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Carroll McCray to Address Students, Community in LYCC

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb Head Football Coach
Carroll McCray will speak at the University's weekly Dimensions
program on Sept. 8. The event, which begins at 9:25 a.m. in Paul Porter Arena inside the
Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC), is free and open to the public.

McCray has often addressed community groups that serve youth. "I like speaking to young people because I am convinced they are still our greatest resource and hope for our future," McCray shared. "Community groups are important to a school our size for support, as well as opportunities for our graduates."

Now entering his third season leading Gardner-Webb's football program, McCray was a three-year letter winner on the GWU offensive line in the 1980s. He graduated in 1983 with a degree in social science. From there he went on to coach at Mercer, Furman, Mississippi State, Samford, South Carolina and Appalachian State. After spending the 2012 season at North Greenville University as head coach, McCray made his way back to Boiling Springs in January of 2013.

"In listening to student feedback regarding Dimensions speakers, one of the thoughts that consistently surfaced was the desire to hear from speakers who are part of the Gardner-Webb University family and who see many of our students on a daily basis," shared Dr. Tracy Jessup, vice president of the Office of Christian Life and Service and senior minister to the University. "Coach McCray immediately came to my mind. I heard so many positive comments from friends in the community who heard him speak at this year's Cleveland County FCA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet."

The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and to promote a sense of community. More information about Dimensions is available by calling 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and

leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).