

Laurinburg Coach Leaves School



Chris Chaney

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Chris Chaney has opted to leave Laurinburg Institute (N.C.) after four seasons at the school. The 34-year-old will trek across the state and start a new prep program.

After turning Laurinburg Institute (N.C.) into arguably the most successful prep program in the nation, Chris Chaney is leaving for another challenge.

Chaney, 34, will take the reigns at The Patterson School, which is in Lenoir, N.C. - about 3 ½ hours from Laurinburg and about an hour outside of Charlotte.

Chaney comes to Patterson after spending four seasons at Laurinburg and compiling a 124-12 record, including a 40-0 mark and a No. 1 ranking last season. Chaney began his coaching career at the Newport School (Md.).

“This is a school that you always dream about,” Chaney said of Patterson. “I just want to take this program to a higher level.”

Don't bet against Chaney, who will bring nearly all of his recruits – including Arizona-bound big man [Jordan Hill](#) and forward [Davon Jefferson](#), who is likely one of a couple of players who might make the jump from the preps directly to the NBA after this season.

The most difficult factor for Chaney while at Laurinburg was to get players despite sub-par facilities. He won't have that problem any longer. Patterson has a gym on campus, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a game room and even horseback riding.

“It's like a college campus,” Chaney said. “Now it puts us with everyone else – and maybe even higher.”

“I owe a lot to Laurinburg,” Chaney added. “They didn't just do a lot for me, but for all the players we brought in. They let me run the program the right way and I think they'll have continued success.”

Chaney has a 419-79 career mark. At the same age, Morgan Wootten, the all-time winningest coach in high school history, had 260 victories.

When Chaney arrived at Laurinburg, the program consisted of high school players. However, after the first year, Chaney opted to go with primarily fifth-year players – and his teams over the next three seasons were loaded with talent. Chaney & Co. finished No. 1 three years ago after a 40-2 mark and was again on top this past season. He had 17 players on his team sign with Division 1 schools last year and has watched 51 players go to the D-1 ranks in his four years at Laurinburg.

Some of the players that Chaney coached at Laurinburg include [Regis Koundjia](#), [Richard Dorsey](#), [C.J. Anderson](#), [Joe McCray](#), [Longar Longar](#), [Antonio Anderson](#), [Shawne Williams](#) and [Robert Dozier](#).