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Saint Albert Catholic School Welcomes Pat Kroll as New Head Softball Coach

Council Bluffs, IA – December 1 – Saint Albert Catholic School is pleased to announce the appointment of Pat Kroll as the new head coach of the Saintes softball program. With a rich history of coaching at various levels and a deep connection to the Saint Albert community, Coach Kroll is well-prepared to lead the team into its next chapter.

Coach Kroll began her coaching career at Saint Albert in 1987, serving as an assistant coach for the softball, volleyball, and basketball teams while also taking on the role of assistant track coach. Her tenure with the Saintes basketball team was particularly notable, as she helped guide the team to the State Tournament in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, and 2000 under Head Coach Tom Heithoff. In the late 1990s, she also led the Falcon Jr. High Track team.

From 2000 to 2005, Kroll served as an assistant varsity softball coach at Millard West before taking the helm as head coach at Abraham Lincoln High School, where she spent eight successful seasons. Additionally, she contributed her expertise as an assistant varsity softball coach at Omaha Marian Catholic and coached high-level select softball in Omaha.

Kroll replaces Lyndsey Daley, who was instrumental in building the Saint Albert Softball Program. Daley coached the Saintes from 2011- 2024 and was the KMA Hawkeye 10 Coach of the Year in 2020. Daley and the Saintes tied the school single-season win total in 2023.

"We are so thankful for Coach Daley and her commitment to the Saintes Softball Program, which allowed for a strong foundation for the future of our program," stated Saint Albert Catholic's Activities Director Tim Cannon. "We are excited to have Coach Kroll back on the hill, which will surely be an exciting time for our Saintes Softball Team.

Coach Kroll's dedication to Saint Albert runs deep. She and her husband, Jim, have four children who are all proud graduates of the school: Jeremy (1992), Michelle (1994), Melissa (1997), and McKayla (1999). They also have two grandchildren who have graduated and three who are currently enrolled at Saint Albert.

Reflecting on her new role, Coach Kroll stated, "I'm extremely excited to take over a strong but still up-and-coming program. Coach Daley and Coach Hochstein did a great job getting the

program where it is today, especially as one of the smallest schools in a very tough conference. I've been fortunate to learn from many great coaches throughout my career, and I look forward to building on what Coach Daley has accomplished. I can't wait to take the K-12 Saintes Softball program to the next level!"

The Saint Albert community is eager to support Coach Kroll and the softball team as they work together to achieve new heights.

For more information about the Saint Albert Softball program or upcoming events, please contact Saint Albert Catholic Schools Activities Director Tim Cannon (cannont@saintalbertschools.org).