

# PIRATES ANNOUNCE NEW HEAD WRESTLING COACH



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“We are thrilled that Coach Keske will be leading our wrestling team,” said Palatine High School Principal Gary Steiger. “Coach Keske has an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm to share with our student-athletes. He is well-respected by the wrestling community and knows what it takes to lead a team. He will be a great addition to the Palatine High School athletic program.”

Currently, Keske is head freshman wrestling coach at Hoffman Estates High School, a position he has held since 2015. He also serves as the school’s sophomore baseball coach, while teaching physical education at Fremd High School. Previously, he taught physical education at Hoffman Estates High School from August 2015 through January 2017, and was the school’s head freshman baseball coach from 2015-2016. Keske also taught physical education at Schaumburg High School from August 2016 through January 2017.

During his time as the Hawks’ head freshman wrestling coach, his team recorded a third-place finish in the Mid-Suburban League Conference Tournament, as well as winning the Mather High School (Chicago) Freshmen Tournament and placing second at the Elgin Larkin Tournament. Prior to coming to District 211, Keske was assistant varsity wrestling coach at his alma mater, Libertyville High School, from 2013-2015. From 2012-2013, he served as assistant varsity wrestling coach at Warren Township High School (Gurnee, Ill.). From 2011-2013, Keske was a Libertyville Youth wrestling coach and a volunteer football, wrestling, and baseball coach at Vernon Hills High

School.

Keske earned his bachelor of science degree in physical education (K-12) with minor degrees in health education and driver education from Northeastern Illinois University in 2015. He was a collegiate wrestler at Augustana College from 2005-2006, leading his team in wins and being named a Division III Top-5 ranked wrestler. Keske also played varsity baseball at Augustana College from 2005-2006.