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#### **Guerin Prep Names Former DePaul Basketball Star New Athletic Director**

Kevin Holmes, former DePaul basketball star and current assistant boys' varsity basketball coach at Guerin College Preparatory High School, will assume the position of athletic director at Guerin Prep effective Oct. 15. Holmes also has been named head coach of the boys' varsity basketball team.

Guerin Prep President Terry John Malik, who announced the appointment, stressed that Holmes will work with Guerin Prep's administration to ensure a quality program reflecting the mission of the school.

"Kevin has a lot of experience not only as a player himself, but also in working with young people as a counselor, teacher and coach," Malik said.

"He is strongly committed to teaching young athletes the importance of solid, fundamental work habits and the value of commitment, unity and sportsmanship in a competitive environment. We have great confidence that he will help our student-athletes apply these principles to everyday life in order to succeed after graduation."

Holmes, a star basketball player at De Paul University during the legendary Ray Meyers tenure, was drafted by the Philadelphia '76ers in 1986. He spent 12 years playing professional basketball. Career highlights include four championships and four national cups in Switzerland, Belgium and Cyprus. He was selected to play in seven all-star games.

"After spending twelve years in Europe, Asia and South America playing professional basketball, I developed a sensitivity and respect for diverse ethnical, cultural, religious and socio-economical backgrounds," Holmes explained.

He believes his varied basketball career, as well as the work he has done in coordinating basketball camps and AAU teams, will help him strengthen Guerin Prep's athletic program.

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## 2—Guerin Prep Athletic Director

As director, Holmes will manage the overall athletic program for Guerin Prep, which includes nine sports teams for the boys and nine for the girls. He will also oversee the athletic facilities and sports budgets.

Holmes will represent the school at Illinois High School Athletic Association meetings as well as in its relationships with the Chicago Catholic League, the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference and with the newly formed Suburban Christian Conference, which will begin play with the 2009-2010 school year.

Holmes has experience coaching girls basketball at James B. Conant High School in Hoffman Estates, where he also was a substitute teacher.

A co-founder of FOCUS SPORTS in Mount Prospect, Holmes has coordinated and directed youth camps in the Chicago area. He also was a partner in WORLD CLASS SPORTS, serving as the event coordinator for the Chicago region.

He has been a member of the SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP YOUTH COMMITTEE, serving as chairman in 2004 and re-elected as chairman for 2005.

Holmes attended DePaul on a four-year NCAA Division I basketball scholarship. He graduated in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in social science.

Holmes joined the Guerin Prep staff in 2004 as the assistant varsity boys' basketball coach. He also has served as the assistant coach for field events.

Holmes is married, and he and his wife live in Elk Grove Village. They have five children, two girls and three boys. Two of their sons have attended Guerin Prep and both have played multiple sports, including basketball. Jason graduated in 2008; Mark is currently a senior at the school.

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