



Lisa Thomaidis

Five-time Canada West Coach of the Year and two-time CIS Coach of the Year Lisa Thomaidis is in her 19th year as head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies.

During her tenure at the U of S, the Huskies have won the 2016 CIS National Championship, five Canada West titles, (2017, 2016, 2013, 2011, 2006), and have qualified for the CIS Championship nine of the last ten seasons.

In 2013, Thomaidis was appointed the Head Coach of the Canadian Women's National Team. Since that time, Lisa has coached the Team to a 7th place finish at the Rio Olympics in 2016, a Pan Am Gold Medal (which was the first-ever Gold Medal in Basketball at the PanAms) and FIBA Americas Gold Medal in 2015, a 5th place finish at the World Championships in Turkey in 2014, and a silver medal at the FIBA Americas Championships in Mexico in 2013.

In the summer of 2012, Thomaidis was an Assistant Coach with the Women's National Team at the London Olympics. There, the team made a dramatic run to the Quarter-Finals, before falling to the USA, the eventual gold medallists.

Her five Canada West Coach of the Year awards came in 2004, 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2016. She was also inducted into the McMaster University Hall of Fame in October 2006. In 2008-09, she became the first women's basketball coach at the UofS to be named the CIS Coach of the Year and won the award again in 2010-11. She was also named a YWCA Woman of Distinction in 2009 and Recipient of the CAAWS Women of Influence Award on two occasions.

Thomaidis was an assistant coach with the Canadian Women's National Team from 2001-12. In 2011, she led Canada's women's basketball entry at the World University Games in China to a sixth place finish. It was the best since 2001. Thomaidis coached at the World Championships in Czech Republic in 2010 and in Brazil in 2006, two PanAm Games (2007 in Rio de Janeiro, and 2003 in Santo Domingo), as well as Olympic qualification tournaments (Mexico in 2003, Chile in 2007, Colombia in 2011). She was also the Saskatchewan provincial team coach from 1998-2001 and coach of the Canada Games team in 2001.

Thomaidis played two seasons of professional basketball in Europe in the Greek 1st Division. She was a student athlete for five years at McMaster University where she was a three-time OUA All-Star, and was on the Dean's Honour List for three years. She finished her career with McMaster by winning the OUA Coaches Award of Excellence.