

### **Students, Coaches and Administrators Praise New CSU Athletic Director**

**BOB BOWLSBY, COMMISSIONER, BIG 12 CONFERENCE**

“Scott Garrett has served admirably at Kansas State for the past nine years and he will be missed at KSU and within the Big 12 Conference. Scott has been an integral part of the extraordinary success at Kansas State and his knowledge and experience will serve Cleveland State University very well. His expertise in all forms of patron and donor interface will make an immediate and positive impact. Additionally, Scott’s experiences working with some of America’s premier corporate entities promises to enhance and expand the foundation of such relationships at Cleveland State. Mr. Garrett is a seasoned athletics professional whose career has been marked by innovation and putting the student-athlete first; Cleveland State University will greatly benefit by Scott’s leadership for many years to come.”

**AMY BUTTON RENZ, PRESIDENT & CEO, KANSAS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

“It has been a pleasure to work with Scott Garrett the past nine years. Scott is a collaborative leader who truly embraces the value of working together for the good of the university. He has been instrumental in fostering a culture of teamwork to achieve goals at K-State that were frequently nationally recognized, especially in regards to providing an exceptional fan experience. Cleveland State is fortunate to have such a dedicated and visionary leader to assume the role of Athletics Director.”

**PALMA JUHASZ, FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (BBA, '17)**

“I am very happy for Scott Garrett getting this new role. He absolutely deserves it, and I am sure he will make a positive impact right away. He always looks for opportunities to enhance every student-athlete’s experience and ultimately supports them to achieve their dreams. Without his tremendous effort the improvements to the facilities for the K-State tennis program would not have been possible. He will be greatly missed by many at K-State but I’ve no doubt he will be an exceptional athletic director for Cleveland State University.”

**ERIC L. SEXTON, FORMER DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY**

“Scott Garrett will bring energy, work ethic and a dedication to do the right things in the right way...every time. I knew he was destined to be in this role when he was my colleague at Wichita State University because of the meaningful contributions he made and the people he mentored and developed into professionals. Cleveland State is getting the right person to move them to new heights and serve student-athletes in a first class way. I wish him and his family the very best in this new chapter.”



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#### **DANIELLE STEINBERG, HEAD COACH, WOMEN'S TENNIS, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO**

"Scott Garrett is a phenomenal leader and a great person. In my time at K-State, Scott supported me and my program in every step of the way, and was always there to simply listen and give guidance when necessary. There's no doubt that a big part of our success on the court and as a team was due to Scott's leadership. I am excited to see what he can do for the Vikings!"

#### **BE STONEY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & FACULTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATIVE, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

"Scott Garrett is a leader and communicator. He is not hesitant to address new or old challenges and includes staff in decisions that impact the athletics department. He embraces shared ideas and directly involves himself in every aspect of the athletics program. No task is beneath him. He digs into his work with careful attention to details, while empowering his employees in every aspect of athletics. As the faculty athletics representative, I appreciate his understanding in the importance and contributions in my role in the athletics department and representing student-athletes."

#### **GENE TAYLOR, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

"Scott has been a tremendous asset to our department and an integral part of our senior team. We are very happy for Scott and his family. He has worked extremely hard to prepare himself for this great opportunity. His expertise in revenue generation, fan experience and ticketing has elevated K-State to achieving some of the nation's top attendance marks in recent years, while also improving and enhancing the overall experience for our fans at games. His tireless work ethic, passion and external background will be a winning combination for Cleveland State."

#### **BRUCE WEBER, HEAD MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**

"I have been fortunate to get to know Scott during my time at K-State. He has had a great vision which has allowed us to have the resources to be successful in building our athletic programs. There is no doubt that he will bring the same type of work ethic and vision to Cleveland State Athletics to help them reach their full potential."

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