



### **Luke Herriges is selected new Athletic Director at Xavier High School**

Luke Herriges has been selected to be the next Athletic Director at Xavier High School in Appleton.

He was chosen from a field of numerous, talented candidates to replace Kathy Bates, who will retire from Xavier this summer, ending a career that she started 45 years ago at the school... including the past 29 years as the Athletic Director.

Herriges, pronounced Hair'-uh-gus, will turn 34 years old this month. His duties as the AD officially start on July 1. He will be the 7th AD at the high school, which will begin its 63rd school year in 2021-22.

"I am very humbled and grateful for the opportunity to lead the Xavier Athletic Department," said Herreriges. "It's a tremendous honor to be able to succeed Kathy Bates as Athletic Director. Xavier Athletics is rich in tradition and I am excited to see that continue into the future with the next generation of student-athletes."

Herriges holds a Master of Arts degree in Athletic Administration and Coaching from the University of Concordia-Irvine in California with a 3.96 grade point and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise Science from Lakeland University in Sheboygan, WI. He has been Xavier's head varsity girl's volleyball coach since 2016, and he has held multiple roles with the XHS track & field program starting in 2017. During the 2020-21 school year, Herreriges also assisted with game management of Xavier HS home athletic events.

He also has served as the FC Elite Volleyball Club program director, administrator and coach from 2016 to the present. His duties included scheduling competition for 24 teams in addition to event management of athletic competitions, along with compliance of eligibility requirements for over 250 athletes and coaches. Herreriges also managed and maintained a 32,000 square foot athletic facility, successfully hired and organized annual evaluations for over 30 coaches, and was the primary contact for NCAA schools in the recruitment of potential student-athletes for college teams.

From 2011 thru 2018, Herreriges worked at Oshkosh North High School. He was a Special Education Teacher and Paraprofessional at the school from 2016 thru 2018 and was the school's varsity volleyball coach from 2011 thru 2016. He also was the club director and head coach at the Northern Impact Volleyball Club in Oshkosh from 2011 thru 2016.

Herreriges, who believes in actively maintaining open communications with players, parents, and coaches, also has coordinated continuing education opportunities for coaches, managed annual budgets and numerous fundraisers, and, has an extensive background in ordering, maintenance, and inventory for athletic uniforms and equipment.

He and Ashley, his wife for 10 years, have two daughters, Peyton (7) and Quinn (2). They reside in Neenah.

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