

Lauren Mioton
Purdue University
Basketball, guard

Biology major

GPA: 3.96

Purdue University Honors Program, 2005-present

Rhodes Scholar finalist

The Purdue Women's basketball team has won seven Big Ten Tournament championships, seven regular season conference titles, and participated in the NCAA post season tournament for fifteen consecutive seasons... attained a final ranking of 7th in the nation in 2006 and a final ranking of 12th in the nation in 2007. The program won consecutive Big Ten Conference Tournament titles in 2007 and 2008.

Co-captain, 2007-present

AWARDS

Rhodes Scholar Finalist, 2008: This scholarship is awarded to 32 U.S. citizens and pays for up to three years of study at Oxford University in London, England. Lauren plans to become a physician and work with programs such as "Doctors Without Borders" to aid countries that have insufficient healthcare. Rhodes Scholars must exemplify achievement in the academic realm, a liking for and proven success in sports, a devotion to their community, sympathy for the weak, unselfishness, a strong moral character, and solid leadership skills.

Dean's List, 2005-present: requires a GPA of 3.5 (4.0 scale) or higher.

Athletic Director's List, 2005-present: requires GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Mortar Board Freshman Scholar, to all freshman athletes who obtained a minimum 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in their first semester.

Big Ten Academic All-Conference Honors, 2006-2007 & 2007-2008 seasons: This honor requires active participation on a Big Ten basketball team and minimum GPA of 3.0 (4.0 scale).

Ruth Jones Memorial Award Recipient, 2007: This award is given by the head coach to the member of the women's basketball team who embodies hard work and dedication.

Big Ten Conference 2008 Sportsmanship Award Honoree: This award is given to a member of each conference team who distinguished herself through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. The honorees must also be in good academic standing and have demonstrated good citizenship off the court.

Durham Brothers Leadership Award Recipient, 2008: This award is given by the Purdue Athletics Department every year to select student-athletes who exemplify leadership both on and off the playing field. Recipients have a positive attitude, strong work ethic, and high standard of excellence.

NSCS Scholar of the Week, 2008: selected as a featured "Scholar of the Week" for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Lambda Delta Phi Eta Sigma (ALDPES) – Freshman scholastic society
Golden Key International Honor Society

Phi Beta Kappa: The oldest and most prestigious honor society in the United States.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

Mortar Board Honor Society, Barbara Cook Chapter; Athletics Chair... chapter meetings every two weeks and responsible for many activities around campus. Her class is responsible for making the 2008-2009 academic-year “Mortar Board planners,” which are sold to the Purdue student population... also involved in funding and awarding scholarships and awards to students and faculty. Other obligations include organizing a leadership conference, holding alumni functions, and participating in community service events. As the **Athletics Chair**, Lauren oversees the Mortar Board Athletics Committee. Their main responsibility is to organize and promote the “Mortar Board Volleyball Tournament.” Lauren is also responsible for organizing the Freshmen Scholar-Athlete Dessert Reception honoring all freshmen student-athletes who obtained a 3.0 GPA (4.0 scale) in their first college semester.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), member 2006-present, group leader 2007-present

Purdue Homecoming Queen, 2008: elected to the Purdue University Homecoming Court in May of 2008 and chosen as Homecoming Queen on October 24, 2008.

Purdue Elite Individual and Team camp counselor, summer 2006 and summer 2008 one week.

University Honors Program Big Sister, 2008-2009 academic year: a “big sister” to an incoming University Honors Program freshman.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Creator and Editor of the “Live to Eat Cookbook,” 2007-2008: In a desire to do something following hurricane Katrina to help her native New Orleans, Lauren came up with a fundraising idea that also accomplished a serious educational goal. This cookbook was published in January 2008 to raise money for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation’s “SAVE OUR COAST” campaign in New Orleans, Louisiana. Lauren created this fundraiser because the Louisiana wetlands are the greatest natural barrier the state has against hurricanes, and they are rapidly disappearing. The book included recipes submitted by Purdue alumni, faculty, and athletes, along with local Indiana and Louisiana residents. There is a section in the front of the cookbook that informs the public about the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation and educates individuals on the drastic loss of wetlands in Southern Louisiana. With initial funding from the Boilermaker Network (Purdue women’s basketball fan network), 500 cookbooks were printed through the Morris Press publishing company. All of the books were sold in March 2008, raising an estimated \$8,200 in profits for the “SAVE OUR COAST” effort. A second edition is set for production in Spring 2009.

Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Participant, fall 2005: volunteered with fellow basketball teammates for Habitat for Humanity on two separate occasions, for a total of eight hours. As Homecoming Queen Lauren will be working closely with this organization during the next year and participating in many of the upcoming builds.

Volunteer for numerous one or two day events including:

- Salvation Army volunteer
- Lafayette HEART WALK
- Indiana Veteran's Home
- "March to College Day"
- "Spring Fest"
- "Feast of the Hunter's Moon"

Lauren is an honors student in the department of biological sciences in the College of Science at Purdue University. ...Her excellence and achievements in the academic realm alone distinguish her, but that is only a portion of who Lauren is and what she has achieved. ...Lauren is also a recruited scholarship athlete on the Purdue Women's Basketball team. Playing basketball on a Big Ten Division 1 team is not a small accomplishment. Yet she makes it look easy. This year she is serving as Co-captain, a position that students are elected to by their teammates. In addition, last year she was awarded the coveted *Ruth Jones Memorial Award*, an award given out by the head coach that recognizes hard work and dedication. This year she was awarded *Durham Brothers Leadership Award*. This award is presented to student-athletes who have exemplified leadership to their teammates both on and off the playing field through their strong work ethic and overall commitment to excellence.

...Lauren's dedication and work for her community are exemplary. She has done volunteer service for several organizations such as the Veteran's Home and the Salvation Army. Most impressive to me though was her creation of the *Live to Eat Cookbook* to raise money for the Lake Ponchartrain Basin Foundation's "Save our COAST" campaign in New Orleans, her home town. This kind of effort for her community is phenomenal! Once again, it is clear that Lauren exemplifies the Wooden Citizenship Code of Living – she always displays caring and honorable behavior off the field and is an incredibly positive influence in her community and in the world. She so freely gives of her time, skills and money for the betterment of her community and the world. Her service to mankind is a part of her daily life. This is an incredibly bright, talented and hardworking young woman, with a huge heart of gold. She gives to her community and asks nothing in exchange. She has already made a difference in the lives of many. She is one in a million! In all my 30 years of university teaching at Princeton, Yale and here at Purdue, I have never met a young woman like her. Her future is before her – she has all of the skills necessary to be outstanding in any field that she chooses. She will make an incredible difference in the world. She is very deserving of this honor and as a recipient will be an exceptional asset to the program.

Sincerely,

Christie L. Sahley

Professor of Biological Sciences