

### Paul Sanderford



*One of the most successful coaches in women's college basketball history first arrived on the Louisburg College campus as a baseball standout. Zebulon native Paul 'Buster' Sanderford attended LC from 1968-70 and starred for the Hurricanes' diamond squad under legendary coach Russ Frazier. A starter at catcher, Sanderford earned a Trustee's Scholarship and was an all-conference selection in 1970. He would close out his college career at Methodist University and was an All-American selection.*

*Though he considered baseball to be his 'first love', Sanderford returned to Louisburg College in 1977 as the school's women's basketball coach and Director of Intramurals. During Sanderford's five seasons on campus, LC won four Region X Championships and reached the pinnacle of the sport in 1981 as the National Junior College Athletic Association National Champion.*

*The Lady Hurricanes would almost repeat in 1982, finishing in second place nationally.*

*In five years, Sanderford posted a 163-19 total record and was honored with the Wade Trophy in 1981 as the National Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2000. Because of Sanderford's success, he received plenty of interest from four-year schools, and he accepted a head coaching position at Western Kentucky University in 1982. Sanderford would spend 15 amazing campaigns at WKU, sporting a 365-120 mark that included 15 NCAA Tournament appearances and three berths in the NCAA Final Four. The Lady Toppers reached the 1992 title contest before falling to Stanford.*

*Sanderford would then spend five years at the University of Nebraska, leading the Huskers to three spots in the NCAA Tournament. The former baseball star would retire with a 453-189 record as a women's basketball coach. He is now a color commentator for the Fox College Sports and CSS Networks.*

*Sanderford and his wife, Yvette (a former Louisburg High School teacher), live in Bowling Green, KY, where he is involved in the real estate business. The Sanderfords are active in a variety of church and community activities in Bowling Green.*