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## **Chris Day Resigns as UVM Head Women's Basketball Coach**

**BURLINGTON, Vt.** – Effective today, Chris Day has resigned from his position as Head Women's Basketball Coach after two years leading the program at the University of Vermont.

"I am so grateful for my time being the head women's basketball coach at the University of Vermont, but I have to do what's best for my family, and take advantage of an opportunity which allows me to bring them back to the Philadelphia area," said Day. "I want to thank President Sullivan and Jeff Schulman for giving me this incredible chance to coach at such a prestigious University. Even more importantly, I want to thank Catamount Country for all of your support during my time here. I wish the program nothing but the best as it is set up to start to ascend in the America East Conference."

"We respect Chris' decision and thank him for his energy and commitment to our women's basketball program over the last two years. We wish Chris and his family all the best with this transition," said Director of Athletics Jeff Schulman '89.

Schulman has appointed associate head coach Alisa Kresge as interim head coach through the 2018-19 season. Kresge has served under Day for the last two seasons.

"We're extremely fortunate to have someone with Alisa's ability and experience on staff to take over the leadership of this program," said Schulman. "During the past two seasons as our associate head coach, Alisa has proven herself to be an outstanding teacher, coach and recruiter who possesses the technical and personal characteristics to help our student-athletes develop on and off the court."

Last season, Kresge served as the acting head coach for the first two games of America East play while Day was recovering from ankle surgery, guiding the Catamounts to a pair of wins. Kresge helped UVM lead the conference in free throw percentage.

"I am excited and honored to have this opportunity, at such a special place, surrounded by so many amazing people," said Kresge. "The University of Vermont is an outstanding academic institution that attracts some of the brightest and most talented student-athletes from all over the world. I believe the future is bright, and I look forward to hitting the ground running with this wonderful group of young women."

A 2007 graduate of Marist, Kresge returned to her alma mater in 2009 as an assistant. During that time, she recruited and coached 19 MAAC All-Conference selections and 31 All-Academic honorees. The squad amassed a 173-42 record, making five straight NCAA Tournament appearances and winning five consecutive MAAC Tournament Championships (2010-14).

Kresge played point guard for the Red Foxes from 2003-07, ranking as the program's all-time leader in assists (596) and second in steals (222). As a senior, she helped Marist become the first men's or women's basketball program in MAAC history to advance to the NCAA Sweet 16.