

Centurion Athletics **return** to MCC

By Renae Gould

After more than a 40-year hiatus, Centurion Athletics is returning to Montcalm Community College.

As a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Michigan Community College Athletics Association (MCCAA), MCC's athletics department has been busy recruiting athletes for the upcoming season.

According to Athletic Director Hunter Redman, men's and women's cross country, women's volleyball and clay target shooting teams will begin competing this fall. The men's golf team will compete in exhibitions this fall, but will start their season in spring 2024, and men's and women's bowling will start in the winter. Athletics is also recruiting for men's and women's basketball, which is expected to begin league play in fall 2024.

"It's an exciting time to be a Centurion," Redman said. "Bringing back athletics gives students and student-athletes more opportunities for their future and greater experiences in college."

Redman, who brings experience as a coach, health and physical education teacher, athletic recruiter and former college athlete, said MCC Centurion Athletics has hired several coaches with a wealth of experience to lead its teams.

David Berry, of Lowell, is the coach for MCC's men's and women's bowling teams. He has been a certified bowling coach by the United States Bowling Congress for more than 15 years, and he has coached high school bowling for three seasons at Grand Rapids West Catholic.



David Berry
Men's & Women's Bowling



Jack Cribb
Women's Basketball



Hunter Derenski
Clay Target Shooting

Jack Cribb, of Lakeview, is the women’s basketball coach. He played basketball in high school and football in college. Cribb has coached women’s basketball for 15 years.

Hunter Derenski, of Six Lakes, is MCC’s clay target shooting coach. He is a three-time collegiate national champion and a world champion in clay shooting. Derenski also coaches at Montabella High School.

Doug Harkema, of Lansing, is the college’s men’s golf coach. He started golfing when he was a kid. He has worked with golfers at all levels and has coached high school golf for more than 20 years.

Kevin Sweeney, of Rockford, is MCC’s cross country coach. Sweeney has been involved with cross country and running for the past 30 years. An accomplished runner, he won several awards during his college cross country career.

Kara Youngs, of Sheridan, is the college’s volleyball coach. She played volleyball and basketball in high school. Youngs has coached high school volleyball for five years and AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) for eight years. ■

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