John Wood Community College
Men’s Basketball

Back to Back MWAC Champs
Back to Back Region 24 Champs
NJCAA DII National Runner-Up

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2015 NJCAA DII National Runner-Up
Last Two Years in Review....

2014-2015

- 24-12 Overall Record
- MWAC Champions (8-2 Record)
- Region 24 Tournament Champions
- Won MWAC and Region 24 Back to Back years.
- NJCAA DII National Runner-Up
- 2 Players on National All Tourney Team
- FIRST TEAM NJCAA DII ALL-AMERICAN
- Player of the Year, 2 First Team All League, 3 All Region, MWAC Coach of the Year.
- Multiple Division 1, and Division 2 Scholarship Offers.

2013-2014

- 24-11 (3rd best % in history).
- Ranked Top 20 late in the year
- Ended regular season winning 19 of last 21 games
- Conference Champion – won Championship by 3 games (1st in history of the program)
- Region XXIV tournament Champion – 1st since 1996
- National Tournament Appearance – 1st since 1996
- FIRST TEAM NJCAA DII ALL-AMERICAN
- Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Coach of Year in Region 24 and Mid West Athletic Conference
- Both sophomores receiving multiple full scholarship offers.

2012 – 2013 Region 24 Runner Up *
2015 – 2016 ?
2014-2015 Team Highlights

• Back to Back MWAC League Champs (18-3 Overall Record)
• Back to Back Region 24 Champions
• Back to Back 24 Win Seasons
• Back to Back National Tournament Appearances
• 2015 National Runner-Up (Beat #1 and #2 teams in the nation)
2015 Individual Achievements

Jordan Johnson

- First Team All American - 2015
- 2014 MWAC Frosh of the Year
- 1st Team All MWAC (2015) 2nd Team All MWAC (2014)
- 1st Team All Region 24 (2014,2015)
- MWAC Player of the Year, Region 24 Player of the Year (2015)
- All Tournament Team (National Tournament)
- JWCC leader in Assists (376), 5th All Time in Points (1,008), 1st All Time in FT’s Made (320)
- NCAA Division 1 Signee (Wisconsin Milwaukee)

Brody Gronewold

- 1st Team All-Region (2014,2015)
- 1st Team All MWAC (2015)
- Led MWAC in Scoring (17PPG)
- JWCC Top 10: Points (7th), Assists(10th), 3FG Made(2nd)
- Multiple NCAA D2 Offers.
Paxton Harmon

- 2nd Team All MWAC (2015)
- 1st Team All Region (2015)
- All Tournament Team (National Tournament, 2015)
- 7th All Time in 3FG Made (135)
- Multiple NCAA Division 2 Offers.

2015 Individual Achievements (cont)
WANTED
TOUGH
COACHABLE
TEACHABLE
TEAM-ORIENTATED

WHO: student-athletes that have a desire to improve every day - in the classroom, in the community, and on the basketball floor.

WHAT: an opportunity to compete in a training and a competitive environment everyday. Accepted student-athletes will be exposed to four-year programs from all across the country.

HOW: express a toughness and desire to work with a purpose to the coaching staff.

RESULTS: an opportunity to compete and train with similar student-athletes, an opportunity to compete and train to win a national championship, and an opportunity to graduate and compete at another level.

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GREAT PEOPLE

Trail Blazer Definition:
Great people are defined as respectable, trustworthy, and responsible. This group of people do what they need to do to be successful- in the short term and long term. They do not point fingers, they accept responsibility, and look for the next opportunity to make a positive impact. Great people strive to be great at everything they do- with their family, in the classroom, in the training arena, and on the basketball floor. Are you Great?

FOCUSED STUDENTS

Trail Blazer Definition:
Focused students are students that are willing to put in the extra time and effort to succeed in the classroom. Understanding that each individual learns differently, the pressure is on the student-athlete to identify their learning style and effort. As a program, we expect serious students to abide by our academic success guidelines, to set a goal to graduate and succeed in that goal, and have great pride in their academic success. Are you Focused?
GREAT PLAYERS

Trail Blazer Definition:
Great players make basketball plays. They understand when to be aggressive and when to pick their spots. Good players are instinctive in their game, yet understand the entire system. Good players defend each play like it’s their last and protect the basketball at every opportunity. Good players are tough minded, coachable and want to play within a system that allows 5 players on the floor to play as one. Are you Great?

MOVING ON PROGRAM:
Head Coach Brad Hoyt will never make any guarantees on our players’ recruitment and opportunities following their two years at John Wood. It is his belief that it is our job to develop players, make them faster, stronger, and more skilled and to put our guys in the gym with four year schools from across the country. It is our players job to show what they can do. That system has worked, as we have sent many players to colleges and universities across the country…
JWCC Basketball Moving on to 4 Year Schools

John Wood has or has had players at the following schools.

Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne (IN), Utah State University (UT), University of San Francisco (CA), University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (WI), University of Louisiana-Monroe (LA), University of New Mexico (NM), Eastern Illinois University (IL), Elon College (NC), Western Illinois University (IL), Gannon University (PA), Missouri Valley College (MO), Quincy University (IL) Mount Mercy College (IA), Bluefield College (VA), Coe College (IA), Webster University (MO), William Penn College (IA), University of Dubuque (IA), Morningside College (IA), Columbia College (MO), Grand View College (IA), Reinhardt College (GA), Concordia University (IL), Bethany College (KS), Hannibal-LaGrange College (MO), Southwest Baptist University (MO), Central Methodist University (MO), Iowa Wesleyan College (IA), Eastern New Mexico University (NM), Culver Stockton College (MO), Missouri Valley College (MO), University of Indianapolis (IN)….and MANY, MANY more.
Brad Hoyt

- Head Men’s Basketball Coach
- 14 years as college coach.
- 8 years as head coach.

- **5 years as head coach at JWCC.**
- 111-53 Overall Record (92-42 last 4 seasons)
- 2014-15 NJCAA DII National Runner Up
- Coach of the Year Honors (Region 24, Mid West Athletic Conference, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association)
- 4 All-Americans as head coach.
- 13 All-Region Players.
- 1st Conference Championship in History
- Back to Back MWAC Conference Championships
- Back to Back Region 24 Tournament Championships
- National Tournament Appearances
- Three Consecutive Region 24 Championship Game Appearances
Brad Witherspoon

- Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach.
- 4 years as college coach.
- 3 year at JWCC.
- Former NCAA Division 1 player.
- Guard at University of Kansas
- Big 12 Champion 2006-2008
- Final Four Appearance-2008
- 2008 National Champion.
- Played with 7 NBA players.

3 Seasons with the Trail Blazers:
- 70-33 overall record
- Back to Back Conference Championships
- Back to Back National Tourney Appearances
- 2015 National Runner-Up
STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING

“Win the point of contact!” is a phrase often heard in the individual workouts and team practices. John Wood basketball puts time, effort, and tremendous pride in their commitment to the weight room—adding and sustaining strength. Using a year-round commitment to power training, speed training, developing an athlete's ability to transfer weight room power to the basketball floor, JWCC athletes become accustomed to the weight room right away.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

Head Coach Brad Hoyt and his staff are dedicated to developing each student-athlete through small group, individual, and team workouts. Defensive breakdown, shooting, ball handling, passing and several other skills are developed throughout the year.