

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

Position Announcement



Kansas Wesleyan University is seeking a Director of Athletics (AD) to provide innovative leadership in athletics with the ability to clearly articulate the role of intercollegiate athletics within the University's mission.

The successful candidate will oversee the University athletic program including: planning, implementing and directing all administrative activities; budgeting, hiring and development of all coaches and athletics staff; managing team roster sizes and meeting enrollment goals; strategic planning; overseeing and implementing athletic fund raising and game day experiences; and monitoring all sports programs. Reporting to the President, and a member of the President's Council, the AD will be a visionary leader, a strong collaborator and team member.

The successful candidate will have five or more years of coaching and/or administrative experience with collegiate level athletic programs. A master's degree is required.

Founded in 1886, Kansas Wesleyan University has many wonderful attributes, including a rich relationship with the United Methodist church and a storied athletic tradition. KWU has had significant athletic success in the last few years. During the 2018-19 year, five teams qualified for the NAIA championships and individuals represented KWU in four other championships. KWU led the KCAC with six conference championships. Nineteen of the 23 teams were recognized by the NAIA as Scholar Teams in 2018-19 with team GPAs above the 3.0 mark.

Kansas Wesleyan is blessed with phenomenal athletic facilities, including the Mabee Arena (home to volleyball and men's and women's basketball) and the Graves Family Sports Complex (home to football, men's and women's soccer, and men's and women's track and field). KWU has strong partnerships with the community, including utilizing the Salina Country Club for golf, the new Alley venue for bowling, Genesis for indoor tennis, and there are exciting community projects in motion that will benefit baseball, softball, and tennis, providing some of the best facilities in the KCAC.

Salina is a regional hub in central Kansas of 50,000 people, located 2.5 hours from Kansas City and 1.5 hours from Wichita. We have daily United Airline service to Denver and Chicago. This arts community benefits from an excellent Symphony, community theatre, and varied arts programs, strongly supported by the community.

As the only collegiate sports program, the Salina community is deeply supportive of KWU athletics. We have strong attendance, great business investment, and a wonderful host family program for many of our student athletes.

Cover letter and resumes should be submitted electronically to Jan Shirk at: jan@kwu.edu. Resumes will be reviewed beginning September 10, 2019, and the position is expected to be filled by October 1, 2019 or sooner.

Kansas Wesleyan University is committed to providing equal opportunity in employment and education to all employees, students, and applicants.