



Grand Slam – KCC Power Couple Names College’s Tennis Facility



When it comes to their lifelong ties to Kingsborough Community College, Dr. Rachelle Goldsmith and her husband, Barry Goldsmith, are quite the dynamic duo. Dr. Goldsmith is currently the director of the College’s Honors Program and has previously served as the director of Kingsborough’s College Now Program. Outside of the academic realm, Dr. Goldsmith is also an inaugural member of the KCC Athletics Hall of Fame. Mr. Goldsmith, meanwhile, has been the head coach of the college’s men’s tennis team for more than 30 years and the women’s tennis team for 8 years. Under his leadership, Kingsborough has produced more than 50 All-American tennis players, and in 2009 he led the women’s team to a national championship. Together, the Goldsmiths are also founding members of the Kingsborough Community College Beacon Society. The Beacon Society is a special group of KCC alumni, retirees, and staff and friends who have provided for the college through their wills and other planned giving arrangements.

Whether in athletics or administration, few can rival the collective impact the Goldsmiths have had on the Kingsborough campus. This year, they took their already-remarkable dedication to Kingsborough a giant step further by making a significant philanthropic gift to name the college’s tennis courts. Now named the *Dr. Rachelle and Barry Goldsmith Tennis Facility*, these courts symbolize the Goldsmiths’ longstanding conviction that athletics play a vital role in the lives of Kingsborough students, helping them to develop leadership abilities, cultivate character and personal integrity, and strive for excellence in all aspects of life. The Goldsmiths’ gift will create a permanent endowment, the earnings from which will go towards the KCC Athletics WAVE Fund. *“We believe strongly in the values athletics impart to our students – hard work, leadership, teamwork and integrity—and we are grateful to be able to contribute to the fund,”* said Dr. Goldsmith.

For Barry Goldsmith, the naming of the tennis courts is also a culmination of their shared KCC story: *“My wife and I come from humble beginnings. We were ‘project kids’ who grew up to live the American Dream, and Kingsborough was the catalyst for making so many of our dreams come true. Throughout our careers, both of us have had many opportunities to take jobs elsewhere, but we never did because KCC holds such a special place in our hearts. This is our time to give back to KCC in a major way, so that student-athletes who are just like we were—hardworking, motivated—can enjoy the same opportunities we did.”*

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