

News Release

Mike Roysland (Fosston, MN) Named Head Women's Basketball Coach at UMC

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(Crookston, Minn.)- The University of Minnesota Crookston announced today that Mike Roysland from Fosston, MN has been named Head Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Roysland brings 42 combined years of head coaching experience to the Golden Eagle Women's Basketball program. He coached girl's volleyball for 15 years at Win-E-Mac and finished with a record of 364 wins and 51 losses. Roysland was the head boy's basketball coach for a combined 27 years at Win-E-Mac and Fosston and finished with a record of 360 wins and 237 losses. He was a Co-Coach on a North Tartan AAU team that took third place at Nationals in 2002 and won the National Championship in 2003.

"I am very excited about the possibilities that can take place at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. I look forward to moving the Golden Eagle Women's Basketball program in a direction that the student-athletes, University and Community can be proud of," says Roysland.

Prior to his position at UMC, Roysland was the Physical Education teacher at Fosston High School. Other teaching experiences include developing a reading program for 1st grade students in Northwest Minnesota that was sponsored by Garden Valley Telephone Company and Wild Rice Electric Cooperative, Title 1 Director at Fosston Magelssen/Elementary - Reading and Math and developed a nation-wide drug education program for grades 4-6 that was sponsored by the National Football League (NFL). Roysland was also a Physical Education teacher at Win-E-Mac High School from 1980-2001.

Roysland earned recognition during his 20+ years in education. He is a four year Executive Board Member of the Minnesota Boys Basketball Coaches Association, 2000 basketball State Runner-Up and Conference and Sub-Section Basketball Coach of the year. In volleyball, he received the Minnesota State Coaches Association Hall of Fame Award, is a three-time State Coach of the Year and made eight State Tournament appearances.

"I feel confident in his ability, he has coached and taught for the last 27 years in this region and is very well known across the state of Minnesota. I am very excited to have someone of his energy and enthusiasm joining our staff; he is a team player and brings a lot not only to our women's basketball program but athletic program as a whole," says Stephanie Helgeson, Director of Athletics. "He is a very driven person, I think he will work hard at recruiting and expect a lot out of his student-athletes but in return he will provide the student-athletes with a great experience which is a priority for our program," Helgeson adds.

The University of Minnesota Crookston is a Division II institution and a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC).

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