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Savage becomes the fourth coach in the program’s history

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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMU Eagles.com) — Eastern Michigan University Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Heather Lyke announced Monday, July 7, that EMU Assistant Rowing Coach Kemp Savage will take over the helm of the EMU program effective immediately.

Savage, who owns 12 years’ experience of coaching and competing, recently completed his sixth season as the assistant coach in Ypsilanti. The Chesapeake, Va. native arrived at EMU in 2008 following a stint at Old Dominion University.

"We are excited to announce Kemp Savage as our next head rowing coach," said Lyke. "With Kemp's energy, passion and commitment to improving our student-athletes' skills and experiences, we are confident he will guide our rowing program in the right direction."

"It's my honor and privilege to be named the head rowing coach at Eastern Michigan," Savage added. "I would like to thank Heather Lyke, Chris Hoppe and the search committee and I look forward to leading this program into the future."

In his first season at EMU, Savage helped the Eagles receive national recognition, as the team had seven student-
athletes earn Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar-Athlete accolades, as Heather Anderson, Kate Dirks, Kristen Dunkin, Anamarie Esteva, Noel McAuliffe, Janelle Mitchell and senior Beth Logsdon all picked up National Scholar-Athlete honors.

In 2013, Savage was an integral part in the training of KC Anderson who earned all-region honors after her performance in the 2012-13 season, while seven other Eagles were named CRCA National Scholar Athletes.

During Savage's time with the EMU program, the Green and White has produced three-or-more CRCA National Scholar Athletes every season and has found success in six races in the six-year span.

In all, Savage has had a hand in coaching two first team all-region nominees, one second team all-region student-athlete and 39 CRCA National Scholar Athletes. The Eagles boasted a team-best 10 National Scholar Athletes in the 2013-14 season while Steph Schlosser was named to the 2014 CAA All-Academic team and Krista Burdick was named to the All-CAA team for her efforts in the 2014 season.

Prior to joining the EMU rowing staff, Savage spent 2006-07 as the assistant coach for the Old Dominion University club rowing team before taking over as head coach for the 2007-08 season. Under Savage, the ODU men's novice team placed first at the American Collegiate Rowing Association Nationals, while the women's varsity team placed third.

A Level III certified US Rowing Coach, Savage was a four-year letterman in rowing at the University of Mary Washington and was a team captain from 2004-06 for the Eagles. While at UMW, the Eagles went to the finals at the ECAC Regatta in 2006 and at the Dad Vail Regatta in 2005.

Savage earned his bachelor's degree from UMW in biology in 2006 and he obtained his master's degree in spring 2013 in exercise physiology from Eastern Michigan University.

Savage becomes the fourth head coach in program's history following in the footsteps of Charley Sullivan (2000-03), Pamela Besteman (2003-06) and Brad Holdren (2006-14).

The Kemp Savage File

Name: Kemp E. Savage IV

High School: Great Bridge H.S. - Chesapeake, Va.

College: University of Mary Washington - bachelor's degree in biology - 2006

Eastern Michigan University - master's degree in exercise physiology - 2013

Coaching/Playing Experience

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