

Statement from GVSU Athletic Director Tim Selgo:

After 35 years in college athletics, 28 years in athletics administration and 20 years as Director of Athletics at Grand Valley State University, I have decided that this will be my last year as Athletics Director at GVSU. I am announcing this at this time in order to give the institution as much time as possible to find my successor. When we conduct searches for coaches, there is a high degree of a sense of urgency as our sports teams need leadership and/or getting a new coach on the recruiting trail as soon as possible is a must. By announcing this now, it allows my direct supervisor, Vice President Jim Bachmeier and President Haas, not to have to rush through a search. This will give them plenty of time to find my successor. My intent is to do everything I can to make the transition to the next leader of GVSU Athletics as seamless and successful as possible.

The past 20 years have been a wonderful professional experience, more than any one individual could hope for. I have had the privilege of working at a great university with very talented and hard-working people who care about students. That combination leads to success and this university is certainly one of the greatest success stories in the history of higher education in this country. It has been my intent, through the intercollegiate athletics program, to help GVSU accomplish its mission, which is to “educate our students to shape their lives, their professions and their societies.”

There will be time for reflection later in the year and for me to thank the many, many people throughout GVSU and beyond that have played a part in our success and that I have enjoyed working with. For the next 11 months however, I must stay focused on the process. I am honored and humbled to serve this year as the President of NACDA (National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics). To serve as president of the organization that serves college athletic directors of all levels; two-year schools, NAIA schools, as well as NCAA DIII, DII, and DI schools, is an honor and a privilege. I am especially humbled that over the 50 year history of NACDA, I am the only DII A.D. to serve in this capacity and I intend to represent all athletic directors of all levels in my year of service to the best of my ability.

Likewise, I remain committed to doing my very best through the 2015-16 year for Laker Athletics. My efforts over the next 11 months will be to lead GVSU Athletics to the best of my abilities in accomplishing our three fundamentals of success, which are:

- 1.) Create the best learning environment possible
- 2.) Challenge our teams to competitive greatness
- 3.) Commit the energy necessary for success

I look forward to another exciting year for Laker Athletics. Anchor Up!