

# TEACHER FEATURE- TALOR TROYER

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In the eyes of a basketball fan, coaches don't always attract a lot of attention. After all, people come to games to watch players shoot, defend, and run the floor.

But all the while players are dropping into defenses or running inbounds plays from the baseline, there is always a coach on the sidelines pulling the strings and making the calls. Not only that, most coaches work endless hours at practice and even outside of school to teach, mold, and develop their players. Again, such things usually go unnoticed by the casual fan.

Should you come to a Lady Eagle basketball game this year, be sure to check the coaching box from time to time, because GCS has a fantastic teacher and coach who continues to build the girls' basketball program, and her name is Talor Troyer.

One thing is for sure- Coach Troyer is a hard worker. To start a high school school sports program, you have to be. Just a few years ago, GCS did not offer girls' basketball. But only a short time after Coach Troyer's arrival on campus, the Lady Eagles return a core of players she has worked with for several seasons, the team is coming off their best season ever, and she guides a program hungry to continue improving.

“Coach Troyer is a passionate, caring coach who takes the time to get to know each of her players and makes sure they feel cared for,



important, and prepared for the season,” said Junior Carley Peterson.

Senior Belle Hudson added, “Coach means so much to me and the team. She pushes us to be the best we can be and encourages us to keep going when things get hard. Also, she treats us like family and care about us on and off the court.”

A native of Englewood, Tennessee, Troyer was a standout high school basketball player who played her college ball at Bryan College.

After her playing career and undergraduate work were over, she went on to earn a graduate degree from Lee University.

The Troyer family in general is a big part of the GCS family; between Coach Troyer, her husband, her children, and her in-laws, we are thankful there are not many places on campus you cannot find at least one Troyer.

Coach Troyer returns to GCS this year with several new responsibilities. In the past, she has taught 1st-6th Grade Physical Education along with her coaching duties. This year, she continues those tasks in addition to teaching 9th-10th Grade Health as well as 11th grade English.

“Coach Troyer is a multi-dimensional talent who fills in wherever and whenever we need her at our school,” said Coach Morgan. “She is extremely qualified to do everything we ask her to, and she works her tail off every day whether it is a simple August conditioning workout or teaching juniors how to write at the college level.”

Apart from basketball, Coach Troyer cheers for the Mississippi State Bulldogs as well as her Tennessee Volunteers. She also loves the color blue, enjoys Reba McEntire music, and mentioned a love of chicken tacos when quizzed about favorite food.

When asked about why she first got into teaching and coaching, she said, “I wanted to help students achieve their goals, and I love English.” When asked about her favorite thing in teaching and coaching, she said, “Building relationships with students and watching them succeed.”

Last but not least, Coach Troyer was asked what she missed most about GCS and school in general during the March-August quarantine. She talked about how much she missed her students, how much she missed hanging out with and talking to players, and of course, the sport of basketball.

Basketball season is not far away, and we hope to see you at Lady Eagle basketball games soon. And if you do come, be sure to take note of the great job Coach Troyer is doing; she makes GCS athletics better every day.