Mount Mercy Athletic Director Paul Gavin has announced that Tim Schuring has been selected to lead the Mustang women's basketball program beginning April 1.

"We're excited to welcome Tim to the Mount Mercy family," said Gavin. "He has extensive experience coaching and teaching the game of basketball at all levels and has revived collegiate programs into conference and national contenders.

"Tim's passion for creating a strong and positive team culture will be integral to the success of our women's basketball program."

Schuring founded TNT5 Basketball Development in 2008, and since then the organization has gained a reputation as one of the best skill development organizations in Iowa. Over the past 12 years he has served as owner, head coach and skill trainer. Most recently, his focus has been coaching the Iowa Prep 15-under girls club team and 17-under boys squad.

"To be named the head women's basketball coach at such an outstanding institution like Mount Mercy is an incredible honor," Schuring said. "Thank you to Paul Gavin and everyone involved in the selection process for giving me this opportunity. Mount Mercy is a special place and I'm beyond excited to get started."

Schuring earned a Bachelor of Arts in social studies education from Wartburg College and a Master of Science in sports management from the United States Sports Academy. After seven successful seasons as a high school boys basketball coach in Iowa and Illinois, he was the assistant men's basketball coach at Iowa Wesleyan from 1996-98.

Schuring took over the men's basketball program at NAIA Division II Saint Mary (Kan.) in 1998. Under his leadership, the Spires went from four victories to a school-record 24 wins in his third

season. He was the 2001 Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) Coach of the Year after Saint Mary won the KCAC regular-season title and reached the Sweet 16 at the NAIA national tournament.

Schuring went on to lead the men's basketball program at NAIA Division II Dakota State (S.D.) from 2001-05, again taking a four-win team to the runner-up spot in the Dakota Athletic Conference in 2004-05. After stepping away from coaching, he served as the assistant men's basketball coach at Luther where he helped the Norse to Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles in 2011 and 2013.