

Scott Woodward

University of Washington President Mark A. Emmert announced on Sept. 17, 2008 the appointment of Scott Woodward as the school's 16th director of intercollegiate athletics. Woodward, the UW's Vice President for External Relations since 2004, served as interim athletic director for the previous seven months.

As Athletic Director, Woodward oversees a 23 sport Division I NCAA athletic program that serves over 700 student-athletes per year.

Woodward worked with UW President Mark Emmert at Louisiana State University as director of external affairs in the Office of the Chancellor from 2000 to 2004. In that position, he acted as the liaison between the university and government and corporate officials and advised the chancellor on the implications of potential policy changes external to the university. He also served as the liaison from the Chancellor's office to the LSU athletic department and helped Emmert oversee it.

While Emmert and Woodward were at LSU, the institution's intercollegiate athletic teams won 10 NCAA national championships, including one in football in 2003. Woodward also experienced first-hand national championship caliber teams in baseball, basketball, and track and field. In addition, during that span the athletics program ranked among the top 11 in the nation three times in the annual NACDA Director's Cup - a measurement of broad-based competitive athletics success - and claimed 11 CoSIDA Academic All-America selections.

Woodward holds a bachelor's degree in political science from LSU. In Louisiana, he served as a political consultant, a legislative liaison in the office of the governor, a lobbyist, and for eight years as a principal in his own government and public relations firm.