

A natural leader since his days at New Ulm High School, Bradley Isberner sought out opportunities to help make the world around him a little better. He served as class vice president and participated in athletics during his years as a proud New Ulm Eagle.

Brad went on to Worthington Community College where he excelled in basketball. He was the top rebounder and points scorer for WCC. While there he also participated in track and field competing in high jump, triple jump and was a record holder in the long jump. He continued on to college at Minnesota State University, St. Cloud. The accolades were many from his years there: from high jump champion in the indoor and outdoor track, highest overall GPA to Brainerd Scholar Award in Basketball to name a few.

After earning a degree in health education Brad then went back to St. Cloud to obtain his master's degree in health education/physical education. He started his career as a driver education teacher in St. Cloud in 1977 and from there spent the next 40 years in the driver education arena. Teaching people how to safely navigate the roads while understanding and adhering to the driving laws has been Brad's passion. He began teaching at the high school level and then became assistant professor at MNSCU in 1986, he went on to serve in a variety of educational positions at the university with the last being a promotion to professor. As he took on new challenges in his career, Brad did so with determination and drive to work with the students whom he served.

In addition to teaching, Brad has also had a long and distinguished coaching career. He has served as assistant basketball coach at MNSCU as well as in a variety of coaching positions from working basketball summer camps to coaching at the high school level.

Though bestowed the title of professor emeritus, Brad isn't letting retirement slow him down. He sees opportunities to give of himself throughout the communities that he holds so dear. Whether he's serving as lecturer at St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Cloud or at Immaculate Conception Church in Melbourne Beach, FL where he volunteers in a variety of minister capacities, Brad's commitment to his church family is strongly evident. He also often volunteers at Place of Hope Ministries, Patriot Guard of Minnesota and Christian Motorcycle Association. In addition, last year Brad was given the Lily Diabetes Journey Award for living with insulin-dependent diabetes for 50 years. He volunteers for the American Diabetes Association, as the organization's purpose remains so integral to Brad's life with diabetes.

Family and community are vital to Brad, he and his wife Sandy are the proud parents of three sons and grandparents to seven grandchildren with whom they adore spending time with.

Brad's long and fruitful career in education and coaching exemplifies his commitment to helping others be their best, whether that's on the road or on the basketball court, or on other avenues of life. His positive attitude is infectious and has provided the backdrop for Brad to make a significant impact on the lives of so many. From those early days of being a student leader at New Ulm High School to the countless students who have been taught or coached by Brad, his caring attitude was fundamental to his successful career serving others.