

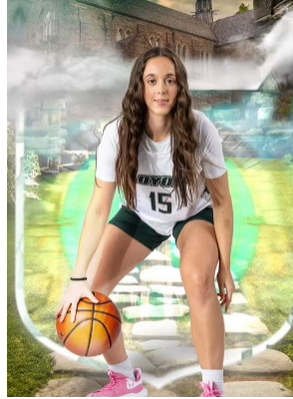
# MEET THE SENIORS



**Lex Therian**



**Laura Salmerón**



**Koi Simms**



**MEET OUR FORWARD:** As a forward on the team, Koi Sims has had an incredible journey in college basketball.

Since she was in just the fifth grade, Koi Simms knew basketball was her calling. Today, as a senior in college, she has just as much love for the sport as she did as a child. Simms is an integral part of the team, and according to her, “Everyday I get to dress and put on my basketball shoes is a blessing.”

One of Simms’s most admirable achievements is her victory in the America East conference during her freshman year. This win allowed her to go to the NCAA tournament, which according to Simms, was “something every college basketball player dreams of going to.”

Simms’s skill on the court can be attributed to her dedication, perseverance, and hard-work. Even when facing challenging times, such as when she tore her ACL, Simms stayed focused on her dreams and goals. Although she had to deal with a painful and life-altering injury, Simms tirelessly spent hours in the team’s weight and training rooms in order to regain her strength.

“The experience of recovery was tough for me, especially being a competitor, you just wish everyday that you could be in between those lines on the court,” stated Simms. This ordeal taught her both how strong she is and to not take opportunities on the court for granted.

Overall, Simms is proud of how she, her teammates, and her coaches worked together to have such a great season. While the Greyhounds faced some hard losses this season, Simms is certain that these experiences help build each player’s character, and that this season’s record will set the foundation for a big comeback next season.

# BIG MOMENTS



## *CBS Sports Doubleheader*

On January 12th, the Loyola Greyhounds had their first Patriot League win when they won 77-38 against American University's Eagles. This was the first game in Loyola's double-header against American, which was aired on CBS Sports Network. Every Greyhound came out ready to play, with five players scoring points in the double-digits. The Greyhounds were in it to win it from the start, gaining a 16-6 lead in just the first quarter. They continued this trend of having a huge lead throughout the rest of the game, ending with 77 points overall. MVPs of this game included Meliah Van-Otoo, with a season-best 14 points off of the bench and career-high 6 rebounds, Marta Espinal with a career-high 11 points, Amandine Amorich with 11 points and Kailey Kalet with a career-high 7 assists and 5 rebounds.

The Greyhounds kept their winning attitude as they played Boston University on February 1st. The Greyhounds beat the Terriers with a close end score of 72-68. This game was a career-defining moment for senior Laura Salmeron, who scored a whopping 28 points. Although Boston University was close behind Loyola throughout the game, the Greyhounds worked together to make sure they maintained a steady lead, thanks especially to Amandine Amorich, who scored 14 points, Koi Sims, who had 11 rebounds and 3 steals, and Meliah Van-Otoo, who had 4 assists. This game was filled with nerve-wracking moments for both teams, including multiple three-point shots, foul shots, and free throws. In the end, Boston was unable to conquer Loyola, resulting in another Loyola win!



Loyola's trend of high-scoring players was seen in their December game against Radford. Three players, including Salmerón, Hicks, and Amorich, scored over 18 points each. Loyola took the lead during the first half with a 24-20 halftime score. During the third quarter, Radford caught up to Loyola, but not for long. This game ended in a nail-biting overtime period, where Loyola pulled through and won the game 70-64.



# Welcome To GREYHOUND NATION



**Loyola fans are no joke. From freshmen to seniors, fun Loyola-sponsored events instill school spirit in each and every student here in Houndtown.**

## **Hound Pride Night**

Women's basketball hosted Loyola's Hound Activities and Programming (HAP) Pride Night on October 11th. Activities included a pre-game party with giveaways, live entertainment from drag queens, and a post-game drag show.

## **Green and Grey Wednesdays**

**To hone school spirit, HAP gave away tons of Loyola merch, so students could show up in their green and grey colors to support our women's basketball team.**

## **Senior Day**

Loyola Women's Basketball's three seniors were presented with flowers and special framed pink Loyola jerseys to celebrate all of the hard work they have put into the team before their graduation this May.