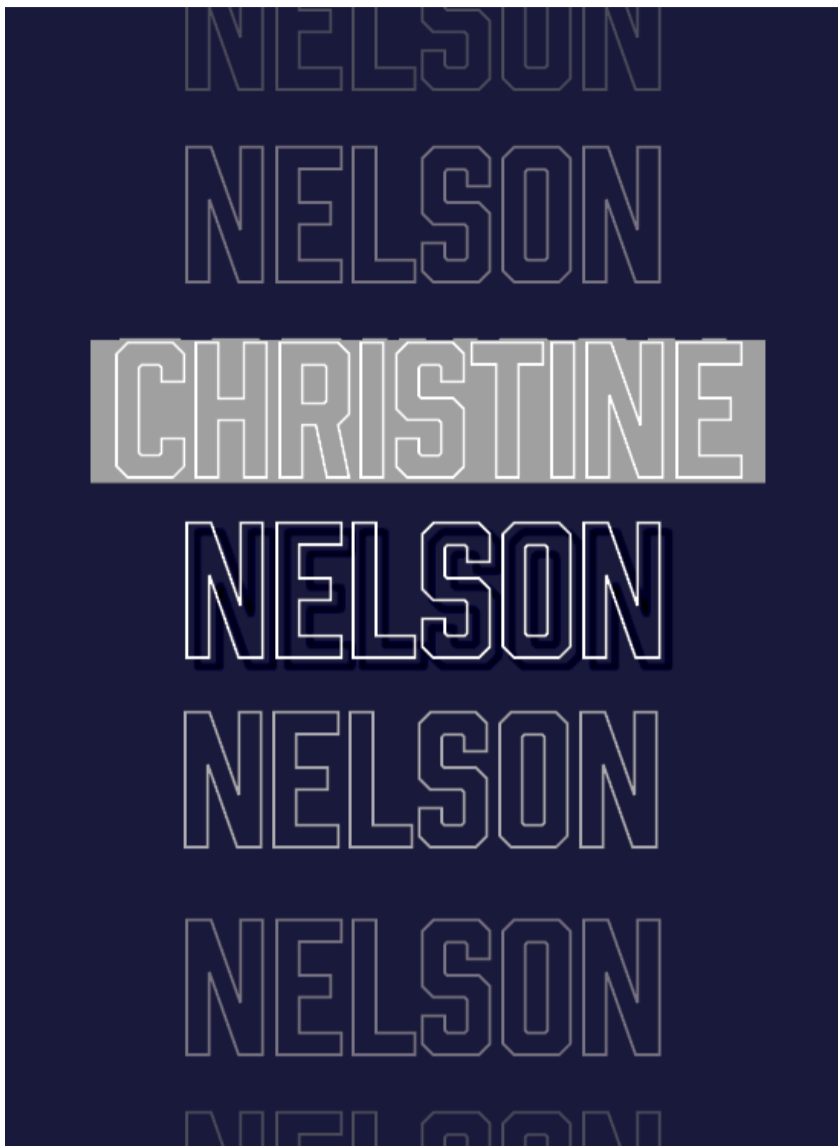


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# Rogue Community College Names Christine Nelson as Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation

**GRANTS PASS, Ore.** - Rogue Community College (RCC) names Christine Nelson as its new Director of Athletics, Fitness and Recreation Programs.

"Christine's leadership and dedication to RCC's volleyball team have brought success to our athletic programs and created exciting opportunities for our students. We are confident she will bring the same passion and commitment to our entire athletic department, as well as our health, fitness and massage therapy programs," said RCC Vice President of Instructional Services Juliet Long.

In addition to women's volleyball, RCC offers intercollegiate men's and women's soccer. The Rogue Ospreys compete in the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC). Nelson, who served as interim athletic director since June, succeeds Darren Van Lehn who became RCC's first athletic director in 2017. RCC recently reorganized the position to oversee the college's Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) and Massage Therapy academic programs in addition to athletics.

Nelson brings 26 years of experience in high school and collegiate athletics to her new role. As head volleyball coach of the Rogue Ospreys since 2019, she has led the team to multiple regional championships. In addition to her coaching duties, Nelson has taught health and physical education classes at RCC.

"I'm thrilled to step into this new role at RCC, and this new chapter in my life," said Nelson. "This community has truly become my new home. We have made significant investments in RCC's athletics, and the recent success is a testament to that effort. I'm excited to build on this success and integrate the Athletics, Fitness and Recreation programs to provide all RCC students with opportunities for physical activity, wellness and leadership development."

Before joining Rogue, Nelson spent eight years at Grays Harbor College where she served as head coach for volleyball and women's basketball, worked as a student support specialist and taught classes. She previously served as an assistant basketball coach at Concordia University in Portland, Ore., during which time the Cavaliers won two Cascade Conference Championships and qualified for the NAIA National Tournament. Nelson's extensive experience spans 26 years, covering various levels and multiple sports.

A native of Montesano, Wash., Nelson holds a Master of Education from Leslev University and a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education from

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