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## MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Maranatha Christian Academy endeavors to build unity by creating a kingdom culture that challenges and equips students, parents, and staff to respect and value all people according to God's Word. This is our Kingdom Culture Statement.

### Our Culture in Action

Maranatha is not just a school, **it's a community** where each student and staff member contributes to what makes up the culture of the school. **Together we commit to becoming:**

- **Spirit-Driven Leaders**
- **Impactful Innovators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Kingdom Community Builders**
- **Courageous Change Agents**
- **Compassionate Problem Solvers**

At Maranatha, we are going way beyond the ordinary measures of academic standards, delivering the kind of education that opens eyes and hearts for a lifetime. Here curiosity is applauded, discovery is championed, and ultimately world-influencers are shaped.



### An Innovative Approach

There was a time when education was comfortable. Parents sent their kids on the bus in the morning and late afternoon they returned home smarter; at least that was the assumption. While other industries continued to be pushed to improve, many educational institutions were not challenging the norm. Maranatha Christian Academy noticed a change was needed, especially within the private Christian education space. So, it went to work seeking out what was successful in other industries and cutting-edge schools. Then, methodically began to incorporate these concepts, integrating them with our strong Christian worldview.

Today, Maranatha is an innovative and counter-cultural school, always looking for ways to improve teaching and learning. Industry-leading consultants continually work with teachers to incorporate innovation incubators. Using comprehensive design thinking cohorts, teachers learn changemaker processes of problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration, and more. Then, creatively release them into their classroom.

## A Christian Worldview

The world around is unsettled. Many schools and the curriculum they use to educate students are changing in an attempt to fit into societies' ever-shifting perspectives. At Maranatha Christian Academy, we believe that having a strong biblical foundation is essential to teaching and learning.

One such area under scrutiny as of late is how Minnesota schools will handle their social science curriculum in the near future. We endeavor to see and teach everything through the eyes of Jesus. This perspective allows us to base our educational standards on our Christian worldview, developing strong co-creators of tomorrow.



Our Christian worldview will not be compromised at Maranatha Christian Academy.

**Learn more by scheduling a visit.**

## Service Learning

In everything we do and say, we want it to be a true reflection of who we are, what we believe, and what we will never stop standing for. We embody this by teaching our students to lead with empathy through service projects, beginning in Pre-k and continuing through to graduation. The Share Christmas event gathers 1000s of toys for our local community, and over the last few years, we have packed over 215,000 meals to be delivered to local food shelves, providing real, practical solutions for the battle against hunger in our community. Upper School students have the opportunity to serve a local orphanage, church, and the people of Zacatecas, Mexico through our annual missions trip.





MARANATHA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

HEAD OF SCHOOL

**DEB  
LARSON**

## Welcome to Maranatha!

Maranatha Christian Academy is positioned to go well beyond the ordinary, identifying opportunities that explore possibilities and establish purpose in our students, staff, and parents. Our unwavering vision, relentless pursuit of improvement, and dedication to our mission serve as inspiration to continue to set and then re-set the bar in education.

In our fast-paced world, change is inevitable. At Maranatha, we adapt, or better yet, get out in front of change, resulting in a truly innovative school and, in turn, learning experience. We inspire students to be Spirit-driven leaders who are courageous change agents for kingdom building. Our Christian faith is at the core of Maranatha. We celebrate our Creator's unique design of each student, seeking to personalize education so students can discover and develop their gifts.

I am honored that you value your children's education enough to explore not only what is best but what is right. By experiencing our community of learning at Maranatha, your students will be prepared for life's next chapter as they grow into courageous change agents, compassionate problem solvers, impactful innovators, critical thinkers, Spirit-driven leaders, and kingdom community builders.

I look forward to collaborating with you as we develop the co-creators of tomorrow.

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**JAMIE AXELBERG**

WELCOME

We are looking forward to another great year for Maranatha Christian Academy athletics as we enter into the 2023-24 school year. With several new experienced head coaches taking over programs this year, there are sure to be a lot of fans at games interested to see what the buzz is all about. Our coaches, athletes, and staff are working hard to build a winning culture. We put God first and give all the glory to him. We focus on things we can control, do everything with a purpose, and are determined to be successful.

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## 2023-24 BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON OUTLOOK

The Mustang boy's basketball program will have a new coach for the 2023-2024 season. Matthew Shepherd is the new head of the program after spending the previous seven seasons as an assistant coach at various levels within the program. There is a lot of excitement and high expectations for the upcoming season.

The program has several new, young faces to integrate into the Varsity level. After the first week of tryouts, the boys' program had a preseason team-building retreat at Topgolf, where they spent time building chemistry and camaraderie within the team.

Even with graduating seven seniors from last year's team, expectations for the program are still high. "We have three experienced seniors returning to lead this team and a talented group of juniors and sophomores to round out the roster. This is a very special group, and I anticipate them making great strides throughout the season and setting the example for future Mustang teams," said Shepherd.

The Mustangs are coming off of a 25-4 season where they finished 1st in the Skyline Conference with a record of 15-0. They have a tough 2023-2024 schedule that includes games against two teams that played in the MSHSL State Tournament as well as four preseason top 10 teams in Class AA.

The Mustangs will participate in the holiday tournament hosted by Hamline University. They will play two class AAA teams, giving the team a nice test heading into conference play.



After the regular season concludes, the Mustangs will compete in the Section 5AA Tournament that sent Holy Family to state last season. The section is shaping up to be very tough, with four teams ranked in the top 10. "I'm excited to see how far this team will go. We have the balance and depth to compete with anyone in our section and class. The schedule will help strengthen and prepare us for postseason play," said Shepherd.

Come out to the Stable this season to see the Mustangs in action!

**TU R N KEY**  
**RESTORATION**

## COACHING STAFF



**MATT SHEPHERD**  
HEAD COACH



### THE SHEPHERD FILE

#### EDUCATION

B.S. Physical Education      North Central University ('14)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-24      Head Coach at Maranatha  
2017-23      Assistant Coach at Maranatha  
2016-17      Assistant Coach at North Central

Matt Shepherd is entering his first season as head coach for the Mustangs and eighth season as a part of the boys basketball staff at Maranatha.

After finishing his playing career at North Central University, Coach Shepherd transitioned into coaching. He was on staff for a team that went 16-14 and finished third in the UMAC . After his one year at North Central, Coach Shepherd began coaching at the high school ranks. Coach Shepherd started at MCA coaching at the middle school level. After one year of coaching middle school, he moved up into the high school program with being an assistant for the C-Team. After being an assistant for two years, he moved up to being the head coach of the C-Team for the next two seasons. Coach Shepherd has spent the previous two seasons being the JV coach and Varsity assistant.



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## COACHING STAFF



**DYLAN GILMER**  
ASSISTANT COACH



Gilmer is entering his second season as a Varsity Assistant Coach for the Mustangs. He played four years of Division III collegiate basketball at Crown College and the University of Northwestern. This includes winning two UMAC Championships with the University of Northwestern St. Paul. For the past seven years, he has been instructing, training, and coaching high school basketball athletes in Minnesota, and enjoys building trusted personal relationships with everyone that he works with.

Gilmer graduated from Crown College in May 2022 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical and Health Education.



**PUMA RENNIE**  
ASSISTANT | JV COACH



Coach Rennie is entering his second season as an assistant for the Mustangs and first as the JV Coach. Rennie has experience coaching at a variety of levels from youth to high school and is looking forward to being a positive influence on the lives of student-athletes at MCA.



**ROBERT MCCRAY**  
ASSISTANT | C-TEAM COACH



Robert McCray is entering his first season as an assistant for the Mustangs. He has been coaching AAU basketball for 8 years and has won state championships at a variety of age levels. He has also coached for Junior NBA and middle school basketball at Maranatha.

As a head coach, his purpose is to cultivate a culture with PMA, discipline, all in attitude, and camaraderie. He strives to enhance athletic skills but also to impart life lessons that extend beyond the court, fostering character, leadership, and a lifelong love for the game.

## TEAM MANAGERS



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VARSIITY



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VARSIITY ROSTER

| #  | NAME              | HT.  | POS. |
|----|-------------------|------|------|
| 3  | JoJo Bartolomeos  | 5'7  | G    |
| 5  | DaTrell McCrimmon | 5'8  | G    |
| 10 | Gresyn Rennie     | 5'9  | G    |
| 11 | Daijior McCrimmon | 5'10 | G    |
| 12 | Drew Balentine    | 6'1  | G/F  |
| 14 | Carson Moscoso    | 6'0  | G    |
| 15 | Sam Eibes         | 6'1  | F    |
| 23 | Carter Greenwald  | 5'11 | G    |
| 24 | Jaidyn Rennie     | 5'9  | G    |
| 55 | Eli Ahrends       | 6'3  | F/C  |

COACHING STAFF

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Head Coach      | Matt Shepherd |
| Assistant Coach | Dylan Gilmer  |
| Assistant Coach | Puma Rennie   |

VARSIITY | SENIORS



 **DREW BAENTINE | 6'1 | G/F**  
2 YEARS ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

Skittles purple pack.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Lebron James.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Phillipians 4:13.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

Watching Derrick Rose play in a game.



 **CARTER GREENWALD | 5'11 | G**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

An apple or celery sticks.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Kevin Garnett.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Matthew 6:33.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

My dad and I liked playing PIG at the park when I was younger.



 **DATRELL MCCRIMMON | 5'8 | G**  
2 YEARS ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

An avocado.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Lebron James.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Proverbs 24:16.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

I liked watching basketball growing up and it made me want to take it seriously when I got older.



VARSIITY | SENIORS



 **GRESYN RENNIE | 5'9 | G**  
2 YEARS ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

A banana.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

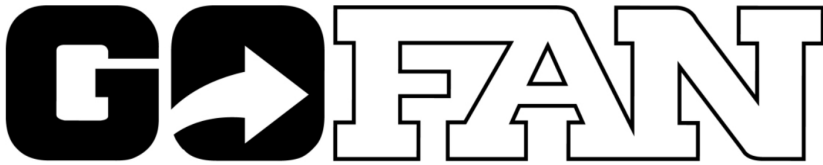
Michael Jordan.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

John 3:16.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

I wanted to.



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VARSIITY | JUNIORS



**U** JOJO BARTOLOMEOS | 5'7 | G  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

A granola bar.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Lebron James.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Romans 8:31.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

My cousin Naole.



**U** SAM EIBES | 6'1 | F  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

Gardetto's.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Detlef Schrempf.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Mark 8:36.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

Watching games and my dad influenced me to start playing.



**U** CARSON MOSCOSO | 6'0 | G  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

A granola bar.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Anthony Edwards.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Phillipians 4:13.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

Watching Russell Westbrook play.

**VARSITY | SOMPHOMORES**



**ELI AHRENDS | 6'3 | F**  
**1 YEAR ON VARSITY**

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

Chipotle.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Russell Westbrook.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Isaiah 41:10.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

Watching Russell Westbrook play.



**DAIJIOR MCCRIMMON | 5'10 | G**  
**1 YEAR ON VARSITY**

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

A nutrigrain bar.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Jayson Tatum.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Matthew 19:26.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

Watching my brother play.



**JAIDYN RENNIE | 5'9 | G**  
**1 YEAR ON VARSITY**

**What is your go to pre-game snack?**

Jimmy John's.

**Who is your favorite NBA player of all-time?**

Rajon Rondo.

**What is your favorite Bible verse?**

Psalms 23:4.

**Why did you start playing basketball?**

Seeing my brother play and watching games.

JV



Row 1: Nolan Schneider, Gabe Kirschbaum, Kennedy Capp, Ben Jahnke. Row 2: Nathan Campbell, Chris Daniel, Nevan Johnson.  
 Row 3: Nathaniel Williams, Teniola Phillips, Naizo Jarboi, Joshua Barber. Row 4: Coach Puma Rennie

JV ROSTER

| #  | NAME               | HT.  | POS. |
|----|--------------------|------|------|
| 1  | Chris Daniel       | 5'8  | G    |
| 2  | Nolan Schneider    | 5'7  | G    |
| 4  | Nathaniel Williams | 5'9  | G/F  |
| 13 | Kennedy Capp       | 5'9  | G/F  |
| 21 | Ben Jahnke         | 5'8  | G    |
| 22 | Joshua Barber      | 6'1  | F    |
| 25 | Gabe Kirschbaum    | 5'10 | G    |
| 30 | Nevan Johnson      | 5'10 | G/F  |
| 32 | Nathan Campbell    | 5'11 | F    |
| 35 | Teniola Phillips   | 6'2  | G/F  |
| 53 | Naizo Jarboi       | 6'3  | F/C  |

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Puma Rennie

C-TEAM



Row 1: Tobin Taylor, Shylom McCray, Sampson Olson. Row 2: Henry Blake, Jonas Kaihoi, Josh Bowers, Maverick Marr. Row 3: Noah Schirmers, Tobi Barbington, David Agoucha. Row 4: Coach Robert McCray, Jonathan Wiseman.

C-TEAM ROSTER

| #  | NAME             | HT.  | POS. |
|----|------------------|------|------|
| 0  | Henry Blake      | 5'8  | G    |
| 2  | David Agoucha    | 5'9  | G    |
| 4  | Maverick Marr    | 5'9  | G    |
| 5  | Tobi Barbington  | 6'0  | G/F  |
| 10 | Jonas Kaihoi     | 5'8  | G    |
| 11 | Tobin Taylor     | 5'8  | G    |
| 12 | Sampson Olson    | 5'9  | G    |
| 14 | Noah Schirmers   | 5'11 | G/F  |
| 15 | Jonathan Wiseman | 6'1  | F/C  |
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Head Coach                      Robert McCray

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## 2023-24 GIRLS BASKETBALL SEASON OUTLOOK

The Mustangs are coming off an 18-11 season and a second place finish in the Skyline Conference. They graduated two seniors, including leading scorer Chloe Jarnot who is now playing at the University of West Florida.

Four players who had significant playing time are returning this season. Autumn Lanari, Olivia Lanari, Heather Sheehy, and Janiya Wright will look to lead this team throughout the season.

The Mustangs also welcome one of the most well known and accomplished coaching staffs. Faith Johnson Patterson, John Patterson, and Bob Wiley will be leading the Mustangs this year and are tasked with building upon recent success the program has had.

“There's always a period of transition when you have a team with new coaches and players. As a coaching staff we are very excited to be here at Maranatha Christian Academy. We are looking to rebuild, rejuvenate and renew a great group of young athletes that are willing to work hard, learn and grow,” said Faith Johnson Patterson.

Janiya Wright is a dynamic player who can take over the game. She is the returning leading scorer averaging 14.7 points per game and nearly 11 rebounds per game. She also led the team with 144 steals a year ago.

Autumn Lanari brings leadership to this young squad and keeps everyone focused on and off the court. She looks to build upon her .308 FG% from last year and get the Mustangs playing at a high level once the section tournament rolls around.



Olivia Lanari and Heather Sheehy bring intensity to the court and are coming off a solid season in which they both averaged 6 points per game.

The Mustangs have additional young players that with practice and playing experience are expected to contribute significantly throughout the year.

According to Faith Johnson Patterson, the goal is to continue to get to know and understand one another, get better daily and bond together as a team. “We want to position ourselves to be the best team we can be each and every season. We know with God, All Things Are Possible, therefore, we will not put limits on what's possible, we will simply put in the work then Let Go and Let God.”

COACHING STAFF

**FAITH JOHNSON PATTERSON**  
HEAD COACH



Faith Johnson Patterson is entering her first season as head coach for the Mustangs. She played high school basketball for Marshall University High School and received a Division I scholarship to play college basketball for the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she majored in Communications.

Faith began her coaching career as an assistant coach at The Blake School where she was an assistant coach for the 30-0 class A championship team in 1994. She was recruited to become the head coach at Minneapolis North in 1995. She asked her boyfriend, now husband John, to join her and the rest is history!

She has an overall head coaching record of 522-184 resulting in 15 conference championships, 14 section championships, and 14 high school state tournament appearances resulting in 8 class 3A championships, 4 runner-ups, and 2 third place finishes.

She ranks #1 in Minnesota Girls Basketball State History for the Highest Winning Percentage at the state tournament at 85.7% and a record of 36-6. She ranks #3 in Minnesota Girls Basketball State History for the Most State Tournament Appearances (14) and #1 for the Most Consecutive State Tournament Appearances (9). She also ranks #1 in Minnesota Girls Basketball State History for the Most State Championships (8).

Faith became the first African-American female head coach to coach in and win a high school girls basketball state championship. She is the first and only African-American girls basketball coach to be inducted into; The Minnesota High School Girls Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, The Minnesota

**JOHNSON PATTERSON FILE**

**EDUCATION**

B.A. Communications University of Wisconsin-Madison

**HEAD COACHING EXPERIENCE**

|           |                                |       |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 2023-2024 | Maranatha Christian Academy    |       |
| 2022-2023 | Visitation School              | 18-8  |
| 2021-2022 | Visitation School              | 16-7  |
| 2020-2021 | Visitation School              | 9-7   |
| 2017-2018 | Minneapolis Edison High School | 15-10 |
| 2016-2017 | Eden Prairie High School       | 5-22  |
| 2015-2016 | Eden Prairie High School       | 6-21  |
| 2014-2015 | DeLaSalle High School          | 21-6  |
| 2013-2014 | DeLaSalle High School          | 16-13 |
| 2012-2013 | DeLaSalle High School          | 28-4  |
| 2011-2012 | DeLaSalle High School          | 28-3  |
| 2010-2011 | DeLaSalle High School          | 27-4  |
| 2009-2010 | DeLaSalle High School          | 31-1  |
| 2008-2009 | Minneapolis North High School  | 20-8  |
| 2007-2008 | Minneapolis North High School  | 11-10 |
| 2006-2007 | Minneapolis North High School  | 18-6  |
| 2005-2006 | Minneapolis North High School  | 6-19  |
| 2004-2005 | Minneapolis North High School  | 24-4  |
| 2003-2004 | Minneapolis North High School  | 22-8  |
| 2002-2003 | Minneapolis North High School  | 28-2  |
| 2001-2002 | Minneapolis North High School  | 27-4  |
| 2000-2001 | Minneapolis North High School  | 25-2  |
| 1999-2000 | Minneapolis North High School  | 22-6  |
| 1998-1999 | Minneapolis North High School  | 27-2  |
| 1997-1998 | Minneapolis North High School  | 29-0  |
| 1996-1997 | Minneapolis North High School  | 27-2  |
| 1995-1996 | Minneapolis North High School  | 16-5  |

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Basketball Hall of Fame, and The Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame. She's been named one of the 5 best high school basketball coaches in Minnesota's high school state tournament history (only female and African-American).

She ranks #1 and #2 amongst high school girls' basketball coaches in multiple categories in Minnesota state history.

Faith was featured in Sports Illustrated magazine in 2002, in an ESPN sport feature 2008, "What Does a Female Athlete Look Like", featured in the documentary, "Game On: Women Can Coach", and was a 2014 USA Today nominee for National Girls Coach of the Year.

She's been voted "Coach of The Year" several times by multiple venues.

Her Minneapolis North and DeLaSalle high school basketball teams have received national rankings along with being nominated by USA Today for National team and Coach of the Year.

Her programs have produced many Division I, II, and III athletes resulting in over 3 million dollars in scholarships.

Together, Faith and John, have the mindset to put God first. This belief system has been the driving force behind their coaching success. They are most proud of the off-court success of so many of their former athletes who have earned college degrees, have pursued a career in coaching, are giving back to their respective communities, and most importantly, have placed God first in their lives.

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## COACHING STAFF



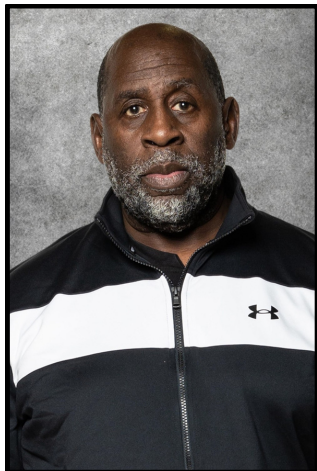
### **JOHN PATTERSON** ASSISTANT COACH



John Patterson is entering his first year as an assistant coach for the Mustangs. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, where he played football, basketball, and baseball. He also played basketball for the New York Gauchos, one of the most prestigious AAU teams in the country. Following high school, he attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where he played basketball and earned a degree in Industrial Technology.

Patterson has trained athletes in multiple sports over the years. He started coaching high school basketball alongside his wife, Faith Johnson Patterson at Minneapolis North High School. While at North, he helped introduce their dominant signature press and other defenses. He also worked with post players on rebounding, individual moves, and shooting. In his role, he also assisted with identifying colleges for athletes and consulting with college coaches on perspective athletes.

Patterson has been named Assistant Coach of the Year multiple times and honored along with his wife in many venues.



### **BOB WILEY** ASSISTANT COACH



Bob Willey is entering his first season as an assistant coach for the Mustangs. His forty year coaching journey is a testament to a never-ending pursuit of excellence. From his early days guiding his family's adult team to his stints at Roosevelt and Issaquah high schools, Willey has always embraced challenges and thrived on new experiences.

His hunger for knowledge led him to Tennessee State University, where he sharpened his coaching skills and broadened his horizons. After college, he headed back to Seattle, where his passion for coaching basketball continued to grow. He answered his daughter's call and immersed himself in the world of girls basketball. In Minneapolis, he worked hard to establish the Minnesota Angels. This was a tribute to a successful program and a platform for his own evolving coaching style.

Wiley's willingness to learn and adapt led him to the Crossfire Girls Basketball program and his partnership with Coach Faith Johnson Patterson at DeLaSalle. He further honed his craft at Eden Prairie and Visitation high schools, leaving a trail of success and inspiration.

Today, at Crossfire, Bob continues to push boundaries, mentor new coaches, and build a legacy that extends far beyond the final buzzer.

VARSIITY



Row 1: Faith Taylor, Zaniah Hunter, Heather Sheehy, Adriana Mascarenas. Row 2: Alyssa Warren, Autumn Lanari, Avery Lanari. Row 3: Janiya Wright, Olivia Lanari, Morgan Wayne, Laura Mahoney, Olivia Alm. Row 4: Assistant Coach Bob Wiley, Assistant Coach John Patterson, Head Coach Faith Johnson Patterson.

VARSIITY ROSTER

| #  | NAME               | HT.  | POS. |
|----|--------------------|------|------|
| 0  | Avery Lanari       | 5'6  | G    |
| 1  | Janiya Wright      | 5'9  | G/F  |
| 3  | Adriana Mascarenas | 5'2  | G    |
| 4  | Laura Mahoney      | 5'10 | G/F  |
| 5  | Heather Sheehy     | 5'5  | G    |
| 10 | Zaniah Hunter      | 5'5  | G    |
| 11 | Olivia Lanari      | 5'10 | G/F  |
| 12 | Olivia Alm         | 5'9  | G/F  |
| 13 | Alyssa Warren      | 5'4  | G    |
| 14 | Autumn Lanari      | 5'9  | G/F  |
| 32 | Morgan Wayne       | 6'0  | F/C  |
| 33 | Faith Taylor       | 5'3  | G    |

COACHING STAFF

|                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Head Coach      | Faith Johnson Patterson |
| Assistant Coach | John Patterson          |
| Assistant Coach | Bob Wiley               |

VARSIITY | SENIORS



**AUTUMN LANARI | 5'9 | G/F**  
4 YEARS ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

I have to take a nap.

**Who inspires you?**

Basketball players.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The staff and the environment.

**What is your favorite drill?**

Free throws.



**JANIYA WRIGHT | 5'9 | G**  
3 YEARS ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

I always listen to music before games.

**Who inspires you?**

My mom because she is strong and she never gives up no matter how hard it is.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The community at Maranatha are nice and so welcoming.

**What is your favorite drill?**

3-on-3-on-3



**VARSITY | SOPHOMORES**



**ZANIAH HUNTER | 5'5 | G**  
**1 YEAR ON VARSITY**

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

I start with form shooting, then layups, shots and free throws, then dribbling.

**Who inspires you?**

My mom and grandma.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The amazing community.

**What is your favorite drill?**

The 3-man and 5-man weave.



**OLIVIA LANARI | 5'10 | G/F**  
**1 YEAR ON VARSITY**

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to music

**Who inspires you?**

My brother. He always supports me and pushes me to be my best.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

Being able to express my faith.

**What is your favorite drill?**

3-on-3



**LAURA MAHONEY | 5'10 | F**  
**1 YEAR ON VARSITY**

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to music.

**Who inspires you?**

Caitlin Clark from the University of Iowa.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The people.

**What is your favorite drill?**

Any shooting drill.

VARSITY | SOPHOMORES



**HEATHER SHEEHY | 5'5 | G**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to music.

**Who inspires you?**

My mom.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The community and the faith.

**What is your favorite drill?**

Any shooting drill.



**MORGAN WAYNE | 6'0 | F**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to my playlist.

**Who inspires you?**

Paige Bueckers.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

My friends.

**What is your favorite drill?**

3-on-2 and 2-on-1.



**VARSITY | FRESHMAN**



**OLIVIA ALM | 5'9 | G/F**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listening to music and figuring out one thing to focus on during the game.

**Who inspires you?**

My sister.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

It's a Godly community and the friendships.

**What is your favorite drill?**

The train trail running drill.



**AVERY LANARI | 5'6 | G**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to music on the way to the game with my sisters.

**Who inspires you?**

My family.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The faith and daily bread.

**What is your favorite drill?**

The army foot fire drill.



**ALYSSA WARREN | 5'4 | G**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to peaceful music.

**Who inspires you?**

My dad because he played basketball in high school and got me interested in playing.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

Daily bread and surrounding myself in faith.

**What is your favorite drill?**

The make 30 shooting drill.

VARSIITY | 7TH



**ADRIANA MASCARENAS | 5'2 | G**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

Listen to Lacrae on the bus then hype up with the team.

**Who inspires you?**

Steph Curry.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

The Christian unity between peers and having good conversations about God.

**What is your favorite drill?**

The train trail running drill and the army foot fire drill.



**FAITH TAYLOR | 5'3 | G**  
1 YEAR ON VARSITY

**What is your pre-game ritual?**

I listen to "Pump Up" music and have Adriana braid my hair.

**Who inspires you?**

My grandpa.

**Favorite thing about Maranatha?**

Surrounding myself with faith.

**What is your favorite drill?**

The train trail running drill.

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A graphic for Mustang Athletics live streaming. It features a red television set icon with two antennae. The screen of the television displays the Mustang logo, a white 'U' with a star inside. The words 'LIVE' and 'STREAM' are written in large, bold, white capital letters on either side of the television. Above the television, the words 'MUSTANG ATHLETICS' are written in red capital letters. Below the television, the YouTube channel URL 'HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/@MCAATHLETICS2030/STREAMS' is written in red capital letters.

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