B.J. Smith has been a proven winner at every level and brought immediate success to the Highland Community College campus. After finishing 28-4 in his first season at Highland and as Conference and Region Runner-up, the Scotties went one step better in 2012-13 by finishing 30-6, Region VI Champions, and 5th in the National Tournament. Smith is currently 58-10 as the Highland head coach and owns a 251-62 overall record as a head coach. For his accomplishments, he was named the WBKCA National Coach of the Year in 2012 and the KBCA Coach of the Year in 2013.

He has coached numerous All-Americans, Olympians, had two WNBA draft picks, as well as countless professional players. As a head NCAA Division I coach, Smith led Southeast Missouri State to its first ever Conference championship, as well as its first trip to the Big Dance. Smith left there as the most successful coach in school history. While at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, where he was 99-7 in two years, he led the Lady Norse to two National tournament appearances in three years, finishing 4th and 2nd.

On top of all the success on the floor, Smith has never had a team with less than a 3.1 gpa and graduated 100% of the players who played two years for him on the community college level.

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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.

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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.

**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.

**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.

**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 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.

**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

Travel

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

Success

- No. 1 National Ranking
- 5th Place Finish in NJCAA National Tournament
- Top 10 National Ranking for Two Consecutive Years
- Region VI Champion
- 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