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The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

President's Greeting

Wrestlers, Coaches, Officials, Parents and Fans,

It is with great pleasure that I Mike Matozzi, the President of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association, welcome you on behalf of the IWCOA Executive Board to the 42nd Annual Hall of Fame Banquet. Since 1971 the IWCOA has recognized the accomplishments of coaches, officials, wrestlers, and contributors to our great sport of wrestling in Illinois. I hope that after today you join our executive board in our mission to increase awareness about the IWCOA and join us in the efforts to increase our membership so we can continue to offer the many programs such as this event.

This banquet is an excellent time to renew old acquaintances and reflect on the accomplishments of all our honorees here today. I hope you enjoy the festivities.

Sincerely,

Mike Matozzi, IWCOA President

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5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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INVOCATION & DINNER

6:30 p.m.

MAN OF THE YEAR

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2010 MIKE BUKOVSKY, Montini
2011 Marty HICKMAN, IHSA

Rich Montgomery

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Rich Montgomery is in his 21st year at Rock Falls High School, 12th as the school's Athletic/Activities director. Rich was the Wrestling head coach at Jerseyville, Newman Central Catholic and Rock Falls High Schools. He compiled a 420-237-5 dual meet record with 62 state qualifiers, 36 state medalists, 17 individual state champs.

His 1985 Newman team was the Class "A" State Champions and Newman's 1989 team finished 3rd. Montgomery was named to the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2002. He was the IWCOA Class "A" coach of the year in 1985 and was nominated four other times for this honor. In 2002 and 2010 the IWCOA presented Rich with Class "A" Administrator of the year honors. The IADA (Illinois Athletic Directors Association) has recognized Rich as the Division 4 Athletic Director of the Year on two occasions. In 2010 the IWCOA selected Montgomery as a Grand Marshall.

Rich currently serves the IWCOA as the association's secretary. He is a member of the Fundraising, Hall of Fame Selection, Classic Dual, All-State Banquet and Membership committees. For the past several years Rich has worked one of the tables at the IHSA Individual State Tournament and is the Assistant Awards Coordinator at the IHSA State Dual Team Championships. He has helped with weigh-ins at the Midwest Nationals and worked a table at this past year's Freshmen/Sophomore State Championships in Springfield.

Rich graduated from Jersey Community High School, earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Social Studies and Physical Education from Culver-Stockton College and a Masters degree in Curriculum Instruction/Leadership from Northern Illinois University.

Rich and his wife Peggy reside in Rock Falls. They have two children, Jake and Jennifer.

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Carson DeJarnatt Sterling High School

Carson DeJarnatt was born in Belvidere, IL where he attended Belvidere High School. While at Belvidere, he participated in football, baseball and track. His performance on the track qualified him for the Illinois High School Association State Track & Field meet in 1943 and 1944.

Upon graduation, Carson attended Northern Illinois University where he participated in wrestling and track. He was named captain of the Huskies' track team his senior year.

In 1957, Coach DeJarnatt came to Sterling High School to teach mathematics. For the next twenty-five years, he was head coach of the varsity wrestling team. His wrestling teams garnered a record of 342 wins and 110 losses. His 1964 & 1978 teams were undefeated. They also managed to win fourteen North Central Illinois Conference (NCIC) titles. His teams won 13 IHSA District Championships and five sectional titles. Sterling placed 2nd in the State Tournament in 1964 and 1978. Carson coached his three sons in wrestling and his daughter in track and all qualified for the state tournament. He coached two state champions and four state finalists.

Carson started a summer wrestling program with the Sterling Park District. He also hosted one of the first summer tournaments held outside.

In 1958, he became the assistant varsity football coach, and in 1967 Coach DeJarnatt coached the frosh/soph football team as well. From 1975 to 1983, he also coached varsity girls' track. Under his leadership, the girls track teams won four NCIC championships and had three state medalists.

Carson served the IWCOA as secretary and treasurer.

Before his retirement in 1983, Carson received many honors for his successful coaching. He was honored with the Coach of the Year award from the Illinois Coaches Association in 1972 & 1973. In 1978 Carson was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA) Hall of Fame. In 1990 he was honored by the IWCOA and IHSA to be a Grand Marshal of the IHSA Individual State Tournament Grand March.

Coach DeJarnatt was more than a teacher and coach to the people who had the good fortune to know him. He was a father figure to Sterling athletics. After enjoying a lengthy retirement, Coach DeJarnatt passed away in 1995. Sterling High School continues to remember Coach DeJarnatt each at the Carson DeJarnatt Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Dan Fulscher

Lincoln

Dan Fulscher was a 4 year wrestler for Lincoln Community High School under IWCOA Hall of Famer, National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter Lifetime Service Award Winner Floyd Bee. He was a Big 12 Conference Champion and set several team records.

Dan has completed 37 years of IHSA officiating, with 34 regionals assignments, and 30 sectionals assignments. He has officiated 30 state finals (Individual and Dual Team), 2nd most to date of all Illinois officials. Dan has work as an official in 16 IESA State Finals and served as Head Official in 2 of those tournaments. He worked 2 Illinois A vs. AA All-Star Duals and 7 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals. In addition, Dan has officiated at 4 Prairie State Games and worked 5 years as an NCAA Division I official, officiating one Midwest Regional.

In 1998 and 2001, Dan received the "Friends of Illinois Wrestling" award from the IWCOA and was chosen as IWCOA Official of the Year in 1994. He served the IWCOA as President for two years and helped to implement the separation of the All-State and Hall of Fame/Lifetime Achievement Award Banquet. He was also a leader in establishing the IWCOA Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been an IWCOA Executive Board for the past 21 years.

Dan was the National Federation of High Schools Official of the Year in 1997 and 2003. He was selected as IWCOA Official of the Year in 1994. He has served on the IHSA's Wrestling Officials Advisory Board from 1994 to 2000, the first two-term official to serve on this board in any sport. He is a certified IHSA clinician and has served as its present Clinician since 1998. He was a past IESA Advisory Board Official Representative from 1995-97.

In 2003, Dan was selected by the IWCOA as Man of the Year. He was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2000. Dan was named to serve as a Grand Marshal for the IESA State Tournament in 2004, IHSA Individual State Tournament in 2008, and the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation (IKWF) State Finals in 2011. He is the only official to be honored as a Grand Marshal for all three state finals events.

Dan served for twenty-five years on the Lincoln Rural Fire Department, 5 as Chief. He has been Logan County 911/ESDA Director. In 1994 Dan was named Logan County Citizen of the Year as well as Lincoln Rotary Club Vocation Award Winner. He was listed in the 2000 Who's Who National Registry for Executives in Business.

Dan has dedicated many years of service for the betterment of Wrestling in Illinois. He has helped promote the growth of the IWCOA, and his influence in the Wrestling Officials Clinics is the benchmark for all other sports to follow.

Renshaw “Renny” Garshelis

Charleston

Renny Garshelis’s scholastic wrestling days were in Ohio, where he was a two-time state qualifier. He was recruited to Eastern Illinois by Panther coach and IWCOA Hall of Famer Harold “Hop” Pinther. While at Eastern, Renny lettered in both wrestling and soccer. He also earned three different degrees while attending his alma mater.

Shortly following graduation from Eastern, Renny set about the task of creating a wrestling program at Charleston Community Schools from the ground up—elementary through high school. Budget constraints forced the elimination of the program, but Renny stayed on and coached two blind wrestlers who eventually went on to compete in the National Blind Championships in Seattle, Washington. Renny was the Illinois wrestling coach at those championships, as well as serving as the first President of the Illinois Association of Blind Athletes.

Following his brief stint as a coach, Renny re-focused on officiating—thus beginning his long and illustrious career as a mat official. Renny is the only wrestling official in Illinois to have officiated both NCAA Division I individual and national dual championship, and the IHSA individual and dual team state championships. This comprises a combined total of 39 collegiate and state championships finals. He has also worked all levels as an official from calling the first Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) state finals, to all three NCAA Finals (Division I, Division II, and Division III). Working out of the Big Ten Conference and the Big 8 Conference, Renny officiated many challenging duals. He also worked the Midlands, Southern Open, St. Louis Open and Ohio Opens, as well as The Orange Bowl Sunshine Open and Las Vegas Invitational.

Renny served as an IHSA wrestling rules interpreter and IHSA wrestling clinician. He has served on the IHSA official advisory committee and supervisor for officials for the IHSA individual and dual team state championships. Renny has also developed a power-point training program that deals with conflict resolutions. The IHSA has adopted this program for training during Level II credited wrestling officials clinics. Renny has authored a number of articles for both state and national magazines.

A past board member of the IWCOA (officials representative), Renny was honored as Official of the Year by the IWCOA in 1990. Twice he has received Official of the Year for the State of Illinois by the National Federation of High Schools, Officials Association. He has also been inducted into both the Eastern Illinois University Athletic Hall of Fame (wrestling & soccer) in 1990 and the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 1994. In 1979 the Community of Charleston honored him with their Community Distinguished Service Award. In 2003, Renny was honored by the IHSA as Honorary Referee at the Boys State Track Championships Finals. In 2004 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the IHSA Individual State Wrestling Championship Finals. He was selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the 2011 IESA State Finals. In 2009, the National Hall of Fame and Museum—Illinois Chapter honored Renny with its Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

Bert Kraus

LaGrange

Born in Madison, WI, Bert Kraus never wrestled in high school or college. He took control of the Lyons wrestling program in 1956 upon the retirement of legendary Max Armer, himself an IWCOA Hall of Fame member. Over the course of the next fifteen seasons the Kraus-led Lions became a force to be reckoned with—at both the conference level (West Suburban) as well as the state level. In an era where 12-15 dual meets in a season was normal, the Lions averaged more than ten dual-meet wins each season. Bert's squads won 159 dual meets, seven conference titles and four IHSA district titles. In 1962, Bert's squad finished sixth in the IHSA State Tournament. The following year, in 1963, Lyons moved up a notch by placing fifth in the state tournament. Twenty-six individuals under Bert's tutelage, qualified for the IHSA State Championships with eleven earning place medals—two of those winning State Champions.

Like many Hall of Famers, Bert's contributions to the sport exceeded his mat-side efforts. In the early 1960's, Bert was persuaded by Dick Coldren and Ken Kraft, two Northwestern Alumni and IWCOA Hall of Famers, along with Jack Heimer as they sought to create a collegiate tournament in the Midwest during colleges' winter break. Through the efforts of these four they put together what was first called the Mid-American Wrestling Tournament. Today this tournament, renamed The Midlands, is perhaps one of the most prestigious open tournaments in the country. When the Midlands quickly out grew its original venue, the YMCA in LaGrange, Bert offered to run the tournament at his high school. Consequently, for the next seven years the Midlands would be held at Lyons Township High School.

Well organized and focused, Bert was a master at getting people to work together. Ken Kraft has said "The key to Bert was Bert. He just had that special quality. He worked so well with people."

Bert went on to receive a master's degree in education from Northwestern University and shifted from teaching physical education to serving as a guidance counselor at Lyons Township High School. For 17 years he was director of the Corral, a youth center on the Lyons Township campus for dances and other events. He was, for many years, the tennis pro at the LaGrange Country Club.

Bert was also a licensed mat official. Through his officiating career he has been assigned to work at a variety of levels. In 1978 he worked the NCAA Division III Championships. The following year he officiated at the NCAA Division I Regional at Las Vegas. Finally, in 1982 Bert was assigned to officiate the NCAA Division I Championships.

This pioneer of Illinois wrestling was honored by his peers in 1976 when the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association inducted Bert into the Hall of Fame. In 1997 Bert was selected as a Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Tournament. For his many contributions to the sport of wrestling the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter bestowed upon Bert its Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award in 2008. Bert passed away in May, 2009.

Robert I. Jones

Decatur

Robert I. (Bob) Jones began his wrestling career at Decatur Eisenhower High School in 1959 and was a state qualifier in 1962. After high school he enlisted in the United State Marine Corps where he wrestled and coached the Marine Wrestling Team while stationed at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He was training for the Olympic trials when in 1966 his unit was ordered to Viet Nam, where he would receive several combat awards, including the Purple Heart.

After being honorably discharged from the Marine Corps, Bob became a volunteer coach at Clinton High School, where he was a part of the school's 22-0 squad in 1969. He was also involved in the starting of the Decatur YMCA Wrestling Club. Bob became a wrestling official in 1968 and would go on to officiate in 34 IHSA regionals, 31 sectionals, 16 individual IHSA state finals and four IHSA Dual Team State finals. Bob has been involved at working at the IHSA state tournament as a referee, bench official, weigh-in official or combinations since 1977. He has also refereed over 80 post-season events for the Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation since 1971 and presided over three state finals for the IESA before retiring from officiating in 2006. A 1994 inductee into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame, Bob was a Grand Marshal for the IKWF State Finals in 1999 and was a Grand Marshal for the IHSA State Finals in 2006.

Bob continues to help at all levels of wrestling, including either officiating or helping with the Clinton Holiday Tournament for all 44 years of its existence, volunteering at the IHSA State tournament (either the individual or Dual Team), as well as helping with other various area tournament.

Bob was the Decatur 1988 Decatur City Bowling Tournament All Events Champion.

In addition to all of the time and effort that Bob gives to the sport of wrestling, he is always accompanied by his lovely bride, Sharron. She also works side by side at events that Bob attends.

Murney Lazier

Western Springs

Murney Lazier began his educational career as a student at Mattoon High School, where he was a star athlete. His college career was at the University of Illinois. He began coaching at Evanston High School where he was the wrestling coach for six years. During this time he had 70 dual meet wins and won the Suburban League championship, the first and only in school history. He also won a sectional and had eight state place-winners. Murney was also the Head Football coach at Evanston for 17 years. He had 117 wins and coached 6 undefeated seasons. This was a period before the IHSA playoffs. Murney later served as the Athletic Director for Evanston Township High School.

Murney worked as an official for over twenty years, during which time he officiated 15 regionals, 14 sectionals and six state championships. He also officiated the Big Ten Championships 10 times and served as the head official 4 times. He has worked as an official for the NCAA Division I National Championships four times and worked the Midlands Championships twice.

Serving as a rules interpreter for the IHSA for ten years, Murney helped to standardize wrestling rules and officiating mechanics.

Murney was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame in 1984 and is also enshrined in the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Murney was also inducted into the Mattoon High School Hall of Fame. In 1988 Murney was selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the IHSA Individual State Tournament.

Eural “Mac” McLaughlin Joliet

A graduate in the top 10% of his class from Chicago (Dunbar), Mac McLaughlin earned varsity letters in football, wrestling, baseball and track. He was a state qualifier in wrestling his senior year.

Mac went to North Central College in Naperville and graduated in 1964. He won varsity letters in football, wrestling and baseball. He was named to the North Central College All-Century Football team in 1998 as a defensive back. He was also inducted into North Central's Hall of Fame. Mac went on to play one year of professional football in the Canadian Football League with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders.

In 1966 Mac began his teaching and coaching career at Joliet Central High School. He earned the name Coach Mac once he was hired as Physical Education instructor, dean and coach. He has coached both male and female sports as a head coach or an assistant coach during his 43 years in education. He was the head football coach for Joliet Central from 1986-1988 and the head badminton coach for Joliet Central for the 1976 season. In 2000 he served as an assistant coach for Joliet Central's State Championship softball team.

Coach Mac was the head wrestling coach at Joliet Central from 1969 to 2010. He was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 1991.

During his tenure as head coach for Joliet Central and Joliet Township Mac has accomplished the following:

- Over 600 dual meet wins (605-197)
- 6 Conference Championships
- 1 Dual Team State Championship (1985)
- 5 additional top ten state finishes
- 7 individual state champions
- 8 individual state finalist runners up
- 41 additional individual state place winners
- Over 100 state qualifiers

Mac has also worked as a state tournament bench official since 1996. He was named IWCOA Coach of the Year in 1985 and in 2004 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal at the IHSA Individual State Championships.

I.W.C.O.A. Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Adams, Vernon "Art"	2009	Cozzi, Greg	2011
Anderson, Charles	2001	Craig, Jim	2002
Bay, Ott	2003	Cummings, Ray	2006
Bee, Floyd	2004	Custer, Jim	2007
Bowers, Jim	2007	DeRousse, Ted	2003
Botheroyd, Bernie	2010	Dyche, George	2004
Brooks, Greg	2011	Easter, Bob	2007
Cartwright, Bill	2006	Ewoldt, Ed	2001
Cartwright, Jim	2005	Farina, Charles	2001
Cliffe, Dan	2004	Flanigan, Tom	2006
Cliffe, Joe	2003	Flavin, Don	2002
Combs, Steve	2002	Fulk, Bob	2009
Conrad, Roy	2011	Gardner, James	2003
Genovesi, Augie	2009	McCann, Terry	2007
George, Elias	2002	Miller, Wayne	2008
George, John	2008	O'Connor, Pat	2010
Geselter, Morrie	2009	Pedersen, Dr. Joe	2004
Girardi, George	2002	Pierre, Dale	2009
Hastert, Hon. Dennis	2001	Pillard, Henry	2010
Heniff, Tom	2002	Robinson, Jack	2011
Hicks, Bob	2002	Samorian, Harold "Sam"	2004
Holzer, Werner	2002	Schaus, Jon	2007
Hurley, Allen	2008	Schmitt, William "Red"	2001
Johnson, Mark	2010	Sherman, Walter	2010
King, Mark	2005	Stoudt, Jack	2003
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Paul Andreotti

Chicago (Marist)/Northwestern University

Paul Andreotti wrestled 8 years for the Orland Park Pioneers and was an undefeated state champion in 1985. He went on to Marist High School and was a four year letter winner in football as a running back. He was a four year starter in wrestling where he wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Famer Mark Gervais and had a career record of 140-9-1. He placed third in the state at 138 lbs. in 1987, state champion at 145 lbs in 1988 and was an undefeated state champion at 152 lbs. in 1989. He was a four time East Suburban Catholic Conference Champion and member of the 1987 State Championship Team and was captain of the Marist's third place 1989 team.

Paul went to attend Northwestern University to wrestle for another IWCOA Hall of Fame member, Tim Czeyski. As a scholarship athlete and a four year starter, he was a two time NCAA qualifier and a Greco-Roman All-American. He graduated with majors in economics and sociology. He earned an MBA in finance from the University of Notre Dame.

Paul is the Midwest Division Manager for PNC Mortgage, a Division of PNC Bank and has been with PNC for 15 years. He began his career in 1996 in the Wholesale Banking Management Training program gaining exposure to Credit, Treasury Management, Leasing and Capital Markets. In 1997, Paul moved into the Derivative Products Group where he had sales responsibilities for equity and interest rate risk management solutions in the markets of Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania. In 2001, Paul joined the Consumer & Business Assets Group within Retail Sales and Distribution responsible for Project Interface where he was instrumental in a number of strategic and product development projects. In 2002, Paul joined the Small Business Banking Group as the Area Sales Manager where he managed the Small Business Banking Officers in Chicago-land. In January 2004, Paul assumed the responsibilities of Executive Vice President and Market Executive of the Chicago – Metro Retail Branch Network. His responsibilities included sales strategy and implementation for all retail branches in the Chicago market, as well as retail branch expansion efforts in Chicago. In June 2006, Paul was promoted to Senior Vice President of the Midwest Division for mortgage production.

Paul is currently responsible for mortgage production in eight states consisting of six regions with a total of 450 mortgage loan originators.

Prior to joining PNC, Paul worked as a residential mortgage loan officer for Norwest Mortgage.

Paul currently lives in Lemont with his wife, Katie and five children. He has coached at many levels with several sports.

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Jeff Bowers

Bloomington

A 1980 graduate of Bloomington High School, Jeff Bowers was a four year wrestler at BHS. He wrestled for his father, IWCOA Hall of Fame Member and National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter Lifetime Service Award Winner Jim Bowers. Jeff becomes the thirteenth IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee whose father is also a member of the IWCOA Hall of Fame. He was a sectional champion as a senior and placed sixth at the state meet at 167 lb. and finished with a 76-24 varsity career record. Jeff was named Chuck Murdoch Central Illinois Outstanding wrestler in 1980. He also played football and was named to the All Area Team in baseball.

Jeff went on to George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, he played baseball while. Jeff was named to the All-Conference Team and he received his B.S degree in economics in 1985.

Upon his graduation, Jeff returned to Illinois and began serving wrestling as an official. He received his first IHSA regional tournament assignment 1991 and has worked in 20 regionals since that time. He has also worked 15 individual sectionals and 10 dual team sectionals. In 1999 he was appointed to officiate the IHSA Dual Team State Finals and in 2001 he was appointed his first IHSA Individual State Finals. He has worked 5 dual team and 8 individual state tournaments. In addition, Jeff has worked the IESA State Finals 9 times. In 2010 Jeff was appointed to officiate the U.S. vs. Illinois All Star Meet.

Jeff has served on the IHSA Official's Advisory Committee from 2008-2010. In 2005 he was selected as IWCOA Official of the Year and in 2009 the National Federation of High Schools selected Jeff as Illinois Official of the Year.

Jeff currently serves as Corporate Accounts Manager for Reagent Chemical & Research.

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Don Devine

Crystal Lake

Don Devine attended Bloomington High School where wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Member and National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter Lifetime Service Award Winner Jim Bowers. Since Bloomington did not have a junior high wrestling program at the time, he didn't begin wrestling until his sophomore year. He wrestled varsity for two years and was a district and sectional champion. He is a 1961 graduate of Bloomington High School.

He attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale to wrestle for another IWCOA Hall of Famer, Jim Wilkinson. He earned a scholarship after he made the varsity lineup as a freshman. While he was at Southern, the school competed as an independent. Southern finished 6th and 4th in the NCAA Division I finals and during Don's final year of competition he was team captain, most valuable wrestler and was an NCAA tournament quarter-finalist.

Don received his bachelors and masters degree at Southern Illinois. His doctorate in statistics and measurement and post doctorate certification in accounting are from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

While working towards his Masters, Don served as an assistant coach at SIU where he recruited and coached several NCAA Division I All Americans and one Olympian. In 1972 he went to Cary-Grove High School, a school without a feeder program. He was head coach for seven years, had five state qualifiers, 2 junior national All Americans and one junior World Champion. Two of his wrestlers went on to place 2nd in the NCAA Division II finals. At that time this qualified those wrestlers for the Division I finals. Cary-Grove won their first Northwest Suburban Conference championship during his coaching tenure. In 1979 Don became athletic director at Cary-Grove and relinquished his coaching duties.

In 1989 Don went into private insurance business.

Don was a registered IHSA wrestling official for many years. He helped organize, run and officiate many of the early federation (later IKWF) freestyle tournaments in Illinois.

From 2003 to the present Don has served as a committee member of the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter. He is a member of Rotary International and was president of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers Rotary.

2012 IWCOA Hall of Fame Inductees

Jim Dunn

Lawrenceville

A 1964 graduate of Centralia High School, Jim Dunn participated in football, basketball and baseball. He continued playing baseball at Centralia Junior College and for one year at Eastern Illinois University. While at Eastern, Jim became friends with several members of the EIU wrestling team. Through these friendships, Jim's interest in wrestling grew. This new interest grew further during his student teaching at Lawrenceville High School. This is where Jim met IWCOA Hal of Fame Member Bob Strange, who became his mentor and friend.

In 1969, Jim began his teaching and coaching career at St. Francisville High School. He had six academic preparations and coached all sports. In 1974, St. Francisville consolidated with Lawrenceville High School. Jim joined the Lawrenceville High School staff as a Physical Education/Drivers Education/History teacher and became the assistant wrestling coach under Don Myers. Two years later he took over the head coaching duties. He served in that position until 1997, when he became the Athletic Director and Dean of Students at Lawrenceville. He continued in that position until his retirement in 2006.

During Jim's tenure at Lawrenceville he produced 150 individual sectional qualifiers, 62 individual state qualifiers and 9 individual state place-winners. His teams won nine sectional team championships, 13 regional team championships and 16 conference titles. He had three teams qualify for the Dual Team State Tournament with one team placing 3rd in 1984 and another placing 4th in 1985. He also started the Lawrence County Tournament in 1976. His teams compiled a 337-79-3 record in his 21 years as head coach.

Jim wrote a booklet on the early history of Lawrenceville High School Wrestling (1939-1980). He served on the Lawrence County board for 20 years and was chairman of the finance committee. He is a member of the Illinois High School & College Drivers Education Association, Illinois Dean of Students Association and Illinois Southeastern Officials Association.

In addition to wrestling, Jim was a track coach. Between St. Francisville and Lawrenceville High Schools, he compiled a 102-66 record with 15 state qualifiers and 10 place winners. Beyond the school walls, Jim has been involved in teaching and coaching youth programs since he was in high school. He also has coached summer league baseball, softball, and youth football.

With the help of Terry Hoke, Jim organized the Lawrenceville Youth Wrestling Program in the late 1970's, which is still very successful. He was president of the youth program for four years. But Jim hasn't quit, yet—he is coaching wrestling at LHS as an assistant to coach Tom Tewell.

Jim lives in rural St. Francisville with his wife of 42 years, Barbara. They have three grown daughters, five grandsons and two granddaughters.

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Craig Fallico

Maine South

Craig Fallico attended Loyola Academy and Williams Bay High Schools where he was a three sport athlete, participating in football, wrestling and baseball. He attended Marquette University and began coaching soon after graduation in 1981.

Craig's first coaching position was at Marist High School as an assistant varsity wrestling coach and head sophomore football coach. In 1982 he moved to Gordon Tech and began his thirty plus partnership with Coach Dennis McCann, an IWCOA Hall of Fame Member. As an assistant, he worked and drilled with the varsity wrestlers, helped recruit wrestlers from hallways and PE classes while adding a contagious brand of enthusiasm to the athletes of our great sport that still exists today. At Gordon Tech, his contributions helped establish numerous individual Catholic League champions, a regional championship squad, several; state qualifiers and state medalists.

In 1987, along with Coach McCann, he moved to Maine South High School as full time teacher and assistant coach.

In 1997 Craig became Head Coach at Maine South and has continued the program success. Maine South wrestling has produced 10 Central Suburban League Championship teams, a handful of regional titles, dozens of state qualifiers and numerous state medal winners. His dual meet record is currently 268-88, for a .750 winning percentage. He was inducted into the Maine South Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Craig has also been instrumental in the last decade of success for Illinois Freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling. He has been a National Team Coach, a Director and personally sponsored our first Illinois Cadet National Dual Team in 2002. He has traveled throughout the country coaching, managing and supervising Cadet and Junior National teams. He has hosted tournaments, run tournaments, and even represented Illinois as an international style referee.

Coach Fallico is no stranger to kids wrestling, either. He helped to create IKWF Teams at Gordon Tech, helped coach the Rosemont Cobras along with fellow IWCOA Class of 2012 Hall of Fame inductee Don Morrissey and has been an assistant with the Maine Eagles. He has hosted and directed more than a dozen IKWF regional tournaments.

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Craig's passion and enthusiasm for the sport, his dedication to the athletes who he teaches and coaches, his competitive spirit, his commitment and work ethic are all respected and admired by everyone who knows him.

Craig and his wife Jennie have five children and have been married for 29 years. He is a fun (and demanding) teacher of Spanish at Maine South and a successful Real Estate Broker for 30 years.

Dr. Bernard Feldman, MD

Palos Park

Born in Philadelphia, Bernard Feldman attended Lower Merion High School in Ardmore, PA. He attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and was a 1961 graduate.

For almost 30 years, Doctor Bernard Feldman has donated his time and expertise to providing quality medical services to the wrestling community, both within the United States and around the world.

He has worked at over 130 international events since he began his career in wrestling in 1983, where he volunteered his time to work as the Medical Director for the Junior World Wrestling Championships in Oak Lawn, IL. According to Dr. Feldman "I was approached by the event director, (IWCOA Hall of Fame Member) Bill Vail, to provide medical coverage. I said that I would come out for the first session and I'd have my residents work the others. I was so captured by the excitement and the intensity of the sport that I attended all twelve sessions."

Doctor Feldman has served in many capacities, doing whatever he can to assist the athletes and help the sport. He has been a FILA appointed physician, USOC appointed physician, a USA Wrestling assigned physician, a medical director, a staff physician, a team physician or a delegation member during his career. He has taken time away from his medical practice and his family to attend these events, working long hours to attend to the needs of wrestlers of all nations.

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In his various medical positions, he has traveled to 25 different countries on six continents. Major events where Doctor Feldman has served included five Olympic Games, 18 Senior World Championships, four Junior World Championships, two Cadet World Championships, five World Cups, two Pan American Games, ten Pan American Championships, one Junior Pan American Championship and one Cadet Pan American Championship. He will be attending the 2012 Olympics in London as one of four FILA appointed physicians who will provide medical care, as well as monitor drug testing, to wrestlers who compete at the Games.

He has also worked numerous major events within the United States including the U.S. Olympic Team Trials, the U.S. National Championships, the U.S. World Team Trials, the Olympic Festival, and the University National Championships, the Virginia Duals, the Concord International Greco-Roman Tournament, the NCAA Wrestling Championships, the Big 10 Wrestling Championships and many others.

Doctor Feldman is currently a member of the FILA Medical Prevention and Anti-Doping Department, having served on this FILA Commission since 2001. He has been honored with a FILA Silver Star and FILA Gold Star and he has been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame under the Order of Merit. He is the first physician to receive this national honor.

Salvatore “Sammy” Fiorella Chicago (St. Laurence)

Born in Chicago, Sammy Fiorella attended St. Bede the Venerable grade school and St. Laurence High School. He was a 1971 graduate of St. Laurence. He competed at a time when members of the Catholic League were not members of the IHSA and did not participate in the state series. He was a two-time Catholic League champion. He was scholar athlete award winner and was selected to St. Laurence Athletic Hall of Fame.

Sammy went on to Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. He was a two time NAIA All-American and was 1975 NAIA National Champion at 118 pounds. He had a career record of 101-6 and was selected to the Loras College Hall of Fame. Sammy graduated from Loras in 1975 Magna Cum Laude with a degree in accounting. He earned his MBA in Finance from DePaul University in 1986.

Upon college graduation, Sammy came back to St. Bede and began the wrestling program. He also served as an IHSA wrestling official.

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Sammy's work career began with Peoples Gas with various positions including manager, plant accounting and auditing. He currently works for SFIO Consulting, providing a wide array of regulatory consulting services to utility clients, including Ameren, Aqua Illinois, AT&T, ComEd, CleaResult, Peoples Gas, among others. He has served on State Regulatory Affairs for 16 years that was responsible for managing relations with Illinois Commerce Commission and was also responsible for the management of various cases, providing expert testimony and compliance with various rules and requirements of the ICC.

Sammy has served on the board of directors Mulliganers, Smith Senior Living and the St. Laurence Alumni Board.

Married to Noreen for 18 years, Sammy has four children and six grandchildren.

Jevon Herman

St. Charles/University of Illinois

A 1993 graduate of St. Charles High School, Jevon Herman competed for four years for the Saints. He wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Mick Ruettiger. He was a three time state place winner, finishing 2nd as a sophomore and junior. He capped off his senior year with an undefeated state title with a record of 37-0. He had a 139-11-1 career record. He was a Junior National runner-up in Greco-Roman. Jevon also played football and was an Upstate 8 All-Conference linebacker.

After high school, Jevon went on to the University of Illinois where he wrestled for another IWCOA Hall of Famer, Mark Johnson. Wrestling for the Illini, he was a four time NCAA qualifier, 2 time Big Ten runner-up and an All-American in 1998. He was also a Midlands finalist and he had a college career record of 110-45.

Jevon coached at Fox Valley Wrestling Club during the 1999-2000 season. He has worked for Republic Service for the past eleven years. He is currently the General Manager in Central Florida.

He enjoys spending time with his wife Mindy and their two sons. His other hobbies include motorcycle riding, camping, fishing, golf and enjoying live music.

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Rod Houston

Camp Point Central

Rod Houston was born in Quincy, Illinois and attended Camp Point Central High School. He graduated in 1974. Rod wrestled two years in high school under Bob Wilson. In addition to wrestling, he also participated in football and baseball. He was honorable mention All-Conference in both football and baseball.

Upon graduation from Camp Point, Rod attended Spoon River Junior College in Canton and, after receiving his Associates' Degree, went on to Western Illinois University. He played baseball for two years while at Spoon River.

Rod began his coaching career at Monmouth High School where he compiled a 7-13 record during his one year tenure. He served as head coach during his second year of coaching at Monmouth. He then moved back to his Alma Mater to take on the Head Wrestling Coaching duties.

While at Camp Point, Rod had a 418-279 career record. During this time he helped to sustain a small school program and establish wrestling tradition with-in the district. His 2009-2010 squad was Dual Team State Qualifier and he achieved his 400th career coaching victory on December 10, 2009. He stands 15th on the most wins list among Illinois coaches. He has coached at a small school that has consistently competed against larger school. Camp Point did not have a conference affiliation. He had 34 state qualifiers and two place-winners.

Rod started the IKWF program at Camp Point in the early 1990's and then worked and succeeded in starting the junior high school program soon after.

In 2010 the IWCOA recognized Rod with a Silver Level Special Recognition Award to honor his 400th career coaching victory.

Rod is listed as a Who's Who Among American Teachers 5 times. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Trinity Lutheran Church.

In addition to his coaching accomplishments, Rod was selected Area Baseball Coach of the Year in 1996.

Rod retired from coaching after the 2011 season

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Fred Johnson Augustan College/Waubonsie Valley

A 1962 graduate of West Chicago Community High School, Fred Johnson was a two year starter for the Wildcats Wrestling program under Coach Dave Dean. A Little Seven Conference Champion in 1962, Fred compiled a 19-1 record but had his appendix removed the week of the regional tournament that ended his season. He also played football and was the football MVP his senior year.

Fred attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois where he was a four year starter in football and wrestling with an overall wrestling record of 70-14-2. He was a College All-American in 1964, 1966 and 1967 and was the NCAA College National Champion @ 191 lbs in 1966. Upon graduating he served as an assistant coach for the 1967-68 season at Augustana. Following graduate school he served four years as the head wrestling coach at Princeton High School. He became an assistant at Oswego High School in 1974 and opened a new program at Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora Illinois in 1975. His teams have won six Regional Championships and three Conference Championships. His overall career coaching record is 271-99. He had 25 state qualifiers, 11 place winners and 3 State champions.

He is a member of the Augustana College Hall of Fame for football and wrestling and is also a member of the Waubonsie Valley Coaches Hall of Fame.

He retired from teaching in 2005 and lives today in the Knoxville, Tennessee area with his wife of 36 years, JoAnn.

Gerald A. "Jerry" Johnson New Lenox Lincoln-Way

Jerry Johnson was born in Joliet and grew up on a family dairy farm southwest of Joliet. He attended Joliet Township HS, where he participated in football and wrestling. He was coached by IWCOA and Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Famer Ray Klootwyk. His senior year he was a regional champion and placed third at sectional.

He attended Colorado College in Colorado Springs, CO, where he was a 4 year starter on the football team. The school did not offer interscholastic wrestling, so he did some intramural wrestling and coached at a small private high school. He was chemistry major and obtained a teaching certificate.

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His first job was at Dakota HS in Dakota, IL where he was assistant football coach, head wrestling coach and taught science and math. He started the wrestling program in Dakota, a community where most had never seen a folk style wrestling match.

After two years at Dakota, he was employed by Lincoln-Way HS in New Lenox, IL. He taught science and was an assistant coach in football and wrestling. In 1973 he was named Lincoln-Way's head wrestling coach. In the next 14 years he guided the Knights to 14 straight winning seasons with a dual record of 184-48-2 and two undefeated seasons. They won 8 tournament titles (4 conference championships, 2 regional and 1 sectional). Twenty-eight individuals won conference championships, 18 state medals and six teams finished in the top 20 of the state. One former wrestler went on to capture a Pan AM gold medal and another was an NCAA Division I national champion.

Following his retirement from coaching, Jerry became an official progressing from registered to recognized to certified. He worked many matches and tournaments including regional and sectional meets. In 1993, he was named SICA Wrestling Coaches Association Official of the Year. He also has been the announcer in both dual meets and tournaments assisting in the management of several tournaments.

Don Mekeel

Sterling

Don Mekeel graduated from Dixon High School in 1971. In 1971 he was the wrestling team captain, an NCIC Conference champion, and sectional qualifier in the 132 pound weight class. He was coached by IWCOA Hall of Famers Wayne Morse and Ron Semetis.

After high school, Don earned a Bachelor's Degree from Illinois State University and a Masters Degree from Northern Illinois University. Don wrestled four years earning 2 varsity letters for the Division I Illinois State Redbirds. His college coach was another Hall of Famer, Dr. Robert Koehler.

Don began teaching at Rock Falls High School and then went to Sterling High School in 1976 as a Driver's Education teacher. While at Sterling, he coached wrestling, cross country, and track. While coaching girls cross country, his 1980 team finished 11th at the IHSA State Cross Country meet and the 1981 team placed 5th. Don coached wrestling at Sterling for nine years, from 1994-2003.

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During his tenure, the wrestling teams had 140 wins. The 2002 team advanced to the Elite 8 and is the only Sterling team to qualify for the IHSA State Dual Team Tournament. His 2002 team won a Sterling High School record 24 dual meets as well as Championships at the Carson DeJarnatt Invite, NCIC Conference, and IHSA Regional. During this time he coached 18 NCIC Champions, 14 IHSA state qualifiers, 3 state place-winners and ten wrestlers with 100 or more wins. Don was nominated by the IWCOA Coach of the Year in 2002 and was chosen by Sauk Valley Newspapers as wrestling Coach of the Year three times.

For nine years Don coached the Sauk Valley Freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling Club and produced several state champions and 4 All-Americans at the AAU Grand Nationals. He has supervised the Unit 5 Matmen youth wrestling program and directed the "All-American Wrestling Camp" bringing nearly 50 Division I All-American wrestlers to the Sterling area to instruct young wrestlers. He has also established the Sterling Wrestling Club which has awarded over \$25,000 in scholarships and financial aid to wrestlers.

In addition to his coaching, Don has been a wrestling official for 37 years. He has been teaching officiating clinics the past 8 years and has recruited 45 new wrestling officials in that time. He has had the honor of officiating the IHSA Individual State tournament 4 times and the Dual Team State Championships six times. He served as the Head Official at the 2012 IHSA Dual Team State Tournament. He has officiated the IKWF State Championships 4 times. Don is an IHSA Official Clinician, rules interpreter and he serves on the IWCOA advisory board. He is also NCAA certified and has officiated the Midlands Tournament at Northwestern University 3 times.

Don currently resides in Sterling with his wife, Diane. He has two sons, Ryan and Christopher, and two daughters, Allison and Leslie. Don retired from teaching in 2008.

Ben Morris

Bensenville (Fenton)/University of Minnesota

A 1987 graduate of Fenton High School in Bensenville, Ben Morris wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Member Steve Weiss. He was a 1987 graduate of Fenton. During his high school career he compiled a 169-9 record and earned four state medals. He was a member of one of the classic Illinois wrestling trilogies with three wrestlers each trading state titles during a three year period, with Ben winning his senior year. Ben place 3rd in the state his freshman year, was second his sophomore year, placed 3rd his junior and was a State Champion his senior year. He was a 3 time State Freestyle Champion and won the USA Junior National in 1984. In 1987 he was selected as Fenton High School Co-Athlete of the Year. He also played football while in high school.

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Ben went on to the University of Minnesota to wrestle for Jay Robinson and the Gophers. While at Minnesota he compiled a 62-33-2 record in two complete years and limited action in two additional years. He placed 6th in the Midlands in 1990 and 6th in the Big Ten in 1990 to earn a trip to the NCAA Championships.

Ben began his coaching career at Northern Illinois University, serving under Dave Grant. He later moved on to Elmhurst College as he finished up his teaching requirements. In 2000 he became the assistant coach to IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Joe Cliffe at Prairie Central. During his tenure with the Hawks, they placed three at the state meet as Prairie Central earned their first state trophy in 2003 with a fourth place finish.

He then moved on to Stillman Valley in 2004 and guided the Cardinals for six years. During that time Stillman had 26 state qualifiers, 15 place-winners and 4 champions. His teams also earned three state trophies. His Cardinals were 123-25 during his tenure. In 2010 Ben became the head wrestling coach at Batavia High School.

Ben and his wife Sarah have two children and they currently reside in DeKalb.

Don Morrissey

Rosemont/Putnam

Don Morrissey began his wrestling career at the University of Illinois at Champaign. He was a three year letter winner for the Illini. After graduating in 1961, he started the wrestling program at Minooka High School. After leading the program for a ten year period, Don founded the Rosemont Cobras and was its cornerstone for 30 years.

During his tenure, the Cobras won more than 50 tournaments, had 111 state qualifiers, 18 state place-winners and 2 state champions. The Cobras placed 6th in the IKWF Duals in 1993 and qualified in 1994. They placed 3rd in the Novice in 1994 and tied for 4th in the senior division in 1995. Nineteen former Cobras went on to place at the IHSA State Tournament, 2 of those were state champions. Former Cobras also had multiple freestyle and Greco-Roman accomplishments including 1 cadet Greco-Roman champion, 1 National Junior College All-American, 2 Espior All-American, 1 NCAA Division III All-American, 1 NCAA Division I All-American and 1 world qualifier.

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Don also produced a strong family of wrestlers. His four sons all had prominent careers and won many awards.

Don served as director of the North Suburban Sectional for several terms. During that period, membership nearly doubled. In 1989, Don began hosting the Cobra Classic at the Rosemont Horizon (now the Allstate Arena). For five seasons, 1200 wrestlers participated, making the event one of the largest one day kids' tournaments in the world.

Don was selected as Grand Marshal for the IKWF State Tournament in 1994. He was also recognized for his outstanding classroom teaching by the Illinois Board of Education in the "Those Who Excel" program in 1993.

Don currently lives on a small farm near Henry, IL and grows and sells produce.

Dennis Ragan

Carbondale

Born in Granite City, Dennis Ragan wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Red Schmitt at Granite City. He had a varsity record of 50-7 and was captain of Granite City's undefeated team. He was a graduate of the class of 1973.

Dennis went on to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and wrestled for another IWCOA Hall of Fame member and National Hall of Fame Distinguished Member, Larry Kristoff. A varsity letter winner at SIU-E, he placed 1st and 3rd in the National AAU Masters Tournament.

Dennis has coached at Carbondale for 32 years. He has a career dual meet record of 349-225. He has coached fifty state qualifiers, seven place-winners and 2 state champions. His teams have won 13 regional championships and one sectional title. His 1990 team qualified for the IHSA Dual Team State Tournament and his 2009 team finished in the top 16. Both his daughter and his son qualified for the state tournament, his being the only freshman girl to do so. For the past nine summers Dennis has coached with Team Illinois and has been the Head Woman's coach for four years.

Dennis has been named Southern Illinois Coaches Association Coach of the Year seven times.

In addition to his duties as Head Wrestling Coach and Teacher at Carbondale High School, Dennis has served as a football coach for 26 years.

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Sam Wasserstrom

Norridge (Ridgewood)

Sam Wasserstrom was born in Chicago where he started his wrestling career at Lane Technical High School. Sam attended Lane from 1968 to 1972. Wrestling for Sam Bronswick, he was a four time letterman and had a record of 97-17. In 1971 he qualified for the state wrestling tournament. In 1972 he was their team captain. After graduating from Lane Tech Sam attended Mayfair Junior College where he wrestled and played baseball. He wrestled for Ralph Lonergan where he was their captain and MVP. He also was 4th and 2nd in the Region IV wrestling tournament, thus qualifying for the Junior College Nationals. In 1974 he transferred to the Northern Illinois University where he wrestled one year for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach and National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter Lifetime Service winner Donald Flavin. His college record was 47-11. Sam loved to compete in wrestling and came back to place third at the Mayor Daley Greco Open in 1978. A motorcycle accident in 1979 prevented him from further competition.

Sam's coaching career started at his alma mater in 1976, where he was an assistant coach there for 4 years; helping to send 9 wrestlers to the state tournament. In 1981 he became an assistant coach at Fenwick where he helped to start their first year program. The following year he took the Head Coaching job at Ridgewood High School where he taught and coached a variety of sports for 29 years. He served as the Head Coach from 1982 to 2008. His teams won 349 dual meets, winning 2 conference championships and 2 regional championships. In 1992 Ridgewood qualified for the State Dual Meet Tournament. Sam had 24 wrestlers that qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament. Three of these wrestlers placed and he had one State Champion. To date this was Ridgewood's first and only State Champion in any sport! He also had two wrestlers that became All-American's while wrestling in college.

Sam helped out at Freestyle and Greco Roman Wrestling tournaments working at tables, coaching and officiating. Thirteen times he had wrestlers that qualified to represent Illinois in the USA Junior Nationals at Fargo. He has also been a volunteer assistant coach at Lane from 2008 to 2011.

Sam also was an IHSA official in baseball, softball and wrestling. He served as President of the Ridgewood Teachers Union for 17 years, during this time he sat on the Executive Board of Local 1274.

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1976	Vern "Art" Adams	Normal Lane	1981	Clarence Blunk	Blue Island
1997	Andre Allen	Tech/Northwester Univ.	2008	Sean Bormet	New Lenox (Providence)/Univ. of Michigan
2005	Rick Amy	Taylor Ridge (Rockridge)	1996	Bernie Botheroyd	Glenbard West
1998	Jerry Ancona	Roselle (Lake Park)	1985	James Bowers	Bloomington
1979	Charles Anderson	Savanna	1994	Randall C. Bowman	LeRoy
2000	Dave Anderson	Palos Hills (Stagg)	2001	Kevin Bracken	Burbank (St.Laurence)/NIU
2011	Greg Anderson	Peoria	1994	Rex Branum	Lincoln College
1999	Norman Anthonisen	Chicago (Bowen)	1999	Gregory Brooks	Chicago (Fenger)
1997	Dr. Robert Antonacci	Chicago (Lindbloom)	2002	David Brost	New Lenox
1990	Robert Antonides	Chicago (Morgan Park)	1985	George Brown	Rock Island
2010	Fred Arkin	Oak Park	2008	Mike Bukovsky	Lombard (Montini)
2008	Tom Arlis	Naperville (North)/Batavia	2003	Allen Bulow	Glenbrook South
1978	Max Armer	LaGrange	1990	Howard Byram	Niles East
2003	Les Armes	Normal (U-High)/Joliet JC	2006	Brett Camden	Mahomet-Seymour
2006	Dave Ball	Hillsboroe	2008	Bob Campbell	Rich Central
1980	Lester Bandy	Danville	1996	Tom Carmody	Jacksonville
1979	Tony Barbaro	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	2001	James Carnahan	Rock Island
1996	Bruce Bartosz	Antioch	2010	Dan Carroll	Chicago (St. Rita)
2002	Russ Baum	Cahokia	1993	Bill Cartwright	Maywood (Proviso East)
2006	Urban Baum	Belleville (East)	1993	Jim Cartwright	Hoffman Estates (Conant)
2006	Mike Bay	Waukegan	2010	Jim Chaloupka	Chicago
1972	Ott Bay	Waukegan	2000	Curt Christenson	Pontiac/Normal (U-High)
1973	Rick Bay	Waukegan	2005	Tony Clarke	Zion
2006	Steve Bay	Waukegan	2010	Terry Clarke	Elmhurs (York)
1995	Howard Becker	Wilmington	1993	Dan Cliffe	DeKalb
1989	Floyd Bee	Lincoln	1993	Joe Cliffe	Plano/Fairbury (Prairie Central)
1975	Don Behm	New Trier/Michigan State	1998	Ron Clinton	Univ. of Illinois/EIU
2001	Ernest Benion	Romeoville/Univ of Illinois	2010	Ron Coit	Farmer City
1995	William Benner	Peotone	1989	Dick Coldren	Northerwestern University
2001	Al Berman	Palatine	1999	Niall Collins	Oak Park
2000	Larry Bernard	Bolingbrook	1975	Steve Combs	Moline
2003	Ron Bessemer	Harper JC	1987	Frank "Chico" Coniglio	Murphysboro
1987	Bob Billberg	Libertyville	1975	Roy Conrad	Chicago (Schurz)
1988	Fred Bishop	Proviso	1989	Ray Conrad	River Grover
2003	Jerry Blew	Roselle (Lake Park)	2000	Randy Conrad	Frankin Park (East Leyde)/Iowa St.

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2003	Gary Cook	Argenta-Oreana	2000	Dale Eggert	Libertyville
1998	Mike Cookas	Joliet West	1998	Rob Eiter	Arlington Heights (St. Vialtor)
2011	Lloyd Corwin	Rock Island/Cornell College	2007	Trevor Elliott	Sandwich/Indiana Univ.
2008	Kevin Cotter	Byron	1979	John Ellis	Palatine
1995	Greg Cozzi	Palatine	1973	Robert Emmons	Lawrenceville
1987	James Craig	Oak Lawn	1996	Tom Erikson	Bloom Township
1980	Ben Crisler	Harvey (Thorton)	2002	Gene Everett	Gibson City
1990	Raymond Cummings	Tolono	1975	Ed Ewoldt	Wheaton
2008	Dr. David Curby	Lyons	2005	Phil Fallen	Chicago (Amundsen)
1974	James Custer	Pekin	1973	Charles Farina	Franklin Park (East Leyden)
2002	Jack Cutlip	Arlington Heights	1985	Mike Farina	Elmhurs (York)
1991	Tim Cysewski	Glenbrook South/Univ.of Iowa	2004	Jim Farina	Franklin Park (East Leyden)
1973	Ted Czech	Thorton	2000	Dan Farinosi	Hoffman Estates
1990	Glen Dallman	Byron	1994	Charles O. Feutz	Hoffman Estates (Conant)
1998	John D'Ambrosio	Midlothian (Bremen)	2011	Frank Filippi	Glen Ellyn
1991	Wayne Dannehl	Antioch	1982	Terry Finn	Oak Lawn/SIU-C
2007	T.C. Dantzler	Thornwood/NIU	1974	John Fitzgerald	Burbank (Reavis)
1994	George Dare	Coal City	1993	Tom Flanigan	Univ. of Ill-Chicago Circle
2008	Jon Davis	Edwardsville	1977	Don Flavin	DeKalb/NIU
2011	Tony Davis	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)/Northern Iowa	2001	Charles Fletcher	Machessney Park (Harlem)
1978	Carson DeJarnatt	Sterling	2005	Carmelo Flores	Chicago (Lakeview)
1978	Ted DeRousse	Antioch	1988	Roy Fowley	East Aurora
1991	Archie Deutschmann	Urbana	2003	Ed Fox	Wheeling
1991	Pat Devine	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	1993	Michial Foy	Thornwood
1996	Donald Dickason	Champaign	1988	William Friberg	Franklin Park (East Leyden)
1985	Emil "Butch" Diewald	Homewood-Flossmoor	2011	Dave Froehlich	Rolling Meadows
2008	Tim Dodge	Lindenhurst	1985	Bob Fulk	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
2007	David Douglas	Chicago (Luther So.)/Thornridge/Ariz. St. Univ.	2000	Dan Fulscher	Lincoln
1981	Wirt Downing	East St. Louis	2006	Dave Gannaway	IHSA/Normal
2004	Gene Drendel	Naperville	1986	Jim Gardner	Springfield/EIU
1993	Leo "Skip" Dunn	Rich East	1989	Jack Gardner	Springfield
2007	Lindsey Durlacher	Buffalo Grove/Univ. of Illinois	2001	Mike Garland	Granite City
1987	George Dyche	West Aurora	1987	Don S. Garner	Wheaton
1985	Bob Easter	Peoria (Richwoods)	2004	Harold Garrett	Bloomington
2009	Dave Eberhard	Oswego	1994	Renshaw Garshelis	Charleston
			1995	Larry Gassen	Downers Grove (South)

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2001	Tom	Gauger	Burbank (St.Laurence)	1986	Al	Hanke	Elmhurst College
1994	Augie	Genovesi	Nles (Notre Dame)	2001	Lou	Hankenson	Charleston
1973	Elias	George	Evanston	2007	Reid	Hanley	Claredon Hills
1977	John	George	Evergreen Park	1988	Bert	Hanlin	East Moline
1982	Pete	George	Bensenville (Fenton)	1978	Charles	Hanson	Glenbrook North
2002	Walt	Gerber	Rock Island	2005	Quintroy	Harrell	Harvey Twisters
1997	Lon	Gerrish	Sandwich	1980	Honorable Dennis	Hastert	Yorkville
1995	Mark	Gervais	Chicago (Marist)	2006	Keith	Healy	Chicago(St. Laurence)/Univ. of Ill/Providence
1993	Morrie	Geselter	Deerfield	1982	Tom	Heniff	Oak Lawn (Richards)
2008	Gary	Giardini	Rockford (East)	2009	Emiliano	Hernandez	Des Plaines (Maines East)
2009	Ron	Gibson	Naperville	1972	Bob	Hicks	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
1994	Ed	Giese	Bensenville (Fenton)/Univ. of Minn.	1979	Eugene	Hill	Illinois State
1999	Joey	Gilbert	Tinley Park (Andrew)/Univ. of Michigan	2011	Jeff	Hill	Petersburg (PORTA)
1978	George	Girardi	Normal (U- High)/Illinois State Univ.	2001	Robert	Holland	Franklin Park (East Leyden)/EIU
1976	Brad	Glass	New Trier	1994	Dan	Holm	Libertyville/Univ. of Iowa
1993	Perry	Goransen	Joliet Township	1993	Richard	Holtfreter	Harvard
1991	Don	Govoni	Joliet	1976	Werner	Holzer	Chicago (Schurz)/Univ of Illinois
1974	Kenneth	Greene	Rock Island	2003	Bill	Honeycutt	Woodridge
2001	John	Gremer	Urbana	1993	Ken	Houston	Oak Lawn/SIU-C
1998	Jack	Griffin	Palos Hills (Stagg)/Northwerterni Univ.	1979	Jarrett	Hubbard	Joliet West/Univ. of Michigan
2010	Bob	Grizzi	Reavis	2008	Matt	Hughes	Hillsboro/EIU
1974	Charles	Gross	Peoria	1973	Allen	Hurley	New Trier
2003	Stan	Gruszka	Naperville (North)	1984	Terry	Isaacson	Oak Park
1993	John	Guira	Oak Park-River Forest/Univ of Wisc.	2007	David	Jackson	Reavis
2009	Ray	Guzak	Blue Island/NIU	1981	Joe	James	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
2001	Tim	Haak	Harvard	1988	Tom	Jarman	Northerwestern Univ./Wheaton College
2006	Mark	Hahn	Carol Stream (Glenbard North)	1987	Mark	Johnson	Rock Island (Alleman)/Univ. of Michigan
2005	Robert "Moose"	Handlin	Mahomet-Seymour	2003	Tom	Johnson	Bismarck-Henning
				2007	Tom	Johnson	Chatham-glenwood

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2008	Johnny	Johnson	North Chicago/NIU	1976	Glen "Newt"	Law	University of Illinois
2005	Gene	Johnston	Oak Forest	1984	Murney	Lazier	Evanston
1980	Amos	Jones	North Chicago	2009	Don	Ledin	Chicago
1988	Lou	Kachiroubas	University of Illinois	2011	Rob	Ledin	Mahomet-Seymour
2000	John	Kading	Glenbard South	1980	Jack	Leese	East Leyden
2010	Marty	Kaiser	Rockton (Hononegah)	2002	Harry	Lester	Moline
1993	Alvin	Kaltofen	College of DuPage	1989	Tony	Licocci	Rock Falls
2002	Larry	Kanke	Geneseo	1996	Jon	Llewellyn	Hinsdale (Central)/Univ. of Illinois
1998	Billy	Kelly	Oak Lawn (Richards)/Iowa State	2008	John	Lockhart	Mahomet-Seymour/Univ. of Illinois
1998	Jerry	Kelly	Oak Lawn (Richards)/Oklahoma State	2001	Fred	Loffredo	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
1972	Harold "Hek"	Kenney	University of Illinois	2010	Bob	Long	Yorkville
2004	Richard	Kerby	Chicago (KelvynPark)	1997	Norman	Lovelace	Harper JC
1999	Donald	Kienlen	Joliet Township	1999	Richard	Lovellette	Litchfield
1994	Mark	King	LaGrange Lyons Twp.	1991	Ed	Luety	Melrose Park
2011	Allen	Kirgan	Granite City	1987	Al	Lundy	Calumet City
1998	Dave	Klemm	Lincoln/EIU	1999	Ronald	Magruder	Wheaton
1975	Ray	Klootwyk	Joliet West	2011	Jim	Mahar	Amboy
1995	Leo	Kocher	University of Chicago	1991	Wayne	Mammen	Urbana
2004	Scott	Kody	Inverness	2001	Kirk	Mammen	Urbana/Oklahoma State
1992	Bob	Koehler	Illinois State	1997	J. Michael	Manahan	Stanford (Olympia)
1992	Tom	Koenig	Bloom Township	1984	William "Billy"	Mann	Maine South/Univ of Illinois
1986	Bob	Konovsky	Morton Township	1986	Bobby	Mann	Danville
1973	Ken	Kraft	Northwestern University	1993	Richard	Mann	Hersey
1978	Art	Kraft	Northwestern/Triton	2011	Jack	Marchello	Thorton/Univ. of Michigan
1976	Bert	Kraus	LaGrange	1983	Vic	Marcucci	Reavis
2001	Alex	Kristine	Barrington	1999	Steve	Marianetti	Glenbrook North/Univ. of Illinois
1974	Larry	Kristoff	Carbondale/SIU-E	1975	Jack	Marino	Proviso East
2002	Kip	Kristoff	Bethalto/SIU-E	2009	Dave	Markwell	Fithian (Oakwood)
1987	James	Kruempelstaedter	New Trier	1977	Ken	Marlin	Champaign-Rockford/U of I
1995	Ralph	Krupke	Lake Park	1999	Bill	Marquardt	Bloomington
2009	Matt	Lackey	Moline/Univ. of Illinois	2009	Lino	Martinez	Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
2001	Tom	Lahey	Tinley Park (Andrew)	1985	Mark	Massery	Savanna/Northwestern
1992	Tony	Lambros	Chicago (Calumet)	2000	Dave	Mathews	Naperville
1992	Jerry	Lancaster	Port Byron (Riverdale)	2011	Mike	Matozzi	Darien (Hinsdale South)
2002	Ron	Larsen	Joliet	1988	Ben	McAdams	Moline

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1972	Terry	McCann	Chicago (Schurz)	1989	Bernadette	Norris	Chicago (Lakeview)
1997	Dennis	McCann	Maine South	1994	Pat	O'Connor	Glasford (Illini Bluffs)
2010	Foster	McCarthy	Champaign	1994	Ronald	Oglesby	Oak Lawn
2000	Neil	McCauley	Naperville (North)	1978	George	Olson	Wheaton College
2008	Lawrence	McCauley	Granite City	1986	Ted	Parker	Deerfield
1996	Ralph	McCausland	Wheaton (Central)/EIU	1992	Norman	Parker	Highland Park
2007	Terry	McCoy	DeKalb/Kaneland	1985	Tony	Parks	Addison Trail
2006	Harry	McGinnis	Triton JC	1978	Joseph	Patacsil	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
1991	E. Mac	McLaughlin	Joliet (Central)	1974	Buell "Pat"	Patterson	University of Illinois
1993	Major Richard	Meeks	Champaign/U of I	1995	James	Patton	Woodstock
2000	Mike	Mena	Sterling (Newman)/Iowa	1999	Fred	Pearson	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
2009	Bob	Mena	Sterling (Newman)	1996	Joe	Pedersen	Naperville
2011	Mark	Mestemacher	Edwardsville	1984	William	Peterson	Chicago (Lakeview)
1998	Larry	Milazzo	Roxana	2002	Jon	Peterson	Grayslake
1985	Don	Millard	Pekin/SIU-C	1983	Robert	Pickens	Evanston
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2011	Jim	Miller	Toledo (Cumberland)	1986	Henry	Pillard	Joliet Junior College
1990	George	Minot	Harvard/Univ. of Illinois	1987	Harold "Hop"	Pinther	Eastern Illinois Univ.
2001	Jeff	Mirabella	Elgin	1982	Don	Pittman	Champaign
2005	Bob	Mitton	Orion	2004	Rollie	Platt	Quincy
1983	Ken	Monroe	East Leyden	1973	Arnold	Plaza	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
2002	Rich	Montgomery	Sterling (Newman)/Rock Falls	1999	Michael	Polz	EIU/Sandburg
1991	Ken	Moore	Thorton	2005	John	Polz	Morton
2002	Allie	Morrison	University of Illinois	1983	Tom	Porter	Arlington Heights (Hersey)
1993	Dr. Ben	Mottleson	LaGrange	1990	Robert	Porter	Niles West
1984	Richard	Mudge	Prospect	2011	Rob	Porter	Mahomet/Naperville (Central)
2005	King	Mueller	Bolingbrook/Iowa	1996	Mike	Portincaso	Bloomington
2005	Bill	Murphy	Homewood-Flossmoor	1994	David	Powell	St. Charles/Iowa St.
2011	Rob	Murphy	Wilmington	2008	Rich	Powers	Woodstock (Marian Cent.)/UNI
1977	Homer	Musgrove	Sterling	1990	Paul	Prehn	University of Illinois
1982	Al	Nacin	Reavis	2011	Lou	Pronga	Chillicothe (IVC)
2007	Debbie	Nason	Orland Park	1997	Kevin	Puebla	Moline/Univ. of Illinois/Augustana
1993	Gary	Newlon	Prophetstown	1994	James	Querciagrossa	Peoria (Woodruff)
2004	Haig	Nighohosian	Granite City	1984	Ron	Ray	Chicago Orr/Bloom Trail
1992	James	Nordin	Palatine	1999	Ronald	Reichert	Illinois Wrestling Federation
1994	Ken	Nordquist	Rich South	2000	Gary	Reif	Jacksonville/Carlinville
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1993	Arch	Richoz	DeKalb	1977	William "Marty"	Schwartz	West Leyden
1974	Jack	Riley	Northwestern	1986	John	Sciacca	Harvard
1979	Jack	Robinson	Thorton	2001	Joe	Scordino	Mundelein (Carmel)
1993	Donald	Robinson	Normal/IHSA	1987	Ted	Seabrooke	Proviso East/U of I
1997	Joe	Rockwood	Thorton	2010	Tom	Seeman	Crystal Lake
2000	Mike	Rolak	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	1994	Ron	Semetis	Dixon
1990	Joseph	Roman	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	1985	Dave	Shapiro- Weissman	Joliet Twp/U of I
1976	Walter	Romanowski	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	1986	Cliff	Sheets	Decatur
2001	Todd	Rosenthal	Moline	1984	Walter	Sherman	Glenbrook North
1998	Paul (Pete)	Ross	Lincoln	1986	Dan	Sherman	Deerfield
2002	Chuck	Rossetti	Villa Park (Willowbrook)	2002	Winfred	Sherman	Proviso
1974	Walther	Routh	Belleville	2006	Rob	Sherrill	Ill. Best Weekly
1995	Don	Rowden	Fox Lake (Grant)	2001	Eric	Siebert	LaSalle-Peru/U of I
2004	Tony	Rubiano	Park Forest	2003	Mark	Siebert	LaSalle-Peru
1995	Mark	Ruettiger	Providence/EIU	1977	Ralph "Ruffy"	Silverstein	Crane Tech/U of I
1996	Tim	Ruettiger	New Lenox (Providence)	1991	Ron	Silverstein	Niles
2002	Dominic "Mick"	Ruettiger	St. Charles/Nequa Valley	2004	Terry	Simons	Wheeling
2003	John	Ruettiger	Lisle	2010	Jeff	Simons	Peoria (Richwoods)/Navy
2009	Bernie	Ruettiger	Minooka	1972	Louis	Slimmer	Proviso
2003	Bill	Rumchak	Bolingbrook	1991	Brad	Smith	Hersey/Univ. of Iowa
1990	Honorable Donald	Rumsfeld	New Trier	2003	Chuck	Smith	Homewood
1994	Ron	Ryan	Mt. Olive	1976	Joe	Sowinski	T.F. South
1984	Harold "Sam"	Samorian	Glenbrook North	2002	Warren "Babe"	Stalhut	Edwardsville
1999	Frank	Santana	Chicago (Gordon Tech)	2007	Steve	Stearns	Oak Lawn/SIU-E
1991	Dr. Allen	Sapora	University of Illinois	2000	Sandy	Stevens	Glen Ellyn
1994	Dr. Joseph	Sapora	University of Illinois	1990	Larry	Stonitsch	Joliet
1998	Geno	Savenago	Glenbard North/EIU	1983	Jack	Stoudt	Pekin
1989	Jon	Schaus	Geneva	1972	Robert	Strange	Lawrenceville
1992	Bill	Schmadebeck	Glenbrook	2003	Don	Stuart	Oak Forest
1973	William "Red"	Schmitt	Granite City	2003	Ron	Stuart	Oak Forest
2009	Russ	Schneider	Gurnee	2005	Dan	Summers	Hersey
2009	Steve	Schroeder	Metamora/El Paso	2004	Joe	Summerville	Tolono
1988	James	Schult	Glenbard South	1981	John	Swalec	Libertyville
1992	Donald	Schultz	Carl Sandburg	1984	Gene	Swierczewski	Hoffman Estates
2003	Chet	Schultz	Rock Island	1974	Roy	Swindell	Champaign
				2005	Randy	Swinford	Princeton

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1998	Kirk	Trost	Lincoln-Way	2004	John	Wiser	Delevan
2006	Morris "Mo"	Tschannen	Roxana	2003	Jim	Woods	Bloom Twp./Western Ill.
1994	Dick	Tschudi	Dakota	2006	Tim	Wright	Rock Island/SUI-E
1999	Alvin	Turner	Chicago (Parker)	1994	Lawrence	Taylor	Cahokia
2007	Jim	Turner	Marion	1975	Larry	TenPas	Waukegan/U of I
2004	Bill	Vail	Oak Lawn/Joliet JC	1975	Robert	Therry	North Chicago
1973	Joe	Vavrus	Moline	2004	Ernie	Thompson	Oak Park
1990	Al	Vega	Thorton Fractional N.	2003	Mark	Tiffany	Waukegan/NIU
2004	Lee	Wachenheim	Elmhurst (York)	2005	Robert	Tipsword	Buffalo Grove
1996	Derrick	Waldroup	Bremen	2008	Scott	Trizzino	Joliet (Central)
1988	William	Walker	Downers Grove (North)	1990	William	Young	Naperville (Central)
2004	Andy	Warner	Savoy	2003	John	Young	Peotone
2010	Dr. Wayne	Watson	Chicago	2002	Michael	Zbacnik	Plainfield
2000	Rory	Weber	Proviso East/Northwestern	2000	Otto	Zeman III	Riverside- Brookfield/NU
2003	John	Wehmeier	Belleville	2004	Thomas	Ziemek	Maine South
1973	William	Weick	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	1988	William	Zimmer	Lockport
1977	Clarence "Bud"	Weick	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	2005	Al	Zinke	Dundee (Crown)
2010	Neal	Weiner	Wheeling				
1986	Steve	Weiss	Bensenville (Fenton)				
2006	Steve	Welter	Fox Lake (Grant)				
1999	Eric	Wetzel	Chicago (Dunbar)				
1997	Al	Wheeler	Oswego				
1992	Robert	Whelan	Chicago (Hirsch)				
2001	Khris	Whelan	Granite City				
1992	Walt	Whitaker	Granite City				
1979	Rex	Whitlatch	Urbana				
1980	Dr. James	Wilkenson	Southern Illinois				
1997	Mike	Wilkey	Oak Park				
1981	Willie	Williams	Bloom Township/ISU				
1992	Marty	Williams	Yorkville/Mahomet- Seymour				
1999	Joseph	Williams	Mt. Carmel/Univ. of Iowa				
2006	TJ	Williams	Mt. Carmel/Univ. of Iowa				
1979	Pete	Willson	Wheaton College				
2006	Raphael	Wilson	Waubonsie/Augustana				
2007	Ray	Winesburg	Elgin				
1997	Dan	Wisniewski	Highland Park				

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1975

Joe Vargas, Moline
John Fitzgerald, Reavis

1976

Ted Czech, Thornton
Elias, Goerge, 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

GRAND MARSHALLS cont...

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

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

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Vern “Art” Adams	Hall of Fame Member, Grand Marshal & Lifetime Achievement winner
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Doug Blubaugh	1960 Olympic Champion
Paul Bowers	Son of Hall of Famer Jim Bowers, brother of 2012 Hall of Fame Inductee Jeff Bowers
Ken Brower	Milan, state tournament bench official and referee
Marie Chaloupka	Mother of Hall of Famer James Chaloupka
Lindsey Durlacher	Hall of Fame Member, Olympic Team Member
Walt Gerber	Hall of Fame Member, former coach of Rock Island High School
Dr. Ed Giese, Sr.	Father of Hall of Famer Ed Giese
John Gremer	Hall of Fame Member, Grand Marshal, official and state tournament worker
Reid Hanley	Hall of Fame Member, former Newsman of the Year
Chris Hruska	Former Conant H.S. wrestler
Dr. James King	Father of Hall of Famer Mark King
Mrs. Patricia Krupke	Wife of Hall of Famer Ralph Krupke
Larry Milazzo	Hall of Fame Member, former coach Roxana High School, father of Roxana Head Coach Rob Milazzo

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Jamie Ping	Former Tolono (Unity) wrestler and Unity JHS coach
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Jack Robinson	Hall of Fame Member, Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Grand Marshal
Dan Ruettiger	Patriarch of the Ruettiger family including brothers Tim, Mark, Dominic "Mick", John & Bernie
Sgt. Andrew Tobin	Former Manteno & MacMurray College wrestler
Morris "Mo" Tschannen	Hall of Fame Member, state tournament official and former coach Roxana High School
Scott Schultz	Chillicothe IVC State Champion
Robert Whelan	Hall of Fame Member, Grand Marshal, father of Hall of Fame Member Kris Whelan
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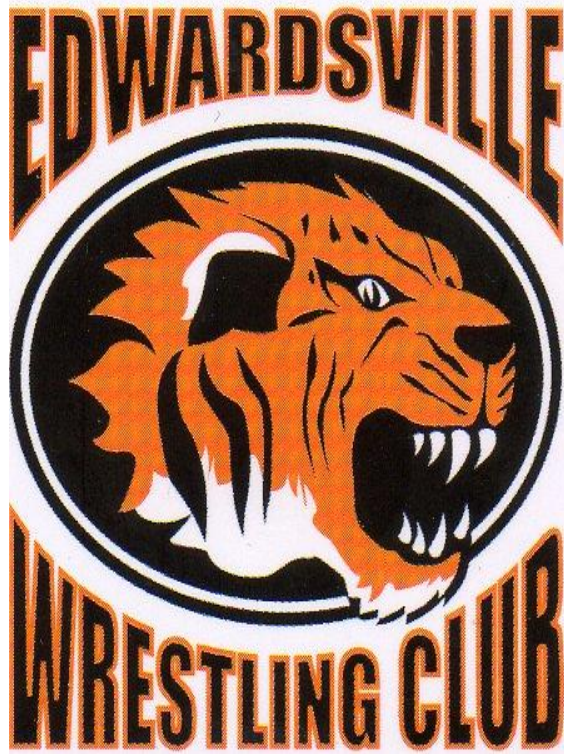
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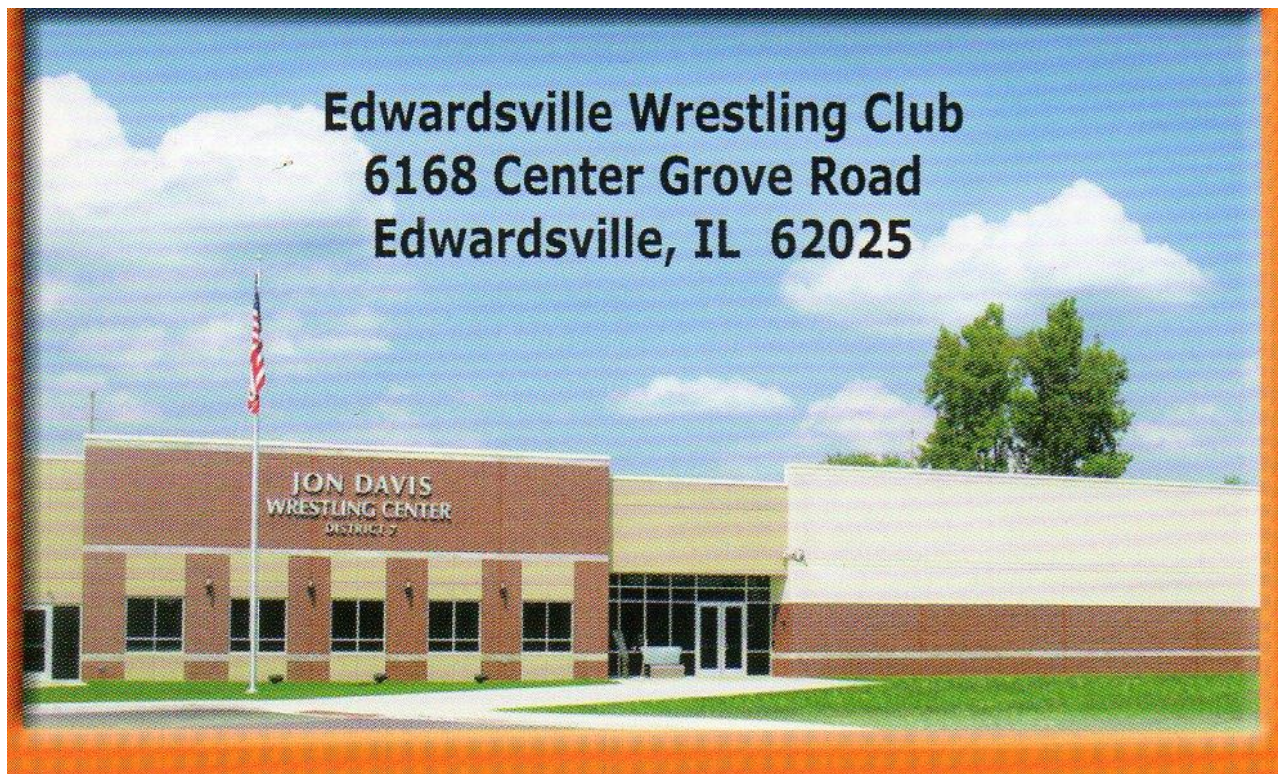
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Kevin McCann and Brett Harman were outstanding athletes and great young men. Brett wrestled at Maine South High School for Hall of Fame Coaches Craig Fallico and Dennis McCann while Kevin wrestled at Notre Dame High School for Hall of Fame Coach Augie Genovesi and played football for Coach Mike Hennessey. Both were teammates and best friends from their youth wrestling days, 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 who 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.

Brett and Kevin have left a legacy of honor, love, and courage to the many, many people whose lives they touched. Their heart, sensitivity, toughness, warmth, and love are remembered daily. They will never be forgotten.



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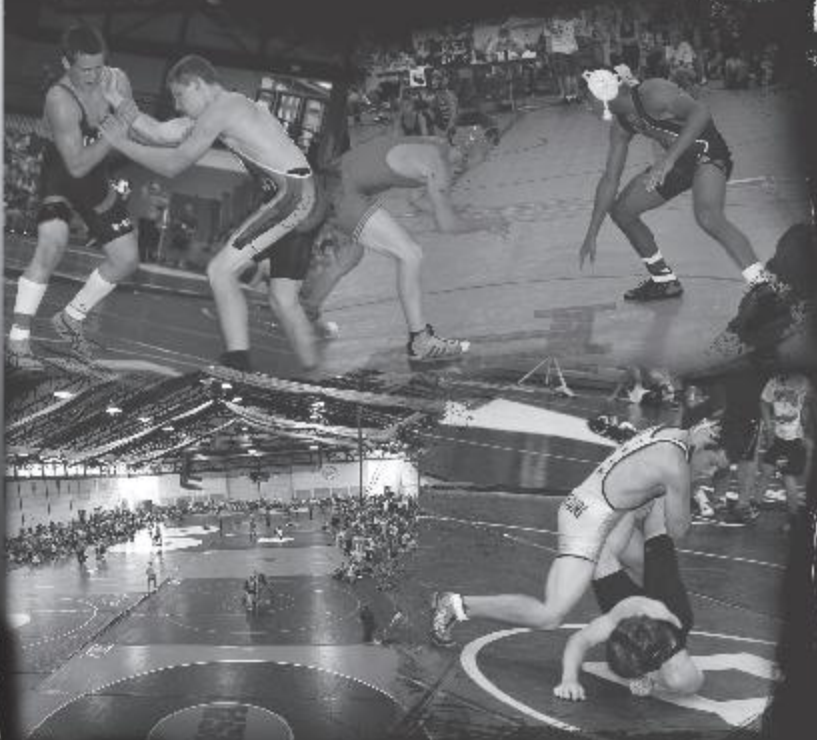


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