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## **Bios of Coaches Lorri Sulpizio and Cathy Bass**

**Lorri Sulpizio** is the current Head Women's Basketball Coach at Cuyamaca College in El Cajon, California. Prior to joining Cuyamaca, she spent nine years at San Diego Mesa College (Mesa), where she served as Head Coach of the women's basketball team for six years. Coach Sulpizio was first hired by Mesa in 1998 as an Assistant Coach. In the 2001-02 season as Interim Head Coach, Sulpizio led Mesa to an undefeated Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) championship and a 23-10 overall record. Because of her successful leadership, Mesa named Sulpizio Head Coach in April of 2002. Her teams experienced continued success, including multiple players named to the All Conference teams and top team regional rankings.

Coach Sulpizio is committed to fostering strong and successful student-athletes. At least three student-athletes per year were recognized with Scholar-Athlete awards while she was the Head Coach at Mesa. Coach Sulpizio never had a student-athlete become ineligible to compete due to grades, and more of Coach Sulpizio's student-athletes advanced to four-year colleges than from any other women's basketball program at other community colleges in San Diego.

She received her Bachelor's degree in English from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, her Master's degree from San Diego State University in Physical Education, and she is currently completing her doctorate degree in Leadership at the University of San Diego.

Coach Sulpizio is a member of the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association.

**Cathy Bass** is currently the Assistant Coach and Director of Operations for the women's basketball team of Cuyamaca College. Prior to her work at Cuyamaca, Bass spent eight years as Assistant Coach and Director of Operations for the women's basketball team at San Diego Mesa Community College. While at Mesa, Coach Bass worked with Head Coach Lorri Sulpizio.

She received her undergraduate degree in Psychology from California State University, San Marcos and her Master's degree from Azusa Pacific University in Physical Education.

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