



## Steve Franklin Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Steve Franklin begins his first season at Armstrong Atlantic State as an assistant coach for head coach Jeff Burkhamer in 2006-07.

A former player and coach for Burkhamer, Franklin joins AASU from USC Aiken, where he served as an assistant coach for six seasons and as the interim head coach for 18 games during the 2004-05 campaign.

Franklin graduated from USC Aiken in 1994 after a stellar two-year career in which he led the Pacers to the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament titles in 1992-93. Following his playing career, he assisted coach Burkhamer at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Fla., where the Saints attained numerous national rankings - including a No. 1 ranking among Florida junior colleges - and won two Mid-Florida Conference titles. He served as an interim coach for the Saints in 1998-99, leading the Saints to an 18-12 record, before he returned to his alma mater to serve as an assistant coach to Mike Roberts in 1999.

During his coaching tenure with USC Aiken, Franklin was named the AFLAC National Assistant Coach of the Year award in 2003.

A native of Aiken, S.C., Franklin first became acquainted with coach Burkhamer at North Greenville College from 1989-91, playing for the Mounties and helping lead them to a 58-10 record, two regional titles, two NJCAA tournament appearances and two top 20 national rankings. At South Aiken HS, Franklin was a two-time All-Conference and All-State player for the Thoroughbreds. Franklin will be in charge of recruiting, overseeing academics and will be involved with the individual development of the players on the court.

Coach Burkhamer says, "Steve is a former player and former assistant of mine, but even more importantly Steve is a close friend that I know I can trust and know will be loyal to our program. He is an outstanding recruiter, and will provide tremendous on court coaching to our post players. Steve will be in charge of recruiting, will oversee academics, and will be heavily involved with the individual development of our players on the court."



## Joel Lecoeuvre Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

Joel Lecoeuvre begins his first season at Armstrong Atlantic State as an assistant coach for head coach Jeff Burkhamer in 2006-07.

Lecoeuvre played two years for the Pirates in 1999-2001 and has served the last two years as an assistant basketball and football coach at Parkview High School in Atlanta.

A 2003 graduate of Armstrong Atlantic with a degree in physical education, Lecoeuvre played in 30 games in two seasons for the Pirates, including hitting 48 percent of his three-pointers (24-of-50) during AASU's 2000-01 Peach Belt Championship season. A former Region 8-AAA Player of the Year, Lecoeuvre still holds the all-time scoring and assist records at North Gwinnett High School.

Coach Burkhamer says, "Joel is an energetic, ambitious and enthusiastic young coach. A former Pirate and AASU graduate, Joel already knows many individuals on our campus and throughout the Savannah area. Joel has also coached at the high school level in Atlanta, which should help us with recruiting contacts. He will be involved with the individual development of our perimeter players, recruiting, team travel, film exchange and academics."

Lecoeuvre will be pursuing his master's degree in special education from Armstrong Atlantic.

