

# 45<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Lifetime Service Awards**

**And**

**Hall of Fame**

**Banquet**



**Illinois Wrestling Coaches  
and Officials Association**

**Saturday April 18, 2015  
Holiday Inn – Grand Ballroom  
Countryside, Illinois**

# The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

## President's Greeting

Illinois Wrestling Community,

It is my honor as the current President of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association to welcome you all to the 2015 Hall of Fame and All State Banquets. All of the individuals and teams being recognized at this weekend's ceremonies embody all of the very best our great sport has to offer. The IWCOA has taken great pride in recognizing the accomplishments of wrestlers, coaches, officials, and contributors since 1971. These accomplishments do not occur by chance. They are the result of dedication, commitment, and extraordinary effort on the part of the award winners; none of which would be possible for them without the support of the families, friends, and fans who stand behind them in their journey toward success. The IWCOA and I thank you for this as well as for your attendance this weekend. We hope that you enjoy the event.

Yours in Wrestling,

Rich Montgomery, IWCOA President

## IWCOA Presidents

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| 1971 – Steve Combs, Coach, Deerfield        | 1994 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville  |
| 1972 – Steve Combs, Coach, Deerfield        | 1995 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville  |
| 1973 – Wayne Miller, Coach, DeKalb          | 1996 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb           |
| 1974 – Dennis Hastert, Coach, Yorkville     | 1997 – Gary Thacher, Coach, Belvidere      |
| 1975 – Dennis Hastert, Coach, Yorkville     | 1998 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland          |
| 1976 – Jim Schultz, Coach, Glenbard South   | 1999 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland          |
| 1977 – George Dyche, Coach, West Aurora     | 2000 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln     |
| 1978 – Charles Anderson, Coach, Savanna     | 2001 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln     |
| 1979 – Charles Farina, Coach, East Leyden   | 2002 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford       |
| 1980 – Tony Parks, Coach, Addison Trail     | 2003 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford       |
| 1981 – Mark King, Coach, LaGrange           | 2004 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park     |
| 1982 – Steve Weiss, Coach, Fenton           | 2005 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park     |
| 1983 – Rick Mann, Coach, Hersey             | 2006 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central  |
| 1984 – Jim Cartwright, Coach, Conant        | 2007 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central  |
| 1985 – Bernie Botheroyd, Coach, Glenbard W. | 2008 – Mike Bukovsky, Coach, Montini       |
| 1986 – Jerry Ancona, Coach, Lake Park       | 2009 – Mike Bukovsky, Coach, Montini       |
| 1987 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn       | 2010 – Rob Ledin, Coach, Mahomet-Seymour   |
| 1988 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn       | 2011 – Rob Ledin, Coach, Mahomet-Seymour   |
| 1989 – Mark Gervais, Coach, Marist          | 2012 – Mike Matozzi, Coach, Hinsdale South |
| 1990 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb            | 2013 – Mike Matozzi, Coach, Hinsdale South |
| 1991 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb            | 2014 – Rich Montgomery, Coach, Rock Falls  |
| 1992 – Augie Genovesi, Coach, Notre Dame    | 2015 – Rich Montgomery, Coach, Rock Falls  |
| 1993 – Augie Genovesi, Coach, Notre Dame    |  |

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2011 – Joe Cliffe

2012 – Dan Cliffe

2013 – Rob Ledin

2014 – Dan Fulscher

2015 – Debbie Nason

# 45<sup>th</sup> IWCOA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

## ***SPONSORS***

Trophies by George, Don Devine, Werner Hoelzer

Saturday April 18, 2015

## **REGISTRATION & SOCIAL**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## **OPENING REMARKS**

6:15 p.m.

## **INVOCATION & DINNER**

6:30 p.m.

## **BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

## **MAN OF THE YEAR**

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

7:15 p.m.

## **HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

8:00 p.m.

## **SOCIAL**

9:00 – 11:00 p.m.

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# IWCOA MAN OF THE YEAR

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1985 TED DeROUSSE, Antioch  
1986 ED EWOLDT, Wheaton Central  
1987 RICK MANN, Hersey  
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1990 CHUCK FARINA, Leyden  
1991 JOE CLIFFE, Plano  
1992 GENE SWIERCZEWSKI, Hoffman Estates  
1993 LARRY GASSEN, Downers Grove South  
1994 LON GERRISH, Sandwich  
1995 JOE PEDERSEN, Naperville  
1996 J. DENNIS HASTERT, Yorkville  
1997 RON REICHERT & DEBBIE NASON  
1998 STEVE COMBS, Mahomet  
1999 MARK JOHNSON, University of Illinois  
2000 DAN CLIFFE, Burlington Central  
2001 TOM HENIFF, Olympia Fields

2002 LEO KOCHER, University of Chicago  
2003 DAN FULSCHER, Lincoln  
2004 KEN KRAFT, Northwestern University  
2005 MIKE MANAHAN, Olympia  
2006 GEORGE DYCHE, Aurora West  
2007 MIKE POLZ, Sandburg  
2008 DAVE GANNAWAY, IHSA  
2009 JEFF PAPE, Schaumburg  
2010 MIKE BUKOVSKY, Montini  
2011 Dr. MARTY HICKMAN, IHSA  
2012 RICH MONTGOMERY, Rock Falls  
2013 MIKE MATOZZI, Hinsdale South  
2014 ROB LEDIN, Mahomet  
2015 ROB MURPHY, Wilmington

## Rob Murphy

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Rob Murphy was born in Pontiac, Illinois in 1962. He was a graduate of Coal City High School in 1981. While at Coal City he lettered in football and wrestling all four years and three years in track. He was captain of his football and wrestling teams and was an All-State linebacker his senior year. He was coached by Fred Plese and Hall of Fame coach George Dare. His junior year his wrestling team went 23-0, and his senior year they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State. He was a two-time state qualifier and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place at 167 pounds at state his senior year.

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Rob started his college career in 1985 after working construction for three and a half years. He attended Joliet Junior College and was an Academic All-American and Junior College National Qualifier. He wrestled for George Beene and Hall of Fame coach Henry Pillard.

Rob then transferred to Olivet Nazarene University where he wrestled for Bob Drebenstedt, a two time Division one All-American from Oklahoma State University. While at Olivet, Rob played two years of football and wrestled for three. In wrestling, he was a three time National Christian College Athletic Association champion and three time All-American at 177 pounds. He was also team captain and led them to two NCCAA National Championships in 1987 and 1988. He also qualified for three NAIA national tournaments. He had over 100 career wins in college. In the summer of 1987, he wrestled for Athletes in Action in Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, Korea. He graduated from college in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

After graduating college, he began his teaching and coaching career at Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Illinois. He taught Vocational Welding, Physical Education, Social Studies and developed and started Logan County's first night school for students to finish high school and receive their diploma after dropping out. While there, he was an assistant coach in football and wrestling and a head coach in track. In wrestling, he worked with Hall of Fame coach Floyd Bee. He developed his coaching skills under coach Bee and was in charge of the off season program in Freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling.

In 1994 he was hired to teach Physical Education and Industrial Education classes at Wilmington High School. He was also hired as head wrestling coach and assistant football coach, and two years later he was hired as head track coach and held that position for seven years. His girls track team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place at state, producing sixteen state medalists, with six being state championship medals. In 1998, he was Illinois Track Cross Country Association Coach of the Year in Class A. During the past twenty one years, he has helped coach the Wilmington Varsity football team to 19 straight playoff appearances. They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State in 2004 and this past season won the State Championship in class 3A by going 14-0. His wrestling teams have compiled a 438-110 dual team record. They have won 9 Interstate Eight Conference Championships and 11 straight IHSA Regional titles from 2002-2012. They have qualified for Dual Team State 8 times, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2006, 1<sup>st</sup> in 2007, 1<sup>st</sup> in 2008, 1<sup>st</sup> in 2009, and 4<sup>th</sup> in 2010. They are the first Class A public school to win 3 State Championships in a row. He has had 99 State Qualifiers with 46 State Place winners, with 10 of them being State Champions, including his sons, Rob and Jake. He has been I-8 coach of the year 8 times and Illinois Coaches Association Coach of the Year 3 times. He was IWCOA Coach of the Year in 2006 and 2010. He also represented Illinois when he was the finalist for National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year for 2010. In 2011, he had the great honor to be inducted to the IWCOA Hall of Fame.

He has been a member of the IWCOA and the ICA for the past 26 years and has been on the IWCOA Executive Board for 14 years. During that time, Rob has been Secretary and on the following committees: Banquet Program, Classic Dual, Publicity, and Fundraising Chair. He is also currently President elect. During his time he has volunteered at many venues through the years and just recently at the IHSA Dual Team State. Rob has also been a member of the I-8 coaches association for the past 21 years, where he has served as President the last 13 years.

Currently, Rob lives in Wilmington with his wife, Tina of 30 years, with their daughter, Erin.

# 2015 IWCOA Lifetime Service Award Winners

## *SPONSORS*

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### **Jim Carnahan Rock Island**

Jim Carnahan first became a licensed wrestling official in 1974. During the summer of that year he worked as an official in many youth tournaments to gain experience. He was active with the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) and worked various kids tournaments throughout the year. On the IKWF circuit, Jim was able to advance and work as an official at 24 regionals, 24 sectionals and 21 state finals. After being selected to be the Grand Marshal for the IKWF 2000 State Finals, Jim retired from IKWF officiating.

Jim received his first IHSA regional assignment in 1975 and has gone on to work as an official for over 50 combined IHSA regional and sectional tournaments. He officiated his first IHSA State Final Tournament in 1985 and has since officiated in 23 IHSA state final tournaments, 15 individual and 8 dual team.

In 1998 Jim began officiating collegiate matches in addition to his high school schedule. He has officiated 16 NCAA Division III National Qualifying Tournaments and both the NAIA and NCAA Division III National Championships.

Jim was officially recognized by the IWCOA in 2001 when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame. In 2012 Jim was selected to serve as a Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Finals and in October of 2014 selected to receive the Lifetime Service to Wrestling by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter.

### **Tim Haak Harvard**

A legendary coach in Illinois, Tim Haak arrived at Harvard High School in 1987 and retired after the 2014 season as both the head wrestling coach and head football coach at the school. He also served as a physical education teacher and his tenure included a stint as Harvard's athletic director as well.

Tim wrestled at Woodstock High School under IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Jim Patton and was a 1980 graduate of Monmouth College. He played baseball and wrestled in college.

Haak's wrestling teams have achieved extraordinary success, qualifying for the IHSA Dual Team State Finals 13 times, including a Class A state championship in 1992 and top 3 finishes on four other occasions. His teams have won 26 IHSA Regional Championships. He has coached 105 state qualifiers, including 40 placewinners and 10 individuals who went on to win state titles. Haak's 635 victories are the most in school history and rank among the top 5 in the nation for most victories at one school by an active coach.

Haak counts coaching his son, Shane, as one of the greatest thrills of his career and he is also very proud of the fact that over 50 of his former wrestlers have stayed involved in the sport as both coaches and officials.

Tim has served as a member of the IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee, as well as on the IWCOA Executive Board. He is also a member of both the IWCOA Hall of Fame and the Illinois Football Coaches Association.

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Hall of Fame. In 2013 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the IHSA Individual State Tournament. In 2014 he was a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Wrestling Coach of the Year.

After retirement from Harvard, Tim migrated to Wisconsin to assume an administrative position in that State.

### **Sharron Jones Decatur**

A graduate of Maroa-Forsythe High School, Sharron Jones was not very familiar with the sport of wrestling until her and IWCOA Hall of Fame official Bob Jones were married. As he began to officiate, she would sit in the bleachers and knit afghans until she had completed one for every member of the family. Deciding to make better use of her time, she began to keep score. Her love affair with wrestling had begun

Starting off working as a scorekeeper at the Clinton Holiday Tournament, she has also worked the Mattoon High School and IKWF wrestling tournaments as a scorekeeper, announcer and assistant tournament director for many years. She also helped with the Shelbyville IKWF tournament and numerous regional, sectional and state tournaments for the IKWF for many years. She has also worked as a scorekeeper at many area high schools over the years.

Sharron has worked at least 50 IHSA regional and sectional tournaments as a scorekeeper and then began working as a bench official at the IHSA Individual State Tournament 25 years ago. Several years ago she moved to the head table to serve as communications director and write out the line ups for the Grand March. She has also worked as a bench official for the IHSA Dual Team State Tournament for several years.

In addition to serving as a matchmaker for the Midwest National, Sharron has aided the IWCOA by helping with registration for the Mahomet-Seymour coaches and officials clinics.

In 1999 Sharron and Bob were selected as Grand Marshals for the IKWF State Tournament. She was selected as a "Friend of Wrestling by the IWCOA and in 2011 received the Silver Level Special Recognition Award from the IWCOA.

Sharron has worked as a legal secretary since 1964 and presently serves the Macon County State's Attorney. She is a charter member of the Macon-Moultrie Counties Legal Secretaries Association. Beside her grandkids, she enjoys knitting and bowling.

### **Dave Klemm Lincoln**

A graduate of Lincoln High School, Dave was a two time state qualifier for Hall of Fame Coach Floyd Bee placing 3rd as a senior. During his senior summer he won the AAU Jr. Nationals and the USA Jr. Nationals. Dave's collegiate career took place at Eastern Illinois University. While at Eastern he was a four time NCAA All-American placing 3rd, 2nd, and 1st in NCAA Division II and 2nd in NCAA Division I. In 1979 Dave was a member of the USA World Team and competed in the World Championships. Due to the 1980 boycott Dave turned to coaching.



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Dave's coaching career started in 1980 as an assistant at Eastern for two years. He was an assistant at the University of Oklahoma from 1982-84, an assistant at the University of Illinois from 1984-87, and back to Eastern Illinois as an assistant from 1987-89 where he earned his Masters Degree in Sports Administration.

Dave's head coaching career started at MacMurray College from 1989-91 where he compiled a 13-11 record. In 1991 Dave became the head coach at Lincoln College. Since coming to Lincoln he has produced 159 national qualifiers, 57 All-Americans, and 9 National Champions. His teams have finished in the top six 8 times.

Dave was voted National Junior College Athletic Association Regional Coach of the Year three times, National Coach of the Year in 1997, and Man of the Year in 1999. Dave was inducted into the Eastern Illinois University Hall of Fame in 1989, The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1996, and The National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2012 Dave was selected by The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Illinois Chapter to receive its Lifetime Service Award and induction.

From 1991 to 2008 Dave was a faculty member at Lincoln College in the Physical Education Department. In addition to his teaching duties Dave was named the Physical Education Division Chair in 1999. In 2008 Dave left the classroom for an administrative position being named Athletic Director, in addition to coaching wrestling. In 2011 Dave stepped down as head wrestling coach allowing him to have more time with his family. Under his direction as Athletic Director, the Lincoln College Athletic Department has produced 14 individual National Champions and 17 national placing teams. In 2014, after the departure of the wrestling coach, Dave stepped back into the head coaching position.

Dave and his wife Linda live in Warrensburg, IL, with their two children, Sara (19) and Evan (15).

### **Sandy Stevens Glen Ellyn**

For more than four decades, Sandy Stevens has been speaking for and about wrestling. A leader among the sport's vast corps of volunteers, Sandy has been "that lady announcer" at hundreds of events ranging from high school dual meets to the Olympic Games.

Sandy and her husband, Robert "Bear" Stevens, are graduates of Northern Iowa, where he wrestled for Hall of Famer Bill Koll. When Bear became head coach in 1967 at a brand-new high school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he needed an announcer for the four-team, season-opening meet. He asked Sandy to sit at the microphone, welcome people and assign wrestlers to the two mats. Once she became noticed by the likes of Dave McCuskey and Gary Kurdelmeier, her involvement in the sport took off.

Three years later they held a USA Wrestling district freestyle tournament. After she announced that, Sandy was invited to call the state meet. "Then asked me to do the first Junior Nationals at the University of Iowa," she recalls. "That led me to announcing Iowa dual meets, and began my association with USA Wrestling."

Sandy has served as Co-Announcer for the NCAA Division I National Championships since 1982 and has worked as the lead announcer for the Freestyle and Greco-Roman National Junior Championships since its inception in 1971. She was the announcer for the men's and women's world championships in 2003 as well as the Olympic Games in 1984 in Los Angeles and 1996 in Atlanta. In addition to the Midlands Tournament since 1985, she has worked as an announcer in multiple other local, regional, national and international events.

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The full-time journalist from Glen Ellyn was chosen by the Distinguished Members of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame to receive the 1998 Order of Merit as an ambassador for wrestling. In 2000 USA Wrestling selected her as Woman of the Year. She has been inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame and the Glen Brand Hall of Fame in Iowa. The National Wrestling Coaches Association has awarded her the Meritorious Service award and USA Wrestling has accorded her an International "Exceptionelle" ranking.

Sandy serves on the Board as an Executive Committee member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and is a Board Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame-Illinois Chapter.

### **Elaine Stoudt Pekin**

After graduation from Trinity (now Bloomington Central Catholic) High School in 1962, Elaine Stoudt traveled the short distance to Illinois State University and received her B.S. in Education in 1966. She later received her Masters Degree in Education from the University of Illinois in 1972.

She began her teaching career at Pekin High School in 1966 and continued until her retirement in 1994. She taught part-time for two more years and then taught at St. Joseph School in Pekin until 2004. She continues to substitute at St. Joseph.

While teaching at Pekin, Elaine started the wrestling auxiliary at Pekin Community High School in 1969 and continued as the sponsor until 1988. She then returned to serve as sponsor in 1993 until 2000. The wrestling auxiliary was a group of very dedicated young ladies who attended practice, keeping practice schedule on time and cleaned wrestling mats before practice, matches and tournaments. They also did the scoring and timing at home meets and tournaments.

Beginning in 1971 Elaine began working pairings at local, regional, state and national tournaments earning her Masters Pairing Certification (folkstyle, freestyle and Greco-Roman). Pairings during this period of time was very complicated, using black marks. Elimination from a tournament occurred when a wrestler accumulated six "black marks". The next opponent and the number of points received each match for the winner and loser was dictated by a precise set of rules. The job of the pairings personnel was to track the progress though each weight class and apply these rules. This procedure was much more complicated than today's line bracketing system.

Elaine was a member of the Pekin Teachers' Alliance, Illinois Education Association, National Education Association and the Peoria Area Business Education Association. She is currently a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association and the Tazewell County Retired Teachers Association.

She is married to Hall of Fame Coach Jack Stoudt and has one daughter and two grandchildren.

### **Jim Turner Marion**

The oldest of five boys, Jim Turner was born in St. Louis and grew up in the housing projects in Springfield, IL. His father was a preacher and taught him acceptance of others. He graduated from Lamphier High School and

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went to earn a degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1965. While at Eastern he wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach “Hop” Pinther.

After college, Jim went on to serve as a teacher, coach and medical social worker for 35 years before his retirement. He was the Marian IKWF coach from 1988-2001.

Jim began officiating in 1981. He worked nine IHSA state meets and 10 IKWF state tournaments. Jim also officiated in three other sports, totaling over 100 years of officiating experience. In addition, he has worked numerous AAU and USA Wrestling tournaments as well as playoff games in football, baseball and softball. He has also worked as an official for 8 girls track state tournament and as a bench official for 8 state individual wrestling tournaments and several dual team wrestling tournaments.

A member of the IWCOA Executive Board, Jim also serves on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. Jim was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2007 and is a member of the Illinois Softball Coaches and Umpires Hall of Fame. Jim is also Past President of Egyptian Officials Association (Basketball, Football and Wrestling) Southern Illinois.

Jim is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shriners and also serves as Gideon Bible speaker. He has received the Meritorious Service Award from the Scottish Rite and the Shrine Crippled Children’s Hospital Emeritus Service Award.

***The IWCOA would like to congratulate all 2015 Lifetime Service Award inductees. Your dedication to wrestling will forever be remembered.***

**Congratulations Jim, Tim, Sharron, Dave, Sandy, Elaine, and Jim!**

## IWCOA Lifetime Service Recipients

Adams, Vernon "Art"	2009	Johnson, Mark	2010
Anderson, Charles	2001	Jones, Robert I.	2012
Bay, Ott	2003	Jones, Sharron	2015
Bee, Floyd	2004	King, Mark	2005
Bernard, Larry	2014	Klemm, Dave	2015
Botheroyd, Bernie	2010	Kocher, Leo	2011
Bowers, Jim	2007	Kraft, Art	2008
Brooks, Greg	2011	Kraft, Ken	2001
Carnahan, Jim	2015	Kraus, Bert	2012
Cartwright, Bill	2006	Kristoff, Larry	2001
Cartwright, Jim	2005	Lazier, Murney	2012
Cliffe, Dan	2004	Leese, Jack	2001
Cliffe, Joe	2003	Licocci, Tony	2011
Combs, Steve	2002	Luety, Ed	2005
Conrad, Roy	2011	Manahan, Mike	2005
Cozzi, Greg	2011	Mann, Rick	2005
Craig, Jim	2002	Marino, Jack	2011
Cummings, Ray	2006	Marquardt, Bill	2009
Custer, Jim	2007	Massery, Mark	2014
Cyzewski, Tim	2014	Mathews, Dave	2013
Czech, Ted	2008	McCann, Dennis	2014
DeJarnatt, Carson	2012	McCann, Terry	2007
DeRousse, Ted	2003	McLaughlin, Eural	2012
Dyche, George	2004	Miller, Wayne	2008
Easter, Bob	2007	Montgomery, Rich	2014
Ewoldt, Ed	2001	O'Connor, Pat	2010
Farina, Charles	2001	Oglesby, Ron	2014
Flanigan, Tom	2006	Pedersen, Dr. Joe	2004
Flavin, Don	2002	Peterson, Bill	2013
Fulk, Bob	2009	Pierre, Dale	2009
Fulscher, Dan	2012	Pillard, Henry	2010
Gardner, Jack	2008	Pittman, Don	2013
Gardner, James	2003	Porter, Tom	2013
Garshelis, Renshaw	2012	Portincaso, Mike	2014
Gassen, Larry	2009	Robinson, Jack	2011
Genovesi, Augie	2009	Samorian, Harold "Sam"	2004
George, Elias	2002	Schaus, Jon	2007
George, John	2008	Schmitt, William "Red"	2001
George, Pete	2008	Sherman, Walter	2010
Gerrish, Lon	2013	Slimmer, Louis	2003
Gervais, Mark	2013	Stoudt, Elaine	2015
Geselter, Morrie	2009	Stoudt, Jack	2003
Girardi, George	2002	Stevens, Sandy	2015
Haak, Tim	2015	Strange, Robert	2010
Hastert, Hon. Dennis	2001	Swalec, Dr. John	2011
Heniff, Tom	2002	Swierczewski, Gene	2003
Hicks, Bob	2002	TenPas, Larry	2006
Holzer, Werner	2002	Therry, Robert	2003
Hurley, Allen	2008	Turner, Jim	2015



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Vavrus, Joe	2009
Weick, Bill	2006
Weiss, Steve	2014
Whitlatch, Rex	2013
Wilkey, Mike	2007
Williams, Marty	2013
Willson, Pete	2003
Young, William	2010

## **National Wrestling Coaches Association**

### **2015 Nominees**

**Coach of Year—Israel Martinez- Lombard (Montini)**

**Assistant Coach of the Year—Mike Powell-Oak Park River Forest**

# 2015 IWCOA HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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## Pete Alber

### Dakota

In the summer of 1991 while attending a summer softball game, then Dakota High School Head Coach Tom Unruh, asked Pete Alber what he thought of being his assistant coach. At the time, Pete had just started his own precision cutting tool business, Proto-Cutter, and had a very young family. Of course, Pete couldn't say "no", and so his coaching history begins. After 5 years, Unruh decided to move on, and Pete became the Head Coach. Since the 1996-97 season, Alber has had a career record of 276-149-3; with 3 Illinois Team State Championships, and 24 individual champions.

Twice named the IWCOA Head Coach of the year (2005, 2013), Alber has definitely left his mark in Illinois wrestling and the Dakota wrestling community. His first State Champion, Matt Jacobs, is now his assistant coach. There have been many alumni that have returned to Dakota to help out with the wrestling program, for which he is very grateful.

Alber's kids are now 25, 27 & 29. His son, Vince, one of his assistant coaches, and his two daughters, Holly & Shelly, can be seen yearly on the floor of the State Tournament working a clock or keeping stats. Pete will tell you that the only reason he has been successful is because of the Glory of God and that his success is not only his, but the families, the communities, and the fans.

Pete has many endeavors outside of wrestling. Aside from being the head coach at Dakota and being a small business owner, he has been the Mayor for the past 6 years, previously serving on the town board; owned a bus company for many years and is a church usher.

Everyone asks how much longer he will coach. His usual answer is "Until losing doesn't bother me". With two new grandsons, retirement does not look to be an option in Pete's near future.

## Ken Bringe

### Chicago (Bowen) and (Agriculture Science)

Ken Bringe was a three time All City wrestler at 167 pounds as well as a four year football player and captain of both teams at William J. Bogan (Chicago) from 1974-78.

Upon graduation Bringe attended Augustana College (Rock Island, IL), wrestling for Dennis Riccio, becoming a three time NCAA DIII National Qualifier and in 1982 he was an All American at 177 pounds. In addition he also continued his football career in college, reaching the NCAA National Championship game in 1981.

Bringe began his coaching career as the Head Coach at Evergreen Park in 1983 before returning to his alma-mater Bogan for the next 20 years (327-139-4). At Bogan, Bringe coached his Bengals to 18 conference championships, qualified the 1994 team for the IHSA Dual Team championship and won five Chicago Public

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League City Championships. With over 80 Bogan wrestlers qualifying for the IHSA Individual State Championship with three returning with All State honors.

Bringe moved on to Brother Rice (Chicago) in 2003 as an assistant coach to IWCOA Hall of Famer Bill Weick. He coached the Crusaders first state qualifiers and place winners in school history.

In 2007 Ken moved to his current position as Athletic Director and Head Wrestling Coach at Chicago High School for Agricultural Science. Bringe has guided the Cyclones to two conference championships as well as the first individual champions and five state qualifiers.

Bringe's combined career record as a head coach is 465-194-6.

### **Mike Chapman WIN Magazine**

Though born and raised in Iowa, Mike worked on three different newspapers in Illinois, for a total of nearly 15 years. His last job in Illinois was as executive editor of Sauk Valley Newspapers in Dixon, from 1988 to 1998. While there, he created WIN magazine, the nation's top wrestling publication; the WIN Memorabilia Show, held each year during the NCAA Division I tournament with crowds of 10,000 or more, and the Dan Hodge Trophy given each year to the nation's top collegiate wrestler.

Mike is the author of 27 books, 17 of which are about wrestling. He is a member of the following halls of fame: AAU National Wrestling Hall of Fame (Orlando, Florida); National Wrestling Hall of Fame (Stillwater, Oklahoma); Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame (Cresco, Iowa); Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa (Waterloo, Iowa); Sombo National Hall of Fame; Excel Wrestling Hall of Heroes, East Waterloo High School Hall of Fame.

In addition, he is the recipient of the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cauliflower Alley Club (CAC), which is a national organization of former wrestlers, boxers and show business people, and in 2007 was given the Iowa Wrestling Coaches President's Award. In 1999, he was given the WIN magazine Impact of the Year Award and it has since been named in his honor. He was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by Missouri Wrestling Review in 2010.

In 1998, he and his wife, Bev, created the International Wrestling Institute and Museum in Newton, Iowa. In 2008, it was moved to Waterloo, Iowa, and was renamed the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum. He was executive director for 11 years, retiring in 2009.

As an athlete, Mike competed in wrestling, judo, sombo and bench press contests.

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### **Dan Cysewski, Jr. Cary Grove**

Dan Cysewski, wrestling at 125 pounds in 1973 at Glenbrook South, was an All State wrestler for coach Bill Fuller.

At Indiana University, coached by Olympic Champion Doug Blubaugh, Cysewski was All Big Ten and an NCAA National Championship Qualifier in 1978.

As the Head Coach for Cary Grove the last 27 years, Cysewski lead teams produced 4 IHSA Regional Championships, 2 Fox Valley Conference Championships and he earned their Coach of the Year Award in 1989. He has coached 31 State Qualifiers and had five All State wrestlers.

For over 20 years Cysewski ran the District 155 Wrestling Camp that gave wrestlers from all of McHenry County an opportunity to wrestle and polish their skills. In addition he was a longtime assistant coach of the Illinois Freestyle Team in the early 1980's.

Dan has been happily married for 30 years to Kris. Together they have four children Chad 28, Kacie 25, Dylan 21, and Madelyn 18.

### **Mike Evans Bloom Trail**

Mike Evans began his wrestling journey at Bloom Trail high school wrestling for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Ron Ray. Evans was a sectional champion and IHSA State finalist in 1978.

At Joliet Junior College while wrestling for both Larry Schagotono and Henry Pillard, Evans compiled a sparkling 60-1 record over two seasons, graduating in 1982. He claimed two National Championships (NJCAA) as well as multiple All American honors. Evans also attended Louisiana State University and has competed in over 1,000 competitive matches in his overall career.

Evans was a member of several Athletes in Action National teams as well as the Regional Champion and All American with NCLA. Evans was a professional boxer as well as a trainer and promoter of boxing events.

A member of the Screen Actors Guild for the past 36 years, Evans was nominated for the Cleo Awards for his role in the movie City Heat with Burt Reynolds.



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## **Darrell Gholar Dunbar Vocational**

Darrell Gholar was born in Armarillo, Texas and grew up in Chicago, Illinois.

He attended Dunbar Vocational wrestling for Ernie Thompson from 1978 to 1980. An IHSA Wrestling State Championship finalist, he was an AAU National Runner Up and captain of both the wrestling and football teams for the Mighty Men.

Gholar attended the University of Minnesota, coached by Wally Johnson, on a wrestling scholarship. There he was named to the 1981 Freshman All-American team. Gholar was captain of his Minnesota team both his Junior and Senior years. He graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in world literature.

Gholar was a three time United States Greco-Roman National Champion, alternate on the 1988 Olympic team and captain of the 1986 U.S. World team. When the modern Olympics celebrated 100 years of competition in 1996, Gholar was ranked number three in career wins for the U.S. at the 180.5 weight class.

From 1984 – 85 Gholar was an Assistant Coach at the University of Minnesota and from 1986-87 assistant coach at Drake University.

Gholar went on to become a successful professional fighter. As a pro fighter Gholar was the 2000 World Vale Tudo Championship, middle weight champion vacating the title in 2001 when he retired from professional fighting.

Gholar was a finalist for a Jerome fellowship in play wrighting. He was a Walt Disney Pictures screenwriting fellowship recipient, where after, completion he was offered a position writing for Walt Disney Pictures Touchstone division. While writing for Disney Mr. Gholar wrote and directed The Dancer at the Ivar theatre in Hollywood.

He then co-produced Looking for Bruce, a full length feature film starring Gil Gerard of TV and films Buck Rogers and Dan Clark of American Gladiators.

In 2003 Mr. Gholar was named one of the world's top 200 living poets and was invited to read in Washington D.C. at the National Society of poets 2003 National Convention.

Over the past twelve years Gholar has been traveling extensively throughout Asia, Europe, Africa and South America. He presently resides in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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### **Frank Giannamore Mundelein**

Frank Giannamore was born in Ohio and attended Steubenville High School. Graduating in 1954 he was a member of the Big Red's football and track teams.

He graduated from Northern Illinois University a Masters in Education (1968) while playing football as an undergrad (1961) for the Huskies. Coach G as he is affectionately called began his teaching career at Mundelein High School where he remained for 47 ½ years as a teacher, guidance counselor, advisor and coach.

He was the varsity football Head Coach (inducted into Illinois High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2005) as well as the varsity baseball coach for a short time.

Coach G was the varsity assistant wrestling coach for 38 years, working under 3 head coaches including IWCOA Hall of Famer Don Miller. During those years the Mustangs achieved five undefeated seasons, seven conference champions while producing 12 All State wrestlers and sending 26 wrestlers to the IHSA State tournament.

Coach G was very involved in school local and county activities. As a direct result of his capacity of 25 years as a S.A.D.D. advisor he received the Enrique Camarena 'One Person Can' award. In addition he was awarded the Lake County Lakeland Media recognition for people that make a difference in Lake County and for its residents.

As an educator, the Illinois State Board of Education recognized him with the 'Those That Excel Award of Merit'. He has also served as the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Illinois High School and College Driver Education Association.

Coach G served in the Illinois National Guard for 8 years and is a member of the Mundelein Lions Club.

Along with his wife Coach G has enjoyed traveling to the sites of ancient civilizations and countries, visiting six of the seven continents, excluding Antarctica.

### **Dr. Mark Elliott Hattendorf Elgin**

Dr. Mark Elliott Hattendorf, attended Elgin High School wrestling for Irwin Johnson and Jack Teboda from 1973-75. He compiled a career record of 83-23, becoming IHSA All State in 1975 while being honored as team captain and MVP.

While attending Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. Hattendorf obtained his doctoral degree while wrestling for IWCOA Hall of Famer Larry Kristoff. Compiling an impressive 102-19 record, Hattendorf

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became a four time Division II All-American, Division II National Champion, Division I All-American. Two-time Division I Place winner. He was selected Team Captain 1978-1979, and MVP 1979.

Hattendorf began coaching at Southern Illinois in 1980, assisting with the 1983 and 1984 NCAA DII National Champions and helped produce four DI All Americans.

Returning to Elgin high school beginning in 1986, Hattendorf assisted the Maroons 6 IHSA All State wrestlers and was instrumental in the success of three-time state champion Jeff Mirrabella.

Tabbed as Head Coach at Larkin high school in 1990, he would also lead Sycamore high school in 1993 and Elgin in 1995.

Hattendorf was elected to the Elgin Sports Hall of Fame in 1993. He started Big Timberworks, 1996 an employee owned reclaimed timber-frame homebuilding business in Bozeman, Montana.

He has been also awarded “Key to the City” in Kampala, Uganda for trauma recovery work with child soldier victims of Joseph Kony.

Recognized by Dehli, India anti human-trafficking unit for trauma recovery work with children, Hattendorf is presently involved in program development, curriculum writing and training leadership for trauma recovery in highly traumatized populations worldwide.

### **Shane Morgan Oswego**

Shane Morgan was born in Aurora and raised in Oswego. He started competing in the sport of wrestling at the age of 11 while in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade attending Traugher Junior High School in Oswego.

Moving onto Oswego High School Shane stayed with the sport and wrestled as a freshman. He weighed a mere 90 lbs and it was difficult to find other wrestlers that were his size, so he only wrestled 5 matches in which he went undefeated that freshman season. Moving onto his sophomore year Shane made the Varsity wrestling team, wrestling at the 98 pound weight class. He started 3 years on the Varsity at Oswego compiling a record of 105-29. Shane was a 3 time Little Seven All-Conference wrestler while earning the conference championship title at 112 pounds his senior year, wrestling up a weight class for his team in an attempt to win the team crown. He was a two time regional champion, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at sectionals as senior, and went on to Champaign where he earned all-state recognition taking 4<sup>th</sup> at the 105 pound weight class in 1986. Shane would like to make special mention to a man that had a great impact on his life and thinks of him like a second father, John Sammons. John was Shane’s head coach at Oswego and is the all-time coaching wins leader for Oswego High School.

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Shane wanted to wrestle in college however a nagging shoulder injury ended his career. Moving on from this Shane began his current 28 years (and counting) career entering the building trades where he joined Carpenters Union Local 1307 in 1987.

In 1992, Shane married his high school sweetheart Shelley. Ironically, this same year Shane began his current 23 year career as an IHSA official. He entered the officiating ranks to stay involved in the sport and to give back to the sport that gave him so much in his life. Shane credits wrestling for all of his accomplishments in life, he feels it saved him from wandering down the wrong direction in life and molded the strong work ethic Shane still exudes to this day.

Shane was assigned his 1<sup>st</sup> IHSA regional in 1997 and has since officiated 18 IHSA regionals, 13 IHSA Individual Sectional Tournaments, 10 Dual Team Sectionals, 11 IHSA State Tournaments including 7 Individual and 4 Dual Team Tournaments. Shane also officiates IESA and IKWF matches on a regular basis. Shane has officiated 16 IESA regionals, 16 IESA sectionals, and 10 IESA State Tournaments. He currently serves as the Head Official for the IESA State Tournament and is a member of the IESA Wrestling Advisory Board. Shane has also officiated 5 IKWF Dual Team State Finals and 2 IKWF Individual State Finals. In addition, Shane has officiated 2 IWCOA Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals. He was also selected to officiate the USA vs. Illinois All-Star Dual. In 2009, Shane was selected as the IWCOA Official of the Year. Currently, Shane is an IHSA Rules Interpreter and Clinician, a post which he has held for the past 5 years.

Shane resides in Oswego with his wife of 22 years Shelley and their three sons Devin, Jack, and Chase. Shane would like to acknowledge a special thanks to his wife and family for all their support as he spends a lot of time away giving back to the sport that he loves dearly.

### **Greg Prichard**

#### **Morton**

Greg Prichard has been Morton High School's Administrative Assistant/Athletic Director since 1999. He has been with Morton High School since 1987 teaching Spanish and coaching football, golf, and wrestling. Prior to coming to Morton, Greg taught Spanish and Physical Education while coaching football and wrestling at Neligh-Oakdale High School in Neligh, Nebraska.

At Morton, Greg was the head wrestling coach from 1987-2000 where the team experienced much success winning over 160 duals. Prior to his arrival at Morton, there were only 6 state qualifiers in school history Greg was fortunate to have coached 36 state qualifiers, including 11 state placers, 3 State Champions, 2 runner-ups, 4 high school All-Americans, one National High School Champion and one NCAA Division 1 All-American. His team in 1996 was undefeated going into the Dual Team Sectional which was to be held at Providence Catholic High School.

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Greg still chairs the Chuck Murdoch Central Illinois All-Area Wrestling Committee that recognizes outstanding wrestlers from central Illinois. Greg was also a member of the IHSA AdHoc committee that worked on the development of the IHSA weight control program.

Greg was named Outstanding Athletic Director for his division in 2004 and 2015 by the IADA.

Greg has been married to his wife Lori for 34 years, who also teaches at Morton High School and has two sons Josh and Eric. Josh is currently the head wrestling coach for Morton High School.

### **Al Sears Wheaton Central, SIU – Edwardsville, Belleville West**

Al Sears was born in Huntsville, Alabama and raised in Wheaton, Illinois. Al was introduced to wrestling by his father, Charlie Sears, who was a graduate of Oklahoma State University. Al's rambunctious behavior prompted his father to find an outlet for his energetic youth. Al first started wrestling in 1972 with the Wheaton Park District under head coach Ed Ewoldt. He wrestled at Wheaton Central High School for head coach John Fuller. Al wrestled all four years and compiled a varsity record of 88-12. Al was a two time DuPage Valley Conference Champion, 1X District and Sectional Champion. Al's senior year he placed third in the Heavy weight division at the IHSA state wrestling tournament. Al finished his senior year with a 41-1 and 29 falls record. While in high school Al also played football for Coach John Thorne. Al was a DVC All Conference Selection at Defensive line in 1981. He was also selected to the Sun-Times All Area Football team. Al also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the State Power Lifting meet his senior year.

Al attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on a Wrestling Scholarship. Al wrestled under the legendary coach and Olympian, Larry Kristoff. Al wrestled at SIU-E from 1981-1985. Al had a great career and time at SIUE. Al was a four time Regional Champion and 4X NCAA Division II All American. He placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Division II's. Sears also was a NCAA Division I All American placing 8<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division I Championships his senior year. Al holds the SIUE school record for most falls in a career. Al also holds the SIUE season pin record with 30. Al Sears holds the NCAA Record for "Most Falls in a Career" with 110. Al was also a member of two NCAA Division II National Championship teams. Al graduated from SIUE with a BS in Education.

After college Al wrestled for Sun Kist Kids. He was a member of the National Freestyle Championship team in 1985.

Al went on to be a Graduate Assistant Coach at SIU-E in 1986 and 1987. At that time SIUE placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NCAA Division II National Championships as a team.

Upon Al's return back to Wheaton from college he remained involved in wrestling. He revitalized the Wheaton Park Wrestling team. Al became an Assistant Coach at Wheaton Central High School and an Assistant Coach at the College of DuPage. Al taught at Naperville Lincoln Junior High and coached wrestling and football.

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In 1993, Al accepted a job at Belleville East High School. He was employed as a Physical Education, Driver's Education, assistant Wrestling and Assistant Football Coach. In 2001, Al accepted the Head Wrestling Coach position at Belleville West High School. Al just finished his 14<sup>th</sup> year as head coach at Belleville West. His Coaching record is 208-99. While coaching at West, Al has had thirty State Qualifiers, 16 place winners and coached in 4 state title matches resulting in one Champion, Mech Spraggins.

Al has been recognized for his athletic ability in high school and college. In 2005, he was inducted into the SIUE Athletic Hall of Fame. Al also received the "Athlete Award" at the 2009 Wheaton 150th Sesquicentennial. In 2011, he was inducted in to the Wheaton Warrenville South Athletic Hall of Fame. Al has been married for 24 years to Tonya Sears, his college sweetheart, and has two daughters Mateja and Kiarra. He lives in Millstadt, Illinois. Al credits his Faith, Family, Teachers and Coaches for the Success on and off the Mats!

### **Don Stevens Orland Park (Sandburg), SIU - Edwardsville**

This 1979 graduate of Orland Park (Sandburg) High School, Don Stevens was a three time state qualifier. He wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Don Schultz and place 4<sup>th</sup> as a sophomore. He was compile a win streak his junior and senior year of 64-0 on the way to win 2 IHSA State Championships. His record for high school was 112-10.

He went on to Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville where he wrestled for another IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach, Larry Kristoff.

Don was a three time NCAA Division II All-American and was a two-time NCAA Division II National champion in 1983 and 1984. He placed seventh at the 1983 NCAA Division I Championships and eighth at the 1984 NCAA Division I Championships. Stevens recorded a 101-25-2 record as a Cougar and was a key member of the 1984 NCAA Division II National Championship team.

He has been inducted into the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Hall of Fame.

### **Jack Wiesneth Libertyville**

Jack Wiesneth is a 1970 graduate of St. Catherine High School in Racine, Wisconsin where he was a 4 year wrestler at St. Cat's. He was a JV/ Varsity wrestler as a sophomore. In his junior year Jack had a strong finish and placed second at the conference and WIHSAA State tournament. His senior year he finished as conference and Wisconsin State Champion with a perfect 29-0 record. He was named Honorable Mention to the 1970 USA Wrestling All American team. He also played football and was a high hurdler on the track team. Jack went to Northwestern University and continued his wrestling career for 2 more years.

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Jack coached several sports at the youth level with his 3 children. He started officiating wrestling in 1991 and added baseball in 1992. He received his first wrestling regional in 1994 and has worked 21 regionals since that time. He has worked 13 individual sectionals and 7 dual team sectionals. In 2005 he was appointed to officiate the IHSA Dual Team State Finals and in 2006 he was appointed his first IHSA Individual State Finals. He has worked 6 Individual and 4 Dual team State Tournaments. In addition Jack has worked 17 IWF and IKWF state tournaments and 8 USA Wrestling national folkstyle championships. In July, Jack will receive the NFHS Officials Association "Illinois Wrestling Official" of the year.

Jack currently serves as the Plant Manager for C.P. Moyen Co. He has been married to his wife Linda for 41 years. He is the proud grandpa to their 7 grandchildren.

### **Joe Williams Lockport**

Joe Williams began wrestling in 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Dixon, IL where he wrestled for Coach Tom Rick and Jeff Wasson's Middle School program and was in the IKWF tournament 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. IWCOA Hall of Famer, Don Mekeel was instrumental in organizing and coaching Joe's first IKWF state tournament in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Williams started his high school career at Sterling Newman Central Catholic where IWCOA President and Hall of Fame member Rich Montgomery coached him.

After relocating to the southern part of the state, Joe wrestled at Belleville Althoff for coaches Tom Simpson (sophomore season) and Randy Noud (Jr. and Sr. seasons). At 98 Pounds, he was IHSA (2A) state qualifier his sophomore year (81-82). He finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in state his junior year (82-83) as well as his senior year (83-84), falling short of his state championship dream in an overtime match at 105 lbs. to round out his high school career.

Joe continued his wrestling career wrestling for IWCOA and NJCAA Hall of Fame Rex Branum at Lincoln College in Lincoln IL. He was an NJCAA All-American (126 lbs) placing eight in the Nation with his team placing 4<sup>th</sup>. With a transfer to the Chicago area, Joe followed Coach Branum to Triton College in River Grove IL. Joe proceeded to place 4<sup>th</sup> at the Junior College Nationals, again earning NJCAA All-American Status at 126 lbs and his team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation.

From Triton, Williams transferred to Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State) in Springfield, MO wrestling for the late National Hall of Fame member, Dr. Mike McCarty and assistant Sean McCarthy (Indiana State, 1984 Midlands Champion). Joe placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Midwest regional (1987) his junior year at 126 lbs and 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the regional his senior year, 1988 (126 lbs) qualifying for the NCAA DIV I wrestling tournament.

Joe credits both Rex Branum and Sean McCarthy as the two biggest influences on his wrestling coaching career.

Joe first began his coaching career as a student assistant coach at SMSU. He then obtained a Biology teaching position at Lockport High School where he is currently employed. Serving as an assistant coach in 1989-1990 season only, Joe was the head coach of the program from 1991-2011, compiling a dual meet record of 294-142-

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3. Many great people assisted him but long time assistants George Brecheisen and Brian Klene were an integral part of the early building process. Under Joe's tenure the Porters won 1 SWSC Conference Championship (2009) and 1 IHSA Regional Championship (2010). Lockport was "unofficial" state tournament team scoring runner-ups in 2009, 8<sup>th</sup> place in 2010 and "unofficial tournament scoring champions" in 2011.

Joe retired as head coach in 2011. During his 21 years as head coach, Williams has coached 48 state qualifiers, and 19 state placers which includes 3 state champions and 6 runner-ups. He has been Coach of the Year for the SICA Wrestling Coaches Association as well as the SWSC Wrestling Coaches Association. He has been a past IWCOA nominee for the IHSA Head Coach of the Year. Joe has been serving as a volunteer assistant coach for past wrestler, loyal assistant and Lockport's present head coach, Josh Oster since his retirement.

Beyond high school, many of his wrestlers have gone to the next level whether it was college (NCAA Div 1, 2, 3, NAIA, WCWA, NWCA, Junior College) or international styles. Many which have been successful; highlighted by David Pena, a NCAA DIV I All-American for Eastern IL, Jake Oster was a 4 time Division III All-American as for Elmhurst College and Mark Stenberg and Haley Augello (WCWA 2xNational Champion) were World Team Members in their perspective age groups. Jake Oster, Greg Goska (Lawrence University and Matt Weber (Lakeland College) were also NCAA Div III Academic All-Americans. There have been countless Fargo tournament qualifiers and many USAW and FILA All-Americans including Fargo National Champs in both Greco and Freestyle.

Joe is the son of Tom and Joyce Williams and has 2 older brothers, Michael an IHSA state qualifier, and James an IHSA state place winner, both of Sterling Newman and one younger brother John, an Eagle Scout recipient. Tom was a huge part of his son's early wrestling development taking him to many tournaments in grade school and early high school and supporting, motivating and encouraging him on the way. Joyce kept her sons competitive spirit and his "manners" in check during his years of competition and played a big role in Joe's coaching philosophy and how he approaches winning and losing.

Joe met Laura Dyer in college at SMSU where she was a team statistician. For the last 25 years Joe has been the proud husband of Laura (Big Lar), who was his number one supporter and anchor. You could find her bringing her 3 children (no matter what age) to nearly every meet/tournament (home and away) so the family can share the time together as much as possible. Their son Emeric (22) wrestled and was a IHSA sectional qualifier for Lockport and a big part of Joe's first ever Regional Championship win. Emeric wrestled for UW-Platteville. Their daughters, Emily (21) (John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH) and Elaena (18) (UW Whitewater), were both dedicated statisticians and passionate supporters of their father and the program before and during their high school years.

Joe treasures spending time with his family and loves to fish. His faith in Christ is a very important part of his past and who he is becoming. Joe is a member of Holy Family Parish in Shorewood and is involved with multiple ministries including Parish Council, Fishers of Men and Knights of Columbus. He is planning on getting involved with some type of Prison Ministries in the near future.

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**Congratulations Pete, Ken, Mike, Dan, Mike, Darrell, Frank, Mark, Shane, Greg, Al, Don, Jack, & Joe!**



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1976	Adams, Vern "Art"	Normal	1999	Brooks, Gregory	Chicago (Fenger)
2014	Alber, Peter	Dakota	2002	Brost, David	New Lenox
2013	Aldridge, Terry	Eureka	1985	Brown, George	Rock Island
1997	Allen, Andre	Lane Tech	2008	Bukovsky, Mike	Montini Catholic
2005	Amy, Rick	Rockridge	2003	Bulow, Allen	Glenbrook South
1998	Ancona, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	2014	Busser, James	Polo
2011	Anderson, Greg	Geneseo	2014	Bybee, Mark	Burbank (St. Laurence)
2000	Anderson, Dave	Palos Hills (Stagg)	1990	Byram, Howard	Niles East
1979	Anderson, Charles	Savanna	2006	Camden, Brett	Mahomet-Seymour
2012	Andreotti, Paul	Marist/Northwestern	2008	Campbell, Robert	Rich Central
1999	Anthonisen, Norman	Chicago (Bowen)	1996	Carmody, Tom	Jacksonville
1997	Antonacci, Dr. Robert	Lindblom	2001	Carnahan, James	Rock Island
1990	Antonides, Robert	Morgan Park	2010	Carroll, Dan	Chicago (St. Rita)
2010	Arkin, Fred	Oak Park	1993	Cartwright, William	Proviso East
2008	Arlis, Tom	Naperville N./Batavia	1993	Cartwright, James	Conant
1978	Armer, Max	LaGrange	2014	Casey, Chris	Tinley Park
2003	Armes, Les	Normal/Joliet JC	2010	Chaloupka, Jim	Chicago
2014	Axelrod, Steve	Tinley Park	2015	Chapman, Mike	WIN Magazine
2014	Baker, Robert A.	Byron	2013	Cheeseman, Pat	Mt. Carmel
2006	Ball, Dave	Hillsboro	2000	Christenson, Curt	Pontiac
1980	Bandy, Lester	Danville	2010	Clarke, Terry	Elmhurst (York)
1979	Barbaro, Tony	Tilden Tech	2005	Clarke, Tony	Zion
1996	Bartosz, Bruce	Antioch	1993	Cliffe, Dan	DeKalb
2006	Baum, Urban	Belleville (East)	1993	Cliffe, Joe	Plano/Prairie Central
2002	Baum, Russ	Cahokia	1998	Clinton, Ron	Univ of Illinois/EIU
2006	Bay, Mike	Waukegan	2010	Coit, Ron	Farmer City
1972	Bay, Ott	Waukegan	1989	Coldren, Dick	Northwestern
1973	Bay, Rick	Waukegan	1999	Collins, Niall	Oak Park
2006	Bay, Steve	Waukegan	1975	Combs, Steve	Moline
1995	Becker, Howard	Wilmington	1987	Coniglio, Frank	Murphysboro
1989	Bee, Floyd	Lincoln	1975	Conrad, Roy	Chicago (Schurz)
1975	Behm, Don	New Trier	2000	Conrad, Randy	East Leyden
2001	Benion, Ernest	Romeoville/U of IL	1989	Conrad, Ray	River Grove
1995	Benner, William	Peotone	2003	Cook, Gary	Argenta-Oreana
2001	Berman, Al	Palatine	1998	Cookas, Mike	Joliet (West)
2000	Bernard, Larry	Bolingbrook	2011	Corwin, Lloyd	Rock Island
2003	Bessemer, Ron	Harper JC	2008	Cotter, Kevin	Byron
1987	Billberg, Bob	Libertyville	1995	Cozzi, Greg	Palatine
1988	Bishop, Fred	Proviso	1987	Craig, James	Oak Lawn
2003	Blew, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	1980	Crisler, Ben	Thornton
1981	Blunk, Clarence	Blue Island	1990	Cummings, Ray	Tolono
2008	Bormet, Sean	Providence	2008	Curby, Dr. David	LaGrange
1996	Botheroyd, Bernie	Glenbard West	1974	Custer, James	Pekin
1985	Bowers, James	Bloomington	2002	Cutlip, Jack	Arlington Heights
2012	Bowers, Jeff	Bloomington	2015	Cysewski, Dan Jr.	Cary Grove
1994	Bowman, Randall	LeRoy	1991	Cysewski, Tim	Glenbrook South/NU
2001	Bracken, Kevin	St. Laurence	1973	Czech, Ted	Thornton
2013	Bradley, Greg	Mt. Zion	1990	Dallman, Glen	Byron
1994	Branum, Rex	Lincoln JC	1998	D'Ambrosio, John	Bremen
2015	Bringe, Ken	Chicago Bowen & Ag Sci	1991	Dannehl, Wayne	Antioch

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2007	Dantzler, T.C.	Thornwood/NIU	2003	Fox, Ed	Wheeling
1994	Dare, George	Coal City	1993	Foy, Michial	Thornwood
2008	Davis, Jon	Edwardsville	1988	Friberg, William	Leyden
2011	Davis, Tony	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)	2011	Froehlich, Dave	Rolling Meadows
1978	DeJarnatt, Carson	Sterling	1985	Fulk, Bob	Glenbard North
1978	DeRousse, Ted	Antioch	2000	Fulscher, Dan	Lincoln
1991	Deutschmann, Archie	Urbana	2014	Futris, Tom	Crystal Lake
1991	Devine, Pat	Tilden Tech	2006	Gannaway, Dave	Normal/IHSA
2012	Devine, Don	Crystal Lake	1989	Gardner, Jack	Springfield
1996	Dickason, Donald	Champaign	1986	Gardner, Jim	Springfield/EIU
1985	Diewald, Emil "Butch"	Homewood-Flossmoor	2013	Gardner, Mark	Bloomington
2008	Dodge, Tim	Lindenhurst	2001	Garland, Mike	Granite City
2007	Douglas, David	Luther S/Thornridge	1987	Garner, Don S.	Wheaton Community
1981	Downing, Wirt	East St. Louis	2004	Garrett, Harold	Bloomington
2004	Drendel, Gene	Naperville	1994	Garshelis, Renshaw	Charleston
2013	Drosopoulos, Dan	Morrison	1995	Gassen, Larry	Downers Grove South
2012	Dunn, Jim	Lawrenceville	2001	Gauger, Tom	Burbank St. Laurence
1993	Dunn, Leo "Skip"	Rich East	2014	Geist, Ryan	Fox Lake (Grant)
2007	Durlacher, Lindsey	Buffalo Grove/U of I	1994	Genovesi, Augie	Niles (Notre Dame)
1987	Dyche, George	West Aurora	1982	George, Pete	Bensenville (Fenton)
1985	Easter, Bob	Peoria (Richwoods)	1973	George, Elias	Evanston
2009	Eberhard, Dave	Oswego	1977	George, John	Evergreen Park
2000	Eggert, Dale	Libertyville	2013	Geraci, Sam	Roselle (Lake Park)
1998	Eiter, Rob	St. Viator	2002	Gerber, Walt	Rock Island
2007	Elliott, Trevor	Sandwich	2014	Gerdes, Ben	Providence/Sandburg
1979	Ellis, John	Palatine	1997	Gerrish, Lon	Sandwich
1973	Emmons, Robert	Lawrenceville	1995	Gervais, Mark	Chicago (Marist)
1996	Erikson, Tom	Bloom Township	1993	Geselter, Morrie	Deerfield
2015	Evans, Mike	Bloom Trail	2015	Gholar, Darrell	Dunbar/U of Minnesota
2002	Everett, Gene	Gibson City	2015	Giannamore, Frank	Mundelein
1975	Ewoldt, Ed	Wheaton (Central)	2008	Giardini, Gary	Rockford (East)
2014	Exton, Glen	Vandalia/O'Fallon	2009	Gibson, Ron	Naperville
2005	Fallen, Phil	Chicago (Amundsen)	1994	Giese, Ed	Bensenville (Fenton)
2012	Fallico, Craig	Park Ridge (Maine So)	1999	Gilbert, Joey	Tinley Park Andrew
1973	Farina, Charles	East Leyden	1978	Girardi, George	Normal (U - High)
2004	Farina, Jim	East Leyden	1993	Giura, John	Oak Park
1985	Farina, Mike	Elmhurst (York)	1976	Glass, Brad	Winnetka New Trier
2000	Farinosi, Dan	Hoffman Estates	1993	Goransen, Perry	Joliet Township
2012	Feldman, Dr. Bernard	Palos Park	1991	Govoni, Don	Joliet
2014	Ferguson, Ryan	Roselle (Lake Park)	1974	Greene, Kenneth	Rock Island
1994	Feutz, Charles O.	Conant	2001	Gremer, John	Urbana
2011	Filippi, Frank	Glen Ellyn	1998	Griffin, Jack	Stagg/Northwestern
1982	Finn, Terry	Oak Lawn/SIUC	2010	Grizzi, Bob	Burbank (Reavis)
2012	Fiorella, Sammy	Burbank St. Laurence	1974	Gross, Charles	Peoria
1974	Fitzgerald, John	Burbank (Reavis)	2003	Gruszka, Stan	Naperville North
1993	Flanigan, Tom	U of I - Loop Campus	2009	Guzak, Ray	Blue Island/NIU
1977	Flavin, Don	DeKalb/NIU	2001	Haak, Tim	Harvard
2001	Fletcher, Charles	Machesney Park	2006	Hahn, Mark	Glenbard North
2005	Flores, Carmelo	Chicago (Lakeview)	2005	Handlin, Robert	Mahomet
1988	Fowley, Roy	East Aurora	1986	Hanke, Al	Elmhurst College

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2001	Hankenson, Lou	Charleston	1999	Kienlen, Donald	Joliet Township
2007	Hanley, Reid	Clarendon Hills	1994	King, Mark	LaGrange-Lyons Twp.
1988	Hanlin, Bert	East Moline	2011	Kirgan, Allen	Granite City
1978	Hanson, Charles	Glenbrook North	1998	Klemm, Dave	Lincoln/EIU
2005	Harrell, Quintroy	Harvey Twisters	1975	Klootwyk, Ray	Joliet (West)
2013	Harsh, Jim	Bloomington	1995	Kocher, Leo	University of Chicago
1980	Hastert, Hon Dennis	Yorkville	2004	Kody, Scott	Inverness
2013	Hasty, Bryon	East Peoria	1992	Koehler, Bob	Illinois State University
2015	Hattendorf, Mark	Elgin	1992	Koenig, Tom	Bloom Township
2006	Healy, Keith	Providence Catholic	1986	Konovsky, Bob	Morton Township
1982	Heniff, Tom	Oak Lawn (Richards)	2014	Konstans, Randall	North Aurora
2012	Herman, Jevon	St.Charles/U of IL	1973	Kraft, Arthur	Northwestern/Triton
2009	Hernandez,Emiliano	Maine East	1978	Kraft, Ken	Northwestern
2014	Hickman, Marty	Bloomington/IHSA	1976	Kraus, Bert	LaGrange
1972	Hicks, Bob	Chicago Tilden Tech	2001	Kristine, Alex	Barrington
1979	Hill, Eugene	Illinois State Univ	2002	Kristoff, Kip	Bethalto/SIU
2011	Hill, Jeff	Petersburg (PORTA)	1974	Kristoff, Larry	Carbondale/SIU
2001	Holland, Robert	East Leyden/EIU	2013	Kristoff, Mark	Bethalto
1994	Holm, Dan	Libertyville	1987	Kruempelstaedter, James	Winnetka New Trier
1993	Holtfreter, Richard	Harvard	1995	Krupke, Ralph	Roselle (Lake Park)
1976	Holzer, Werner	Chicago Schurz/U of IL	2013	Laccone, Frank	DeKalb
2003	Honeycutt, Bill	Woodridge	2009	Lackey, Matt	Moline/Univ of IL
2012	Houston, Rod	Camp Point Central	2001	Lahey, Tom	Tinley Park Andrew
1993	Houston, Ken	Oak Lawn/SIUC	1992	Lambros, Tony	Chicago (Calumet)
1979	Hubbard, Jarrett	Joliet (West)	1992	Lancaster, Jerry	Port Byron Riverdale
2008	Hughes, Matt	Hillsboro/EIU	2002	Larsen, Ron	Joliet
2013	Hunt, Gary	Decatur	1976	Law, Glen "Newt"	Univ of Illinois
1973	Hurley, Allen	Winnetka (New Trier)	1984	Lazier, Murney	Evanston
1984	Isaacson, Terry	Oak Park	2008	LeCuyer, Tom	Plano
2007	Jackson, David	Burbank (Reavis)	2009	Ledin, Don	Chicago
1981	James, Joe	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	2011	Ledin, Rob	Mahomet/Clinton
1988	Jarman, Tom	NU/Wheaton College	1980	Leese, Jack	East Leyden
2012	Johnson, Fred	Augustana/Waubonsie	2002	Lester, Harry	Moline
2003	Johnson, Tom	Bismarck-Henning	1989	Licocci, Tony	Rock Falls
2007	Johnson, Tom	Chatham-Glenwood	1996	Llewellyn, Jon	Hinsdale Central/U of IL
2012	Johnson, Gerald A.	New Lenox	2008	Lockhart, John	Mahomet/Univ of IL
2008	Johnson, Johnny	North Chicago/NIU	2001	Loffredo, Fred	Tilden Tech
1987	Johnson, Mark	Rock Island (Alleman)	2010	Long, Bob	Yorkville
2005	Johnston, Gene	Oak Forest	1997	Lovelace, Norman	Harper JC
1994	Jones, Robert I.	Decatur	1999	Lovellette, Richard	Litchfield
1980	Jones, Amos	North Chicago	1991	Luety, Ed	Melrose Park
1988	Kachiroubas, Lou	University of Illinois	1987	Lundy, Al	Calumet City
2000	Kading, John	Glenbard South	1999	Magruder, Ronald	Wheaton Central
2010	Kaiser, Marty	Rockton (Hononegah)	2011	Mahar, Jim	Amboy
1993	Kaltofen, Alvin	College of Dupage	2001	Mammen, Kirk	Urbana
2002	Kanke, Larry	Geneseo	1991	Mammen, Wayne	Urbana
1998	Kelly, Billy	Oak Lawn (Richards)	1997	Manahan, Michael	Olympia
1998	Kelly, Jerry	Oak Lawn (Richards)	1986	Mann, Bobby	Danville
1972	Kenney, Harold "Hek"	Univ of Illinois	1993	Mann, Richard	Hersey
2004	Kerby, Richard	Chicago Kelvyn Park	1984	Mann, William	Maine South/U of IL

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2011	Marchello, Jack	Thornton	2007	Nason, Debbie	Orland Park
1983	Marcucci, Vic	Burbank (Reavis)	2013	Nesbit, Bob	Springfield
1999	Marianetti, Steve	Glenbrook N/U of IL	1993	Newlon, Gary	Prophetstown
1975	Marino, Jack	Proviso East	2004	Nighohossian, Haig	Granite City
2009	Markwell, Dave	Fithian (Oakwood)	1992	Nordin, James	Palatine
1977	Marlin, Kenneth	Champaign/Rockford	1994	Nordquist, Ken	Rich South
1999	Marquardt, Bill	Bloomington	1977	Norman, Robert	Morton East/U of IL
2009	Martinez, Lino	Stevenson	1989	Norris, Bernadette	Chicago (Lakeview)
1985	Massery, Mark	Savanna/NU	1994	O'Connor, Pat	Glasford-Illini Bluffs
2000	Mathews, Dave	Naperville	1994	Oglesby, Ronald	Oak Lawn
2011	Matozzi, Mike	Hinsdale (South)	1978	Olson, George	Wheaton College
1988	McAdams, Ben	Moline	2014	Paar, Ron	Crystal Lake/U of Wisc.
1997	McCann, Dennis	Park Ridge (Maine So)	2013	Pape, Jeff	Franklin Park
1972	McCann, Terry	Chicago (Schurz)	1992	Parker, Norman	Highland Park
2010	McCarthy, Foster	Champaign	1986	Parker, Ted	Deerfield
2008	McCauley, Lawrence	Granite City	1985	Parks, Tony	Addison Trail
2000	McCauley, Neil	Naperville North	1978	Patacsil, Joseph	Chicago Tilden Tech
1996	McCausland, Ralph	Wheaton Central/EIU	1974	Patterson, Buell	University of Illinois
2007	McCoy, Terry	DeKalb/Kaneland	1995	Patton, James	Woodstock
2006	McGinnis, Harry	Triton Junior College	1999	Pearson, Fred	Chicago Tilden Tech
1991	McLaughlin, E. Mac	Joliet (Central)	1996	Pedersen, Joe	Naperville
2014	McMahon, Patrick	Tinley Park	2002	Peterson, Jon	Grayslake
2014	McMorrow, Gary	Prospect	1984	Peterson, William	Chicago (Lakeview)
1993	Meeks, Major Richard	Champaign/U of IL	1983	Pickens, Robert	Evanston
2012	Mekeel, Donald	Sterling	1976	Pickerill, Ken	Oswego
2009	Mena, Bob	Sterling Newman	1984	Pierre, Dale	Wheaton (North)
2000	Mena, Mike	Sterling Newman	1986	Pillard, Henry	Joliet Junior College
2011	Mestemacher, Mark	Edwardsville	1987	Pinther, Harold	Eastern Illinois Univ
1998	Milazzo, Larry	Roxana	1982	Pittman, Don	Champaign
1985	Millard, Don	Pekin/SIUC	2004	Platt, Rollie	Quincy
2000	Miller, Don	Mundelein	1973	Plaza, Arnold	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
1981	Miller, Wayne	DeKalb	2005	Polz, John	Morton
2011	Miller, Jim	Tolono	1999	Polz, Michael	Sandburg/Providence
1990	Minot, George	Harvard/U of IL	1990	Porter, Robert	Niles (West)
2001	Mirabella, Jeff	Elgin	1983	Porter, Tom	Hersey
2005	Mitton, Bob	Orion	2011	Porter, Rob	Naperville (Central)
1983	Monroe, Ken	East Leyden	1996	Portincaso, Mike	Bloomingtondale
2002	Montgomery, Rich	Rock Falls	1994	Powell, David	St. Charles
1991	Moore, Ken	Thornton	2014	Powell, Michael	Oak Park
2015	Morgan, Shane	Oswego	2008	Powers, Rich	Marian Catholic
2012	Morris, Ben	Bensenville (Fenton)	1990	Prehn, Paul	Illinois University
2002	Morrison, Allie	University of Illinois	2015	Prichard, Greg	Morton
2012	Morrissey, Don	Rosemont/Putnam	2011	Pronga, Lou	Chillicothe (IVC)
1993	Mottleson, Dr. Ben	LaGrange	1997	Puebla, Kevin	Augustana College
1984	Mudge, Richard	Prospect	2013	Pustelnik, Mark	East Moline (United Twp)
2005	Mueller, King	Bolingbrook	1994	Querciagrossa, James	Peoria (Woodruff)
2005	Murphy, Bill	Homewood	2012	Ragan, Dennis	Carbondale
2011	Murphy, Rob	Wilmington	1984	Ray, Ron	Orr/Bloom Trail
1977	Musgrove, Homer	Sterling	1999	Reichert, Ronald	IL Wrestling Federation
1982	Nacin, Al	Burbank (Reavis)	2000	Reif, Gary	Jacksonville/Carlinville

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2007	Richards, Jim	Hoopeston	2002	Sherman, Winfred	Proviso
1993	Richo, Arch	DeKalb	2006	Sherrill, Rob	Illinois Best Weekly
1974	Riley, Jack	Northwestern	2001	Siebert, Eric	LaSalle-Peru/U of IL
1993	Robinson, Donald	Normal	2003	Siebert, Mark	LaSalle-Peru
1979	Robinson, Jack	Thornton	1977	Silverstein, Ralph	Crane Tech/ U of IL
1997	Rockwood, Joe	Thornton	1991	Silverstein, Ron	Niles
2013	Roesler, Karl	Providence/Univ of IL	2010	Simon, Jeff	Peoria (Richwoods)
2000	Rolak, Mike	Chicago Tilden Tech	2004	Simons, Terry	Wheeling
1990	Roman, Ronald	Chicago Tilden Tech	2014	Skelnik, Rich	East Leyden
1976	Romanowski, Walter	Chicago Tilden Tech	1972	Slimmer, Louis	Proviso
2001	Rosenthal, Todd	Moline	1991	Smith, Brad	Hersey
1998	Ross, Paul (Pete)	Lincoln	2003	Smith, Chuck	Homewood
2002	Rossetti, Chuck	Willowbrook	2014	Snyder, Roy	Rochelle
1974	Rauth, Walther	Belleville	2013	Sorensen, Jeff	Bloomington
1995	Rowden, Don	Fox Lake (Grant)	1976	Sowinski, Joe	TF South
2004	Rubiano, Tony	Park Forest	2002	Stalhut, Warren	Edwardsville
2009	Ruettiger, Bernie	Minooka	2007	Stearns, Steve	Oak Lawn/SIUE
2002	Ruettiger, Dominic	St. Charles/Neuqua Valley	2015	Stevens, Don	Carl Sandburg/SIUE
2003	Ruettiger, John	Lisle	2000	Stevens, Sandy	Glen Ellyn
1995	Ruettiger, Mark	Providence/EIU	1990	Stonitsch, Larry	Joliet
1996	Ruettiger, Tim	Providence	1983	Stoudt, Jack	Pekin
2003	Rumchak, Bill	Bolingbrook	1972	Strange, Robert	Lawrenceville
1990	Rumsfeld, Hon. Donald	Winnetka New Trier	2003	Stuart, Don	Oak Forest
1994	Ryan, Ron	Mt. Olive	2003	Stuart, Ron	Oak Forest
1984	Samorian, Harold	Glenbrook North	2005	Summers, Dan	Hersey
1999	Santana, Frank	Gordon Tech	2004	Summerville, Joe	Tolono
1991	Sapora, Dr. Allen	Illinois University	1981	Swalec, John	Libertyville
1994	Sapora, Dr. Joseph	Illinois University	1984	Swierczewski, Gene	Hoffman Estates
1998	Savenago, Geno	Glenbard North/EIU	1974	Swindell, Roy	Champaign
1989	Schaus, Jon	Geneva	2005	Swinford, Randy	Princeton
1992	Schmadebeck, Bill	Glenbrook	1994	Taylor, Lawrence	Cahokia
1973	Schmitt, William "Red"	Granite City	1975	TenPas, Larry	Waukegan/U of IL
2009	Schneider, Russ	Gurnee	1975	Therry, Robert	North Chicago
2009	Schroeder, Steve	Metamora/El Paso	2004	Thompson, Ernie	Oak Park
1988	Schult, James	Glenbard South	2003	Tiffany, Mark	Waukegan/NIU
2013	Schultz, Neil T.	Harvard	2005	Tipsword, Bob	Buffalo Grove
1992	Schultz, Donald	Carl Sandburg	2013	Trizzino, Mark	Joliet
2003	Schultz, Chet	Rock Island	2008	Trizzino, Scott	Joliet (Central)
1977	Schwartz, Marty	West Leyden	1998	Trost, Kirk	Lincoln-Way
1986	Sciacca, John	Harvard	2006	Tschannen, Morris	Roxana
2001	Scordino, Joe	Carmel H.S.	1994	Tschudi, Dick	Dakota
2014	Scully, Bill	Hoffman Estates	1999	Turner, Alvin	Chicago (Parker)
1987	Seabrooke, Ted	Proviso East/U of IL	2007	Turner, Jim	Marion
2015	Sears, Al	Wheaton/SIUE/Belleville	2004	Vail, Bill	Oak Lawn/Joliet JC
2010	Seeman, Tom	Crystal Lake	1973	Vavrus, Joe	Moline
1994	Semetis, Ron	Dixon	1990	Vega, Al	TF North
1985	Shapiro-Weissman, Dave	Joliet Twp/U of I	2004	Wachenheim, Lee	Elmhurst (York)
1986	Sheets, Cliff	Decatur	1996	Waldroup, Derrick	Bremen
1986	Sherman, Dan	Deerfield	2013	Walker, Jim	Westmont
1984	Sherman, Walter	Glenbrook North	1988	Walker, William	Downers Grove N

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2004	Warner, Andy	Savoy	2015	Williams, Joe	Lockport
2012	Wasserstrom, Sam	Ridgewood	1999	Williams, Joseph	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
2010	Watson, Dr. Wayne	Chicago	1992	Williams, Marty	Yorkville
2000	Weber, Rory	Proviso E/Northwestern	2006	Williams, TJ	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
2003	Wehmeier, John	Belleville	1981	Williams, Willie	Bloom Township/ISU
1977	Weick, Clarence	Chicago Tilden	1979	Willson, Pete	Wheaton College
1973	Weick, William	Chicago Tilden	2006	Wilson, Raphael	Waubonsie/Augustana
2010	Weiner, Neal	Wheeling	2007	Winesburg, Ray	Elgin
1986	Weiss, Steve	Bensenville (Fenton)	2004	Wiser, John	Delevan
2006	Welter, Steve	Fox Lake (Grant)	1997	Wisniewski, Dan	Highland Park
1999	Wetzel, Eric	Chicago (Dunbar)	2003	Woods, Jim	Bloom/WIU
1997	Wheeler, Al	Oswego	2006	Wright, Tim	Rock Island/SIUE
2001	Whelan, Khris	Granite City	2003	Young, John	Peotone
1992	Whelan, Robert	Chicago (Hirsch)	1990	Young, William	Naperville (Central)
1992	Whitaker, Walt	Granite City	2002	Zbacnik, Michael	Plainfield
1979	Whitlatch, Rex	Urbana	2000	Zeman III, Otto	Riverside-Brookfield
2015	Wiesneth, Jack	Libertyville	2004	Ziemek, Thomas	Maine South
1980	Wilkenson, Dr. James	Southern Illinois	1988	Zimmer, William	Lockport
1997	Wilkey, Mike	Oak Park	2005	Zinke, Al	Crown

# GRAND MARSHALS

## 1975

Joe Vavrus, Moline  
John Fitzgerald, Reavis

## 1976

Ted Czech, Thornton  
Elias George, Evanston

## 1977

Lou Slimmer, Proviso East  
Bill Schmitt, Granite City

## 1978

James Custer, Pekin  
Bob Hicks, Tiden Tech

## 1979

Art Adams, Normal  
Bob Strange, Lawrenceville

## 1980

Charles Farina, East Leyden  
Jack Marino, Proviso East

## 1981

Steve Combs, Moline  
Werner Holzer, Schurz

## 1982

Art Kraft, Sterling-Northwestern  
Ken Kraft, Sterling-Northwestern

## 1983

Charles Anderson, Savanna  
Dennis Hastert, Yorkville

## 1984

Ed Ewoldt, Wheaton Central  
Jack Riley, Northwestern

## 1985

Ken Marlin, Champaign  
Bob Therry, North Chicago

## 1986

John George, Evergreen Park  
Pete George, Fenton

## 1987

Robert Emmons, Arlington Heights  
Don Flavin, DeKalb  
Amos Jones, North Chicago  
John Swalec, Libertyville

## 1988

Max Armer, LaGrange  
Larry Kristoff, Carbondale  
Murney Lazier, LaGrange  
Bill Weick, Chicago

## 1989

Roy Conrad, Chicago  
Robert Mann, Park Ridge  
William Mann, Park Ridge  
Larry TenPas, Waukean

## 1990

Ted Rouse, Antioch  
Carson DeJarnett, Sterling  
Harold Samorian, Northbrook  
Gene Swierczewski, Hoffman Estates

## 1991

Rick Bay, Waukegan  
George Girardi, Normal  
Jack Leese, Leyden  
Pete Willson, Wheaton

## 1992

Jarrett Hubbard, Joliet  
Mark Johnson, Rock Island  
Mark Massery, Savanna  
Dick Mudge, Arlington Heights

## 1993

James Gardner, Springfield  
Jack Gardner, Springfield  
Tom Heniff, Oak Lawn  
Marty Schwartz, Leyden

## 1994

Bob Fulk, Glenbard North  
Dale Pierre, Wheaton North  
Ron Ray, Bloom Trail  
Jack Stoudt, Pekin

## 1995

Floyd Bee, Lincoln  
Bob Easter Peoria Richwoods  
Wayne Miller, DeKalb  
Willie Williams, Country Club Hills

## 1996

James Craig, Oak Lawn  
Mike Farina, York  
Tom Porter, Champaign  
Jon Schaus, Geneva

## 1997

George Dyché, Aurora West  
Bert Kraus, LaGrange  
Henry Pillard, Joliet  
Walter Sherman, Glenbrook North

## 1998

Bob Billberg, Libertyville  
Ed Luety, Melrose Park  
Steve Weiss, Bensenville  
Rex Whitlatch, Urbana-Hinsdale

## 1999

Dr. Tom Flanigan, New Lenox  
Brad Glass, Winnetka  
Rick Mann, Hersey  
Don Robinson, Bloomington

## 2000

Dan Cliffe, DeKalb  
Joe Cliffe, DeKalb  
John Ellis, Palatine  
Bob Pickens, Evanston

## 2001

Jim Bowers, Bloomington  
Ray Cummings, Pesotum  
Tony Parks, Addison Trail  
Jack Robinson, Harvey

## 2002

Mark King, LaGrange  
Terry McCann, Chicago  
Dr. Joseph Pedersen, Darien  
Dr. Dan Sherman, Deerfield

## 2003

Bill Cartwright, Proviso East  
Jim Cartwright, Conant  
Augie Genovesi, Niles Notre Dame  
Jim Kruemplestaedter, New Trier

## 2004

Greg Cozzi, Palatine  
Mike Manahan, Stanford Olympia  
Mac McLaughlin, Joliet  
Norm Parker, Chicago

## 2005

Renny Garshelis, Charleston  
Larry Gassen, Downers Grove South  
Morrie Geselter, Deerfield  
Mike Wilkey, Oak Park

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### 2006

Bernie Botheroyd, Glenbard West  
Tim Cysewski, Northwestern U.  
Marty Williams, Mahomet  
Bill Young, Naperville

### 2007

Bruce Bartosz, Antioch  
Lon Gerrish, Sandwich  
Bill Marquardt, Bloomington  
Mike Portincaso, Glendale Heights

### 2008

Greg Brooks, Chicago  
Dan Fulscher, Lincoln  
John Gremer, Urbana  
Pat O'Conner, Glasford

### 2009

Niall Collins, Oak Park  
Mark Gervais, Marist  
Robert Jones, Decatur  
Tony Licocci, Rock Falls

### 2010

Dave Mathews, Crown Point  
Dennis McCann, Maine South  
Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls  
Jim Patton, Woodstock

### 2011

Larry Bernard, Joliet  
Ed Giese, Elmhurst  
Ron Oglesby, Alsip  
Robert Whelan, Salisbury, NC

### 2012

Don Pittman, Champaign  
Neil McCauley, Naperville  
Leo Kocher, University of Chicago  
Jim Carnahan, Rock Island

### 2013

Dave Gannaway, Mackinaw  
Tim Haak, Harvard  
Mike Polz, Orland Park  
Don Schultz, Burbank

### 2014

Bill Honeycutt, Woodridge  
Dale Eggert, Libertyville  
Anthony Clark, Zion  
Don Behm, East Lansing, MI

### 2015

Wayne Mammen, Urbana  
Steve Marianetti, Elmhurst  
Ron Reichert, Lowell, IN  
Tim Dodge, Lindenhurst

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| <b>Ted Czech</b>                | <b>Thornton Township. IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach, Grand Marshal and Lifetime Achievement Award winner.</b>  |
| <b>Tom Carmody</b>              | <b>Jacksonville. IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach</b>   |
| <b>Jake Drew</b>                | <b>Glenbard East wrestler.</b>  |
| <b>Bryce Givens</b>             | <b>Roscoe. Assistant coach Rockton (Hononegah)</b>  |
| <b>Jill Kraft</b>               | <b>Evanston. Daughter of IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Ken and Marjo Kraft.</b>                                |
| <b>Hugh Peery</b>               | <b>Pittsburgh. Olympian and Distinguished Member of the National Hall of Fame.</b>                        |
| <b>Mary O'Connell</b>           | <b>Aurora. Long time bench worker at the Midlands and IHSA State Tournaments.</b>                         |
| <b>Brett Simpson</b>            | <b>El Paso. Former state qualifier.</b>   |
| <b>Gene Swierczewski</b>        | <b>Hoffman Estates. IWCOA Hall of Fame official, Grand Marshal and Lifetime Achievement Award winner.</b> |
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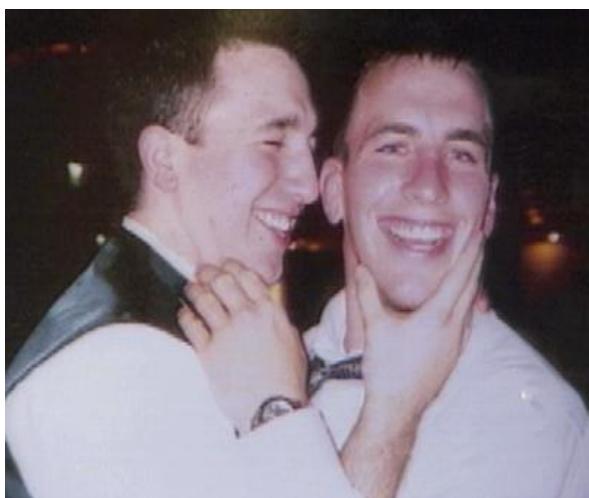
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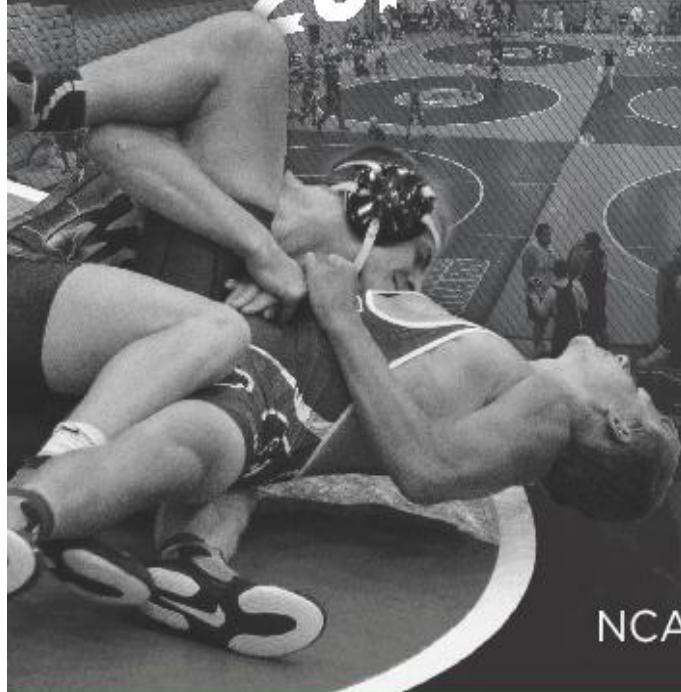
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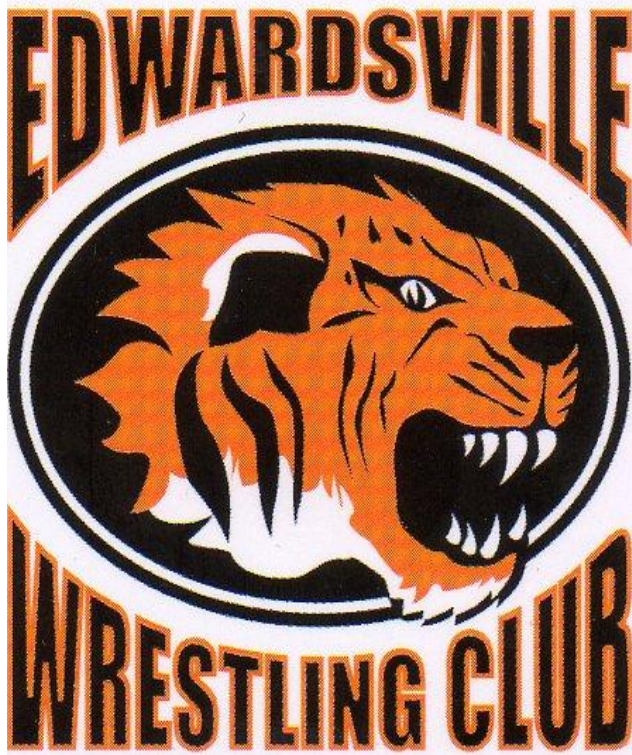


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