



# STEVE ALFORD

**UCLA Head Men's Basketball Coach**



**Alma Mater:** Indiana '87  
**Career Record:** 463-235 (22 seasons)  
**Division I Record:** 385-206 (18 seasons)

Steve Alford begins his first season as UCLA's head coach in 2013-14, having compiled a 463-235 record (.663) in 22 seasons as a collegiate head coach. Alford was named the 13th head coach in UCLA men's basketball history on March 30, 2013, after having spent the previous six seasons at New Mexico.

A four-year standout at Indiana (1984-87) and member of the Hoosiers' 1987 NCAA Championship team, Alford competed in the NBA for four seasons before embarking on his career as a collegiate head coach. He has served as a Division I head coach the past 18 years. After a four-year stint at Manchester College (1992-95), Alford coached at Missouri State (1996-99), Iowa (2000-07) and New Mexico (2008-13).

In 22 seasons as a head coach, Alford's teams have qualified for the postseason 17 times, including seven NCAA Division I Tournament berths. Alford has led his teams to the postseason in 12 of the last 13 seasons and has reached the 20-win plateau in 11 of his 18 years at the NCAA Division I level.

Alford guided the Lobos to postseason appearances all six years at New Mexico, including three trips to the NCAA Tournament (2010, 2012, 2013). His teams at New Mexico won at least 22 games in each of six seasons, securing more victories (155), a higher winning percentage (.749) and more regular-season conference titles (4) than any previous New Mexico head coach after six seasons.

Alford earned Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year honors in three of the past five seasons (2009, 2010, 2013). Three of his players at New Mexico secured Mountain West Player of the Year acclaim (J.R. Giddens in 2008, Darington Hobson in 2010, and Kendall Williams in 2013).

Under Alford's direction, New Mexico won five regular season titles in six years, a streak matched only by Kansas and Gonzaga. New Mexico won the conference regular season and tournament titles the past two seasons, becoming one of five schools in the country to make that claim. New Mexico achieved its two highest single-season win totals with Alford at the helm (30 wins in 2012, 29 wins in 2013). Both the 2010 and 2013 teams secured No. 3-seeds in the NCAA Tournament, tying New Mexico's record for the highest-seeded team.

Alford's teams at New Mexico have had similar success in the classroom. He has graduated nine of his 10 seniors, and all three seniors from the 2012-13 team are scheduled to graduate this spring. New Mexico has compiled a program record 11 consecutive semesters of a 2.7 grade-point average or better.

Alford arrived at New Mexico after eight seasons as the head coach at the University of Iowa (2000-07), where he compiled a 152-106 record. He helped guide the Hawkeyes to a school-record seven consecutive winning seasons in addition to six postseason appearances (three NCAA Tournaments) and two Big Ten Conference Tournament titles (2001 and 2006).

As Iowa's head coach, Alford helped engineer three seasons with 20-plus victories, highlighted by a 25-win season in 2006. Iowa's 25 victories that year stand as the second-highest single-season win total in program history, five shy of the school-record 30 wins in 1987 under head coach Tom Davis. Alford is responsible for the Hawkeyes' two highest single-season win totals since 1987 (25 wins in 2006, 23 wins in 2001).

Prior to his service at Iowa, Alford helped engineer the most successful postseason run in school history at Missouri State University (then known to as Southwest Missouri State). His four-year tenure with the Bears was highlighted by the program's sixth NCAA Division I Tournament appearance in 1999, Missouri State's first-ever trip to the "Sweet 16" in Alford's final season at the helm.

Missouri State advanced to the NCAA Division I Tournament for just the sixth time in school history that year, entering the field as the East Regional's No. 13-seeded team. Alford's team defeated No. 5-seed Wisconsin (43-32) and No. 4-seed Tennessee (81-51) to advance to the "Sweet 16" before losing to top-seeded Duke, 78-61, in the East Regional Semifinal.

Missouri State finished the season 22-11, as Alford had guided the Bears to their second 20-plus win season in three years. Prior to Alford's arrival in the fall of 1995, Missouri State had not advanced to the NCAA Tournament since 1992. Alford guided Missouri State to a 24-9 record in 1997, including a second-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference, as the Bears ended their season in the National

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Invitation Tournament (NIT). Missouri State's 24 victories that season marked the program's highest single-season win total since finishing 28-6 in 1987.

In 1992, Alford joined the collegiate coaching ranks at Manchester College (NCAA Division III program in North Manchester, Ind., now known as Manchester University). He took over a team that had lost its first eight games and finished with four wins in 20 contests. One year later, he led the Spartans to a 20-8 mark in his first full year (1992-93).

Alford finished his tenure at Manchester by guiding the Spartans to a 23-4 record in 1994 and to a 31-1 mark in 1995. Each of Alford's final three teams at Manchester advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Spartans went 5-1 in the NCAA Tournament in 1995, losing in the national championship contest.

Prior to this coaching career, Alford enjoyed a four-year career in the NBA. He was selected No. 26 overall in the 1987 NBA Draft by the Dallas Mavericks after his senior season at Indiana. Alford played from 1987-91 with the Dallas Mavericks and the Golden State Warriors.

A native of New Castle, Ind., Alford was a prep standout for his father, Sam Alford, at New Castle Chrysler High School. He earned Indiana's Mr. Basketball Award in 1983 after averaging 37.7 points per game as a senior.

During his collegiate career at Indiana, Alford started 120 of 125 games, helping the Hoosiers compile a 92-35 record over four seasons. Playing under head coach Bob Knight, Alford served as team captain in 1987 when Indiana went 30-4 and won the NCAA Championship.

Alford concluded his college career as Indiana's all-time scoring leader with 2,438 points (that mark was eclipsed by Calbert Cheaney in 1992-93). He became the first player to win the Indiana MVP four times and led the Hoosiers in scoring all four years. He finished his career as Indiana's all-time leader in steals (178 steals, now ranks second) and three-point field goal percentage (53.0 percent). Alford was a consensus first-team All-America selection and the Big Ten Conference's MVP as a senior (1987).

Alford earned first-team All-Big Ten honors in each of his final three seasons and also captured All-America acclaim as a junior. He was named to the NIT All-Tournament Team as a sophomore when the Hoosiers finished second to UCLA. His career free throw percentage of .897 (535-596) ranks ninth-best in NCAA history (was fourth-best when he graduated). Alford led the nation in free throw percentage as a freshman (.913, 137-150).

In 1997, Alford was inducted into the Indiana University Athletics Hall of Fame, and in 2001 he was one of 15 players selected to Indiana's All-Century Team. He was one of five players named to ESPN's Big Ten Conference Silver Anniversary Team in 2004. In the Legends of College Basketball by The Sporting News, Alford was No. 35 on the list of the 100 greatest NCAA Division I college basketball players.

Following his freshman season at Indiana, Alford was selected to play for the United States basketball team at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He shot 64.4 percent from the field and averaged 10.3 points per game, finishing second on the team in assists as the U.S. men's team won the gold medal. The 1984 USA Olympic Team marked the last U.S. amateur squad to win the gold medal. Alford's teammates included Michael Jordan, Patrick Ewing, Sam Perkins, Chris Mullin and Waymon Tisdale.

Alford earned a bachelor's degree in business from Indiana University. He is married to the former Tanya Frost, whom he has known since the two were schoolmates in grade school in New Castle, Ind. The Alfords have three children: Kory, Bryce and Kayla.



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## MISCELLANEOUS

**Birthdate:** Nov. 23, 1964 in Franklin, Ind.

**Education:** bachelor's degree, business (Indiana University, 1987)

**Date Announced as UCLA Head Coach:** March 30, 2013

**Family:** Wife is the former Tanya Frost; sons, Kory and Bryce; daughter, Kayla

## COACHING CAREER

2013-present – Head Coach, UCLA

2007-2013 – Head Coach, New Mexico

1999-2007 – Head Coach, Iowa

1995-1999 – Head Coach, Missouri State

1991-1995 – Head Coach, Manchester College

## STEVE ALFORD'S CAREER TOTALS

<b>Manchester College</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Conf.</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Postseason</b>
1991-92	4-16	3-11	8th	---
1992-93	20-8	7-5	t-3rd	NCAA Division III (0-1)
1993-94	23-4	10-2	1st	NCAA Division III (0-1)
1994-95	31-1	12-0	1st	NCAA Division III (5-1), National Runner-up
<b>4 SEASONS</b>	<b>78-29</b>	<b>32-18</b>		<b>---</b>
<b>Missouri State</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Conf.</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Postseason</b>
1995-96	16-12	11-7	4th	---
1996-97	24-9	12-6	t-2nd	NIT (0-1)
1997-98	16-16	11-7	t-3rd	---
1998-99	22-11	11-7	t-2nd	NCAA (2-1), Sweet Sixteen
<b>4 SEASONS</b>	<b>78-48</b>	<b>45-27</b>		<b>1 NCAA Tournament</b>
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Conf.</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Postseason</b>
1999-00	14-16	6-10	t-7th	---
2000-01	23-12	7-9	t-6th	NCAA (1-1), Big Ten Tournament Champs
2001-02	19-16	5-11	t-8th	NIT (0-1)
2002-03	17-14	7-9	t-8th	NIT (2-1)
2003-04	16-13	9-7	4th	NIT (0-1)
2004-05	21-12	7-9	7th	NCAA (0-1)
2005-06	25-9	11-5	t-2nd	NCAA (0-1), Big Ten Tournament Champs
2006-07	17-14	9-7	4th	---
<b>8 SEASONS</b>	<b>152-106</b>	<b>61-67</b>		<b>3 NCAA Tournaments</b>
<b>New Mexico</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Conf.</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Postseason</b>
2007-08	24-9	11-5	3rd	NIT (0-1)
2008-09	22-12	12-4	t-1st	NIT (1-1)
2009-10	30-5	14-2	1st	NCAA (1-1)
2010-11	22-13	8-8	5th	NIT (1-1)
2011-12	28-7	10-4	t-1st	NCAA (1-1), MWC Tournament Champs
2012-13	29-6	13-3	1st	NCAA (0-1), MWC Tournament Champs
<b>6 SEASONS</b>	<b>155-52</b>	<b>68-26</b>		<b>3 NCAA Tournaments</b>
<b>18 SEASONS (at D-I level)</b>	<b>385-206</b>	<b>174-120</b>		<b>7 NCAA Tournaments</b>
<b>22 SEASONS (overall)</b>	<b>463-235</b>	<b>206-138</b>		<b>7 NCAA Tournaments (D-I level)</b>