



Brian DePaoli

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Assistant Coach Brian DePaoli is in his sixth season as a member of the Youngstown State staff, his eighth coaching alongside Coach Jerry Slocum and 11th season overall.

DePaoli served two years at Gannon under Slocum before coming to Youngstown State prior to the 2005-06 campaign.

DePaoli handles a variety of duties for the staff, including opponent scouting, on-court coaching, recruiting and working with the post players.

Since his arrival at YSU, the Guins have had two first-team all-league selections and three all-newcomer team honorees.

Last season, DeAndre Mays also became the first player since Ryan Patton to record back-to-back 100-assist seasons. Mays posted 207 assists in two years. Patton accomplished the feat in 2000-01 and 2001-02.

In 2006-07, the Penguins won 14 games, their most in six years, while finishing in a fourth-place tie in the Horizon League. Guard Quin Humphrey became the first player in school history to earn first-team all-conference honors in consecutive years.

A native of Erie, Pa., he spent two years at Clarion, a season at Mercyhurst and two campaigns with the Golden Knights before following Slocum to the Mahoning Valley in April 2005. In three of those seasons as a Division II assistant, his school's appeared in the NCAA Tournament.

In his two seasons at Gannon, the program posted overall marks of 22-8 in 2003-04 and 18-11 in 2004-05 while qualifying for the NCAA Division II Tournament both years. The Golden Knights finished second in the South Division of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference both years going 12-5 in 2003-04 and 11-6 in 2004-05.

At Clarion, DePaoli coached under Dr. Ron Righter and helped lead the Eagles to a 19-10 mark, a PSAC Championship, and its first-ever trip to the NCAA Division II Tournament in 2000-01. He then helped lead the Eagles to a 15-11 record in 2001-02, cumulating in another PSAC playoff berth.

He moved to Mercyhurst College in 2002-03 and helped Coach Karl Fogel guide the Lakers through the rigors of the GLIAC. In his year at Mercyhurst, he coached alongside fellow YSU assistant Michael Wernicki.

DePaoli graduated from Clarion with a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 2000 and a master's degree in rehabilitation science in 2002.

In his hometown, he has assisted the Millcreek Youth Athletic Association Boy's Basketball Program. He has also worked numerous summer camps, including those at Notre Dame, Maryland, Army, and the Eastern Invitational.

Brian and his wife Tera, who is a dentist, have a daughter Ella and reside in Boardman.