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**Laura Lopez** has been named the Girls' Water Polo Program Head at Harvard-Westlake School.

Lopez comes to Harvard-Westlake from Herbert Hoover High School, where she was the Aquatics Director, Head Girls Water Polo Coach and math teacher. Additionally, Lopez is the Coastal Zone development team head coach, of the Olympic Development Program.

Lopez has worked at the collegiate level as an Assistant Coach at Whittier College and UC Santa Barbara, where she gained experience in recruiting, scouting opponents and presenting tactical film sessions for the Gauchos. At the club level, Lopez was the Head Age Group coach for Santa Barbara Premier.

Lopez completed a master's degree in Education at Whittier College and has a bachelor's degree in Business from Loyola Marymount University.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Laura Lopez to the Harvard-Westlake community." Said Terry Barnum, Head of Athletics. "She is a very experienced coach at the club, high school and collegiate level and I'm looking forward to watching our program grow under her leadership."

"I am extremely excited to join the Harvard-Westlake family as the Girls Water Polo Program Head," said Lopez. "My experience at the collegiate, high school and club level has prepared me for this incredible leadership opportunity, and I can't wait to start working with the girls."

Lopez will begin at Harvard-Westlake on July 1.