

Jessica Dimaro

Jessica Wariebimo-Ere Dimaro is a Nigerian student-athlete and incoming member of the Virginia Tech women's basketball team. A W League Rookie of the Year with the Toyota Boshoku Sunshine Rabbits, her journey connects Nigeria, Japan, and the NCAA.



POSITION
Center

CLASS
1st Year

COMMITTED
Virginia Tech

HOMETOWN
Yenagoa, Bayelsa State

THE JOURNEY

2026–2027 Virginia Tech Hokies

Blacksburg, Virginia

In May 2026, Jessica committed to Virginia Tech, opening the next chapter of her student-athlete journey in the ACC.

PLACE
Blacksburg, Virginia

YEARS
2026–2027

2024–2026 Toyota Boshoku Sunshine Rabbits

Kariya, Japan



Jessica was announced as an early-entry player for the Toyota Boshoku Sunshine Rabbits for the 2024-25 season, wearing No. 6 and continuing her development in Japan's W League environment. She played two seasons and grew into one of the league's most exciting young frontcourt players. During her first season, Jessica was named W League Rookie of the Year.



PLACE
Kariya, Japan

YEARS
2024–2026

MEDIA
6 items

2019–2023 Kyoto Seika Gakuen High School

Kyoto, Japan



Jessica arrived from Nigeria in 2019. She attended Kyoto Gakuen Junior High School before continuing on to Kyoto Seika Gakuen High School, where she joined one of Japan's most respected basketball programs. Along the way, she learned Japanese, built friendships, found favorite classes, sang Japanese songs, and became part of the community.



PLACE
Kyoto, Japan

YEARS
2019–2023

MEDIA
2 items

2005–2019 Peretorugbene, Nigeria

Peretorugbene, Bayelsa State

Jessica Wariebimo-Ere Dimaro grew up in Peretorugbene, Bayelsa State, Nigeria. She arrived in Japan in 2019 with basketball dreams, a new language to learn, and a completely different culture in front of her.

PLACE
Peretorugbene, Bayelsa State

YEARS
2005–2019

THE STORY

01 MISSION

Jessica's path also belongs to a larger Nigeria-Japan basketball story that is starting to show up across NCAA women's basketball. Stephanie Okechukwu helped make the pathway visible at Texas Tech after her own journey connected Nigeria, Japan, and the NCAA. Gift Uchenna graduated from Japan's Kochi Chuo High School before becoming a double-double machine at Southern Illinois and Wisconsin. And Uche Izoje, one of Jessica's former high school teammates in Japan, became the 2026 ACC Rookie of the Year at Syracuse.

02 ASPIRATIONS

On June 22, 2026, Jessica was invited into the Team Nigeria national team pathway. Nigeria is not just her home country. It is one of the top women's basketball programs in the world, ranked No. 8 globally and No. 1 in Africa by FIBA in 2026.

03 CULTURAL IMPACT

Nigeria gave her roots. Japan helped shape her. Virginia Tech gives her the next stage. And Team Nigeria brings the story back home.

