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Harris-Stowe State University Hires Jamaal Mayo as Director of Athletics

ST. LOUIS, MO (May 6, 2015) – Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU) is pleased to announce Jamaal Mayo as its new Director of Athletics effective April 27. Mayo was previously the assistant athletic director for development at Western Carolina University (WCU) in Cullowhee, N.C.

Since 2013, Mayo led the fundraising arm of WCU’s Department of Athletics where he managed a sizeable portfolio of donors. His responsibilities also included capital campaign planning, directing former athlete initiatives and supervising the men's and women's track and field programs.

“With the caliber of experience Mr. Mayo brings to our Athletics Department, HSSU is on its way to becoming one of the region’s premier higher education institutions that also has a top quality sports program able to attract talented student athletes,” said Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, president, Harris-Stowe State University.

Originally from Hillsborough, N.C., Mayo is a 2003 graduate of Western Carolina University, earning his bachelor's degree in sports management while also playing quarterback for the Catamount football program.  Mayo returned to his alma mater in August of 2006 to work in the Office of Admissions as the senior assistant director of admissions focusing on minority student recruitment after a brief stint with the Durham Bulls as the team's group ticket sales associate.

"I am extremely excited to become a member of the Hornet family and look forward to connecting with supporters and engaging alumni to promote student-athlete achievement and development,” said Mayo. “Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Warmack, I look forward to driving HSSU Athletics and helping our students graduate and have successful careers on the court, fields of play and in their chosen professions."

**About Harris-Stowe State University**

Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU), located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in teacher education, business and arts & sciences. In 2014, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state of Missouri and No. 47 in the nation in granting degrees in mathematics and statistics to African-Americans according to Missouri Department of Higher Education and *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education,* a newsmagazine that has ranked institutions conferring the most degrees to minority students for the past 30 years. The university, which has origins dating back to 1857, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri.

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