

Coaches Spotlight

MEET COACH COOPER CALZONETTI

Q: What do you do outside of coaching the Varsity Basketball Team?

A: I work for a company called Trusted Talent, a travel healthcare staffing agency. We help travel nurses, allied health professionals and doctors find jobs that align with their schedules and career goals.

Q: What has been your proudest moment as a coach at St. Joe's so far?

A: I've been part of St. Joe's since 2021 and took over the program in 2023. Seeing our former players come back after graduation and share how St. Joe's prepared them for college and life. That's when you know you've made a real impact.

Q: What are your goals for the team this season, and what challenges do you anticipate?

A: We have the potential to be good this year. The challenge is that a lot of our guys haven't played many minutes together yet, so it'll take some time to gel, but I believe we have what it takes to keep building success.

Q: Who has been the biggest influence on your coaching style and why?

A: My dad, Mark, coached college basketball for over 30 years. He worked with a lot of different coaches and systems, so I learned from him how to adapt to different players and situations and made my own style from that.

Q: When you're not coaching, how do you like to spend your free time?

A: I love spending time with my wife, Sarah, and my son, Cole. We like going to the zoo and checking out new parks. I also enjoy playing golf and pickup basketball with friends.

Q: What's one fun fact about you that people might not know?

A: I love reading biographies - actors, musicians, athletes, political figures, you name it. I enjoy learning how people grew up and what shaped their success.

Q: What's your favorite motivational quote or coaching mantra?

"We're all going to get criticized for something. I've always been comfortable with that." – Tom Thibodeau