

## Quotes from Former Players and Colleagues:

“Playing for Coach Daugherty during my four years, she treated us like champions. She and her husband Mike were always positive. There was never a moment in my mind where I doubted June thought we could win. She always made us believe we were the best team on the floor. My senior year, we finally had the success she knew we were capable of having. I never thought I would be rooting for the Cougs, but I’ll be rooting for them now. I am so excited for Mike and June and I am happy they are staying in Washington.”

- *Megan Franza Carlson, Washington, Class of 2001 and Daugherty’s first signee at UW*

“I’m really excited for WSU. WSU has hired someone very energetic, very experienced, and someone who is going to work very hard to do a great job and will always represent the university in a very first-class way. Her knowledge of the Pac-10 and her association with the high schools in the area make this a win-win situation. Furthermore, the players on the team will relate really positively to her style and they’ll enjoy playing for her.”

- *Tara VanDerveer, Stanford head women’s basketball coach*

“June and I have been friends for a lot of years and I feel she’s an excellent coach with tremendous credentials. She’s been coaching a long time and every kid that has come out of my program and played for her has said nothing but good things about her. It’s been all positive with her. She’ll bring a lot of charisma and great attitude to the program and she’ll be fired up to bring WSU to that next level.”

- *Ron Adams, Director and President, Spokane Stars AAU Basketball Club*

“Hiring June makes a lot of sense. She is a coach who has had a lot of success and she is on her turf, the area from Boise State to Washington to Washington State. June knows the area extremely well and she knows the Pac-10 and what to expect in the conference. I have never met anyone from Washington State who didn’t love it. They are passionate about the school and she will do a great job of selling a very collegiate atmosphere full of school spirit.”

- *Chris Gobrecht, former Washington and USC head coach now at Yale*

“She is more than a coach. She’s a great mentor and she develops not just the athlete, but the student-athlete and has always done it the right way. She doesn’t cut corners to have success. She builds a foundation that is extremely solid. When you’re in her program, you always have her helping you, even in the world after your collegiate experience.

“She’s a tremendous leader. When she says something’s going to happen, it does. I remember when she came into my home visit, she sat down with my family and told us that she was going to win the Big Sky, that she was going to have our team nationally ranked, and we were going to sell out the pavilion. In my career we did all three.

“I think one of June’s best strengths is that she’s a motivational coach. June has a gift as far as getting the most out of a team and an individual and getting the level of their play to the best that they can perform. I’ve never seen a coach that was better at bringing out a player’s confidence because she shows such tremendous belief in her players.”

- *Trisha Bader Benford, current Montana State head coach and former Boise State player, 1991-96*