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SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong State University announced today the hiring of **Sean McCaffrey** as its new head men's and women's tennis coach. McCaffrey joins the Pirates from Division I Wright State University, where he has been the head men's and women's tennis coach for the last six seasons.

McCaffrey succeeds Simon Earnshaw, who left the Armstrong tennis program for the head women's tennis position at North Carolina State. He will oversee a highly successful Division II program that has won nine NCAA national championships in the last 10 seasons - six women's titles and three men's titles.

"I am honored and humbled to be given the opportunity to lead the Armstrong State University Pirate tennis program," McCaffrey said. "I have watched and admired all that Coach Earnshaw accomplished over the years in Savannah and will do all I can to continue the rich tennis and academic tradition."

"I am so thankful that Lisa Sweany and Jennifer Rushton recognized my continuing passion for college tennis and helping my student-athletes be all they can and dream to be," McCaffrey added. "This is a tremendous opportunity for my family and I am eager to start working right away with the entire Pirate team."

As the head coach for Wright State, McCaffrey was named the 2012 Horizon League Men's Tennis "Coach of the Year" for leading the Raiders to the program's first regular season Horizon League title and an overall record of 18-5. Overall in his six seasons, McCaffrey accumulated a 78-69 record with the men's program (.531).

"I'm excited that Sean McCaffrey is the new head men's and women's tennis coach at Armstrong," Armstrong athletic director Lisa Sweany said. "It was a very competitive candidate pool and, as Sean rose to the top of that pool, we identified him as the leader of our program moving forward. Sean really stood out during the process and I look forward to his taking over a highly competitive program and continuing our success and tradition here at Armstrong. I'm confident his experience as a head coach at DI and DIII, his recruiting contacts and his proven success of building winning programs will serve Pirate Athletics well."

Prior to joining Wright State, McCaffrey was the head coach at Division III Colby-Sawyer College in New London, N.H., for five seasons, accumulating a career record of 40-18 (.690) with the men and a 60-19 career record (.759) with the women for an overall 100-37 record (.730). In his 11 seasons of collegiate coaching, his overall men's and women's tennis record stands at 230-198 (.537).

A native of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., McCaffrey graduated from Johnson State College (Vt.) with his bachelor's degree in history in 2007. He earned an associate degree in recreation and leisure management from Johnson & Wales University in 1995 where he served as team captain in 1994 and the following year was a player/coach who helped lead the Wildcats to an 11-1 record. McCaffrey previously attended Adirondack Community College where he was named Most Outstanding Player of the 1991 team that went 12-2 and finished as the runner-up at the New York State Junior College tournament.

McCaffrey and his wife, Deborah, have two daughters, Cora and Maddie. He will begin work on Thursday.



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