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## **Covington Catholic High School Announces New Track and Field Head Coach Shawn Proffitt**

Covington Catholic High School is pleased to announce that Shawn Proffitt has accepted the position of Track and Field Head Coach.

"I couldn't be more excited to be the head track coach at Covington Catholic, one of the premier track and field programs in Northern Kentucky," says Mr. Proffitt. "I'd like to thank Athletic Director Tony Bacigalupo and Principal Bob Rowe for this opportunity and I look forward to bringing a new energy to the way our student athletes learn and perform in their events."

Mr. Proffitt came to Covington Catholic in 2016 as an assistant coach for both the Cross Country team and the 2017 regional champion Track and Field team. Before coming to Northern Kentucky Mr. Proffitt coached seven separate High School All-Americans in the state of Florida, several of whom hold state records. Those athletes include one member of the current USA Track and Field Team, a current member of the Houston Texans, and the all-time receiving leader at the University of Michigan football program.

Prior to coaching, Coach Proffitt was an outstanding student-athlete himself. As a student at Anderson High School in Cincinnati, Mr. Proffitt was a seven time All-American in both Cross Country (3) and Track (4) from 1985-1989, as well as a National Champion in 1988. Mr. Proffitt was also a two-time member of the USA Track and Field Team during his Junior and Senior years of high school in 1988-1989. Upon graduation, Mr. Proffitt went on to run at the University of Virginia.

Covington Catholic Athletic Director Tony Bacigalupo says of the hire, "We are very excited to have a coach of Shawn Proffitt's caliber to lead our track program. His experience as a high school coach in Florida and as well as with USA Track and Field will be a great asset to our student athletes."

Covington Catholic High School is a 2016 Blue Ribbon of Excellence award winning college preparatory high school within the Diocese of Covington. It is an all-male school of 597 whose mission is to embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in order to educate students spiritually, academically, physically and socially.

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