



Nia Staples

Lakota West High School

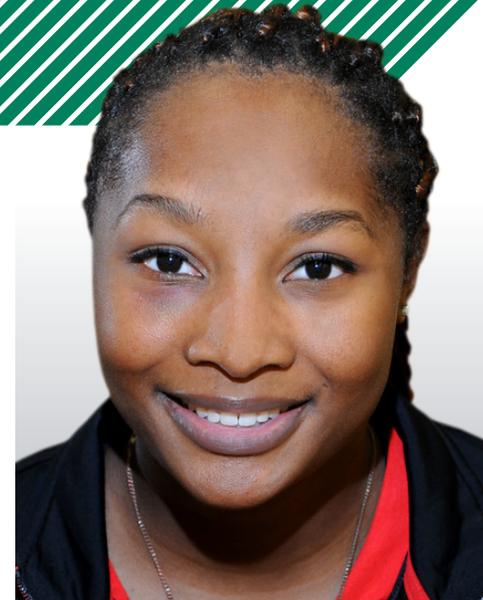


One of the state's top basketball players in the 2016 class, senior point guard Nia Staples is a 4-year varsity player for the Lakota West Firebirds. She got off to a strong start this season in leading the Firebirds to a win vs. Mason, scoring a career-high 26 points while leading the team in rebounds (six), assists (five) and steals (four). She followed this up by scoring 20 points in a win vs. Mt. Notre Dame.

Nia last season averaged 10.4 points, 2.5 assists, 2.4 rebounds and 1.6 assists in helping the team go 28-2 and win their first-ever Ohio state championship. The 28 wins in a season set a school record. Her top scoring outputs were vs. Fairfield (20 points), McAuley (20 points in a regional semi-final win), Fairmont (17) and Oak Hills (17).

Her accomplishments were recognized with numerous honors. She was 1st team all-GMC, 1st team all-city (Enquirer) and 3rd team SWO District. In 2014 she also was a player on the U16 National Girls' USA Team.

Active in community service, Nia has committed to play collegiately at the University of West Virginia.



Name: Nia Staples

GRADUATING YEAR: 2016

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT:
Winning 2015 Ohio state championship

BIRTHDATE: 8/28/97

HEIGHT: 5'9"-145 lbs.

RESIDENCE: West Chester

PARENTS: Mark & Ja-Rhonda

INFLUENCE: God, parents, twin brother Ja'Lon

FUTURE GOAL:

Earn a PhD in Sports Psychology

"Nia is a consummate, coachable gym rat; she always wants coaching to improve her game. She possesses amazing natural talent, and is a great teammate"

– Andy Fishman, Basketball Coach

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