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One of the best, and most diverse, girls basketball team in the state is located at a small northwest private school in Wichita, KS. The Life Preparatory Academy Lady Fire are currently 9-0 and still heating up. Coached by Head Coach Terrance Micheaux and Assistant Coach Ricky Lasley, the Lady Fire have become one of the most diverse teams in the nation. The team's nationality spans from here in Wichita, all the way to Colombia and New Zealand.

"It's cool to see the difference in how the American girls play compared to us Colombian girls or the New Zealanders. The styles are different, but that's what makes our team so good," said Juliana Alarcon-Diaz, a senior shooting guard from Colombia.

"It's really cool to play on a good team that's from all over the world. To learn the different cultures is amazing. You get to learn basketball in a different way from the other girls," added Veronica Martinez Perez, a Colombian forward. When asked what basketball was like here in America compared to her own country she had this to say: "It's more competitive here. Yeah, of course. The talent that we face here is so competitive, athletic, and it's much tougher."

Leila Blackburn, a Junior Forward from New Zealand, had this to say: "I think we play better since we all hail from different places around the world. We obviously have different styles of play and those styles mesh well."

Manaia Timson, a New Zealand guard, said her favorite part of playing on a team with girls from around the globe is: "Meeting people from different parts of the world and being able to come together and actually play a sport (basketball) we all love."

It has been said by some that this could be the best girls basketball team in the state. Their ability to move the ball, run the floor, and play some of the best defense around makes them a threat to anyone they face.



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Juliana Alarcon Diaz - Columbia
Leila Blackburn - New Zealand
Kennedy Hizman - United States
Coach Terrance Michaeux
Regan Tibbits - United States
Isabela Baez-Castilla - Columbia
Rongomai Timson - New Zealand

Bottom

Roimata Blackburn - New Zealand
Veronica Martinez Perez - Columbia
Mikayla Aquilina - Australia
Manaia Timson - New Zealand