



## MID-SOUTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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### **Player from State Champion Mustangs Signs with Greyhounds**

Forrest City senior Trent Steen became a Greyhound Monday by signing a letter of intent to play college basketball at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis. Steen, a 6'5" forward/post player for the Mustangs, joined a three-year-old Greyhound team during a small ceremony held Monday in the Forrest City High School Lecture Hall.

Steen, a part-time starter for the Mustangs, who played just a season and a half, was an integral part of Forrest City coach Dwight Lofton's bench rotation, which included Jayshun Jordan, Trevonte Coulter and Steen.

The combination helped the Mustangs win the Class 5A state title last month.

"Coming from where he came from and the progress that he made as a player throughout the course of the season made himself into an attractive recruit at the junior college level," Lofton said of Steen.



“Like I told him when he started getting some looks, why go 300 miles, when you can go 40 miles to a good school with a brand new arena and giving your family the chance to see you play on a regular basis. I’m proud that he has earned this opportunity.”

While Steen proved to be a valuable weapon for the Mustangs during the regular season portion of the schedule, it was his play in the state tournament that began to turn the heads of college coaches, especially MSCC head coach Chris Parker.

“I had seen Forrest City play a few times during the season and to me, Trent is just one of those classic late bloomers,” Parker said. “We really feel like his best basketball is still in front of him. When he made his visit to our school, he was immediately just a great fit with the kids we have returning.

“I think he has unlimited potential moving forward. We would like to add a few pounds to his frame, and I think in two years Forrest City fans will see a completely different student-athlete in Trent than what they see right now.”

MSCC loses five sophomores and returns seven for the 2014-15 season.

Mid-South, a Division II college, plays within the National Junior College Athletic Association.

“We feel confident about our program right now and the direction it is headed,” Parker added. “I think we are ahead of schedule.”

The Greyhounds finished last season at 14-12 and won their first regional championship.

“Mid-South is a team that likes to get up and down the floor,” Lofton said. “Coach Parker does a great job with the kids, and I think he and his staff are really building something special. The school has made a commitment to basketball and the campus is growing. That makes it an ideal fit for Trent.”