

BHS AD Interview

1. Where did you go to high school and college?

I graduated from BHS in 1988. I received my Associates Degree from Rock Valley College. I received my Bachelors Degree from Eastern Illinois University. After Eastern I earned two Masters Degrees, one from National-Louis University and one from The University of Southern Mississippi. I am currently enrolled in the Doctoral Program from National-Louis University.

2. What sports were you involved in?

In high school, I played football and basketball. In college, I participated in Intramural basketball, badminton, and football

3. Why did you want to be the Belvidere Bucs Athletic Director?

Ever since I became a teacher, I wanted to come back to Belvidere and teach. When this position opened up, I had 5 years of administrative experience and it seemed like a perfect fit. Several teachers and administrators contacted me and really convinced me that I should accept the position.

4. What has been a typical day for you as the AD?

What I really like about the job is that it is different every day. There are several different components to the position. So far, the job has consisted of finding coaches, setting up sports schedules, setting up facilities, ordering and paying for athletic supplies, and just really trying to get to know everyone in the district. I have not been in my position during a school day, but I am really looking forward to it. One of my favorite parts of the job is interaction with the students. I am looking forward to the sports seasons beginning and the students being back in school.

5. What will you bring to the Bucs Athletic Department and the community?

One thing I know I will bring is dedication. Mike Hearn said that "once you're a Buc, you're always a Buc." This holds true, because no matter where I have taught, or worked I have always felt a sense of pride knowing that I was from Belvidere and that I played at BHS. I have coached at several other schools but I have always felt loyal to Belvidere High School. I love this community, I have moved to other communities but have never felt the closeness that Belvidere offers.

6. What do you feel will be the best part of your job?

Being a sports fan, I get to be around sports ALL THE TIME. Another great part of this job is being out in the community seeing people that I have known for so long, and also meeting new people.