ST. JOSEPH’S PREP ANNOUNCES NEW BASKETBALL COACH

PHILADELPHIA -- St. Joseph’s Prep announces the hiring of Jason Harrigan as its new Head Basketball Coach. Harrigan has been a coach for more than a decade, including a very successful tenure at Delaware Valley Charter High School and two years at Cardinal O’Hara. He takes over after the retirement of legendary coach Speedy Morris who led the Prep for 18 seasons.

“I am very excited to have a coach with Jason’s skills as our next head basketball coach at the Prep,” says Assistant Principal Josh Rorer, who chaired the search committee for the position. “For nearly two decades, our basketball program has been in the incredibly capable hands of Speedy Morris and I believe that Jason is the right person to take the reins and continue its success.”

At Del Val Charter, Harrigan had great success, culminating in winning the Public League and City Championships in 2016, when he was named Coach of the Year by The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Daily News, and Comcast’s “Varsity Voice” High School Sports Show. In addition to his work on the court, Harrigan also organized team community service activities, a practice he continued as the head coach at O’Hara, where the team improved each year before he left to pursue a different professional opportunity. In addition, he has worked with Philadelphia Youth Basketball as part of their Collegiate Summer Camp Series and as Camp Director of Sixers Camps.

“I am very excited to be the new head coach at the Prep and look forward to leading the program,” Harrigan says. “It is a privilege to take over from someone with a legacy like Coach Morris and I want to continue to instill the values in the program that he did. I want to make sure the Prep basketball program is known for its hard work, determination, and success. I really enjoy developing players and I look forward to working with the outstanding student-athletes at the Prep.”

A graduate of Florida A&M University, Harrigan holds a degree in finance and worked at JP Morgan Chase before leaving to pursue a career in education. Since then, he has worked as a math teacher at two different schools, in the admissions office at Del Val Charter, and is currently a Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Coach with the School District of Philadelphia.
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