

EVOLUTION Basketball Welcomes Emmanuel College Coach Ray Porch to the EVOLUTION Basketball Family!



EVOLUTION Basketball is pleased to announce the appointment of Coach Ray Porch, Emmanuel College Men's Basketball Coach, to the EVOLUTION Family. Coach Porch will serve as Head Coach within our Boys High School Program and Regional Skills Director.



Ray Porch
Men's Basketball Coach
Emmanuel College



"We are extremely excited that Coach Porch joins our community of student-athletes and families at EVOLUTION Basketball. Coach Porch brings high-level collegiate coaching experience and a passion for teaching and mentoring student-athletes. Ray is a stickler for mastering the fundamentals for those who are looking to play at the next level...a focus that is core to the EVOLUTION program's mission. Coach Ray's experience will be invaluable to our players. On behalf of the EVOLUTION Family, we are looking forward to all that Coach Porch will bring to us this season."

- Coach Bennett, Founder & Director,
EVOLUTION Basketball

Coach Ray Porch is currently coaching Emmanuel College Men's Basketball. Coach Porch brings over 15 years of high level coaching experience and has held positions at Media Technology Charter High School (Head Coach), UMASS Boston (Asst. Coach), Eastern Nazarene College (Asst. Coach) and Benjamin Franklin College (Head Coach). Coach Porch also brings experience in the college admissions and recruiting process and is involved running international camps and clinics within the Athletes in Action and Global Sports Partners organizations.

EVOLUTION Basketball Welcomes Eric Downie, ABA Player & Collegiate Standout, to the EVOLUTION Basketball Family!



Please join me in welcoming Coach Eric Downie to our staff at EVOLUTION Basketball. Coach Downie made his mark as a standout collegiate player and professional player in the ABA. Coach Downie continues to make his mark through his efforts at the Brighton Boys and Girls Club where he runs coordinates basketball programs, coaches and trains student-athletes.



"We are very excited that Coach Downie joins the EVOLUTION Basketball Family as Head Coach and Trainer for the upcoming season. Coach Downie is a great addition to our staff of experienced coaches. Eric's accomplishments at the professional and collegiate ranks speak volumes about the perspective that he brings to the table. Coach Downie's experience and passion for the game will have immediate and relevant impact for our student-athletes at all levels. I look forward to the energy and positive influence that I know Coach Downie will have in our program for years to come."
- Coach Bennett, Founder & Director, EVOLUTION Basketball

Coach Downie played semi-professional basketball in the ABA with the Manchester Millrats. Also a standout a collegiate player at Salem State College, where Eric was a Division III All American, Northeast Player of the Year, All Northeast Team Selection and Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) player of the year for two-consecutive seasons. Eric was also a preseason All-American pick and team captain. Coach Downie currently is in the Top 25 in all-time scoring in Salem State Men's Basketball history. Eric helped lead the Vikings to the MASCAC regular season title (12-0), the MASCAC postseason tournament championship and earned an NCAA Division 3 Tournament Bid.

Coach Downie also is the founder of ProStart Basketball Training.

EVOLUTION Basketball Welcomes Newbury College Coach Mark Holmes to the EVOLUTION Basketball Family!



Please join me in welcoming Coach Mark Holmes to our staff at EVOLUTION Basketball. Mark currently coaches Men's Basketball at Newbury College and brings extensive background in teaching and coaching, as well as, playing collegiately at University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Mark currently teaches in the Boston Public School System and holds his graduate degree. Coach Holmes will be coaching within our High School and Middle School Program this spring.



Mark Holmes
Men's Basketball Coach
Newbury College



"Coach Holmes brings much more than coaching experience to the EVOLUTION Basketball program. Mark's coaching and playing experience combined with his teaching, recruiting and his visual design / communications background will be highly beneficial for us as we continue our "evolution" as a program. Mark has held several collegiate coaching roles including positions at Framingham State and now at Newbury College in their Men's Basketball Programs. Mark will surely provide our student-athletes with a tremendous amount insight and education into the college process and will be a great resource for our student-athletes." - Coach Bennett, Founder & Director, EVOLUTION Basketball

Mark received his Bachelors Degree from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth and earned a Graduate degree from Cambridge College. In addition to his coaching, teaching and playing experience, Coach Holmes brings expertise in academic counseling, visual design and communications.

Mark brings a wealth of knowledge to EVOLUTION Basketball. Mark was a member of the UMASS-Dartmouth basketball team that went to the NCAA Division III Final Four National Championships.