

## MISSION STATEMENT

Blue Star-Ontario is committed to assisting athletes ages 9 through 16 in improving their individual basketball skills. We provide knowledgeable coaching along with the opportunity to play with and against the highest level of competition in North America. An equally important goal of the program is to develop character, teamwork, and sportsmanship in a safe and enjoyable basketball environment.

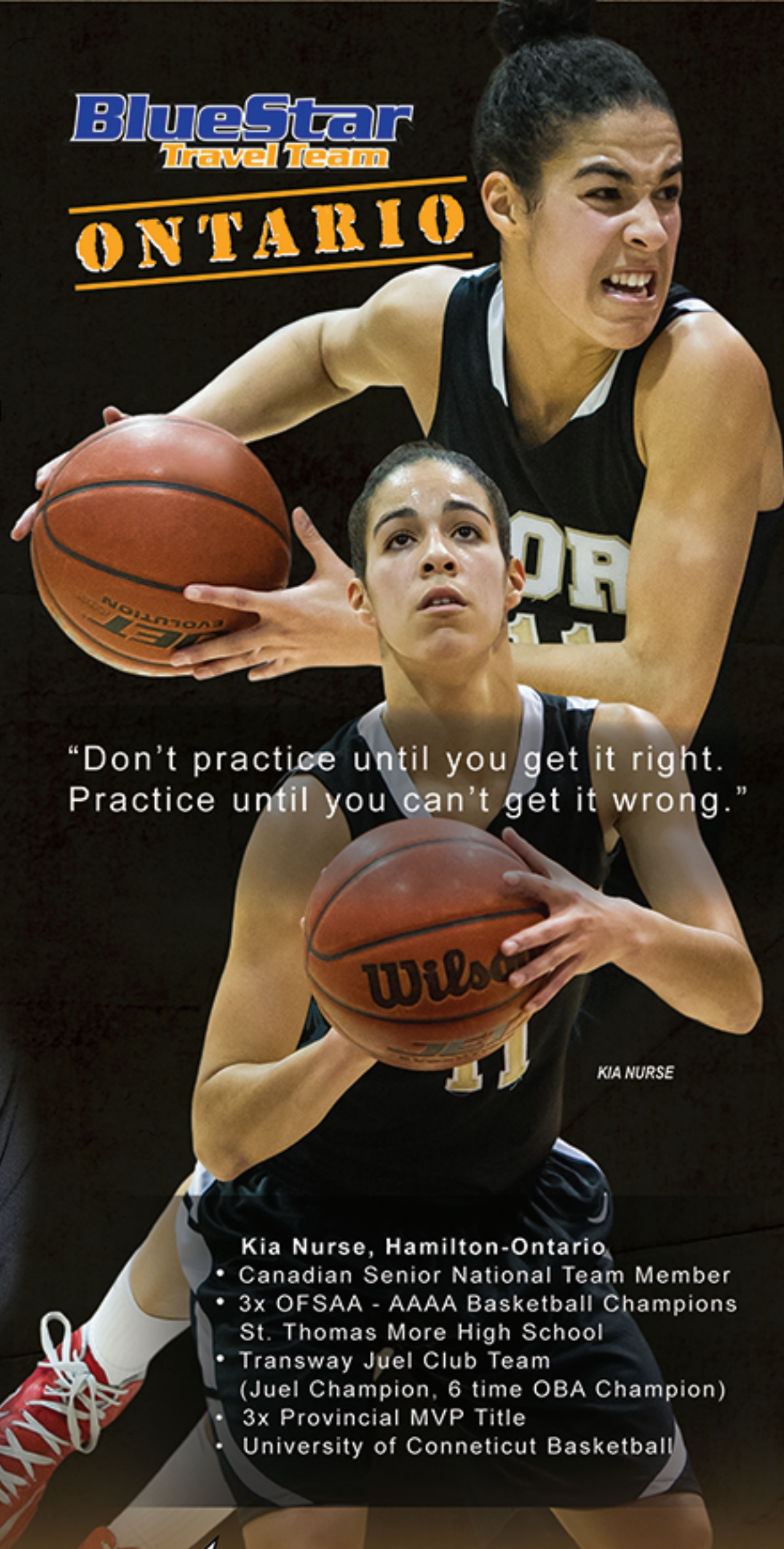
**Congratulations** to our following players who begin their NCAA basketball career Fall 2014:

**Amira Gianatassio**- Mount St. Marys, MD-The Mount  
**Christina Buttenham**-University of Iowa-Hawkeye's  
**Hilary Hanaka**-University of Vermont-Catamounts  
**Kia Nurse**-University of Connecticut-Huskies

## BlueStar Travel Team ONTARIO

- Committed to assisting athletes ages 9 through 16 improve their individual basketball skills
- Highly competitive training environment to challenge athletes every time they step onto the court
- Top level competition in USJN tournaments throughout the summer
- Experienced coaches with a history of demonstrated performance
- Recognized name in recruiting communities throughout Canada and the United States
- Increased recruiting exposure through partnership with Blue Star Media

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Practice until you can't get it wrong."



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## PROGRAM

Blue Star-Ontario provides athletes with all three levels of basketball development and acumen. The focus is on fundamental skill development encompassing all essential elements of basketball (dribbling, shooting, passing and footwork). Athletes are provided with strength and conditioning program to help them endure the rigors of a basketball game. The basics of injury prevention, nutrition and recovery are also covered to keep athletes healthy through a busy competition schedule.

CHRISTINA BUTTENHAM

AMIRA GIANATASSIO

HILARY HANAKA

**Amira Gianatassio, Hamilton-Ontario**

- 3x OFSAA - AAAA Basketball Champions St. Mary's High School
- Transway Juel Club Team (Defending Champion)
- Mount St. Mary's University, Maryland

**Hilary Hanaka, Hamilton-Ontario**

- 3x OFSAA - AAAA Basketball Champions St. Mary's High School
- Transway Juel Club Team (Juel Champion/6x OBA champion)
- 4 time Ontario Provincial Team (MVP 2012 nationals)
- 2011 member of Canadian Cadette National Team
- University of Vermont Catamounts Basketball

**Christina Buttenham, Hamilton-Ontario**

- 3x OFSAA - AAAA Basketball Champions St. Mary's High School
- Transway Juel Club Team (Juel Champion, 6 time OBA Champion)
- 3x Ontario Provincial Team
- 2012 Canadian Cadette National Team
- University of Iowa Hawkeyes Basketball

## BlueStar Travel Team ONTARIO

Canada Drive's partnership with Blue Star Basketball provides unprecedented levels of competition and exposure for our athletes. Canada Drive has long been a trusted name in the AAU basketball circuit but this new agreement ensures that our program will be seen on par with many of the top programs from across the US. It also provides our teams access to many of the top tournaments every summer and will allow our athletes to compete against top level competition and in front of an increased number of college and university recruiters.

Blue Star-Ontario will be forming "Blue Star Elite" teams for the following age groups: 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U and 17U. These teams will have a complete training schedule and compete in several USJN exposure tournaments throughout the summer.

Blue Star-Ontario will also be forming "Canada Drive Development" teams for the following age groups: 10U, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U. These teams compete earlier in the summer (April-May) and our main focus will be on developing players and preparing them to step up to "Blue Star Elite" teams in subsequent years. Athletes that compete at the 12U, 13U and 14U teams could potentially play for both teams depending on performance and numbers.

All teams will be picked from a combination of recruiting and tryouts.

## COACHES

Combined our coaches have worked with over 100 athletes that have competed, are competing or will compete in post secondary basketball. They have won numerous provincial and even national championships working with elite level teams. All of our coaches have extensive connections in the recruiting community and work tirelessly to develop their athletes, provide them opportunities and assist them in reaching their basketball goals. Our success is demonstrated by how well players perform after their careers with Blue Star-Ontario are done.

Our Coaches:  
Richard Nurse  
Nate McKibbin  
Andrew Baillie  
Brittany MacFarlane

KIA NURSE

## BLUE STAR ELITE

*Summer 2014 Schedule*

**Three Rivers Challenge**

May 31-June 01 - Pittsburgh, PA (13U-17U)

**Hershey Showcase**

June 21-June 24 - Hershey, PA (13U-17U)

**Premier Invitational MIDWEST**

July 5-July 8 - Cincinnati, OH (12U-17U)

**USJN/Nike 17U National Championships**

July 22-July 25 - Washington, DC (16U, 17U)

**USJN/Nike 15U-12U National Championships**

July 25-July 28 - Washington, DC (12U-15U)