



Expectations Run High as Saint Viator High School Announces New Football Coach



Brandon New, Saint Viator's new head football coach.

After an exhaustive search, officials at Saint Viator High School have named Brandon New, former head football coach from Driscoll Catholic High School, its new head football coach.

The announcement came Wednesday following the first day of first semester final exams for students.

"I was thrilled to receive the news," said New. "Saint Viator has a strong reputation for offering its students academic excellence and faith formation. Faith has played an important role in my life, and it is something I'm looking to instill in the lives of my players."

"Our final candidates were all outstanding and truly committed to Saint Viator," said the Rev. Robert M. Egan, C.S.V., president of Saint

Viator High School. "In the end, we are very excited to welcome Brandon to the Saint Viator community.

"I am convinced that Brandon brings the passion, enthusiasm, commitment and excellence that have always been part of our athletic tradition," Egan continued. "He is a winner, and he will bring that experience and success to our football program."

New's entire coaching career has been built around coaching at the high school level. He joined the Driscoll Catholic football team in fall of 1998 and worked his way up to head coach in 2008. He was a defensive and offensive assistant in 2001 when they won their 2nd State title in school history. This was the start of a seven-year run of State championships.

As defensive coordinator for the Highlanders, he helped bring home the team's 5th, 6th and 7th consecutive State titles in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Additionally, his defensive teams were consistently named in the top 10 defenses for DuPage County.

As head football coach, he led the team to the State quarter finals in 2008.

Following the closing of Driscoll in the spring of 2009, New spent two seasons coaching East Suburban Catholic Conference rival Benet Academy.

"I'm coming to Saint Viator after coaching for two years in the extremely competitive ESCC, which Viator is a part. This gives me a tremendous advantage of knowing the opponent and not going in to my first season blind."

New holds a bachelor of arts in sociology from College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. He was a four-year member of the Crusaders football team, an NCAA Division I team.

“My first priority is to get acclimated with the school and the people who make up the community. The family atmosphere at Saint Viator is legendary. I couldn’t ask for anything more as I make this transition.”

Athletic Director Tim Carlson remarked, “We are extremely excited to welcome Brandon to our program. He brings a great passion and enthusiasm for football, and I feel he will be a great fit within our community. Brandon has a championship pedigree and brings that winning attitude with him. Everyone I spoke to says we are getting a great football coach and an even better person.”

New added, “I know the expectations are high as we look to take the program to the next level. I am 100 percent committed to building on the traditions that have already been established over the school’s 50 year history, and I look forward to the opportunity to join this community and partner with the young men that make up this team.”