What They Say About Washington

"Coach Washington commands respect just by the person that she is. She has a presence about her, and she treats everybody well. People respect her for the success she has had at Kansas and for what she has done in coaching, but they also respect her for the person that she is."

Rebecca Lobo
1996 Olympic Gold Medalist

"Marian has a passion for the game. She is an excellent teacher and has the ability to get the maximum effort from her players. I am one of her biggest fans."

John Chaney
Head Coach Temple University

"It is known coaches can play an important role in teaching skills and transferring desirable values and attitudes, and just plain serving as positive adult role models. Coach Washington does just that. Her philosophy is simple; honesty, integrity and commitment. This is why she is admired by so many. Her leadership and commitment year after year show what her character is made of. She has always made time for others, coming through for them time after time. Her actions speak louder than her words on any given day. She is talented, assertive and dynamic."

Lynette Woodard (1978-81)
Former Kansas All-American

"Marian Washington is one of the mt outstanding women’s coaches in basketball. She is intelligent, perceptive, disciplined and can communicate well with players and coaches. Her consistency, honesty and integrity has earned her respect from her peers and players for over 23 years. She is an asset to the Kansas program."

Lenny Wilkens
Head Coach Atlanta Hawks
1996 Olympic Head Coach

"Coach Washington's knowledge of the game is second to none. She is a great teacher, leader and role model, and I wouldn't trade my four years with her for anything. She has taught me more than basketball, she has taught me about life."

Angie Halbleib (1994-97)
GTE Academic All-American

"Coach Washington was a great supporter during the Olympic Games — both for the mental aspect of the game as well as physically helping me to work on certain areas. It was great knowing that whenever I was having a problem out on the court, I could look over at the bench and get some sort of encouragement and good advice to help me do better."

Lisa Leslie
1996 Olympic Gold Medalist