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### **ASHWAUBENON HIGH SCHOOL HIRES MERNER AS BOYS SWIM COACH**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – July 30, 2015** - Ashwaubenon High School has hired Jim Merner as their new Varsity Boys Swim Coach. Merner recently retired from the UW-GB Head Swim Coach position.

While at UW-GB, he built strong Division I men's and women's programs, most recently winning seven consecutive Horizon League women's championships from 2005 to 2011. The Greendale, Wisconsin native has a career dual meet record of 270-160-2, earning numerous coaching awards in the process. He was tabbed as Horizon League Men's Coach of Year in 2002, while he also earned the same honor in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference in 1996. On the women's side, Merner was named Horizon League Coach of the Year seven consecutive seasons, coinciding with the team's seven straight league titles. He also earned MCC Coach of the Year honors in 1998 and 2000.

AHS Activities Director, Nick Senger, believes he is the right person to lead the program. According to Senger, "Jim's experience with student-athletes at the college level will help the strong traditions we have established with our successful swim program. I am very excited for our swim team as they are getting one of the best and a coach that has the best interest of the student-athletes in mind."

Likewise, Coach Merner is excited to take over the program and the challenge that lies ahead. He said, "I am very appreciative of the opportunity Activities Director Nick Senger has presented to me and I look forward to being a part of the rich tradition of Ashwaubenon High School Swimming. Working with these young men who have demonstrated great aspiration in the sport will be exciting and I am anxious to help them and the team achieve great things."

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