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Schumacher named NDSCS Athletic Director ***Passa to remain Athletic Department Chair***



WAHPETON, N.D. – (July 6 , 2009) – Dr. John Richman, North Dakota State College of Science president, has announced a restructuring of the NDSCS Athletic Department effective July 6. Scott Schumacher has been named the college's athletic director and will remain the head men's basketball coach. Former athletic director Jane Passa will continue her duties as head volleyball coach and chairperson of the Health and Physical Education and Recreation Department.

"Coach Schumacher brings a wealth of experience and leadership to NDSCS and will be successful as the Wildcats athletic director," Richman said.

Schumacher has 22 years experience as a basketball coach and recently led the Wildcat men to clinch three championships in the 2008-2009 season including: the MON-DAK conference title with a 13-1 record, the National Junior College Athletic Association Regional XIII title, and the District XI title.

As athletic director, Schumacher will report directly to the college president. He will be responsible for budgeting, compliance and personnel decisions.

"I am greatly honored to be named the new athletic director at a college with such a storied and historical past," said Schumacher. "I look forward to continuing the successes created by former athletes, as well as former athletic directors Don Engen, Dr. John Richman, Mike Beagle, and Jane Passa. In the time that I have been associated with NDSCS, the one thing that has impressed me the most is how tight-knit the faculty and staff are on our campus. I am fired up!"

Schumacher joined NDSCS as head men's basketball coach in 2008. He is president of the NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association. He has a bachelor's degree in education from Texas State University and a master's degree in sports science from United States Sports Academy. He and his wife, Lisa, have three children.

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“Coach Passa has done an excellent job in her role as athletic director,” said Richman. Passa has led efforts to develop the college’s wellness center, increased athletic fundraising, and added women’s softball to the campus which will start in spring 2010. “Her passion is teaching and the reorganization of responsibilities will allow Passa more time to refine and improve the physical education curriculum,” Richman noted

Passa joined NDSCS in 1999 as head volleyball coach and Health and Physical Education and Recreation Department chairwoman. Originally from Drayton, N.D., Passa earned her undergraduate degree at the University of North Dakota and her master’s degree at North Dakota State University. Passa and her husband, Jayme, have two daughters.

NDSCS is a two-year, comprehensive, residential college with its main campus located in Wahpeton, N.D., and a second site, referred to as the Skills and Technology Training Center, located in Fargo, N.D. NDSCS offers degrees, certificates, and diplomas in over 80 academic options in traditional career and technical studies as well as the liberal arts. The college also offers a variety of Distance Education courses. Approximately 95% of graduates from its technical programs find jobs in their chosen fields.

Unlike most two-year colleges, NDSCS boasts a university atmosphere for its students, complete with residence halls, 35 affiliated clubs and organizations, music groups, theater productions, intercollegiate athletics, intramural athletics, and numerous social activities.

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