

Nikki Fargas Bio

The Las Vegas Aces hired Nikki Fargas as the team's president on May 11, 2021 where she oversees both the basketball and business operations for the WNBA franchise.

Prior to joining the Aces, Fargas most recently served as the head coach of the LSU Women's Basketball team where she compiled a record of 176-128 with five 20-win seasons and six NCAA Tournament appearances.

Before making her way to LSU, she led the UCLA Bruins (2008-10) to a 72-26 mark, with a pair of 20-win seasons and two trips to the NAAs. She was named the Pac-12 Coach of the Year following the 2010 campaign in which she went 25-9, including a 15-3 record in conference play.

In addition to her success on the court, Fargas has been a champion in the community, helping her teams connect with the city while donating their time and efforts to making a difference.

In 2010, Fargas joined the Board of Directors for the Kay Yow Cancer Fund and is currently serving on the Executive Committee as the Vice Chair. Over the summer of 2020, Fargas became a founding member of Advancement of Blacks in Sports (ABIS) and serves on its Executive Committee. She was also a member of the LSU Athletics Leadership Council on Diversity and Inclusion, and served as an advisor for LSU's Black Student-Athlete Association (BSAA).

The Oak Ridge, Tennessee native got her start in coaching in 1998 as an assistant with her alma mater, the Tennessee Lady Vols. She worked alongside the legendary Pat Summitt as a graduate assistant that year, before joining Debbie Ryan's staff at Virginia as a full-time assistant.

Summitt brought her back to Knoxville in 2002, where Fargas was a part of two NCAA Championship Teams in 2007 and 2008.

Fargas was known as a tenacious defender and a tremendous three-point threat during her playing career as she helped the Lady Vols to a 118-13 record while winning the 1991 NCAA Championship.