

Dear Valued Member,

It's no secret, some exciting changes are in store for the Binghamton Tennis Center. We wanted to share with you, as a current and esteemed member, the following news.

After dedicating so much of his time, talent and passion to the greater Binghamton tennis community, current owner Michael Starke is excited to be part of bringing about a new chapter for the center. The Binghamton University Foundation is purchasing the Binghamton Tennis Center, and as of May 16, the Binghamton Auxiliary Services Corporation will assume management of the center's operations. Fast forwarding to spring 2023, the Binghamton Tennis Center will be the official home of the Binghamton University Bearcats Division I tennis teams!

What does this mean for me, you ask? For the foreseeable future, the Binghamton Tennis Center will remain open to the public offering contracts, memberships, tournaments, clinics, lessons and more. You may notice some new faces, but plenty of familiar ones, including the Starkes and long-time staff members who will continue working at Binghamton Tennis Center.

Among the many things to look forward to in the coming months are the full renovation of all of the outdoor courts, and two of the indoor courts, to bring all courts into NCAA compliance.

As you already know, our Binghamton University tennis teams have proudly called the Binghamton Tennis Center a second home throughout the years, and Interim Director of Athletics Dennis Kalina shares in our excitement for this next chapter in the storied history and shared vision of the Binghamton Tennis Center. The purchase will allow the legacy of the Binghamton Tennis Center to continue on as an integral part of the Southern Tier tennis community for years to come, while further strengthening ties between the University and the community.

Perhaps Michael Starke said it best, "To have the two homes that have played such a major role in my life, Binghamton University Athletics and the Binghamton Tennis Center, housed under one roof joining forces is a dream come true. Together, they will create a synergy that will transform both the Binghamton University tennis programs and our tennis community. This is the end of an era, yet a new beginning."

We hope you share our positivity in moving forward, and we look forward to serving you and our esteemed tennis community for generations to come.

Michael Starke
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