

Juckem takes over UW Oshkosh men's basketball program

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Pat Juckem has been selected as the new head coach of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh men's basketball team. Today's announcement follows Ted Van Dellen's retirement from the position in March.

For the past seven years, Juckem was the head men's basketball coach at Coe College (Iowa). He led the Kohawks to an overall record of 105-79 (.571 winning percentage). Coe College won the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (IAC) championship during both the 2006 and 2012 seasons.

"I'm truly honored and humbled to be chosen to lead the UW Oshkosh men's basketball program," Juckem said. "There are very few Division III jobs for which I would have considered leaving Coe College. The combination of strong academics, successful athletics and a nationally renowned conference made this opportunity a perfect fit."

Juckem's 105 coaching victories rank second in the 112-year history of Coe College men's basketball. Last season, the Kohawks totaled a 19-8 record and advanced to the championship contest of the IAC Tournament. Juckem guided Coe College to a 20-7 record in 2006, when the Kohawks captured their first league title in 30 years. He was voted the IAC Coach of the Year in both 2006 and 2012.

Coe College tallied a pair of second-place conference finishes under Juckem, as the Kohawks went 19-8 in 2007 and 17-9 in 2011. Overall, his players combined for 13 all-conference and four all-region selections. Coe College's Mike Kilburg and David Mataloni received the IAC Most Valuable Player award in 2006 and 2012, respectively.

"This is a very exciting time for UW Oshkosh athletics and I'm pleased with Pat's selection as our new head men's basketball coach," said UW Oshkosh Director of Athletics Darryl Sims. "Pat has a strong history of recruiting quality student-athletes, and I look forward to him bringing a brand of basketball that our campus community, the citizens of Oshkosh and our UW Oshkosh alumni will appreciate. Pat also has a firm understanding of the Division III philosophy and how it needs to be integrated within our athletics department and our university."

From 1999-2005, Juckem was an assistant men's basketball coach at Lawrence University. His final three years featured a 62-17 record and Midwest Conference championships in both 2004 and 2005. He also recruited the 2006 Lawrence University team that compiled a 25-1 record and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division III Championship.

"It's exciting to compete in arguably the best Division III conference in the country," Juckem said. "We will build our program around outstanding student-athletes who exhibit high character and love to compete. Our coaching staff will be relentless in our efforts to recruit talented young men who are committed to achieving in the classroom and who fit our team culture."

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Juckem, who also served six seasons as an assistant football coach at Lawrence University, was the head boys basketball coach at Manitowoc Roncalli High School from 1996-99. Juckem led the Jets to a 46-24 record, two state tournament appearances and one conference championship. In 1999, Juckem was named the Eastern Wisconsin Conference Coach of the Year.

Juckem earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Lawrence University in 1995. He and his wife, Elissa, are the parents of Emmett and Gavin.

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