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Jake Patacsil Named Mount Olive Head Wrestling Coach

Courtesy Trojan Athletics

MOUNT OLIVE, N.C. --- Jake Patacsil has been named the inaugural head men's wrestling coach, it was announced by Vice President for Athletics Jeff Eisen.

"Jake has an outstanding wrestling and coaching background, and we are excited to have him become our first head men's wrestling coach. His experience, energy, and enthusiasm make him the ideal coach for starting a new program," said Eisen.

"I am honored to be given the responsibility of leading and developing Mount Olive's first wrestling team. I look forward to bringing in student-athletes in that will set a great example for the future of the program and will look to achieve their goals in college and beyond. I want to thank President Dr. David Poole, Director of Athletics Jeff Eisen, and the rest of the search committee for giving me this opportunity. I am thrilled to be joining the University of Mount Olive's community and it's athletic program," said Patacsil.

Patacsil comes to Mount Olive after spending the last four years as an assistant coach at Division I Hofstra University. During his time at Hofstra, Patacsil helped coach two two-time NCAA National Qualifiers and one All-American.

His responsibilities at Hofstra included recruiting, working with the team on top and bottom positions, and running practices. He helped the wrestling team win the Pride Cup (given to the most social/academically/athletically successful

team) three years in a row.

Prior to his time at Hofstra, Patacsil was an assistant at Duke University from 2013-14 where he assisted in recruiting top-level talent, assisted in planning and running practices, and worked heavily with the Blue Devils NCAA All-American Connor Hartman.

Patacsil also served as an assistant coach at Notre Dame College from 2011-13. At Notre Dame, he headed up the recruiting efforts that brought in two top recruiting classes for a program which had a third place team finish in Division II and seven Division II All-Americans during his tenure. Prior to his stint at Notre Dame, Patacsil was an assistant coach for the Dutch of Central College from 2010-11 and helped Central get their first national qualifier in seven years.

Patacsil graduated with a B.S. in Math Education from Purdue University, where he was a four-year member of the Boilermakers wrestling team and an NCAA All-American *at 149 pounds*. In the Purdue record books, he ranks third all-time in career wins (120), second in reversals (51), and is the all-time leader in back points (803). He was a recipient of the prestigious Big Ten Medal of Honor, given to senior student-athletes for athletics, academics, and service.

He has also attended the National Wrestling Coaches Association Leadership Academy four times.

Patacsil will spend this academic year recruiting and preparing for the program to begin competition during the 2019-20 academic year. UMO will become the eighth school in the wrestling conference created through a partnership between Conference Carolinas and South Atlantic Conference.

The NWCA brings the wrestling coaching community together to advance the sport and ensure that current and future generations have the opportunity to engage in a safe and educationally based wrestling experience. This is primarily done by strengthening existing programs, creating new programs, and providing coaches with progressive educational opportunities.



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