

# Named PSU Athletic Director

An experienced college administrator has been hired as the next athletic director at Portland State University, becoming one of the rare female college executives at the NCAA Division I level.

PSU President Wim Wiewel named Valerie Cleary the new Director of Athletics for the Vikings program on Monday. Cleary will be returning to Portland State after spending the past two years as athletic director at Willamette University in Salem.

She replaces Mark Rountree, who is moving on to a role as deputy athletics director of Georgia Tech.



Valerie Cleary

“As our former associate athletics director who served as interim director before Mark was hired, Valerie Cleary has a keen understanding that academics and community engagement are a central part of the

values of Portland State University athletics,” said Wiewel.

Previously, Cleary was the senior associate athletics director and senior woman administrator at PSU. She also did admissions work at Pacific University in Oregon, and was director of student-athlete enhancement programs at Boise State University.

“I am excited and humbled by the opportunity to return to Portland State,” Cleary said. “I feel fortunate to return to a campus and department where I learned so much and developed lifelong friendships.”

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