

CHEMISTRY AND LOYALTY ARE TWO OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INGREDIENTS FOUND AMONG ANY SUCCESSFUL COACHING STAFF AND NO ONE EXEMPLIFIES THOSE CHARACTERISTICS ON HEAD COACH AMANDA BUTLER'S STAFF STRONGER THAN JANNA MAGETTE (JAN-uh muh-JET), WHO IN 2008-09 SERVES AS ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD COACH FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD COACH
JANNA MAGETTE

When Butler was named the Gators' head coach on April 13, 2007, it was an easy decision for her to ask Magette to make the move to Gainesville with her. Magette and Butler worked for three years together at UNC Charlotte, including the last two when Butler assumed head coaching duties. The more difficult decision may have come on Magette's part, as she willingly chose to forgo her previous role as an assistant coach and welcome different challenges.

"I've worked with Amanda for three years at Charlotte and every time she would talk about Florida, she would get so excited. She's so passionate about this place," Magette said. "When the opportunity came to remain part of her staff and work at a place like Florida, it was a very easy decision for me."

Magette wears several different hats for the Gators, performing duties ranging from staff academic liaison to camp and coaching clinic's coordinator to working with practice and class schedules. She also oversees the program's equipment contract and inventory with NIKE and coordinates the team's travel.

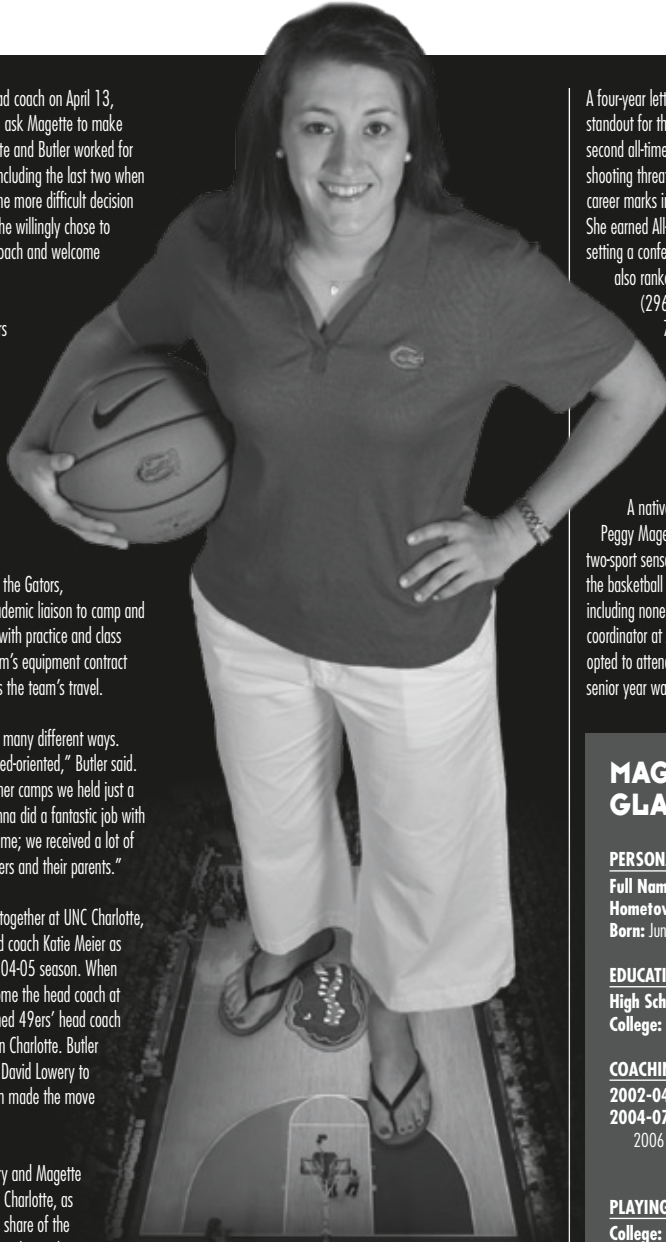
"Janna's really the glue of our staff in so many different ways. She's reliable, organized and very detailed-oriented," Butler said. "A perfect example of this was the summer camps we held just a few weeks after arriving on campus. Janna did a fantastic job with them in an extremely short amount of time; we received a lot of very positive feedback from those campers and their parents."

Magette and Butler first began working together at UNC Charlotte, where she was hired by then-49ers head coach Katie Meier as an assistant coach at the start of the 2004-05 season. When Meier left at the end of the year to become the head coach at the University of Miami, Butler was named 49ers' head coach and asked Magette to remain with her in Charlotte. Butler later hired Brenda Mock Kirkpatrick and David Lowery to complete her coaching staff, all of whom made the move to Florida with Butler.

That quartet of Butler, Kirkpatrick, Lowery and Magette gelled during their two years together in Charlotte, as the 49ers compiled 40 wins, captured a share of the 2006 Atlantic 10 regular-season championship and earned a pair of postseason berths.

"Everyone complements each other, professionally as well as personally. Our dream for each other is to succeed individually, but also together as a staff," Magette said. "Everyone's ultimate goal is to win a national championship and we can do that at Florida."

Magette began her coaching career as an assistant for NCAA Division II Francis Marion University, where she was hired by first-year head coach Valecia Tedder in April of 2004. Among Magette's duties with the Patriots were recruiting, academic support and individual player workouts.



A four-year letter winner from Davidson College, Magette was a standout for the Wildcats, finishing her career as the program's second all-time leading scorer with 1,392 points. A long-range shooting threat, Magette was deadly from behind the arc, holding career marks in three-point field goals (213) and attempts (597). She earned All-Southern Conference honors in her senior campaign, setting a conference record for three-pointers made in a career. She also ranked among the school's all-time leaders in assists (296), steals (239) and free throws made (195-246, 79.3 percent). Among her postseason accolades, Magette earned the 2001 and 2002 Wildcat Award, equivalent to a Most Outstanding Player honor. A two-time Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll member, Magette received her bachelor's degree in religion in 2002.

A native of Hoover, Ala., the daughter of Jimmy and Peggy Magette attended Hoover High School, where she was a two-sport sensation in both basketball and softball. Her prowess on the basketball court caught the eye of several collegiate coaches, including none other than Amanda Butler, who was the recruiting coordinator at Austin Peay State University at the time. Magette opted to attend Davidson, where one of the assistant coaches her senior year was David Lowery.

MAGETTE AT A GLANCE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Janna Theresa Magette
Hometown: Hoover, Ala.
Born: June 7, 1980

EDUCATION

High School: Hoover H.S. (1998 graduate)
College: Davidson College (B.A. in Religion, 2002)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2002-04 Francis Marion University Assistant Coach
2004-07 UNC Charlotte Assistant Coach
 2006 Atlantic 10 Regular-Season Co-Champions; 2005, 2006 & 2007 WNIT Appearances

PLAYING CAREER

College: Davidson College, Four-year Letterwinner (1998-2002)

"Janna's thoroughness in everything she does brings a quiet confidence in all of us. We know that everything that needs to be done will be covered in the best manner possible because of Janna's organization. She is very creative and intelligent and brings a different perspective than the rest of the staff to problem-solving. Her uniqueness in generating ideas makes her very valuable."

— HEAD COACH AMANDA BUTLER