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Media Release

From: Mike Beaton, Activities Coordinator, Fargo South High School

RE: Bruin Softball Coach Named

Date: November 4, 2026

Fargo South High School has named **Mr. David Benson** as their new girls' softball coach for the 2027 season.

Mr. Benson will replace **Mrs. Paige Sims** and **Ms. Kayla Kraft** who were the co-head coaches for the Bruin softball program for the 2026 season. Mrs. Sims was the head coach for the program for the 2025 season.

Mr. Benson, a graduate of Brainerd High School, North Dakota State University and Valley City State University, has served as a head coach in the Post 400 and Dak-Minn Prospects baseball programs. He has also worked as an instructor at the Fargo-Moorhead Ballyard. He was an assistant coach with the Bruin girls' basketball program from the 2023-2024 season through the 2025-206 season and has coached football at Carl Ben Eielson Middle School since 2023. He has been a teacher at Carl Ben Eielson since 2022, teaching sixth grade math and language arts and currently teaches eighth grade High School Readiness and Career Exploration.

Fargo South High School Activities Coordinator Mike Beaton states "We are excited to announce Mr. Benson as the new head coach for our softball program. As a girls' basketball coach at South and teacher at Carl Ben Eielson, he has established positive relationships with athletes and students which will help in the transition to him as head softball coach. It was evident during the interview that Mr. Benson has a passion for working with students and helping them to be the best athletes they can be while teaching life skills through sports. His work in skill development as a baseball coach will benefit the players in our softball program."