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# Cover Letter

## Corey Sanders

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Dedicated and highly motivated coach and teacher who has experience in secondary and collegiate athletics. Ability to manage and take full control and responsibility of programs through effective and positive leadership, integrity, and communication. Masters degree in sports administration and a bachelors in organizational leadership with former professional basketball playing experience.

Before DSA, Coach Sanders had a short tenure with D1 HBCU Grambling State where he was an assistant basketball coach he helped with recruiting and player development. Before joining GSU he spent 3 seasons at Angelina College in Lufkin, TX where he served as an assistant coach, helping the Roadrunners in his last season to a 16-13 season overall and 9-7 record in a very tough, competitive conference. Their Region XIV produced two teams in the quarterfinals at Nationals this season. All student-athletes signed up to play at the next level all three seasons at AC under Sanders. In 22-23 season they ranked #4 in the country for offensive rebounding and #7 in defensive rebounding. Sanders Recruited the top 10 player in the country and the #2 rebounder in the country. In the 2021-22 season, Sanders helped guide them to a record of 21-10 putting them in a top 20 in the country ranking mid-season: including beating the team that won the NJCAA national championship twice. The team produced two NJCAA All-Americans. That summer Sanders was selected as a head coach for the Top 40 All-American Game in Atlanta, GA. At Angelina, he worked under legendary coach Byron Coleman who earned his 300th win. Before joining AC's coaching staff he was a head varsity boys basketball coach at First Baptist Christian School where he spent three seasons producing an 18-9 record in his first season, a 22-6 record in his second, and a 25-3 record in his last season. He achieved back-to-back Highland Lakes Coach of the Year in 2020 & 2021. Sanders is an East Texas native who began his high school playing career at West Sabine High School. He finished his high school career at Westbrook High School in Beaumont, TX, under Coach Samuel Simon. After walking on at a local JUCO, Sanders was shown interest by the Original Harlem Globetrotters for his ball-handling skills and was scouted by Al Clocker, the Director of Scouting and general manager. He soon signed and played as a professional basketball player and showman with three different teams, including the Court Kingz under the stage name "Corey Classic." Playing and traveling to 35 states, along with Ecuador and Mexico, Sanders was featured on ESPN's Top 10 Plays in 2017 after an alley-oop pass he threw to a dunker shattered the backboard. Sanders got his start in coaching by running summer basketball camps and skill development for youth and elite levels. Sanders received his bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from South Texas College and his Masters in Sports Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Yours sincerely,

*Corey Sanders*

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