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BUCHHOLTZ NAMED STATE TRACK ON-SITE COORDINATOR

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La Crosse, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse has announced Josh Buchholtz will serve as the new On-Site Coordinator for the WIAA State Track & Field Championships. The 2011 WIAA State Championships are scheduled for June 3-4 at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex. The state meet has been held at UW-La Crosse since 1990.

He replaces Larry Terry, who is retiring from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Jan. 11. “For many years, Larry Terry performed admirably as our on-site coordinator for the WIAA State Track & Field Championships,” said Director of Athletics Josh Whitman. “We have all benefited from his work and commitment to one of our community’s hallmark events.”

Buchholtz, who also serves as the director of indoor athletic facilities, begins his third season as the UW-L men’s track & field coach in 2011. Under his leadership, UW-L captured the 2009 NCAA Division III Indoor Championship and placed third at both the Indoor and Outdoor Championships in 2010. The Eagles have swept the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) indoor and outdoor championships in each of Buchholtz's first two seasons. He was named the 2009 WIAC Indoor and Outdoor Men's Track & Field Coach of the Year and the 2010 Outdoor honoree.

“I am very excited to move into a larger role with the WIAA State Track & Field Championship Meet,” said Buchholtz. “The chance to serve the La Crosse area, UW-L, our athletic department and the track & field community is a great honor. Seventeen years ago as a high school athlete at the state track meet, I would have never guessed I would end up with an opportunity like this.”

Buchholtz competed at the 1993, 1994 and 1995 WIAA State Track & Field Meet for Bloomer (Wis.) High School. He placed second in the pole vault in 1994 and was the Division 2 State champion as a senior in 1995.

“I would also like to thank Larry Terry and the whole Terry family for what they have done for high school track & field in Wisconsin,” added Buchholtz.

“We place great value on our partnership with the WIAA and consider it a privilege to host Wisconsin’s high school track and field championships,” said Whitman. “After a thorough review of our operation, I am excited about the opportunity that our team, led by Josh Buchholtz, has to make this one of the truly exceptional athletic events in the entire state.”

UW-L head women’s basketball coach Lois Heeren will serve as the WIAA’s Assistant On-Site Coordinator for the track meet.

The membership of the WIAA oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 506 senior high schools and 90 junior high/middle level schools in its membership. It will sponsor 25 championship tournament series in 2010-11. For more information, please contact the WIAA office at (715) 344-8580.

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