

42nd Annual

Lifetime Achievement Awards

And

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Banquet



**Illinois Wrestling Coaches
and Officials Association**

Saturday, April 14, 2012

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Countryside, Illinois

The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

President's Greeting

Illinois Wrestling Community,

It is my honor as the current President of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association to welcome you all to the 2013 Hall of Fame and All State Banquets. All of the individuals and teams being recognized at this weekend's ceremonies embody all of the very best our great sport has to offer. The IWCOA has taken great pride in recognizing the accomplishments of wrestlers, coaches, officials, and contributors since 1971. These accomplishments do not occur by chance. They are the result of dedication, commitment, and extraordinary effort on the part of the award winners; none of which would be possible for them without the support of the families, friends, and fans who stand behind them in their journey toward success. The IWCOA and I thank you for this as well as for your attendance this weekend. We hope that you enjoy the event.

Yours in Wrestling,

Mike Matozzi, IWCOA President

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Saturday April 20, 2013

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5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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6:15 p.m.

INVOCATION & DINNER

6:30 p.m.

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MAN OF THE YEAR

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

7:15 p.m.

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8:00 p.m.

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9:00 – 11:00 p.m.

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1993 LARRY GASSEN, Downers Grove South
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1996 J. DENNIS HASTERT, Yorkville
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1998 STEVE COMBS, Mahomet

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2001 TOM HENIFF, Olympia Fields
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Mike Matozzi

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Mike Matozzi just completed his 25th and final year as the wrestling head coach at Hinsdale South High School in Darien where his coaching career spanned a total of 32 years. His varsity wrestlers compiled a dual meet record of 390-209-2 with 37 state qualifiers, 9 state medalists and 2 individual state champions. His teams won 3 Illinois High School

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Association Regional titles and 5 conference championships which are the only wrestling conference titles in the history of Hinsdale South.

Mike was inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2011. He was also presented the organization's Gold Level Special Recognition Award in both 2006 and 2010. He has served as the IWCOA president the past two years and was the organization's secretary prior to that. He also serves on the Classic Dual and Hall of Fame Selection committees and served as the coordinator and host of the Classic Dual in 2006, 2008 and 2010.

Mike has worked a table at both the IHSA Individual and Team State Tournaments for several years. He has served as a host and tournament director for one of the Freshman/Sophomore State Tournament sectional sites since the inception of that event. He also assisted at the head table for this past year's Freshman/Sophomore State Championship Tournament in Springfield.

Mike graduated from Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, Illinois where he met Debbie his wife of 31 years. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Deaf Education at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Special Education from Ball State University and a second Master of Arts Degree in Administration and Supervision from Roosevelt University.

Mike and Debbie live in Oswego, Illinois and have three children, daughter Michelina who is married to Corey Sullivan and sons Michael, Jr. and Anthony.

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Lon Gerrish Sandwich

Lon Gerrish started his wrestling career in 1972 at Glenbrook North High School under two IWCOA Hall of Fame coaches, Walt Sherman and Chuck (Herb) Hanson. During his four years he compiled 107 career victories, highlighted by All-American honors and a silver medal at the USA Freestyle Junior Nationals. Lon went on to wrestle at Northern Illinois University, where he was a four year starter for another IWCOA Hall of Fame coach, Don Flavin. He was named captain his senior year.

In 1982 Lon started his coaching career at Sandwich High School, developing Sandwich into one of the state's elite Class A programs before retiring in 2002. His teams won 17 conference championships, 14 regional championships, and qualified teams for the IHSA dual teams state tournament seven times, finishing third twice (1985 & 1989), second once (1996), and winning state championships four times (1991, 1997, 1999, and 2001). Lon's career coaching record was 459 wins, 62 losses, and 1 tie. All told he coached 93 state qualifiers, 47 state place winners, 15 champions, and five high school All-Americans.

Lon has been a registered IHSA wrestling official for over 25 years and has been an IHSA certified body fat tester and IHSA bench official for the state tournament for over 11 years and for the past five he has served as Class A & 1A Matchmaker. For 13 years he has assisted in the management of the Dual Team State Tournament.

Lon has been involved with the IWCOA for many years. He served on the Executive Board as the Fundraising Chairman and on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. He was selected IWCOA Man of the Year in 1995 for his outstanding efforts. Lon was nominated for Coach of the Year 12 times winning the award in 1991 and 1996. Lon was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 1997. In 2007 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Tournament. In 2010 he was selected as Class 1A Administrator of the year, becoming only one of two men to be named Man of the Year, Coach of the Year, and Administrator of the Year by the IWCOA.

Retired from coaching but not from school service, Lon is currently the Dean of Students at Sandwich High School.

Mark G. Gervais Chicago (Marist)

A 1972 graduate of East Leyden High School where he wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Charlie Farina, Mark Gervais continued his wrestling career at Northeast Missouri State. He remained at NMSU after his competition days and coached three All-Americans and the team won an MIAA Conference Championship. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Northeast Missouri State in 1980. He went on to serve as an assistant coach to IWCOA Hall of Famer Ron Clinton at Eastern Illinois University, where he earned his Master's Degree in Sports Administration in 1985.

In 1982 he began coaching at Marist High School as an assistant under Bill Stevenson. Marist won the

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State Championship that year and Mark took over as the head coach the following season. Mark coached at Marist from 1983-2008. During that time he had a 511-82-2 record. He coached 10 State Champions and 53 place winners.

Mark has been associated with the IWF and USA Wrestling since 1978. He has been a freestyle coach for the Junior National Teams and Cadet Teams and in 1994 he was the freestyle coach for the Illinois World Team.

Mark served as President of the IWCOA in 1989 and in 1993 he was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame. He has also been inducted into the East Suburban and Marist Halls of Fame. Other awards Mark has received include Who's Who in American Education, Marist's Heart of the School and Give Something Back Foundation-Teacher Recognition. In 2009 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal for the IHSA State Tournament. Mark currently serves as a teacher and Department Chairman for Physical Education at Marist High School.

Dave Mathews Crown Point, IN

A 1967 graduate of Hinsdale Central High School, Dave Mathews won 68 career matches under IWCOA Hall of Fame (and 2013 Lifetime Achievement Winner) Coach Rex Whitlatch. He was All-Conference three years and a two time sectional qualifier, placing both years. Dave was Co-Captain and Co-MVP his senior year. He also played football, baseball and ran track. Dave then went on to wrestle at Yankton College where he was a two-time NAIA National qualifier. He had 57 college wins and was team captain his junior and senior year. Dave was class president at Yankton his senior year.

Dave began teaching in the Woodridge school district in 1971 and coached several age group/junior high programs for 15 years and had 48 IKWF State Qualifiers and 15 place winners, with two champions. Dave worked as an assistant coach at Downers Grove South from 1976-1980. Dave later left teaching to go into the business field.

In addition to his coaching duties, Dave contributed as a bench official at the individual and dual team state tournament and worked as a weigh-in official for both events.

Dave has over 40 years of officiating experience (3 in South Dakota and 37 in Illinois). During that period he has work as an official at the IKWF State Finals (20 years), IESA State Finals (16 years), IWF State Finals (1 year), IHSA Individual State Finals and IHSA Dual Team State Finals (27 years). He has also officiated numerous regional and sectional level events of all of these organizations. In addition, Dave has been a familiar face at many spring tournaments on a volunteer basis. He has also served as an official for the IWCOA Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals many times.

In 1987 Dave was selected as SICA Official of the Year and he was named IWCOA Official of the Year in 1987 and 1989 and was nominated for the award 11 other times. He was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2000 and in 2010 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal of the IHSA Individual State Tournament. He also served as Grand Marshal for the IESA State Finals in 2009. Dave has been a certified level official for the IHSA since 2000 and served on the IHSA Officials Advisory Board from 2006-2009. Dave was the initial IWCOA Officials Observers Program Chairman 2010-2012.

In 1977 Dave was named Teacher of the Year in the Woodridge School District. Dave is currently a physical education and health education instructor with Matteson School District #12, Matteson, IL.

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Bill Peterson Chicago (Lake View)

Bill Peterson attended Lane Tech High School and Chicago Teachers College and did not wrestle. He taught at Lake View High School in Chicago for 26 years and served as wrestling coach for sixteen years. He did not start out as the wrestling coach, but when they threatened to drop the sport, Bill stepped forward and continued to develop the program until he retired in 1985.

In addition, Bill founded the Chicago Wrestling Foundation. He has been President of the Chicago Wrestling Coaches Association and President of the Mayor Daley Youth Foundation Wrestling Club. He served as tournament director numerous times. To further augment his contributions, Bill has been involved with the Illinois Wrestling Federation since its beginning. This was the organization that at the time organized the Illinois junior level teams to national level competition. He served as Team Leader and Team Coach on cultural exchange teams and as a bench official at national level tournaments. For his work in at the Federation level, the Illinois Wrestling Federation named the most falls trophy at their state tournament after him.

As a coach, Bill has had a number of state qualifiers with several place winners and one State Champion. He was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 1984.

Bill passed away in 1992.

Don Pittman Urbana

After finishing second in the state during his prep career at Urbana High School, Don Pittman started coaching at Champaign High School in 1951. After one year he moved to Danville High School and remained there for the next eleven years. In 1963, Don returned to Champaign and spent the remaining twelve years of his career teaching and coaching at Champaign Central High School.

Coaching in an era of the one class system, Don produced four individual State Champions, 5 runner-up placers and two third place winners. His teams managed to win four conference championships, along with four IHSA Regional (then called Districts) titles and two IHSA Sectional titles. He amassed 169 dual wins while losing only 83 with four ties. His teams finished in the Top Ten in the state tournament four times.

Don served as an IHSA District Representative for six years and in the 1970's Don found himself serving on the IHSA Wrestling Rules Advisory Committee. Don was instrumental in maintaining wrestling at a high level in Central Illinois for a number of years.

In 1982, Don was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame and in 2012 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Tournament. In 2003 the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter awarded Don its Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

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Tom Porter Mahomet

Tom Porter began his wrestling career at Thornton High School under the guidance of IWCOA Hall of Fame coaches Ted Czeck and Jack Robinson. A state qualifier on Thornton's 1959 State Championship Team, Tom enrolled at the University of Illinois where he earned a varsity letter. He transferred to Indiana State University, where he became a two-time NAIA All-America and was named team captain and voted most valuable his senior year.

Tom began his coaching career as an assistant at Prospect High School. He then moved to Arlington Heights Hersey High School as the head coach when the school opened. At Hersey, he guided eight state place winners - three of them state champions. His teams won three conference championships, three district championships and the state title in 1971 and 1972. Tom was named IWCOA Coach of the Year in 1971. During his early coaching years, he also wrestled for the Mayor Daley Wrestling Club.

He left Hersey to become the head coach at the University of Illinois in 1973, where he remained for five years. There he had nine National Qualifiers. Tom left his coaching position to become the university's Assistant Director of Athletics in charge of sales, promotions and summer camps.

Following his retirement from the university, Tom became an assistant wrestling coach at Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School in 2001. He took over as head coach at Mahomet-Seymour High School, leading the Bulldogs to a fourth-place State finish in 2002 and an Elite Eight finish in 2003. In 2004, Tom started the first IESA wrestling program for the Champaign School District.

Tom was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 1983. In 1996 Tom was selected to serve as Grand Marshal at the IHSA Individual State Wrestling Championships. In October of 2012 the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter awarded Tom its Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

Rex Whitlatch Urbana – Hinsdale Central

Born in Champaign, Rex Whitlatch began his career at Urbana High School, where he won his first State Championship as a sophomore, placed second as a junior and won his second state title as a senior. He lost only one match during those three years. He was selected as team Captain his junior and senior year. He also ran Cross Country while in high school.

His collegiate career was at University of Illinois under the direction of IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Pat Patterson. During his collegiate career, Rex placed in the Big Ten Conference, was Captain of his team and as a senior was named Most Valuable wrestler. Rex was a wrestling official at various levels and officiated at the Midlands. For his contributions to wrestling, Urbana High School and the IWCOA have inducted him into their Hall of Fame.

Rex began a long career in coaching wrestling, starting as an assistant to IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Howard Byram at Niles Township. After four years he headed to Hinsdale Central to take over as head coach for the Red Devils. He served for 32 years in the Hinsdale System and developed the prestigious Hinsdale Central Invitational Tournament, now named after him.

In 1998 Rex was selected to serve as Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Tournament.

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Marty Williams Mahomet

Marty Williams began his wrestling career at Yorkville High School under the tutelage of former Speaker of the House and IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Dennis Hastert. In 1974 Marty won the IHSA State Championship at 145 pounds and was named an *Amateur Wrestling News* All-American. He was also named IWCOA Class A Wrestler of the Year. He continued his wrestling career at the University of Illinois, where he was coached by IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach and 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Tom Porter. He was a four year letterman and in 1978, co-captain of the U of I wrestling team.

Upon college graduation, Marty coached at Parkland Community College for one season before becoming assistant coach at Mahomet-Seymour High School. He became the head coach in 1982 and held that post for eight seasons. During that tenure, his teams compiled a dual meet record of 191 wins and 4 losses and were IHSA State Champions five times. Marty's teams still hold an IHSA record for most consecutive dual wins-109. He coached 15 individual State Champions, 15 additional place winners and 51 state qualifiers. Marty was named IWCOA Coach of the Year four times (1984, 1986, 1988 & 1989).

Marty left coaching in 1990 to begin a career in high school administration, where he has held positions of assistant principal, athletic director, associate principal and most recently as Principal of Mahomet-Seymour High School.

In addition to his high school service, Marty served as coach of the Prairie State Games Blue and Gray division for five years and volunteered several years with the Junior National Teams. He coached and organized cultural exchanges for downstate Illinois with Cuba, Canada and West Germany. Marty also helped sponsor and host several IWF activities and was a longtime treasurer for the IWCOA.

In 1992, the IWCOA inducted Marty into the Hall of Fame and in 2006 he was selected to serve as Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Tournament. In October 2012 the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter awarded Marty its Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

The IWCOA would like to congratulate all 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award inductees. Your dedication to wrestling will forever be remembered.

Congratulations Lon, Mark, Dave, Bill, Don, Tom, Rex, and Marty!

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

Terry Aldridge is the Head Wrestling Coach at Eureka High School where he has held this position for 23 years since 1989. In addition to his coaching duties he has been a Physical Education, Health, and Alternative Education Teacher since 1988. Aldridge also taught for one year in Washburn, Illinois before coming to Eureka High School.

During his tenure at Eureka, he was Head Football coach for five years and assistant for 14 years. As the Head Football Coach he led the Hornets to two state playoff appearances and their only conference championship in the last 40 years.

As Head Wrestling coach at Eureka, Aldridge has had 30 IHSA state qualifiers and 12 state placers including two runners-up in class A. He has coached six IHSA regional championship teams, two Elite Eight state dual teams (1998 and 2012), where his team won the IHSA state finals sportsmanship banner and the Cornbelt Conference Championship. Aldridge's Eureka teams have accumulated over 320 dual team victories under his direction.

Aldridge is a Lexington High School graduate, where he was a multiple sport athlete. He attended Eureka College where he played football and golf for the Red Devils. He was also a member of the National Guard during his college years.

Greg Bradley Mt. Zion

Greg Bradley attended Mt. Zion HS and wrestled for Coach Dick Linnenberger. He started wrestling as a sophomore at Mt. Zion High School, when the school first started an interscholastic wrestling program. While at Mt. Zion, Bradley earned nine varsity letters in baseball, football, track and wrestling.

Greg would go on to attend Western Illinois University (Macomb) earning a B.S. degree in Education and a Master's degree from Eastern Illinois (Charleston).

Returning to his roots Bradley became the Head Wrestling coach at Mt. Zion in 1979 and for the next seven years compiling a sterling 103-46 dual meet record. In 1981, Bradley started Mt. Zion's first IKWF wrestling program. In addition to coaching wrestling, Bradley was also the Mt. Zion Head softball coach and defensive coordinator of the Braves football team.

Becoming a registered IHSA official in 1986, Bradley officiated for over 13 years and has attended over 30 IHSA State Wrestling finals.

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Bradley created his greatest mark as an administrator, first as principal at Bement High School in 1986 followed by a tenure at Illini Bluffs from 1988 and finally as principal at Mt. Zion from 1993 to 2012.

Greg became a strong advocate for wrestling with the IHSA Board of Directors serving on the Board for 17 years. While principal at Illini Bluffs, he hosted many IHSA regional and sectional tournaments. In 1996, the IWCOA named him the Class AA administrator of the year.

An avid softball player, Bradley is an ASA Men's Major Fast pitch softball five-time All-State selection as well as a two-time Midwest Region selection and in 1988 he was an All-American.

Bradley is currently retired and enjoys golf, softball, and construction work.

Pat Cheesman **Mt. Carmel**

Pat Cheesman attended high school in Bloomington, Indiana, and started his wrestling career later than most. He was an All-State in both football and baseball in high school when, as a senior, was convinced to wrestle. As a first year wrestler, he was an IHSA Sectional, Regional, and a Semi State champion losing only one match at the state tournament.

Cheesman started his career as a head wrestling coach in Mt. Carmel, Illinois, in 1981. Cheesman has coached Freestyle, Greco-Roman, IKWF and high school wrestlers and has a coaching record of 338-125-4, a 72.3% winning percentage. He has coached 27 IHSA State Qualifiers, three IHSA State Placers, and two IHSA Regional Team Champions. Cheesman has also coached 28 IKWF State Qualifiers and 8 IKWF State Placers.

Cheesman still is active in coaching wrestling at Mt. Carmel, where he is currently the principal for Mt. Carmel High School.

Dan Drosopoulos **Savanna/Morrison**

Dan Drosopoulos began his wrestling career in the sixth grade in 1964, wrestling for IWCOA Hall of Famer Charley Anderson in Savanna (IL). He was selected team captain his eighth grade year while wrestling varsity all three years. He compiled a record of 17-2.

At Savanna High School, Drosopoulos was a four-year varsity starter for Coach Anderson from 1967 to '71. He was an all Illowa conference selection all four years as well as District champ in 1971 and runner up the previous year. He captured the sectional title in 1970 and a third place in 1971. He was the first sophomore from Savanna to ever advance to the sectionals. Drosopoulos qualified for sectionals three times and qualified for the IHSA 1971 State Tournament as a 107-pound junior. He completed his high school career with a record of 75 – 40 -3.

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Drosopoulos also lettered at Savanna in both football and track, receiving a total of eight varsity letters including wrestling. He was voted Most Team Spirit Award as a sophomore and as a junior and at graduation won the Savanna High School Award for Excellence in Three Sports in Four Years.

At Augustana College (IL), Drosopoulos wrestled for coaches Ron Schleckaway (one year) and Tim Dodge (three years). His first season Drosopoulos competed at 118 pounds, the rest of his collegiate career he was at 126 pounds and was a four time NCAA DII National Qualifier.

In one of the most prestigious small college conferences Drosopoulos was a College Conference of Illinois and Iowa champion as well as a two-time finalist and four time place winner. Selected An Outstanding College Athlete in America in 1975 by College Athletes of America, Drosopoulos compiled a 71-41-1-career record for the Aggies.

An international wrestler, Greco - Roman was Drosopoulos' forte and he compiled a 75-43-1 record in both disciplines. Introduced to International wrestling as an eighth grader he qualified for the first Illinois State Greco – Roman tournament as a senior, finishing as the runner up. He also placed fifth that same year in freestyle.

Drosopoulos competed in seven Olympic Trials over four Olympiads, five in Greco – Roman and two in freestyle from 1972 to 1984. In personal competition Drosopoulos compiled a lifetime record of 273 – 137-6.

Dan began his teaching and coaching career at Morrison High School (IL) in 1976. Until he retired from coaching in 2007 Drosopoulos achieved much success. Coaching football as an assistant for 19 years he was the defensive coordinator of three conference championship teams and in 14 of those 19 years his teams competed in the IHSA State playoffs reaching the semifinals in 2006 and three quarterfinals.

Drosopoulos assumed the Morrison Head Wrestling coach position in 1978, retiring in 2007. The Mustangs won the first Three Rivers conference title in wrestling school history in 1984 under his direction along with six runner-ups and eight third place finishes. The 1984 team also placed sixth at the IHSA Class A Dual Team state tournament.

Under Drosopoulos direction he had 132 IHSA sectional qualifiers with 8 champions as well as 31 state qualifiers, 14 All Staters, six finalists and one state champion.

Drosopoulos helped create the Morrison Junior High wrestling team in 1978 and in 1980 they entered the Tri County Conference, which they still compete in to this day. Drosopoulos coached both the junior high team and the high school team for 23 years. Most years it was done for no pay. He also started the Morrison Stallions Youth Wrestling Club in 1993 and entered them into the IKWF. This club was also coached at the same time as the junior and senior high school teams and again for no pay, just the love of the sport.

Drosopoulos was also a volunteer to the Morrison Track and field teams for 15 years as a timer and official. He also coached Little League Baseball and coached the All Star teams from Morrison for three years from 1996 to 1999.

Selected to Who's Who in America Coaching Drosopoulos is also in the Northwest Illinois Hall of Fame and was the Grand Marshall of the Byron and Oregon Sectional in both 2000 and 2007. In 2005 he was inducted into the Morrison Athletic Hall of Fame along with his 1984 wrestling team. In 2007 he was personally inducted into the Morrison Athletic Hall of Fame for all of his achievements as a coach.

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In retirement Drosopoulos remains active in wrestling through hosting camps and clinics and assisting with practices.

Mark Gardner Bloomington

Mark Gardner began wrestling in the late 1970s in Springfield Illinois. Gardner attended Springfield Southeast HS with his brothers Greg and Brad, posting a 42-2 record his senior year under the tutelage of his father Hall of Fame Coach Jack Gardner. Gardner, along with his brothers and cousin Andy, continued their wrestling careers at Illinois State University under Hall of Fame coach George Girardi, earning three varsity letters. Gardner posted a 48-22 career mark for the Redbirds.

After graduating from ISU in 1990 with an education degree, Gardner began his coaching career with Curt Christianson at University High School in Normal. His second year there, the Pioneers finished second in the IHSA State Dual Team tournament and crowned one state champion.

In 1992, Gardner accepted the head coaching position at Bloomington High School, a position he has held for the past 21 years. That same year, he started the Junior Raiders IKWF Wrestling Club, which he runs to this day.

Over the past 21 years, the Raiders have won 19 Big 12 conference team championships, 13 regionals, 2 sectionals and posted a dual meet mark of 342-99. The 2012 Bloomington team captured third place in the IHSA State Dual Meet Tournament.

Under Coach Gardner, Bloomington wrestlers have won 95 individual Big 12 conference titles, 83 regional titles, 26 sectional titles and one state title. Bloomington has sent 71 wrestlers to the State Tournament, placing sixteen times. Seven of his Bloomington wrestlers have had the honor of participating in 'The Grand March' in Champaign as state finalists.

Gardner has been a member of the Illinois Freestyle and Greco team as both a competitor and coach, spending part of nine summers taking Illinois wrestlers to the National Tournament in Fargo. In 1993, Gardner started the Iguana Greco Club at Bloomington High School and has had the pleasure of seeing his own Bloomington wrestlers earn high school All-American status nine times, including eight Greco All-Americans and four Jr. National Greco Champions.

Many of Gardner's wrestlers have gone on to succeed at colleges such as Missouri, Northwestern, Iowa State, Northern Iowa, Northern Illinois and other various collegiate levels. Recent Bloomington wrestlers have captured numerous freestyle and Greco medals at the University level and three times won the Jr. World Team Trials to represent the USA at the World Championships. Gardner's wrestlers have gone on to coach at all

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levels including the IKWF, IHSA and the NCAA. Adam Richards, a former wrestler for Gardner, has for the past 6 years, been a co-head coach with him at Bloomington HS.

Gardner has been named Central Illinois coach-of-the year 10 times and three times has been nominated 'Coach of the Year' in Illinois by the IWCOA.

Gardner currently resides in Bloomington with his wife Stacie and three children, Ryan, Paige and Leah. He is continues to teach and coach the Bloomington High School team, while running the Little Raiders IKWF Club and the Iguana Greco Club.

Sam Geraci **Roselle (Lake Park)**

A 1988 graduate of Lake Park High School, Sam Geraci was a four-time state qualifier, three-time state finalist and the 105-pound 1986 IHSA State Champion. He wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Jerry Ancona, who coached him to a record breaking 181-10-1 through his four-year high school career. Geraci is still ranked in the top 10 for all-time most wins and was one of the legendary three IWCOA Hall of Fame wrestlers (Geraci, Pustelnik & Morris) who traded titles each year for three years.

Geraci was a three-time Greco State Champion, earning Outstanding Wrestler honors twice as well as a three-time Freestyle State Champion. He was a 1987 Greco Junior National Champion where he won the Gorrian Award for the most falls (10 pins and one tech fall) in least amount of time. In addition, Geraci was a two-time Greco Junior World Team Member, as well as a Freestyle Junior World Team Member. He won the Junior Pan-Am Games in Greco, was an Espoir National Champion, Olympic Festival Champion, and Oklahoma Classic Invitational Champion.

He attended Indiana University (Bloomington) on a full scholarship; however after his freshmen year he transferred to Garden City Community College (Kansas) where he won the 1990 NJCAA title at 118lbs.

Geraci went to work at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange after his sophomore season. He was also an Assistant Coach at Lake Park High School under Jerry Ancona from 1994-1996.

He took a break after many years of wrestling, but in his desire to give back to the sport he started Headlock Wrestling Academy in 2009, an IKWF chartered team during the Folk style season for kids in grades K-8. Headlock also trains kids from kindergarten through high school for the Freestyle and Greco post-season.

Geraci and his wife Nancy have three children; Anthony (11), who also wrestles, Ali (10), and Gaby (6) and has resided in Addison, IL for the past 13 years.

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Jim Harsh Bloomington

Jim Harsh was a four-year wrestler for Bloomington High School under Hall of Fame coach Jim Bowers. Harsh was team captain his senior year.

As a 24-year IHSA official, Harsh has officiated 19 regionals, 15 sectionals, 10 combined individual and dual team state championships. Harsh has also worked 18 combined individual and dual team IKWF championships, 13 Middle School National Duals, three Illinois-Indiana All-Star Duals, two Prairie State games and the first IKWF Girls Folk style State Championship.

In 2010, Harsh was appointed IKWF Co-Chairman of Officials. He was also assistant coach to Greg Gardner of the IKWF Red Bird Wrestling Club along with IWCOA Hall of Famer George Girardi.

Harsh was presented the IWOCA's Bronze Medallion Award in 2011.

Harsh is married to Karen and would like to thank her for the support that she provides along with support from his mentor Dan Fulscher.

Bryon Hasty East Peoria

Bryon Hasty, a 1975 graduate of Eureka High School, was a four year wrestler, coached by IWCOA Hall of Famer Mike Manahan (1 year) and Ed Steinbeck (3 Years). He was the "ILLIO" Conference Champion twice, with a 40-29 record. He also played football all four years and as a running back was selected first team all-conference. A three-sport athlete Hasty also played three years of baseball.

Hasty began officiating wrestling in 1977. He has had to decline four IHSA State Tournament series, two of which were state finals due to overseas military assignments. During this timeframe, he stayed current with his officiating license and worked wrestling meets, during the season, when he could.

During his 36 years, he has worked 18 regionals, 14 sectionals, and received his first dual team state finals in 2001 and first individual state finals in 2003. Hasty has officiated four dual team and individual state tournaments in his officiating career.

Hasty currently is a Senior Master Sergeant, assigned to the 182d Airlift Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, Peoria, IL as the Aircraft Maintenance Fabrication Element Supervisor. He joined the military in 1990 and been deployed to several locations overseas including Germany, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Oman, and UAE (United Arab Emirates).

Hasty has received several military awards; Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding unit with Valor Device, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal.

In addition Hasty is very active with the VFW Post 2078, East Peoria, IL and is the Jr. Vice Commander.

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His hobbies are spending time with family, camping, archery, and hunting. Hasty lives in East Peoria with his wife Karen, daughter Cheyanne, and step-daughter Katelyn.

Gary Hunt **Decatur**

Gary Hunt attended Douglas MacArthur High School in Decatur, Illinois which opened in the fall of 1957, but the wrestling program did not start until the 1958 school year. The first year team was undefeated in dual meet competition and Hunt only lost 2 individual matches in the 58-59 seasons, one in the IHSA District and one in the Sectional. Hunt's overall record for his junior and senior years was 21 wins and 6 losses and was Co-Captain and was named to the All-City team both years.

In addition Hunt played three years of Varsity football and was elected Tri-Captain, and selected to the All-City team his senior year, three years of varsity baseball and was elected co-captain his senior year. He earned eight varsity letters while at MacArthur. Hunt also played one season of basketball before the wrestling program was started.

In 1960 Hunt attended Missouri Valley College. At that time there was no interscholastic wrestling program. Hunt and a group of 10 – 12 others that had wrestled in High School and were interested in getting a program started. Their objective was to show the administration that there was sufficient interest in wrestling to start a wrestling program. During the winters of 1961 and 1962 they worked out two to three times a week on the mats and with weights.

In the fall of 1962 Missouri Valley College started a wrestling program. The coach for that first season was the legendary Missouri Valley Football Coach, Volney C. Ashford. During the summer of 1962 he married his wife Ginger and by start of the wrestling season was expecting his first child. He was able to wrestle in the first dual meet, which he won by fall in the second period but shortly after this had to withdraw from the team in order to support his family.

The Missouri Valley College Wrestling program has had two N.A.I.A. National Championship Teams (1996 & 1997) and the program has also produced numerous Individual Men's and Women's National Champions over a 50 year period. Hunt is proud to have been a small part of this highly successful program.

While at Missouri Valley, Hunt was a four-year starter and letterman in football, and a three-year starter and letterman in baseball.

In 1967 after coaching two years in Missouri, and one year at Illiopolis (IL) he was named head wrestling coach at Lakeview High School, a position he held for 15 years until the school closed in 1982. During the first five years, he was the only wrestling coach at the school. Hunt's varsity record for the 15 years at Lakeview was 188-60-3. When the school closed in 1982, Hunt transferred to Douglas MacArthur High School and coached there for three seasons. Hunt's record at MacArthur was 12-20-2 with an 18 year overall record was 200-80-5.

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During 18 years as head wrestling Coach Hunt was named the Decatur Area Coach of the Year four times, 1972, 1977, 1981, and 1982.

While at Lakeview Hunt produced several IHSA District Champions, Sectional Qualifiers, and one two-time Sectional Champion Heavyweight James Wills.

He served as district representative, 1975-1985, to the IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee. During the 1981 meeting he presented, in writing, the three-class system for the IHSA State Wrestling. A structure very similar to the proposal Hunt made in 1981 was adopted and began in 2009.

Shortly after going to Lakeview, Hunt became a registered official with the IHSA with the purpose of to be able to better interpret the rules for his wrestlers and to better understand the sport from an official's standpoint.

While at Lakeview, Hunt also began working with the local IKWF program. Through that relationship he was able to bring two IKWF State Championships to Decatur. He served as Head Scorer and Facility Manager and as the IKWF Central Section Director for 2 years.

Hunt organized a parent group to support the Lakeview wrestling program and to help with development of knowledgeable individuals that could assist with spring and summer tournaments. During the season he asked them to help as timers and scores during freshmen, JV, and Varsity Dual Meets. The group also held fund raisers to offset the travel costs in spring and summer. This group became a very strong advocate for the wrestling program. In 1981 the Board of Education announced that Major Cuts would have to be made and Wrestling was on the chopping block. Hunt called a meeting of the group and ask them to contact the wrestling parents at the other 3 schools and encourage them to voice their objections to cutting the wrestling program. The next board meeting was "standing room only"! The parents provided very positive support for the wrestling program it became a win or lose situation. The board voted to keep the wrestling programs, however, in the end the board voted to close selected schools with Lakeview as the selected high school.

In 1985 Hunt took an administrative position and, by district policy, could not coach. At that time Hunt reactivated his wrestling official's license. He worked a full schedule of dual meets and tournaments and when not officiating ran numerous tournaments for schools and conferences throughout central Illinois, on the computer

During his tenure Hunt encouraged his wrestlers to take part in spring and summer wrestling tournaments and clinics. Hunt hosted numerous IKWF and high school age freestyle Tournaments offering summer school wrestling classes open to all students, both in and out of District 61, grades six through 11. Hunt taught the fundamentals of Freestyle, Greco-Roman, and Folkstyle wrestling and as a part of the classes would take those who wanted to travel to the summer tournaments. Every weekend, when not hosting a tournament, Hunt took wrestlers and traveled the state to various tournaments. While the athletes wrestled, Hunt put on a striped shirt and volunteered as an official.

In order to generate interest in scholastic wrestling Hunt took a group of wrestlers to the local elementary schools and put on demonstrations for the students. During the season he would designate one dual as

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Elementary Night and elementary students with a parent were admitted free. Hunt also scheduled one dual meet during the school day, at the High School, so that the student body would see the wrestling team in action. He approached the Decatur board of education and encouraged them to begin a Wrestling program in the four feeder Middle Schools. The board approved the proposal and provided a mat for our feeder school to save the cost of a new mat.

In 2011, Hunt was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame along with the members of the 1962 undefeated, nationally ranked (19th) football team.

In 2012 he was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame for the 1962 Baseball team. This was the first Baseball team to play for M.V.C. in over 30 years. The team won the Conference Championship, in the first year of competition and qualified for the N.A.I.A. National Playoffs. (One of 16 teams Nationwide). A stellar baseball player, Hunt received an N.A.I.A. award for Lowest E.R.A (0.067) after 15 innings pitched and was credited with six of the 11 conference victories that lead Missouri Valley to the N.A.I.A. national playoffs.

In 1997 Hunt received the Illinois Board of Education Those Who Excel “Award of Excellence” (the highest award that can be presented to an Illinois Building Administrator). He received the “Talented Tenth Award” for the elevation of Minority Students, presented by the College Futures Program. Hunt was a CPR Instructor-trainer and member of the Basic Life Support steering committee for the American Heart Association. He was responsible for the training of CPR instructors who, over an eight-year period, trained and certified over 10,000 high school students in Basic CPR

Hunt along with his wife Ginger, operates a small stained glass and custom woodworking business. They currently volunteer as campground hosts in the Missouri State Park System. He also teaches Hunter Education and Hunter Safety for the Missouri Conservation Department.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa fraternity and member of the Executive Board; a Member of the Decatur Education Association, The Association of Building Administrators, Illinois Deans’ Association, Illinois Principals Association, National Education Association (Life Member), Macon 8 Masonic Lodge. Hunt now retired has active hobbies of trout fishing, hunting, golf, and traveling.

Mark Kristoff Bethalto

Mark Kristoff began his wrestling career with the East Alton Recreation Center in East Alton (IL) wrestling for Coach Mike Turkovich, placing top six twice in the IKWF.

Kristoff wrestled in high school at Bethalto (Civic Memorial) for coaches Gary Wintlen and Steve Bradley, qualifying for the IHSA state tournament three times. As a freshman he showcased his skill set with a sparkling 29-1-1 record and captured the 98-pound District and Sectional titles. As a 112-pound sophomore he produced a 31-4 record and followed that up with a junior season record of 32-2 including the 132-pound District and Sectional championships.

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Kristoff completed his high school career as the Eagles first undefeated class AA IHSA (138 pound) State Champion, 39-0 and finished with a career record of 130-6-1.

An all-around athlete, Kristoff earned three varsity letters in football, four in track, and four in wrestling. He still holds the Bethalto H.S. Pole Vault record of 14' 0". He also was the River Bend Area Lineman of the Year for 1981.

Wrestling for his father and IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Larry Kristoff, at Southern Illinois Edwardsville (SIUE) the next season, Kristoff experienced immediate success. He became a four time NCAA All-American and a National Champion for the Cougars. Finishing third as a freshman (150 lbs.), second as a sophomore (150 lbs.), second as a junior (167 lbs.), and won the 167 pound national championship his senior season, Kristoff is considered one of the greatest NCAA DII wrestlers in history. He was a member of three NCAA National Championship teams for SIUE and team captain his senior year. Kristoff currently has scored the second most points at the NCAA tournament by a Cougar wrestler.

Upon graduation Kristoff began his coaching career at Parkway Central High School (Chesterfield, MO) helping turn their program around from a team that never placed at the state tournament into a top four team with three individual state champions in two short years. Kristoff also was named to coach the Missouri 1991 National Cadet team. Kristoff left Parkway Central for a coaching opportunity at Cahokia Senior High School where he produced IHSA finalist and NCAA Champion Titus Taylor.

Kristoff left coaching to devote more time to his four daughters. He became an IHSA official in all three disciplines of wrestling, Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco-Roman. Beginning officiating in the St. Louis area in 1978 and in Illinois since 1982, he has worked many IHSA regional and sectionals as well as five IHSA State tournaments. Kristoff in addition has officiated many IKWF local tournaments including nine IKWF state finals.

He is the only person to walk in the IHSA Grand March as a wrestler, coach, and official.

Kristoff is currently teaching in the Cahokia School District #187 and is an avid hunter, hiker, kayaker, skier, boat, motorcyclist and fisherman.

Frank Laccone DeKalb

Frank Laccone wrestled in junior high and DeKalb Middle School for IWCOA Hall of Famer Arch Richoz. In 1987, while in the seventh grade, he placed third in the IKWF state wrestling tournament at 90 pounds and the following year was the state runner - up in the IESA state tournament at 105 pounds.

Laccone wrestled for IWCOA Hall of Famer Dan Cliffe at DeKalb High School. He was a state qualifier at 103lbs as a freshman and fifth at 112 pounds his sophomore year. Laccone captured the IHSA State championship at 125 pounds as a junior and was the 130 pound runner up as a senior. He finished his high school career with a record of 152 wins and 11 losses. Laccone earned All-American honors with a fourth place finish at the junior nationals (123lbs.) in 1991.

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In 1993, Laccone joined the Purdue University Boilermakers, wrestling for Jessie Reyes. He was an NCAA qualifier as a freshman. After redshirting a year, Laccone wrestled at 134 pounds and placed seventh at the NCAA tournament in 1995, earning All American status. In addition, he also placed fifth at the Trofeo Milone Tournament in Italy, on a team consisting of underclassmen All-Americans. Laccone was also runner up at the Midlands wrestling tournament, Big Ten wrestling tournament, and University Nationals that same year.

His junior season, Frank was a Big Ten runner up, placing eighth at the NCAA tournament to become a two – time NCAA All-American. As a senior, Laccone wrestled at 142 pounds and was an NCAA qualifier for the fourth time finishing his college career with a record of 109-43.

Laccone graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Physical Education and completed his Master of Science in Entomology at the University of Nebraska. His work experience includes a variety of positions working with animals. He has seven years of animal care and animal training experience. Some of the animals he has worked with include dolphins, sea lions, big cats, many types of reptiles, chimpanzees, and a variety of primates and birds.

Laccone has over seven years of classroom experience teaching science and over four years of experience teaching science online. He has taught science courses for the University of Phoenix and ITT in Jacksonville. Laccone now works remotely teaching science as an online adjunct instructor for Moberly Area Community College in MO, Orion Online HS in TX, and Excel College in MN.

Laccone also homeschools both of his son’s Isaac (8) and Talon (5) and enjoys working on his hobby farm as a beekeeper. He loves camping, hiking, and hanging out with his sons and his wife of twelve years, Shara.

Bob Nesbit Springfield

Bob Nesbit started his wrestling career as a two-year letterman and senior team captain at Collinsville High School in 1974. Nesbit competed collegiately for Southwest Missouri State from 1974 to 1979, earning two varsity letters.

Nesbit began his working career in 1980 as a Physical Education and Health teacher at Holden (MO) High School continuing in this capacity until 1984. While at Holden, Nesbit was the Eagles football defensive coordinator and Head Track Coach.

In 1982 Nesbit began his wrestling coaching career, returning for two years to assist his alma mater, Southwest Missouri State.

In 1984 Nesbit moved to Springfield (IL) High School as a Physical Education and Social Studies teacher and he has remained there until this day. Upon arriving at Springfield, Nesbit took over the defensive coordinator duties for the Senators and in 1988 was named the Head Football Coach. In 1991 Nesbit began work as an IHSA football official and in 2011 worked the AAA state finals.

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Nesbit also took over the duties of Head Wrestling coach at Springfield in 1984 and remains in that capacity at this time. He has compiled a very solid record of 339 dual meet wins, 13 city championships, and three Central State Eight Conference titles. In addition he has had 29 IHSA State Qualifiers and coached two state finalists. The Senators have won under Nesbit's direction regional titles in 1993, 2009 and 2013 plus a Dual Team sectional title in 1993 to advance to the IHSA Dual Team state tournament.

He earned his Master's Degree in Education from Olivet Nazarene in 1974. Nesbit was named State Journal Teacher of the Year in 2007 and 2008.

Nesbit has been married for 20 years to Angie and has two children, Jordan (22) a junior at Illinois State University and Chelsea (20) a freshman at Southwest Missouri State.

Jeff Pape Franklin Park

Growing up in the Leyden school district, Pape first earned his wrestling "bones" under the guidance of the notable Conrad family and the Franklin Park Raiders. With his wrestling foundation grounded in the Leyden tradition, Pape transitioned to the high school program – coached by the legendary IWCOA Hall of Famer Charlie Farina. Pape earned two Varsity letters and capped off his high school career as a state qualifier and a 34-7 record. Upon his graduation in 1990, Pape enrolled in the University of Illinois where he had planned to continue his wrestling career. He suffered a career ending injury his sophomore year.

Following his graduation from Illinois, Pape returned to his home area and assumed the task of pumping new life into the Franklin Park Raider Wrestling Club. Pape would go on to run his former wrestling club for nine seasons – a period which witnessed a growth in club membership.

Pape would take a break from coaching an IKWF club to start a family and return to school to complete his MBA at Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. He came back to the sport five years ago, coaching his sons, Jackson and Alec, with the Jr Cougars Wrestling Club of Hoffman Estates.

While going about the journeyman-like task of growing his equipment and apparel business, WrestlingGear.com, he has also extending himself to the wrestling community. His personal experiences as a wrestler, coupled with many years coaching with the Raiders and Jr. Cougars, instilled within him a realization of the values of the sport. Consequently, Pape has seen fit to extend a "helping hand" to the wrestling community.

Some of those activities include hosting a golf outing benefiting The Smile Train and Illinois Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, assisting the IWCOA in joining the computer age with email newsletters, a website, computerized voting and more, securing donations of merchandise to outfit dual teams, and of course taking photos, literally thousands of them.

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His mat side presence at the Leyden Sectional, the IHSA State Finals, Olympic Team Trials, USA Nationals, and the Midlands may go unnoticed by the casual spectator; however the camera carrying wrestling enthusiast has worked quietly behind the scenes for many years to highlight his favorite sport.

Mark Pustelnik **East Moline (United Township)**

Mark “Bam” Pustelnik began his wrestling career in 1978, at age nine, with the East Moline Wrestling Club under the guidance of his father, Ron Pustelnik and Coaches Larry Duffee and IWCOA Hall of Famer Bert Hanlin. While in Junior High, Pustelnik won three IKWF state titles, as well as three AAU National Championships in Greco Roman, and one AAU Freestyle National Championship. By winning the National Championships in 1980 and 1981, Pustelnik made the United States World Team, where he won two consecutive World Schoolboy Championships in Mexico City, Mexico and Fullerton, California.

Pustelnik attended East Moline’s United Township High School, where he earned four varsity letters in wrestling, as well as varsity letters in golf and soccer. While in high school, Pustelnik was a two time IHSA state finalist, winning the 1985 state title his junior year, with a perfect record of 45-0. Pustelnik placed second during his senior year with a record of 44 and 2.

In Greco Roman, Pustelnik won three consecutive state titles in 1984, 1985 and 1986, won the Junior National Championship and FILA Junior National Championship (17 to 20 year olds) in 1985 and 1986. Pustelnik was a member of The United States World Team in 1985 and 1986 competing in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Vancouver, Canada. Pustelnik finished 7th at the 1986 FILA Junior World Championships. Pustelnik was also selected to participate in the prestigious Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and qualified for the Olympic Sports Festival in Houston, Texas where he finished second.

After high school, Pustelnik accepted a scholarship to the University of Northern Iowa where he would later earn four varsity letters, be voted Team Captain by his coaches, win the NCAA West region and qualify for the NCAA Division I National Championships. While in college, Pustelnik won his third FILA Junior National Championship in Greco Roman, earning him a spot on the United States World Team for the FILA Junior World Cup in Athens, Greece, where he finished third and was voted team captain by his teammates. In 1990, Pustelnik won the United States Open National Championship in Greco Roman and represented the United States in the Pan-American Games in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he won the silver medal. In 1991, Pustelnik placed fifth at the United States Open and won the gold medal at the Olympic Sports Festival in Los Angeles, California. In 1992, Bam wrestled in the Olympic Trials finals but fell short in his attempt to make the Olympic Team.

After college, Pustelnik returned to his roots accepting a teaching job at United Township High School. He was the Head Coach from 1994-2007, where he compiled a dual meet record of 205 wins and 61 losses. His teams won IHSA Regional Championships in 2005, 2006 and 2007. As well as winning 6 straight conference titles

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from 2002-2007, Pustelnik also had the honor of coaching all-state wrestlers seven different times including the school's second State Champion, Lambros Fotos.

Currently, Pustelnik is an Assistant Principal at United Township High School and resides in East Moline, Illinois with his wife Kelly and children Paige, Peyton, Connor, Kaitlyn and Zach.

Karl Roesler **Providence Catholic – University of Illinois**

Karl Roesler competed for Providence Catholic from 1990 to 1994 and was a part of the Celtics rise to power in Illinois wrestling.

Wrestling for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Keith Healy at Providence, Roesler captured the 189-pound IHSA State Championship in 1994. A two-time All-State wrestler he also played and lettered in football.

Roesler continued his wrestling career at the University of Illinois compiling a superb 87 -35 record. Under IWCOA Hall of Famer Mark Johnson's direction Roesler became a two- time NCAA All American.

Following his collegiate career Roesler was the 1996 Espoir National Champion as well as placing second at the Ocean Pacific Games.

Roesler coached briefly at the University of Illinois for the 2001 season and at Columbia University the following year.

An avid outdoorsman Roesler currently is the Outdoor Instructor for REI Outdoor School. He is a member of several organizations including College Access Consortium of New York and Partners for After school education, the Association for Equality and Excellence in Education, Bay Area Wilderness Training, Wilderness Medicine Institute and the Appalachian Mountain Club Youth Opportunity Program.

Roesler hobbies include International travel and adventure such as Extensive Trekking in Switzerland, Argentina, Chile, Turkey, India, Alaska and various U.S. National Parks. In addition he enjoys Sea Kayaking trips to Arcadia NP, Maine, Glacier Bay, Alaska and Abel Tasmin.

Roesler has also completed self-sufficient solo cycling tours to Iceland, New Zealand, Canada, and the West Coast. He is a three-time medalist at the Master Track Nationals.

Neil T. Schultz **Harvard**

Neil T. Schultz was born in Carthage, Illinois on December 11, 1956. The family moved when he was only one month old and he has called the Harvard area home ever since then. He attended Harvard schools growing up where he participated in numerous activities including the band, chorus and theater productions. He was a member of the student council and was elected vice president in his senior year. He was also a three sport athlete for the Hornets and was named a captain of the football, wrestling and the track team in his senior season.

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Two IWCOA Hall of Fame coaches, Richard Holtfreter and John Sciacca, who had a tremendous influence on his life, coached Schultz at Harvard and he graduated with honors in 1975. He then attended Carthage College (Kenosha, WI.) as a member of the football and wrestling teams.

Schultz began officiating junior high and high school wrestling in Wisconsin and Illinois during his senior year while student teaching. He graduated with honors from Carthage College in 1979 with degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education.

Neil began his coaching career before his college graduation in the spring of 1979 at McKinley Jr. High (Kenosha, WI) as the boy's assistant track coach. The following fall he began teaching while coaching football and track at Tremper High School. As a varsity assistant coach, the Tremper Trojan football team won two WIAA state championships with consecutive undefeated seasons. In his second year at Tremper he was also named the head wrestling coach. In his only season as a head coach he compiled a 14-0 record. After his three years of coaching and teaching in Kenosha he moved back to Harvard to work in his father's business and to start a family with his wife Marla.

In 1983, Neil returned to coaching as the Harvard High assistant freshman football coach. The following year he moved to the varsity with newly named head coach IWCOA Hall of Famer Tim Haak. That year he also coached wrestling at Harvard Junior High. Then in 1985 he started to assist Coach Haak not only in football but also wrestling at the high school. The two coached together in both sports for the next 20 years. Following the 2006 wrestling season, he retired from coaching in order to follow his son Tyler's college music career and his son Adam's college athletic career. Then in 2010 he was given the opportunity to return to coach at Harvard with his son David, as an assistant football coach.

During his tenure as an assistant coach at Harvard, the program has had great success, qualifying for the dual team state tournament 9 times including a third place finish, two second places, and the 1992 State Championship. Schultz was twice named the assistant coach of the year by the IWCOA, 1990 and 2006. He has been a member of the Harvard Wrestling Club board of directors and has been very active in running the several tournaments that Harvard hosts each year. The Junior Varsity tournament in Harvard, a tournament in which he has managed, coached and participated in, has been named in his honor.

In 2009, Schultz was inducted into the Harvard High School - Hall of Fame for his coaching, volunteer efforts and financial support of Harvard athletics.

He is now the president of Acro-Magnetics, Inc., a position he has held for the past ten years.

Jeff Sorensen Bloomington

Jeff Sorensen was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa on May 7th, 1963. He grew up involved in sports in the small town of Janesville, which is located directly between the University of Northern Iowa and Wartburg College. Sorensen was a three-year starter for Janesville High School and Coach Don Mortimer. A 1981 graduate,

Sorensen was the Wildcats team captain and named the Outstanding Senior Wrestler despite being two points shy of qualifying for state.

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Sorensen was a four-year letter winner in both football as a running back/defensive back and in track as a sprinter and pole-vaulter. The Salutatorian of his graduating class, he then chose to study Computer Science at the University of Iowa.

During his time at college, Sorensen would frequent several tournaments where his younger brothers would compete for Janesville High School. Watching them wrestle from the stands and seeing what appeared at the time to be questionable calls, it was then that he decided to pursue officiating.

Since moving to the state of Illinois, Sorensen has officiated for a total of 27 years. He has been appointed to officiate the IHSA Individual Regionals 23 TIMES, 18 Individual Sectionals, eight Dual Team State Finals and seven Individual State Finals. Sorensen has officiated numerous IKWF, IESA and Frosh/Soph regional, sectional and state tournaments, along with a few freestyle and Greco state meets. In 2007, the IWCOA awarded Sorensen the Official of the Year Award.

Sorensen also has helped coach the Bloomington Raider Wrestling Club from 1997-2005, was a volunteer wrestling coach for Bloomington Junior High in 2005 - 06 and helped BJHS capture an IESA Team State Title.

Sorensen served as the director of the Twin City Tiger Youth Football program from 2000-10, responsible for 140 football players across four different age groups each year. Much like many other parents, he has also coached boy's baseball, girls' softball and soccer for both boys and girls.

Sorensen and his wife Lynnette, reside in Bloomington, Illinois. He is a Manager in the IT department at State Farm Insurance. He is the father of Illinois State University graduate Stephanie who works at ACE Insurance Group in downtown Chicago, senior step daughter Erika, sophomore son Kylor, and freshman step daughter Emily are all pursuing degrees at ISU in Normal. Jeff and Lynnette are happy to be empty nesters!

At this point, the time spent coaching has been replaced by several other interests: traveling to watch his nephews wrestle, pursuing his latest hobby of photography, riding motorcycles with his wife or cruising in his Hawkeye yellow Camaro.

Mark Trizzino Joliet

Mark Trizzino began wrestling for the Joliet Boys Club and IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Larry Stonitsch and he was the 1974 IKWF state champion.

Wrestling at Joliet Central High School for IWCOA Hall of Fame Coach Mac McLaughlin, Trizzino was a two time IHSA state champion (1978-79) for the Steelmen. While in high school Trizzino was a three time Junior National Freestyle All American and won the 1977 National Championship.

He was selected to the 1978-79 USA Magazine's High School All American team and as a member of 1979 Coaches Association All American team.

Academically Trizzino graduated from Joliet Central as a member of the National Honor Society.

Trizzino matriculated to the University of Iowa to wrestle for their legendary coach, Dan Gable. He was a four time Midlands place winner, placing third, runner-up two times, and won the 1983 title. In 1981 representing the USA he was the Junior World Freestyle Bronze medalist. He was also given the International Trophy of Fair

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Play, awarded in conjunction with the United Nations and selected by a Committee chaired by International Olympic Committee Chairman Trizzino was the 1982 Big Ten champion and the 1984 finalist. In 1984 the Hawkeyes won the NCAA National Championship with Trizzino as one of the senior stars.

Since 1988, Trizzino has been employed by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Jim Walker **Westmont**

In 2013 Jim Walker will be entering into his 43rd year of being involved in Illinois Wrestling. Jim's interest in the sport started with club wrestling in the seventh grade. Attending Illini Bluffs High School in Glasford (Illinois), Walker was coached by the late Hall of Fame coach, Pat O'Connor. He was a team Captain, won 157 matches and placed third in Sectionals his senior year qualifying for the IHSA State Championships only to have an injury keep him from competing.

He went on to wrestle at Blackhawk Junior College where he became an All American and two-time NJCAA National Qualifier. Walker then transferred to Illinois State University to wrestle for the late Hall of Fame coach, George Girardi. At ISU he earned two varsity letters, was a two-year captain of the team, and a NCAA Division I National Qualifier. Walker was a member of the USA team for the Junior Pan American games in Venezuela. He also was awarded the Huddleston Award and Most Valuable Wrestler from Illinois State University.

After graduating from ISU, Walker began his coaching career at the collegiate level by becoming the Assistant Wrestling Coach to George Girardi at Illinois State. At ISU, he earned the Coaching Achievement Award in recognition of the 1982-83 seasons where the team placed 17th in the nation with two wrestlers earning All-American status.

Walker later went on to a 19-year stint as head coach of Westmont Senior High School earning 228 wins producing 12 State Qualifiers, four place winners with one finalist at the IHSA State Championship. During this time Walker also became involved in the IKWF wrestling program and formed the Junior Sentinel's. When his sons began wrestling, Walker also became involved in the Jr. Rams of Glenbard East and brought a great deal of success to that program, helping to coach a state champion, state runner-up and several qualifiers and placers.

In 2003, Walker became the assistant coach to Kevin Carlson at Glenbard East where he currently remains. Walker has assisted the Rams in producing several outstanding wrestlers including 13 All Conference, multiple Regional and Sectional Champions, 10 State Qualifiers and six state Placers including a state runner up.

Walker received his Bachelor Degree from Illinois State University and a Master's of Education from St Xavier University. He also coaches football and baseball.

Walker is married to Laura and they have one daughter Erin and two sons, Tim and Patrick. His daughter Erin, was a Division I volleyball player at Western Illinois. Both of his sons were multiple-time IHSA state placers in wrestling and both continue to be involved in Illinois Wrestling with Tim coaching a 2011 IESA state qualifier at Westmont Jr. High School and Patrick currently starting at Heavyweight for the University of Illinois (Champaign).

Wrestling has played a big part in Walker's life; he gives his all to this sport and encourages a strong work ethic. He has helped to inspire and act as a true mentor to many a young man who ever decided to wrestle.

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1976	Adams, Vern "Art"	Normal	1996	Carmody, Tom	Jacksonville
1997	Allen, Andre	Lane Tech	2001	Carnahan, James	Rock Island
2005	Amy, Rick	Rockridge	2010	Carroll, Dan	Chicago (St. Rita)
1998	Ancona, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	1993	Cartwright, William	Conant
2011	Anderson, Greg	Geneseo	1993	Cartwright, James	Proviso East
2000	Anderson, Dave	Palos Hills (Stagg)	2010	Chaloupka, Jim	Chicago
1979	Anderson, Charles	Savanna	2000	Christenson, Curt	Pontiac
2012	Andreotti, Paul	Marist/Northwestern	2010	Clarke, Terry	Elmhurst (York)
1999	Anthonisen, Norman	Chicago (Bowen)	2005	Clarke, Tony	Zion
1997	Antonacci, Dr. Robert	Lindbloom	1993	Cliffe, Dan	DeKalb
1990	Antonides, Robert	Morgan Park	1993	Cliffe, Joe	Plano
2010	Arkin, Fred	Oak Park	1998	Clinton, Ron	Univ of Illinois/EIU
2008	Arlis, Tom	NapervilleN./Batavia	2010	Coit, Ron	Farmer City
1978	Armer, Max	LaGrange	1989	Coldren, Dick	Northwestern
2003	Armes, Les	Normal/Joliet JC	1999	Collins, Niall	Oak Park
2006	Ball, Dave	Hillsboro	1975	Combs, Steve	Moline
1980	Bandy, Lester	Danville	1987	Coniglio, Frank	Murphysboro
1979	Barbaro, Tony	Tilden Tech	1975	Conrad, Roy	Chicago (Schurz)
1996	Bartosz, Bruce	Antioch	2000	Conrad, Randy	East Leyden
2006	Baum, Urban	Belleville (East)	1989	Conrad, Ray	River Grove
2002	Baum, Russ	Cahokia	2003	Cook, Gary	Argenta-Oreana
2006	Bay, Mike	Waukegan	1998	Cookas, Mike	Joliet (West)
1972	Bay, Ott	Waukegan	2011	Corwin, Lloyd	Rock Island
1973	Bay, Rick	Waukegan	2008	Cotter, Kevin	Byron
2006	Bay, Steve	Waukegan	1995	Cozzi, Greg	Palatine
1995	Becker, Howard	Wilmington	1987	Craig, James	Oak Lawn
1989	Bee, Floyd	Lincoln	1980	Crisler, Ben	Thornton
1975	Behm, Don	New Trier	1990	Cummings, Ray	Tolono
2001	Benion, Ernest	Romeoville/U of I	2008	Curby, Dr. David	LaGrange
1995	Benner, William	Peotone	1974	Custer, James	Pekin
2001	Berman, Al	Palatine	2002	Cutlip, Jack	Arlington Heights
2000	Bernard, Larry	Bolingbrook	1991	Cysewski, Tim	Glenbrook South/NU
2003	Bessemer, Ron	Harper JC	1973	Czech, Ted	Thornton
1987	Billberg, Bob	Libertyville	1990	Dallman, Glen	Byron
1988	Bishop, Fred	Proviso	1998	D'Ambrosio, John	Bremen
2003	Blew, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	1991	Dannehl, Wayne	Antioch
1981	Blunk, Clarence	Blue Island	2007	Dantzler, T.C.	Thornwood/NIU
2008	Bormet, Sean	Providence	1994	Dare, George	Coal City
1996	Botheroyd, Bernie	Glenbard West	2008	Davis, Jon	Edwardsville
1985	Bowers, James	Bloomington	2011	Davis, Tony	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
2012	Bowers, Jeff	Bloomington	1978	DeJarnatt, Carson	Sterling
1994	Bowman, Randall	LeRoy	1978	DeRousse, Ted	Antioch
2001	Bracken, Kevin	St. Laurence	1991	Deutschmann, Archie	Urbana
1994	Branum, Rex	Lincoln JC	1991	Devine, Pat	Tilden Tech
1999	Brooks, Gregory	Chicago (Fenger)	2012	Devine, Don	Crystal Lake
2002	Brost, David	New Lenox	1996	Dickason, Donald	Champaign
1985	Brown, George	Rock Island	1985	Diewald, Emil	Homewood-Floosmoor
2008	Bukovsky, Mike	Montini Catholic	2008	Dodge, Tim	Lindenhurst
2003	Bulow, Allen	Glenbrook South	2007	Douglas, David	Luther S/Thornridge
1990	Byram, Howard	Niles East	1981	Downing, Wirt	East St. Louis
2006	Camden, Brett	Mahomet-Seymour	2004	Drendel, Gene	Naperville
2008	Campbell, Robert	Rich Central	2012	Dunn, Jim	Lawrenceville

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1993	Dunn, Leo "Skip"	Rich East	2001	Gauger, Tom	Burbank St. Laurence
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	2002	Gerber, Walt	Rock Island
1998	Eiter, Rob	St. Viator	1997	Gerrish, Lon	Sandwich
2007	Elliott, Trevor	Sandwich	1995	Gervais, Mark	Chicago (Marist)
1979	Ellis, John	Palatine	1993	Geselter, Morrie	Deerfield
1973	Emmons, Robert	Lawrenceville	2008	Giardini, Gary	Rockford (East)
1996	Erickson, Tom	Bloom Township	2009	Gibson, Ron	Naperville
2002	Everett, Gene	Gibson City	1994	Giese, Ed	Bensenville (Fenton)
1975	Ewoldt, Ed	Wheaton (Central)	1999	Gilbert, Joey	Tinley Park Andrew
2005	Fallen, Phil	Chicago (Amundsen)	1978	Girardi, George	Normal (U - High)
			1993	Giura, John	Oak Park
2012	Fallico, Craig	Park Ridge (Maine So)	1976	Glass, Brad	Winnetka New Trier
1973	Farina, Charles	East Leyden	1993	Goransen, Perry	Joliet Township
2004	Farina, Jim	East Leyden	1991	Govoni, Don	Joliet
1985	Farina, Mike	Elmhurst (York)	1974	Greene, Kenneth	Rock Island
2000	Farinosi, Dan	Hoffman Estates	2001	Gremer, John	Urbana
2012	Feldman, Dr. Bernard	Palos Park	1998	Griffin, Jack	Stagg/Northwestern
1994	Feutz, Charles O.	Conant	2010	Grizzi, Bob	Burbank (Reavis)
2011	Filippi, Frank	Glen Ellyn	1974	Gross, Charles	Peoria
1982	Finn, Terry	Oak Lawn/SIUC	2003	Gruszka, Stan	Naperville North
2012	Fiorella, Sammy	Burbank St. Laurence	2009	Guzak, Ray	Blue Island/NIU
1974	Fitzgerald, John	Burbank (Reavis)	2001	Haak, Tim	Harvard
1993	Flanigan, Tom	U of I - Loop Campus	2006	Hahn, Mark	Glenbard North
1977	Flavin, Don	DeKalb/NIU	2005	Handlin, Robert	Mahomet
2001	Fletcher, Charles	Machesney Park	1986	Hanke, Al	Elmhurst College
2005	Flores, Carmelo	Chicago (Lakeview)	2001	Hankenson, Lou	Charleston
1988	Fowley, Roy	East Aurora	2007	Hanley, Reid	Clarendon Hills
2003	Fox, Ed	Wheeling	1988	Hanlin, Bert	East Moline
1993	Foy, Michial	Thornwood	1978	Hanson, Charles	Glenbrook North
1988	Friberg, William	Leyden	2005	Harrell, Quintroy	Harvey Twisters
2011	Froehlich, Dave	Rolling Meadows	1980	Hastert, Hon Dennis	Yorkville
1985	Fulk, Bob	Glenbard North	2006	Healy, Keith	Providence Catholic
2000	Fulscher, Dan	Lincoln	1982	Heniff, Tom	Oak Lawn (Richards)
2006	Gannaway, Dave	Normal/IHSA	2012	Herman, Jevon	St.Charles/U of I
1989	Gardner, Jack	Springfield	2009	Hernandez,Emiliano	Maine East
1986	Gardner, Jim	Springfield/EIU	1972	Hicks, Bob	Chicago Tilden Tech
2001	Garland, Mike	Granite City	1979	Hill, Eugene	Illinois State Univ
1987	Garner, Don S.	Wheaton Community	2011	Hill, Jeff	Petersburg (PORTA)
2004	Garrett, Harold	Bloomington	2001	Holland, Robert	East Leyden/EIU
1994	Garshelis, Renshaw	Charleston	1994	Holm, Dan	Libertyville
1995	Gassen, Larry	Downers Grove South			

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1993	Holtfreter, Richard	Harvard	2002	Kristoff, Kip	Bethalto/SIU
1976	Holzer, Werner	Chicago Schurz/U of I	1974	Kristoff, Larry	Carbondale/SIU
2003	Honeycutt, Bill	Woodridge	1987	Kruempelstaedter, James	Winnetka New Trier
2012	Houston, Rod	Camp Point Central	1995	Krupke, Ralph	Roselle (Lake Park)
1993	Houston, Ken	Oak Lawn/SIUC	2009	Lackey, Matt	Moline/U of I
1979	Hubbard, Jarrett	Joliet (West)	2001	Lahey, Tom	Tinley Park Andrew
2008	Hughes, Matt	Hillsboro/EIU	1992	Lambros, Tony	Chicago (Calumet)
1973	Hurley, Allen	Winnetka (New Trier)	1992	Lancaster, Jerry	Port Byron Riverdale
1984	Isaacson, Terry	Oak Park	2002	Larsen, Ron	Joliet
2007	Jackson, David	Burbank (Reavis)	1976	Law, Glen "Newt"	Univ of Illinois
1981	James, Joe	Chicago (Tilden Tech)	1984	Lazier, Murney	Evanston
1988	Jarman, Tom	NU/Wheaton College	2008	LeCuyer, Tom	Plano
2012	Johnson, Fred	Augustana/Waubonsie	2009	Ledin, Don	Chicago
2003	Johnson, Tom	Bismarck-Henning	2011	Ledin, Rob	Mahomet/Clinton
2007	Johnson, Tom	Chatham-Glenwood	1980	Leese, Jack	East Leyden
2012	Johnson, Gerald A.	New Lenox	2002	Lester, Harry	Moline
2008	Johnson, Johnny	North Chicago/NIU	1989	Licocci, Tony	Rock Falls
1987	Johnson, Mark	Rock Island (Alleman)	1996	Llewellyn, Jon	Hinsdale Cent./Uoff
2005	Johnston, Gene	Oak Forest	2008	Lockhart, John	Mahomet/U of I
1994	Jones, Robert I.	Decatur	2001	Loffredo, Fred	Tilden Tech
1980	Jones, Amos	North Chicago	2010	Long, Bob	Yorkville
1988	Kachiroubas, Lou	Univ of Illinois	1997	Lovelace, Norman	Harper JC
2000	Kading, John	Glenbard South	1999	Lovellette, Richard	Litchfield
2010	Kaiser, Marty	Rockton (Hononegah)	1991	Luety, Ed	Calumet Park
1993	Kaltofen, Alvin	College of Dupage	1987	Lundy, Al	Calumet City
2002	Kanke, Larry	Geneseo	1999	Magruder, Ronald	Wheaton Central
1998	Kelly, Billy	Oak Lawn (Richards)	2011	Mahar, Jim	Amboy
1998	Kelly, Jerry	Oak Lawn (Richards)	2001	Mammen, Kirk	Urbana
1972	Kenney, Harold "Hek"	Univ of Illinois	1991	Mammen, Wayne	Urbana
2004	Kerby, Richard	Chicago Kelvyn Park	1997	Manahan, Michael	Olympia
1999	Kienlen, Donald	Joliet Township	1986	Mann, Bobby	Danville
1994	King, Mark	LaGrange-Lyons Twp	1993	Mann, Richard	Hersey
2011	Kirgan, Allen	Granite City	1984	Mann, William	Maine South/U of I
1998	Klemm, Dave	Lincoln/EIU	2011	Marchello, Jack	Thornton
1975	Klootwyk, Ray	Joliet (West)	1983	Marcucci, Vic	Burbank (Reavis)
1995	Kocher, Leo	University of Chicago	1999	Marianetti, Steve	Glenbrook N/U of I
2004	Kody, Scott	Inverness	1975	Marino, Jack	Proviso East
1992	Koehler, Bob	Illinois State Univ	2009	Markwell, Dave	Fithian (Oakwood)
1992	Koenig, Tom	Bloom Township	1977	Marlin, Kenneth	Champaign/Rockford
1986	Konovsky, Bob	Morton Township	1999	Marquardt, Bill	Bloomington
1973	Kraft, Arthur	Northwestern/Triton	2009	Martinez, Lino	Stevenson
1978	Kraft, Ken	Northwestern	1985	Massery, Mark	Savanna/NU
1976	Kraus, Bert	LaGrange	2000	Mathews, Dave	Naperville
2001	Kristine, Alex	Barrington	2011	Matozzi, Mike	Hinsdale (South)

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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)	1992	Parker, Norman	Highland Park
2010	McCarthy, Foster	Champaign	1986	Parker, Ted	Deerfield
2008	McCauley, Lawrence	Granite City	1985	Parks, Tony	Addison Trail
2000	McCauley, Neil	Naperville North	1978	Patacsil, Joseph	Chicago Tilden Tech
1996	McCausland, Ralph	Wheaton Central/EIU	1974	Patterson, Buell	University of Illinois
2007	McCoy, Terry	DeKalb/Kaneland	1995	Patton, James	Woodstock
2006	McGinnis, Harry	Triton Junior College	1999	Pearson, Fred	Chicago Tilden Tech
1991	McLaughlin, E. Mac	Joliet (Central)	1996	Pedersen, Joe	Naperville
1993	Meeks, Major Richard	Champaign/U of I	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 I	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	Thornton	1983	Porter, Tom	Hersey
2002	Montgomery, Rich	Rock Falls	2011	Porter, Rob	Naperville (Central)
1991	Moore, Ken	Thornton	1996	Portincaso, Mike	Bloomington
2012	Morris, Ben	Bensenville (Fenton)	1994	Powell, David	St. Charles
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	2011	Pronga, Lou	Chillicothe (IVC)
1984	Mudge, Richard	Prospect	1997	Puebla, Kevin	Augustana College
2005	Mueller, King	Bolingbrook	1994	Querciagrossa, James	Peoria (Woodruff)
2005	Murphy, Bill	Homewood	2012	Ragan, Dennis	Carbondale
2011	Murphy, Rob	Wilmington	1984	Ray, Ron	Orr/Bloom Trail
1977	Musgrove, Homer	Sterling	1999	Reichert, Ronald	IL Wrestling Federation
1982	Nacin, Al	Burbank (Reavis)	2000	Reif, Gary	Jacksonville/Carlinville
2007	Nason, Debbie	Orland Park	2007	Richards, Jim	Hoopeston
1993	Newlon, Gary	Prophetstown	1993	Richoz, Arch	DeKalb
2004	Nighohossian, Haig	Granite City	1974	Riley, Jack	Northwestern
1992	Nordin, James	Palatine	1993	Robinson, Donald	Normal
1994	Nordquist, Ken	Rich South	1979	Robinson, Jack	Thornton
1977	Norman, Robert	Morton East/U of I	1997	Rockwood, Joe	Thornton
1989	Norris, Bernadette	Chicago (Lakeview)	2000	Rolak, Mike	Chicago Tilden Tech
1994	O'Connor, Pat	Glasford-Illini Bluffs	1990	Roman, Ronald	Chicago Tilden Tech

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1976	Romanowski, Walter	Chicago Tilden	2010	Simon, Jeff	Peoria (Richwoods)
2001	Rosenthal, Todd	Moline	2004	Simons, Terry	Wheeling
1998	Ross, Paul (Pete)	Lincoln	1972	Slimmer, Louis	Proviso
2002	Rossetti, Chuck	Willowbrook	1991	Smith, Brad	Hersey
1974	Routh, Walther	Belleville	2003	Smith, Chuck	Homewood
1995	Rowden, Don	Fox Lake (Grant)	1976	Sowinski, Joe	TF South
2004	Rubiano, Tony	Park Forest	2002	Stalhut, Warren	Edwardsville
2009	Ruettiger, Bernie	Minooka	2007	Stearns, Steve	Oak Lawn/SIUE
2002	Ruettiger, Dominic	St. Charles/Valley	2000	Stevens, Sandy	Glen Ellyn
2003	Ruettiger, John	Lisle	1990	Stonitsch, Larry	Joliet
1995	Ruettiger, Mark	Providence/EIU	1983	Stoudt, Jack	Pekin
1996	Ruettiger, Tim	Providence	1972	Strange, Robert	Lawrenceville
2003	Rumchak, Bill	Bolingbrook	2003	Stuart, Don	Oak Forest
1990	Rumsfeld, Hon. Donald	Winnetka New Trier	2003	Stuart, Ron	Oak Forest
1994	Ryan, Ron	Mt. Olive	2005	Summers, Dan	Hersey
1984	Samorian, Harold	Glenbrook North	2004	Summerville, Joe	Tolono
1999	Santana, Frank	Gordon Tech	1981	Swalec, John	Libertyville
1991	Sapora, Dr. Allen	Illinois University	1984	Swierczewski, Gene	Hoffman Estates
1994	Sapora, Dr. Joseph	Illinois University	1974	Swindell, Roy	Champaign
1998	Savenago, Geno	Glenbard North/EIU	2005	Swinford, Randy	Princeton
1989	Schaus, Jon	Geneva	1994	Taylor, Lawrence	Cahokia
1992	Schmadebeck, Bill	Glenbrook	1975	TenPas, Larry	Waukegan/U of I
1973	Schmitt, William "Red"	Granite City	1975	Therry, Robert	North Chicago
2009	Schneider, Russ	Gurnee	2004	Thompson, Ernie	Oak Park
2009	Schroeder, Steve	Metamora/El Paso	2003	Tiffany, Mark	Waukegan/NIU
1988	Schult, James	Glenbard South	2005	Tipsword, Robert	Buffalo Grove
1992	Schultz, Donald	Carl Sandburg	2008	Trizzino, Scott	Joliet (Central)
2003	Schultz, Chet	Rock Island	1998	Trost, Kirk	Lincoln-Way
1977	Schwartz, William	West Leyden	2006	Tschannen, Morris	Roxana
1986	Sciacca, John	Harvard	1994	Tschudi, Dick	Dakota
2001	Scordino, Joe	Carmel H.S.	1999	Turner, Alvin	Chicago (Parker)
1987	Seabrooke, Ted	Proviso East/U of I	2007	Turner, Jim	Marion
2010	Seeman, Tom	Crystal Lake	2004	Vail, Bill	Oak Lawn/Joliet JC
1994	Semetis, Ron	Dixon	1973	Vavrus, Joe	Moline
1985	Shapiro-Weissman, Dave	Joliet Twp/U of I	1990	Vega, Al	TF North
1986	Sheets, Cliff	Decatur	2004	Wachenheim, Lee	Elmhurst (York)
1986	Sherman, Dan	Deerfield	1996	Waldroup, Derrick	Bremen
1984	Sherman, Walter	Glenbrook North	1988	Walker, William	Downers Grove N
2002	Sherman, Winfred	Proviso	2004	Warner, Andy	Savoy
2006	Sherrill, Rob	Illinois Best Weekly	2012	Wasserstrom, Sam	Ridgewood
2001	Siebert, Eric	Lasalle-Peru/U of I	2010	Watson, Dr. Wayne	Chicago
2003	Siebert, Mark	LaSalle-Peru	2000	Weber, Rory	Proviso E/Northwestern
1977	Silverstein, Ralph	Crane Tech/ Uof I	2003	Wehmeier, John	Belleville
1991	Silverstein, Ron	Niles	1977	Weick, Clarence	Chicago Tilden

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

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1980

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1981

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Ken Kraft, Sterling-Northwestern

1983

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Dennis Hastert, Yorkville

1984

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1989

Roy Conrad, Chicago
Robert Mann, Park Ridge
William Mann, Park Ridge
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1990

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1998

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

1999

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Brad Glass, Winnetka
Rick Mann, Hersey
Don Robinson, Bloomington

2000

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2001

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2008

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2009

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Robert Jones, Decatur
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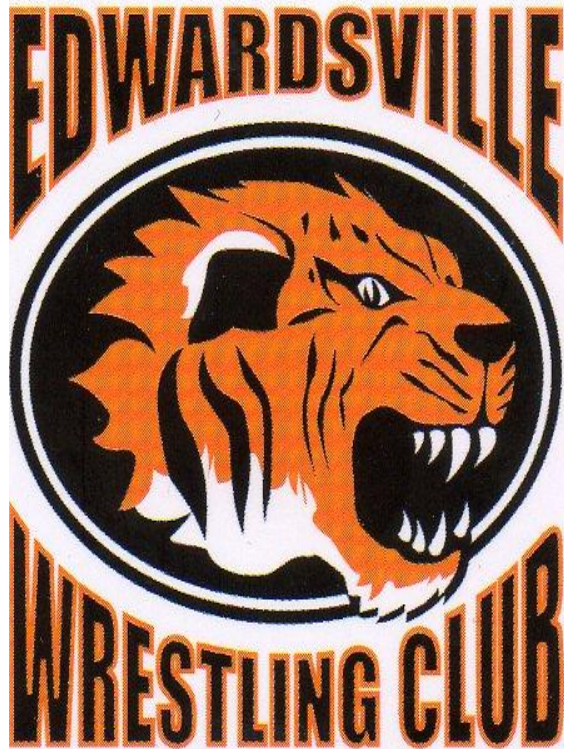
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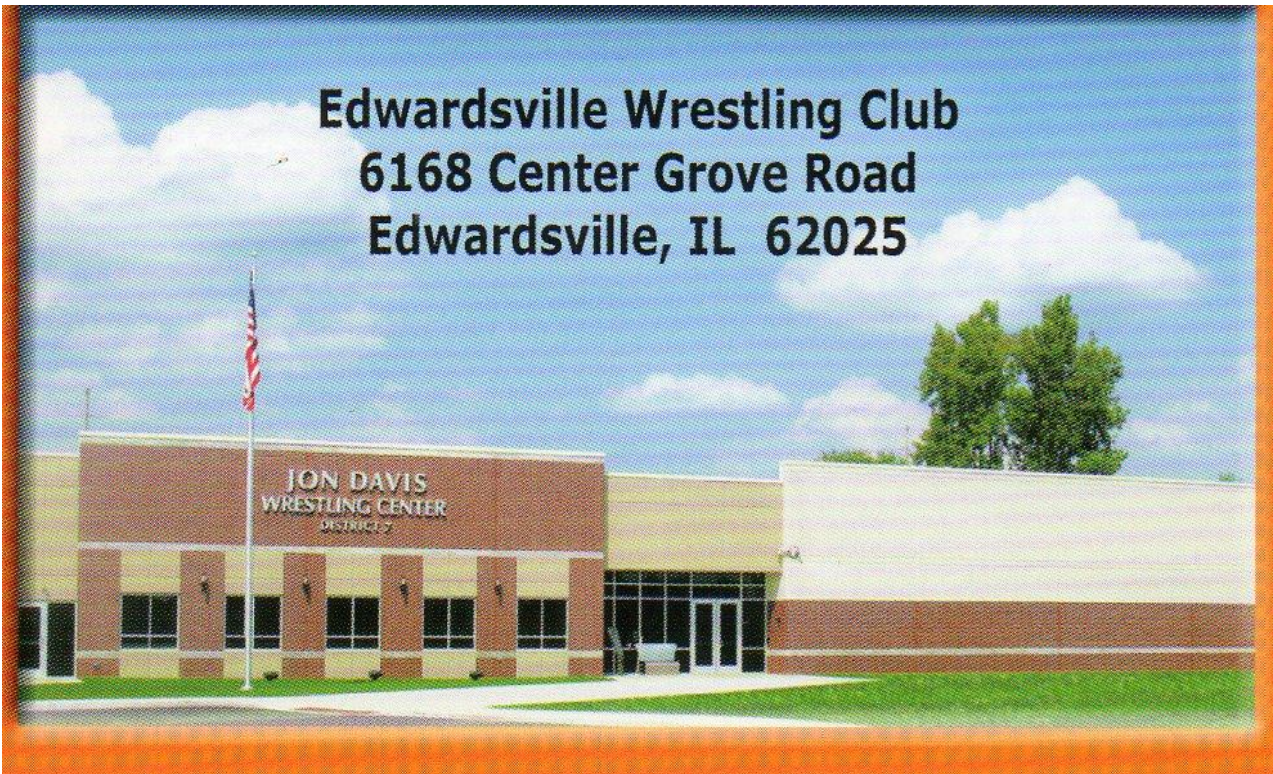
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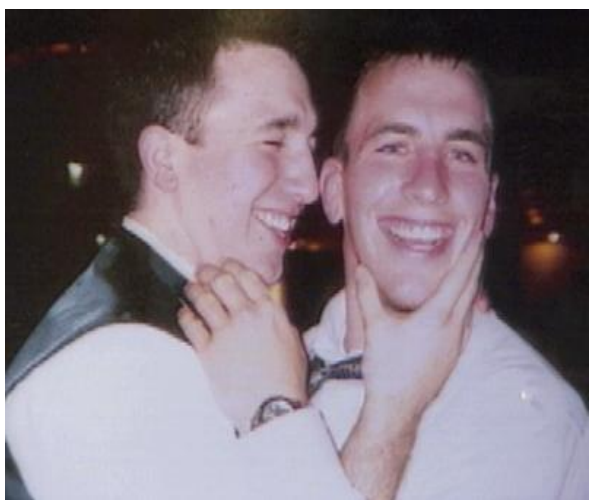
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