

Soka University

Athletics

Soka University of America Names Karla Bailey Head Coach, Track & Field and Cross Country

Karla Bailey will replace Coach Slade, who was recently hired as the Assistant Cross Country Coach at the University of Texas San Antonio. Karla will start her coaching duties beginning September 12, 2006.

Coach Bailey is well respected for the outstanding job she has done with Mount Olive College. She brings a tremendous amount of experience to Soka and an energy that will guide the program to ever-greater achievements. I am very comfortable with Karla and look forward to working with her to continue the development of the Soka Track program.

Coach Karla Bailey brings years of coaching leadership to the Soka Track program, much of that on the collegiate level. Karla has produced 5 Division two all conference runners and National Championship participants. Karla's runners were the Carolinas State Champions and Southeast Region Team Champions. Karla was named the 2001 NCAA DII Southeast Region Coach of the Year, Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and was a Finalist for the National Coach of the Year. Along with her Coaching duties Karla is also a board certified athletic trainer and a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and American College of Sports Medicine

Karla received her BA in Kinesiology from California State University Northridge and her MA. in Administration from Central Michigan and is a long- standing member with the United States Track Coaches Association.

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