



## FAITH WEST ACADEMY - FOCUS ON COACHES

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Stephenie Jordan – Basketball Coach – Stephenie Jordan earned her bachelor of science degree in mathematics from Southwest Texas State University (now known as Texas State) with a minor in physical education. There she earned varsity letters in volleyball and track and field and was a two-time Southland Conference Champion in the heptathlon. As of 2009, she is still the school record holder in the event. Before attending SWTSU, she was recruited to Western Illinois University as a freshman pentathlete/heptathlete and earned All-Conference honors in the javelin in the Gateway Collegiate Athletic Conference. She also earned a varsity letter for volleyball at WIU.

During her high school athletic career, Jordan was a varsity letterman in volleyball, basketball, tennis, and track & field at O'Fallon Township High School. She qualified for the state track meet in the discus, 300m hurdles and 1600 m relay, played on the number one doubles team in tennis, and was Athlete of the Year in 1987.

Jordan began her coaching career in the summer of 1991 at Camp Ozark, where she was the head coach for all team competitions and later became the girls' sports director in 1993.

Her first teaching job was at Bellville High School, in Bellville, Texas where she coached 64 girls in the seventh grade. The following two years, she assisted the varsity Bellville High School Brahmanette volleyball team to a 3A state title in 1993 and to the state finals in 1994. Also at Bellville, Stephenie was the JV volleyball coach, the JV basketball coach, an assistant varsity track coach, the JV cheerleading sponsor, and director of the FCA. She was also the tournament director of the 47th Annual Brahmanette Basketball tournament and helped supervised the Little Dribbler's program.

After her marriage to J.D. in 1994, the both accepted teaching and coaching positions in Arp, Texas. Jordan was the head track coach when 14 of 16 girls qualified beyond the district meet. In addition, she assisted the volleyball team as the advanced to the area finals, coached the JV and freshman volleyball teams, and again sponsored the FCA.

The following year, J.D. became the Defensive Coordinator at Garrison High School, so she and her family moved to Garrison, Texas. There, she became the first softball coach at Garrison High School. After starting the program, the team went 8-4 and played in the first round of the playoffs. She also coached the junior high girls' basketball teams, assisted the varsity team, was the boy's and girl's cross country coach, directed the Little Dribbler's program for two years, coached two high jumpers to the regional finals, and sponsored the FCA. During her time at Garrison, Stephenie had their first child, Scott, and decided to quit teaching and coaching to be a stay-home-mom.

While at home, she authored five published coaching books entitled Developing a Successful Girls' and Women's Basketball Program, Developing a Successful Volleyball Program, Developing a Successful Softball Program, Developing a Successful Soccer Program, and Developing a Successful Cross Country Program.

Stephenie came on staff at FWA after the start of the 2008-2009 school year and teaches Algebra 2 and Pre-Calculus. She and her husband, J.D., have a son, Scott, and a daughter, Rebekah, who both attend Faith West Academy.