

# Press Release

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## Partnership Keeps Athletes in the Game

Batesville, Ark – Shawn Tackett, MS, ATC/L is the new White River Medical Center athletic trainer at Lyon College. WRMC, through its WRMC PROS (physical outpatient rehabilitation therapy) Department, provides the services of an athletic trainer at no cost to the college to aide in the prevention, evaluation, and rehabilitation of Lyon College athletes.

Tackett graduated from the University of Nebraska-Omaha with a Bachelors Degree in Exercise Science. He earned a Masters Degree in Healthcare Administration from Bellevue University in Bellevue, Nebraska. He is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Board of Certification. Tackett has experience in a wide range of sports and previously worked at a metropolitan high school with more than 400 athletes in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Tackett's primary responsibility is to provide injury prevention, evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation to all student athletes. He maintains the athletic training room, controls inventory and orders athletic training supplies and equipment. He also provides coverage for practices and all home athletic events.

The partnership between WRMC and Lyon College allows athletes and coaches to benefit from the skills, knowledge, and talents of a certified athletic trainer especially in the areas of conditioning and strength training. Tackett is working with Lyon College Administration to develop a comprehensive student athletic training program. Athletic

trainers are an important part of the continuum of care for student athletes. Being at the college during workouts and at games allows the athletic trainer to become more involved and better facilitate communication between the athletes, coaching staff, parents and physicians and other healthcare providers.

“Shawn is a great asset to the Athletic Department at Lyon,” said Kevin Jenkins, men’s head basketball coach. “I’m impressed by the way he runs our training room. He helps our athletes maintain focus on recovery and gets them back to playing.”

The hospital also provides full-time athletic trainers to Batesville School District and to Highland School District. WRHS affiliate, Stone County Medical Center, provides athletic training services to Mountain View School District. Consultations with the WRHS Sports Medicine staff are available to all schools by calling 870-262-1271.