With five Sweet 16 appearances, 11 NCAA Tournament berths, three Big Ten regular-season championships, a Big Ten Tournament title and an international gold medal on his résumé, L. Dick Buell Men’s Basketball Head Coach Matt Painter is widely regarded as one of the brightest young minds in all of college basketball.

With a newly-signed contract to stay on board through the 2023-24 season with the five one-year extensions rolled in beginning during the summer of 2019, Painter has a chance to cement himself as not only the winningest coach in Purdue history, but as one of college basketball’s best coaches.

After reaching back-to-back Sweet 16s in 2017 and 2018, Painter once again proved his ability in 2019, leading a team that was supposed to fall back to the back to another Big Ten Championship and the Boilermakers’ first appearance in the Elite Eight since 2000. For his efforts, he was named the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Coach of the Year.

Entering the 2020-21 season, Painter owns a 362-179 (.669) record in 16 years as a head coach, while attaining a 337-174 (.659) mark at Purdue.

In just 15 seasons, Painter already ranks third on the school’s all-time wins list (337) behind legendary mentors, Gene Keady and Ward “Piggy” Lambert, both of whom have been inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame.

Painter officially became the 18th head men’s basketball coach in Purdue history on April 8, 2005, and immediately set about laying the groundwork for a dramatic reversal in the program’s fortunes.

**Purdue Highlights**

- Has averaged almost 23 wins a season in his 15 years at Purdue. If you don’t include the first transitional year, the average balloons to 24.0 wins per year over the last 14 seasons.
- Has won at least 25 games in nine of his 16 seasons as a collegiate head coach.
- Painter’s three Big Ten Coach of the Year honors are tied for the third most in league history (Gene Keady - 7; Bobby Knight - 5; Bo Ryan - 4).
- Painter’s 337 overall wins are the eighth most by an individual in Big Ten history. His 167 Big Ten wins are eighth.
- Painter has averaged 11.1 wins per year in conference play, the fifth-best average in Big Ten Conference history.
- Is one of just four active coaches to have won a Big Ten championship.
- Painter’s 11 NCAA Tournaments in the last 14 years are the eighth most in the country.
- Purdue’s five Sweet 16 appearances in the last 12 years are the ninth most nationally.
- Purdue is one of four schools to reach at least three straight Sweet 16s, joining Kentucky, Gonzaga and Michigan.
- Purdue’s seven NCAA Tournament wins over the last three years are the eighth most nationally.
- Purdue’s is one of four schools to rank in the KenPom top 25 in each of the last five years (Duke, Kansas, Gonzaga).
- Painter’s 362 wins are the seventh-most nationally for an active coach aged 55 or younger. They are the third most for a coach under age of 50.
- Coach Painter’s 12 NCAA Tournaments are the most for a coach nationally under the age of 55 (As of April 1, 2020 – Painter is 50 years old).
- Purdue has finished first or second in Big Ten play in seven of Painter’s last 13 years.
- Lastly, the six-winningest classes in school history have come during the Painter era (2020, 2019, 2018, 2012, 2011, 2010).

**2019-20 Season**

After losing seven combined starters from the previous two seasons, Purdue showed its ability but signs of inconsistency en route to a 16-15 record.

The Boilermakers became the first team since 1999-00 (Florida) to post three wins of 25 or more points against AP top-25 teams with blowout victories over No. 5 Virginia, No. 8 Michigan State and No. 17-ranked Iowa. The Boilermakers faced one of the toughest schedules in America, playing 11 games against nationally-ranked teams, posting a 5-6 record in those games.

Purdue was led by sophomore Trevion Williams, who was named honorable mention All-Big Ten, while junior Nojel Eastern was named to the Big Ten’s All-Defensive Team for the second straight season.
2018-19 Season
Not much was expected of the 2018-19 edition of the Boilermakers after losing four starters from the previous team that posted a school-record 30 wins. However, with youthful development and a dominating performance by an All-American, the Boilermakers came a whisker away from advancing to the Final Four.

After starting just 6-5, the Boilermakers then won 20 of their last 25 games to win their second Big Ten title in three seasons and reach the Elite Eight for the first time since 2000. The Boilermakers once again led the way with a lethal offense, ranking fourth nationally in offensive efficiency and setting a Big Ten record for 3-pointers made (365). Purdue finished the season ranked No. 8 in the final USA Today Coaches poll, its highest final ranking since 1994.

Purdue advanced to the Elite Eight with a defensive-minded win over Old Dominion in the first round, a 26-point thrashing of defending National Champion in the Round of 32 and a thrilling overtime win over Tennessee, which had spent several weeks at No. 1 in the national polls, in the Sweet 16. Purdue's run came to an end in overtime to eventual National Champion Virginia.

Leading the way was consensus All-American Carsen Edwards, who rewrote the NCAA Tournament record books, making a tournament-record 28 3-pointers in just four games, while scoring the most points for a player competing in just four games (or fewer) since Loyola Marymount's Bo Kimble in 1991. Edwards averaged 34.8 points per game in NCAA Tournament play while being named the South Region's Most Outstanding Player -- the first for a player from a losing team since Davidson's Steph Curry in 2008.

Painter also got major production from seniors Grady Eifert and Ryan Cline, as well as sophomores Matt Haarms and Nojel Eastern. Cline captured America's attention in the win over Tennessee, scoring 22 second-half points, including four 3-pointers in the final five minutes when Purdue was trailing. A young freshman core of Trevion Williams, Eric Hunter Jr., Aaron Wheeler and Sasha Stefanovic provided depth and scoring punch off the bench.

2017-18 Season
Purdue continued its winning ways, reaching its second straight Sweet 16 while winning a school-record 30 games. Painter rode the play of one of the most-decorated senior classes in school history and a breakout campaign from an exciting sophomore.

After starting the season 4-2, Purdue rattled off a school-record and nation's-best 19-game winning streak, catapulting to No. 3 in the national rankings -- equaling Purdue's highest ranking since Feb. 2010.

After finishing second in the Big Ten standings with a 15-3 record, Purdue received a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament, cruising to the Sweet 16 with wins over Cal State Fullerton and Butler, the latter coming after dominant big man broke his elbow against Cal State Fullerton.

Leading Purdue was sophomore Carsen Edwards, who was named the Jerry West Award winner as the nation's best shooting guard and was an All-American honoree by the AP, NABC and Sporting News.

The Boilermakers' offense was ranked No. 2 nationally in efficiency and became the first Big Ten team in 25 years to average at least 76.5 points per game in conference play. The Boilermakers shattered a school record with 353 made 3-pointers and Purdue's 29 league wins were the ninth most in consecutive seasons in Big Ten history.

2016-17 Season
With one of the nation's best players leading the charge, Purdue returned to the Sweet 16 and won its league-best 23rd Big Ten championship with an impressive late-season run.

In addition to winning the Big Ten title, the Boilermakers also claimed the Cancun Challenge and won their first game in the Crossroads Classic with a thrilling comeback victory over Notre Dame.

Following an upset loss at Nebraska to fall to 6-3 in league play, Purdue won eight of its final nine games, with four of them coming on the road, to win the league title by two games with a 14-4 record.

Purdue then reached the Sweet 16 as a No. 4 seed, with wins over Vermont and Iowa State to advance to the second weekend of play for the first time since 2010.

Paving the way was consensus first-team All-American Caleb Swanigan, who set the school record for rebounds
and double-doubles while being named the Big Ten Player of the Year, the Pete Newell Big Man of the Year Award winner and a top-three finalist for every major award in college basketball.

Swanigan’s development was impressive as he averaged 18.5 points, 12.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game, numbers that only Tim Duncan matched in the last 31 years of college basketball.

In addition, Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas and Dakota Mathias all earned Big Ten accolades.

For the first time during the Painter era, Purdue led the league in scoring offense and scoring margin, while also pacing the league in 3-point percentage, free throw percentage and rebound margin. Purdue finished in the top 100 nationally in 12-of-16 categories, including Painter-era highs in scoring offense (40th), field goal percentage (28th), 3-point percentage (9th), free throw percentage (27th), assists (2nd) and personal fouls (15th).

**2015-16 Season**
With expectations high after returning almost every key piece as well as landing Purdue’s first McDonald’s All-American in 25 years, the Boilermakers didn’t disappoint in 2015-16, posting a 26-9 overall record, a Big Ten Tournament title game appearance, a Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic title, win their seventh straight Big Ten / ACC Challenge game and advance to their second straight NCAA Tournament.

Purdue, which was 1-of-10 teams nationally to be ranked the entire season, started the year 11-0 and ranked as high as No. 9 nationally. Purdue owned back-to-back wins over top-10 ranked programs Michigan State (No. 8) and Maryland (No. 10) and had one of college basketball’s premier homecourt advantages, posting a school record for home wins (17) and ranking in the nation’s top 20 for attendance.

Among NCAA stats, Purdue was ranked among the nation’s top 75 in 13-of-17 statistical categories, while setting a school record and ranking third nationally in rebound margin (+10.9).

Individually, Purdue players raked in the honors. A.J. Hammons was Purdue’s first All-Big Ten first-team selection and All-American since the 2011-12 season. He was also named the Big Ten’s Defensive Player of the Year, the league-best ninth Defensive Player of the Year award for the Boilermaker program.

**2014-15 Season**
Purdue entered the 2014-15 season as a relative unknown and after some bumps in the road in the non-conference, the Boilermakers surged through Big Ten play and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 2011-12 season.

Purdue started the season 11-8, but then won eight of its next nine games, including wins over nationally-ranked foes Iowa and Ohio State and a season sweep of Indiana. The Boilermakers also reached the Big Ten Tournament semifinals for the first time since 2010 and were rewarded with a No. 9 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Purdue’s turnaround was one for the history books. The Boilermakers might have been the Big Ten’s worst-defensive team in the non-conference portion of the schedule, but led the league (in league games only) in field goal percentage defense for the first time in school history, owning the ninth-best field goal percentage defense since the 1973-74 season.

Individually, A.J. Hammons was named second-team All-Big Ten, while Rapheal Davis became Purdue’s eighth recipient of the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Award.

**2013-14 Season**
The 2013-14 season saw Purdue start 5-0 before ending with a 15-17 overall record. The Boilermakers were saddled with inconsistency as nine of its top 10 players were in their first or second year in the program.

The season did include its highlights though. The Boilermakers won their fifth straight Big Ten / ACC Challenge by handing Boston College its worst loss of the season in an 88-67 victory at Mackey Arena. The five straight victories are the longest streak for a Big Ten team in Challenge history.

**2012-13 Season**
The young Boilermakers reached the postseason again with a quarterfinals appearance in the College Basketball Invitational. Purdue showed its potential late in the season winning at Wisconsin and at home against Minnesota, both teams that reached the NCAA Tournament.
2011-12 Season
Behind a senior core of Hummel, Jackson and Ryne Smith, Painter guided the Boilers to their sixth-straight 20-win season and NCAA Tournament selection in 2011-12. Purdue led the nation in fewest turnovers per game with an average of 8.74, the sixth-best in college basketball since the NCAA began keeping the stat in 1993.

The Boilermakers also finished third nationally in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.54) and ninth in the NCAA in turnover margin (+3.8).

Tenth-seeded Purdue was an underdog to No. 7 seed Saint Mary’s in the second round of the 2012 NCAA Tournament in Omaha, but toppled the Gaels, 72-69, to win their 14th NCAA Tournament-opening game in a row. Despite a heroic effort from Hummel, the Boilers dropped a 63-60 decision to Kansas in the round of 32.

Hummel was once again named an All-American after ranking fourth in the Big Ten in both points and rebounds per game, and also earned the third first-team All-Big Ten nod of his career. At the 2012 Final Four in New Orleans, he garnered the prestigious Lowe's Senior CLASS Award in recognition of both his on and off-court achievements.

2010-11 Season
The Boilermakers were widely written off before the 2010-11 season began as they lost Hummel to another knee injury at the beginning of fall practice. Painter, however, was undaunted and led Purdue to another of the finest seasons in program history.

The Boilers finished 26-8 overall, and 14-4 in the Big Ten to finish second in the league. Purdue posted separate winning streaks of seven and 10 games during the campaign, and knocked off a pair of top-10 teams at Mackey Arena in the same week, defeating No. 10 Wisconsin on Feb. 16 and toppling second-ranked Ohio State by 13 points on Feb. 20. Painter also piloted the Boilermakers to their fifth-straight NCAA Tournament berth, where they defeated Saint Peter’s in the second round before falling to eventual Final Four participant VCU in the third round.

JaJuan Johnson led the Big Ten in scoring and blocks en route to being named a consensus All-American, Big Ten Player of the Year and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, while E’Twaun Moore earned first-team All-Big Ten honors and was named an All-American for the second-straight season after becoming just the fifth Boilermaker in history to break the 2,000-point barrier for his career.

Johnson also earned the Pete Newell Big Man Award from the NABC, given annually to the nation’s top interior player as voted by the NABC membership.

2009-10 Season
With a core of talented and experienced players back in the fold, expectations were high for the Boilermakers heading into the 2009-10 season, and Painter and company didn’t disappoint.

Ranked seventh to open the season, Purdue won the Paradise Jam in the U.S. Virgin Islands, defeated Wake Forest in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge and came out on top of a top-10 showdown with West Virginia on New Year’s Day en route to matching the best start in program history with a 14-0 run to open the year.

Painter’s team faced adversity after a 2-3 start to Big Ten play, but rebounded to win 10-straight league games, and 12 of their last 13, to earn a share of the program’s first Big Ten title in 14 years. Along the way, the Boilermakers set a program record with four wins over top-10 teams, tied the 1993-94 squad’s program standard of six wins over top-25 teams, vanquished decade-long losing streaks at Indiana, Michigan State and Ohio State, and became the first Purdue team ever to win at Illinois, Indiana, Michigan State and Ohio State in the same season, eventually reaching its second straight Sweet 16.

The 2010 awards season was also bountiful for Painter’s charges, as both Hummel and Moore were named All-Americans -- the former earning second-team honors from the coaches’ association and both garnering honorable mention recognition from the AP -- after earning inclusion on the All-Big Ten first team. Johnson was named second-team All-Big Ten following his junior season, while Kramer captured his second-career Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year award and became the first player in league history to be named to the Big Ten All-Defensive Team in each of his four seasons.

2008-09 Season
Painter kept the ball rolling in a 2008-09 season that proved to be an historic one for the Boilermakers. Purdue was
a constant presence in the national polls, rising as high as ninth to mark its first appearance in the AP top 10 since 1999, while its 27 victories were its most in more than a decade.

The Boilermakers were at their best during the 2009 postseason run, rattling off double-digit victories over Penn State and Illinois to reach the Big Ten Tournament final, where they dispatched Ohio State, 65-61, to earn the first conference tournament crown in program history.

The Big Ten Tournament, however, was just the first act of Purdue’s postseason script in 2009, as the Boilers earned the fifth seed in the West Region and headed out to Portland, Oregon, for the NCAA Tournament. After defeating Northern Iowa in its first-round game, Purdue earned a 76-74 triumph over Washington in front of a highly-partisan UW crowd at the Rose Garden to capture its first Sweet 16 berth since 2000.

Acclaim was once again forthcoming for Painter’s players following the success of the 2008-09 campaign. Johnson, Moore and Hummel were named first, second and third-team All-Big Ten, respectively, while Kramer was an honorable mention all-league pick and Lewis Jackson earned a spot on the Big Ten All-Freshman Team.

Hummel and Johnson were also named to the USBWA All-District V team, making Purdue the only school with multiple honorees, while the latter also earned inclusion on the NABC District 7 first team.

2007-08 Season
Having to compensate for the loss of his two senior leaders didn’t slow Painter down in 2007-08, as the year proved to be another pivotal step in Purdue’s resurgence.

Despite counting four true freshmen, two sophomores and a junior college transfer among his top seven scorers, Painter guided the Boilermakers to a 25-9 record, a second-place finish in the Big Ten and a second-consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.

With a 15-3 record in the Big Ten, the Boilers finished just one game out of first place and swept league champion Wisconsin to hand the Badgers their only two Big Ten losses of the year. Painter also took a team known as the “Baby Boilers” and directed it to an 11-game winning streak during conference play, as Purdue didn’t lose for more than a month during the run.

Purdue ranked as high as 14th in the polls in 2007-08, wrapping up the campaign at No. 20 in both the AP and ESPN/USA Today rankings. The Boilers also showed a knack for knocking off some of the nation’s top teams in 2007-08, posting three victories over squads ranked in the top 11 spots of the polls.

The season’s efforts also brought individual honors for Painter’s players, as Hummel became the first Purdue freshman ever to earn first-team All-Big Ten honors, while Moore was named to the second team and Chris Kramer took home Defensive Player of the Year accolades.

2006-07 Season
Painter rode the momentum of that recruiting haul into the 2006-07 season, which turned out to be a landmark campaign for the program.

Led by Landry and Teague, who both garnered All-Big Ten honors as seniors, the Boilermakers won 22 games en route to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in four years. Purdue won nine conference games in 2006-07, setting a program record for improvement after capturing just three league victories the previous season. The Boilers’ 13-game overall turnaround was also a program record, and ranked as the fourth-best in the nation that season.

Painter picked up his first NCAA Tournament win as a head coach along the way, as Purdue defeated Arizona in the first round before dropping a seven-point decision to eventual national champion and top overall seed Florida.

2005-06 Season
The 2005-06 campaign saw a two-game improvement, from seven wins to nine, over the previous season despite the fact that star guard David Teague missed the entire season with injury and standout forward Carl Landry played only five games before an injury sidelined him for the remainder of the year.

Perhaps the biggest impact of Painter’s initial season at the helm was his tenacious recruiting of the state of Indiana.
In the fall of 2006, Painter and his staff signed four in-state products, including future Purdue stars Robbie Hummel, JaJuan Johnson and E'Twaun Moore, in a class that was ranked first in the Big Ten and regarded as one of the nation’s five best by various recruiting publications.

**2004-05 Season**
As part of a planned transition into the head coaching job, Painter was tabbed in April of 2004 to succeed Keady. He spent the 2004-05 campaign as associate head coach as the Boilermakers won just seven games and finished 10th in the Big Ten.

**On the Recruiting Trail**
Purdue has been a fixture in the country’s top-30 recruiting classes under Painter, being ranked in the nation’s top 30 six times. However, its the development and perfect fit from his classes that deserve the praise.

The 2020 Class featured two top-75 players for the first time since the Class of 2007 (Baby Boilers), in addition to an underrated prospect in center Zach Edey.

In 2015, Painter landed the nation’s No. 9-ranked prospect Caleb Swanigan, Purdue’s first Indiana Mr. Basketball since 1991 and the first McDonald’s All-American since 1996, in addition to Ryan Cline and Grant Weatherford to give the Boilermakers the No. 23-ranked class according to ESPN.com.

However, it’s the “underrated recruits” that have helped Purdue’s surge. The 2018 senior class had one top-100 recruit (Isaac Haas), but went down as one of the best classes in school history.

The 2018-19 season featured one player that was ranked in the top-100 (Nojel Eastern), but reached the Elite Eight and won the Big Ten Championship. Painter’s vision and construction of rosters is among the best in the country, signing players that fit the way he wants to play.

Carsen Edwards, a class of 2016 recruit, was a borderline top-100 player, but helped Team USA to a bronze medal in the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup, serving as one of the team’s top players, before being named a two-time All-American in 2018 and 2019.


**Home Cooking**
Painter has resurrected Mackey Arena into one of the country’s best home-court advantages, piling up a 211-40 (.841) record at home, including a remarkable 107-9 (.922) record against non-conference opponents. Purdue owns a Big Ten-best 48-9 (842) record against league opponents in Mackey Arena since the 2014-15 season.

Recently, FOX Sports named the Paint Crew as the best student section in America and many national writers have boasted that Mackey is one of the top three arenas in America.

A year ago, Mackey Arena set a school record for average attendance (14,804), selling out every game in Mackey Arena for the first time since the 1998-99 season.

In 2019, the Boilermakers posted their third unbeaten season in 52 years of play in Mackey Arena.

Mackey Arena has been sold out in 33 of its last 38 games dating to the 2017-18 season.

In 2017-18, Purdue set a school record for average attendance (14,344) and surpassed 10 million fans in Arena history. The arena sold out for 10 games, including the last seven games of the season, meaning Purdue has set average attendance records in each of the last three seasons.

Mackey Arena continues to be one of the loudest arenas in America, registering an ear-splitting 122.3 dB during its Big Ten title-clinching victory over Indiana on Feb. 28, 2017.
The Next Level
With Painter at the helm of the Purdue program, a host of Boilermakers have earned the opportunity to play basketball at the professional level.

Since the 2010 senior class graduated, 10-of-13 four-year, recruited players that exhausted their eligibility have played professional basketball in the NBA or overseas.

Since the 2011 NBA Draft, Purdue has had six NBA Draft selections.

Carl Landry became the first NBA draft choice of the Painter Era in 2007, when Seattle called his name with the No. 31 selection and traded his rights to Houston. Landry went on to earn a place on the 2008 NBA All-Rookie Team, and recently completed his fifth season in the league, and second with the New Orleans Hornets.

The 2011 NBA Draft was a seminal moment in the history of the program, as Johnson and Moore were both selected and, by the end of the night, reunited as members of the Boston Celtics. After being selected 27th overall by New Jersey to become Purdue’s first first-round pick since 1994, Johnson was traded to Boston, which later chose Moore with the 55th overall selection.

After battling back from injuries to post a standout senior season, Hummel was chosen 58th overall by Minnesota in the 2012 draft.

A.J. Hammons gave Painter his fifth NBA Draft selection when he was taken by Dallas as the 46th pick in the 2016 Draft.
In 2017, Caleb Swanigan became Purdue’s highest NBA Draft pick since 1994, when he was taken 26th by Portland.

In the 2018 draft, Vince Edwards was taken 52nd by the Utah Jazz. It gave Purdue a draft pick in three straight drafts for the first time since 1974-84 (11 drafts) and the Boilermakers are currently one of six programs to have a player selected in three straight drafts.

Carsen Edwards was selected as the 33rd pick in the 2019 NBA Draft, marking the fourth straight year (one of six schools) to have a player taken in four straight drafts.

Former Purdue standouts Dakota Mathias, Isaac Haas, Vince Edwards, Chris Kramer and Keaton Grant have also started promising professional careers.

Kramer attended training camp with the Milwaukee Bucks in 2010 before successful stints in the D-League, Puerto Rico and Germany, while Grant played for the D-League’s Sioux Falls Sky Force in 2010-11 before heading to star in Europe.

JaJuan Johnson became the highest-paid non-European player to play in Russia when he recently signed a two-million dollar a year deal with Lokomotiv Kuban in 2017.

Numerous players who studied under Painter in West Lafayette have also forged professional careers overseas, including recent Boilermakers Terone Johnson, David Teague, Nemanja Calasan and Marcus Green.

Honors and Awards
As the architect of some of the finest season’s in Purdue’s long basketball history, it is only fitting that Painter has been recognized time and again by both his coaching peers and the media for his efforts.

In 2019, he was named the national Coach of the Year by his peers -- the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) after leading a “rebuilding” team to the Elite Eight and the school’s 24th Big Ten Championship. It marked the second straight year that Painter was considered a finalist for a national Coach of the Year award.

Painter has been named Big Ten Coach of the Year four times in the last nine seasons, earning the consensus award in 2008, 2011 and 2019, and winning the coaches’ vote in 2010.

Painter is one of only four men to win the award more at least four times since its inception in 1974, along with Keady, former Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan and former Indiana coach Bob Knight. Painter’s four wins, combined with Keady’s seven, give Purdue a league-best 11 Big Ten Coach of the Year honors.
While at Purdue, Painter has also been named a district coach of the year by the NABC four times and the USBWA three times, as well as a three-time finalist for the Jim Phelan Coach of the Year award. He was also selected as a finalist for the Naismith Coach of the Year award, the Henry Iba Coach of the Year award and the Skip Prosser Man of the Year award in 2008.

**Success off the Court**
Winning championships, however, is only one part of Painter’s equation for success. He has also focused himself on developing student-athletes who will represent Purdue with pride.

All but one player that exhausted his eligibility at Purdue has received their diploma and early departee Carsen Edwards is on pace to finish his degree at Purdue.

For the first time in its brief, five-year history of the award, the Purdue squad earned a NABC Academic Excellence Award for posting a 3.01 cumulative GPA during the 2016-17 academic year. The Boilermakers were just 1-of-3 Big Ten schools to earn the award and 1-of-5 teams that reached the Sweet 16.

To that end, Painter has seen a total of 34 players earn a combined 64 Academic All-Big Ten honors during his tenure as head coach. Painter has also mentored a pair of Academic All-Americans, as Moore earned second-team honors during the 2009-10 season and Swanigan was tabbed a second-team honoree for the 2016-17 campaign.

In addition, the program has received the NCAA Public Recognition Award for posting a multi-year academic progress rate among the top 10 percent of their respective sports in two of the last six years.

A commitment to the community is also part of Painter’s focus on student-athlete development, and his players devote themselves to that cause during their time under his watch, spending numerous hours volunteering their time to read to youth at local elementary schools.

In addition to participation in Special Olympics clinics, Painter’s players have also visited local elementary schools and hospitals and devoted time to the Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The Boilermakers have hosted a shopping spree for disadvantaged area families in each of the last nine years. Every year, members of the Boilermaker men’s basketball program have voted unanimously to give up part of their holiday per diem to aid in the shopping spree.

In 2012, Hummel became Purdue’s first-ever winner of the prestigious Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award, given annually to the Division I men’s basketball player who exemplifies four areas of excellence: classroom, character, community and competition.

Lastly, in seven of the eight previous years, Painter has taken part of the Coaches Charity Challenge, helping raise over $200,000 for charity. After three runner-up finishes in the national competition, Painter finally took home the title in the 2015 competition, before finishing in the top four in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

**Team USA Highlights**
In July of 2009, Painter extended his reach past the collegiate game and into the international arena, serving as an assistant coach with the United States’ squad that captured the gold medal at the FIBA U19 World Championship in Auckland, New Zealand. Despite medaling in seven of the previous nine U19 Worlds, Team USA hadn’t won gold since 1991.

Two of Painter’s players also garnered international attention in 2009, as Hummel and Johnson were both invited to the World University Games Trials. Hummel eventually made the squad and helped lead the Americans to a bronze medal.

In the summer of 2010, Johnson was chosen as part of an elite group of college players known as the USA Men’s Select Team, whose charge was to help Team USA train for its gold-medal run at the FIBA World Championship.

Painter himself once again ventured into the international spectrum in the summer of 2011, serving as head coach for the U.S. World University Games Team in Shenzhen, China. Despite being knocked from medal contention with a loss in the quarterfinals, Painter led the USA to a 7-1 record that tied for the best in the tournament.
The past six summers, Painter served on the committee to select the team for the United States U18 and U19 National Team, serving as the chairperson of the selection committee in each of the last three years.

Several of his players, including Hummel, Johnson, Hammons, Swanigan, Vincent Edwards, Isaac Haas and Trevion Williams, have spent time in US National Team training camps. Swanigan and Edwards tried out for the U19 FIBA World Championship team in June, making Purdue one of three schools (Arizona, Villanova) to have two players on the tryout roster.

In addition, incoming freshmen Ethan Morton and Jaden Ivey have played significant roles in Team USA training camps, with Morton winning a U18 3x3 World Championship in Mongolia last summer.

Two summers ago, Carsen Edwards helped Team USA to a bronze medal in the 2017 FIBA U19 World Cup, averaging 10.4 points per game and leading the team in assists (23), while Trevion Williams helped Team USA to a gold medal in the 2019 U19 World Cup in Greece, averaging about eight points and seven rebounds.

World University Games
Serving as USA’s representative for the 29th World University Games, the Boilermakers won the Silver Medal, posting a 7-1 record. Purdue posted five straight games scoring 100 points and during the experience, won six games against teams that would be considered NCAA Tournament caliber.

It marked the second time that Coach Painter had taken a team to the World University Games, now owning a 14-2 record against international competition.

Playing Career
A hard-nosed guard with excellent court vision and passing skills, Painter played under Keady at Purdue from 1990-93, leading the Boilermakers to three NCAA Tournament bids and an NIT appearance. He piled up 276 assists during his playing days, a figure that still ranks 20th on the program’s career chart.

Painter served as team captain as a senior in 1992-93, earning honorable mention All-Big Ten honors after averaging better than 4.5 assists per game.

Prior to Purdue
Painter wasted no time in beginning his journey through the college coaching ranks, joining former Purdue assistant and Boilermaker associate athletics director, the late Tom Reiter at Washington & Jefferson College for the 1993-94 season. He helped guide Washington & Jeff to a 22-3 record and an appearance in the Division III Elite Eight in his only season on the bench.

After spending the 1994-95 campaign as an assistant at Division II Barton College, Painter broke into the Division I coaching ranks as an assistant at Eastern Illinois. Painter’s stint in Charleston, Ill., lasted from 1995-98. During his tenure, Painter was heavily involved in recruiting EIU stars Kyle Hill and Henry Domercant, who later led the Panthers to the 2001 NCAA Tournament.

In 1998, Painter reunited with former longtime Purdue assistant Bruce Weber at Southern Illinois, where he spent five seasons as the latter’s top assistant and helped quickly reverse the fortunes of a program that had suffered three-straight losing season prior to his arrival. Painter helped return Southern Illinois to the national spotlight during the 2001-02 season, mentoring a team that set a school record with 28 wins and advanced to the Sweet 16. The Salukis made a return trip to the Big Dance with Painter on the bench in 2003, and were featured in a nationally-televised documentary on MTV.

Painter was introduced to the head coaching ranks at Southern Illinois in 2003-04, when he succeeded longtime Purdue assistant Bruce Weber in Carbondale and led the Salukis to a 25-5 record and an NCAA Tournament berth. SIU rose as high as 15th in the AP poll during the campaign, and Painter was rewarded with Missouri Valley Coach of the Year honors.

Painter and his wife, Sherry, were married in Oct. 2018. He has three children: Maggie, Brayden and Emma.