

Kearney names new president

Salluzzo leaving Fisher post; O'Neil relieved of dual role

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Steve Salluzzo, the former director of auxiliary services at St. John Fisher College, will be the next president of Bishop Kearney High School, the school announced Tuesday.

Salluzzo was responsible for events and conferences at St. John Fisher, including Bills training camp, and is also an adjunct professor there. He does not have experience in secondary education but said he expects to find similarities with his work at the college. "It's a different, younger population but the core is all the same," he said. "You're still trying to educate and develop the individual in the classroom and through volunteerism."

The hiring halves the responsibility of current president and CEO Tom O'Neil, who has served in

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that dual role since 2010. Salluzzo will be responsible for day-to-day duties, including fundraising and marketing.

"I'm getting kind of old," O'Neil said. "The fact of the matter is, when the board asked me to take the job five years ago, it was going to be on an interim basis. Five years have gone by and I'm still doing it. I've been telling the board for a few years they probably should start looking for someone."

Bishop Kearney will admit sixth-graders for the first time this fall. It is also launching an elite girls hockey program where students will be housed in the now-vacant third-floor dormitory of its Irondequoit campus. The program's first year has been delayed to 2016 to allow more planning time, O'Neil said.

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