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**Danny Manning book signing at Oread Books**

November 5, 2008 (LAWRENCE, Kan.) – Danny Manning, legendary Kansas basketball player and current assistant coach, will sign the book, *What It Means to Be A Jayhawk*, on Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Oread Books on level two of the Kansas Union at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The event is free and the public is invited.

Danny Manning scored the 1988 NCAA Final Four Most Outstanding Player title while leading KU to the NCAA national championship that year—when he and his teammates earned the nickname, “Danny and the Miracles.” Manning is Kansas’ all-time leading scorer and rebounder and the eighth all-time leading scorer in NCAA history. He earned a consensus First-Team All-America selection in 1987 and 1988, the consensus College Player of the Year in 1988, and Big Eight Conference Player of the Year in 1986, 1987, and 1988. Manning was MVP of the NCAA Midwest Regional in 1986 when KU finished with a season record of 35-4 and advanced to the Final Four, and he earned the same title in 1987. As a member of the last all-amateur USA national basketball team in 1988, Manning won the bronze medal at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea.

Danny Manning was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1988 NBA Draft by the Los Angeles Clippers, one of seven professional teams he played for during a career with averages of 14.0 points and 5.2 rebounds per game in a total of 883 games. He was an NBA All-Star in 1993 and 1994 and won the league’s Sixth Man Award in 1998. Following his NBA career, Manning joined the Kansas men’s basketball coaching staff in 2003 and was named assistant coach in 2007, contributing to the program’s continued success including the 2008 NCAA title. In April 2008, Danny Manning was named one of seven people to be enshrined in the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame on Nov. 23, 2008.

In *What It Means to Be a Jayhawk, Bill Self and Kansas’s Greatest Players* (Triumph Books), edited by Jeff Bollig and Doug Vance, men and women from many eras and sports share their appreciation for the time they spent at KU. Danny Manning wrote the book’s afterword, where he reflected on his life and career from his senior year at Lawrence High School, his development as a player, his college basketball career under Coach Larry Brown including memorable details of the 1987-1988 championship season, through his NBA career, and return to his alma mater.

“Several times, I have been asked what my best college memories are. Certainly playing the games was great. We had some epic battles against the nation’s best. But to me, it was so much more.” - Danny Manning, from *What It Means to Be a Jayhawk*

Oread Books, a division of the KU Bookstores, is located on level two of the Kansas Union at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. The selection and events at Oread Books are reflective of the campus community, always current, and representing diverse points of view. As a nonprofit organization in the division of Student Success, the KU Bookstores gives all proceeds back to KU through student programs, services, and activities.

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