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### **OC announces Baker as new director of intercollegiate athletics**

ODESSA (July 21, 2009) – Wayne Baker, former National Junior College Athletic Association executive director, has accepted the director of intercollegiate athletics position for Odessa College. Baker replaces John Wilfert who resigned in June to become the president-CEO at the Odessa Family YMCA.

Recently, Baker chose to resign after serving for the past 24 years in various positions with the NJCAA in Colorado Springs, Colo. Originally from Kansas, he holds a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and master's degree from Regis University in Denver, Colo.

Baker, during his tenure with the NJCAA:

- Represented NJCAA within the governance of USA Basketball.
- Served as a board member for USA Wrestling.
- Served on the board of directors for the National Two Year College Athletic Administrators.
- Served on the board of directors and the committee for eligibility appeals for USA Bowling.
- Represented NJCAA on the NCAA Two Year College Relations committee.
- Served as NJCAA liaison between the NJCAA and the American Association for Community Colleges.
- Served as NJCAA representative to the United States Olympic Committee.
- Served as NJCAA representative to the National Association of College Directors of Athletics.
- And was inducted into the NJCAA Soccer Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Baker, who has been married for more than 30 years, has two children in college. He will begin his duties as director of intercollegiate athletics on Monday, Aug. 10 at Odessa College.

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