



NACS district and Carroll High School saddened by the loss of seasoned head soccer coach

Fort Wayne, Ind. (Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020) – Officials from Northwest Allen County Schools and Carroll High School are saddened by the recent loss of Rollie Clements, Carroll’s boys soccer coach for the past 33 years. Earlier in his career Clements also coached basketball for Carroll, but he was most known for his time as a soccer coach and teacher. After 34 years teaching, 28 years teaching for NACS, Clements retired in May. He continued as Carroll’s head soccer coach and he helped with the Youth Services Center until he was recently hospitalized.

“Today the Chargers celebrate the life and impact of Carroll High School Boys Soccer Coach Rollie Clements,” said Dan Ginder, athletic director and assistant principal, Carroll High School. “Coach Clements was in his 33rd year as Charger’s Head Soccer Coach. He was among the first Carroll graduates, taught until last year at Carroll High School and he served endlessly. Thank you, Coach Clements, our good and faithful Charger!”

While at Carroll, Clements taught earth/space science, government, U.S. History, and integrated chemistry/physics.

“We are deeply saddened by the loss of such a good ally for students,” said Dr. Chris Himself, superintendent, Northwest Allen County Schools. “Rollie helped his students achieve both on and off the field. He will be missed and we extend our sympathies to his family, his school family and his extensive soccer family.”

He is remembered by Sally Gerber, a Carroll guidance counselor, as being always ready with a smile and comment to make you laugh. “He would tell wonderful stories about his students and would always make me laugh,” Gerber said. “He always had a positive outlook and attitude. He truly cared about students.”

Clements was interviewed in May for a retirement video with other NACS employees about their tenure. Clements shared that he would, “miss the kids the most.” He felt his biggest accomplishment was having 79 students go on to play soccer in college. Clements is credited for starting soccer programs at both Bishop Luers and Carroll high schools.

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