

Shawn Werdt

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Education:

California University of Pennsylvania

Masters of Exercise Science, *December 2011*

West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Health Science in Physical Education, Minor in Coaching, *December 2007*

Coaching Experience:

2013—Present

Boys' Varsity Head Basketball Coach, Germantown Friends School

- 126-104 Overall Record
- 3rd Most Career Wins in School History
- Has Led Program to the Winningest Decade of Boys Basketball since the 1980s.
- *City of Basketball Love* Inter-Ac & Friends League Coach of the Year, 2015
- 2nd Most Single-Season Wins in School History (21-5 record), 2015
- First Friends School League Championship Game Appearance in 18 years
- First PAISAA State Playoff Victory in School History, 2022
- 3 Players Scored 1,000+ Career Points.
- 3 Players named to the Pennsylvania All-State Team
- 10 Former Players continued career at NCAA Division I, II, and III colleges

2008-2013

Philadelphia University Assistant Men's Basketball Coach

- Responsible for all facets of program, with emphasis on recruiting, game preparation and player development.
- 104-46 Overall Record; 3 NCAA Division II Tournament Appearances including a 2010 Sweet 16, 2 CACC Regular Season Championships, 1 CACC Tournament Championship, 3 Players named NCAA Division II All East Region. 11 Players named All CACC Team; 1 Player named CACC Rookie of the Year
- Co-Director of Herb Magee Basketball Camps and Clinics

Teaching Experience:

2014—Present

Germantown Friends School, Philadelphia, PA

- Educated Lower, Middle, and Upper School students in Physical Education
- 2020 Faculty Leadership Award Recipient
- Member of Upper School Admissions Committee
- Member of the Athletic Department Hiring Committee
- Resurrected and Directed GFS Community Basketball and Enrichment Camp

2009-2014

Franklin Towne Charter School, Philadelphia, PA

- Head of the Physical Education Department K-8
- Middle School Director of Athletics

2008-2009

Hope Charter High School, Philadelphia, PA

- Educated 9-12th grade students in Health Education

Entrepreneurial Experience:

2012– Present

Shawn Werdt’s Elite Skills Basketball Academy LLC, Greater Philadelphia Area

- Individual Skills Trainer for multiple International Professional Basketball Players
- Successfully conducted basketball camps and clinics in Eastern PA for all ages
- Assisted Herb Magee in reconstruction of NBA player Evan Turner’s shooting form
- Successfully hosted and organized Middle School Travel Basketball Tournaments

2006-2015

WCU Moving Company, Greater Philadelphia Area

- Created company while an undergraduate student at West Chester University
- Owner and Operator of over 350 successful moves in the Tri-State Area

Playing Career:

2003-2007

West Chester University

- 4 Year Varsity Letter Winner
- NCAA Division II PSAC Eastern Division Champions, 2006
- Top 5 Single Season 3 Point FGM (68), 2007
- Scored 905 Points and made 140 Career Three Point Field Goals

1999-2003

Blue Mountain High School

- Selected to High School Athletic Hall of Fame, 2009
- 5th All Time in Career Points (1,334)
- Twice named Schuylkill League Player of the Year, 2002, 2003
- 30-1 Record, PIAA AAA District XI and Schuylkill League Champions, 2003

Professional Organizations/Certifications

- Level II Certified Health and Physical Education Teacher, *2013 - Present*
- National Association of Basketball Coaches Member, *2008-2014*
- *NASM* Certified Speed and Explosion Specialist, *2012-Present*
- Certified in CPR/AED/First Aid, *Present*
- Phi Epsilon Kappa, Gamma Alpha, *September 2005- January 2007*
- PSAHPERD, Southeaster District, *September 2005- January 2007*

Program Building at Germantown Friends School

- Resurrected the *GFS Community Basketball & Enrichment Camp* and saw the Camp grow to over 125 participants per week over a 4-week period and established a \$300,000 Endowment. [Camp Video](#)
- Started a Thursday Night Developmental Basketball League for 3rd – 9th graders and saw the program grow to over 35 kids a week for 5 consecutive weeks.
- Resurrected the *Early Risers Basketball Program* before school for 4th and 5th grade students. Over 25 students participate each year and the program culminates with a game played during a Lower School Assembly.
- Started Annual *GFS Middle School Basketball Invite* for local schools/travel teams to compete at GFS. The tournament has grown to include over 18 teams.
- Started a *SSAT Math Tutoring Program* for 9th grade Admissions Applicants.
- Instituted a preseason and post-season strength and conditioning/skill development plan for JV and Varsity Basketball players.
- Varsity Basketball Team competes in spring league, fall league, and summer team Live Events.
- Started a *GFS Boys Basketball Newsletter* that is periodically sent out to GFS basketball program alumni.
- Appointed the Athletic Representative on the Upper School Admissions Committee

College Basketball Matriculation

- 2022 Matt Johnson – Widener University
- 2022 Hanif Goins – Morehouse College
- 2019 Peter Gard – Widener University
- 2019 Pietro Berghella – Haverford College
- 2018 Mike Buckmire – Duke University
- 2018 Sam Istvan – Haverford College
- 2016 Andrew Aldridge – College of Wooster
- 2016 Jamil Pines-Elliott – Elizabethtown College
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- 2016 Ray Leon – Chestnut Hill College

Herb Magee

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Testimonials

Shawn was a very good player for me at West Chester University for four years 2002-2006. He was a standout shooting/pt. guard who always put the team first rather than his own interests. Shawn was a leader on the court and a huge part of our 2006 Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Championship. He had a great rapport with his teammates and the Coaching staff.

It is no surprise that Shawn chose coaching and teaching as his profession. He comes from a great, supportive family who always were there to support Shawn and our team. His Dad, Burt Werdt, was a legendary Coach at Blue Mountain HS in Schuylkill County. His brother is now the Coach at his Alma Mater.

Having coached in the Philadelphia area for 42 years, I am very familiar with Penn Charter and the ideals and integrity that your school represents. Shawn would be a great representative of your fine school with the integrity, leadership and knowledge needed to lead the program in your very competitive league. He has a great knowledge of the X's and O's of basketball. He would be a very good recruiter of top student/athletes and a total educator for the school. His personality is such that he would be a good communicator with parents and alumni and rally these groups around the program.

Shawn began coaching right after his graduation from West Chester University. He coached at Kennett Square HS for a season before joining the staff at Philadelphia University. After retiring from West Chester in 2008, I returned to Philadelphia University for two years to assist Coach Herb Magee. (I was previously an assistant there from 1976-'87) Shawn was also on the staff at that time, so I had a chance to observe and work with him on scouting reports, recruiting, and assisting during games. His work was excellent and dedicated during this time.

The job he has been doing at Germantown Friends School the last ten years has been remarkable. The program has improved in all phases of operation. The team is well coached, disciplined, and displays excellent sportsmanship. Shawn Werdt is a winner.

Dick DeLaney

West Chester University Head Coach 1987-2008

Just wanted to reach out to thank you for the support and encouragement you have given Michael over the past four years. Especially during this stressful senior year, your positive mentorship has been invaluable. We have truly enjoyed watching Michael develop his basketball skills under your leadership. It has been great fun to watch him and the team fight battles and overcome obstacles and then come out stronger in the end. Thanks again for caring about Michael as an overall person, on and off the court.

Rhonda

GFS Parent

I'm sure you're still smarting a bit after the end of a season that you wish could've lasted a few more games. It might have been better for me to wait a little bit to write this email, but something my son Sam just told me really struck me, so I wanted to send it now before I forget. A few minutes ago, Sam said: "No more basketball practice..." There was a long pause. We thought maybe he was saying in a happy way. Maybe he was glad to have his afternoons back for a few weeks. But then he said: "I'm really sad about it. I can't believe it's ending. I love basketball practice." Those are great words for a parent to hear. And it reminded me that I need to thank you for a basketball season that has turned out to be one of the most meaningful and satisfying sports experiences of Sam's life. You gave him something that has become increasingly rare -- a chance to set a goal, work hard, and prove himself. That hasn't always come naturally for Sam. In many ways, I think he matured more and learned more about himself in a few months of basketball than he has in a decade of playing soccer. We'll always be grateful for that. THANK YOU.

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GFS Parent