we want to thank all of you for your support and contributions!

Thank you for your support!