



Jefferson City Public Schools

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Jefferson City Public Schools Announces Latest Activities Hires for Capital City High School

JEFFERSON CITY - **Jefferson City Public Schools** today announced the latest activities hires for Capital City High School. In 2019, JCPS and CCHS administrators are continuing the process of hiring a full slate of head coaches and directors (Band, Choir, Boys & Girls Cross Country, Football, Boys & Girls Golf, Orchestra, Softball, and Boys & Girls Tennis have been announced previously). Additional announcements will be made in the coming months.

In addition to activities hires, final determinations on placement of certified teaching positions, department heads and other staff members will be made prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year based on student enrollment, course requests and other factors.

“These three coaches bring tremendous experience that we believe will help foster their respective programs at Capital City High School,” said **CCHS Principal Ben Meldrum**. “We are excited to have them join our activities team as we promote a positive vision and direction for CCHS both on and off the court.”

“We are tremendously excited about all of the new hires for CCHS,” said **CCHS Activities Director, Robert Ndessokia**. “We’ve found individuals who understand our community and who share in the anticipation and excitement of becoming Cavaliers.”

Girls Tennis, Robert Roling

A certified educator for nearly 40 years, Robert (Bob) Roling brings over 25 years of tennis coaching experience. Roling, a former varsity tennis player himself, began his coaching career in Spain’s Canary Islands in 1981, and more recently served as head varsity tennis coach for JCHS between 1987 and 2009. He also coached the Helias High School tennis team(s) from 1984 to 1987. Roling is involved in the Jefferson City community serving as an El Puente Board member/volunteer, a Big Brothers/Big Sisters volunteer and he has also been nominated multiple times for the JCPS Teacher of the Year award.

Ndessokia said, “Bob has served Jefferson City High School as a teacher and coach in the past. He brings outstanding skills in working with students as well as establishing relationships with our student-athletes.”

Volleyball, Kelsey Vogler

For the past six years, Vogler has coached the Lady Jays volleyball teams at various levels, including varsity, JV, assistant freshman and head middle school coach for both LCMS and TJMS. Vogler brings her classroom teaching experience to the court by helping student athletes develop the mental awareness, athletic skills, knowledge, and conditioning necessary to compete on and off the court. She also participates as a player, as well as coaching organizational and developmental activities during the season as well as in the off-season. Vogler has been a teacher with JCPS for seven years.

"Kelsey is passionate about volleyball and possesses a great deal of knowledge and experience, which will serve her well in her role with CCHS," commented Ndessokia. "She is going to bring exciting, forward-thinking ideas to Capital City and put us in an excellent position for our student-athletes to excel."

Boys Tennis, Roger Whittler

Captain Whittler retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 2018 after serving 31 years in various roles ranging from Trooper to Director of Career Recruitment. Co-founder of the Missouri Trooper fund, he's also a Licensed Professional Counselor, National Certified Counselor, Missouri Peace Officer and National Approved Counseling Clinical Supervisor. Whittler gives back to the community volunteering for Second Christian Church, Operation Bugle Boy, and Council for Drug Free Youth. He has been a volunteer tennis coach at the high school for several years.

"We are extremely excited to have Roger on staff; he will bring solid experience and a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to our program," added Ndessokia.

Capital City High School will open in the fall of 2019 with freshmen and sophomore students only. At that time, all activities will compete at the varsity level with the exception of football, which will compete at the junior varsity level only before growing to a 9-12 building over the next two years. JCPS & CCHS administrators are continuing the process of hiring a full slate of head coaches, with more announcements expected in the coming months.

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