

Central Florida Chapter



National Defense Industrial Association

September 2010
NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION
Bi-Monthly Luncheon

When: Thursday, 23 September, (1115-Social, 1150-Program, 1220-Lunch)

Where: Radisson University
1724 Alafaya Trail
Orlando, FL 32826
407.658.9008

Cost: \$20.00 with RSVP on or before 21 September
\$22.00 at the door

Menu: Mixed Greens with Assorted Dressings
Greek Salad topped with Feta Cheese

Tomato Basil Chicken
Stuffed Flounder drizzled w/Lobster Sauce
Penne Pasta with Broccoli in Garlic & Oil
Rosemary Roasted Potatoes

Warm Breads and Rolls
Carrot Cake

RSVP: <https://nonprofit.riptidesoftware.com/luncheons/>

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Questions: Contact Jim Godwin (jbgodwinjr@gmail.com), 407.257. 3828.

Speaker: The new Head Basketball Coach at UCF, Donnie Jones, will talk about his move to UCF, his expectations of the current players and the outlook for the team in the coming season.

Donnie Jones – Head Basketball Coach, UCF

Donnie Jones, one of the nation's premier recruiters and a rising star in the coaching community, was selected as the head coach of the UCF men's basketball program on March 29, 2010. Jones, who won a pair of national championships as an assistant at Florida, brings three years of head coaching experience and 20 years of total experience at the Division I level to the Knights.



Turnaround at Marshall

Jones came to UCF after three seasons at Marshall, where he quickly turned around the Thundering Herd program. Jones was named Marshall's head coach in 2007. He inherited a program that had struggled since joining Conference USA in 2005, and quickly changed the culture surrounding the Herd. Less than three years later, Jones led the Herd to one of the finest campaigns in program history.

In 2009-10, Marshall went 24-10 and advanced to the second round of the CollegenInsider.com Tournament. The appearance was the first trip to the postseason in 22 years for the school. Marshall finished the year 11-5 in Conference USA play, tying the Herd for third in the league and serving as the school's best conference finish for the program since 2000-01.

Marshall had one of the most prolific offenses in the country and led C-USA in scoring at 79.9 points per game. The team also paced the league in field-goal percentage (47.8) and scoring margin (+10.9). Marshall totaled a school-record 2,717 points during the campaign.

Taking Florida to the Top

Prior to Marshall, Jones served for 11 years as an assistant coach at Florida, helping the program claim a pair of national titles and make three trips to the Final Four. Working as an assistant under Billy Donovan from 1996-07, Jones helped Florida win back-to-back national championships in 2006 and 2007. He played a key role in Florida's recruiting and player development that led to a school-record nine-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, four Southeastern Conference Eastern Division titles and three SEC Tournament crowns. Florida recorded a 261-103 mark during Jones' time with the program. The following year, Florida became the first team in 15 years to repeat as national champions. In nine of Jones' 11 seasons in Gainesville, Florida posted 20-victory campaigns.

Recruiting Success

Jones excelled on the recruiting trail while at Florida. During his time at the school, the program signed 11 McDonald's High School All-America selections and boasted top-five national recruiting classes on five occasions. Jones also helped recruit and mentor 12 National Basketball Association Draft picks while at Florida, including five lottery selections. Jones' NBA players include Matt Bonner, David Lee, Mike Miller and Jason Williams. Following Florida's 2007 national title, five of Jones' pupils - Corey Brewer, Taurean Green, Al Horford, Joakim Noah and Chris Richard - were selected in the draft.

Moving Up the Ladder

Before moving to Florida, Jones served on the Marshall staff for six years, the first two as a graduate assistant. During the final two seasons of his tenure as an assistant at Marshall, Jones worked under Donovan, who later took the head coaching position at Florida. Prior to his arrival at Marshall, Jones worked for two years as an assistant at his alma mater, Pikeville College in Kentucky.

A native of Point Pleasant, W.Va., Jones earned his bachelor's degree in business education from Pikeville in 1988, and received his master's degree in sports management from Marshall in 1992.

Jones had a stellar college playing career at Pikeville, recording a school-record 513 career assists. He served as the team's captain as a senior and finished second nationally in the NAIA with 10.7 assists per game.

A Family Man

Jones is married to the former Michelle Gibson of Salt Rock, W.Va. The couple has three children: Madisyn Michelle, Sofie Louise and Donald Isaac. (http://ucfathletics.cstv.com/sports/m-baskbl/mtt/jones_donnie00.html)