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King's lands Peter Sambu as new Women's Basketball Coach

Edmonton – The King's University College is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Sambu as the new head coach for the Women's Basketball team.

"We are truly honoured to be able to add another quality coach to our coaching staff. We are blessed to have someone of Peter's capabilities here at King's," stated King's Director of Athletics, Craig Wilsman.

Coach Sambu and Wilsman began their coaching friendship years ago when Coach Sambu was the Head Men's Coach at SAIT (South Division in the ACAC) and Wilsman was the Head Men's Coach at Prairie.

"Having known Peter in the past was a blessing and yet very challenging for me to remain neutral in the hiring process. But he clearly was the committee's top choice." added Wilsman.

Sambu coached at SAIT for seven years; during his final four years as the Head Coach, his teams finished with an impressive 73% winning percentage, as well as one ACAC Championship, two ACAC Silver Medals, and one National Championship appearance.

After SAIT he went to coach in the United States as an assistant coach for several Division I Junior College programs: Colby Community College (Colby, Kansas); Gary Steelhead (USBL-Gary, Indiana), North Dakota State College of Science (Wahpeton, North Dakota) and then most recently was an assistant coach at Lakeland College (Under the guidance of the CCAA's All-Time Coach with the most Career Wins: Phil Allen). Most recently this summer he was an assistant coach with Paul Sir for the Edmonton Energy. (International Basketball League, who finished as the north division regular season champions)

Sambu brings both his experience and a creative, relational, fundamentally sound, intense, defense-first coaching philosophy, which will be a great fit for the women's team. "This is important," notes Wilsman, "because there are at least seven returning players and the Eagles want to continue to play championship calibre basketball." Coach Sambu looks to build on the previous foundation that former Coach Curtis Plitt and his staff were able to establish.

"I am so thankful to Coach Wilsman for giving me this opportunity. I am excited to work with the Women's team under his direction. We should be competitive based on some of the summer league games we've already played and we look to build a Championship program here,!" commented Coach Sambu.

Coach Sambu takes over from Coach Curtis Plitt who resigned shortly after his team finished as the first-ever Bronze Medalist for the ACAC.

The King's University College offers fully accredited Bachelor degrees in the arts, humanities, music, social sciences, natural sciences and commerce/management, as well as an education after degree. King's currently serves over 600 students from across Canada and abroad, representing more than 16 nations. Faculty are highly qualified, dedicated Christians committed to academic excellence and communicating a Christian perspective in their teaching. Students are challenged both inside and outside the classroom to apply what they learn to their life and their future career.

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