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The University of Dayton extended men's basketball coach Brian Gregory's contract five years, University Vice President and Director of Athletics Tim Wabler announced Wednesday, May 6. Gregory's contract now will run through the 2017-18 season. The University did not announce the financial terms of the contract.

"The University of Dayton is committed to excellence, and this contract extension demonstrates our commitment to Brian Gregory," Wabler said. "The arc of our men's basketball program is outstanding on many levels. Looking back at our success, we are one of a handful of schools to win 50 games and have been ranked in the last two years. Right now on campus, we have young men of high character in our program who are dedicated to getting better and are earning their degrees. Looking ahead, we are a preseason top-25 team, and we have recruited young men who will continue our program's momentum."

Wabler said there is a simple answer to why the University extended Gregory's contract.

"We are committed to recruiting student-athletes who can be successful on and off the court, and every high school player thinking about becoming a Flyer can see that this contract runs through their four years at the University of Dayton," Wabler said. "I don't know what our potential is, but I know we haven't reached it. And I know Brian Gregory is the man to test the limits of our potential."

Gregory has a 125-68 record since taking over as Dayton's head coach in 2003. His original contract term was five years. Gregory signed a new agreement in 2005 that originally ran through 2013.

Gregory is one of just 25 coaches who have been at their current school at least five years who average at least 20 wins a season. That list includes Syracuse's Jim Boeheim, UConn's Jim Calhoun, Florida's Billy Donovan, Michigan State's Tom Izzo, Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, Louisville's Rick Pitino, Kansas' Bill Self, Maryland's Gary Williams and North Carolina's Roy Williams.

"I've always said that it's an honor to be the head basketball coach at the University of Dayton," Gregory said. "It's a special place and a perfect fit for myself and my family. What this extension demonstrates above all else is that the University believes in our program. And that's bigger than just me. It's our staff, and it's our players — the players who came in at the beginning and have since graduated, the players who are in our program now and the players who are coming to UD. It's gratifying to know that Tim (Wabler) and (University of Dayton President) Dr. (Daniel J.) Curran, and everyone in our administration believe in them as much as I do."

Dayton returns four starters and 10 of its top 11 scorers from last year's 27-8 team that reached the second round of the NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament. Several 2009-2010 preseason polls, including those associated with ESPN.com, CBS College Sports.com, and The Sporting News.com, have the Flyers ranked next season.

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