

Alfred Williams

Men's Basketball Assistant Coach Xavier University of Louisiana



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Alfred Williams, a former Xavier University of Louisiana men's basketball standout, is in his third season as a Gold Rush assistant coach.

The XU men are 45-19 during his tenure, including a 27-6 record, a No. 17 ranking in the final NAIA Division I coaches poll and an at-large berth in the Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I National Championship in 2010-11.

"Alfred Williams is everything I envisioned he would be in this position," ninth-year head coach Dannton Williams said. "He is intelligent, analytical, dependable and well-prepared. He has a great relationship with our student-athletes."

Williams, 27, joined the coaching staff in August 2009. He played basketball for Xavier from 2004-08. As a 6-foot-4 forward he averaged 8.4 points and 5.8 rebounds in 97 career games and helped Xavier earn a share of the 2006-07 Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular-season championship and qualify for the Buffalo Funds-NAIA Division I National Championship in 2005, 2007 and 2008. He was All-GCAC his senior year when he averaged 11.4 points and a team-leading seven rebounds per game.

Williams is one of three Gold Rush players with 800 points, 500 rebounds and 150 assists in a career. Williams shot 41.1 from 3-point range in his career to rank second in Xavier history. His blocked shot and ensuing tiebreaking basket with seven seconds remaining lifted Xavier to an 82-79 victory over third-seeded Georgetown (Ky.) in the opening round of the 2007 NAIA nationals at Kansas City, Mo. — the first opening-round victory for the Rush since 1973.

After receiving his bachelor of science degree from Xavier in 2008 and before returning to the university, Williams worked in his native Greenville, S.C., with his brother Eric for Fundamentals 4 Success, a non-profit community agency which offers educational, personal and athletic assistance to basketball student-athletes.

"I'm excited to be back at Xavier," Williams said at the time of his hiring. "To have an opportunity to jump into college coaching at my age is beyond words."

Another brother, Shammond Williams, is the University of North Carolina's career leader in 3-point field goals made and free-throw percentage and was a member of the New Orleans Hornets in 2003-04 during a seven-year NBA career. Shammond Williams has played professionally in Spain, Cyprus and Italy the past four seasons.

Williams is a 2003 graduate of Greenville's Southside High School, where he was an all-conference basketball player and helped his team reach the Class AAA state playoffs. He started his collegiate career at North Carolina Wesleyan, an NCAA Division III member, before transferring to Xavier in the summer of 2004.

Williams replaced another XU alum, David Egans, who resigned in June 2009 after three seasons.