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Ogdahl Returns as Ridgewater Basketball Coach

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WILLMAR and HUTCHINSON, MN – After a five-year leave to coach her own children, Carrie Ogdahl will once again be the Ridgewater College Warrior women's basketball coach for the 2020-21 season.

Ogdahl will replace five-season Warrior Coach Jodi Holleman. When Ogdahl last coached the Warriors, she posted a career record of 274-236 with three national tournament appearances and has coached seven NJCAA All-Americans.

"It's been amazing and was a good break to watch my own children participate in their activities and to also coach a few of their teams, but I'm excited to start coaching college students again," Ogdahl said. She said the decision was a family decision that comes with much support from her four children ages 12 to 19. "Their support is huge.... It's a good time to pick it up again – I've missed it a ton, building those athlete relationships!"

"We are thrilled to welcome Coach Ogdahl back to the courts for the 2020-21 season again," said Todd Thorstad, Ridgewater Athletic Director. "She brings great experience, enthusiasm and high expectations to the team, with a passion for helping athletes develop strong work ethics both on the court and in the classroom."

Ogdahl is no stranger to Ridgewater College. Although she hasn't coached at the collegiate level the last five years, she has been teaching a variety at Ridgewater: physical education, Sports Psychology, Wellness and Fitness, as well as first aid and CPR. "I love teaching at Ridgewater and I want to be here," she said.

Ogdahl holds a Business Administration bachelor's degree from Southwest State Minnesota - Marshall where she also played basketball and tennis, and a Master's degree in Physical Education from St. Cloud State University.

Although the 2020-21 season doesn't begin for several months, recruiting and building the team has already begun.

Ridgewater College is a community and technical college with campuses in the central Minnesota communities of Willmar and Hutchinson. The college serves more than 5,000 students through its nearly 100 academic programs and more than 68,000 training hours for individuals and businesses through customized training and continuing education. The college is a member of Minnesota State and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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