Brain Injury Alliance

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SIMS Business Systems' Scot Taggart Slated to Serve on BIAAZ Advisory Council

Former Student Athlete Brings Unique Skillset to Leadership Position

The Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona's (BIAAZ) Advisory Council is adding a new member to its ranks — Scot Taggart. As a three-sport athlete at Perry High School in Gilbert and a college football player at South Dakota's Northern State University under coach Tom Dosch, Scot has a keen interest in supporting the BIAAZ's mission of assisting student athletes in safely participating in their favorite sports and athletic hobbies. "In high school and as a NCAA Division II football player, I learned so much about teamwork, competition, and overcoming adversity," Scot says. "Being an athlete in both college and high school was such a gift and I want to pay it forward by helping others enjoy the things they love in a way that is mindful of their cognitive health."

Although BIAAZ has been around for over 35 years now, Scot hopes to bring a fresh approach to the organization in order to help student athletes balance sports excellence with neuro-wellness. "Student athletes are making choices every day that can impact them for better or for worse long-term," Scot acknowledges.

Scot's leadership will ensure the Brain Injury Alliance of Arizona will be able to continue helping connect the more than 3,000 survivors of brain injury who contact them per year with comprehensive neuro-resources, sur-

Taggart played college football in South Dakota.

vivor empowerment programs, and professional education. The BIAAZ also runs one of the few retreats for adult survivors of brain injury in North America— Camp Can Do— which aims to help survivors of serious brain injury rebuild their social lives and enjoy new experiences.

Professionally, Mr. Taggart is a field sales manager for SIMS Business System and is a resident of the Valley. When he's not busy working, he enjoys spending time with his family, reading, playing sports, and giving back to his hometown community.