

Keynote Speaker Bio - Jennie Baranczyk

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Former University of Iowa standout and Des Moines native Jennie (Lillis) Baranczyk (pronounced bah-rah-n-check) was named the sixth head women's basketball coach at Drake University on April 17, 2012.

Baranczyk's teams have achieved great success, including historic seasons. Drake won its third-straight Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) regular season title in 2018-19 after winning regular season and tournament titles for the second-consecutive year in 2017-18. The Bulldogs closed the 2017-18 season on a 42-0 winning streak in MVC regular season/tournament games over the past two seasons.

Baranczyk's coaching accolades include twice being named the MVC Coach of the Year and espnW Mid-Major Coach of the Year. In December 2015 Baranczyk was featured by The Des Moines Register as one of 15 people to watch in 2016. She was honored by the Business Record by being named a 2017 Women of Influence honoree. The award celebrates the work of women who have made a difference.

Baranczyk and her program are actively involved in the Des Moines community. Starting in 2013-14, the program has reached its goal of completing 1,000 community service hours in the Drake and Des Moines communities over the course of the academic year.

In addition to success on the court, Baranczyk's teams have been highly successful in the classroom, starting in 2013-14 as each of her teams have earned prestigious accolades from the WBCA with the Top 25 Team Honor Roll. Drake has ranked in the top 10 for the prestigious WBCA team academic honor in five straight seasons under Baranczyk.

Jennie and her husband, Scott, have one son, Eli, and two daughters, Jordi and Hope.

Previous experience

Baranczyk came to Drake after a two-year stint at the University of Colorado, four seasons at Marquette, and two seasons at Kansas State.

A three-time captain at Iowa, Baranczyk (Lillis), was a four-year letter-winner at forward from 2000-04 under Coach Lisa Bluder. One of the best all-around players in Hawkeye basketball history, she was a three-time All-Big Ten Conference selection, earning first-team honors as a junior in 2003 and second-team honors as a sophomore in 2002 and as a senior in 2004. She was an honorable mention All-American in 2003. Baranczyk graduated from Iowa in 2004 with her bachelor's degree in Communication Studies and from Kansas State with her master's degree in Counseling and Student Development in 2007.

In her prep career, she helped Dowling Catholic in Des Moines win state championships in 1998 and 2000, and she is a member of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Hall of Fame.