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Island Coast High School Head Football Coach

Cape Coral, Florida (January 22, 2018) – Island Coast High School announces the appointment of Jim Wiseman as Head Football Coach for the Gators.

Coach Wiseman is a 1988 graduate of Arkansas State University where he was named First Team All-American by the Associated Press and Football News. He helped to lead Arkansas State to the NCAA 1AA National Championship game. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Honor at Arkansas State in 2007 and in 2014 was named as one of the top 100 players in school history. While at ASU, the Tribe made four straight playoff appearances and was the Southland Conference Champion in 1985 and 1986. A graduate of Lafayette High School in Wildwood, Missouri, Coach Wiseman earned All-Conference as a center, linebacker, kicker and punter while earning All-District as linebacker and kicker for Lafayette High School.

Coach Wiseman began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Arkansas State and eventually became the Head Coach at Westside High School in Jonesboro, Arkansas from 1998-2002.

In 2002, Coach Wiseman became an assistant coach at Charlotte High School (Punta Gorda, FL). While with Charlotte he helped to lead the team to five (5) District Championships, one (1) District Runner-Up, four (4) regional title berths and one (1) Regional Championship. In addition, he served as the Head Boys' Weightlifting Coach.

In 2011, Coach Wiseman returned to his college alma mater (Arkansas State had become NCAA Division 1) where he became the Offensive Quality Control / Assistant Offensive Line Coach. ASU went 10-2 in 2011, were Sunbelt Conference Champions and played in the GoDaddy.com Bowl game.

Coach Wiseman then joined the football staff at the University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) in the S.E.C. in 2012 as the Offensive Quality Coach / Assistant Offensive Line Coach. The Rebels of Ole Miss played in the BBVA Compass Bowl in 2012 where they defeated the University of Pittsburg (Pitt) 38-17.

From 2013-17 he served as the Offensive Line Coach at Lafayette High School (his alma mater) and in 2017 he returned to SW Florida as the Offensive Coordinator and Offensive Line Coach, along with the Head Boys' Weightlifting Coach, at Ida Baker High School.

"We are thrilled to announce Coach Wiseman as the Head Football Coach at Island Coast High School. His experience as a player and a coach, while working in highly successful programs, is what we were looking for in a head coach for our football program. In Coach Wiseman we feel we have found the coach to lead Island Coast football", Kristin Bueno, Island Coast Principal.

"I want to thank Ms. Bueno and Mr. Thimlar (AD) for having the confidence in me to lead the football program. Island Coast High School has a history of winning football. My goal is to provide our student-athletes the opportunity to return to that high level of success", Coach Jim Wiseman.