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## **Football Coach Steps Down But Expresses Continued Support for Team**

Craig Austin, West Los Angeles College's head football coach of two years, resigned his position just after the Thanksgiving holiday. "After two years of dedicated service as the Head Football Coach at West Los Angeles College, I am tendering my letter of resignation effective immediately. I must resign so that I may attend to my personal family matters," wrote Austin in his letter of resignation.

Austin continued with, "My resignation is written with deep regret and sorrow because of all the wonderful people who surround this program. Under the leadership of President Mark Rocha, and the brilliant guidance of new Athletic Director Steve Aggers, the future for West Los Angeles College football shines bright. -- I will always be a supporter of the program."

About the coach, Athletic Director Aggers said, "I want to express my respect and gratitude to Coach Austin on behalf on the entire WLAC Athletic Department for his undying efforts and leadership with the football program over the past two years. We are all appreciative of his loyalty, dedication and hard work in building a quality football program."

Though Aggers has been on campus only a short time, he has been impressed with Coach Austin's commitment to West's student-athletes as people, players and students. "We are all grateful for his hard work and we wish him nothing but the best in all future endeavors," said Aggers.

"Our attention is now turned to finding a replacement and filling the Head Football Coaching position on our campus," Aggers continued. "We will begin that search immediately."

West Los Angeles College is committed to building a quality program based on the pursuit of excellence both academically and athletically, explained Aggers. Further, he means for the program to be more competitive in the tough Western State Conference and the California Community College Athletic Association.

West Los Angeles College, a community college located just east of Sepulveda and Jefferson, has been providing excellent university transfer and career training programs to the community for nearly 40 years. Other sports programs include baseball, basketball, cross country, and track & field. Women's volleyball and soccer will be added to the athletic program in the Fall 2008 semester. For more information on "West," visit [www.wlaac.edu](http://www.wlaac.edu).

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