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## **Bishop Ward Announces New Girls Basketball Coach**

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**August 25, 2017 (Kansas City, Kan.):** Bishop Ward High School is excited to announce that Mr. Kevin O'Brien will be the new Head Coach for the Girls' Basketball program. This is Kevin's second year at Bishop Ward, teaching in the Business Department. Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Beaven commented, "I think Coach O'Brien is a great fit for the team and the school, especially since he worked with the Girls' Basketball Team last year. He brings a lot of experience and knowledge as a teacher and a coach to the program."



Coach O'Brien attended Jesuit High School in Sacramento, California. He then attended Gonzaga University for his undergraduate degree and Rockhurst University for graduate school. He was an Assistant Girls' Varsity staff member at Red Cloud High School in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He coached CYO at Christ the King in Kansas City, Kansas. Before joining the Bishop Ward community, Coach O'Brien was at Cristo Rey in Kansas City, MO. He served as the Boys' Varsity Assistant for one year, and the Varsity Head Coach for one year. While at Cristo Rey, his team set a single game scoring record as well as the record for points scored in a season. They also won the first district playoff game in school history for the Boys' Basketball program.

Coach O'Brien remarked, "I'm excited and honored to be named the head coach of the Bishop Ward Girls' Basketball Team. The Cyclones have a tradition of excellence on the court and in the classroom and I look forward to maintaining and building upon those two areas in the near future. Last year, I was fortunate to work with the Cyclones as a Varsity Assistant and was the Junior Varsity head coach. I have learned from many great coaches in my career as a player and as a coach. I look forward to getting to know the Bishop Ward community even more this year, and I can't wait to get started on the court come basketball season."

The Varsity Girls' Basketball team has their first game on the road at Basehor-Linwood High School on December 1. Their first home game will be Friday, December 15 at 6:00p.m. versus Lansing at Kansas City Kansas Community College's Field House. For the team's complete schedule, please visit [www.kawvalleyleague.org](http://www.kawvalleyleague.org).

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