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Lady Saints Add 6'6" Transfer to Recruiting Class

If Toby Wynn, working without an assistant coach, hadn't signed a 6'6" post, the Lady Saint basketball recruiting class would still be considered one of the best in the state. But adding a 6'6" player makes Seward's class even more impressive. Wynn is bringing in 6'6" Marta Oleduka from Poland and New Mexico Junior College. She averaged 3 points per game at NMJC.

The Lady Saints return several from the 23-8 team which went 11-5 in the Jayhawk West and tied for second including 5'1" Ricquia Jones, 5'7" Kelsey Blair, 5'10" Payton Fleming, and 5'11" Anete Kirsteine.

She joins an already impressive recruiting class. Roy Allen featured the group at scccsaints.com

The tallest of Seward's signees is Shanise Brooks, a 6'1 forward from Topeka's Highland Park High School. Brooks was one of the more highly recruited players in the state this season after averaging 15 points per game for Highland Park and being named 1st Team All-State as well as the Topeka Capital Journal Player of the Year. Wynn on Brooks "Shanise was one of the best players in the state of Kansas this past year. She has a lot of physical tools that allow her to be a tough matchup inside, but can also step outside and score from the perimeter. We are really looking forward to having Shanise as a Lady Saint and continuing her playing career here at Seward County."

A local product, Justice Norah, will also join the Lady Saints next season. Norah is a 5'7 guard from Liberal High School and averaged 23 points per game as a junior in 2011 before missing the 2012 season due to a knee injury. Wynn on Norah "Justice is an exceptional athlete and very good scorer of the basketball. She led the state of Kansas in scoring as a junior and was one of the top players in Class 5A. We believe that she will be a great addition to our program and team and look forward to her being a Lady Saint."

Janel Tammen is a 5'9 forward from Timken, Kansas and Otis-Bison High School and averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds per game this season. She was an Honorable Mention All-State selection from the Wichita Eagle and was 1st Team All-Central Prairie League as a senior. Wynn on Tammen "Janel is a very tough and physical basketball player. She is someone that can impact a game by how hard she plays and physical toughness and not a lot of players have that kind of ability. We are really looking forward to her bringing that toughness to our program."

Sheree Ryan becomes the first Southwestern Heights Lady Mustang to join the Seward County program in Wynn's tenure. Ryan is a 6'0 forward from Kismet, Kansas who averaged 13 points and 8 rebounds per game for Heights and was a unanimous selection in the High Plains League All-Conference voting. Wynn on Ryan "Sheree is dominant physical forward that can score and rebound. She is skilled and fundamental which is a tribute to her Coach Barry Mellen. We are very excited about getting a player from Southwestern Heights. "

Bridget Crandall follows the footsteps of her sister Bailey after signing to play for the Lady Saints. Crandall is a 5'6 guard from Deerfield High School in Deerfield, Kansas and averaged 13 points, 6 assists, and 5 rebounds per game for the Lady Spartans this season, marking the fourth straight year she led Deerfield in scoring. Wynn on Crandall "Bridget is an athletic guard that can shoot and score. She gives us another presence on the perimeter that has the ability to knock down shots. We are excited about what she will bring to our team."

Last but certainly not least is the versatile Avery Burns. Burns is a 5'6 guard from Cimarron High School in Cimarron, Kansas and put up 16 points and 5 rebounds per game as a senior. She was

named All-State by two major newspapers and was also named the Dodge City Globe Player of the Year. Wynn on Burns “Avery is a very good, hardworking, high basketball IQ player. She has great leadership skills and plays the game with great passion. We are very fortunate to have her be a Lady Saint and look forward to her having a bright future here.”
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