New Head Men's Basketball Coach

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Ed Conroy was formally introduced as the new head men's basketball coach Wednesday (April 7) at a news conference at the James W. Wilson Jr. Center. Conroy becomes the 23rd head coach in the 99-year history of the Tulane men's basketball program.



"I am thrilled to be part of such a great institution and proud to be the basketball coach," said Ed Conroy at the news conference on Wednesday (April 7). "My goal is to run a basketball program that mirrors the success of the academic programs on campus." (Photo by Sally Asher)

"It has been a whirlwind week that is culminating in a great day for Green Wave athletics as we introduce Coach Conroy as the new leader of our men's basketball program," said Rick Dickson, athletics director. "Ed, with his experience and history of turning around programs, is the perfect coach to teach and inspire our student-athletes and return Tulane basketball to being a highly successful program."

<u>Conroy</u> comes to Tulane after a four-year stint as the head coach at The Citadel where he posted a 49-66 overall record. He was named 2008-09 Southern

Conference Coach of the Year and earned NABC District 22 Coach of the Year honors after leading The Citadel to a 20-13 record that included a school record 15 conference victories. Conroy led The Citadel Bulldogs to the best turnaround in Division I in the 2008-2009 season.

Tulane President Scott Cowen praised Conroy as a leader with the ability to rejuvenate the basketball program.

"He's a coach who has shown that he can turn around a program at a selective academic university where recruiting is done under challenging circumstances," Cowen said.

Conroy said that he is "extremely excited" for the opportunity and looks forward to running the program and holding his players to the highest of standards.

"My goal is to run a basketball program that mirrors the success of the academic programs on campus," Conroy said.

"This is an exciting time for me and my family, and I cannot wait to get started."