



HAPPY RETIREMENT TO DREW!!

Hello!

This flyer is going out to our current BAC families, BAC alumni parents and swimmers, and anybody who might be interested in helping celebrate the end to a fabulous coaching career for Drew!

If you weren't already aware, Drew retired at the end of the summer LCM season after 40+ years coaching, including 23 years with BAC.

After a successful swimming career as an age group, HS, and college swimmer at Iowa State, Drew began coaching as a grad assistant at Iowa State, a HS coach in Iowa, and then finally with a USAS club in Waterloo, Iowa in 1982. After leading the Waterloo Sharks to success at the LSC and national level, Drew moved to Madison to take a job with the Badger Dolphins (a BAC predecessor club) swim team in 1987. He would stay in Madison coaching for most of the next 35 years, including 20+ years as the BAC Head Coach and CEO.

Drew was honored at the recent WI LSC State Meet by – among others – Blaine Carlson. Below is some of what he read when listing Drew's accomplishments, and the impact that Drew had in and out of the pool.

During this span of 40 plus years he has coached champions at every level from State, Zones, Sectionals, and Junior Nationals. He has coached swimmers to Olympic Trials, coached a US National Champion, and has coached swimmers to international competition. He has coached hundreds and hundreds of swimmers into collegiate swimming - the foundation work laid by Drew propelled those swimmers to success at the collegiate level including NCAA champions. Drew is a tremendous motivator and a "swimmer's coach" who knows when to push his swimmers and when to pat them on the back. He is a swim coach, but more importantly he coaches young swimmers into being successful and confident adults in the real world. His teams have been successful at each of his coaching stops during his career. There have been a lot of coaches that have done it for a long time, but not many that have done it as long and at the consistently high level that Drew has.

During our BAC Fall Social, we plan to honor and celebrate Drew and his contributions to BAC over the years. As part of that celebration we would LOVE to collect message of thanks and appreciation, hear funny Drew anecdotes or memorable Drew quotes, or just receive some well wishes.

We've set up an "E-Card" so that anyone – currently a part of the BAC family or long-removed from swimming – can share memories. You can use the link below to write those.

<https://www.groupgreeting.com/sign/7fdd0d0a10c7546>

The Fall Social is Tuesday, October 11th, so the deadline for signing the card is midnight on Monday, October 10th.

PLEASE HELP US CAST AS WIDE A NET AS POSSIBLE TO CELEBRATE DREW! You can send this message as a pdf, copy and paste the information in an email, or just share the link and basic information on social media. Thanks, and GO BAC!