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Eaton Named Assistant Coach for USA Synchronized Swimming

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Lindenwood University's own Lori Eaton has been named the assistant coach of the United States Synchronized Swimming 2012 Olympic team. Eaton will join head coach Mayu Fajiki on the staff, pending approval by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

"The U.S. is facing stiff competition in qualifying for the Olympic Games," she said. "Mayu and I work very well together, and I feel we'll be able to make significant progress toward improving our results in London and establishing our training program for Rio."

Eaton is in her fourth year at Lindenwood and has been the only coach of the synchronized swimming program since its inception in 2009. She led the Lady Lions to a third place finish at the U.S. National Championships in Ohio earlier this year and also helped Lindenwood's Reem Abdalezem to an Olympic berth for her home country of Egypt over the summer.

Eaton is a 10-year member of the U.S. National Team coaching staff having previously served as head coach of the United States 13-15 year old national team, the U.S. Junior National Team and the 2011-12 National Team. She has coached four U.S. Olympians and 10 world championship qualifiers and placed more than 30 athletes in the U.S. National Team program since her coaching career began in 1997.

As an athlete, Eaton was a member of the Ohio State team that won the 1997 Collegiate National Championship and a two-time member of the U.S. Junior National Team and she qualified for the 1994 Olympic Festival. She also won the 2000 U.S. Masters solo and duet titles in her age division.

Eaton will be on hand for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials November 11-14 in Greensboro, N.C. The nine swimmers that make the team will be announced on November 15 and they will compete in an Olympic Qualification Tournament in London April 18-22, 2012, for a chance at a berth in the team and duet competitions for the 2012 Olympic Games.

Coach Eaton will lead Lindenwood synchronized swimming when the 2012 season begins January 27-28 with an event in St. Peters, Mo.

Did You Know?

Did you know that after Lindenwood gained accreditation in 1913, the college served as a refuge for professors who had a tough time gaining employment elsewhere? Early on, the professors were women who graduated from Ivy League schools but couldn't find employment in a male-dominated profession. Later on, in 1965, Lindenwood hired poet May Sarton after Wellesley fired her when she came out about her sexual orientation.

Miller Hired as Belleville Sports Information Director

Beth Miller will be joining the Lindenwood-Belleville campus as its new Sports Information Director. Miller has a master's degree in sports management and a diverse background in athletics and sports at the Division I level with SIU-Carbondale.

Belleville Athletic Director Scott Spinner said, "We were extremely interested in Beth when we saw her extensive resume. She has worked with several other sports programs and performs well under pressure."

The Belleville campus is excited to have its very first full time SID with such a broad knowledge base, Spinner said.

Miller's duties as the new SID will include improving the website, coordinating media relations, retrieving and documenting sports stats and game recaps.

Miller that she is "very excited to be working with a growing and developing program. It's a young staff that is energized to help promote the success of our athletic programs."
