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WCC Announces New Leaders in Athletic Department

Bellingham, WA, Oct. 4, 2013 – There are new leaders in place this fall to guide Whatcom Community College’s athletic teams.

Long-time men’s basketball head coach Chris Scrimsher is in a new role as associate director of athletics for the College. Former assistant men’s basketball coach David Dunham will move into the head coach role. Scrimsher will direct the College’s athletic programs and continue to provide leadership by emphasizing both academic and athletic achievement.

A Whatcom County native, Scrimsher was head coach at Whatcom for 13 years. During his tenure, the team logged a Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges’ (NWAACC) record for consecutive tournament appearances, and the Orcas twice won the Northern Region championship. Scrimsher, who has one of the highest winning percentages in the conference at 65 percent, was named NWAACC’s Northern Region Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2012. Academically, his teams have consistently averaged a 3.0 GPA. More than 50 of his players have gone on to play and study at four-year universities; four have played professional basketball.

“I’ve been extremely blessed to have coached at Whatcom,” Scrimsher says. “I would like to thank College leaders for believing in my abilities and providing a new opportunity for me to guide Whatcom’s athletic program.”

Dunham has been Whatcom’s assistant basketball coach since 2004. He played on teams at Golden West Community College and Lewis-Clark State College where he earned his associate’s degree and bachelor’s degree respectively. “I am very excited about this opportunity, and I look forward to continuing the success that Coach Scrimsher has had on the court and in the classroom,” he says.

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Angie Short is also in a new role as head coach of the women's volleyball program. A former assistant coach for Whatcom, Short played for and was captain of the University of Washington's volleyball team. Returning to coach at Whatcom are Claire Morgan, women's soccer; Joel Grossman, men's soccer; and Sara Bergner, women's basketball. Morgan and Grossman are starting their fourth seasons. Bergner, a former WCC basketball stand-out and NWAACC scoring leader in 2006, started as head coach in 2010.

Whatcom Community College is an accredited, comprehensive two-year college serving more than 11,000 students annually. On its 71-acre campus in Bellingham, WA, and through on-line courses, Whatcom offers transfer degrees, professional and technical training programs, as well as basic education, job skills, and Continuing and Community Education classes. For more information about WCC, visit www.whatcom.ctc.edu.

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