

## **Leimbach Named Dominican Athletics Director**

In announcing Leimbach's hiring, President Marcy said Dominican's athletics teams will reach new levels in National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division II competition.

"We conducted an aggressive national search to find a new Athletics Director who saw the potential in our students and program, and could capitalize on the amazing philanthropic commitment represented by our new athletics complex," President Marcy said. "Brandon Leimbach has the vision, energy, track record, and integrity to build on a strong foundation and lead Dominican athletics into a new era."

Leimbach's role in the leadership and management of CSM's 18 intercollegiate sports grew significantly during his tenure. He was in charge of the department's development efforts, facilities, budget, external relations, game management, and summer camps. He also served as the sport administrator for football, men's and women's basketball, wrestling, and baseball.

"I am thrilled to join Dominican University of California and am excited to begin the challenge of moving [its athletics program](#) forward in the NCAA Division II and the Pacific West Conference," Leimbach said. "Dominican is committed to achieving success, and I feel so honored to be a part of the University's mission to align academic and athletic excellence and Dominican values. I want to thank President Marcy for offering me this tremendous opportunity."

An advocate for a well-rounded athletics program, Leimbach was integral in leading CSM to its first Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Sports Competition Cup title in 2011-12. Leimbach helped CSM finish 15th among more than 300 NCAA Division II institutions nationally in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup in 2009-10, its best finish in school history. CSM also finished 18th in both the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Directors' Cup standings. In addition, he was an assistant coach for CSM's golf team, which made the school's first-ever appearance at the NCAA Division II Championships and won the program's first conference golf title since 1968.

Leimbach was the project coordinator for CSM's \$21 million Clear Creek Athletics Complex. He also was instrumental in developing the \$26 million Student Recreation Center, which opened in 2007.

At Dominican, Leimbach will oversee 12 intercollegiate sports programs, including men's and women's basketball, soccer, golf, and cross country; men's lacrosse; and women's volleyball, tennis, and softball. In recent years, Dominican's 200 student-athletes have excelled in athletics, academics, and civic engagement. Dominican has won or shared the PacWest's Academic Achievement Award in each of its first three years after transitioning to NCAA Division II level in 2009-10. The University received the PacWest Community Engagement award in its first season in the conference. In 2012, Dominican opened the John F. Allen Athletics Complex, which features Jerry Kennelly Field and the Castellucci Family Tennis Center.

Prior to his arrival at CSM in 2002, Leimbach spent two years as Assistant Director of Intramural Sports at the University of California Irvine. He also worked in the Department of Athletics at the University of Notre Dame and served as a graduate assistant at Saint Mary's

College in Moraga. He earned his bachelor's degree in Sports Management and his master's degree in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from Saint Mary's, where he played both football and rugby.

A native of Southern California, Leimbach is a member of the Fountain Valley High School Sports Hall of Fame in football and basketball. He was named FVHS's Male Student-Athlete of the Year as a senior in 1994 when he was Second Team All-CIF in football and Most Valuable Player in the Sunset League in basketball.

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