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It is with great pride and honor that I share the good news about our Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, Bob Davis, for being selected by the **National Federation of State High School Associations** as the recipient of the **2017-2018 Northeast Coach of the Year for Girls Tennis**.

This is an honor that is considered the hallmark of athletic achievement as recognized by the NATIONAL FEDERATION. In the fall, Bob became the recipient of the **New York State Public High School Athletic Association Girls Basketball Coach of the Year Award**, a proud honor in it of itself. Due to his NYS recognition, Bob was automatically nominated for this prestigious award.

Coach Davis is most deserving recipient for this honor amongst coaches of the sport in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and New York (well over a thousand high school tennis coaches). We are tremendously proud of Bob and this is a tremendous honor for Harborfields High School and the entire athletic department and Harborfields community.

Aside from being a successful tennis coach that dates back to his first coaching position in Comsewogue School District in 1976 (where he started their tennis program) , Bob is a professional and one of the classiest gentleman you would want to meet. He is a role model to all both on and off the tennis court. Although Bob has amassed an incredible record well over 400 wins throughout his storied coaching career, he would humbly say that his successes are not the records, but the relationships he has made with his student athletes over the course of his career. Bob is a man of integrity who cares about young adults and treats them as if they are his own children. He encourages, motivates and inspires his athletes with dignity, encouragement and patience. It is no wonder why his athletes love and respect him.

This is a fitting tribute for Coach Bob Davis. It is a monumental award that speaks volumes due to its significance and how it is reflective of the type of coach, teacher and professional Bob Davis is known to be.

Please join me in congratulating Bob Davis as the proud recipient of the **2017-2018 Northeast Girls Tennis Coach of the Year!**

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