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Maury Ray CCS' Director of Athletics and Physical Education Retires

SPOKANE, WA 29 September 2005—CCS District Director of Athletics and Physical Education, Maury Ray, announces his retirement, effective October 1, 2005. An Interim Athletic Director will be appointed later this summer to fill the position from October through the end of the 2005-2006 school year. A permanent replacement will be named next spring following a national search selection process. Dr. Maury Ray will continue to work part-time from October to June to assist with the transition of the position.

Maury has held this position since 1979 when the SCC and SFCC athletic programs were consolidated into one district athletic department comprised of student-athletes from either campus.

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Under the direction of Maury Ray, CCS' athletic programs have had unparalleled success in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC), winning over 75 NWAACC conference titles during his tenure. 15 intercollegiate teams with of over 350 student-athletes comprise the present make-up of the program. Football and gymnastics shared similar successes but were dropped in the early 1990's because no teams remained in the northwest for competition.

The Physical Education program has grown in equal measure since Dr. Ray's appointment as Director of Athletics and Physical Education. With Ray's guidance the department now includes 30 faculty positions while offering over 200 classes to more than 4,000 students each quarter. In addition the wellness & intramural program now serves 1,000 students and staff members each quarter.

Before Ray's appointment as District Athletic Director of CCS in 1979, Maury had served at SCC from 1972-1979 as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach, Athletic Director, Physical Education Faculty Member, Guidance Counselor, and Director of Student Activities. Prior to arriving at SCC he was Head Men's Basketball Coach at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, an Assistant Basketball Coach at the University of Utah as well as at Idaho State University. At Powers and later at Ashland High in Oregon, was where Maury Ray began his distinguished career.

Following his 40-year career he will be spending more time with his wife, Loretta Ray, as well as family and friends.

Awards Received by Dr. Maurv Ray

- 1998 Awarded Outstanding Athletic Director in NWAACC by Community College Presidents Association.
- 1994 Named Outstanding Administrator of the Year at CCS for outstanding Service to Greater Spokane
- Honored by Gonzaga University for distinguished service to international athletics.
- 1993 Received Award from Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce for Bringing National Junior Olympics to Spokane Community College
- Received Mayor's Award for developing Spike and Dig Contest and 3 on 3 Basketball tournament
- Honored by State Legislator Duane Sommers for promoting sports in the State of Washington, approved by Governor Gardner.
- 1988 Spokane Visitor and Convention Bureau annual award for promoting athletic events and bringing in major conventions and national sporting events.
- 1984 NWAACC Athletic Director of the Year for consolidation of athletics with Washington and Oregon Community Colleges.