

Shanele Stires

Head Coach

Basketball

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Biography

Shanele Stires, most recently the head coach for six seasons at Cal State East Bay where she led the Pioneers to two CCAA Championships, was named the seventh head coach of the Cal Poly women's basketball program on April 14, 2022 and is in her fifth season. In the 2025-26 season, she coached two players that earned All-Big West honors in freshman Charish Thompson and sophomore Vanessa McManus. In 2024-25, Stires led the Mustangs to the quarterfinals of the Big West Championship and a 14-win season. She also saw two players earn All-Big West honors in Annika Shah and Mary Carter. In 2023-24, Stires' second season as head coach, the Mustangs ended the season with a 17-14 overall season record. They were 13-7 in the Big West Conference. Stires led 3 Mustangs to All-Big West accolades this season with Natalia Ackerman receiving First Team All-Big West and All-Defensive Team, Mary Carter taking home the All-Freshmen Team and Annika Shah with an Honorable Mention award. Ackerman also earned her first Big West All-Academic selection.
