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Gilmour Academy Announces Hiring of New Prep Hockey Coach

GATES MILLS, Ohio, June 19—Gilmour Academy announces the hiring of Michael Chiellino as the school's prep hockey coach. He will also serve as the director of youth hockey, the director of ice arena camps and clinics and will be responsible for some of the ice arena marketing initiatives.

Chiellino comes to Gilmour from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. where he has been the assistant men's hockey coach since 2012.

Prior to coaching at Hamilton, from 2010-2012 Chiellino was the assistant director of the boys' hockey program at Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y. He also served as the head coach for the school's boys' prep Division II team. During his first season, he led the team to 11 victories, a marked improvement from the previous season when they won one game. In only his second season, the team won 20 games and a league championship.

During that same time period, Chiellino coached the Buffalo Saints 16-U AAA Tournament Bound team and showed the same ability to turn a team around from one season to the next. During his first season, the team finished third in New York state despite not having qualified for the state tournament the previous year.

Chiellino has also worked as the assistant coach for a women's hockey team, Team Western NY, at the 2012 Empire State Games in Lake Placid; as an assistant director and coach at Complete Hockey NY; as a presenter for the USA Hockey Coaching Education Program and as a team leader at the USA Hockey National Player Development Camp.

Chiellino played hockey for Siena College in Albany, a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), where he was a captain for three years and helped lead the team to two national Final Four appearances.

Gilmour's Athletic Director Jeff Walrich is excited about having Chiellino join the hockey program. He says, "He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position coming from his time at Hamilton College and Nichols School, respectively. He has provided a high level of player development from youth hockey to the NHL." He continues, "Michael has produced winning teams at multiple levels and also has a deep understanding of independent school education." Finally, Walrich says, "We have aspirations to compete at the highest level and I am confident Michael will turn our vision into reality."

John Malloy, Gilmour's hockey director says, "Mike Chiellino comes to us after emerging as our top candidate from over 70 resumes. It was clear to me and to the rest of the search committee that Coach Chiellino is the right leader to guide and grow our boys' prep team, youth hockey and summer camp programs."

Chiellino says of his new position, "I am thrilled and humbled to be the new head prep hockey coach at Gilmour Academy. The chance to work with such a knowledgeable and professional staff as well as student-athletes of such strong character is an opportunity I am looking forward to."

Gilmour Academy is a Catholic, independent, coeducational, college-preparatory school. It is sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind., and offers a Montessori program beginning at 18-months-old and a Lower School, Middle School and Upper School. A boarding program is offered to students in Grades 7 through 12. It is located at 34001 Cedar Road in Gates Mills, Ohio.

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