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Belmont Abbey Seeks New Head Track & Field and Cross Country Coach to Lead Growing Program

BELMONT, N.C. (March 4, 2015) – Belmont Abbey College announced today the search for a new head coach to lead the continuing growth of Crusader Track & Field and Cross Country. With plans to expand the program, the Abbey is searching for a new leader. Current head coach Jay Phillips will be leaving at the end of the outdoor season to return to coach his alma mater, Division I, Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD.

Crusader Athletics has already begun a national search for a replacement for Phillips, with an eye towards an experienced leader who can grow the program. "While we're sorry to see Jay leave and are grateful for his contributions, we are confident his replacement will be of the highest caliber," said athletic director Stephen Miss. "We know there's an outstanding, mission-fit professional out there who will continue the tradition of excellence and virtue that defines Crusader athletics."

The track & field program has enjoyed significant recent successes, including a strong showing at the Conference Carolinas Indoor Championship in which junior Lucy Schmitz captured titles in the 5000 meters and 1-mile run, and a second place finish in the 3000 meters. Schmitz was also named the Conference Carolinas 2015 women's track most valuable performer. In addition to these accomplishments, Belmont Abbey College has also retained CHA Consulting to develop plans for a new track & field facility on campus.

Founded in 1876 by Benedictine monks, Belmont Abbey College a small, Catholic, private college focuses on the development of the whole person in mind, body and spirit. Located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., the College currently serves nearly 800 traditional students and more than 600 adult students.

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