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Davie County High School Names Josh Stanley New Head Wrestling Coach

Mocksville, N.C., May 9, 2023 –Davie County Schools announces the appointment of Josh Stanley as the new head wrestling coach at Davie County High School.

A former standout wrestler at Appalachian State and a graduate of Davie County High School, Stanley brings 24 years' experience in wrestling and 16 years coaching wrestling for boys and girls ages 5-18. Most recently he served as the head wrestling coach at Lake Norman High School, where his success included 2022 Conference champs, Regional Champs, State Runner up 2022, Greater Metro 4 Coach of the Year 2022, two conference wrestlers of the year, 26 State Qualifiers, 14 State Placers, five State Champions and six All American Honors.

Stanley is also the founder of Combat Athletics, a renowned wrestling and martial arts program located in Bermuda Run. Since 2012, Combat Athletics has produced an impressive 48 State Champions, coached 33 NHSCA All-Americans, Coached two NHSCA National Champions and five NHSCA National finalists, 15 athletes with D1 scholarships and more than 30 athletes at D2 and below.

As a student athlete at Davie County High School, Stanley played football and wrestled. He was a 2-time NCHSAA 3rd place wrestler and was a collegiate wrestler at NC State University and Appalachian State. "Returning to coach at my alma mater is about more than just coaching," said Stanley. "It's a chance to give back to the program and community that molded me, to inspire the next generation of wrestlers, and to build upon the passion for wrestling in this community."

"We are thrilled to have Coach Stanley join our wrestling program," said Tim Devericks, Davie County High School Athletic Director. "His track record of success and commitment to excellence make him an ideal fit for our school and community. Having already demonstrated his ability to thrive in the most competitive arenas, we are looking forward to him building upon the already positive influence and accomplishments of Davie's student-athletes."

For more information, please contact Devericks at deverickst@davie.k12.nc.us

About Davie County Schools

Davie County Schools (DCS) serves Pre-K and K-12 students in the Piedmont Triad, just west of Winston-Salem. DCS includes 6 elementary schools, 3 middle schools, Davie County High School, Davie County Early College High School, Central Davie Academy, and Davie County Virtual School with a mission to engage, equip, and empower students. DCS provides a safe, innovative learning environment where each individual is valued, respected, and challenged. An engaging staff and community ensure students learn, grow, create, and discover their talents through experiences that prepare them for success. With a robust arts program, Career and Technical Education and home to the War Eagles, Davie County High School is a member of the Central Piedmont 4-A Conference, offering competitive and well-rounded experiences for students and student-athletes.



Cooleemee Elementary School | Cornatzer Elementary School | Mocksville Elementary School | Pinebrook Elementary School
Shady Grove Elementary School | William R. Davie Elementary School | North Davie Middle School | South Davie Middle School
William Ellis Middle School | Central Davie Academy | Davie County Virtual School | Davie County High School | Davie County Early College