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## “Wrestlers Prefer to be Led, Not Managed” Coach Bob Bodnar - Pasco High School

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“**M**y son laughed at me about the amount of time I was putting in for one graduate credit, but I was really into it. I wasn't just doing the work so I could receive a grade; I wanted to create a quality leadership development program so I could more

effectively teach leadership skills to my team. My goal has always been to make wrestlers better people, and I figured this course would be perfect.” Bob Bodnar, the head wrestling coach at Pasco High School in Washington State, was describing his efforts to complete his final project for a leadership development course. Not just

any leadership course, but one developed by The National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) in conjunction with a couple of big timers in the world of leadership development, Dr. Tom Kane of Southwest Missouri State University and the United States Marine Corp. Coach Bodnar used his newfound knowledge and