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College of the Siskiyous Confers Emeritus Faculty Status to Phil Maas

Weed / COS – During the April 18, 2023 regular meeting of the Siskiyou Joint Community College District, Trustees took personnel action and conferred Emeritus Faculty status to retired faculty, Phil Maas. Recognition of this achievement and honor was presented during the 64th Commencement Ceremony held on Friday, May 19, 2023.

Phil Maas taught at the College full-time from 1981 – 2004 and served in many roles. He taught Spanish, was the Head of the Spanish Department, was an Academic Advisor, served as the Head and Assistant Football Coach, served as Head and assistant Men’s and Women’s Track Coach. At the end of his career he served as the Athletic Director and was also the Golden Valley Conference commissioner, advocating for student success and opportunity. He served on multiple committees and was an integral faculty member throughout his 24 years.

Prior to his time at College of the Siskiyous, Mr. Maas received his bachelor’s degree from UC Santa Barbara. He taught and coached at Coachella Valley High School, College of the Desert, and Monterrey County High School before arriving at College of the Siskiyous.

In addition to his many contributions to College of the Siskiyous, Coach Maas is a positive role model and mentor to many of his former athletes and coaches. One of his many missions is promote the value of athletics, especially football at the community college level. Mr. Maas mentored many of his peers throughout his career and always emphasized doing things the right way, the Eagle way. He had a profound impact on the many students he taught in his time at College of the Siskiyous.

In 2020, he became a published author writing the book “The Heart of Football, Why the Small College Game Matters.” Throughout this book, when you read the powerful stories of former COS students and alumni, you can feel the lasting impact his leadership and guidance had on many students, not only while they were on our campus, but for the rest of their lives. This has been a great resource for young faculty and coaches to see the positive results when they believe in and empower students.

It is for this reason, the Faculty of the College of the Siskiyous unanimously recommended Phil Maas as the 2023 Emeritus Faculty recipient.