



Crystal Robinson to speak at SOSU commencement on Dec. 15

DURANT – Former professional basketball standout Crystal Robinson will be the guest speaker for Fall Commencement at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Robinson, a 1996 graduate of Southeastern, is currently an assistant coach with the Washington Mystics of the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA).

Commencement will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Bloomer Sullivan Gymnasium. There will be one ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m.

A reception honoring all of the graduates and their families will be held in the Visual and Performing Arts Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Robinson earned All-State honors at Atoka High School and was a 3-time NAIA All-America for the Lady Savages. She was twice named Most Valuable Player in the NAIA National Tournament and was selected National Player of the Year in 1995-96.

She led the Lady Savages to three straight trips to the National Tournament and back-to-back runner-up finishes. She twice led the NAIA in scoring and posted an individual high game of 60 points. She led SOSU to an overall 90-22 (80.4%) record and is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Robinson graduated from SOSU with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health & Physical Education.

Prior to joining the Mystics, Robinson had an illustrious career with the New York Liberty that spanned seven years. Prior to joining the WNBA, Robinson was a member of the American Basketball League (ABL).

Robinson was named the ABL's Rookie of the Year for the 1996-97 season and finished the season averaging 14.9 points per game and 3.4 assists per game. She joined the New York Liberty in 1999 and helped lead the team to five playoff berths. As a member of the Liberty, Robinson averaged 10.7 points per game, 2.7 rebounds per game and 2.0 assists per game. During the Liberty's playoff runs, she averaged 10.2 points per game and 3.2 rebounds per game.

She also played overseas for nine years, in Greece (1 year), Italy (4), Israel (2) and Russia (2).

In 2006, Robinson joined the Mystics as a player and helped return the team to the playoffs.

She retired from playing in 2007 and then joined the Mystics coaching staff.