



MICHAEL LAMBERTI
Class of 2011

2025 Hall of Fame INDUCTEE

Michael Lamberti is South Fayette's all-time leading scorer in basketball with over 1,707 points. He distinguished himself as a consistent all-state honoree: earning Third-Team All-Pennsylvania Class AA as a sophomore, Second-Team Class AA as a junior, then First-Team Class AAA as a senior. Michael is the only player to earn four consecutive First-Team All-District selections from the *Observer-Reporter*. As a junior, he averaged a double-double while leading the Lions to the 2010 PIAA Class AA state championship, delivering a

team-high 17 points in a dramatic 49–47 victory over Strawberry Mansion High School in the title game. That same season, he was named 2010 *Observer-Reporter* Player of the Year.

Michael transferred his success to the college level, enrolling at West Liberty University, where he competed from 2011 to 2016. He helped the Hilltoppers to a staggering 156–17 record, which included five conference championships, three Final Four trips, and a national championship game appearance in 2014. He tallied over 700 points, more than 420 rebounds, and contributed 200 assists during his collegiate tenure.

After completing his playing career, Michael began coaching as a graduate assistant at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, earning a master's degree in leadership in May of 2018. He returned to West Liberty in 2018 as an assistant coach, playing a critical role in the program's golden era—helping compile a 135–21 record, eight Mountain East Conference titles, and leading West Liberty to deep NCAA Division II tournament runs, including a national championship appearance in 2023.

Michael then took on his first head coaching role at Coker University in Hartsville, South Carolina, on June 1, 2023. Under his leadership, the Cobras shattered records—averaging 100.1 points per game (third in the nation) and setting single-game program highs in points (136) and three-pointers made (26). Over two seasons, Michael's Coker teams compiled a record of 34-23, Coker's first two consecutive winning seasons in over a decade.

In June 2025, Michael returned “home” to West Liberty as the head coach of the men's basketball program. He resides in Wheeling, West Virginia, with his wife Emily (a former women's basketball player and WLU alum), their son Enzo, and infant daughter Francesca.

