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U OF D JESUIT HIRES KEVIN GLENN AS HEAD COACH FOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

DETROIT (May 29, 2024) – University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy is excited to announce the hiring of Kevin Glenn as its new head coach for varsity football. Glenn will take over from current head coach and faculty member, Matt Lewis, who will be pursuing a new career opportunity at the end of the academic year. The announcement was made by U of D Jesuit Principal, Dr. Christopher Smith.

“We knew we had a short window to find an excellent fit for our school and our football program,” said Dr. Smith. “We had a large pool of applicants who were interested in the position. Coach Kevin Glenn fulfilled so many of the characteristics we were looking for in this position. He has extensive coaching experience in the Catholic League and extensive professional and collegiate playing experience. Coach Glenn is a graduate of St. Martin de Porres High School, so he has deep roots with Catholic education in the City of Detroit. Coach Glenn understands how athletics are part of a larger picture of how U of D Jesuit strives to form Men for Others.”

Glenn, a 2023 Catholic High School League Hall of Fame inductee, comes to U of D Jesuit from University Liggett School (ULS) in Grosse Pointe where he spent last season as their head coach and compiled a 7-3 record. Prior to ULS, he served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Catholic Central.

“I’m excited about this opportunity, to be at a place with so much tradition with a very established program, following a good head coach,” said Glenn. “Being a Detroit native who went to Catholic school, and played football, I always envisioned being a coach in the City of Detroit. This opportunity will allow me to come home, to where I grew up, to build a legacy with young men from the Metro Detroit area.”

A Detroit native, Glenn spent 18 seasons (2001-18) in the Canadian Football League (CFL) as a quarterback. He played for nine CFL teams, completing 63.2 percent of his passes for 52,867 yards, 294 touchdowns, and 207 interceptions over 304 career games. Glenn was named an East Division All-Star in 2007 and the East Division’s Most Outstanding Player. In 2011, he received the Tom Pate Memorial Award, given annually by the CFL Players’ Association (CFLPA) to a member who makes significant contributions to his team, community, and the CFLPA.

Before his CFL career, Glenn played college football at Illinois State, setting 25 records during his four years. He is a 1997 graduate of Detroit St. Martin de Porres, where he was a multi-sport athlete and led his teams to state titles in football (1995, 1998), basketball (1996), and baseball (1995, 1996). Glenn is inheriting a playoff-contending Cub varsity squad who finished last season with a 7-3 record, the most wins in a season since 2018.

“The only objective was to find the best fit for the continued growth and success of our football program,” said U of D Jesuit Athletic Director Nick Kocsis. “I commend Dr. Smith, Br. Boynton and the rest of the school’s administration for their continued commitment to hiring the best teacher-coaches for our programs. The addition of Coach Glenn is an investment in our school, alumni, football community, and most importantly, our current scholar-athletes.”

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