

CAVALIER ASSISTANT COACHES



John Hippley begins his tenth season at Walsh as a part-time assistant coach. John served on the staff of the late Steve Loy (2003-04) and is in his ninth season under Coach Young. Hippley most recently authored his first book, "Living in the Shadows," taking fans through the 2007-08 season with the Walsh Men's Basketball Team.

Before coming to Walsh, Hippley was a varsity assistant at Warren G. Harding High School. His previous stops include stays in the collegiate ranks, as well as high school ranks. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University, Hippley was named Head Coach at Jackson-Milton High School in North Jackson, Ohio in 1987. He served one season as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit in 1988, was head coach at Southern Local High School in Salineville, Ohio from 1989-92, and served as head coach at Steubenville Catholic and Bristolville. Hippley is single and resides in Columbiana, Ohio. He has taught introduction to landscaping for the last 16 years at Marlington High School in Alliance.



Luke Crump begins his first year as an assistant coach under Jeff Young. Crump comes from the University of Missouri-St. Louis (2010-12) where they won the GLVC West Division regular season, and helped win the most GLVC games in school history. Crump also coached at Seton Hill (Pa.) University (2008-10), where he was the program's top assistant.

Crump served as a student assistant for four seasons (2004-08) at Northwest Missouri State. During that time, NWMS earned a bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament each year and twice reached the Sweet Sixteen. He was also a student assistant at North Central Missouri College (2003-04).

Crump has directed the Coach Crump Basketball Camp and has worked basketball camps at Kansas, Wichita State, Boise State, Northern State, Missouri Western and NW Missouri State.

The Missouri native attended North Central Missouri State Community College where he played one year of baseball and was a basketball student-assistant before transferring to Northwest Missouri State.

He earned his bachelor of science in physical education from Northwest Missouri State (2008) and is Masters (Inclusive Education) from Seton Hill (2010).



Brad Rader is in his third year on Coach Young's staff and first as the Head Junior Varsity Coach. He served as a graduate assistant coach in 2010-11 and last year was his first year as a full-time assistant. Rader spent the 2009-10 season as an assistant coach at Webber International University. He also served as a junior varsity coach at Crestview High School (2006-2008) and as the freshman coach at Ashland High School (2004-2006).

Rader earned his undergraduate degree in physical education from Ashland University and has completed requirements for his master's degree at Walsh.



Jeremy Shardo begins his second year as a graduate assistant on Coach Young's staff. Jeremy earned four letters for the Cavs. He earned his undergraduate degree in business. He is seeking his master's in management.

Shardo averaged 11.5 points in four years and totaled 1,392 points. He averaged 15.4, 10.9 and 14.0 points his final three years and was first-team All-AMC each year. He was named first-team NAIA All-American his senior year, third-team as a junior, and honorable mention as a sophomore. He led the NAIA in assists as a sophomore and is third all-time at Walsh. Walsh won four AMC titles and made four straight trips to the NAIA National tournament, finishing as runners-up in 2010.



Ben Tucker starts his second year as a graduate assistant on Coach Young's staff. Ben prepped at Capital High School and earned his undergraduate degree in physical education from the University of Arizona (2011). He is currently pursuing his master's in education from Walsh.

Ben served as a student manager for the Wildcats for four years. He was responsible for film exchange and opponents scouting, individual skill development, daily practice assistance and managed a staff of 12 student managers.



Walsh graduate, *Ryan Gracia* (2000), begins his first year as a volunteer assistant. Gracia has been a varsity and junior varsity coach in Canton local schools since 2001 and coached in the American Basketball Association and the Global Professional League. He served as a college advisor and Intervention Specialist for Canton City Schools from 2002-2009 and coached at McKinley High School last year.

He is the owner and founder of CoachG4Lyfe and is also employed by the SE Community Center. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Walsh in communications and business management.