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Belmont Abbey College Breaks Ground on Reidy Tennis Center and Pavilion

Belmont, N.C. (April 22, 2022) – Belmont Abbey College plans to break ground this weekend on a new tennis center and pavilion in loving memory of longtime faculty member and coach Michael “Mike” Reidy. The groundbreaking ceremony is part of the college’s homecoming events on Saturday, April 23rd and is a testament to Coach Reidy’s tireless dedication to the Abbey.

Reidy came to Belmont Abbey College in 1969 and served as the men's tennis coach for 31 years. During his tenure as coach, he led his teams to six conference titles and seven national tournament appearances, including an NCAA Division II Sweet 16 appearance in 2001. He earned conference Coach of the Year four times on the men's side and in 1999 when he was in the middle of his tenure leading the women's program. That same year, the Crusaders captured the Carolina-Virginia Athletics Conference women's tennis championship. The legacy of Belmont Abbey’s successful tennis programs sits on the shoulders of Coach Mike Reidy. “Mike Reidy is one of the most dedicated, charismatic, and beloved leaders in the long and illustrious history of Belmont Abbey College,” Vice President and Director of Athletics Stephen Miss said. “Best exemplified by the multiple generations of students and colleagues, of whom I am blessed to count myself as one, fortunate enough to have been formed, developed, mentored, taught, and coached by him - and his wonderful wife, Bonnie - Coach Mike Reidy’s legacy lives on... rippling toward and upon numerous shores, emanating ever onward and upward,” said Miss.

The Reidy Tennis Center and Pavilion will be a state-of-the-art multipurpose facility that will include locker and shower rooms, outdoor restrooms, coaches offices, team meeting rooms, gathering spaces, and outdoor fan seating. This construction is part of the college’s long-term master plan for the campus.

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