

# 46<sup>th</sup> Annual

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**Illinois Wrestling Coaches  
and Officials Association**

**Saturday April 16, 2016  
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# The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

## President's Greeting

Dear Wrestlers, Parents, Coaches, Officials, and Family,

It is my great honor to welcome you on behalf of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association to the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Hall of Fame and All State Banquets. This great sport of wrestling brings out the best in all of us. You can see that by looking through this program at everyone's accomplishments. The IWCOA and I would like to congratulate everyone on all of their achievements and we hope everyone enjoys the event.

Yours in Wrestling,

Robert L. Murphy, IWCOA President

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1971 – Steve Combs, Coach, Deerfield	1994 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville
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1973 – Wayne Miller, Coach, DeKalb	1996 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb
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1975 – Dennis Hastert, Coach, Yorkville	1998 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland
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1978 – Charles Anderson, Coach, Savanna	2001 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln
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1982 – Steve Weiss, Coach, Fenton	2005 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park
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1984 – Jim Cartwright, Coach, Conant	2007 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central
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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	2016 – Rob Murphy, Coach, Wilmington

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2016 – Nate Kessen

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Saturday April 16, 2016

## **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 SERVICE AWARDS**

7:30 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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1988 LARRY KRISTOFF, SIU-Edwardsville  
1989 ED LUETY, Melrose Park  
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  
2016 CRAIG ANDERSON, IHSA

## Craig Anderson

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Craig Anderson joined the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) staff as an Assistant Executive Director in July, 2010 and was named the Executive Director-Elect in June, 2015. Anderson assumed the duties of Executive Director, becoming the seventh individual in the 114-year existence of the Association to serve in that role, in January, 2016.

Since joining the IHSA staff, Anderson has been the IHSA administrator for the sports of baseball, football and wrestling. Additionally, he oversaw the IHSA Officials Department, where he was charged with the licensing and education programs for the 15,000-plus officials who annually regulate IHSA sports competition.

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In 2012, under Anderson's leadership, the IHSA Individual Wrestling State Tournament was expanded to a three-day tournament that allowed for additional wrestlers to advance to the state final. In addition, Anderson has worked closely with wrestling coaches to understand the weight control issues and establish a final appeal date that benefits multiple sport wrestlers.

Anderson is a 1987 graduate of Cambridge High School in Cambridge, Illinois, before he went on to be a two-sport athlete at Monmouth College. He is also a current member of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee and former Chair of the NFHS Football Manual Committee.

Anderson held the position of Athletic Director at Washington High School (Washington, IL) from 2005 to 2010. His time there included an At-Large seat on the Illinois Athletic Directors Association's Board of Directors, as well as serving on the IHSA's Athletic Administrators Advisory Committee and Legislative Commission. A member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Anderson came to Washington after four years at Olympia High School in Stanford, Illinois, where he taught mathematics and served as the head football coach for two seasons, before assuming the role of Activities Director from 2002-2005. He started his career in education as a mathematics teacher at Morton High School, where he was also hired as a football, basketball and track & field coach.

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### **Tony Clarke Zion**

Anthony “Tony” Clarke began his wrestling career at Neal Junior High School in North Chicago. After wrestling three years for North Chicago High School under Hall of Fame Coach Amos Jones, Tony graduated from Waukegan West High School in 1982, where he was a sectional qualifier.

Tony is employed as a civil servant for the Department of the Navy, a job he began in 1984. He has coached wrestling for 10 years at the IKWF Club level, three years at the middle school level and, as a volunteer coach, 12 years at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein.

Tony’s expertise as a wrestling official, however, sets him apart. Since he started refereeing in 1984, he has worked 17 IHSA Individual State Finals and four IHSA Dual Team State Finals; served as Head Official at both the Individual and Dual Team State Finals six times; and worked 13 IESA State Finals and multiple IKWF State Championship Finals.

Tony was named an IHSA wrestling clinician in 1999 and wrestling rules interpreter in 2005, and he will assume the position of IHSA Head Clinician beginning in the 2016-2017 season. He also assumed the position of Officials Co-Chairman for the IWCOA this year. He presently serves on the National Federation of State High School Associations’ wrestling rules committee as the NFHS Officials Representative.

A former member of the IHSA Officials Advisory Committee, IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee and IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee, Tony currently serves as Wrestling Assignment Chairperson for the Chicago Public Schools and three conferences.

Tony has received the following wrestling honors: 1996 IWCOA Official of the Year; 2001 National Federation of Officials Association Official of the Year; 2005 IWCOA Hall of Fame Inductee; 2009 IHSA Distinguished Service Award; 2013 Wrestling USA Magazine Official of the Year; 2014 IHSA Individual State Finals Grand Marshal; and 2015 IESA Individual State Finals Grand Marshal. In October of 2015 Tony was selected by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter to receive its Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

### **Niall Collins Oak Park**

Niall J. Collins began his 30 year teaching and coaching career at St. Patrick High School in 1974. When Coach Collins arrived, he was the fourth head wrestling coach in four years. In 1974, the wrestling program consisted of a varsity level, and just one lower level. Within three years, St. Patrick was wrestling at four levels, maintained an undefeated dual meet record (1977), and had its first state qualifier. During Coach Collins's tenure at St. Patrick, the wrestling program developed into a solid program, and was recognized as a contender in the Chicagoland area. He coached 15 state qualifiers; five place winners and one state champion. In 1985, Michael Mroczek was St. Patrick's first state champion in any sport, team or individual. He was also the IWCOA Scholastic Wrestler of the Year.

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In 1987, Coach Collins moved to Oak Park-River Forest High School in Oak Park, IL as an assistant to Norm Parker. In 1995 he became head coach. As head coach, he had four state qualifiers, and three place winners. While at Oak Park, Coach Collins ran 12 Illinois Wrestling Federation Greco-Roman State Championships. In 2004, after 30 years of coaching, he stepped down as head coach.

He has also been the team coach for the Illinois Wrestling Federation Cadets and has been on the National Team Staff several times. He officiated at the Illinois Wrestling Federation Free Style and Greco-Roman State Championships for 25 years and has been named an IWCOA Friend of Wrestling (1989). In 1999, Coach Collins was elected to the IWCOA Hall of Fame and the St. Patrick's High School Hall of Fame. In 1999, Coach Collins was a Grand Marshal at the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament. In 2009, Coach Collins was elected to the Oak Park River Forest High School Coaches' Hall of Fame, and the East Suburban Catholic Conference Hall of Fame. He is also a Vietnam veteran.

In all the years dedicated to the sport of wrestling, Coach Collins's family, especially his wife, Susan, were always supportive. All the time and effort he put into wrestling could not have been accomplished if not for Susan's, and their children's, support. Coach's two sons continue in the sport, now coaching wrestling and football for Oak Park River Forest High School.

### **Ray Conrad Rosemont**

Ray Conrad began his career in wrestling at Schurz High School in Chicago. He wrestled on the varsity for four years, qualifying for the state 2 times.

His collegiate days were spent at Wright Junior College. During this time he won two AAU Championships. Shortly after leaving Wright Junior College, he entered the United States Army. During his military service, he won the West Coast Military Championship.

Upon his return home, he married and entered the private sector workforce. However, his love for the sport of wrestling did not diminish. As soon as he had the opportunity, along with his twin brother Roy, he started up a wrestling club in Chicago called the Fighting Fraziers. Upon moving to River Forest and when his oldest son turned the age of 8, Ray became active in the Raiders Wrestling Club. The Raiders was one of the best known Kids clubs in the suburban area. They have had many all-state wrestlers, and in addition 8 state champions. Ray continued with this club for over 30 years, and was active until the early '90's when health issues caused him to withdraw.

Many young men, not only wrestled for the kids programs coached by Ray, but went on to excel in various high schools in the area and many went on to perform well at various colleges and universities. There are a number of high school coaches in Illinois that had their wrestling start with the Raiders.

Ray was honored by the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) as a Grand Marshal at its State Championship in 1984. In 1989 Ray was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame. Ray passed away in January of 2016. He was again recognized by the IKWF at the 2016 IKWF State Championships for his contribution to kids' level wrestling.



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### **Tom Gauger Chicago**

Tom Gauger was introduced to the sport of wrestling through the Chicago Park District. He wrestled in high school and also in college at Chicago State University. He was a two-time NAIA National Qualifier.

He started his coaching career in 1976 and has coached at every level.

Tom served as the assistant coach at St. Laurence High School in Burbank and help guide the Vikings to the 1990 Dual Team State Championship. Tom assumed the role of head coach in 1992. He was the head coach for 10 years, coached 21 state qualifiers, 11 place winners and one state champion.

In 1996 Tom ran the transportation for the world tournament. He has coached four wrestlers that have been on nine different world teams including 2000 Olympic Team Member Kevin Bracken.

Tom helped start the Illinois Cadet program. He was also instrumental in the development of the IWCOA sponsored Fresh-Soph State Tournament series.

In 2001 Tom was inducted by the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association into the Hall of Fame.

### **Lou Goldstein Northbrook**

Louis Goldstein was born in Chicago. He attended Von Steuben High and graduated in 1961. He competed in judo and didn't wrestle. He later went on to Knox College in Galesburg, IL. In 1971, he obtained his MBA from Golden Gate University in California. In 1974, he graduated from Loyola University (Chicago) law school.

Lou was not a coach or a wrestler. He was a Judo Player and teammate/friend of IWCOA Hall of Fame member Bob Whelan. In 1964, he placed 4th in the U.S. Judo Olympic trials. In the mid 1960's, he won a gold medal in Judo at the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

He was an attorney at Goldstein, Fluxgold & Baron, P.C., in Chicago, IL. His practice focused on medical malpractice, personal injury and civil rights. He is presently retired.

Lou served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1971. His highest rank was captain.

Lou became a fan of wrestling when his two sons Scott and Matt became wrestlers beginning with their experiences with the Little Giants IKWF Wrestling Club. He thought it was important that his sons continue wrestling. He had his sons train privately with his friend Coach Dave Kramer. Towards the end of the 1986 IKWF wrestling season he founded the Highland Park Little Giants. He had his sons participate even though it was the end of the season. The following wrestling season his sons were wrestling for the Highland Park Little Giants and working out with Coach Kramer.

Lou was a lawyer in Chicago and was a major force in a lawsuit enjoining all non-revenue sports. It was one of the first major actions of its kind. Lou was tenacious in his efforts. Lou was named an Illinois Super Lawyer.

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When Title IX was still wreaking its havoc, Lou put his law practice on hold and came to work under the new Busch Administration to fix the rules for Title IX. Lou went to DC and joined the Dept. Of Education as an Assistant Secretary and he worked 11 months away from his home and family to get the rules changed. He did get the three prong test changed and as a result we haven't seen College and University Administrations using the test to decimate programs.

Lou Goldstein is an unacknowledged contributor to the sport of wrestling and to our country at large. In the years 2006 and 2007 Lou joined the fight to save Eastern Illinois Wrestling program. His efforts to legally stop and then to organize a demonstration to save Illinois State's program bonded him to a fight that was to lead to a more equitable application of Title IX saving many more programs nationwide.

Contributions and other Special Honors: President Bush appointed him as a Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education for the Office of Civil Rights and he worked in Washington, D.C. He held this position between 2001 and 2002. One of his big projects in Washington, D.C., was working on Title IX to help protect programs such as wrestling from being eliminated by colleges and universities.

On June 17, 2002 Lou was honored by USA wrestling; and November 17, 2005 he recognized by the Beat the Streets Program - The Annual Bill Scherr Achievement Award.

### **Larry Kanke Geneseo**

Rock Island native Larry Kanke, a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, wrestled his way to a fourth place finish in the NAIA Championships at 177 pounds. He was a two-time IIAC Conference Champion and NAIA District 20's Outstanding Wrestler, posting a 28-2 record his senior year and winning the team's Most Falls Award.

Larry would later earn his Master's degree from the University of Illinois.

After serving two years in the U.S Army, Larry began coaching and teaching at J.D. Darnell High School in Geneseo. He was instrumental in starting the junior high wrestling program as well as the Nationally known Bi-State Wrestling Invitational at Geneseo. His teams won 393 dual meets, 11 NCIC Conference Championships and five regional titles. He coached 66 state qualifiers and 12 state place-winners-including sons Tim and Mike, both of whom placed twice in the state tournament. He coached and taught at Geneseo for 32 years. After retiring from Geneseo in 2002, Larry took over the reins at Rock Island High School and rebuilt the wrestling program. He has a 28-18 record and coached a state champion at Rock Island. His combined dual record was 421-219.

Larry was also an IHSA wrestling official for 27 years, as well as a USA Wrestling official for both Freestyle and Greco-Roman competition. In 2002, Larry was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame. In 2014 he was selected by the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter to receive the Lifetime Service Award. He was inducted into the Geneseo Hall of Fame in 2015.

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### **Neil McCauley Naperville**

Neil McCauley attended Oswego High School and graduated in 1961. He was a member of the 1960 squad coached by Hall of Famer Ken Pickerill that went undefeated. He is the third member of that squad to be inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame. He was a District Champion in 1961. Neil moved on to compete for Western Illinois University and placed 6<sup>th</sup> at the NAIA National Finals in 1965. He was the captain of the 1965 Leatherneck team. He received his Bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in 1966 and his Master's in Education degree from Northern Illinois University in 1970.

He began his teaching and coaching career at Naperville Central High School as a Physical Education teacher, assistant Football Coach, and assistant Wrestling Coach from 1965 through 1970. In 1970 Neil was named to serve as Department Chair for Health, Physical Education, and Drivers Education. He continued to serve as assistant Football Coach and Assistant Wrestling Coach at Naperville Central. He moved to the newly opened Naperville North High School where he took over the head coaching duties and started the wrestling program at Naperville North in 1975. He held that position for two years before being named the Athletic Director at Naperville North in 1977.

Neil has been very active during this period with the Illinois Athletic Directors Association serving on the Executive Board, District Representative, Conference Exhibit Chairman and NCSSAD Liaison. He has served on the IHSA Boys Swimming Advisory Board and hosted IHSA State Tournaments in Boys Gymnastics, Boys Dual Team Wrestling, and Boys Soccer. He has also served as DuPage Valley Conference Wrestling Chairperson from 1984 to 2003. Neil has been an IHSA State Wrestling Tournament worker for 10 years and he served as Assistant Meet Manager for the IHSA Individual State Championships for 11 years.

The Chicago Sun-Times honored Naperville North as the "Most Successful Athletic Program—1<sup>st</sup> Place" in 1992, "Most Successful Athletic Program—2<sup>nd</sup> Place" in 1993 and "Most Successful Athletic Program—3<sup>rd</sup> Place" in 1994.

Neil was selected at Class AA Athletic Director of the Year in 1994-1995. In 1990 the IWCOA honored Neil as a "Friend of Wrestling" and in 1994 he was selected as IWCOA Administrator of the Year. In 2000 Neil was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in addition to be selected as Naperville North High School Educator of the Year. Naperville School District named Naperville North High School Athletic Facility "Neil McCauley Athletic Complex" in 2004. Neil was inducted into the Illinois Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2006. In 2012 the IHSA and IWCOA selected Neil to serve as Grand Marshal for the Grand March for the Individual State Championships.

### **Andre' Morgan Homewood**

Andre' Morgan's first involvement with wrestling was in the fall of 1971. On the last day of freshman football practice, the coach told him he had to join either the wrestling team or the track team. After looking in the wrestling room and watching for five minutes he joined the track team.

Andre' did not give the sport of wrestling another thought for the next 23 years. In November of 1994 his youngest son Mario (age 6), a future NCAA National Champion, was watching WWF wrestling on television when Andre' said to him, "You know that is fake wrestling, it's not real wrestling." Mario replied, "Yes it is." Andre' asked him if Hulk Hogan could stand on top of a table with a chair and drop down on his face with the

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chair and he not get hurt or bleed. His son said, “Yes, look it’s on the TV.” So at this point, Andre’ stopped the discussion and told young Mario to get his coat and drove him to the Harvey Twisters kids wrestling practice. That first year Mario went 18 & 4 and he has been wrestling or coaching every year since. Once his son got involved in wrestling Andre’ discovered that he loved the sport. What he really liked was the training and commitment that had to be put in to even be remotely successful. Andre’ also loved the fact that wrestling was a no excuse type sport. When you toe that line it is you and your competition and no teammate can save you. You either get the job done or you don’t.

Noticing a lack of publicity for these young, hard-working warriors, Andre’ felt a need to give back to the sport for what it had given his son, family and himself. That meant while his son wrestled, Andre’ began learning and reporting on the sport. First he became an inaugural member of [illinoismatmen.com](http://illinoismatmen.com), Illinois premier wrestling website. Assuming the screen name, Mr. Twister and posting initially controversial opinions on the mid 90’s wrestling community split between the Illinois Wrestling Federation and the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation, Andre’s postings became daily readings as the internet grew state and world-wide. This led to his becoming the forum moderator and it’s lead columnist as well. When [illinoismatmen.com](http://illinoismatmen.com) began live video coverage of premier duals, Andre’ was tabbed as their color commentator and main interviewer of the wrestling communities star wrestlers, coaches and teams. This alone began to give the anonymous wrestling community much needed publicity and Morgan a visual prescience statewide.

Andre’s current 18,000 plus blogs over the last 20 years eventually led to his becoming a reporter for the Chicago Sun Times newspaper. By 2003 he was covering wrestling, football, soccer and volleyball and also compiled the weekly Chicagoland wrestling rankings.

In 2005 Andre’ began reporting nationally for *Intermat* and *Wrestling USA Magazine*, interviewing many of the sports top luminaries including Dan Gable, Tom Ryan, Sandy Stevens, Lee Kemp, Mike Denney and Ben Askren.

Recent years have seen Andre’ report or broadcast on Illinois wrestling for Flo Wrestling, USA Wrestling, NCAA.com, the Omaha World Herald and the Northwest Indiana Times.

In addition to writing, Andre’ became a founding member of IsNet, the first internet live coverage broadcast team of the IHSA State Wrestling Finals in 2005. Suddenly a much needed void was filled for those that could not attend the state tournament. The IHSA.tv live video coverage started in 2008 was taken over by Play On Sports and Comcast TV in 2012. Andre’ has become a regular as the first reporter to interview the wrestlers as the come off the mat as a new Illinois State Champion. Andre’ has also since 2005 teamed with IWCOA Hall of Fame member Rob Sherrill to provide color TV commentary of the Illinois Dual Team State Finals.

An IWCOA Board of Directors member and twice nominated by the IWCOA for Illinois Wrestling Newsmen of the Year, Andre’s athletic background is as varied as his reporting background. A graduate of Chicago Vocational High School in 1975 where he was named Top Male Athlete, he garnered 10 Varsity letters in baseball, track and golf. An accomplished athlete, Andre’ played and coached baseball at the collegiate level at national power Lewis University in the 1980’s and in the NCAA DI for Chicago State. He twice was tabbed to be a high school Head Coach at both Hillcrest and Carver. For his alma mater Chicago Vocational he assisted winning the 1987 CPS City Baseball Championship and advancing to the IHSA state tournament.

Following his coaching career Andre’ began officiating football and baseball in 1999. He has been a varsity football Crew Chief for the past 15 years and is currently one of the top rated baseball officials in Illinois, twice (2011, 2014) selected to officiate the IHSA State Finals. He also officiates high school basketball and NCAA baseball.

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In 2006, using his experiences with his son in wrestling, Morgan published a best-selling E-Book for Lulu Publishing entitled 'Get Recruited-The Easy Way' to help others garner the elusive college scholarship.

Andre' made his way to the big screen portraying the umpire in the Paramount Pictures movie 'HARDBALL', starring Keanu Reeves. He also appeared in the wrestling movie, '7 MINUTES' produced by Video Infinity and the recent NBC TV show 'CHICAGO CODE'. Andre' had a prominent role in the 2012 wrestling documentary 'THE LAST MAVERICK'.

With an eye for talent Andre' has also professionally scouted baseball for the New York Mets and Montreal Expos and currently works as the Midwest Scout for the defending NBA Champions, the Golden State Warriors. He also has assisted many high school wrestlers secure college scholarships while working for the National Scouting Report.

Andre', a graduate of Governors State University recently celebrated his 33rd year of marriage to his soul mate, Nicole. They have two sons, Sergio (Tamrah) and Mario (Kate) who have blessed the Andre's with one grandson Sergio Jr., two granddaughters Samiyah and Jaiyden and another granddaughter expected to arrive any day in early April.

***The IWCOA would like to congratulate all 2016 Lifetime Service Award inductees. Your dedication to wrestling will forever be remembered.***

**Congratulations Tony, Niall, Ray, Tom, Lou, Larry, Neil and Andre'!**

## IWCOA Lifetime Service Recipients

Adams, Vernon "Art"	2009	Hastert, Dennis	2001
Anderson, Charles	2001	Heniff, Tom	2002
Bay, Ott	2003	Hicks, Bob	2002
Bee, Floyd	2004	Holzer, Werner	2002
Bernard, Larry	2014	Hurley, Allen	2008
Botheroyd, Bernie	2010	Johnson, Mark	2010
Bowers, Jim	2007	Jones, Robert I.	2012
Brooks, Greg	2011	Jones, Sharron	2015
Carnahan, Jim	2015	Kanke, Larry	2016
Cartwright, Bill	2006	King, Mark	2005
Cartwright, Jim	2005	Klemm, Dave	2015
Clark, Anthony	2016	Kocher, Leo	2011
Cliffe, Dan	2004	Kraft, Art	2008
Cliffe, Joe	2003	Kraft, Ken	2001
Collins, Niall	2016	Kraus, Bert	2012
Combs, Steve	2002	Kristoff, Larry	2001
Conrad, Ray	2016	Lazier, Murney	2012
Conrad, Roy	2011	Leese, Jack	2001
Cozzi, Greg	2011	Licocci, Tony	2011
Craig, Jim	2002	Luety, Ed	2005
Cummings, Ray	2006	Manahan, Mike	2005
Custer, Jim	2007	Mann, Rick	2005
Cyzewski, Tim	2014	Marino, Jack	2011
Czech, Ted	2008	Marquardt, Bill	2009
DeJarnatt, Carson	2012	Massery, Mark	2014
DeRousse, Ted	2003	Mathews, Dave	2013
Dyche, George	2004	McCann, Dennis	2014
Easter, Bob	2007	McCann, Terry	2007
Ewoldt, Ed	2001	McCauley, Neil	2016
Farina, Charles	2001	McLaughlin, Eural	2012
Flanigan, Tom	2006	Miller, Wayne	2008
Flavin, Don	2002	Montgomery, Rich	2014
Fulk, Bob	2009	Morgan, Andre'	2016
Fulscher, Dan	2012	O'Connor, Pat	2010
Gardner, Jack	2008	Oglesby, Ron	2014
Gardner, James	2003	Pedersen, Dr. Joe	2004
Garshelis, Renshaw	2012	Peterson, Bill	2013
Gassen, Larry	2009	Pierre, Dale	2009
Gauger, Ton	2016	Pillard, Henry	2010
Genovesi, Augie	2009	Pittman, Don	2013
George, Elias	2002	Porter, Tom	2013
George, John	2008	Portincaso, Mike	2014
George, Pete	2008	Robinson, Jack	2011
Gerrish, Lon	2013	Samorian, Harold "Sam"	2004
Gervais, Mark	2013	Schaus, Jon	2007
Geselter, Morrie	2009	Schmitt, William "Red"	2001
Girardi, George	2002	Sherman, Walter	2010
Goldstein, Lou	2016	Slimmer, Louis	2003
Haak, Tim	2015	Stoudt, Elaine	2015



## IWCOA Lifetime Service Recipients

Stoudt, Jack	2003		Swierczewski, Gene	2003
Stevens, Sandy	2015		TenPas, Larry	2006
Strange, Robert	2010		Therry, Robert	2003
Swalec, Dr. John	2011		Turner, Jim	2015
Vavrus, Joe	2009		Wilkey, Mike	2007
Weick, Bill	2006		Williams, Marty	2013
Weiss, Steve	2014		Willson, Pete	2003
Whitlatch, Rex	2013		Young, William	2010

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## Eric Bates

### Normal (U-High) – Illinois State University

Eric Bates was first introduced to the sport of wrestling in 1962 in Jr. High PE Class. There were no organized wrestling clubs in the area at that time. He quickly caught on and became a four year varsity wrestler at University High School, under IWCOA Hall of Fame coach George Girardi. Eric compiled a 93-18 record and he was named Co-Captain and Co-MVP in both his junior and senior years. Eric was a two time state qualifier at 154 lbs. placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1968 and winning the IHSA State Championship in 1967.

After high school, Eric went on to wrestle for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Dr. Robert Koehler at Illinois State University, where he earned All-America status in each of his four years. He was team Captain and MVP his sophomore, junior and senior years. As a freshman and sophomore he qualified for the Collegiate Division (now DII) Nationals placing 6<sup>th</sup> at 154 lbs. and then winning the National Championship at 167 lbs. with a perfect 29-0 record. His junior and senior years, he qualified at the University level (now DI) and finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively at the NCAA Tournament. Overall his record at Illinois State University was 94 and 14.

Eric was also active in Freestyle and Greco, spending most summers at tournaments and camps learning both styles. He was invited to several Olympic Development camps, and placed 4<sup>th</sup> at a number of International Qualifying Tournaments.

Eric would like to thank coaches and longtime friends, Ron Bessemer and Curt Sexton for the many hours they invested in him. He would also like to thank the many team-mates and friends who helped to make him a better wrestler and a better person.

## Wilbur Borrero

### Antioch

Wilbur Borrero wrestled all four years at Waukegan Township High School. He also participated in Cross Country. Wilbur went on to the College of Lake County. He finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior College National Tournament. While finishing his education at the University of Minnesota Morris, Wilbur would earn All-American status finishing 4<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

Wilbur coached at Waukegan West from 1984-1990. He then moved on to coach at his alma mater, Waukegan HS from 1990-1994, compiling a record of 75-19. His record was 23-4 while coaching at Evanston Township HS from 2000-2003. He has been the Head coach at Antioch Community HS for the past thirteen years. Wilbur has amassed 287 Career dual meet victories. His teams have won 5 IHSA Dual Team State Trophies including a runner-up finish in 1991 with his Waukegan team. Nineteen of Wilbur's wrestlers have placed in the IHSA Individual State Tournament.



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Wilbur Borrero has been inducted into both the College of Lake County and the Lake County Hall of Fame. Wilbur has also been nominated as the IWCOA Coach of the Year in 1991, 1992, and 1994.

Wilbur Borrero is currently a Dean of Students at Antioch Community High School.

### **Mike Gluck Palatine – University of Wisconsin**

Mike Gluck attended Palatine Township High School where he wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach John Ellis, and compiled a 108 and 15 record in 4 years as a varsity wrestler. His junior year he completed a perfect 33-0 season winning the 103 lb. IHSA State Title, and followed it up with a 32-1 record his senior year placing 2nd at 120 lbs. After graduating 5th in a class of 560, and being voted Most Likely to Succeed, Mike chose to continue his wrestling career at The University of Wisconsin.

Wrestling for Coach George Martin, Mike was a Midlands Open Tournament Champion as a freshman, and he was a two time Big Ten Tournament finalist, winning the 147 lb. Title in 1968. In the 1967 NCAA National Tournament, he upset the defending champion in the first round and went on to finish 2nd at 147 lbs. Mike's collegiate career record was 54-4, over 3 years, as freshmen were not eligible to compete at that time. Mike was the President of the Lettermen's Club, a member of The Phi Kappa Honor Society as well as The Iron Cross Senior Men's Honorary Society, and he was voted The University of Wisconsin's Outstanding Scholar Athlete in 1968.

Currently Mike resides in Greenwood Village Colorado, and serves as the Chief Technology Officer for Sanity Solution.

### **Jim Izzo Lombard (Montini Catholic)**

Jim Izzo attended Montini Catholic High School and wrestled for Coach Jim Mackey. He also participated in football and track. After graduating he continued his education at St. Mary's University in Winona Minnesota where he wrestled for Coach Larry Lutmers. Jim was a co-captain of the first SMU wrestling team to post a winning record.

Jim returned to his alma mater and became an assistant coach at Montini in 1975, before becoming the school's fourth head coach in 1978. During his 16 seasons as head coach he finished with a 180-119-4 overall record and coached 15 IHSA State Qualifiers and 5 place winners. He had the distinction of coaching Montini's first State Finalist (Rod Monis 1991) and Montini's first multiple state place winner (Pat Mahoney 1991). In 1993 Montini won the wrestling program's first team regional championship. Jim stepped down in 1994, and became an assistant coach until 2005, for a total of 30 years of coaching Montini Catholic Wrestling. The IWCOA nominated Jim for assistant coach of the year 3 times, and he won the award in 1998. Jim also had the thrill of helping coach his son Jesse to the 160 lb. State Championship in 1998, the first individual state wrestling champion Montini ever crowned.

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Jim is most proud of the fact that several times during his tenure, decreasing enrollment and financial strains had the administration considering dropping the wrestling program and he was able to keep numbers strong and help save the program. Several of Jim's former wrestlers have gone on to become high school wrestling coaches.

Izzo has taught History at Montini for 42 years, and was recognized as the LaSallian Educator of the year in 1994. Jim is very thankful for the support of his wife Joan and his daughter Katie and son Jesse, as well as all the young men he has had the pleasure of coaching and teaching during his years at Montini.

### **Kris D. Kamp Deer Creek**

Kris Kamp started his wrestling career on the first wrestling team at Calvary Baptist Academy in Normal Illinois. He transferred to Eureka High School where he wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach, Ed Steinbeck. Kamp was a 2 year letter winner in Wrestling, Football and Track.

Kris has been an IHSA wrestling official since 1994. During his 21 years, he has officiated 17 IHSA Regionals and 14 Sectionals. He has worked five Individual State Tournaments and five Dual Team State Tournaments. Kris was voted the IWCOA Official of the Year in 2011.

Kris has officiated numerous IESA, IKWF and IWCOA Fresh/Soph series Regionals, Sectionals and State Finals. He has also worked the Midwest Summer National Tournament, Middle School National Duals and the Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals.

Kris has been privileged to be a part of the "Brotherhood" of wrestling officials along with all of the wrestling community.

Kris currently works as an Account Manager for a Distribution Company in Bloomington, Illinois.

He lives on the family farm outside of Deer Creek, Illinois. His son, Coady is a student at the University of Illinois and is in the Illinois Air National Guard at the 126th Air Refueling Wing, Belleville, Illinois. Kris enjoys his Family & Friends, along with Outdoor Activities, Auctions, Sports and Volunteering for several different Organizations.

### **Glen Lid Maywood (Proviso East)**

Because Glen Lid could not beat out the other Varsity wrestlers in his weight class, he only received a sophomore letter at Willowbrook H.S. However, Glen was an outstanding Varsity baseball player.

Glen was also an outstanding student at Elmhurst College where he earned his Bachelors in 1978, and at Concordia College earning his Master in 1985. At Elmhurst, he graduated with highest honors and he received the DeBruine Award in Biology. Glen was a member of the honor and leadership organizations: Phi Kappa Phi and Omicron Delta Kappa.

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As the freshmen coach at Proviso East from 1979 to present, Glen has coached freshmen that went on to earn the following honors for head coach Bill Cartwright: 72 state qualifiers, 12 place winners and 10 finalists including 4 state champions. Amazingly, 13 of the 72 qualifiers had not been involved in any youth wrestling programs. During Glen's tenure at Proviso East, the varsity wrestling team was crowned IHSA Dual Team State Champions in 1986 and again in 1991. They placed second in 1980 and again in 1981. They placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1990 and fourth in 1989. They also made Elite 8 appearances in 1985 and in 1994. As a result of these coaching accomplishments, Glen Lid has been nominated for IWCOA Assistant Coach of the Year in 1990 and 1992.

The following awards indicate how effective Glen Lid is in teaching and coaching: a State Finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 1993 and 2009; Outstanding High School Teacher of the Year from Disney Hand Teaching Awards in 2004; the Elmhurst College Alumni Merit Award in 2005; the 2007 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction; the 2007 Davidson Award for Chemistry Teaching from Chemical Industry Council; National Teacher Hall of Fame Inductee in 2012; the Illinois Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame Inductee (Head baseball coach at Proviso East for 25 years) in 2014 and the Willowbrook High School Distinguished Alumni Award in 2014.

Glen continues as freshmen wrestling and golf coach Proviso East High School, as well as Adjunct chemistry professor at Elmhurst College teaching chemistry for future nurses.

### **Terry Mulrenin Oak Lawn – Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville)**

Terry Mulrenin began wrestling as a freshman at Oak Lawn High School where he was fortunate enough to be coached by IWCOA Hall of Famer James Craig. Little did he know that by starting his career under Coach Craig the foundation would be set for a lifetime of love for the sport of wrestling. Terry wrestled four years for the Spartans and in 1974 he capped off his senior season winning the 119 lb. IHSA State Championship.

Terry continued his wrestling career at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and was coached by IWCOA Hall of Famer and USA Olympian Larry Kristoff. At SIUE, Terry was a three-time All-American. He was also an integral part of the 1974-75 wrestling team that was later inducted into the SIUE Athletic Hall of Fame.

In 1981, Terry began his teaching and coaching tenure at Oak Lawn Community High School teaching Physical Education and coaching football and wrestling. In 1994, Terry was hired as a full time teacher and coach at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School where he will retire from in May of 2017. As an Assistant Wrestling Coach, Terry coached 25 State Qualifiers, 11 State Place Winners and 1 State Champion. Terry was selected as the Assistant Coach of the Year in 1997.

Terry also had the privilege of coaching alongside many great people – too many to mention. However, three coaches come to mind that have helped mold his career – Chuck Lawson, Jerry Wallin, and Dave Anderson. These excellent coaches, and even better men, helped Terry become the teacher and coach he aspired to be.

Terry came from a large family and wrestling afforded him the opportunity to obtain a college education, something that he is grateful for every day of his life. Terry feels that the highlight of his wrestling career is the

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people that the sport has brought into his life. It is a brotherhood of people that are now considered a part of his family. This includes Coach Jim Craig and Coach Larry Kristoff who molded and mentored Terry into the caring family man he is today. These 2 fine gentlemen help develop Terry during the most influential years of his life and he is forever grateful.

Terry has lived in Oak Lawn Illinois with his beautiful wife Kathy for 37 years. They have two sons, TJ and Trevor, two loving daughter in laws, Samantha and Meg, an awesome two year old grandson Nolan, and an energetic dog Finn. The entire family is looking forward to the arrival of a precious granddaughter in May. Life continues to be good to the Mulrenin family.

### **John Nino Kelvyn Park/Triton Junior College**

John P. Nino began his wrestling career in 1970 at Kelvyn Park High School in Chicago. The two time Chicago Public League Champion wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Richard Kerby. John posted an impressive 196 wins throughout his high school Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco Roman wrestling career. John was named the 1974 Athlete of the Year for the Kelvyn Park Panthers. John was a two time IHSA state place winner and he won 20 high school wrestling tournaments while also starring on the defensive line in football.

John continued his career at nearby Triton Junior College in River Grove, Illinois, wrestling for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach, the legendary Art Kraft. The 1977 National Champion and two-time All-American continued to impress with a sparkling 77-4-2 record while amassing 55 falls. John has been inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame.

John is a black belt in both Tae kwon do and Judo. As a power lifter he has bench pressed over 500 pounds. John is a retired truck driver and automatic diesel mechanic. John and his wife Maria live in Chicago. They have two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.

### **Chris Quigley Aurora/Illinois State University**

Chris Quigley started wrestling as a youth in Aurora, Illinois while attending Simons Junior High. There his future wrestling talent was showcased when he completed four undefeated seasons in the mid-sixties.

While at Aurora East HS Chris wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Roy Fowley. He qualified for the IHSA State Tournament and he would eventually earn a place in the East Aurora Tomcats Hall of Fame. The three year letterman, captained the 1968 team while winning the conference championship. During his junior year he wrestled freestyle at the AAU Open against Japan's returning Olympic Silver medalist Mosoci Hotta, losing a close match. In 1986 Chris was the Junior Olympic Freestyle Runner Up.

A wrestling scholarship to Illinois State University followed in 1968 where Chris wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Dr. Robert Koehler. Chris achieved the highest finish in Redbirds history when he advanced to the DI NCAA finals in 1972 at 126 pounds, losing a close 4-2 match to two-time NCAA champion Pat Milkavich

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(Michigan State). In route to the finals Chis defeated two-time champion Chris Black (Franklin & Marshall). He has been inducted into the Illinois State University Hall of Fame for his collegiate accomplishments. He was invited to the 1972 US Olympic Greco-Roman Trials advancing to the finals. The Redbirds Co-Captain also won the U.S. Open Freestyle Tournament in 1970, 72 & 74.

Chris began his coaching career in 1972 at Dolton Thornridge High School, continuing on to East Aurora in 1977 and Rich South (Sauk Village) in 1979. In 1984 Chris was named Head Coach at Aurora Central Catholic, a position he held until 1996. That year his alma mater East Aurora named him their Head Coach. From 2000 to 2004 he was the Head Coach at Hall High School in Spring Valley (IL).

In addition to his wrestling skills, Chris captained the 1967 East Aurora high school team football team. He also played Semi Pro football for the Calumet City Raiders from 1975-'77.

Chris has been an accomplished deep sea Diver, specializing in Recompression, Rescue, Dive Master and Assistant Instructor. Since 2008 Chris has been a fireman for the McNabb Fire Department in Putnam County.

An accomplished teacher at Romeoville High School, Chris taught Auto Mechanics, Body, Fender and Paint from 1981 until his 2005 retirement from education.

### **Tom Reed Cahokia**

Tom Reed wrestled 4 years for coach Lee Grubbs at West Chicago High School, earning a glittering 118 – 8 record. He was a two-time State Place winner, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and was twice a team captain and MVP. His outstanding high school wrestling career earned him an invitation to the 1976 Olympic Wrestling Training Camp.

Tom continued his wrestling career for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Larry Kristoff at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, where he compiled a 130 – 15 record and was a 4 time Champion of the Illinois Open. He was a 4 time Division II All-American, and a one-time Division I All-American. He was voted MVP by his teammates, as well as being selected as the University's Most Outstanding Male Athlete in 1981. His outstanding contribution to the SIUE Wrestling Program, eventually earned Tom Induction into the School's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Tom eventually became the head coach at Cahokia High School in 2010, where his teams have won 3 conference championships and 2 regional championships, while he has produced 15 State Qualifiers, and 5 State Place winners.

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### **Kenny Rucker Harvey (Thornton)**

Kenny Rucker's wrestling career at Harvey Thornton culminated with a 35-0 record and as an IHSA State Champion at 185 lbs. in 1985. He was also named as an All-American High School wrestler and Thornton's most valuable wrestler in 1984. Kenny was also an All-Conference football player in 1984.

He continued his wrestling career at North Idaho College, where he was a 2-time NJCAA All-American and two-time National Champion at 177 lbs. His North Idaho team was the NJCAA National champions in 1985 and 1986. Kenny was a member of the 1985 Junior Pan-American Wrestling team. In 1985 Kenny was named the Idaho State Male Athlete of the year. After matriculating to Montana State University-Northern in Havre, MT, he was a 2-time NAIA All-American and the National Champion at 177 lbs. in 1989. Kenny finished second at 177 lbs. in the NAIA National Wrestling Tournament in 1990. He received his B.S. in Secondary Education in PE and Health in 1992. Kenny participated in the U.S. National Wrestling Championships in 1996.

After graduation, Kenny was an assistant wrestling coach at C. M. Russel high school in Great Falls Montana from 1994-2002. From 1996-2002 Kenny was a teacher at the Cascade County Juvenile Detention Center in Great Falls, Montana. Since 2002, Kenny has been the head wrestling coach and Special Education Teacher at Klein Collins High school in Spring Texas.

Kenny Rucker is a member of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, the Texas High School Wrestling Coaches Association, the Texas High School Coaches Association and the Texas American Federation of Teachers. Kenny is a Bronze Level Certified coach for USA Wrestling.

Kenny Rucker has been inducted into the North Idaho Hall of Fame in 2009 and the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2014. He has been nominated as a "Coach That Makes a Difference". Kenny appeared on the cover of USA Wrestling Magazine May 1, 1986 Issue.

### **Rudy Salinas Chicago**

Rudy Salinas wrestled 4 years at Lane Tech for Jeff Newmark and Bob Schirmer. In 1987 Rudy won the Chicago Public School (CPS) Sectional and he was the captain of his Lane Tech squad. Rudy also lettered in gymnastics and football at Lane Tech. While at the University of Illinois-Chicago, Rudy was the director of their Intermural wrestling club, sponsored by IWCOA Hall of Famer, Dr. Tom Flannigan. In 1994 Rudy obtained his degree in Kinesiology and Education.

Rudy began his coaching career back at Lane Tech as an assistant coach from 1989-1993. He was the head coach at Lane Tech from 1994-2000 compiling a record of 157-45-1. He was an assistant coach from 2000-2002 at Niles North High School. Rudy moved to Evanston Township High School as their head coach in 2003. His record at Evanston is currently 271-105-1.

Rudy was the CPS coach of the year in 2000 and the IWCOA AA Coach of the Year in 2000. Rudy's teams have won 10 IHSA Regional championships, 8 conference titles, and qualified for 6 IHSA Dual Team

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championships. In 2000 his Lane Tech team finished 4th at the IHSA Dual Team State Finals. Overall Rudy Salinas has coached 60 state qualifiers with two place winners and one state champion.

Rudy is a member of the Kiwanis Foundation of Evanston. Rudy received the 2014 George F. Hixson Fellowship Award. Rudy was a member of the Team Illinois Coaching Staff from 1998-2002. Rudy has been the Director of the Evanston School of Wrestling Youth Wrestling Club since 2009.

### **John Sammons Oswego**

John Sammons wrestled for Joe Hall at Rochelle Township High School where he was a two-time state qualifier, the first in the school's history. John also was a three-time NCIC champion, district champion, and two-time sectional runner-up. Sammons was also twice the recipient of his team's MVP award. In addition to wrestling, John participated in baseball, football, track, and cross country. He earned all-conference honors in baseball.

He went on to Western Illinois University where he competed for three years in wrestling, two in baseball, and earned his Bachelors and at Northern Illinois University Master's degrees in Education, along with his Type 75 Administrative Degree. John's senior year led to a broken leg which sidelined him from competition. John was a two time NAIA national qualifier.

After college, John moved on to Elmhurst Elementary School District where he taught from 1968-1970 as one of the district's Physical Education Coordinators. In 1970, John began a 31 year span at Oswego High School where his mark was made. John coached wrestling at Oswego for 20 years, including 16 years as the head coach. John qualified at least one wrestler downstate for 15 straight years while amassing a 229-85-2 varsity dual meet record. He produced 27 individual state qualifiers coming away with 10 state place winners. His teams produced 9 varsity conference championships, 2 district titles, and were consistently state ranked during his tenure, always known for their depth and toughness.

In addition to coaching wrestling, John also was the head cross country coach at Oswego for 10 years. During John's reign his teams accumulated 9 conference championships, 3 state qualifying teams, and 4 state individual place winners.

In addition to his IWCOA Hall of Fame Induction, John has also been inducted into the Halls of Fame at Rochelle Township High School and Oswego High School.

John retired from Oswego High School in 2001 and now works as a Realtor for Coldwell Banker Honig-Bell in Oswego where he partners with his lovely Wife Mary Ann to form the Sammons Team.

John and his wife Mary Ann reside in Oswego and have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

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### **Mick Torres Libertyville**

Mick Torres wrestled for Dennis Hastert and Tony Houle at Yorkville High School, placing fourth at 98 pounds as a freshman in 1976. He was a valuable team member as Yorkville won the Dual Team Wrestling State Title in 1976, they finished second in 1977, third in 1978 and second in 1979. Mick finished his high school career with 102-15 record. Mick was also a NEC conference tailback in 1978, setting a school record with 16 touchdowns.

Although his wrestling career ended due to a shoulder injury, Mick received his BS and his teaching certification in Earth Science in 1983. During his tenure at Lake Zurich HS, Mick obtained his MS in Educational Administration in 1990. Mick coached 3 State place winners and Lake Zurich High School's first state champion in any sport, Al Strobl at 160 pound in class AA.

Mick left the classroom and coaching to become Lake Zurich's assistant principal/athletic director from 1991 to 1994. He returned as an assistant coach, Assistant Principal and Technology Director at Antioch from 1994-2003. Mick is currently Community High School District 128's (Libertyville/Vernon Hills High Schools) Educational Technology Director

Mick Torres was an IHSA Wrestling Official from 1993-1996. Mick was nominated for IWCOA Administrator of the Year in 2010. Since 2015, Mick has been a committee member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame-Illinois Chapter.

Mick and his brother Dave have been managing wrestling tournaments since 1996. Together they launched ILWrestle.com in 2006. They have managed over 150 IHSA tournaments over the past 18 years, handling every detail from weigh-ins to seeding to final team results, including their trademark champion's photo bracket awards. Additionally, they have provided training, troubleshooting and other resources to numerous tournament hosts and athletic directors over the years.

Notable tournaments Mick has run multiple times include: Al Dvorak Invitational @ Harlem, Berman Holiday Classic @ Palatine, Moore-Prettyman Invitational @ Barrington, Rex Whitlatch Invitational @ Hinsdale Central, Leyden, Hoffman Estates and over 48 Conference, Regional and Individual Sectional Tournaments, mostly in the northwest suburbs.

Mick and his wife Lisa Torres live in Buffalo Grove and they have 4 children and 2 granddaughters

### **Kenneth Watkins Maywood**

Kenneth Watkins began wrestling at Argo Community High School and Proviso East before joining the US Army from 1979 - 1987. He served for 8 years and obtained the rank of Sergeant as a Calibration Technician (35H) and Electronic Instrument Repairman (35B). He competed in many open wrestling tournaments during his military career which included tours of duty at White Sands Missile Range (New Mexico), Ft Wainwright (Alaska) and Seoul Korea.



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During his Army career, Ken followed Illinois wrestling by having his mom send him clips from local Newspapers. After returning home, he continued following wrestling and went to many State post season tournaments. His love of the sport found him at West Leyden High School where he watched the Dual Team State Championships. During a break he spoke with one of the officials and inquired how he could become an official. After the conversation and a news report on the lack of officials for high school sports he obtained his officials license in 1993.

Since obtaining his official's license Ken's passion for the sport of wrestling has led him on a path whereby he has officiated many High School, State and National tournaments. His officiating accomplishments include IHSA Individual State Championships, IHSA Dual team championships, IKWF Individual State Championships, IKWF Dual Team State Championships, IESA Individual State Championships, Hinsdale Central Rex Whitlatch, Dvorak, Barrington, Disney Duals, Ohio Tournament of Champions, NHSCA Senior Nationals, Beast of the East, Reno Tournament of Champions, Rocky Mountain Nationals, Reno World of Wrestling, AAU World Folkstyle Championships, The Clash, AAU Middle School Duals, USA Middle School Duals, Brute Frosh / Soph Nationals, Dixie Duals, Super 32, Tulsa Nationals, Black Hills Nationals. Frosh / Soph State, CPS Championships, NHSCA Pre-season Open, NHSCA Duals and Midwest Nationals.

Ken's service to wrestling include Illinois AAU officials Rep, TOC Illinois Official's Rep, AAU Core Official, IKWF West Chicago Sectional Official's Chairman (Retired), AAU Middle School Duals Head official (2X) and he was the AAU Folkstyle official of the year in 2003.

Ken currently resides in Maywood with his Wife of 20 years (Marcella) and his children (Xavier 19 and Mickayla 14). He has officiated for 23 years and truly believes the wrestling community is a tight knit family. He would like to thank everyone that has helped, encouraged and supported him throughout his career!

### **Reggie Wilson** **Bloom Trail/Triton/Oklahoma State/Chicago State**

Reggie Wilson attended Bloom Trail High School and was a member of their 1982 Class AA State Championship Team. Reggie placed second in the state as a senior with a record of 36-2. He was also a state qualifier as a sophomore and junior and he finished with a three-year record of 97-20.

Reggie went on to Triton Junior College where he wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Art Kraft. Reggie became a two-time National Junior College Champion. He holds the Triton school record for career victories with his perfect 85-0 record. Reggie led Triton to, back to back, National Junior College Championships. He became the first wrestler to win the Ernest B. Gould Outstanding Wrestler Award twice. This is the award given to the Outstanding Wrestler of the National Junior College Championships Tournament.

Reggie was runner up in the Big 8 Championships and he earned NCAA All-American honors at Oklahoma State in 1986 when he placed sixth for the Cowboys. Reggie finished his college career at Chicago State where he would again finish sixth at the NCAA Division I National Tournament earning a second All-American honor. He was the 177 lb. runner-up in the Ken Kraft Midlands Championships in 1986 for Chicago State.

Reggie passed away in 2014.

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## **Bill Zeman LaGrange (Lyons Township)**

Bill Zeman grew up in a wrestling environment. His father Otto was an All-State wrestler from Riverside-Brookfield and an All-American at Northwestern. His brother Matt was an All-State wrestler twice and an NJCAA All-American for Triton. While at Lagrange (Lyons) Township High School, Bill Zeman wrestled for two IWCOA Hall of Famers, his head coach Mark King, and his father Otto Zeman.

Bill was a four-year varsity letter winner at LTHS, compiling a school record 165 wins. While in high school, he was All-Conference 4 times. He was an IHSA Sectional Champion 3 times. Bill reached the pinnacle of Illinois High School wrestling when he won the IHSA State Championship in both his Junior and Senior years at 152 lb. and 160 lb. respectively. Bill was a Cadet National Freestyle All-American and an Illinois State Freestyle Champion in 1994.

Bill is proud of the Lyons Township wrestling program and their third place finish in the 1992 Dual Team State Championships. The 1995 LTHS team and coaches had high hopes, and they were undefeated, when the Dual Team State Championships were unexpectedly cancelled.

Bill wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Mark Johnson and Jim Heffernan while at the University of Illinois. He qualified for the NCAA Tournament 3 times and his U of I team placed in the top ten nationally in 3 out of his 4 years. Bill placed in the Big Ten Wrestling Tournament four times finishing third in 1999. As a junior, Bill reached the round of twelve in the NCAA Division I National Tournament. His collegiate record was 88-52.

In 2000, Bill earned his Bachelor of Science in Recreation Management. Bill is currently an Ice Arena Associate for the University of Illinois Campus Recreation Department.

Bill and his wife of 11 years Erica reside in Urban, Illinois with their five year old son Kai.

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**Congratulations Eric, Wilbur, Mike, Jim, Kris, Glen, Terry, John, Chris, Tom, Kenny,  
Rudy, John, Mick, Kenneth, Reggie, & Bill!**

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>SCHOOL/TOWN</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>SCHOOL/TOWN</u>
1976	Adams, Vern "Art"	Normal	1994	Branum, Rex	Lincoln JC
2014	Alber, Peter	Dakota	2015	Bringe, Ken	Chicago Bowen & Ag Sci
2013	Aldridge, Terry	Eureka	1999	Brooks, Gregory	Chicago (Fenger)
1997	Allen, Andre	Lane Tech	2002	Brost, David	New Lenox
2005	Amy, Rick	Rockridge	1985	Brown, George	Rock Island
1998	Ancona, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	2008	Bukovsky, Mike	Montini Catholic
2011	Anderson, Greg	Geneseo	2003	Bulow, Allen	Glenbrook South
2000	Anderson, Dave	Palos Hills (Stagg)	2014	Busser, James	Polo
1979	Anderson, Charles	Savanna	2014	Bybee, Mark	Burbank (St. Laurence)
2012	Andreotti, Paul	Marist/Northwestern	1990	Byram, Howard	Niles East
1999	Anthonisen, Norman	Chicago (Bowen)	2006	Camden, Brett	Mahomet-Seymour
1997	Antonacci, Dr. Robert	Lindblom	2008	Campbell, Robert	Rich Central
1990	Antonides, Robert	Morgan Park	1996	Carmody, Tom	Jacksonville
2010	Arkin, Fred	Oak Park	2001	Carnahan, James	Rock Island
2008	Arlis, Tom	Naperville N./Batavia	2010	Carroll, Dan	Chicago (St. Rita)
1978	Armer, Max	LaGrange	1993	Cartwright, William	Proviso East
2003	Armes, Les	Normal/Joliet JC	1993	Cartwright, James	Conant
2014	Axelrod, Steve	Tinley Park	2014	Casey, Chris	Tinley Park
2014	Baker, Robert A.	Byron	2010	Chaloupka, Jim	Chicago
2006	Ball, Dave	Hillsboro	2015	Chapman, Mike	WIN Magazine
1980	Bandy, Lester	Danville	2013	Cheeseman, Pat	Mt. Carmel
1979	Barbaro, Tony	Tilden Tech	2000	Christenson, Curt	Pontiac
1996	Bartosz, Bruce	Antioch	2010	Clarke, Terry	Elmhurst (York)
2016	Bate, Eric	Normal (U-High)/ISU	2005	Clarke, Tony	Zion
2006	Baum, Urban	Belleville (East)	1993	Cliffe, Dan	DeKalb
2002	Baum, Russ	Cahokia	1993	Cliffe, Joe	Plano/Prairie Central
2006	Bay, Mike	Waukegan	1998	Clinton, Ron	Univ of Illinois/EIU
1972	Bay, Ott	Waukegan	2010	Coit, Ron	Farmer City
1973	Bay, Rick	Waukegan	1989	Coldren, Dick	Northwestern
2006	Bay, Steve	Waukegan	1999	Collins, Niall	Oak Park
1995	Becker, Howard	Wilmington	1975	Combs, Steve	Moline
1989	Bee, Floyd	Lincoln	1987	Coniglio, Frank	Murphysboro
1975	Behm, Don	New Trier	1975	Conrad, Roy	Chicago (Schurz)
2001	Benion, Ernest	Romeoville/U of IL	2000	Conrad, Randy	East Leyden
1995	Benner, William	Peotone	1989	Conrad, Ray	River Grove
2001	Berman, Al	Palatine	2003	Cook, Gary	Argenta-Oreana
2000	Bernard, Larry	Bolingbrook	1998	Cookas, Mike	Joliet (West)
2003	Bessemer, Ron	Harper JC	2011	Corwin, Lloyd	Rock Island
1987	Billberg, Bob	Libertyville	2008	Cotter, Kevin	Byron
1988	Bishop, Fred	Proviso	1995	Cozzi, Greg	Palatine
2003	Blew, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	1987	Craig, James	Oak Lawn
1981	Blunk, Clarence	Blue Island	1980	Crisler, Ben	Thornton
2008	Bormet, Sean	Providence	1990	Cummings, Ray	Tolono
2016	Borrero, Wilbur	Antioch	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

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1998	D'Ambrosio, John	Bremen	2005	Flores, Carmelo	Chicago (Lakeview)
1991	Dannehl, Wayne	Antioch	1988	Fowley, Roy	East Aurora
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	2016	Gluck, Mike	Palatine/U of Wisconsin
2012	Feldman, Dr. Bernard	Palos Park	1993	Goransen, Perry	Joliet Township
2014	Ferguson, Ryan	Roselle (Lake Park)	1991	Govoni, Don	Joliet
1994	Feutz, Charles O.	Conant	1974	Greene, Kenneth	Rock Island
2011	Filippi, Frank	Glen Ellyn	2001	Gremer, John	Urbana
1982	Finn, Terry	Oak Lawn/SIUC	1998	Griffin, Jack	Stagg/Northwestern
2012	Fiorella, Sammy	Burbank St. Laurence	2010	Grizzi, Bob	Burbank (Reavis)
1974	Fitzgerald, John	Burbank (Reavis)	1974	Gross, Charles	Peoria
1993	Flanigan, Tom	U of I - Loop Campus	2003	Gruszka, Stan	Naperville North
1977	Flavin, Don	DeKalb/NIU	2009	Guzak, Ray	Blue Island/NIU
2001	Fletcher, Charles	Machesney Park	2001	Haak, Tim	Harvard

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2006	Hahn, Mark	Glenbard North	2002	Kanke, Larry	Geneseo
2005	Handlin, Robert	Mahomet	1998	Kelly, Billy	Oak Lawn (Richards)
1986	Hanke, Al	Elmhurst College	1998	Kelly, Jerry	Oak Lawn (Richards)
2001	Hankenson, Lou	Charleston	1972	Kenney, Harold "Hek"	Univ of Illinois
2007	Hanley, Reid	Clarendon Hills	2004	Kerby, Richard	Chicago Kelvyn Park
1988	Hanlin, Bert	East Moline	1999	Kienlen, Donald	Joliet Township
1978	Hanson, Charles	Glenbrook North	1994	King, Mark	LaGrange-Lyons Twp.
2005	Harrell, Quintroy	Harvey Twisters	2011	Kirgan, Allen	Granite City
2013	Harsh, Jim	Bloomington	1998	Klemm, Dave	Lincoln/EIU
1980	Hastert, Dennis	Yorkville	1975	Klootwyk, Ray	Joliet (West)
2013	Hasty, Bryon	East Peoria	1995	Kocher, Leo	University of Chicago
2015	Hattendorf, Mark	Elgin	2004	Kody, Scott	Inverness
2006	Healy, Keith	Providence Catholic	1992	Koehler, Bob	Illinois State University
1982	Heniff, Tom	Oak Lawn (Richards)	1992	Koenig, Tom	Bloom Township
2012	Herman, Jevon	St.Charles/U of IL	1986	Konovsky, Bob	Morton Township
2009	Hernandez,Emiliano	Maine East	2014	Konstans, Randall	North Aurora
2014	Hickman, Marty	Bloomington/IHSA	1973	Kraft, Arthur	Northwestern/Triton
1972	Hicks, Bob	Chicago Tilden Tech	1978	Kraft, Ken	Northwestern
1979	Hill, Eugene	Illinois State Univ	1976	Kraus, Bert	LaGrange
2011	Hill, Jeff	Petersburg (PORTA)	2001	Kristine, Alex	Barrington
2001	Holland, Robert	East Leyden/EIU	2002	Kristoff, Kip	Bethalto/SIU
1994	Holm, Dan	Libertyville	1974	Kristoff, Larry	Carbondale/SIU
1993	Holtfreter, Richard	Harvard	2013	Kristoff, Mark	Bethalto
1976	Holzer, Werner	Chicago Schurz/U of IL	1987	Kruempelstaedter, James	Winnetka New Trier
2003	Honeycutt, Bill	Woodridge	1995	Krupke, Ralph	Roselle (Lake Park)
2012	Houston, Rod	Camp Point Central	2013	Laccone, Frank	DeKalb
1993	Houston, Ken	Oak Lawn/SIUC	2009	Lackey, Matt	Moline/Univ of IL
1979	Hubbard, Jarrett	Joliet (West)	2001	Lahey, Tom	Tinley Park Andrew
2008	Hughes, Matt	Hillsboro/EIU	1992	Lambros, Tony	Chicago (Calumet)
2013	Hunt, Gary	Decatur	1992	Lancaster, Jerry	Port Byron Riverdale
1973	Hurley, Allen	Winnetka (New Trier)	2002	Larsen, Ron	Joliet
1984	Isaacson, Terry	Oak Park	1976	Law, Glen "Newt"	Univ of Illinois
2016	Izzo, Jim	Lombard (Montini)	1984	Lazier, Murney	Evanston
2007	Jackson, David	Burbank (Reavis)	2008	LeCuyer, Tom	Plano
1981	James, Joe	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	2009	Ledin, Don	Chicago
1988	Jarman, Tom	NU/Wheaton College	2011	Ledin, Rob	Mahomet/Clinton
2012	Johnson, Fred	Augustana/Waubonsie	1980	Leese, Jack	East Leyden
2003	Johnson, Tom	Bismarck-Henning	2002	Lester, Harry	Moline
2007	Johnson, Tom	Chatham-Glenwood	1989	Licocci, Tony	Rock Falls
2012	Johnson, Gerald A.	New Lenox	2016	Lid, Glenn	Maywood (Proviso East)
2008	Johnson, Johnny	North Chicago/NIU	1996	Llewellyn, Jon	Hinsdale Central/U of IL
1987	Johnson, Mark	Rock Island (Alleman)	2008	Lockhart, John	Mahomet/Univ of IL
2005	Johnston, Gene	Oak Forest	2001	Loffredo, Fred	Tilden Tech
1994	Jones, Robert I.	Decatur	2010	Long, Bob	Yorkville
1980	Jones, Amos	North Chicago	1997	Lovelace, Norman	Harper JC
1988	Kachiroubas, Lou	University of Illinois	1999	Lovellette, Richard	Litchfield
2000	Kading, John	Glenbard South	1991	Luety, Ed	Melrose Park
2010	Kaiser, Marty	Rockton (Hononegah)	1987	Lundy, Al	Calumet City
1993	Kaltofen, Alvin	College of Dupage	1999	Magruder, Ronald	Wheaton Central
2016	Kamp, Kris	Deer Creek	2011	Mahar, Jim	Amboy

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2001	Mammen, Kirk	Urbana	1984	Mudge, Richard	Prospect
1991	Mammen, Wayne	Urbana	2005	Mueller, King	Bolingbrook
1997	Manahan, Michael	Olympia	2016	Mulrenin, Terry	Oak Lawn/SIUE
1986	Mann, Bobby	Danville	2005	Murphy, Bill	Homewood
1993	Mann, Richard	Hersey	2011	Murphy, Rob	Wilmington
1984	Mann, William	Maine South/U of IL	1977	Musgrove, Homer	Sterling
2011	Marchello, Jack	Thornton	1982	Nacin, Al	Burbank (Reavis)
1983	Marcucci, Vic	Burbank (Reavis)	2007	Nason, Debbie	Orland Park
1999	Marianetti, Steve	Glenbrook N/U of IL	2013	Nesbit, Bob	Springfield
1975	Marino, Jack	Proviso East	1993	Newlon, Gary	Prophetstown
2009	Markwell, Dave	Fithian (Oakwood)	2004	Nighohossian, Haig	Granite City
1977	Marlin, Kenneth	Champaign/Rockford	2016	Nino, John	Kelvyn Park/Triton JC
1999	Marquardt, Bill	Bloomington	1992	Nordin, James	Palatine
2009	Martinez, Lino	Stevenson	1994	Nordquist, Ken	Rich South
1985	Massery, Mark	Savanna/NU	1977	Norman, Robert	Morton East/U of IL
2000	Mathews, Dave	Naperville	1989	Norris, Bernadette	Chicago (Lakeview)
2011	Matozzi, Mike	Hinsdale (South)	1994	O'Connor, Pat	Glasford-Illini Bluffs
1988	McAdams, Ben	Moline	1994	Oglesby, Ronald	Oak Lawn
1997	McCann, Dennis	Park Ridge (Maine So)	1978	Olson, George	Wheaton College
1972	McCann, Terry	Chicago (Schurz)	2014	Paar, Ron	Crystal Lake/U of Wisc.
2010	McCarthy, Foster	Champaign	2013	Pape, Jeff	Franklin Park
2008	McCauley, Lawrence	Granite City	1992	Parker, Norman	Highland Park
2000	McCauley, Neil	Naperville North	1986	Parker, Ted	Deerfield
1996	McCausland, Ralph	Wheaton Central/EIU	1985	Parks, Tony	Addison Trail
2007	McCoy, Terry	DeKalb/Kaneland	1978	Patacsil, Joseph	Chicago Tilden Tech
2006	McGinnis, Harry	Triton Junior College	1974	Patterson, Buell	University of Illinois
1991	McLaughlin, E. Mac	Joliet (Central)	1995	Patton, James	Woodstock
2014	McMahon, Patrick	Tinley Park	1999	Pearson, Fred	Chicago Tilden Tech
2014	McMorrow, Gary	Prospect	1996	Pedersen, Joe	Naperville
1993	Meeks, Major Richard	Champaign/U of IL	2002	Peterson, Jon	Grayslake
2012	Mekeel, Donald	Sterling	1984	Peterson, William	Chicago (Lakeview)
2009	Mena, Bob	Sterling Newman	1983	Pickens, Robert	Evanston
2000	Mena, Mike	Sterling Newman	1976	Pickerill, Ken	Oswego
2011	Mestemacher, Mark	Edwardsville	1984	Pierre, Dale	Wheaton (North)
1998	Milazzo, Larry	Roxana	1986	Pillard, Henry	Joliet Junior College
1985	Millard, Don	Pekin/SIUC	1987	Pinther, Harold	Eastern Illinois Univ
2000	Miller, Don	Mundelein	1982	Pittman, Don	Champaign
1981	Miller, Wayne	DeKalb	2004	Platt, Rollie	Quincy
2011	Miller, Jim	Tolono	1973	Plaza, Arnold	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
1990	Minot, George	Harvard/U of IL	2005	Polz, John	Morton
2001	Mirabella, Jeff	Elgin	1999	Polz, Michael	Sandburg/Providence
2005	Mitton, Bob	Orion	1990	Porter, Robert	Niles (West)
1983	Monroe, Ken	East Leyden	1983	Porter, Tom	Hersey
2002	Montgomery, Rich	Rock Falls	2011	Porter, Rob	Naperville (Central)
1991	Moore, Ken	Thornton	1996	Portincaso, Mike	Bloomington
2015	Morgan, Shane	Oswego	1994	Powell, David	St. Charles
2012	Morris, Ben	Bensenville (Fenton)	2014	Powell, Michael	Oak Park
2002	Morrison, Allie	University of Illinois	2008	Powers, Rich	Marian Catholic
2012	Morrissey, Don	Rosemont/Putnam	1990	Prehn, Paul	Illinois University
1993	Mottleson, Dr. Ben	LaGrange	2015	Prichard, Greg	Morton

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2011	Pronga, Lou	Chillicothe (IVC)	2003	Schultz, Chet	Rock Island
1997	Puebla, Kevin	Augustana College	1977	Schwartz, Marty	West Leyden
2013	Pustelnik, Mark	East Moline (United Twp)	1986	Sciacca, John	Harvard
1994	Querciagrossa, James	Peoria (Woodruff)	2001	Scordino, Joe	Carmel H.S.
2016	Quigley, Chris	Aurora/ISU	2014	Scully, Bill	Hoffman Estates
2012	Ragan, Dennis	Carbondale	1987	Seabrooke, Ted	Proviso East/U of IL
1984	Ray, Ron	Orr/Bloom Trail	2015	Sears, Al	Wheaton/SIUE/Belleville
2016	Reed, Tom	Cahokia	2010	Seeman, Tom	Crystal Lake
1999	Reichert, Ronald	IL Wrestling Federation	1994	Semetis, Ron	Dixon
2000	Reif, Gary	Jacksonville/Carlinville	1985	Shapiro-Weissman, Dave	Joliet Twp/U of I
2007	Richards, Jim	Hoopeston	1986	Sheets, Cliff	Decatur
1993	Richoz, Arch	DeKalb	1986	Sherman, Dan	Deerfield
1974	Riley, Jack	Northwestern	1984	Sherman, Walter	Glenbrook North
1993	Robinson, Donald	Normal	2002	Sherman, Winfred	Proviso
1979	Robinson, Jack	Thornton	2006	Sherrill, Rob	Illinois Best Weekly
1997	Rockwood, Joe	Thornton	2001	Siebert, Eric	LaSalle-Peru/U of IL
2013	Roesler, Karl	Providence/Univ of IL	2003	Siebert, Mark	LaSalle-Peru
2000	Rolak, Mike	Chicago Tilden Tech	1977	Silverstein, Ralph	Crane Tech/ U of IL
1990	Roman, Ronald	Chicago Tilden Tech	1991	Silverstein, Ron	Niles
1976	Romanowski, Walter	Chicago Tilden Tech	2010	Simon, Jeff	Peoria (Richwoods)
2001	Rosenthal, Todd	Moline	2004	Simons, Terry	Wheeling
1998	Ross, Paul (Pete)	Lincoln	2014	Skelnik, Rich	East Leyden
2002	Rossetti, Chuck	Willowbrook	1972	Slimmer, Louis	Proviso
1974	Rauth, Walther	Belleville	1991	Smith, Brad	Hersey
1995	Rowden, Don	Fox Lake (Grant)	2003	Smith, Chuck	Homewood
2004	Rubiano, Tony	Park Forest	2014	Snyder, Roy	Rochelle
2016	Rucker, Kenny	Harvey (Thornton)	2013	Sorensen, Jeff	Bloomington
2009	Ruettiger, Bernie	Minooka	1976	Sowinski, Joe	TF South
2002	Ruettiger, Dominic	St. Charles/Neuqua Valley	2002	Stalhut, Warren	Edwardsville
2003	Ruettiger, John	Lisle	2007	Stearns, Steve	Oak Lawn/SIUE
1995	Ruettiger, Mark	Providence/EIU	2015	Stevens, Don	Carl Sandburg/SIUE
1996	Ruettiger, Tim	Providence	2000	Stevens, Sandy	Glen Ellyn
2003	Rumchak, Bill	Bolingbrook	1990	Stonitsch, Larry	Joliet
1990	Rumsfeld, Hon. Donald	Winnetka New Trier	1983	Stoudt, Jack	Pekin
1994	Ryan, Ron	Mt. Olive	1972	Strange, Robert	Lawrenceville
2016	Salinas, Rudy	Chicago	2003	Stuart, Don	Oak Forest
2016	Sammons, John	Oswego	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	2016	Torres, Mick	Libertyville

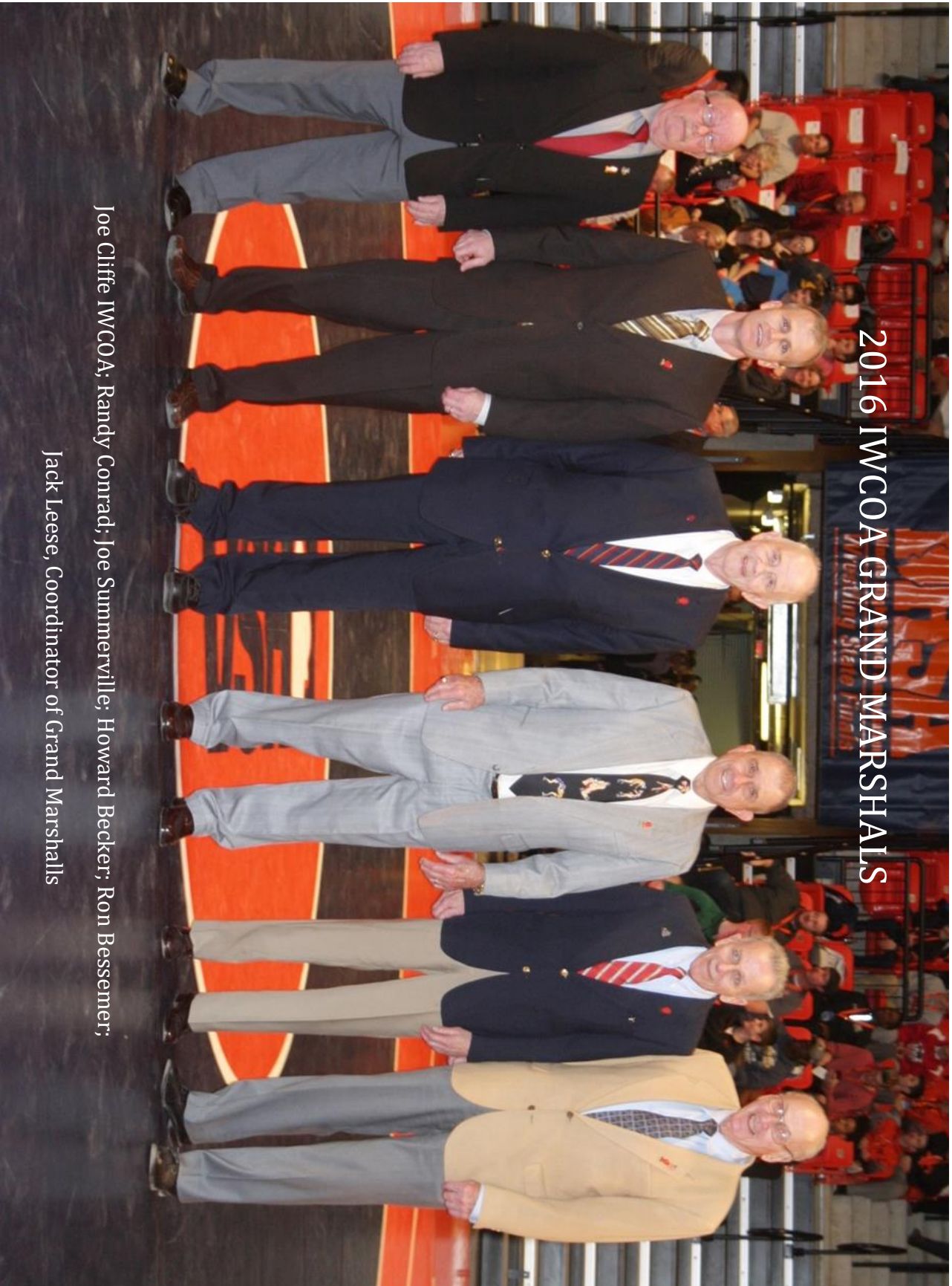
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2013	Trizzino, Mark	Joliet	1992	Whelan, Robert	Chicago (Hirsch)
2008	Trizzino, Scott	Joliet (Central)	1992	Whitaker, Walt	Granite City
1998	Trost, Kirk	Lincoln-Way	1979	Whitlatch, Rex	Urbana
2006	Tschannen, Morris	Roxana	2015	Wiesneth, Jack	Libertyville
1994	Tschudi, Dick	Dakota	1980	Wilkinson, Dr. James	Southern Illinois
1999	Turner, Alvin	Chicago (Parker)	1997	Wilkey, Mike	Oak Park
2007	Turner, Jim	Marion	2015	Williams, Joe	Lockport
2004	Vail, Bill	Oak Lawn/Joliet JC	1999	Williams, Joseph	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
1973	Vavrus, Joe	Moline	1992	Williams, Marty	Yorkville
1990	Vega, Al	TF North	2006	Williams, TJ	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
2004	Wachenheim, Lee	Elmhurst (York)	1981	Williams, Willie	Bloom Township/ISU
1996	Waldroup, Derrick	Bremen	1979	Willson, Pete	Wheaton College
2013	Walker, Jim	Westmont	2006	Wilson, Raphael	Waubonsie/Augustana
1988	Walker, William	Downers Grove N	2016	Wilson, Reggie	Bloom Trail/Triton/OK St/Chi St
2004	Warner, Andy	Savoy	2007	Winesburg, Ray	Elgin
2012	Wasserstrom, Sam	Ridgewood	2004	Wiser, John	Delevan
2016	Watkins, Kenneth	Maywood	1997	Wisniewski, Dan	Highland Park
2010	Watson, Dr. Wayne	Chicago	2003	Woods, Jim	Bloom/WIU
2000	Weber, Rory	Proviso E/Northwestern	2006	Wright, Tim	Rock Island/SIUE
2003	Wehmeier, John	Belleville	2003	Young, John	Peotone
1977	Weick, Clarence	Chicago Tilden	1990	Young, William	Naperville (Central)
1973	Weick, William	Chicago Tilden	2002	Zbacnik, Michael	Plainfield
2010	Weiner, Neal	Wheeling	2016	Zeman, Bill	LaGrange (Lyons)/U of IL
1986	Weiss, Steve	Bensenville (Fenton)	2000	Zeman III, Otto	Riverside-Brookfield
2006	Welter, Steve	Fox Lake (Grant)	2004	Ziemek, Thomas	Maine South
1999	Wetzel, Eric	Chicago (Dunbar)	1988	Zimmer, William	Lockport
1997	Wheeler, Al	Oswego	2005	Zinke, Al	Crown
2001	Whelan, Khris	Granite City			



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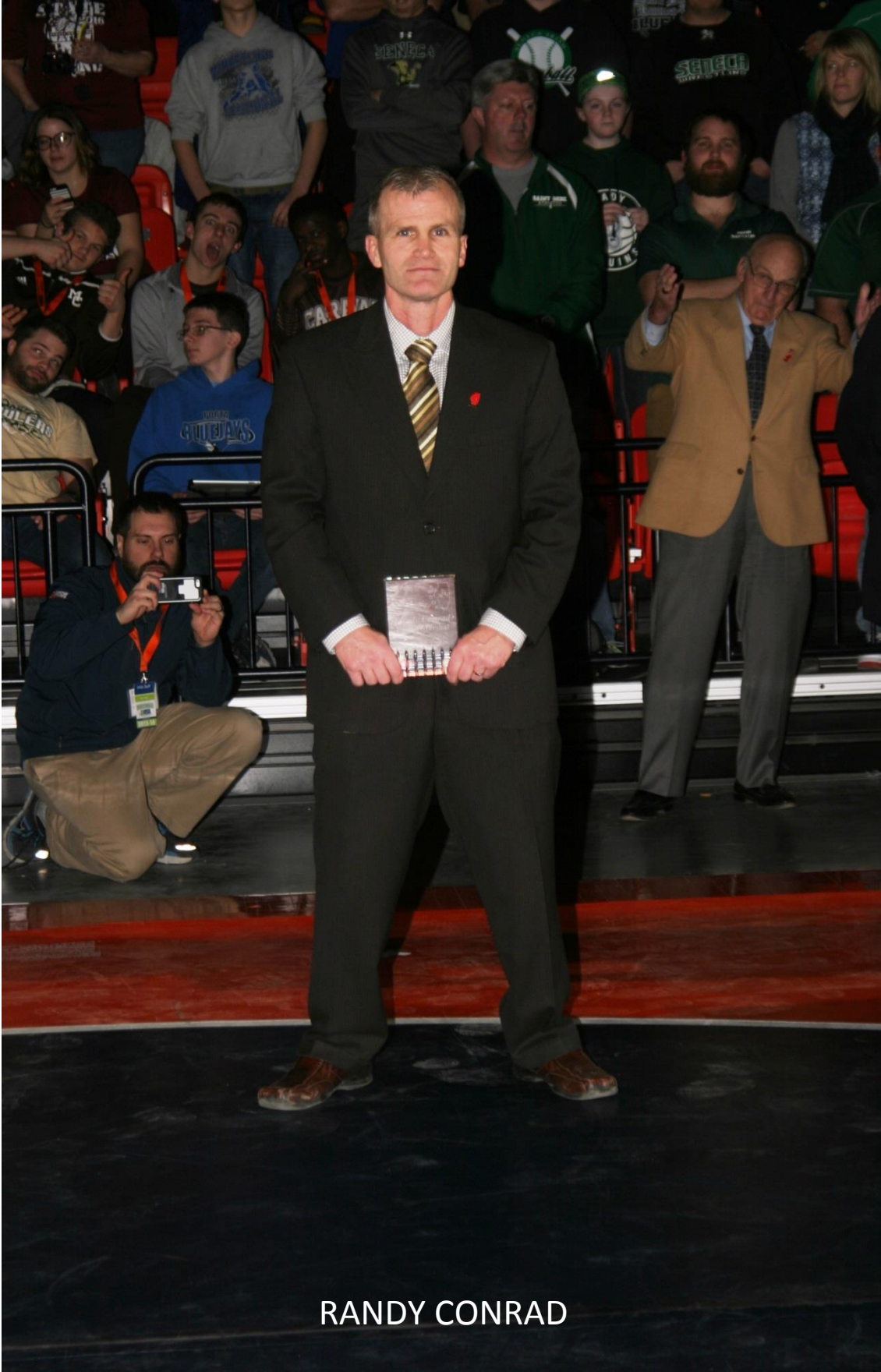
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**RON BESSEMER**

**GRAND MARSHALS**



**RANDY CONRAD**

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**JOE SUMMERVILLE**

# 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 Rousse, 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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 Bill Young, Naperville

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 Lon Gerrish, Sandwich  
 Bill Marquardt, Bloomington  
 Mike Portincaso, Glendale Heights

**2008**

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 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**

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 Ron Reichert, Lowell, IN  
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**THE ILLINOIS WRESTLING COACHES AND OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION** would like to take a moment to honor and remember the members of our wrestling community that have passed on since the last banquet.

Vito Bianco	Former junior high coach and high school assistant coach at DeKalb High School
Ray Conrad	Rosemont, Kid's Club coach, Hall of Fame Member, IKWF Grand Marshal
Jack Gardner	Former Springfield coach, Hall of Fame Member, Grand Marshal, Lifetime Achievement Award winner
Brad Glass	IWCOA Hall of Fame Member
Dale Icenhower	Retired Head Coach, College of New Jersey
Mike Jones	All-State wrestler, North Chicago, son of Hall of Fame Member Amos Jones
Dr. Robert Koehler	IWCOA Hall of Fame member, National Hall of Fame, Lifetime Service Winner
Katherine "Kat" Nighohossian	Wife of Haig Nighohossian, IWCOA Hall of Fame Member
Fred Pearson	IWCOA Hall of Fame Member
Mike Pyle	State Champion, New Trier, Captain Chicago Bears
Martha Semetis	Wife of Ron Semetis, IWCOA Hall of Fame Member
Jimmie Smith, III	IKWF Central Director
Robert Snyder	Father of Hall of Fame Member Roy Snyder
Ernie Thompson	Former head coach, IWCOA Hall of Fame Member
Joe Wells	Former MDYF Team Member, former Head Coach Oregon State University
Lorenzo Wilson	Father of Bowen Head Coach Ron Wilson
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## **IL Girls Folkstyle State Championships**

***Jazmine Lopez De Lara (3<sup>rd</sup>)***

**IESA State Qualifiers**

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*Kevin McCann and Brett Harman were outstanding athletes and great young men. Brett wrestled at Maine South High School for Hall of Fame Coaches Craig Fallico and Dennis McCann while Kevin wrestled at Notre Dame High School for Hall of Fame Coach Augie Genovesi and played football for Coach Mike Hennessey. Both were teammates and best friends from their youth wrestling day, and both went on to excellent college wrestling careers - Kevin at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and Brett at the United States Naval Academy. Kevin and Brett were champion wrestlers, team captains, and true leaders by accomplishments, attitude, and example.*

*In September 2004, Kevin and friends from Chicago visited Brett in North Carolina. Brett was now a Marine Lieutenant ready to leave for Iraq. They went to a college football game and stopped a drug crazed; drunken driver was recklessly driving through the parking lot, endangering the life of everyone. The driver came back later, and with his brother, lured Brett and Kevin into a trap. They shot Brett in cold blood, and when Kevin courageously went to defend him, they murdered Kevin. Brett and Kevin died valiantly defending others and each other.*

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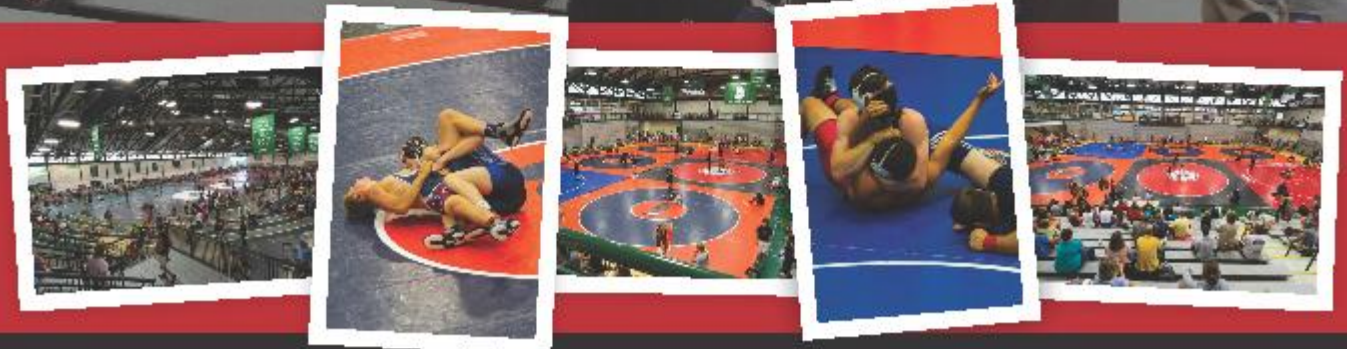
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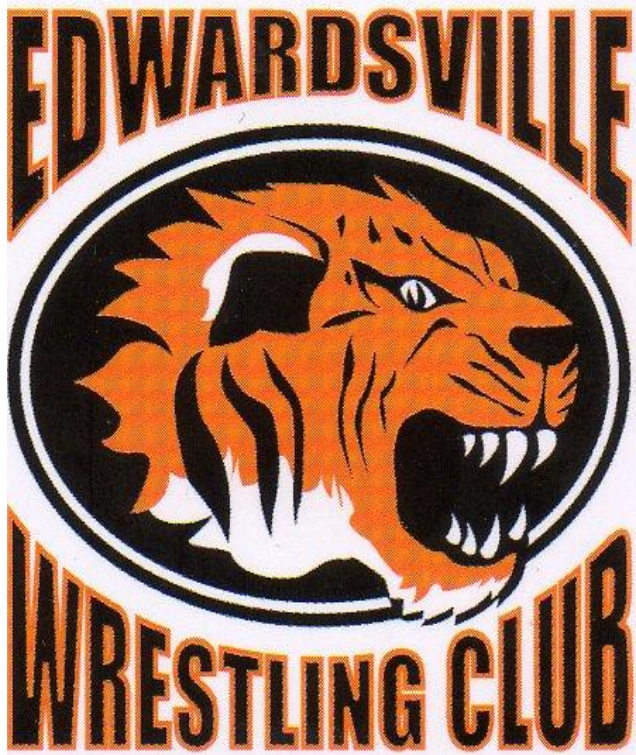
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