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Wabash basketball is back and looks to be as successful as in the last few years. Coach Kyle Brumett runs a first class program, and you will see in his message below how proud he is of his players as they pursue their dreams after graduation. Brumett has two new assistants this year, so he is coaching players and coaches! Follow the Little Giants this season both home (Chadwick court, home of the Chadwick Crazies) and away as the games are available on the Wabash website.



**Kyle Brumett** joined the storied Wabash College basketball program as head coach in 2014. He is entering his tenth season at Wabash with a record of 167-93. He is 303-172 in 18 seasons as a head coach.

Brumett coached Wabash to one of its best seasons in school history in 2021-22. The Little Giants advanced to the semifinal round of the 2022 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament after earning NCAA Tournament wins over Berry, Emory, Williams, and Illinois Wesleyan. The Little Giants finished 28-4 overall with a 16-1 record in North Coast Athletic Conference games and won the 2022 NCAC for the first time in program history. Brumett was named the conference Men's Basketball Coach of the Year. Senior Jack

Davidson was named the 2022 Jostens Trophy Award recipient as the Outstanding NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Player. Davidson was also named a Division III All-American by D3hoops.com and the National Association of Basketball Coaches, NCAC Tournament MVP, and was named to the 2022 NCAA DIII Men's Basketball All-Tournament Team. Both Davidson and fellow senior Tyler Watson were named to the 2022 Academic All-America Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

The 2022-23 Little Giants returned to the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament in 2023 after winning the NCAC Tournament title for a second consecutive season. Wabash earned a third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament after winning the 2023-24 NCAC regular season and 2024 conference tournament titles, finishing 20-9 on the year to post at least 20 wins for the third consecutive season. Brumett and his staff received conference coaching staff of the year honors for the second time in three seasons after leading the Little Giants to an NCAA Tournament berth for the third consecutive season.

Brumett guided the Little Giants to a 17-9 overall record in 2019-2020 with a 13-5 mark in North Coast Athletic Conference games. The Little Giants finished second overall in the

regular season conference standings, matching the squad's second-place finish in 2019. The Little Giants earned their 21st consecutive berth in the conference tournament. Junior guard Jack Davidson earned All-NCAC honors for the third time in his career and received Academic All-America honors for the second year in a row.

Brumett's Little Giant team posted a 21-6 overall record in 2018-19, eclipsing the 20-win mark for a season for the first time since the 2010-2011 campaign. Wabash finished 14-4 in NCAC to tie for second place in the league standings. The Little Giants led Division III in free throw percentage, hitting 81.7 percent of their attempts. Wabash also ranked seventh in turnovers per game (10.1) and ninth in fewest turnovers committed with 274 in 27 games. Sophomore guard Jack Davidson was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches All-America First Team and the Google Cloud® Academic All-America Second Team. Davidson earned NCAC and Great Lakes Region Player of the Years, as well.

Brumett came to Wabash from Defiance College where he served as the men's basketball coach and assistant athletics director. In six seasons, Brumett guided Defiance to a 103-57 record, a share of the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference title in 2014, won the HCAC championship, and earned an NCAA Division III Tournament appearance in 2010.

Prior to Defiance, Coach Brumett spent two seasons at Lakeland College, where his teams posted a record of 33-22 and won the 2008 Northern Athletics Conference championship. Brumett spent seven years as an assistant at DePauw University, helping the Tigers to a 121-62 record and Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference titles in 2002, 2003, and 2006 along with NCAA Tournament berths in 2002 and 2006. He coached at the University of Southern Indiana as an assistant for one year. USI finished 26-6 and was ranked number one in the nation for most of the season.

Brumett graduated from Hanover College in 1998 with a degree in physical education. He served as a student-assistant coach for the Panthers, working with former head coach Mike Beitzel. Brumett earned a master's degree in recreation and sports management in 2004 from Indiana State University.

Brumett is a native of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and graduated from Jeffersonville High School in 1994. He and his wife, Steffanie, have three sons — Max, Marcus, and Monte.



**Evan Sizemore** joined the Wabash College basketball coaching staff in May 2024 as the Little Giants' assistant coach after two seasons as an assistant at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Sizemore helped the Warriors to Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference regular-season titles in 2023 and 2024, along with the NACC Tournament title in 2024, earning Coaching Staff of the Year honors from the conference in 2023 and 2024.

Sizemore started his professional coaching career at Palm Beach Atlantic University in 2017 after graduating from The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science in education. He was named head assistant coach of the Sailfish in 2018 and helped guide the team to its first NCAA Division II Tournament berth in program history in 2020. Palm Beach Atlantic won a program-record 21 games in the 2019-20 season. The Sailfish boasted the seventh-most turnovers forced and eighth-most steals among NCAA DII teams in

the 2018-19 campaign. Sizemore coached three All-SSC honorees in the 2020-21 season and the 2022 SSC Freshman of the Year in his final season at Palm Beach Atlantic while working with Sailfish head coach Cole Rose. He was named an Under Armour Top 30-Under-30 Coach by the National Association of Basketball Coaches in 2020.

Sizemore joined the Wisconsin Lutheran staff for the 2022-23 season, helping the Warriors to 19 wins with a 14-3 NACC record to claim the regular-season conference title. Wisconsin Lutheran produced NACC Player of the Year that season and ranked tenth among NCAA Division III programs in turnover margin and assists-to-turnover ratio. The Warriors finished 24-5 with Sizemore as an assistant coach last season with a 16-2 NACC record to repeat as conference champions. Wisconsin Lutheran won the NACC Tournament crown before losing to Washington University in St. Louis in overtime in the first round of the 2024 NCAA DIII Tournament.



**Liam Thompson** joined the Wabash College basketball coaching staff as an assistant coach in May 2024 after serving two seasons as a graduate assistant at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Thompson worked as the head junior varsity coach of the Titans and performed duties as the strength and conditioning coach. He helped guide IWU to a 19-8 overall record and a 14-2 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) record. The Titans claimed the CCIW regular season title and defeated North Central College in the semifinal round of the CCIW Men's Basketball Tournament.

Thompson played basketball at Elizabethtown College, majoring in political science and graduating in 2021. He served as team captain as a senior. Thompson earned a master's degree in sport management from Illinois State University in 2024. He served one season as a men's varsity assistant coach at Jack M. Barrack Academy in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Dear Wabash Family,

It's hard to believe that I'm writing this in year eleven as a leader of young men, who excel off the court just as much as they do on the court. I take great pride in being able to give every single student-athlete the tools they need to be successful in life. Every day is a privilege to come to work knowing that the Men of Wabash have continued the standard that all of you have paved before them. On the eve of the official start of our season, I want to take some time to shine some light on this year's Little Giants. Before I do that, I want to update you on the Class of '24 and their post-graduate endeavors.

Avery Beaver is working as a Risk Management Consultant for AssuredPartners. Sam Comer is also in the business world where he is an Underwriting Analyst for Merchants Capital. Ahmoni Jones is excelling in his teaching residency in Memphis, Tennessee where he is also in graduate school at Christian Brothers University getting his Masters of Arts in Teaching. After completing his masters, he will be on his doctoral path in getting his Doctorate of Education in Leadership and Learning Organizations. Champ McCorkle is in graduate school at the University of Chicago getting his masters in finance. Lastly, Edreece Redmond accepted his position of Human Resources Associate at the same company he interned with, Eli Lilly. Wabash prepared these men and is why they are already ahead of their peers!

There are two new faces that have joined the program. Evan Sizemore, previously of Wisconsin Lutheran College, and Liam Thompson (Yes, I know we are still getting used to it), previously of Illinois Wesleyan University. They have done a fantastic job so far and I am confident they will continue the tradition of

success that has been Wabash Basketball. They both live in Crawfordsville and have fully embraced Wabash College as home.

Our senior class is headed by all-conference guard Vinny Buccilla along with 7-footer Noah Hupmann.



The juniors of Wabash include Adonis House, Rich Brooks, Josh Whack, Grant Brown, Randy Kelley, and Gavin Schippert. Our sophomore class is Nate Matelic, Keegan Manowitz, LA Hall, Drew Cook, and Tyler Horton. We have six freshmen in the class of 2028. Robert Sorensen, Baz Hill, Myles Baker, Christian Brown, Edward Thomas, and Zach Waits. This is a tough group of guys and I am proud of the work that they have put in to get this far!

We kick off our season at the same place where our season ended last year in Angola, Indiana where we are playing in the Trine University Classic. The field consists of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Heidelberg, Trine, and your Wabash Little Giants. On Friday we will play Heidelberg and on Saturday we will take on #1 ranked Trine. Later in December, we will travel to Lexington, Kentucky to play in the Don Lane Classic. Our first game will be against Albion with the second game being the winner of Transylvania or Mary Hardin-Baylor. The non-conference schedule wraps up with games against Mount St. Joseph, Franklin, Rose-Hulman, and Wash U.

Our home opener is Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> against Mount St. Joseph. Tip-off is at 7:00pm. I look forward to seeing you all either in Chadwick for home games or supporting us on the road. I've always valued the unconditional love and attention you give to our program. Let's have a great season and thank you for tagging along on this journey we are about to embark!

*WABASH ALWAYS FIGHTS!*

Coach Brum

"These fleeting years..."  
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