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Ferrill to LCC student-athletes: *Teamwork is the key for success*

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Football Coach and NFL Advanced Scout Carl Ferrill’s message to Luna Community College student-athletes on Thursday afternoon was clear and precise: be a good teammate and work within the team concept.

Ferrill who has won 13 championships during his 40 years in the coaching profession emphasized the importance of communication.

“How many times have anyone of you talked to someone knowing that the other person isn’t listening?” asked Ferrill. “Your job as a player is to listen and it’s the coaches job to make you the best you can be. Sometimes as a coach we communicate without saying a thing. Our body language says it all.”

Ferrill, who also spent time in the NFL, gave examples of just one player making a difference in hurting team chemistry.



Coach Carl Ferrill (middle) shows off a Rough Rider cap. Ferrill gave an inspiration speck to Luna Community College softball and baseball players on Thursday.

“If one player’s head is too big, it can tear up a team. One player can kill a locker room. You have to control your own locker room,” said Ferrill. “Baseball and softball are the most individualized of any sport. But everyone should work within the framework of a team. Remember, you win and lose as a team.”

Ferrill shared an example of his youth. Ferrill said he graduated from Santa Fe High with a 1.4 grade point average and Highlands University was the only school to give him an opportunity. Ferrill eventually earned a doctoral degree.

“Right now, you’ve been blessed by having Luna Community College, take advantage of it,” he said.

Ferrill said that when he coached major college football and when he was involved in the pros, part of his duties was to visit children’s hospitals.

At one point Ferrill made reference that although coaches are the leaders, players have to take on their share of responsibility as well.

“I hope at some point, players get together as a team and ask yourselves: What are we going to do to make this better? Are we going to float or are we going to sink?”

Ferrill told his audience that the most important part of being a student-athlete is academics.

“Take care of your grades,” said Ferrill. “Not everyone can be a major leaguer.”

Elisse Tapaha, a sophomore catcher said she believed Ferrill’s message was well received.

“I think his talk will inspire us to work together more as a team,” said Tapaha.

“Many of the children I talked to had cancer or were paralyzed and I remember them telling me that all they wished for was to have a chance to play a sport one time,” said Ferrill. “Take advantage that all of you are here have the ability to play.”