

Barry Nixon retired from District 87 after having served as a teacher and tennis coach at Bloomington High School from 1965-1994. Barry used words as pictures, and his “Swing the Gate” analogy for the forehand is famous. Barry viewed his position as a leader of young people, not simply as a coach of tennis. Barry emphasized hard work and integrity, and many BHS players have gone on to play at the college level and coach tennis during the summer. Barry was honored in June 2010 at the BHS Tennis Reunion with a court named in his honor at Evergreen Racquet Club.