



**KBCA 2021
2-Year College
Women's Basketball
Coach of the Year**

Ben Conrad

Johnson County Community College

13 Seasons - 372-56

2021 Jayhawk D-II Conference Champions

2021 NJCAA D-II National Runner-up



Two-time National Coach of the Year Ben Conrad took over the reigns of the Johnson County Community College women's basketball program in June, 2008. The Lady Cavaliers' stature not just rose in the Kansas Jayhawk Conference but on the national stage as well. Conrad has enjoyed an unprecedented level of success and carved a reputation as an energetic leader and relentless recruiter. In his first season, he began to build his program on a foundation of hard work, defensive effort and a "team first" mentality and the program has thrived under this direction.

Conrad tenure boasts eight straight 30-win seasons, a first in NJCAA women's basketball history, a NJCAA Division II National Championship and school record 34 wins (2015), five other NJCAA D-II Tournament appearances (2011, 2012, 2013, 2017, 2021) and six JCCC conference titles (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2021). His teams have finished as the number one or number two ranked team in the country six times and his teams have been ranked in the top 10 nearly 90 percent of his tenure, including a span of 98 consecutively. He also has held the No. 1 ranking 55 times, including all 12 polls in 2015-16, the first seven regular season polls in 2018-19 and the final three weeks this season.

Conrad also has accumulated many awards and recognitions since taking over the program in 2008. He was named the United States Marine Corps/WBCA Junior/Community College of the Year in 2016, Spalding® NJCAA Women's Division II National Coach of the Year and NJCAA Division II Coach of the National Tournament in 2015, NJCAA Women's District B Coach of the Year (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2017) and the Kansas East Jayhawk Conference Women's Coach of the Year (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2021). He has coached 13 NJCAA All-Americans, 10 WBCA All-Americans, seven National All-Tournament selections including one MVP, 45 All-Region VI performers 41 All-Jayhawk Conference picks, four conference MVP selections, one conference Defensive Player of the Year, and two conference Freshmen of the Year selections. Off the court, he has had 19 student-athletes recognized for academic excellence by the NJCAA.

Through 19 seasons as a college head coach, Conrad has amassed a 466-148 (.759), including a 373-56 (.869) slate in 13 seasons at Johnson County. In 16 seasons as a community college coach, Conrad has averaged 28 wins per year with an overall mark of 444-83 (.843).

Conrad has turned in historic seasons in during his run as the Lady Cavaliers coach. In 2014-15, Conrad led the Lady Cavaliers to a national title with a 66-64 win over top-seeded Parkland, and finished the year with a program record mark of 34-2. The win over Parkland also gave Ben is 300th win as a collegiate head coach. He was named Coach of the Tournament and was honored with 2015 Spalding NJCAA Women's Division II National Coach of the Year award. The team was ranked in the top 10 in all 13 polls, including

**Ben Conrad - Through the Years
at Johnson County**

Year	Overall	Conference
2008-09	19-13	11-7
2009-10	30-5	15-3
2010-11	32-5	14-4
2011-12	32-3	18-0
2012-13	30-2	17-1
2013-14	30-2	5-1
2014-15	34-2	11-2
2015-16	31-1	8-0
2016-17	33-3	7-1
2017-18	25-8	5-3
2018-19	27-5	6-4
2019-20	28-5	7-3
2020-21	22-2	8-0
Total	373-56	132-29

Head Coaching History

Year	Overall	Conference
Des Moines Area	2002-05	71-27
Upper Iowa	2005-08	22-65
Johnson County	2008-21	373-56
Total	19 Seasons	466-148

spending seven weeks at No. 1. The season also saw Nieka Wheeler earn NJCAA and WBCA All-America honors, and win the national tournament MVP award, a first in team history.

This year, Conrad led JCCC to its second undefeated regular season and finished the regular season ranked No. 1. Despite falling in the Region VI Championship, JCCC was given the first at-large bid in history to participate in the NJCAA D-II Tournament. His team went to finish runner-up, falling 53-49 to Lake Land in the championship. He also coached four all-conference and all-region performers, including MVP Jaylen Townsend, and two National All-Tournament performers.

In 13 years at JCCC, Conrad has posted 59 wins over nationally ranked teams, including eight in 2016-17 and he has won 33 times in games against top-10 ranked programs. Conrad also owns all 10 of 10 longest wins streaks in team history, including a 43-game string that



ran from Feb. 7, 2015 through March 3, 2016. Conrad also owns the top two home court winning streaks in program history, a 54-game streak that ran from Feb. 7, 2015 to Feb. 14, 2018, and a 46-game streak that ran from Jan. 24, 2011 to Jan. 22, 2014.

Conrad's team annually are one of the top offensive teams in the NJCAA. In 13 seasons, his teams have defeated opponents by 10-or-more points 333 times. From Feb. 10, 2009 to January 7, 2011, JCCC recorded 54 consecutive double digit victories. He had another string of 46 straight that started February 16, 2019 and ran until March 31, 2021, when the Lady Cavalier defeated No. 8-ranked Labette by six points, 64-58.

Conrad also prides himself on coaching fundamentally sound defensive teams, and has had 12 of his 13 teams ranked in the top 10 nationally, including leading the nation six times. In 2010-11, his defense allowed only 45.0 points per game, shattering the school record 49.5 (4th in NJCAA) established the previous year. The next season, Conrad's squad broke that mark, allowing only 44.3 points per game, which led the nation, and in 2012-13, his team again led the nation while shattering the team defensive record again, holding opponents to just 41.5 per game. JCCC made four straight years leading 2013-14 with a points per average of 47.9. In 2015-16, the Lady Cavaliers again were top defensive team, holding teams to 47.3 ppg. Last year, they held teams to 51.7 points per game, third-best nationally, and this year JCCC leads the country holding teams to just 46.7 per game, and this year's team was second in NJCAA D-II with a defensive average of 48.0.

Even more impressive, Conrad has helped 66 players of his players at Johnson County earn scholarships to four-year schools, including 22 at NCAA Division I programs. For his career, 81 players have earned scholarships, with 27 at NCAA D-I programs.

Head Coach Ben Conrad's Honors

- 2009-10 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
- 2009-10 - NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
- 2010-11 - NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
- 2011-12 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
- 2011-12 - NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
- 2012-13 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
- 2012-13 - NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
- 2013-14 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference East Coach of the Year
- 2014-15 - NJCAA Division II District B Coach of the Year
- 2014-15 - NJCAA Women's Division II Basketball Coach of the Tournament
- 2014-15 - Spalding NJCAA Women's Division II National Coach of the Year
- 2015-16 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
- 2020-21 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
- 2016-17 - NJCAA Women's Division II District B Coach of the Year
- 2020-21 - Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Division II Coach of the Year
- 2020-21 - NJCAA Women's Division II Plains District Coach of the Year
- 2020-21 - Kansas Basketball Coaches Association 2-Year Women's Coach of the Year