

When I land in a new place, I know it will be a good fit for me when there is a need that I can clearly fill. I know I'm wanted and will be able to show my worth to those around me, giving me stability and reliability in that environment by making myself essential. Here at WVU, we have a fevah (the lack of guards as four scholarship guards graduate and we're left without a clear point guard), and the only cure... is more guards. You can be essential here by filling our need for quick shooter-defenders. The opening we have will give you the opportunity to shine, with a starting spot and 22 minutes at least by your junior year, and at minimum a great sixth man role and 15 as a freshman even if we have a stellar recruiting class this year. That will give ample opportunity to catch the eye of those pro scouts, just like guard Bruno Howard and three others have done at West Virginia this decade. Those minutes will be essential contribution going both ways. As a smaller guy myself, I value trustworthy, hustling defenders with the speed and agility to not only make stops but push the pace and score in transition, doing far more than those with their size can do when the pace slows and others tower over them. With your well-rounded skills, I see you being able both to contribute in the paint out-jumping much taller guys for key rebounds and or at the perimeter preventing drives, getting around screens, and being ready to make a fast break.

Landing here in this new place, I found my own good fit. Neglected in the wake of BeadyBennett's departure after just one year with them, Sanders and Carey responded well to new leadership and went out on the upswing and brought the team (including every player I inherited and chose to cut none of them in honor of their loyalty during the uncoached years) to a division title and an NIT. I extended my already max initial contract with the addition of a maximum renewal contract, ensuring none of my players will have the experience of neglect that those guys did. I have their backs and I ask you to join and have mine. This is a rebuild project with upward momentum, moving quickly from the 9-13 conference record to a 33-11 conference record in the past two years. Our large graduating class this year gives 5 openings and the ability to flex recruiting muscle trained up over the initial two years, making this the year that really transforms the team and introduces our new system, starting a four year cycle that will culminate in highly competitive national tournament years when you're an upperclassman. We already are a solid top 50 prestige team with the inherited neglected roster due to the national tournament years and conference title earlier in the decade, but imagine where that's headed with your class developing unique synergy together over the next four years. Our campus is a great place for developing that synergy as you find your off-court niche together, whether serving up aces as an intramural volleyball team or serving up meals at The Rack pantry. You'll find lifelong friends among these teammates who will help you settle in as you make your way not just to America, but to its magical mountain heart.