

New PCC Athletics Director Appointed



Broadous Celebrates NAACC Title

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induction into two Hall of Fames (Grant High School and Portland Interscholastic League).

"I am absolutely delighted for this opportunity," Broadous said. "As a native Portlander, I take tremendous pride in being able to represent not only this incredible college, but the city as well. With my extensive experience in sports, coaching, administration, and guiding people of all ages, I believe this is a perfect fit."

As head coach of men's basketball, Broadous took a team that had won once in two years (2010-2012) out of a total of 47 games to become Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges champions in 2014. He guided the team to a 23-9 record and a share of the South Division title with a 10-4 league mark, earning co-coach of the year accolades as a result.

The spark for the turnaround began almost two years prior when Broadous was announced as the new head coach of the men's basketball team in 2012. It was a homecoming for the coach. A Jefferson High School graduate, Broadous grew up playing pickup games at the Cascade Campus' old gymnasium. He served as the head coach of nearby Grant High School for 10 years before coming to PCC, earning the Portland Interscholastic League Coach of the Year award twice and leading the

team to the Oregon 6A championship in 2008.

Broadous is an alumnus of Jefferson High School, Lane Community College and Oregon State University. Upon joining PCC, he embarked on a transformative journey of not only the men's team but improving academic excellence and athletic performance, as well as adding men's and women's soccer as new intercollegiate sports options.

"Tony is dedicated to both academic and athletic success," said Josh Peters McBride, executive dean of college operations. "His commitment, knowledge, and passion for student learning and sport is evident. I'm thrilled to continue working with Tony and advancing the learning and leadership of our student athletes. The future has never been brighter for Panther athletics."

In his new role as director of athletics, Broadous has ambitious plans for the department. His vision includes expanding the array of intercollegiate sports, enhancing facilities, and increasing student tuition waiver amounts to align with competing schools.

Broadous joining PCC came largely as a result of a recommendation by the late Harold Williams, a PCC Board member at the time representing North Portland. At his press conference in 2012, Williams said, "This is a great step forward for PCC athletics. I've known Tony for a long time - he's from this neighborhood and he's a great fit for PCC basketball."



Joseph David Emerson, left, 44, was arraigned in Multnomah County Circuit Court on Oct. 24, 2023, in Portland, Ore. The former Alaska Airlines pilot who police say tried to cut the engines while riding in the cockpit jump seat during a Horizon Air flight made his first appearance in federal court in Portland on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. (Dave Killen/The Oregonian via AP)

Pilot Accused of Attempted Plane Engine Shutdown

The plane was diverted to Portland

(AP) -The wife of a former Alaska Airlines pilot who prosecutors say tried to cut the engines of a Horizon Air flight while riding in the cockpit jump seat said she knew her husband was struggling with depression but that she was in a state of shock over his arrest.

"This is not my Joe," Sarah Stretch told reporters after attending her husband Joseph Emerson's first appearance in federal court in Portland, Oregon.

"He never would've done that. He never would've knowingly done any of that," she added, her voice quivering. "That is not the man that I married." Ethan Levi, a defense attorney for Emerson, said that Emerson was not suicidal or homicidal while on board the Horizon Air flight. "There was no intention to harm himself or other people," he said. Levi added that Emerson wanted to thank the flight crew for their "timely and heroic actions."

State and federal prosecutors accused Emerson of trying to engage an emergency fire suppres-

sion system while riding in the cockpit jump seat as an off-duty pilot on Horizon Air flight 2059 from Everett, Washington, to San Francisco on Sunday. After a brief struggle with the pilots, he left the cockpit and was placed in wrist restraints in the back of the plane, according to court documents.

The plane was diverted to Portland, where it landed safely with more than 80 people on board. Emerson has pleaded not guilty to state charges of attempted murder. Federal prosecutors meanwhile charged Emerson with interfering with a flight crew, which can carry up to 20 years in prison.

In charging documents, police said Emerson told them he'd had a nervous breakdown, had been struggling with depression and hadn't slept for 40 hours. Emerson was cited in charging documents as saying a friend had recently passed away. His defense attorney Levi clarified Thursday that his friend, who was a best man at his wedding, actually passed away about six years ago.

Emerson also said he had taken psychedelic mushrooms for the first time about 48 hours earlier. The pilots and others who encountered Emerson said he did not appear intoxicated, according to court documents.

The FBI affidavit said Emerson, who as an off-duty pilot was authorized to ride in the cockpit's jump seat, made casual conversation with the captain and first officer when the plane was between Astoria, Oregon, and Portland, before trying to grab two red handles that would have activated the plane's fire suppression system and cut off fuel to its engines.

After what the flight crew described as a struggle lasting only about 30 seconds, Emerson left the cockpit, the FBI said. Flight attendants placed Emerson in wrist restraints and seated him in the rear of the aircraft, but as the plane descended, he tried to grab the handle of an emergency exit, according to the document. A flight attendant stopped him by placing her hands on top of his, it said.

Alaska Airlines said that Emerson had been relieved of all duties. He last piloted a flight on Oct. 19, the airline said, three days before the Horizon Air episode. The averted disaster has renewed attention on the mental fitness of those allowed in the cockpit. Alaska Airlines said Emerson met all requirements for medical exams "and at no point were his certifications denied, suspended or revoked." Emerson was to remain in custody.

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