

ROBERT A. EPPS

ROBERT IS A NATIVE OF HAVANA, ALABAMA, BORN TO RICHARD AND MARY

Frances Epps. Raised primarily by his grandmother, Joanna B. Epps, he graduated from Hale County High School in 1981 and moved to Jasper, Alabama, on a basketball scholarship from Walker College. He spent the next two years under the tutelage of legendary Coach Glen Clem, accumulating a record of 49-13. The Rebels finished fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament. After receiving his Associates degree, Robert transferred to Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, on an athletic scholarship to continue his playing career under Coach Rick Huckabay. During his two years there, the Thundering Herd accrued a record of fifty-four wins and two trips to the NCAA tournament in 1984 and 1985 after winning back-to-back Southern Conference tournaments.



In 1985 he received his Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management and Marketing and went on to pursue his Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education. He served as graduate assistant to Coach Huckabay for the next two years before accepting the position of assistant coach at East Carolina University. In 1988 Epps returned to Walker College to take the position of assistant to Coach Clem. While serving as an assistant at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, he met his wife Laura. In 1993 Robert returned with his wife to Alabama to assist his mentor, Coach Clem, for two-and-a-half years. Upon the death of Clem, Robert was awarded the Head Coaching position for the Rebels, a job he would keep for the next four seasons, accumulating a 58-47 record.

Epps' love for educating the younger generations led him to the high school classrooms and basketball courts. After a two year position at Fairfield Preparatory High School, he accepted the head basketball coaching position at Carbon Hill High School. In 2011, Robert was selected as the Alabama High School Athletic Association 3A Coach of the Year after leading the Bulldogs to the state playoff Final Four. The following year, accompanied on the sidelines by his son Trinity, he repeated this honor by leading CHHS to the 3A Finals. He will assume the duties of the Walker High School head basketball coach in June 2016.