After leading the 2009-10 Falcons to their fourth NJCAA national tournament appearance in the past eight seasons, Southeastern Illinois College men’s basketball coach Todd Franklin has accepted the head coaching position at Vincennes University. Franklin submitted his letter of resignation this week, effective August 22.

“This is really the only junior college job I would make this move for,” Franklin said. “Basically, it’s the Kentucky or North Carolina of JUCO basketball: third all-time in wins, right there at the top in terms of facilities, tradition, resources…and it’s close to home, still in the same recruiting base that I’ve known here at Southeastern.” The Vincennes men’s basketball program won national championships in 1965, 1970, and 1972, with dozens of NJCAA all-Americans in their record books. Current NBA players Carl Landry and Shawn Marion attended Vincennes, as well as NBA Hall-of Famer Bob McAdoo.


Franklin achieved his 300th win in January 2009 in a game against John A. Logan College in Carterville. His record at the end of 13 years with Southeastern stands at 329-97. His coaching awards include: six Great Rivers Athletic Conference awards, six Region 24 awards, five district awards and five state junior college awards. Franklin was also named the national junior college coach of the year in 2008 by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

“Coach Franklin has had many years of success here at Southeastern, and produced many fine student-athletes who went on to excel in basketball and in life after their time here,” said Dr. Jonah Rice, SIC Interim President. “We wish him and his family the very best as they begin this new chapter at Vincennes.”

“Obviously, it’s been a tremendous 13 years,” Franklin said. “I’ve coached some great young men, who came hungry, looking for a chance, and for the most part, they took advantage of that chance. We had tremendous connections in the community, and I can’t thank those people enough. It’s a time when I really learned to coach, taking us from where we were to where we are today, and personally, that’s been invaluable.”

Coach Todd Franklin will be dearly missed by those close to the athletic program at Southeastern. We wish him well as he begins a new era with a new basketball program.