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## ***UTD hires new assistant Basketball coach***

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Richardson, TX--Head Coach Terry Butterfield announced a new hire in the UTD Basketball office. Rally Axselle joins the Comet staff from Richmond, Virginia, where he has been a junior high and high school basketball coach since 1994.

Axselle received both his Bachelor of Science and Master's in Teaching from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1997 and 1999, respectively. Before moving to the Dallas area, Axselle was the head junior varsity coach at Mills E. Godwin High School and also headed the baseball squad. In 1998, he served as a Director of Basketball Operations intern at VCU.

Coach Butterfield is excited about his motivated assistant coach. "I feel that Rally is a great addition to this basketball program. He brings enthusiasm and strong basketball knowledge to UTD. Rally has already proven to be a hard and dedicated worker. He will be a great asset to me and the student-athletes on this team."

The Comets begin training in just about a month with the first contest on Tuesday, November 20.

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