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## ST. URSULA ACADEMY ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

St. Ursula Academy is pleased to announce that Ronald “Duffy” Burns has accepted the position of Head Basketball Coach.

Burns comes to St. Ursula Academy with tremendous experience which includes twenty-nine years of coaching both men’s and women’s college and high school basketball, including eight years as head coach at Cleveland State University. Burns is a founder and director of the Toledo Elite Basketball Club with Steve Mix, is a national evaluator, event operator and consultant for Blue Star Scouting Service, and is director of the Toledo Blue Star Fall League. His most recent coaching positions include Assistant Girl’s Basketball Coach for Sylvania Northview High School, and Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach for the University of Toledo.

“This is the best job out there for a basketball coach. St. Ursula has a good core group of players and there is lots of room for growth. My job is to make them better and turn SUA basketball into a social gathering that people really want to come to. The style of play is going to be different. We’ll play up tempo and aim to shoot twenty 3’s a night and score 55 a game,” said Burns.

St. Ursula’s athletic director, Steve Parrill, is extremely pleased with the school’s new hire stating, “We are fortunate as an athletic department and a basketball program to have hired a person of Duffy Burns’ caliber. He brings great experience and knowledge of basketball and coaching female athletes. We are very excited about the future of St. Ursula basketball.”



St. Ursula Academy is Toledo's oldest, all-female, accredited, Catholic college preparatory high school, and has been educating young women of today for tomorrow since 1854. The mission of St. Ursula Academy is to educate young women to develop their spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional well-being in light of the values found in the Gospel and reflected in the life of St. Angela Merici.

*Soli Deo Gloria*, for the Glory of God alone, is our school motto, reflecting our heritage and founding by the Ursuline Sisters in 1854.

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