Have a fun season KANGS!

Jolie, we love to watch you play!

What a joy it is to watch you do what you love, Ava! Have a fun season! We love you! Go Kangs!

#23 Emma Boctor

Keep working hard and have an awesome Junior season! We're so proud of you and we love watching you play.

Love, Dad, Mom and Karen

WELCOME!

Welcome to Lake Washington High School and our girls' basketball game. To encourage our girls and to appreciate their efforts, we would like everyone to show respect for all teams. Cheering positively for both sides and modeling good sportsmanship are traits we work hard to instill in our students. Being positive role models for our students and children is important in this time where negative cheering is the norm. Please help us teach our students good sportsmanship by modeling the behavior. Thank you for your support!

Christina Thomas, Principal

Welcome to our 2021 season, where we only play LWSD schools in a shortened 8 game sprint. We are coming off the best finish in school history taking 2nd place. We won the KingCo 3A district and league title for the 2nd year in a row! We are looking forward to building chemistry and having a great season for our seniors!

We will continue to build off our 3 core principles:
1. Energy/effort outweigh everything else.
2. Our defense is our identity.
3. We make the extra pass.

The support for the program as a whole has been amazing these past few seasons, it continues to push us to wins and brings us great energy. Thank you so much.

#oWoC ➔ our Way, our Culture

Jeff Wilson, Varsity Head Coach

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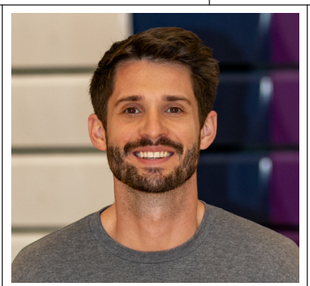
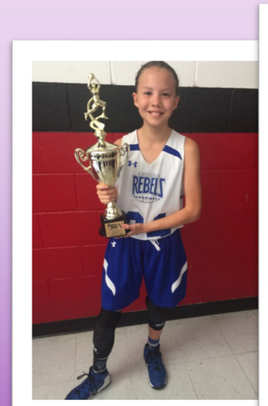


Jeff WILSON
Head Coach

Lizzie GIOVACHINNI
Assistant Coach



Go Lady Kangs!

Rae keep following your passions!
We love you. Mom and Dad

GO, ROSA, GO!

You’ve come a long way!
Enjoy the ride.

We love watching you play.
Have a great season,
Lady Kangs!

2019-2020 SEASON

1st TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE
Elise Hani
Sophia Liesse
Rosa Smith

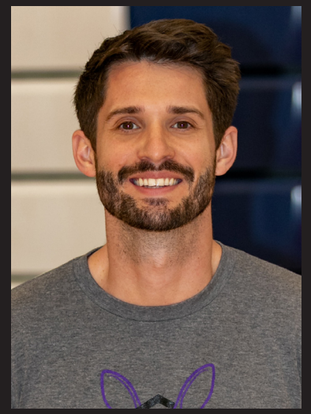
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR
Elise Hani

3rd TEAM ALL-CONFERENCE
Jen Estes
Ellie Pederson

2019-20 KingCo Athletics 2A/3A Conference "Back-to-Back" Tournament Champions!

2021 VARSITY TEAM

BACK ROW (L - R) : Head Coach Wilson, Ava Uusitalo, Jolie Sim, Sydney Hani, Elise Hani, Rae Bulter-Wu, Emma Boctor, Rosa Smith, Assistant Coach Giovachinni. FRONT ROW (L - R): Sophia Liesse, Ellie Pederson, Brooke Filan.



PERSONAL
HOMETOWN: Edmonds, WA
HIGH SCHOOL:
Edmonds Woodway (2009)
COLLEGE: Shoreline CC (2015)

HEAD COACH JEFF WILSON

In his fourth year as the Head Coach of the Lake Washington girl's basketball program, the program is in a great place. Back to back KingCo 3A district and league champions, 2nd place finish at the 3A State Tournament, 3A Coach of State Tournament and Washington state 3A Coach of the year.

Jeff graduated from Edmonds Woodway high school in Edmonds, WA in 2009 and was headed to play basketball at Portland State University when he was in car accident that prevented him from playing. He stayed local for school and started coaching a 5th grade boys basketball feeder team for Edmonds Woodway, he's been coaching ever since.

For four years, he had dual responsibililties as the coach of the King's high school boys feeder program and Bishop Blanchet high school girls feeder program. Players that he coached went on compete for and win state championships.

In 2010, he started coaching AAU basketball and has every year since. In spring of 2013, he started coaching varsity girls, over the next three years, they went on to finish in Top 3 in 15 straight nationally ranked college viewing tournaments. Eight of the 10 girls went on to play college basketball receiving full ride scholarships.

He coached one year as the freshmen boys coach at Edmonds Woodway, two years as the JV girls basketball coach at Edmonds Woodway before becoming the Varsity head coach at Lake Washington in 2017.

Jeff is 30 years old and lives in Seattle, WA.

JUNIOR VARSITY BIOS

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ARACELLI SALENGA
HEIGHT: 5' 5"
YEAR: Freshman
POSITION: Guard
PARENTS: Noel and Jamaila
SIBLING: Nathan
NICKNAME: Celi
FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Spokane & AZ tournaments

3

RILEY BURKE
HEIGHT: 5'4"
YEAR: Sophomore
POSITION: Guard
PARENTS: Eric and Julie
NICKNAME: Ri
PET NAME: Piper
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Ferndale Tournament

5

MADISON MACIAS
HEIGHT: 5'9"
YEAR: Freshman
POSITION: Forward
PARENTS: Jamie & Veronica
SIBLING: Christopher
PET NAME: Pepper, Leasta, Lil Kitty
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Friendships

10

SAVANNA CHANG
HEIGHT: 5'5"
YEAR: Sophomore
POSITION: Guard
PARENT: Diana
SIBLINGS: Tyson and Jaden
FAVORITE COLOR: Pink
HERO: Stephen Curry
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Friendships

12

DANELLE HALL
HEIGHT: 5'11"
YEAR: Freshman
POSITION: Forward
PARENTS: Shane and Dayna
SIBLING: Thea
NICKNAME: D
HERO: My dog
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Having fun with friends

20

LAYAN ARRABI
HEIGHT: 5'7"
YEAR: Freshman
POSITION: Guard
PARENTS: Muhammad and Afnan
SIBLINGS: Rashid, Salma, & Maria
NICKNAME: Lulu
FAVORITE FOOD: Fries
BASKETBALL MEMORY: Making my first 3-pointer

23

MAKAYLA VAIL
HEIGHT: 5'9"
YEAR: Junior
POSITION: Guard
PARENTS: Kevin and Sue
SIBLING: Ethan
FAVORITE COLOR: Black
MY HERO: My grandma
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Blocking a shot

24

LILY REYNOLDS
HEIGHT: 5'10"
YEAR: Junior
POSITION: Forward
PARENTS: Joe and Shannon
SIBLINGS: Olivia and Grace
FAVORITE COLOR: Lavender
PET NAME: Boogie
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: 8th Grade State

44

KAYLA CREEK
HEIGHT: 5'7"
YEAR: Sophomore
POSITION: Guard
PARENTS: Ryan and Carrie
SIBLING: Cody
FAVORITE COLOR: Neon
PET NAMES: Ziggy and Zarro
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: The team dinners

JV COACH
MADDIE KERR

LAKE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTER

BACK ROW (L - R) : Coach Maddie Kerr, Layan Arrabi, Lily Reynolds, Danelle Hall, Makayla Vail, Madison Macias.
FRONT ROW (L - R): Kayla Creek, Riley Burke, Aracelli Salenga, Savanna Chang

# No.	PLAYER	HEIGHT	POSITION	YEAR
2	Aracelli Salenga	5'5"	Guard	Freshman
3	Riley Burke	5'4"	Guard	Sophomore
5	Madison Macias	5'9"	Forward	Freshman
10	Savanna Chang	5'5"	Guard	Sophomore
12	Danelle Hall	5'11"	Forward	Freshman
15	Layan Arrabi	5'7"	Guard	Freshman
23	Makayla Vail	5'9"	Guard	Junior
24	Lily Reynolds	5'10"	Forward	Junior
44	Kayla Creek	5'7"	Guard	Sophomore

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JV HEAD COACH
Maddie Kerr

Athletic Trainer
Delaney Farmer

ASSISTANT COACH LIZZIE GIOVACCHINI

This is Coach Lizzie's third year as an assistant coach. She is a 2014 Lake Washington High School graduate and was a 3-year varsity basketball player helping lead her team to state as a senior captain.

During her time at LW, Lizzie was also a 2-year varsity volleyball player. She went on to continue her education at the University of Portland pursuing a degree in healthcare and is now in the Diagnostic Sonography program at Bellevue College.

PERSONAL
HIGH SCHOOL:
Lake Washington (2014)
COLLEGE: University of Portland

JV COACH MADELINE KERR

My name is Madeline Kerr and I am very honored, and excited to get to work with the LWHS Girls Basketball Program. I am originally from the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois and decided to move to the Pacific Northwest in the summer of 2019.

Along with teaching, I got to coach 2 years of freshman girls basketball and 1 year of JV girls basketball. I now teach at Community School in Kirkland in a 4th/5th multiage class. This is my second year at Community, 5th year teaching overall. All four years of my high school experience, I played at the varsity level for basketball and softball and was able to continue my love of basketball at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

PERSONAL
HOMETOWN: Chicago, IL
COLLEGE: Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

VARSITY BIOS

JOLIE SIM 15

HEIGHT: 5’ 9”
CLASS: Sophomore
POSITION: Guard

PARENTS: Steve and Sandra
SIBLINGS: Brandon and Serena

FAVORITE FOOD: Pasta
HERO: Emma Boctor
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Seeing my teammates everyday

RAE BUTLER-WU 21

HEIGHT: 5’ 8”
CLASS: Sophomore
POSITION: Forward

PARENTS: Edward and Kelly

FAVORITE FOOD: Frozen yogurt
HERO: My mom
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Working as a team

EMMA BOCTOR 23

HEIGHT: 5’ 8”
CLASS: Junior
POSITION: Guard

PARENTS: Victor and Maureen
SIBLING: Karen

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Going to State Championship last year
HERO: Jolie Sim

ROSA SMITH 25

HEIGHT: 5’ 7”
CLASS: Junior
POSITION: Guard

PARENTS: Taylor and Joann
SIBLINGS: Cooper and Kobe

FAVORITE FOOD: Pesto
HERO: Kobe and my dog, Sparky
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Last year’s state tournament

AVA UUSITALO 44

HEIGHT: 5’ 7”
CLASS: Sophomore
POSITION: Guard

PARENT: Stephanie
SIBLING: Ashley

FAVORITE FOOD: Smoothie
HERO: My mom
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: All the life lessons

VARSITY BIOS

0 SYDNEY HANI

HEIGHT: 6’ 1”
CLASS: Sophomore
POSITION: Forward

PARENTS: Hobie and Kelly
SIBLING: Elise

FAVORITE FOOD: Spaghetti
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Jr.
NBA NICKNAME: Syd

2 SOPHIA LIESSE

HEIGHT: 5’ 10”
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Guard

PARENTS: Damon and Sarah
SIBLING: Dalton

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Seeing Ellie’s face everyday
HERO: Sophia Liesse

3 ELLIE PEDERSON

HEIGHT: 5’ 10”
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Guard

PARENTS: Seth and Erin
SIBLING: Abbie
FAVORITE THING ABOUT BASKETBALL: Seeing Sophia’s face everyday
FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Playing in the State Championship
HERO: My dog

5 BROOKE FILAN

HEIGHT: 5’ 10”
CLASS: Senior
POSITION: Forward

PARENTS: Jason and Kristine
SIBLING: AJ

FAVORITE COLOR: Green
PET NAME: Buddy
NICKNAME: Brock

12 ELISE HANI

HEIGHT: 6’ 4”
CLASS: Junior
POSITION: Center

PARENTS: Hobie and Kelly
SIBLING: Sydney

FAVORITE BASKETBALL MEMORY: Playing the accent game in hotel in AZ
PET NAME: Kaba
HERO: Michelle Obama

ELLIE
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GO KANGS!

2021 SENIORS

CLASS OF 2021

Sophia Liesse #2

Ellie Pederson #3

Brooke Filan #5