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SMCC Announces Next Volleyball Coach

Monroe, MI – Cassie Haut, who guided the St. Mary Catholic Central Volleyball Program for the past three seasons, has announced her resignation from coaching due to graduating her master’s program and pursuing job offers.

While at SMCC, Haut compiled a 107-28-1 record that included 3 league titles, three Regional Title, 2 State Semifinal appearances and 1 State Runner-up. Prior to becoming the head coach at SMCC, Haut was a 2015 graduate of SMCC, where she was a four-year volleyball letter winner, and 2-time State Champion. She was named MIVCA Class C All-State First Team during her sophomore, junior and senior campaigns. As a senior, she was a Miss Volleyball finalist and named to the Beast of the East All-Tournament Team and Under Armour Watch List. She went on to play volleyball at Eastern Michigan University. As a senior, she earned first-team All-MAC accolades, landed on the Academic All-MAC Team and was named finalist for the 2019 Senior Class Award. As a redshirt junior, she earned first-team All-MAC honors after the regular season and was named the MAC Tournament Most Valuable Player and to the All-MAC Tournament Team. Her performance in the MAC Tournament led Eastern to it’s first-ever MAC Tournament Championship and first NCAA Tournament appearance.

“It has been a privilege to be a part of a program that has meant so much to me as both a player and a coach. I am sad to leave this great group of girls, and I appreciate all the support from the school.” stated Haut.

“We were beyond blessed to have Coach Haut guide our volleyball program over the last 3 years.” said SMCC Athletic Director, Jared Janssen. “Cassie is a staple of SMCC Volleyball, and will forever leave her mark on the program.”

As a result of Haut’s resignation, SMCC is pleased to announce that it has named Kim Windham as its next Varsity Volleyball Coach.

Windham has previously coached at Monroe High School, and most recently Airport High School. She has compiled a 209-106-19 career record. That included 2 district championships and 1 regional title. Windham has also spend 13 years as an assistant coach at Airport, Ida, and SMCC. In 2015, she was named Region Coach of the Year at Monroe.

Kim (Laginess) Windham is a 1990 graduate of SMCC. In her senior year, she was awarded Regional Player of the Year at SMCC.

"We are very excited to have Coach Windham lead our volleyball program. She will lead with class, and has been a winner everywhere she has coached. When I first was made aware of the possibility of Cassie having to move on for her career, Coach Windham was the first person I had in mind to target as a candidate." Stated Janssen.

"I am honored for the opportunity to coach here at SMCC." said Windham. "I hope that we will be able to maintain the success of the program and create some great memories for our student athletes."

Born & raised in Monroe, Windham is the owner of Varsity Athletic and resides in Monroe with her husband, Randy. Kim is the proud parent of two SMCC alums, Bailey (2012) and Bryce (2015).

About SMCC

St. Mary Catholic Central High School is a heritage school formed from the 1986 merger of St. Mary Academy and Monroe Catholic Central. SMCC continues the church's educational tradition in Monroe that began when the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary founded St. Mary Academy in 1846. The Brothers of Holy Cross came to Monroe in 1944 to staff Monroe Catholic Central, a new all boys Catholic secondary school established by the Archdiocese and several local parishes. The school's mission statement is, "Building on the charism of our founders, St. Mary Catholic Central High School is a Christ-centered learning community forming lives in a tradition of faithfulness to the Gospel, educational excellence, and service to others." For more information, go to www.smccmonroe.com and follow SMCC on Twitter @SMCCMonroe

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