

Former Michigan State Forward Taiyier Parks Commits To Ohio State



Former Michigan State forward Taiyier Parks announced Thursday via Instagram that she has committed to Ohio State as a graduate transfer.

Parks, a 6-3 native of Cleveland, entered the portal in March after four seasons with the Spartans where she averaged 7.1 points and 5.5 rebounds on 50.8 percent shooting. She posted 8.3 points and 5.2 rebounds on a career-high 57.5 percent shooting last season, appearing in 29 games for Michigan State with 11 starts, averaging 18.6 minutes per game.

She played high school basketball at North Royalton High School and was a four-star recruit from the 2019 recruiting class, averaging 19 points, 16 rebounds, three steals and three blocks in her junior season while earning first-team all-conference honors. She missed her senior season due to an injury.

Parks provides a significant boost in the post for Ohio State, an area where head coach Kevin McGuff and the Buckeyes have struggled in recent years with a smaller lineup consistently taking the court, but her addition will help bolster Ohio State's front court as one of the tallest players on the roster.

She is the second transfer addition this offseason for Ohio State, joining former Duke guard Celeste Taylor, the reigning ACC Defensive Player of the Year, who announced her transfer to Columbus in April.