

**JOE COSTA**  
Former coach of the nationally recognized and successful Nike sponsored Pittsburgh Rockers. Currently GM of the Carolina Belles (A Blue Star Select Elite Travel Team).

Coach Costa was on staff at the 1<sup>st</sup> Nike Skills Academy at Nike headquarters in Beaverton, OR in 2001 as well as 3 Nike All-American Camps and 2 adidas Top Ten Camps. He has coached 2 AAU National Championship teams and won the prestigious Nike End of the Trail tournament in Portland OR.

Joe Costa is the Director of Blue Star Basketball Southeast, a Consultant for Blue Star Basketball, & the Program Director of Blue Star's Skills Academy's. He additionally serves as the tournament organizer/ scheduler for USJN events.



## COACH COSTA'S LEGACY

- ★ 2 AAU National Championships
- ★ 6 AAU Final Four Finishes
- ★ 15 AAU WPA Regional Champions
- ★ Nike Nationals
- ★ End of the Trail National Championship
- ★ 1 USJN National Championship
- ★ 2 USJN Finals Appearances
- ★ 5 USJN Final Four Appearances
- ★ 2 Boo Williams Invitational Final Four
- ★ NAIA Empire Conference Champions
- ★ WPIAL AAA Champions
- ★ 2 WPIAL Final Four Appearances
- ★ 2 Diocesan Final Four Appearances
- ★ Nike Skills Academy
- ★ 3 Nike All American Camps
- ★ 3 adidas Top Ten Camps
- ★ 75+ Student athletes with college scholarships
- ★ 12 Former players coaching College Basketball



### Coach Costa's Coaching Tree

- ⇒ Howard Dorsey- (PA Pittsburgh Rockers)
- ⇒ Katie Glusko- (Head Coach Francis Marion Univ.)
- ⇒ Jessica Strom- (Head Coach California Univ. of PA)
- ⇒ Emily Briggs- (Assistant Coach Indiana Univ. of PA)
- ⇒ Kamela Gissendanner- (Asst. Coach St Francis Univ.)
- ⇒ Kira Mowen- (Assistant Coach Davidson Univ.)
- ⇒ Gretchen Gregg- (Assistant Coach Cornell Univ.)
- ⇒ Courtney Callas- (Assistant Coach Seton Hill Univ.)
- ⇒ Callie Iorfido-Wheeler- (Asst. Coach Edinboro Univ.)
- ⇒ Lisa Steele- (Mount St. Mary's Univ.)
- ⇒ Erin Garibay-Hawkins- (DOB George Washington Univ.)
- ⇒ Andrea Peterson- (Stetson Univ.)
- ⇒ Maureen Hester- (Xavier Univ.)
- ⇒ Natalie Walker- (VA Vogues)
- ⇒ Nikki Presto- (Keystone Oaks HS)
- ⇒ Monica Mull- (Jeanette HS)

### WNBA & Pro Players

- ◆ Tamisha Wright WNBA: 2010 WNBA Champion Seattle Storm  
Overseas: Elitzur Ramla (Israel)
- ◆ Jessica Strom WNBA: Connecticut Sun & Minnesota Lynx
- ◆ Jessica Brungo WNBA: Connecticut Sun
- ◆ Ashley Battle WNBA: Seattle Storm & New York Liberty  
Overseas: Universitario de Ferrol, Gran Canaria y Leon Asefa Estudiantes (Spain)
- ◆ Kamela Gissendanner WNBA: LA Sparks  
Overseas: Gimle (Norway)
- ◆ Andrea Walker Overseas: Sf.Gheorghe Basketball (Romania)
- ◆ Brooque Williams 2012



Nike Elite Youth  
Program Director



adidas Elite Grass-  
roots Program



### Basketball Coaching Resume

☑ 1987-1990	Head Coach	(CBO) The Family	Penn Hills PA
☑ 1988-1991	Assistant Coach	Steel Valley HS	Pittsburgh PA
☑ 1992-1994	Associate Head Coach	Carlow College	Pittsburgh PA
☑ 1995-1999	Head Boys & Girls Coach	St. Bartholomew School	Penn Hills PA
☑ 1996-1999	AAU Team Head Coach	WPA Bruins	Pittsburgh PA
☑ 1999-2006	Travel Team Head Coach	Pittsburgh Rockers	Verona PA
☑ 2009- Pres	Travel Team Head Coach	Carolina Belles	Raleigh/Durham NC