

Forbush High School Hall of Fame

Rickey McCollum



The man simply known as “Coach” by those that came through Forbush High School during his tenure, Rickey McCollum is the embodiment of Forbush Athletics and the definition of a servant-leader. As an educator and coach, Rickey’s focus was teaching life lessons to the students of Forbush High School. He served as a teacher, coach, and Athletic Director, receiving conference, district, and state awards, but Rickey never cared for the accolades; for him, it was all about the personal success of his students and athletes. Rickey’s most rewarding time was spent as Athletic Director from 1985 until his retirement in 2000 where he was able to have a greater impact by serving more students and mentoring coaches. Even in retirement, Rickey was called upon by Yadkin County Schools to be the first County Athletic Director. “Coach” will always be known for his role as a lifelong educator, mentor, friend, and forever a Forbush Falcon. We honor Rickey McCollum as a member of the first class of the Forbush High School Hall of Fame.