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**Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College Adds Golf to Fall 2021 Storm Athletics**

**New Town, ND** -- Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College (NHSC) Storm athletics has expanded their athletic program to include golf beginning Fall Semester 2021.

"Adding golf to our athletic program, we're providing personal growth for students and an important tool for student recruitment," said Kyle DeCoteau, NHSC athletic director. Hired in 2019, DeCoteau planned to add one sport per year during his first three years in the position. Men's and women's basketball were added in 2019, and men's and women's cross country were added in 2020.

"It makes sense to add golf right now because it requires less of an investment in facilities and other needs," DeCoteau said. "In this area, we currently don't have the facilities or equipment to add football or baseball, but you never know what the future may bring."

NHSC announced its plans to add golf in mid-January. Within one day, Parshall athlete Journey Celo had committed to the women's team. DeCoteau said many others have expressed an interest in the team, and he expects more will commit soon.

Storm golfers will play against teams from the NCAA, NAIA and NIAC, including the University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, University of Mary, University of Jamestown, University of Minnesota and Dickinson State University.

NHSC enhances the quality of life and builds a strong, positive identity for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations or Three Affiliated Tribes. NHSC offers in-demand certificate programs and associate degrees as well as three bachelor's degrees. The college offers high-quality cultural, academic and vocational education. NHSC provides encouragement and support to facilitate successful college careers.