



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2013-2014



SPRING HILL COLLEGE

Mobile, Alabama

Spring Hill College is ranked once again in the top 20 Southern universities and colleges, according to the 2012 edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges."

Spring Hill is ranked 17th among the Southern colleges and universities offering a full range of undergraduate majors and master's programs. The U.S. News rankings are based on several quality measures including academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, peer assessment and graduation rate performance. Colleges and universities are listed in various categories depending on their size, location and other factors.

The college is ranked 10th among only 15 schools listed in the South's "Great Schools, Great Prices" category, colleges that offer quality academic programs, affordable tuition and significant financial aid.

Spring Hill College is also listed in the region's "A-Plus Schools for B Students" category, campuses where B students thrive in an engaged student body.

Forbes Magazine also ranks Spring Hill among its

"America's Best Colleges" with SHC ranked No. 32 in the nation among similar institutions.

Forbes also ranks Spring Hill among the "Best Colleges in the South" and among the top 25 percent of the "Best Private Colleges" nationwide according to Forbes.



GENERAL FACTS

Institution: Spring Hill College

City/State/Zip: Mobile, AL 36608

Founded: 1830

Enrollment: 1,400

Nickname: Badgers

School Colors: Purple, white

Home Facility: Arthur R. Outlaw Recreation Center

Capacity: 1,600

Affiliation: NAIA Division 1

Conference: Southern States Athletic

Division: West

President: Rev. Richard P. Salmi, S.J.

Athletic Director: Jim Hall

Alma Mater: Grinnell College (1995)

Faculty Athletic Representative: David Dean, Ph.D.

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Alma Mater: Mississippi State (1990)

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Facebook: SHCAthletics

Twitter: SHCBADGERS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Karen McConico

Alma Mater: High Point, 1998

Record at school/ years: 21-36/3rd year

Career record/ years: 21-36/3rd year

Assistant Coach: Amy Dodd (3rd year)

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Athletic Trainer: Brian Gronewold, ATC

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TEAM INFORMATION

Overall Record Last Year: 12-17

Conference/Finish: 7-11 (6th of 7 SSAC West)

Starters returning/lost: 4/1

First Year: 1973

Overall Record: 441-593 (since 1977)

HEAD COACH



KAREN McCONICO

Karen McConico begins her third season as the head coach of Spring Hill College women's basketball program. During McConico's seven-year tenure as Assistant Coach at High Point University, the Panthers built an overall record of 118-94 including a 65-37 record in the Big South Conference as the program completed the transition from NCAA Division II to Division I status. McConico was a major factor in the Panthers' regular season Big South

Championship in 2006-07 and their trip to the National Women's Invitation Tournament (NWIT) that same season.

On the court, McConico still ranks as the all-time leading scorer in High Point men's and women's basketball history with 2,616 points scored from 1994-98 when the Panthers played among the NCAA Division II ranks. She is also the all-time assists leader at HPU with 645 handouts and ranks fourth in career rebounding with 904 boards.

McConico, a native of Apex, N.C., graduated from HPU with a bachelor's degree in Human Relations in 1998. She played professionally in Switzerland from 1998 to 2000 where she averaged 25 points per game as a point guard. She began her coaching career in 2000 at Cary (N.C.) High School where she was head coach until 2002.

She is married to Calvin McConico, Jr., she has one son, Karvin.

ASSISTANT COACH



AMY DODD

A native of Apex, N.C., Dodd is in her third season at SHC following a 4-year playing career at High Point University where she played in 121 games with 61 starts.

The former forward finished her career as the 10th leading scorer in High Point's NCAA Division I history by scoring 813 points and fourth in assists with 248 handouts.

PREVIEW 2013

As the Spring Hill College women's basketball program opens its third season under head coach Karen McConico, the Badgers find themselves with a solid mix of talented newcomers and experienced upperclassmen that should pay off on the court. McConico has brought in nine freshmen players to shore up her nine returning veteran players and is excited about the results. "While I can't say it has been a seamless transition," McConico says, "I can say that we definitely have added more talent and the new players are starting to buy into our process. Some of them probably thought they had joined a boot camp when they first got here, but freshmen always have to adjust to the speed of the college game and they have to learn to work hard every day."

McConico also admits to being fortunate that her three senior players have been showing the new arrivals the ropes. "It's nice to have a group of senior players that know what I want and how I think," she says. "They know the little things like when I want people to huddle up and when breaks are over, so I don't have to spend time handling those details. That's a part of leadership." Badger senior guards Bria Bohanon of Ponchatoula, La., and Tempey Hamilton of Murphy High School in Mobile are both four-year starters for Spring Hill while fellow senior guard LaSheena Nation of Hanceville, Ala., was a major factor for SHC in 2012-13 after transferring to "The Hill" as a junior. Senior forward Sha Sha Buchanan, who will rejoin the Badgers at the conclusion of volleyball season, is also a four-year starter.

The Badger offense will continue to use an up-tempo style of play this season and McConico sees it being even more effective this season due to her added bench depth. "We have five or six freshman who will make an immediate impact," she says. "As a result, we now have the numbers to run our offense the way it really should be run. Now, my responsibility as a coach is going to be in making the girls believe in running this style of offense and making them understand that playing stretches of three or four minutes at a time instead of 17 or 18 minutes is a good thing."

Running the fast-paced SHC offense will be put in the hands of junior point guards Elissa VandeWaa of Spanish Fort, Ala., and Bethany Collins of Apex, N.C., each of whom have two years of experience running McConico's system. Freshman Amee Smith of Longview, Texas, will also see time at the Number One guard slot as she grows more comfortable in the offense.

On the outside, Bohanon, Hamilton and Nation return along with sophomore sharpshooter Natalie Harper of Greensboro, N.C., and sophomore Armanée Broussard of Lafayette, La., who both emerged as impact players for the Badgers in the second half of last season. Joining the veterans will be freshmen Amber Perkins of Gretna, La., Kelsey Hill, of St. Petersburg, Fla., Genevieve Larose of Thibodaux, La., and Brittney Davis from Foley, Ala.

In the forward roles, Buchanan will be back with the team in late November, but until then freshmen Kerrie York of Crestview, Fla., Corinne Missi of Yaoundé, Cameroon, Rachel Moorer of Pace, Fla., and Camry Johnson of Faith Academy in Mobile will earn valuable playing time as they rotate the responsibility. "I'm happy and excited about our youth," says McConico. "Maybe we don't have all the skills right now, but we have the right attitude. Last year I think I let up on the team toward the end, but this year we are pushing people to their limits."

In the middle, sophomore center Leah Washington of Houma, La., moves into the starting role after spending her freshman season successfully coming off the bench in big situations.

"We have a feisty 'go-get-it' attitude this year and that's something I like as a coach," says McConico. "We are still young and will experience some growing pains, but our ladies are beginning to understand that this game is about more than just playing hard. They want to do it right and they want to do it this year. Day in and day out, they want to win."

McConico is also under no illusions about how difficult her schedule is this year. "We play in a tough conference and we have a hard schedule," she says. "There are no easy games this season. We'll have to bring our best game every time we play to put ourselves in a position to win, but in the end people will be proud of this team."



2012 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	
November	2 Fisk University	Home	W ; 73-55	
	3 at Cumberland University	Lebanon, Tenn.	L; 64-79	
	6 at Reinhardt University	Waleska, Ga.	L; 63-64 (OT)	
	10 Cumberland University	Home	L; 63-64 (OT)	
	13 at Xavier University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	L; 50-61	
	16 *Brenau University	Home	W ; 82-62	
	17 *Emmanuel College	Home	W ; 70-50	
	30 *at Southern Polytechnic State University	Marietta, Ga.	L; 57-78	
	December	1 *at Lee University	Cleveland, Tenn.	L; 49-81
		4 % at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	L; 52-86
8 at Southern University-New Orleans		New Orleans, La.	L; 43-68	
15 Southern University-New Orleans		Home	L; 62-65	
17 Dillard University		Home	W ; 64-49	
19 Tennessee Temple University		Home	W ; 97-55	
January	4 *Southern Wesleyan University	Home	W ; 69-61	
	5 *College of Coastal Georgia	Home	L; 57-62	
	10 *at Belhaven University	Jackson, Miss.	L; 58-75	
	12 *William Carey University	Home	W ; 67-55	
	17 *Auburn University at Montgomery	Home	W ; 66-59	
	19 *at Loyola University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	L; 57-60	
	21 at Voorhees College	Denmark, S.C.	W ; 76-54	
February	26 *Faulkner University	Home	L; 82-96 (OT)	
	31 *at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	L; 51-61	
	2 *Belhaven University	Home	W ; 71-63	
	7 *at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	W ; 57-54	
	9 *Loyola University (La.)	Home	L; 57-78	
	14 *at Auburn University at Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	L; 58-64	
	16 Voorhees College	Home	W ; 64-58	
	21 *at Faulkner University	Montgomery, Ala.	L; 64-86	
	23 *University of Mobile	Home	L; 54-59	

% - Exhibition game * - SSAC game

2012 SSAC EAST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Lee	16-2	34-3
Southern Poly	15-4	25-6
Coastal Ga.	15-5	24-9
Emmanuel	10-8	20-12
So. Wesleyan	6-13	14-18
Brenau	6-13	15-15
Brewton-Parker	4-16	10-19
Truett-McConnell	0-19	1-29

2012 SSAC WEST FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	SSAC	OVERALL
Faulkner	15-3	26-7
AUM	13-5	21-9
Belhaven	10-8	13-17
Mobile	9-9	16-15
Loyola	8-10	11-16
Spring Hill	7-11	12-17
Wm. Carey	5-13	9-17



2013 ROSTER



2
Kerrie York
Freshmen

3
Elissa VandeWaa
Junior

4
Corinne Missi
Freshman

5
Twarner Witherspoon
Senior

10
Bria Bohanon
Senior

11
Bethany Collins
Junior

14
Amee Smith
Freshmen



15
Natalie Harper
Sophomore

20
Amber Perkins
Freshmen

21
Sha Sha Buchanan
Senior

22
Armanee' Broussard
Sophomore

23
Kelsey Hill
Freshman

24
Genevieve Larose
Freshmen



30
Brittney Davis
Freshmen

32
LaSheena Nation
Senior

35
Camry Johnson
Freshmen

42
Tempey Hamilton
Senior

50
Leah Washington
Sophomore

52
Rachel Moorner
Freshmen

NO.	PLAYER	CL.	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL(S)
2	KERRIE YORK	FR.	FWD	6-0	CRESTVIEW, FLA./COLLEGIATE HIGH AT NWFSC
3	ELISSA VANDEWAA	JR.	PG	5-6	SPANISH FORT, ALA./SPANISH FORT HIGH
4	CORINNE MISSI	FR.	FWD	6-0	YAOUNDE, CAMEROON/MONTVERDE ACADEMY (FLA.)
5	TWARNER WITHERSPOON	SR.	FWD	5-6	THOMASVILLE, ALA./THOMASVILLE HIGH/BISHOP ST. CC
10	BRIA BOHANON	SR.	G	5-5	PONCHATOULA, LA./PONCHATOULA HIGH
11	BETHANY COLLINS	JR.	PG	5-5	APEX, N.C./APEX HIGH
14	AMEE SMITH	FR.	G	5-4	LONGVIEW, TEXAS/TATUM HIGH
15	NATALIE HARPER	SO.	G	5-7	GREENSBORO, N.C./NORTHWEST GUILFORD HIGH
20	AMBER PERKINS	FR.	G	5-8	GRETNA, LA./ST. MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL
21	SHA SHA BUCHANAN	SR.	FWD	5-10	MOBILE, ALA./MCGILL-TOOLEN CATHOLIC HIGH
22	ARMANEE' BROUSSARD	SO.	G	5-7	LAFAYETTE, LA./LAFAYETTE HIGH
23	KELSEY HILL	FR.	G	5-8	ST. PETERSBURG, FLA./CANTERBURY SCHOOL OF FLA.
24	GENEVIEVE LAROSE	FR.	G	5-7	THIBODAUX, LA./E.D. WHITE CATHOLIC HIGH
30	BRITTNEY DAVIS	FR.	G	5-7	FOLEY, ALA./FOLEY HIGH
32	LASHEENA NATION	SR.	G	5-6	HANCEVILLE, ALA./HANCEVILLE HS/WALLACE ST CC
35	CAMRY JOHNSON	FR.	FWD	5-9	MOBILE, ALA./FAITH ACADEMY
42	TEMPEY HAMILTON	SR.	G	5-6	MOBILE, ALA./MURPHY HIGH
50	LEAH WASHINGTON	SO.	C/F	5-11	HOUMA, LA./VANDEBILT CATHOLIC HIGH
52	RACHEL MOORER	FR.	FWD	5-10	PACE, FLA./PACE HIGH

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME	
November	Thurs. 7	at Southern University-New Orleans	New Orleans, La.	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 9	at Xavier University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	4 p.m.
	Fri. 15	*at Southern Wesleyan University	Central, S.C.	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 16	*at Emmanuel College	Franklin Springs, Ga.	3 p.m.
	Fri. 22	*Brenau University	Home	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 23	*College of Coastal Georgia	Home	3 p.m.
Tues. 26	at Dillard University	New Orleans, La.	5:30 p.m.	
December	Tues. 3	% at University of South Alabama	USA Mitchell Center	7:05 p.m.
	Fri. 6	Stillman College	Home	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 7	% at Southern University-Baton Rouge	Baton Rouge, La.	2 p.m.
	Sat. 14	at Stillman College	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	5:30 p.m.
	Mon. 16	Southern University-New Orleans	Home	5:30 p.m.
	Thurs. 19	Tennessee Temple University	Home	5:30 p.m.
	Fri. 20	Lindsey Wilson College	Home	5:30 p.m.
	Janauary	Sat. 4	at Tuskegee College	Tuskegee, Ala.
January	Fri. 10	*at Auburn University Montgomery	Montgomery, Ala.	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 11	*Faulkner University	Home	3 p.m.
	Thurs. 16	*University of Mobile	Home	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 18	*Belhaven University	Home	2 p.m.
	Thurs. 23	*at William Carey University	Hattiesburg, Miss.	5:30 p.m.
	Sat. 25	*at Bethel University (Tenn.)	McKenzie, Tenn.	2 p.m.
	Thurs. 30	*Loyola University (La.)	Home	5:30 p.m.
	February	Sat. 1	*at Martin Methodist College	Pulaski, Tenn.
Thurs. 6		*Blue Mountain College	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 8		*at University of Mobile	Univ. of Mobile	2 p.m.
Thurs. 13		*at Belhaven University	Jackson, Miss.	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 15		*Bethel University (Tenn.)	Home	2 p.m.
Thurs. 20		*at Loyola University (La.)	New Orleans, La.	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 22		*Martin Methodist College	Home	2 p.m.
Thurs. 27		*at Blue Mountain College	Blue Mountain, Miss.	5:30 p.m.
March	Sat. 1	*William Carey University	Home	2 p.m.
	5-8	at SSAC Championship Tournament	Montgomery, Ala.	TBA
	19-25	at NAIA National Championship	Frankfort, Ky.	TBA

% - Exhibition *- SSAC games