After taking the Scotties to their first National tournament in 30 years and a 5th place finish in 2013 Head women’s coach B.J. Smith led the Scotties to their best season in school history (33-3), their first ever Jayhawk Conference Championship, back to back Region Championships and National Runner-up at the 2014 NJCAA tournament. The Scotties were ranked #1 in the Nation for a period of time as well as being in the top 5 all season long. For his efforts Smith was named the 2013 and 2014 region 6 coach of the year. As a Head Junior College coach Smith is 209-31 (284-65 overall) with an 87% winning percentage, 5 national tournament appearances and 2 National Runner-up finishes. In Smith’s initial season as the Highland head coach, the Scotties finished with a record of 28-4 in 2011-12, finished second in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, achieved a top five national ranking for most of the season, and had the Jayhawk Conference Player of the Year who was also a First Team All-American. For those accomplishments, Smith was named the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association national Coach of the Year.

Jillian Palan has been instrumental in the establishment of Highland Community College women’s basketball as a national power. The Scotties are 91-13 since her arrival in 2011 with 2 region 6 Championships, a 5th place national tournament finish and a National Runner-up finish. They have been ranked #1 in the country for 4 weeks as well as being in the top 10 for 3 seasons. The Scotties have had 6 All-Americans, 8 All-Conference and 11 All-Region players as well as 3 academic All-Americans. Palan is the recruiting coordinator as well as being in charge of post players amongst other on court and game day duties. Jillian is no stranger to success as she led North Central Missouri College to a 6th place national tournament finish as well as being a part of the post season at the Division 1 level playing for Tricia Cullop’s Evansville Aces in the women’s postseason NIT.

WHERE THEY WENT

Ryann Bowser
Texas Tech University

Kalara McFadyen
University of Memphis

Natalie Purcell
2008 New Zealand Olympic Team

Rosalind Ross
University of Oklahoma
WNBA Los Angeles Sparks

Kathy Thomas
University of Iowa

WHAT HIGHLAND HAS TO OFFER!

The Highland Women’s Basketball team has earned a 3.0 or higher team GPA under the current coaching staff. We have had numerous Academic All-Americans as well as receiving academic team awards. We offer a fully staffed Student Support Services team whose objective is to enable each student to reach their academic potential, graduate and continue on with their education. We are proud of our 100% graduation rate as well as 100% of players receiving scholarships at the next level.

JAYHAWK EAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS
BACK-TO-BACK REGION VI CHAMPS
NATIONAL RUNNER-UP

WHERE THEY WENT

COACHING STAFF

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FACILITIES

ALLEN FIELD HOUSE GYM
The home court of the Scottie basketball and volleyball programs, the Ben Allen Field House gymnasium has seen dramatic action as the Scotties win Conference and Region championships.

WEIGHT ROOM
Scottie student athletes have access to two weight rooms that are part of Allen Field House. The smaller weight room contains free weights and weight machines. The larger weight room houses 10 Hammer smith weight stations and multiple other weight stations and free weights to accommodate team workouts.

WALTERS WELLNESS CENTER
Home of Scottie Indoor Track meets, the Walters Wellness Center is designed to meet the recreation needs of Highland Community College students and employees. Available for athletic team workouts, the facility is also open to the community. In addition to the indoor track, the facility includes four basketball/volleyball/tennis courts, a batting cage, fitness machine area, aerobics space, a classroom, offices, and reception area.

Athletic Trainers Room
The Athletic Training Room is a fully independent operation of athletics that employs two certified athletic trainers and athletic training students. As physician extenders, the staff provides the services you would receive from a physician’s office. Injured athletes do not have to schedule appointments or travel to receive medical services because the ATR is directly in the athletic setting. Their mission is to prevent and care for athletic injuries while improving the performance of all HCC athletes, and their dedication to this mission is one reason HCC athletics compete at a superior level.

TRAVEL
We travel in luxury coaches with leather seating, Directv, Wi-Fi, 110v power outlets and T.V.s

HOUSING
“Highland offers the absolute best living accommodations I have experienced. We offer fully furnished apartment-style living in a dorm setting with a safe and secure environment.” commented coach B.J. Smith

SUCCESS
• NO. 1 NATIONAL RANKING
• RUNNER-UP NJCAA NATIONAL TOURN.
• TOP 10 NATIONAL RANKING FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS
• BACK-TO-BACK REGION VI CHAMPIONS
• NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR
• KANSAS COACH OF THE YEAR
• REGION VI COACH OF THE YEAR
• 100% GRADUATION RATE
• 100% OF PLAYERS OFFERED SCHOLARSHIP AT THE NEXT LEVEL AFTER HIGHLAND
• NUMEROUS ALL-AMERICANS, ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-REGION, AND PLAYER OF THE YEAR

“Nobody develops players like we do at Highland and nobody will give you a better opportunity at reaching your potential as a player and as a student.” Coach B.J. Smith