



Brooklyn Taylor '16 was one of the most prolific scorers in GHS basketball history – male or female - recording 1,560 points during her 4-year career as a varsity player. She and her classmates had a four-year record of 76 wins and 25 losses, while defending home court at a 36-2 clip. The team won the Region 2 crown as sophomores (undefeated) and seniors (one loss) with Brooklyn claiming MVP honors twice. In the District-10 playoffs, the Trojans finished runner-up twice. Having had a taste of victory in the state playoffs as freshmen, the class of 2016 went on to play two more times at the state level losing as seniors to a #1 ranked Seton LaSalle.

Following graduation, Brooklyn matriculated at St. Francis University (SFU) majoring in Exercise Physiology. The 6-foot Red Flash guard saw significant action as a freshman playing in 30 games with one start against Fairfield. She averaged 2.9 PPG and netted 21 three pointers, finishing third on the team. As a sophomore, Brooklyn saw time in 31 of 32 games, earning starts against Penn State and Colgate. She scored 94 points that year including a season and career high 15-point effort at Buffalo. Brooklyn's career was cut short as a junior when she suffered an injury while playing at Duquesne University. Prior to the injury, she secured 27 rebounds in eight games, earning starts against Ohio State and E. Tennessee St.

Brooklyn began her coaching career at Mercer University as a graduate assistant where she earned a Masters Degree in Higher Education Leadership. The team was 25-7 and 30-3 in her two seasons and earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament as a #13 Seed.

She then took a position at The University of Akron as Video Coordinator for a season before being promoted to Assistant Coach. She worked with the shooting guards and assisted with the Zip's defensive strategy.

She returned to her alma mater as an assistant coach where she worked with shooting guards and posts. She oversaw all aspects of recruiting for one season.

Following her time at SFU, she joined Head Coach Alaura Sharp at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. In year two on staff, the team won the Big South Tournament as a #5 Seed and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament. The team won the "First Four" matchup to advance to the First Round of the 2024 NCAA Tournament where they met #1 ranked South Carolina. This was the first Big South Tournament Championship and NCAA Tournament Appearance in program history. They set a program record for number of wins and broke many other school stat records.

Following a record-breaking season, Coach Sharp and her staff moved to Appalachian State University in the mountains of Boone, NC. Brooklyn is an Assistant Coach & Recruiting Coordinator covering much of the eastern US in her efforts. The Mountaineers went 13-17 in their first season and 9-9 in conference play. Brooklyn indicates recruiting has been strong going into their second season and is looking forward to hanging championship banners in the near future.

One of Brooklyn's favorite memories from GHS was beating Seton La Salle in the first round of the state tournament her freshman year. "I remember coming out of halftime vs Seton LaSalle. The score was maybe 13-12 in our favor. My dad was getting on the WPIAL refs to put the ball in play. Seton LaSalle took the whole halftime plus a minute to try to figure out how to stop us. They clearly overlooked us. It was a David vs Goliath battle and clearly Goliath had failed to watch film on us."

Brooklyn is the daughter of Scott and Colleen (Currie)Taylor. Colleen is a fellow member of the GHS Athletic Hall of Fame and Scott was Brooklyn's high school coach and mentor. They now reside in Carolina Shores, NC.