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Gunning Named Director of Player Development

HOUSTON – The Houston Rockets announced today the hiring of **Brett Gunning** as Director of Player Development. He will be responsible for improving player performance through on-court, one-on-one skill development and the use of video analysis.

Gunning joins the Rockets after seven seasons on Jay Wright's staff at Villanova University. As the associate head coach at Villanova, Gunning was recognized following the 2007-08 season as one of the top 25 assistants in the nation by rivals.com. His responsibilities included on-court teaching, recruiting and scouting with the Wildcats. In this capacity, he contributed to the development of such recent Villanova standouts as Randy Foye, Kyle Lowry and Allan Ray.

A part of Wright's staffs at both Hofstra University and Villanova, Gunning was an integral part of the rebirth orchestrated at Hofstra for seven seasons. Gunning, who assisted with recruiting, individual instruction, scouting and film analysis, was also instrumental in the development of players with the Pride.

A native of Broomall, Pennsylvania, Gunning graduated from Malvern Prep in 1990 and spent two years as a team manager during his undergraduate studies at Villanova before accompanying former Wildcats Head Coach Rollie Massimino to UNLV in 1992. He then served two years as a student assistant with the Runnin' Rebels, earning his bachelor's degree in 1994.

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