

Coach Derrick Strong is in his 1<sup>st</sup> year as an assistant at SAU Tech. Former Alumni of Omaha South High Coach Strong spent 2 years at Central Community College where he averaged 14 points per game and shot 44 percent from the floor during his sophomore season at Central Community College. Strong was the second leading scorer on his team, en route to First Team All-Region and All-Conference selections as a sophomore. Strong was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the NJCAA in steals with 3.2 per game, Where he helped his team to 21-5 record during the 2011-12 campaign. Strong was named Second Team All-Nebraska. As a freshman, Strong led his squad to a District and Regional championship. Strong was Selected First Team All-Region and led his team to a NJCAA National Tournament.

After leaving Central Community College he transferred to Post University where he Second Team All-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). He is this first player named to the second team since the 2010-11 season.

Strong led Post is scoring (13.3 points per game), field goal percentage (50.4), free throw percentage (80.7), and steals (64). He played one of the best games of his career against Nyack on Nov. 20 finishing with 27 points, five rebounds, and five steals. Strong was one of the best defensive players in the conference and was 2nd in the CACC and 9<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA with 2.4 steals per game. He received CACC Defensive Player of the Week honors.

After his playing time was over at Post, Strong went on to pursue a Grad Assistant position and eventually ended up at Omaha Benson where he spent the past 3 years before coming to SAU Tech. Strong has put numerous students in college and still mentors his former students to this day.