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Deseree Byrd

Taft High School

One of Cincinnati's best in basketball is Taft senior forward Deseree Byrd whose big games this year include 28 vs. Conner, 27 vs. Meadowdale and 25 vs. Hughes. A McDonalds' All-American nominee, Deseree averaged a double-double (18 points-12 rebounds) as a junior for the 19-2 district runners-up; she was named Conference and Cincinnati Div. II Player of the Year, 1st team SWO district and 2nd team all-Ohio. "What makes Des a great student-athlete," says coach Rhonda Craig, "is her dedication to be the best. She is just one of those special kids who has a gift to make others better on the floor, in the classroom, in the halls and community." A 1,000-point career scorer, Deseree, who is active in community service, will play next year at the U. of Louisville. Her favorite athlete and most-like-to-meet is Dwayne Wade and her favorite entertainer is Joe. Her AAU team is the Lady Tigers.



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SPORT(S): Basketball

GRADUATING YR.: 2007

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT: Hall of Fame

2005-2006

BIRTHDATE: 12-16-88

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5'9 - 180 lbs.

RESIDENCE: Winton Terrace

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: "My Aunt Rhonda Byrd."

FUTURE GOAL: "WNBA."



COACH'S QUOTE -- "Des has a heart that doesn't take pride in individual credits but in team success. She is a leader who challenges others to do their best of the team and she also believes that the impossible can be possible through hard work." -- Rhonda Craig, Basketball Coach

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