



A MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMY

Leadership Updates in the SJA Athletics Department

May 2025

We are pleased to share news of leadership in our Athletics Department. Our commitment to the holistic development of our student-athletes and to the mission of forming women leaders grounded in faith, integrity, and excellence remains a priority.

We are proud to announce that **Taylor Masterson Dace** has been appointed as SJA's new **Athletic Director**, reporting to Anna Hotop, Principal of Student Affairs. She will replace Maureen McVey, who is retiring at the end of this school year. A St. Joe graduate from the Class of 2011, Taylor was a two-time state champion in volleyball under the leadership of Coach Karen Davis. Her experiences as a student-athlete inspired her to pursue a career in athletic administration, a path that has now led her back home to St. Joe.

Taylor brings outstanding leadership experience from her most recent position as Athletic Director at Cuba High School, where she served for three years. During her tenure, she managed all aspects of a successful athletics program, launched innovative student initiatives, including a Mentor Coaching Program for her district, an ESPY Award Ceremony, and a Dual Sport Program, and was elected President of the Gasconade Valley Conference in 2022. Most recently, she was honored as the 2025 South Central Newcomer Athletic Director of the Year, a testament to her dedication and impact. She holds a specialist degree in Educational Leadership: Principalship from Arkansas State University and a Master's of Education in Athletic/Activities Administration from William Woods University. Taylor's passion and experience in mentoring coaches with a mission-centered leadership style make her a remarkable addition to our community.



ANNIE BEEKMAN

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that **Annie BEEKMAN** has been promoted to a new role as **Director of Leadership and Formation in Athletics**, reporting to Taylor Dace. Since joining St. Joe in 2022 as Assistant Athletic Director, Annie has demonstrated a deep commitment to nurturing the character and confidence of our student-athletes. She holds a Master of Education in Positive Coaching and Athletic Leadership from the University of Missouri in Columbia and is a Certified Athletic Administrator through the NIAAA.

In this new position, Annie will collaborate with Taylor to create a transformative athletic experience emphasizing leadership development, faith integration, character formation, and mental and physical wellness. Her work will ensure that our athletics programs continue to reflect the mission of St. Joseph's Academy while preparing student-athletes to become the values-driven leaders of tomorrow.

Together, Taylor and Annie bring a powerful combination of tradition, innovation, and heart to the leadership of our Athletics Department. We are confident their partnership will enrich our community and continue to advance the legacy of excellence at St. Joe.

Please join us in welcoming Taylor and congratulating Annie on this exciting new chapter.



TAYLOR MASTERSON DACE '11