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Dear Friends,

After more than a decade of remarkable leadership, Executive Director of Athletics **Dave Martin** has decided to step down from his current role to begin a new position in University Advancement as Director of Principal Giving, effective September 4, 2026. I am deeply grateful to Dave for all that he has done to advance our mission by so tirelessly championing our amazing student athletes. I am delighted that we will continue to benefit from his expertise and commitment through his new role in University Advancement.

Dave became the eighth director of athletics in University history in August 2015 and has made a significant impact on Scranton Athletics during his 11 years leading the department.

Among his most substantial accomplishments was helping lead the fundraising, planning, and construction of the Kevin P. Quinn, S.J. Athletics Campus, which opened in 2018. The Quinn Campus has been a transformative addition to our athletics facilities. Additionally, Dave displayed his understanding of and commitment to our Catholic and Jesuit mission by helping to establish The Royal Way initiative, an ongoing effort to build a distinctly Jesuit athletic experience rooted in our religious and spiritual foundations. Together with Scranton alumnus Matt Davidson, founder and president of the Excellence with Integrity Institute, Dave created a program that helps student athletes, coaches, and staff grow both personally and professionally. In recognition of his accomplishments, Dave received the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award in 2017-18.

During Dave's tenure, Scranton added six intercollegiate sports — men's volleyball, women's golf, and men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field. The Royals captured 49 Landmark Conference championships under his leadership, including a conference-record nine championships during the 2025-26 academic year. Scranton also captured the Landmark Conference Presidents' Trophy three times during his tenure, winning the award in 2019-20, 2022-23 and 2025-26.

In his new role as Director of Principal Giving, Dave will work with University Advancement to build relationships with alumni and supporters while helping advance the University's fundraising efforts and achieve important University priorities. I know that you will all join me in thanking Dave and congratulating him as he begins his next chapter of exemplary service to our mission.

I am pleased to announce that Associate Director of Athletics **Randy Shemanski** has agreed to serve as Interim Executive Director of Athletics for the 2026-2027 academic year. I appreciate Randy's willingness to serve in this position. We are fortunate to have someone of his experience and skill already serving our Athletics Department.

Randy has served as the University's Associate Director of Athletics since 2018. He joined the athletics staff in 2011 as Assistant Director of Sports Information before being promoted to Athletics Communications Manager in 2015 and Associate Director of Athletics in 2018. In his current role, Randy oversees compliance, athletics communications, athletic training, facilities, and game management, while assisting with the department's day-to-day operations. My thanks to both Dave and Randy.

Go Royals!

Yours faithfully,
Joseph G. Marina, S.J.