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CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNOUNCES NEW VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH

Climax-Scotts would like to announce the hiring of Janae Gibson as the C-S Varsity Softball Coach. We are delighted to make this announcement on National Women in Sports Day. Janae's strong academic and athletic background and connection to our community will serve her well in this new role. Please see below for more information on Janae's background and journey.

"My academic and athletic career began in the small town of Climax, MI where I am a proud alum of Climax-Scotts High School. As a student-athlete I embodied the character of being a student first and an athlete second. Athletics give you an invaluable opportunity to learn lessons in life from developing a strong work ethic, being a part of a team, and to overcoming adversity. The truth is, at some point in time, each of our athletic journeys will come to an end. You need to win in the classroom first to propel you toward a successful career that will last far beyond any athletic career.

I graduated as Valedictorian of my class at Climax-Scotts. I went on to Grand Valley State University to earn a bachelor's degree in Sports Leadership. I graduated with the honors of Magna Cum Laude from GVSU. I then continued my academic career to Indiana Wesleyan University where I earned my master's degree in Business Management.

Throughout my academic career I was blessed with an unforgettable athletic career. At Climax-Scotts I was a four-sport athlete playing volleyball, basketball, softball, and track. I achieved many All-Conference and All-State awards through my sports. I was a part of the 2012-2013 Final Four C-S Girls Basketball team. After high school, I continued my athletic career at Grand Valley State University where I was a two-sport student-athlete playing both basketball and softball. At GVSU, I was an Academic All-American in both softball and basketball. I also was blessed to be two-time All-GLIAC in softball and 1st Team All-GLIAC in basketball my senior year. My most special memory was having the privilege of helping lead the GVSU basketball team to the Final Four and the GVSU softball team to a College World Series my junior season.

The most unforgettable memories throughout my athletic career were my teammates and coaches. My accolades mean nothing without the people who impacted me and changed my life. My journey all began from the small school of Climax-Scotts and my journey is a testament to the endless opportunities a small school and community can provide. Thank you, C-S!"

Please extend a warm Panther welcome to Janae. We are thrilled for the positive impact we know she will have on our student athletes.

Congratulations and a big Panther welcome to Janae Gibson, Panther Varsity Softball Coach!



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