

Kelley named Linn-Mar aquatics manager

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Bobby Kelley has been named the Aquatics Center Manager for the new pool in the Linn-Mar school district, it was announced Tuesday.

Kelley has been a swimming coach and aquatics director for more than 20 years. He has worked the past 16 years for the Cedar Rapids Aquatics Association, where he grew a program that now teaches more than 1,500 students each year from learn-to-swim levels through advanced competitive levels that include the Olympic Trials.

At Linn-Mar, Kelley will take on the responsibilities for opening the new state-of-the-art Aquatic Center, developing and managing the district's aquatic programs and overseeing the usage of the facility. The pool is scheduled to open in early November.

"Running an aquatics facility will be new for the school district and all programs will have to be developed," said Kelley. "As the aquatics director, I am responsible for working with the district to develop programs that inspire learning, unlock potential and empower achievement."

Management responsibilities include hiring and training Aquatic Center staff, overseeing all aspects of facility maintenance and safety, and assuring the pool is in compliance with federal and state regulations.

Kelley will also plan and coordinate the hosting responsibilities for local, district and regional swim competitions at Linn-Mar.

Linn-Mar's Superintendent, Dr. Katie Mulholland, said "Throughout his career Bobby Kelley has developed great relationships with swim organizations at every level. This, combined with his extensive background, knowledge and passion for swimming, make him the ideal person for the job."