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NBA Hall of Famer Gary Payton named Lincoln University Head Basketball Coach

Payton to start collegiate basketball program

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Lincoln University in Oakland California announces the hiring of new basketball coach, Gary Payton. He will be the first basketball coach in school history and work to build a program. Lincoln University is a 101-year-old school starting up its athletic program with football along with men's and women's basketball for the 2021 season.

"Lincoln University has made a commitment to building a world class athletic department and hiring Gary Payton is an example of our strong effort towards this growth" said Dr. Mikhail Brodsky, President of Lincoln University.

Payton is widely considered one of the greatest point guards of all time. He is the only point guard to win the NBA Defensive Player of the Year award. He was selected to the NBA All-Defensive First Team nine times, an NBA record he shares with Michael Jordan, Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant.



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“I am fired up about this opportunity to coach at the college level and make a major impact on the basketball scene in my hometown of Oakland” said NBA Hall of Famer Gary Payton.

Payton graduated from Oakland's Skyline High school before standing out as a point guard at Oregon State and becoming the number two overall pick by the Seattle Super Sonics in the 1990 NBA draft.

Scott Scherer, Lincoln's Associate Athletic Director stated, “ We are extremely proud to have Hall of Famer, Gary Payton as the first Lincoln University basketball coach. He is an Oakland native and proven superstar; coach Payton is the perfect person to put LU Athletics on the map”.

“This is a dream come true for me to build a program with my stamp on it from the start. We are starting a tradition of high standards that can last lifetimes”, added Payton.

“The Lincoln Athletic Department is excited of this monumental hire. Along with our new football season starting in the fall of 2021 we look forward to creating this athletic tradition which starts now”, Added Scherer.

ABOUT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

Lincoln University is a four-year University in downtown Oakland, California offering undergraduate business degrees as well as a BS in imaging. The school also offers highly ranked masters and doctoral programs. The San Francisco Business Journal ranked Lincoln University as the number three MBA program in the Bay Area only behind University California Berkeley / Haas School of Business and Stanford Graduate School of Business.



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