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The Grant McCasland File

Coaching Career

Midland College (2003-09)

Spent the last five seasons as head coach at Midland College where he has directed the Chaps to a 143-32 (.817) including an NJCAA national championship in 2007 and a national runner-up finish this spring. He was named NJCAA Coach of the Year in 2007. McCasland served as Shanon Hays' assistant for the 2003-04 campaign when Midland College advanced to the national semi-finals with a 30-6 record.

Northeastern Junior College (2001-03)

Averaged 20 wins during his two seasons at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colo. Helped Plainsmen to an NJCAA Region IV final and a South Sub-Region championship.

Texas Tech (1999-2001)

Served as Director of Basketball Operations on Lynn Dickey's staff at Texas Tech. Responsibilities included scheduling, on-campus recruiting and served as camp director.

Playing Career

Baylor University (1995-99)

Earned Big 12 Academic All-Conference honorable mention honors as a four year walk-on guard for Harry Miller at Baylor University.

Junior College national champion to lead Mustangs

WICHITA FALLS, Texas - Grant McCasland was named the eighth men's basketball coach at Midwestern State University Friday afternoon.

"Our family is thrilled and honored to come to Midwestern State," McCasland said. "I am thankful (President) Dr. (Jesse W.) Rogers and (Athletic Director) Mr. (Charlie) Carr for trusting me with the responsibility of leading a program with such a great tradition. I hope to continue that."

If his track record as a five-year coach at Midland College is any indication, the Mustangs will be in good hands.

McCasland led the Chaparrals to a National Junior College Athletic Association championship in 2007 and a national runner-up finish earlier this spring. Midland College has won at least 26 games in each of its season with McCasland at the helm while

posting a 143-32 record and an .817 winning percentage.

"We just felt like he was such a good fit for our program and what we are trying to do," Carr said. "He has a great passion for the game, and he came across as having a great passion for the kids in the meetings he had with them."

McCasland led the Chaparrals to the NJCAA Elite Eight in all but two of his seasons at Midland College and earned numerous coaching honors as he was named NJCAA National and Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' Junior College Coach of the Year in his national championship season of 2007. He is a two-time NJCAA District Coach of the Year and earned Western Junior College Athletic Conference top coaching honors on two other occasions.

McCasland, who is the first coach-

What others say about McCasland

Former Texas Tech Head Coach James Dickey

"Grant is a great young coach, a rising star in the profession. He's a wonderful family man, a tireless worker, a great communicator and recruiter. He loves the game, is dedicated and loyal to his players and staff and will be to Midwestern."

Midland College Athletics Director Forrest Allen

"His coaching accomplishments speaks for itself, but MSU is getting much more than that. You couldn't ask for a better pick. He is hard working, dedicated and is a great communicator. He's such a quality person. We're very proud of him and happy he's going to a good place. Grant is going to do an incredible job not only with the basketball program, but in the community. MSU is going to love the McCasland family."

Former Midwestern State Coach Jeff Ray

"Grant is a great coach and has done a great job at Midland and he will do the same at Midwestern. I think a lot of him as a person and as a coach."

Gonzaga University Assistant Coach Tommy Lloyd

"Grant is a top-notch person and family man. On the floor, he's an incredible coach and superb communicator. My only regret is that he's now with Midwestern instead of on the staff at Gonzaga."

ing hire from outside of the Midwestern State staff since Dr. Gerald Stockton accepted the position in 1970, steps into a rich basketball tradition at Midwestern State.

MSU boasts 15 NAIA National Tournament appearances including a national runner-up showing in 1975 and four trips to the NAIA Final Four (1975, 1979, 1993, 1994).

More recently, the Mustangs experienced great success under Jeff Ray, who vacated the position last month to become the full-time men's and women's golf coach.

"Coach Ray is very highly regarded and it's an honor to follow him because he's done such a great job," McCasland said. "Having him on campus is a huge plus for the program."

Ray compiled a 231-121 (.656) record in 12 seasons as the head coach at Midwestern. He led his teams to four Lone Star Conference championships earning a berth in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional in each of those seasons (1998-99, 1999-2000, 2006-07, 2008-09).

The Mustangs posted win streaks of 11 and nine games this season for the program's fourth LSC title and fell in the second round of the NCAA Division II South Central Regional to host Central Missouri.

McCasland also earned the reputation for developing great individual talents as he has sent 19 players to NCAA Division I programs and had a player selected in the NBA draft.

During his tenure Midland College, McCasland coached two NJCAA All-Americans, a national tournament MVP, 10 NJCAA All-Region V selections, a WJCAC MVP and 14 All-WJCAC first-team performers.

McCasland attributes his coaching success to his family, especially his wife Cece, as well as their three children, daughter Amaris (age 4), son Jett (age 2) and 6-month-old daughter, Jersey.

"The people at MSU really sold me and my family on coming to Wichita Falls," McCasland said. "I'm ready to hit the ground running."



MSU Coaching History

| By Tenure | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|---------|------|
| Coach | Tenure | Years | Record | Pct |
| C.P. Mosley | 1924-25 | 1 | 10-6 | .625 |
| C.C. Frazee | 1925-26 | 1 | 12-10 | .545 |
| H.T. Ludgate | 1926-28 | 2 | 18-17 | .514 |
| Al Baggett | 1928-30 | 2 | 22-28 | .440 |
| D.L. Ligon | 1937-43, 44-46 | 8 | 84-75 | .528 |
| H.J. Steph | 1943-44 | 2 | 6-9 | .400 |
| "Red" Rutledge | 1946-49 | 3 | 19-47 | .288 |
| Paul Brotherton | 1949-52 | 3 | 39-25 | .609 |
| Dallas Clynych | 1952-56** | 4+ | 73-40 | .646 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1955-70 | 13+ | 246-156 | .612 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1970-94 | 24 | 492-328 | .600 |
| Jeff Ray | 1994-00 | 6 | 118-60 | .663 |
| Greg Giddings | 2000-03 | 3 | 38-45 | .458 |
| Jeff Ray | 2003-09 | 6 | 112-61 | .647 |

Season-by-season

| Coach | Years | Games | Record | Pct. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|------|
| Fermon "Red" Rutledge | 1946-47 | 19 | 4-15 | .263 |
| Fermon "Red" Rutledge | 1947-48 | 23 | 7-16 | .304 |
| Fermon "Red" Rutledge | 1948-49 | 24 | 8-16 | .333 |
| Paul Brotherton | 1949-50 | 16 | 7-9 | .438 |
| Paul Brotherton | 1950-51 | 21 | 12-9 | .571 |
| Paul Brotherton | 1951-52 | 27 | 20-7 | .741 |
| Dallas Clynych | 1952-53 | 26 | 17-9 | .654 |
| Dallas Clynych | 1953-54 | 25 | 14-11 | .560 |
| Dallas Clynych | 1954-55 | 27 | 22-5 | .815 |
| Dallas Clynych | 1955-56 | 26 | 19-7 | .731 |
| Dallas Clynych | 1956** | 9 | 2-7 | .222 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1955-56** | 16 | 10-6 | .625 |
| <i>combined</i> | 1955-56 | 25 | 12-13 | .480 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1957-58 | 25 | 9-16 | .360 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1958-59 | 24 | 12-12 | .500 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1959-60 | 34 | 17-17 | .500 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1960-61 | 28 | 12-16 | .429 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1961-62 | 27 | 22-5 | .815 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1962-63 | 25 | 17-8 | .680 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1963-64 | 26 | 20-6 | .769 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1964-65 | 34 | 28-6 | .824 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1965-66 | 32 | 26-6 | .813 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1966-67 | 32 | 21-11 | .656 |

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|-----------------|---------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Dennis Vinzant | 1967-68 | 28 | 19-9 | .679 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1968-69 | 33 | 14-19 | .424 |
| Dennis Vinzant | 1969-70 | 29 | 18-11 | .621 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1970-71 | 28 | 12-16 | .429 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1971-72 | 32 | 17-15 | .531 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1972-73 | 29 | 16-13 | .552 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1973-74 | 37 | 30-7 | .811 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1974-75 | 37 | 31-6 | .838 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1975-76 | 35 | 23-12 | .657 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1976-77 | 34 | 24-10 | .706 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1977-78 | 34 | 21-13 | .618 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1978-79 | 41 | 24-17 | .585 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1979-80 | 32 | 22-10 | .688 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1980-81 | 43 | 25-18 | .581 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1981-82 | 31 | 14-17 | .452 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1982-83 | 35 | 21-14 | .600 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1983-84 | 40 | 24-16 | .600 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1984-85 | 31 | 21-10 | .677 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1985-86 | 31 | 22-9 | .710 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1986-87 | 29 | 10-19 | .345 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1987-88 | 34 | 18-16 | .529 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1988-89 | 34 | 13-21 | .382 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1989-90 | 35 | 17-18 | .486 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1990-91 | 33 | 13-20 | .394 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1991-92 | 33 | 26-7 | .788 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1992-93 | 37 | 25-12 | .676 |
| Gerald Stockton | 1993-94 | 35 | 23-12 | .657 |
| Jeff Ray | 1994-95 | 30 | 19-11 | .633 |
| Jeff Ray | 1995-96 | 28 | 17-11 | .607 |
| Jeff Ray | 1996-97 | 28 | 17-11 | .607 |
| Jeff Ray | 1997-98 | 26 | 11-15 | .423 |
| Jeff Ray | 1998-99 | 32 | 27-5 | .844 |
| Jeff Ray | 1999-00 | 34 | 27-7 | .794 |
| Greg Giddings | 2000-01 | 28 | 15-13 | .536 |
| Greg Giddings | 2001-02 | 27 | 13-14 | .481 |
| Greg Giddings | 2002-03 | 28 | 10-18 | .357 |
| Jeff Ray | 2003-04 | 28 | 16-12 | .571 |
| Jeff Ray | 2004-05 | 29 | 18-11 | .621 |
| Jeff Ray | 2005-06 | 27 | 16-11 | .593 |
| Jeff Ray | 2006-07 | 31 | 24-7 | .774 |
| Jeff Ray | 2007-08 | 26 | 13-13 | .500 |
| Jeff Ray | 2008-09 | 32 | 25-7 | .781 |
| Total | | 2187 | 1289-898 | .589 |



McCasland at Midland College

| Year | Record | Pct. | Accolades |
|---------|--------|------|---|
| 2004-05 | 26-10 | .722 | NJCAA Runner Up Region V Champions WJCAC Champions District V Coach of the Year WJCAC Coach of the Year |
| 2005-06 | 27-6 | .818 | Region V Tournament Finals |
| 2006-07 | 29-8 | .784 | NJCAA National Champions Region V Champions NJCAA Coach of the Year NJCAA Coach of the Tournament TABC Junior College Coach of the Year District 5 Coach of the Year |
| 2007-08 | 28-4 | .875 | Region V Tournament WJCAC Champions WJCAC Coach of the Year |
| 2008-09 | 33-4 | .892 | NJCAA National Runner-Up Region V Champions WJCAC Champions District 5 Coach of the Year WJCAC Coach of the Year |

