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A Newsletter for the Students,
Alumni, Faculty, Staff & Friends
of Shorter College

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SHORTER COLLEGE BASKETBALL 2022-2023



AWAY October 7-8 2022 Chicago Women's Juco Jamboree TBA Chicago, IL
 AWAY October 29, 2022 SAU Women's Scrimmages TBA E. Camden, AR
 HOME November 1, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Cossatot 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. Cossatot 7:30 pm
 AWAY November 4, 2022 Shorter College Women @ Richland College 6:00 pm
 Dallas, TX
 AWAY November 5, 2022 Shorter College Women @ Cedar Valley 2:00 pm
 Lancaster, TX
 HOME November 7, 2022 Shorter College Men vs Arkansas Baptist JV 6:00 pm
 N. Little Rock, AR
 AWAY November 9, 2022 Shorter College Women @ Connors State 5:00 pm
 Warner, OK
 AWAY November 11, 2022 Shorter College Women @ Tyler Classic 7:00 pm
 Tyler, TX
 AWAY November 12, 2022 Shorter College Women @ Tyler Classic 12:00 pm
 Tyler, TX
 HOME November 15, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Fort Scott C. C. 6:00 pm
 North Little Rock, AR
 HOME November 16, 2022 Shorter College Men vs South Arkansas 2:00 pm
 West Memphis, AR Shorter College Men @ ASU Mid-South 7:00 pm

AWAY November 19, 2022 Shorter College Women @ South Arkansas 2:00 pm
 El Dorado, AR
 HOME November 21, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Meridian CC 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. Meridian CC 7:30 pm
 AWAY November 30, 2022 Shorter College Women @ Fort Scott 5:30 pm
 Fort Scott, KS
 HOME December 2, 2022 Shorter College Men vs Crowley's Ridge JV 6:00 pm
 North Little Rock, AR
 HOME December 3, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Southern-Shreveport 2:00 pm
 North Little Rock, AR
 HOME December 9, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Connors State 6:00 pm
 North Little Rock, AR
 AWAY December 12, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Southern-Shreveport 7:00 pm
 Shreveport, LA
 HOME December 16, 2022 Shorter College Women vs. Southwest Tennessee 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. Southwest Tennessee 7:30 pm
 AWAY January 4, 2023 Shorter College Women @ Southwest Tennessee 4:00 pm
 Memphis, TN Shorter College Men @ Southwest Tennessee 6:00 pm
 AWAY January 7, 2023 Shorter College Women @ Cossatot C. C. 1:00 pm
 Nashville, AR Shorter College Men @ Cossatot C.C. 3:00 pm
 AWAY January 9, 2023 Shorter College Women @ ASU Mid-South 5:00 pm

AWAY January 11, 2023 Shorter College Women @ SAU Tech 7:00 pm
 E. Camden, AR
 HOME January 13, 2023 Shorter College Women vs Arkansas Baptist JV 5:30 pm
 Shorter College Men vs Philander JV
 AWAY January 17, 2023 Shorter College Women @ National Park College 5:00 pm
 Hot Springs, AR Shorter College Men @ National Park College 7:00 pm
 HOME January 21, 2022 Shorter College Women vs Rucker Park College Prep 2:00 pm
 HOME January 24, 2023 Shorter College Women vs. South Arkansas 6:00 pm
 North Little Rock, AR
 AWAY January 26, 2023 Shorter College Women @ Arkansas Baptist JV 5:30 PM Shorter College Men @ Baptist JV. Little Rock, ARs 7:30 pm
 Little Rock, AR
 HOME January 30, 2023 Shorter College Women vs. Mid-South 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. Mid-South 7:30 pm
 HOME February 1, 2023 Shorter College Women vs. SAU Tech 6:00 pm
 North Little Rock, AR
 AWAY February 3, 2023 Shorter College Men vs Philander Smith JV 6:00 pm
 HOME February 7, 2023 Shorter College Women vs. North Arkansas 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. North Arkansas 7:30 pm
 HOME February 10, 2023 Shorter College Women vs Arkansas Baptist JV 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. Southeast MO Prep 7:30 pm
 HOME February 14, 2023 Shorter College Women vs. National Park College 5:30 pm
 North Little Rock, AR Shorter College Men vs. National Park College 7:30 pm
 AWAY February 18, 2023
 Cape Girardeau, MO Shorter College Men vs. Southeast MO Prep 2:00 pm
 AWAY March 24-26, 2023 HBCU Post Season Tournament TBA
 Atlanta, GA



Our boys basketball team consists of Shammond Robinson, Jalen Taylor, Trevon Darrough, Clay Baldwin, Caleb King, Papa Thiam and Isiah Smith

While our girls basketball team consists of Sincere Roberts, Kamryn Gie, Amari Dickerson, Ariyah Cotto. Stephanie Hubbard, Mame Dieng, Trinity Tyner, Raven Brown, Ayria Smithers and Taylor Helton

An Interview with Coach Williams



Assitant Athletic
Director/ Men's Head
Basketball Coach

Where are you from?

I am a proud native of Little Rock, Arkansas.

What made you get into coaching?

I decided to pursue coaching to give back to my community. I was blessed with multitudes of people training, mentoring, and coaching me in various sports. It is rewarding to reinvest my teachings to players and watch their growth as a person, student-athlete, and citizen.

What is your philosophy of coaching?

My coaching philosophy is to develop student-athletes physically, mentally, and socially in order to produce solid citizens.

What is the biggest challenge to working in the college environment?

The biggest challenge in working in a college environment is effective communication from different departments and boundaries in regard to student-athletes' objectives and regimens.

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment to date?

My greatest accomplishment is the reward of previous players informing me about how I enhanced their lives through mentorship, leadership, and understanding.

What is the most important skill you have developed in your career?

The most important skills developed are patience, listening, and seeking God for wisdom and understanding.

Who has been the most influential person in your career?

The most influential person in my career is God. My connection with him has fostered me to weather the trials and tribulations of coaching. However, Coach Oliver B. Elders, Coach Charlie Johnson, Coach Nolan Richardson, Coach Pat Riley, Coach Pat Summit, Coach John Thompson, and my father Coach Arthur "Otto" Williams have been major influencers as well.

When is the best time to give constructive feedback to your players?

The best time to give constructive criticism to a player is when your energy and the players' energy sync together. This allows your message and energy to transfer into them.

Describe your process for preparing for an upcoming game.

My preparation for upcoming games is visualization, preparation, meditation, and prayer.

What do you think is the most important aspect of coaching a basketball team?

Physical, mental, and social growth of individuals players

What do you think is the most important aspect of coaching a basketball team?

Honestly, it depends on the level of conflict. My players are allowed to use conflict resolution at times. If the conflict is highly escalating, I reroute it, defuse it, or use methods to cease the conflict.

An Interview with Coach Bell



Athletic Director /
Women's Head Basketball
Coach

Where are you from?

I'm originally from Florissant, MO which is a suburb outside of St. Louis, MO.

What made you get into coaching?

After I finish my college basketball career I always wanted to stay around the sport of basketball. To me coaching was the next best thing besides playing.

What is your philosophy of coaching?

I consider building of character and teaching life lessons for our student-athletes is important as developing the skills of the student-athletes. I also believe teaching through words and actions values respect, resilience, teamwork, and sportsmanship that will benefit our athletes long after their basketball career is over.

What is the biggest challenge to working in the college environment?

I would say the biggest challenge now a days is being able to recruit players and retaining them. This is due to fact that the transfer rate is so high lately. Here at the community college level the transfer rate is almost as high as the 4-year college transfer rate.

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishment to date?

I can't just name one but having a 100% graduation rate among our Women's Basketball team at several different universities that I worked at and still holding the number #1 record for 3 point percentage at my Alma mater Cal State University San Bernardino.

Who has been the most influential person in your career?

Tim Abney who is a former boss of mine who I had the pleasure of coaching under for 10 years. He has been a big influence in my coaching career. He first taught me that loyalty means everything and anything after that is secondary on a coaching staff.

When is the best time to give constructive feedback to your players?

Each student-athlete is different, so it depends on that player. You might do it in an one on one situation or others don't mind if you do it in front of others. You quickly figure this out early on in the season.

Describe your process for preparing for an upcoming game.

We try to prepare but watching videos on the other team as coaches then break it down and have the team watch. Next, we go out on the court and try to simulate a lot of what the other team does.

What do you think is the most important aspect of coaching a basketball team?

Getting the team to gel and building trust in each other and meshing personalities together.

There is a conflict between two players on the court. How do you handle it?

Find out what the situation is because there is no right or wrong way of handling it.

Shorter College Basketball is back after a long hiatus. Tell us the journey you have endured leading up to the first game of the season. Has it been a smooth transition? Any Challenges?

To be honest it has been challenging but it has been a good challenge. When I first stepped on campus our goal as an athletic department was to get Shorter College accepted into the NJCAA. With the series of things that needed to be done we were able to get accepted in. At the same time we started recruiting athletes, so we can have a team enrolled for the Fall semester. This was probably the most challenging thing of them all with the amount of time it needed to be done in. The next thing that needed to be done was to put together a basketball schedule for the 2022-23 season. Like I said it's been challenging, but we know in life you are going to have all kind of challenges.

Last question, tell us something about yourself

The things I like to do outside of basketball are biking and walking. Traveling is something else I enjoy and being a basketball coach all these years I have been able travel all over the country as well as overseas.



Meet The Associate Dean

Dr. Formon Thompson
Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Please welcome Dr. Thompson, as he began October 30, 2022 this year.

Dr. Formon Thompson comes to Shorter College with abundant community college experience. He most recently worked at Midland College, where during his tenure, he served in two different capacities as the Dean of Adult Education and Literacy and the Dean of Enrollment Management. In his administrative roles, he was instrumental in leading the college's adult education and literacy program, Enrollment Management efforts, Student Financial Services, Military Resources Center, Admission Office, Outreach and Recruitment, Navigation, and the Registrar's office.

Dr. Thompson has a Doctorate in Higher Education Leadership from Northcentral University. He has a Master of Arts in Teaching: New Professional Studies from George Mason University. He also obtained a Bachelor of Science from Mississippi Valley State University.



Second Chance Pell Program / ADC

At Shorter College, we are committed to advancing the education of individuals in the state of Arkansas. An example of this is the Second Chance Pell Grant Program. In 2016, Shorter College was selected to participate in the Second Chance Pell Pilot program through an initiative supported by former President Barack Obama. Shorter has been a part of the program since the inception. Through our partnership with the Arkansas Department of Corrections, the Second Chance program at Shorter College provides an opportunity for incarcerated individuals to obtain an Associate of Arts in Entrepreneurial Studies at eight satellite locations across the state: Wrightsville, Pine Bluff, Malvern, Osceola, West Memphis, Texarkana, Little Rock, and Fayetteville. This degree equips students with the necessary tools to start a small business, work with others to identify business opportunities, and/or work with established organizations upon release from the facility. To date, we have enrolled more than 3,000 students, created a re-entry program geared at assisting students upon release, and have graduated nearly 100 students. Classes are offered throughout the year, and roughly 90% of our instructors are credentialed with a master and/or doctorate degree. Our course offerings are listed below.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco an estimated **20 million Americans** lost their jobs in **2020**. Obtaining a degree leads to greater job security and a higher salary.

The Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) is bridging that gap by offering for its employees to earn college credits and an associate degree through its partnership with Shorter College.

President Green welcomes this partnership and is offering tuition discounts to those who want to enroll in the first cohort of ADC students in the spring 2023 semester. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Partnering with the Arkansas Department of Corrections Shorter College says "we know that a college education opens up opportunities of securing a job, a steady income, health, safety and is a prerequisite for a long happy life."

Shorter Health & Wellness Center

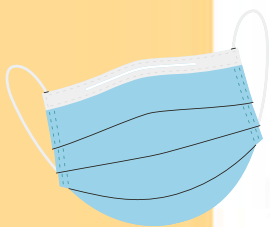


Holiday Greetings from The Shorter College Health & Wellness Team

"We would like to say "THANK YOU" TO all Students, Faculty, Staff and Contracted Staff for following President Green's Covid-19 Policies, Protocols and Mandates during this past year.

Through President Green's vision of keeping The Shorter College Family healthy, the Health & Wellness office has offered not only Rapid Covid-19 Testing but also Free PCR Antibody Testing and Flu & Covid-19 Vaccinations events.

Please have a safe and healthy vacation during this Holiday Season. Remember that we are located at 700 Vine Street , Monday thru Friday and our hours are 8:00am-4:30pm (Lunch 1:00pm-2:00pm)"



Adult Education at Shorter



The Adult Education Program at Shorter College strives to assist students past their barriers according to Director Angela Crutchfield, the Shorter College Adult Education empowers adult students to achieve their education, career, and individual goals. The curriculum is designed to prepare the student for further education and to enhance fundamental skills required for job placement, advancement, and salary increase, while obtaining the Arkansas State Diploma . The hard work that the department tirelessly puts in can also be seen in their increased enrollment and retention numbers. Just last year 8 graduates made it through the program, currently we have 3 official graduates, and 4 with less than two tests, and they expect more this year. The program made its benchmark with 52.5% last year passing the statewide benchmark number of 50% and is well ahead of the game currently now with 66.7%. “Our most valuable asset is the students and thing we look for in Adult Education is supporting them, we believe this plays a vital role in meeting their goals”. says Director Crutchfield. “Whether that’s food, transportation, and sometimes just a listening ear, we are here to support”. Ms. Crutchfield also highlighted the amazing team of the Adult Education Program, “They consistently show up to help meet students where they are and for program success you have to look to the people”.



#YourPathToPossible

Contact the Office of Enrollment Management to enroll and register for Spring 2023 courses



LEARN ABOUT SHORTER COLLEGE AND WHAT WE OFFER!

- Calling all Arkansas Department of Corrections Employees
- Shorter College offers Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Fully accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools. Courses will transfer to four-year institutions
- Classes will be held on Shorter College and Wrightsville facilities

Classes start Jan. 9, 2023 evenings
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday. Thursday and
Friday

6:00 - 7:20 pm

Face to Face classes

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