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Walnut Ridge, Arkansas - Williams Baptist College announced in August it was adding a wrestling program to its collegiate competitive athletic teams. On Monday, January 6, WBC announced the squad's first coach in the person of Kerry Regner.

"We are excited to start our tenth varsity sport at the college, and we are very excited about having Kerry Regner lead and build our program. He is very knowledgeable and comes with a great work ethic. He also brings an energy level that will breed success, and he is a perfect fit for this campus on and off the court," said WBC Director of Athletics Jeff Rider.

A national search landed Regner, who comes to Williams from Clarion University in Clarion, Pa. The coach was serving as a graduate assisting for the NCAA school.

"For a really long time I wanted to be a coach. It has been a long journey and a dream come true. I cannot wait to start and build this program. I was drawn to Williams because they have shown a strong commitment to wrestling," said Regner.

He has coaching experience on the community, high school and collegiate level. Through his experience, he has always held onto his faith and values.

"I have had great mentors, and I grew up in a Christian home with Christian parents. My parents have taught me about honoring Christ through my athletics. Williams is a faith-based institution, which was a big deal for me when I accepted this position, not only being able to coach kids on wrestling but being able to help them in their walk with Christ will allow me to have a positive impact on their lives," he added.

Regner has worked with high profile coaches and mentors throughout his career.

"Ivan Ivanov is my mentor and one of the greatest wrestling influences on my life. He taught me discipline, structure and learning how to deal with wrestlers to help them succeed, while Jim Gruenwald was a spiritual mentor in my life," said Regner.

The new Williams coach concluded, "My wife Sarah has had a huge impact on my life by supporting me and always being there for me."

Williams is a four-year, liberal arts college at Walnut Ridge. The Eagles come in the American Midwest Conference of the NAIA.

Those who are interested in the WBC wrestling program can get more information online at <a href="http://www.wbceagles.com">http://www.wbceagles.com</a>> www.wbceagles.com.

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