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BRETT VANA SELECTED TO LEAD LADY 'CANES

Louisburg, NC — Louisburg College is pleased to announce that Coach Brett Vana has accepted the head coaching position of the Lady 'Canes basketball team.

Vana comes to Louisburg from the Champions Academy in Indianapolis, IN, where he served as a trainer and talent evaluator. With more than ten years of coaching experience for high profile teams, Vana will bring tremendous knowledge and experience to this historic program. He has spent the majority of his coaching career overseas, working with national leagues in Switzerland, Germany, and Denmark. Prior to his tenure in Europe, Vana worked as a graduate assistant at Western Kentucky University.



The position was formerly held by legendary coach Mike Holloman who headed the team for twenty-three years. Holloman retired this past May, but will continue as the College's athletic director. With 575 career wins, a NJCAA National Championship, and nineteen NJCAA Region X Titles, finding the right successor for Holloman was a challenge.

“Brett Vana brings tremendous passion, outstanding basketball knowledge, and a wide array of experience to our women's basketball program,” says Holloman. “His wide range of contacts both on the men's and women's side of college basketball will be an asset in helping us attract outstanding student athletes to our program. He also brings international experience and contacts from the twelve years he spent coaching in Europe. I am excited about having him join our Louisburg College Family.”

Vana attended Lake Erie College in Painesville, OH, where he was a four-year starter for the Storms and graduated with a B.S. in chemistry. As a player he received several honors, including NAIA Great Lakes All-Region Team and Male Athlete of the Year.

“This program has a huge tradition – two national championships – and coaches like Mike Holloman and Paul Sanderford. There have been a lot of great players here. One of my goals is to develop these kids as players, and also get them qualified to compete at four-year schools.”

Related by faith to The United Methodist Church, Louisburg College is committed to offering a supportive community in which young men and women mature intellectually, culturally, socially, and spiritually.

As a two-year residential institution, we provide a bridge for students to make a successful transition from high school to senior colleges and universities.

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