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Re: Virginia Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame Initiative

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Mr. Plummer,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter and for the passion you continue to show for Virginia Wesleyan University and its proud athletic tradition. Your accomplishments, leadership, and lifelong connection to Marlin athletics are deeply valued, and we are grateful for the care with which you have expressed your perspectives.

I want to be very clear and unequivocal: there is no intention to eliminate or diminish the Virginia Wesleyan designation for Athletic Hall of Fame members. Those who competed for Virginia Wesleyan University (and Virginia Wesleyan College) will always be recognized as Virginia Wesleyan athletes, and their Athletic Hall of Fame affiliation will reflect that history.

As the University prepares for its transition to Batten University on July 1, 2026, our guiding principle is continuity of legacy alongside institutional evolution. Many universities that have adopted the name of a transformative philanthropist—such as Trine University (formerly Tri-State University) and Rowan University (formerly Glassboro State College)—have preserved the historical identity and achievements of their alumni and student-athletes. We intend to follow this same model: honoring past, present, and future Marlins in a manner that respects when and where they competed.

Equally important, the purpose of the Athletic Hall of Fame remains unchanged: to recognize outstanding athletic achievement, exceptional coaching, and individuals whose service has made a lasting and meaningful impact on intercollegiate athletics at Virginia Wesleyan. That core mission will continue to guide all nomination and selection processes.

We appreciate your willingness to engage constructively and your commitment to protecting the integrity of the Athletic Hall of Fame. Your voices matter, and we welcome continued dialogue as we move forward together.

Thank you again for your dedication to Marlin Athletics. We are proud to count you among our Athletic Hall of Fame family.

Sincerely,

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