Daytona State College Tabs Laura Stegall as Head Coach of the Women’s Volleyball Program

Daytona State College has named Laura Stegall as the head coach of the women’s volleyball program. She will officially take over the reins of the program on July 16th, 2012. The signing date for the inaugural volleyball class will be November 1, 2012, and the Falcons will commence their first season in August, 2013.

Laura Stegall brings over ten years of experience as a collegiate player and coach to the Falcons. She served as an assistant coach the past two years at ERAU and previously served as the head coach for three years at Indiana Tech where she started the program in 2004. She had a year to recruit the Indiana Tech first class and then in her first two years leading the Indiana Tech women on the court posted a 15-12 record in 2005, and then a 28-9 record in 2006. In her two seasons at the helm of the Indiana Tech program, Stegall coached two All-Region and two All-WHAC honorees. She also had nine student-athletes earn All-America Scholar Athlete honors and the 2007 squad had a 3.53 team grade point average. The 2006 team which advanced to NAIA regionals for the first time in school history also landed Stegall the WHAC Coach of the Year honors.

As a collegiate player Stegall competed at Indiana University – Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Indiana where she was a three time All-Conference and All-Region selection, and also received the coveted honor of Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year in 2000. Stegall was a standout in volleyball, leading the Mastodons in kills and digs three seasons in a row. She notched 36 kills against Kentucky Wesleyan in 2000, which still stands as an IPFW single-match record. Stegall also holds the Mastodons’ single-season digs record (505) and was their all-time leader in kills (1,895) and digs (1,625). Stegall was invited to tryout with the U.S. Women’s National Team as well. She also earned honors of Academic All-American and Dean’s List during her time at IPFW. She was subsequently inducted into the IPFW Hall of Fame in 2006.

Stegall also played three seasons with the Mastodon basketball program. She led the squad in rebounding (151, 6.1 rpg) and field goal percentage (.442) as a sophomore and was selected as team captain in her senior season.

Stegall is also committed to the development of young volleyball players. She worked with the N3 Volleyball Club from 2005-07 and currently coaches with the Atlantic Coast Juniors club program. Her expertise has also been sought at a number of camps around the state of Florida, including the University of Florida Team Camp and the Embry-Riddle and St. James camp programs.

Stegall moved to the Daytona Beach area from Fort Wayne, Ind. in 2007 when her husband Randy accepted the position as head baseball coach at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The Stegall’s reside in DeLand, Fla. with their daughters Sarah (will turn 3 in July), and Ashtyn (7 months).
**Laura Stegall’s remarks on her hiring as DSC Head Volleyball Coach:**

“I want to thank Daytona State College and Will Dunne for giving me this unique opportunity to initiate the volleyball program at DSC. I am hopeful that my past experiences in starting an intercollegiate volleyball program will make this an easy transition. I am looking forward to developing many new relationships and building opportunities for the college and volleyball program to be successful. “

**Athletic Director Will Dunne’s remarks on the hiring of Laura Stegall:**

"We knew when we made the decision to add volleyball to our intercollegiate athletic program offerings that this was perceived to be a very good job. We anticipated getting a lot of very highly qualified candidates in the pool and we were indeed fortunate to have a terrific pool from which we could select a group of finalists."

"We were looking for someone who first and foremost is about student-athletes. We take care of our student-athletes athletically, academically, socially and that they go out and make us proud on and off the court. We were also looking for someone with a great track record of integrity which is very important to us here at Daytona State. Also, we looked for an expertise in the game of volleyball. Coach Stegall has strong ties to Florida and local volleyball, and as a coach and person she’s a proven winner at the highest level."

"We found everything that we wanted. We found an expert in volleyball who was a tremendous player herself. Coach Stegall is a person who has a tremendous connection with student-athletes. She is a proven winner on and off the court and I believe that we have the right individual to build the foundation of the DSC volleyball program and be the leader our program in the years to come.”