Current head coach of the Ragin’ Cajuns men’s basketball team, Bob Marlin has led the Cajuns to victory with highlights including competing in the 2014 NCAA Tournament as well as winning the 2014 Sun Belt Conference and 2011 SBC West Division championships.

A native of Tupelo, Mississippi, Marlin received his bachelor’s degree in physical education from Mississippi State in 1981 and later earned a master’s degree in health and physical education with a minor in guidance and counseling from Northeast Louisiana (now ULM) in 1983. Marlin began his coaching career as a graduate assistance at ULM from 1981-83 under Louisiana Hall of Fame coach Mike Vining. He left Monroe in 1983 to start a six-year tenure as assistant coach for Gene Iba and Tommy Jones at Houston Baptist, then moved to Marshall for the 1989-90 season.

Marlin then returned to the NCAA Division I level, serving as assistant coach at Alabama under David Hobbs from 1995-98 before leaving for Same Houston State. Marlin came to Louisiana after being the winningest coach in Sam Houston State history, compiling a 225-131 record from 1998-2010 that including winning records in 10 seasons of the 12 seasons.

For the 2013-14 season, the Cajuns finished with 23 wins, the most since the 1983-84 season and tied for the second most in program history. The season also included junior Elfrid Payton’s selection in June’s NBA Draft, going 10th overall to the Philadelphia 76ers before being traded to the Orlando Magic on draft day. Marlin also took the Ragin’ Cajuns on their first tour overseas, going 4-0 against professional club teams during an 11-day tour of Spain. The Cajuns have had success in the classroom under Marlin, with 11 Cajun players being named to the Sun Belt Academic Honor Roll for having a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, six in 2011-12 and five in 2012-13.