

# The 51<sup>th</sup> Annual



**Illinois Wrestling Coaches  
and Officials Association**

**IWCOA CONVENTION & AWARDS  
PRESENTATION**

**Sunday April 16, 2023**

**Holiday Inn-Countryside**

**6201 Joliet Rd. Countryside, IL 60525**

# The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

## President's Greeting

Dear Wrestler & Award Recipients,

Thank you for attending the IWCOA 51<sup>st</sup> Lifetime Service Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet to celebrate these fine individuals with your family, friends, and the wrestling community. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the IWCOA Hall of Fame inductees, Lifetime Service Award selections, and IWCOA Voting Award winners for the Year 2023. Your achievements, leadership, and contributions to our great sport has made wrestling what it is today and define the standard of excellence for years to come. I encourage each of you to continue your support for the sport of wrestling and stay involved in any way you can. I'd like to pay special honor and praise to our 2023 Person of the Year, Anthony "Tony" Clarke, and thank him for all he does to uphold the integrity of scholastic wrestling while working tirelessly behind the scenes to improve the sport and provide opportunities for girls and boys all over the state. Finally, I would like to thank IWCOA Hall of Fame selection committee chair, Joe Cliffe, and the entire committee for their focused efforts to elect a class of such distinguished individuals.

Again, congratulations on this outstanding recognition to all our award winners and honorees, and to our inductees...welcome to the IWCOA Hall of Fame!!

Yours in Wrestling,

*Nate Kessen*

Nate Kessen

IWCOA President

## IWCOA Presidents

1971 – Steve Combs, Coach, Deerfield  
1972 – Steve Combs, Coach Deerfield  
1973 – Wayne Miller, Coach, DeKalb  
1976 – Jim Schultz, Coach, Glenbard South  
1977 – George Dyche, Coach, West Aurora  
1978 – Charles Anderson, Coach, Savanna  
1979 – Charles Farina, Coach, East Leyden  
1980 – Tony Parks, Coach, Addison Trail  
1981 – Mark King, Coach, LaGrange  
1982 – Steve Weiss, Coach, Fenton  
1983 – Rick Mann, Coach, Hersey  
1984 – Jim Cartwright, Coach, Conant  
1985 – Bernie Botheroyd, Coach, Glenbard W.  
1986 – Jerry Ancona, Coach, Lake Park  
1987 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn  
1988 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn  
1989 – Mark Gervais, Coach, Marist  
1990 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb  
1991 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb  
1992 – Augie Genovesi, Coach, Notre Dame

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1994 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville  
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1996 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb  
1997 – Gary Thacker, Coach, Belvidere  
1998 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland  
1999 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland  
2000 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln  
2001 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln  
2002 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford  
2003 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford  
2004 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park  
2005 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park  
2006 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central  
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2008 – Mike Bukovsky, Coach, Montini  
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2010 – Rob Ledin, Coach, Mahomet-Seymour  
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2012 – Mike Matozzi, Coach, Hinsdale South

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2014 – Rich Montgomery, Coach, Rock Falls  
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2016 – Rob Murphy, Coach, Wilmington  
2017 – Rob Murphy, Coach, Wilmington  
2018 – Don Mekeel, Official, Sterling

2019 – Don Mekeel, Official, Sterling  
2020 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle  
2020 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle  
2021 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle  
2022 – Nate Kessen, Official, Sugar Grove

## IWCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Nate Kessen** – President

**Joe Cliffe** – Treasurer, Past President, Midwest Nationals, Banquet, Banquet Program, Classic Dual, Publicity, Finance Chair, Fundraising, Membership, Special Awards Sub-Committee, Hall of Fame Selection Chair, Ethics

**Tony Clarke** – Secretary, Officials Development Chair, Publicity, Membership, Banquet, Hall of Fame Selection

**Rob Porter** – President-Elect, Membership Chair, F/S & Girls State

**Roy Snyder** – Past President, Officials Development, Hall of Fame Banquet

**Rob Murphy** – Past President, Banquet Program, Classic Dual, Publicity, Fundraising, Ethics

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**Dan Cliffe** – Past President, Membership, Hall of Fame Sub-Committee, Hall of Fame Selection, Ethics

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**Augie Genovesi** – Past President, Classic Dual Chair, Hall of Fame Selection, Gerdes Leadership Award

**Rob Ledin** – Past President, Midwest Nationals Co-Chair, Publicity, Membership, F/S & Girls State, Hall of Fame Selection, Gerdes Leadership Award

**Mike Manahan** – Past President, Midwest Nationals, F/S & Girls State

**Debbie Nason** – Gerdes Leadership Award Committee Chair, Banquet, Banquet Program, Fundraising, F/S & Girls State Co-Chair, Hall of Fame Selection

**Mike Wilkey** – Past President, Banquet Committee, Officials Development, Hall of Fame Sub-Committee, Hall of Fame Selection

**Andy Gardner** – F/S & Girls State Co-Chair

**Matt Moore** – F/S & Girls State Co-Chair

**Scott Richardson** – Gerdes Leadership Award Co-Chair, Classic Dual

**Steve Amy** – Membership, Classic Dual

**Mike O'Dea** – Publicity, Membership, Banquet Program, Banquet, Classic Dual, Gerdes Leadership Award

**Corey Christenson** – Midwest Nationals Co-Chair, F/S & Girls State, Classic Dual

**Eddie Collins** – F/S & Girls State, Fundraising, Finance

**Chris Jordan** – Hall of Fame Banquet, Banquet program, Publicity Co-Chair

**Colleen McGlynn** – Girls Co-Chair, F/S & Girls State, Gerdes Leadership Award

**Fred Arkin** – Girls Co-Chair, F/S & Girls State, Classic Dual

**Mick Torres** – Publicity Co-Chair, Hall of Fame Banquet

**Ryan Cumbee** – Classic Dual

**Ray Eickelschulte** – Officials Development, Hall of Fame Selection

**Mike Elsbury** – Classic Dual

**Mike Pila** – Membership

## Board Member of the Year

2011 – Joe Cliffe

2012 – Dan Cliffe

2013 – Rob Ledin

2014 – Dan Fulscher

2015 – Debbie Nason

2016 – Nate Kessen

2017 – Mike Wilkey

2018 – Rich Montgomery

2019 – Mike O'Dea

2020 – Eddie Collins

2022 – Rob Porter

2023 – Roy Snyder

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## PROGRAM

### Welcome

Nate Kessen, IWCOA President

### PRE-LUNCH AWARDS

**Board Member of the Year**

**Official of the Year**

**Administrator of the Year**

**Person of the Year**

**Anthony Clarke**

### Lifetime Service

Phil Chihoski

Carmelo Flores

Mike Hurckes

Rob Ledin

Mark Mestemacher

John Polz

Todd Rosenthal

Ray Winesburg

### Hall of Fame Inductees

Nicholas Baima

Mike Behnke

Matthew Collum

Todd Combes

Mike Garofola

Sharron L. Jones

Greg Langley

Ed Mears

Charles Merzian

Jon Murray

Cassio Pero

Michael Poeta

Jim Raabe

Tom Rossiano

Roy Seeger

Michael Urwin

Ron Vermillion

John Wise

### Classic Dual Teams

Outstanding Wrestlers

Classic Dual Results

### State Placing Teams

**Scholastic Wrestlers of the Year**

**Special Recognition Awards**

### INVOCATION

### LUNCH

### AFTER MEAL AWARDS

Academic All-State

Newsman of the Year

All-State Certificates

Most Outstanding Wrestlers

Assistant Coaches of the Year

Head Coaches of the Year

Ken Gerdes Leadership Awards

### CLOSING REMARKS



## **Male & Female** **Wrestling Officials Needed**

Have you ever considered becoming a wrestling official? Our sport is in dire need of those with wrestling knowledge to give back thru officiating! Officiating is a great way to stay connected to our sport while giving back. You can also make money for working meets and tournaments. If you are interested, visit the link, or scan the QR Code below and complete the google interest form. You will then be contacted about becoming a wrestling official and provided support to do so.

**<https://tinyurl.com/39mbpcv5>**



For more information visit: **<https://iwcoa.net/officials/>**

# OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

**2023**

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**The Criteria for selecting the Official of the Year are as follows:**

1. A Member of the IWCOA
2. Officiated at Sectional Tournament this year

## NOMINEES

Roy Acree, Gibson City  
Dan McDonnell, Morris

Ray Eickelschulte, Fowler  
Derek Ryan, Kankakee

Ryan McMurray, Darien  
Jason Salley, Elgin

## PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – Tony Barbaro, Chicago  
1972 – Amos Jones, North Chicago  
1973 – George Brown, Rock Island  
1974 – Ken Marlin, Rockford  
1975 – Art Adams, Normal  
1976 – Frank Coniglio, Murphysboro  
1977 – Frank Coniglio, Murphysboro  
1978 – John Swalec, Libertyville  
1979 – Jim Nordin, Oak Park  
1980 – Harold Samorian, Northbrook  
1981 – Ray Cummings, Tolono  
1982 – Jack Leese, Northbrook  
1983 – Ed Luety, Melrose Park  
1984 – Ed Luety, Melrose Park  
1985 – Jack Leese, Northbrook  
1986 – Ed Luety, Melrose Park  
1987 – Dave Mathews, Naperville  
1988 – Bill Shreve, Chesterfield  
1989 – Dave Mathews, Naperville  
1990 – Renny Garshelis, Charleston  
1991 – Tom Heniff, Oak Lawn  
1992 – Greg Cozzi (Co-Winner), Hoffman Estates  
1992 – Ed Luety (Co-Winner), Melrose Park  
1993 – Mike Portincaso, Elmhurst  
1994 – Dan Fulscher, Lincoln  
1995 – Dan Farinosi, Hoffman Estates  
1996 – Tony Clarke, Zion  
1998 – Bill Marquardt, Bloomington  
1997 – Tom Heniff, Olympia Fields

1999 – Jon Schaus (Co-Winner), Itasca  
1999 – Ray Winesburg (Co-Winner), Elgin  
2000 – Mike Wilkey, Oak Park  
2001 – Dave Brost, New Lenox  
2002 – Tim Dodge, Lindenhurst  
2003 – Tom Heniff, (Co-Winner), Olympia Fields  
2003 – Ray Winesburg, (Co-Winner), Elgin  
2004 – Jon Schaus, Itasca  
2005 – Jeff Bowers, Bloomington  
2006 – Ron Coit, Farmer City  
2007 – Jeff Sorensen, Bloomington  
2008 – Greg Anderson, Peoria  
2009 – Shane Morgan, Oswego  
2010 – Tim Dodge, (Co-Winner), Lindenhurst  
2010 – Ray Winesburg, (Co-Winner), Elgin  
2011 – Kris Kamp, Deer Creek  
2012 – Bill Honeycutt, Woodridge  
2013 – Jeff Bowers, Bloomington  
2014 – Don Mekeel, Sterling  
2015 – James Carnahan, Rock Island  
2016 – Roy Snyder, Rochelle  
2017 – Jim Busser, Polo  
2018 – Scott Holbrook, Orion  
2019 – Nate Kessen, Sugar Grove  
2020 – Mike Bondi, Huntley  
2021 – Ray Eickelschulte, Quincy  
2022 – Dave Fellingner, Chicago

***THE IWCOA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE DEREK RYAN ON HIS  
SELECTION AS THE IHSA WRESTLING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR, CONGRATS RAY!***

# ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR

**2023 Class 1A** \_\_\_\_\_

**2A** \_\_\_\_\_

**3A** \_\_\_\_\_

## The criteria for selecting the Administrator of the Year are as follows:

1. Must have been an Administrator, AD, Principal, etc. in Illinois for 3 years
2. Administrator at the same school for two years
3. Person is an advocate within his school and his community in regards to Wrestling.

## NOMINEES

### Class 1A

Jeff Baughman, LeRoy  
Dave Ferrenburg, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley)  
Tim Gipe, Sandwich  
Jim Kann, Byron  
Aaron Sovern, Yorkville (Christian)

### Class 2A

Jim O'Brien, Joliet Catholic  
Ron Dwyer, Peoria (Richwoods)  
Todd Hannaford, Civic Memorial  
Rich Harvey, Rochelle  
Herb Knoblach, Washington

### Class 3A

Luke Engelhardt, Yorkville  
Peter Goff, DeKalb  
John Kane, Conant  
Dan Lacount, Chicago Mt. Carmel  
Jim Richter, St. Charles (East)  
Mike Sommerfeld, St. Charles (East)

## PAST RECIPIENTS

1991 – Class A – John Cullick, Coal City  
1991 – Class AA – Larry Bernard, Bolingbrook  
1991 – Class AA – Ralph Krupke, Lake Park  
1992 – Class A – Dave Gannaway, U-High, Normal  
1992 – Class AA – Bill Casey, Niles Notre Dame  
1993 – Class A – Neal Pavlus, Byron  
1993 – Class AA – Art Rohlman, DeKalb  
1994 – Class A – Carlin Nalley, Lisle  
1994 – Class AA – Neal McCauley, Naperville  
1995 – Class A – Ken Cummins, Plano  
1995 – Class AA – Dick Kerner, Waubonsie Valley  
1996 – Class A – Marshall Weeks, Sandwich  
1996 – Class AA – Greg Bradley, Mt. Zion  
1997 – Class A – Dan Schmitt, Prairie Central  
1997 – Class AA – Wayne Demarr, St. Charles  
1998 – Class A – Dave Turner, Porta  
1998 – Class AA – John Bauer, Aurora West  
1998 – Class AA – Fran Re, Belvidere  
1999 – Class A – Vern Welp, Oregon  
1999 – Class AA – Tim Albers, Libertyville  
2000 – Class A – Mike Clark, Clinton  
2000 – Class AA – Mike Hennessey, Niles Notre Dame  
2001 – Class A – William Hoecker, Burlington Central  
2001 – Class A – Neal Pavlus, Byron  
2001 – Class AA – Barb Barrows, Neuqua Valley  
2001 – Class AA – Jim Unrath, E. Moline United Township  
2002 – Class A – Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls  
2002 – Class AA – Washington Bush, Conant  
2003 – Class A – Curt Christenson, Normal (U-High)  
2003 – Class AA – Neil McCauley, Naperville  
2004 – Class A – Matt Swick, Wilmington  
2004 – Class AA – Jim Rees, Maine South

2005 – Class A – Don Riley, Montini  
2005 – Class AA – Rich Fullride, Morton  
2006 – Class A – C.J. “Skip” Tarran, Reed Custer  
2006 – Class AA – Tim Feigh, Hinsdale South  
2006 – Class AA – Randall Konstans, West Aurora  
2007 – Class A – Dan Schmitt, Prairie Central  
2007 – Class AA – Larry Jenkins, Glenbard North  
2008 – Class A – Mike Lootens, Stanford Olympia  
2008 – Class A – Dave Smith, Princeton  
2008 – Class AA – Todd Rosenthal, Moline  
2009 – Class 1A – Kip Crandall, Oregon  
2009 – Class 2A – Dan Cliffe, Burlington  
2009 – Class 3A – Randy Conrad, Leyden  
2010 – Class 1A – Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls  
2010 – Class 2A – Matt Hensley, Mahomet-Seymour  
2010 – Class 3A – Robert Tyrell, Minooka  
2011 – Class 1A – Dan Casillas, Prairie Central  
2011 – Class 2A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour  
2011 – Class 3A – Matt Bowser, Glenbard North  
2012 – Class 1A – Lon Gerrish, Sandwich  
2012 – Class 2A – Seth Schoonover, Yorkville  
2012 – Class 3A – Bruce Scheidegger, Orland Park (Sandburg)  
2013 – Class 1A – Adam Spicer, Wilmington  
2013 – Class 2A – Kevin Crandall, Rochelle  
2013 – Class 3A – Hud Venerable, Lincoln-Way Central  
2014 – Class 1A – Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls  
2014 – Class 2A – Travis Mackey, Geneseo  
2014 – Class 3A – Todd Rosenthal, Moline  
2015 – Class 1A – Jeff Reents, Wilmington

2015 – Class 2A – Chauncey Carrick, Sycamore  
2015 – Class 3A – Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central)  
2016 – Class 1A – Dan Hutchings, Coal City  
2016 – Class 2A – Herb Knoblauch, Washington  
2016 – Class 3A – Seth Schoonover, Yorkville  
2017 – Class 1A – Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA)  
2017 – Class 2A – Greg King, Sterling  
2017 – Class 3A – Ted Robbins, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way W.)  
2018 – Class 1A – Dan Beebe, Aurora (Christian)  
2018 – Class 2A – Kevin Crandall, Rochelle

2018 – Class 3A – Randy Conrad, Franklin Park (Leyden)  
2019 – Class 1A – Tom Smargiassi, Lena-Winslow-Stockton  
2019 – Class 2A – Chauncey Carrick, Sycamore  
2019 – Class 3A – Peter Goff, DeKalb  
2020 – Class 1A – Dan Hutchings, Coal City  
2020 – Class 2A – John Young, Lemont  
2020 – Class 3A – Mike Obsuszt, Barrington  
2022 – Class 1A – TJ Williams, Tremont  
2022 – Class 2A – Ryan Cumbee, Joliet Catholic  
2022 – Class 3A – Alex Tsirstis, Chicago (Mount Carmel)

## IWCOA PERSON OF THE YEAR

1985 TED DeROUSSE, Antioch  
1986 ED EWOLDT, Wheaton Central  
1987 RICK MANN, Hersey  
1988 LARRY KRISTOFF, SIU-Edwardsville  
1989 ED LUETY, Melrose Park  
1990 CHUCK FARINA, Leyden  
1991 JOE CLIFFE, Plano  
1992 GENE SWIERCZEWSKI, Hoffman Estates  
1993 LARRY GASSEN, Downers Grove South  
1994 LON GERRISH, Sandwich  
1995 JOE PEDERSEN, Naperville  
1997 RON REICHERT & DEBBIE NASON  
1998 STEVE COMBS, Mahomet  
1999 MARK JOHNSON, University of Illinois  
2000 DAN CLIFFE, Burlington Central  
2001 TOM HENIFF, Olympia Fields  
2002 LEO KOCHER, University of Chicago  
2003 DAN FULSCHER, Lincoln  
2004 KEN KRAFT, Northwestern University  
2005 MIKE MANAHAN, Olympia

2006 GEORGE DYCHE, Aurora West  
2007 MIKE POLZ, Sandburg  
2008 DAVE GANNAWAY, IHSA  
2009 JEFF PAPE, Schaumburg  
2010 MIKE BUKOVSKY, Montini  
2011 DR. MARTY HICKMAN, IHSA  
2012 RICH MONTGOMERY, Rock Falls  
2013 MIKE MATOZZI, Hinsdale South  
2014 ROB LEDIN, Mahomet  
2015 ROB MURPHY, Wilmington  
2016 CRAIG ANDERSON, IHSA  
2017 PAT O'CONNELL, Joliet  
2018 JACK LEESE, Northbrook  
2019 FRED ARKIN, Oak Park  
2019 COLLEEN MCGLYNN, Belleville  
2020 NATE KESSEN, Sugar Grove  
2020 MIKE POWELL, Oak Park  
2022 ROB PORTER, Naperville  
2023 ANTHONY CLARKE, Zion

# Anthony Clarke

2023

IWCOA

PERSON

OF

THE

YEAR



## **Anthony Clarke, Zion**

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

Tony is employed as a civil servant for the Department of the Navy, a job he began in 1984.

He has coached wrestling 10 years at the IKWF Club level, three years at the middle school level and, as a volunteer coach, 12 years at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein.

Tony's expertise as a wrestling official, however, sets him apart. Since he started refereeing in 1984, he has worked 38 IHSA state final events, 25 as a floor official including the first girls state finals in 2022 and 13 as Coordinator of officials. He has also worked 13 IESA State Finals and multiple IKWF State Finals. Tony was named an IHSA wrestling clinician in 1999 and wrestling rules interpreter in 2005 and assumed the position of IHSA Head Wrestling Clinician in 2017.

He has been serving on the National Federation of State High Schools Wrestling Rules Committee since 2015. He is the current NFHS Rules Committee Chairman until 2025. As a side note, Illinois in 2025 would have been represented on the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee for 21 years in a row starting with Dave Gannaway's 8 years of service, Randy Conrad's 4 years of service and Tony's 11 years of service.

Tony has also serviced on the IHSA Officials Advisory Committee, IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee, and IESA Wrestling Advisory Committee. Tony is the current IWCOA official's Chairperson and Board Secretary. He also serves as the IKWF Rules Director.

Since 2000 Tony serves as Wrestling Assignment Chairperson for the MSL and WSC conferences. He also serves as Assignment Chairperson for NSC, NLLC and CPL.

Tony has received the following wrestling honors:

- 1996 IWCOA Official of the Year; 2001 National Federation Officials
- Association Official of the Year; 2005 IWCOA Hall of Fame Member; 2009
- IHSA Distinguished Service Award; 2013 Wrestling USA Magazine Official of
- the Year, 2014 IHSA Individual State Finals Grand Marshal; 2014 Big K Hall
- of Fame, 2015 IESA Individual State Finals Grand Marshal, 2015
- National Wrestling Hall Of Fame (IL chapter) Lifetime Service Award, 2016 I
- WCOA Lifetime Service Award and 2022 Lake County Hall of Fame Wrestling Official.



# **National Wrestling Coaches Association**

## **2023 Nominees**

**Head Coach Boys—Dale Eggert—Libertyville**

**Head Coach Girls—Liz Short—Joliet**

**Asst Boys Staff—Mark King and the Lyons Township Staff**

**Asst Girls Staff—Jeff Charlebeois and the Minooka Staff**

# 2023 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals

Location: Notre Dame High School, Niles, IL, March 12, 2023



## Indiana Gold defeated Illinois Lincoln 37-16

- 182-Orlando Cruz (Indiana Gold) over Shannon Hendegan (Illinois Lincoln) Fall 2:33
- 195-Reid Schroeder (Indiana Gold) over Nick Nosler (Illinois Lincoln) Dec 5-2
- 220 Alex Rose (Indiana Gold) over Luke Liberatore (Illinois Lincoln) Dec 6-2
- 285-Andrew Just (Indiana Gold) over Isaiah Gonzalez (Illinois Lincoln) SV-1 3-1
- 106-Joey Sikorsky (Illinois Lincoln) over Kyle Callahan (Indiana Gold) Dec 13-7
- 113-Jackson Heaston (Indiana Gold) over John Davis (Illinois Lincoln) Dec 9-3
- 120-Aston Jackson (Indiana Gold) over Gylon Sims (Illinois Lincoln) Fall 1:47
- 126-Trevor Hedges (Illinois Lincoln) over Evan Seng (Indiana Gold) Fall 1:40
- 132-David Maldanado (Indiana Gold) over Sean Berger (Illinois Lincoln) Dec 5-4
- 138-Lucas Clement (Indiana Gold) over Jake Hamiti (Illinois Lincoln) Maj 12-2
- 145-Noah Tapia (Illinois Lincoln) over Brevan Thrine (Indiana Gold) Maj 12-3
- 152-Bryce Lowry (Indiana Gold) over Taythan Silva (Illinois Lincoln) Dec 4-3
- 160-Logan Farnell (Indiana Gold) over Ethan Stiles (Illinois Lincoln) Dec 7-6
- 170-Abe Wojcikiewik (Illinois Lincoln) over Jaquan East (Indiana Gold) Dec 7-6

# 2023 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals

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## Illinois Reagan defeated Indiana Blue 46-17

- 284-Edie Cole (Illinois Reagan) over Talon Humphrey (Indiana Blue) Fall 1:50
- 152.2-Marco Spinazzola (Illinois Reagan) over Carson Fettig (Indiana Blue) Dec 7-5
- 120-Tyler Evans (Illinois Reagan) over Logan Bickel (Indiana Blue) Fall 1:36
- 126-Calvin Miller (Illinois Reagan) over Nasir Christian (Indiana Blue) Dec 4-2
- 132-Coy Hammack (Indiana Blue) over Caden Muselman (Illinois Reagan) Maj 10-2
- 138-Dresden Grimm (Illinois Reagan) over Kelby Glenn (Indiana Blue) Fall 3:31
- 145-Paul Ishikawa (Illinois Reagan) over Braxton Miller (Indiana Blue) Dec 10-4
- 152-Marco Spinazzola (Illinois Reagan) over Tyce Duport (Indiana Blue) Dec 5-4
- 160-Jeb Prechtel (Indiana Blue) over Dax Gentes (Illinois Reagan) Dec 7-6
- 170-Logan Swaw (Illinois Reagan) over Tanner Reed (Indiana Blue) Fall 2:00
- 182-Orlando Cruz (Indiana Blue) over Bryan Lane (Illinois Reagan) Fall 2:00
- 195-Luke Hansen (Indiana Blue) over Joey Breneman (Illinois Reagan) Maj 15-7
- 220-Alex Hammick (Illinois Reagan) over Alex Rose (Indiana Blue) Maj 9-0
- 285-Alex Jackson (Illinois Reagan) over Talon Humphrey (Indiana Blue) Fall 3:34



# 2023 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals

Location: Notre Dame High School, Niles, IL, March 12, 2023



## Indiana Girls defeated Illinois Girls 59-21

- 120-Zoe Pugh (Indiana Girls) over Monica Griffin (Illinois Girls) Fall 5:40
- 145-Antonio Phillips (Illinois Girls) over Ally Zuckscgwerdt (Indiana Girls) Fall 1:39
- 152-Melissa Barrada (Indiana Girls) over Kiai Fernandex (Illinois Girls) Inj 5:29
- 160-Jasmine Hernandez (Illinois Girls) over Sadie Osburn (Indiana Girls) Fall 3:31
- 170-Nadia Martinez (Illinois Girls) over Fielou Van Brugger (Indiana Girls) Fall 1:50
- 182-Jaiden Moody (Illinois Girls) over Michela Clifford (Indiana Girls) Dec 3-0
- 195-Varzidy Batchelor (Indiana Girls) over Rye Reyes (Illinois Girls) Fall 3:30
- 100-AnnaMae Mosconi (Indiana Girls) over Sammy Lehr (Illinois Girls) Fall 1:50
- 105-AnnaMae Mosconi (Indiana Girls) over Andrea Munoz (Illinois Girls) Fall 1:45
- 110-Emma Pillion (Indiana Girls) over Kiley Bair (Illinois Girls) Fall 1:06
- 115-Sophia Buecgber (Indiana Girls) over Angela Lee (Illinois Girls) Fall 3:37
- 125-Kyra Tomlison (Indiana Girls) over Ashley Villa (Illinois Girls)
- 130-Katektn Hernandez (Indiana Girls) over Manny Anderson (Illinois Girls)
- 135-Autani Davis (Indiana Girls) over Al Ghala Al Radi (Illinois Girls)
- 250-Chrissy True (Indiana Girls) over Sarah Epshtein (Illinois Girls) Dec 2-1

# 2023 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals

Location: Notre Dame High School, Niles, IL, March 12, 2023

## 2023 Illinois Officials at IL/IN Classic Dual



**Left to Right:** *Donald McKillip (Minooka), Roy Snyder (Rochelle), Michael Hurckes (Ringwood), Russell Henson (Rochelle)*



# STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Class 1A

Coal City

Coach – Mark Masters



## Team Place Winners

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Yorkville (Christian)

Coach: Mike Vester

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lena (L-Winslow)

Coach: Kevin Milder

**4<sup>th</sup>**

Fithian (Oakwood)

Coach: Mike Glosser

## State Qualifiers

Auburn

Coach: Matt Grimm

Canton

Coach: Zach Crawford

Elmhurst (IC Catholic)

Coach: Jason Renteria

LeRoy

Coach: Brady Sant Amour



# STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Class 2A

Washington

Coach – Nick Miller



## Team Place Winners

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Joliet (Catholic Academy)

Coach: Ryan Cumbee

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Wauconda

Coach: Trevor Jauch

**4<sup>th</sup>**

Geneseo

Coach: Jon Murray

## State Qualifiers

Chicago (Brother Rice)

Coach: Jan Murzyn

Jacksonville (H.S.)

Coach: Dustin Secrist

Deerfield (H.S.)

Coach: Marc Pechter

Mahomet (M-Seymour)

Coach: Rob Ledin

# STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Class 3A

St. Charles (East)

Coach – Jason Potter



## Team Place Winners

**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Aurora (Marmion Academy)

Coach: Nathan Fitzenreider

**3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lockport (Twp.)

Coach: Jameson Oster

**4<sup>th</sup>**

Yorkville (H.S.)

Coach: Jake Oster

## State Qualifiers

Arlington Heights (Hersey)

Coach: Joseph Rupslauk

Chicago (Mt. Carmel)

Coach: Alex Tsirtsis

Elmhurst (York)

Coach: Nick Metcalf

Gurnee (Warren)

Coach: Brad Janecek

## SCHOLASTIC WRESTLERS OF THE YEAR

2023 Class 1A \_\_\_\_\_

2A \_\_\_\_\_

3A \_\_\_\_\_

Girls \_\_\_\_\_

The Criteria for selecting the Scholastic Wrestler of the year are as follows:

1. The candidate must be nominated by his coach
2. Must be a senior in the upper half of his class
3. Must have placed at the IHSA State Tournament in Class 1A, Class 2A or Class 3A.

### NOMINEES

#### Class 1A

Noah Carl, Toledo (Cumberland)  
Dax Gentes, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley)  
Dresden Grimm, Auburn  
Garrett Luke, Lena (L.-Winslow)  
Tyler Martinez, Yorkville (Christian)  
Owen Miller, Vandalia  
Jake Piatak, Coal City  
Braiden Young, Coal City

#### Class 2A

Brandon Bray, Chatham (Glenwood)  
Alex Haamrick, Chatham (Glenwood)  
Blake Henrichson, Washington  
William Prater, Lombard (Montini)  
Karl Schmalz, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Kannon Webster, Washington  
Abraham Wojcikiewicz, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)

#### Class 3A

Ben Alvarez, Yorkville  
William Baysinger, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)  
Dominic Ducato, Algonquin (Jacobs)  
Jameson Garcia, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Jacob Lachs, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)  
Luke Liberatore, Chicago (Marist)  
Peter Marinopoulos, Chicago (Marist)  
Sean Scheck, Aurora (Marmion Academy)

#### Girls

Khatija Ahmed, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)  
Kala Fernandez, Barrington  
Maria Ferrer, Elgin (Larkin)  
Aaliyah Grandberry, Chicago (Curie)  
Antonia Phillips, Alton  
Attalia Watson-Castro, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)

### PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – John King, DeKalb

1972 – Pete Anderson, Homewood Flossmoor

1973 – Bruce Zimmer, Niles North

1974 – Alex Riccomini, East Leyden

1975 – Steve Traylor, Richards

1976 – Robert Taylor, Pekin

1977 – Tom Janicik, Belleville West

1978 – Jon Gluck, Conant

1979 – Dale Schmach, Cambridge

1980 – Jerry Richards, Romeoville

1981 – Kirk Trost, Lincolnway

1982 – Pat Parks, Addison Trail (Co-Winner)

1982—Scott Wiggin, Wheaton North (Co-Winner)

1983 – Class A – Jeff Putman, Harvard

1983 – Class AA – Tony Evensen, Marist

1984 – Class A – Bruce Dickey, Fairfield

1984 – Class AA – Mark Antionetti, Mt. Carmel

1985 – Class A – George Bednarczyk, Harvard

1985 – Class AA – Mike Mroszek, St. Pats

1986 – Class A – Scott Holbrook, Newman Catholic

1986 – Class AA – Bill Jepsen, Gordon Tech

1987 – Class A – Brian Kish, Sandwich

1987 – Class AA – Neil Kohlberg, Wheeling

1988 – Class A – Brad Stockstill, Mt. Olive



1988 – Class AA – Brett Janis, Lake Park  
 1989 – Class A – Parr Schoolman, Clifton  
 1989 – Class AA – William O’Brian, Marist  
 1990 – Class A – Kip Wahlgren, Princeton  
 1990 – Class AA – Sam Walt, DeKalb  
 1991 – Class A – David Bobee, Plano  
 1991 – Class AA – Mike Baumann, Libertyville  
 1992 – Class A – Ryan Scoville, Lisle  
 1992 – Class AA – Steve Gerstung, Hersey  
 1993 – Class A – Dan Hajek, Lisle  
 1993 – Class AA – Joe Greene, Glenbard South  
 1994 – Class A – Brian Aho, Buffalo Tri-City  
 1994 – Class A – Josh Langford, Winnebago  
 1994 – Class A – Ryan Metcalfe, Yorkville  
 1994 – Class A – Mike Shields, Belleville Althoff  
 1994 – Class AA – Neal Rodak, Oak Forest  
 1995 – Class A – Casey O’ Connor, Illini Bluffs  
 1995 – Class AA – Jake Bricker, York  
 1996 – Class A – Steve Bultman, Petersburg Porta  
 1996 – Class AA – Malik Elliot, Mt. Carmel  
 1997 – Class A – Chad Hay, Sandwich  
 1997 – Class A – Mike Weber, Belleville-Althoff  
 1997 – Class AA – Zach Emond, Lake Zurich  
 1997 – Class AA – Alan Wilson, McHenry  
 1998 – Class AA – Chris Stuart, Oak Forest  
 1998 – Class A – A.J. Bianchi, Harvard  
 1999 – Class A – Andy Reeter, Dakota  
 1999 – Class AA – Jon Bergstrom, Lincoln-Way  
 2000 – Class A – Nick Morphew, Prophetstown  
 2000 – Class AA – Tim Daly, Willowbrook  
 2000 – Class AA – Brian Nelson, St. Laurence  
 2001 – Class A – David Schultz, Harvard  
 2001 – Class AA – Chuck Rumpf, Lincoln-Way  
 2002 – Class A – Josh Means, Lisle  
 2002 – Class AA – Dustin Carpenter, Belleville West  
 2003 – Class A – Jordan Broquard, Prairie Central  
 2003 – Class AA – Michael Bishof, York  
 2004 – Class A – Brent Skorup, Sandwich  
 2004 – Class AA – Mike Tamillow, Fenwick  
 2005 – Class A – Dan Haefflinger, Harvard  
 2005 – Class AA – Mike Anello, Sandburg  
 2006 – Class A – Daniel Hermes, Sterling Newman  
 2006 – Class AA – Jim Kennedy, Grant  
 2007 – Class A – Ross George, Manteno  
 2007 – Class A – Vince Vercelli, Wilmington  
 2007 – Class AA – Jake Vetter, Richmond Burton  
 2008 – Class A – Noah Roseland, Coal City  
 2008 – Class A – Zach Wilson, Benton  
 2008 – Class AA – Ben Apland, Downers Grove South  
 2009 – Class 1A – John Van Duyne, Wilmington  
 2009 – Class 2A – Josh Castellano, Fenton  
 2009 – Class 3A – Wade Self, Lake Zurich  
 2010 – Class 1A – Matt Schaidle, Eureka  
 2010 – Class 2A – Nick Haeferkamp, Lincoln  
 2010 – Class 3A – Joe Schwartz, Highland Park  
 2011 – Class 1A – Andy Hoselton, Fairbury (Prairie Central)  
 2011 – Class 2A – Adam Wyeth, Yorkville  
 2011 – Class 3A – Chris Johnson, Wheeling  
 2012 – Class 1A – Justin Meyers, LeRoy  
 2012 – Class 2A – Matt Garelli, Oak Park (Fenwick)  
 2012 – Class 3A – Josh Marchok, Schaumburg  
 2013 – Class 1A – Michael Harris, Belleville (Althoff Catholic)  
 2013 – Class 2A – Alex Friedman, Pontiac  
 2013 – Class 2A – Copache Taylor Springfield Southeast  
 2013 – Class 3A – Steven Galiardo, Chicago (St. Patrick)  
 2013 – Class 3A – Justin Weber, Lincolnshire (Stevenson)  
 2014 – Class 1A – Dexter Fierro, Wilmington  
 2014 – Class 2A – Harrison Williams, Springfield  
 2014 – Class 3A – Nick Allegretti, Lincoln-Way East  
 2015 – Class 1A – Jarod Noel, Bismarck-Henning  
 2015 – Class 2A – Jake Eckenrod, Mt. Zion  
 2015 – Class 3A – Chris Zhang, Naperville (North)  
 2016 – Class 1A – Riley Kauzlaric, Coal City  
 2016 – Class 2A – Donald Keeley III, Washington  
 2016 – Class 3A – Zachary Krause, Plainfield (East)  
 2016 – Class 3A – Shayne Oster, Lockport  
 2017 – Class 1A – Nick Pretto, Wilmington  
 2017 – Class 1A – Tyler Roling, Sherrard  
 2017 – Class 2A – Micah Krueger, Ottawa  
 2017 – Class 3A – Patrick Brucki, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)  
 2018 – Class 1A – Tyler Roling, Sherrard  
 2018 – Class 2A – Micah Krueger, Ottawa  
 2018 – Class 3A – Patrick Brucki, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)  
 2019 – Class 1A – Wesley Girardi, Deer Creek-Mackinaw  
 2019 – Class 2A – Peter McCusker, Rantoul  
 2019 – Class 3A – Ryan Fleck, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
 2020 – Class 1A – Charlie Peterson, Auburn  
 2020 – Class 2A – Zeke Waltz, Jerseyville  
 2020 – Class 3A – David Ferrante, Huntley  
 2022 – Girls – Naomi Milees, Lake Forest  
 2022 – Class 1A – Joe Lashuay, Fithian (Oakwood)  
 2022 – Class 2A – Sean Conway, Chicago (St. Patrick)  
 2022 – Class 3A – Jack Cummins, Winnetka (New Trier)  
 2022 – Class 3A – Josh Knudten, Libertyville

# **Special Recognition Awards**

## **Gold Level**

Phoenix Blakely, Dakota-4 State Championships  
Nasir Bailey, Richton Park (Rich Township)- 4 State Championships  
Sergio Lemley, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)-4 State Championships  
Mahomet (M.-Seymour) High School-Surpassing 1000 Dual Meet Wins

## **Silver Level**

Mark Master, Coal City-400 wins  
Henry Patton, Tolono (Unity)-25 years of Contributions to the Sport of Wrestling  
Greg Langley, Harrisburg-400 wins  
Ethan Stiles, Hoffman Estates (Conant)-3 Time State Champion  
Kannon Webster, Washington-3 Time State Champion  
Andy Gardner, Springfield-Service to the management of the Fresh-Soph State Finals  
Matt Moore, Springfield-Service to the management of the Fresh-Soph State Finals  
Brad Alewelt- Service to the management of the Fresh-Soph State Finals  
Kelly Ripa, New York-National Promotion of Wrestling  
Mark Consuelos-New York-National Promotion of Wrestling

## **Bronze Level**

Matt Grimm, Auburn-300 wins  
Kathy Craig, Hinsdale (South)-Extraordinary Service to the Wrestling

# *IWCOA Academic All-State Wrestling Team*

The IWCOA is honored to recognize the following wrestlers as Academic All-State Wrestlers for 2023. In order to qualify, these athletes must be a senior and have earned a varsity letter. The athlete must also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.6 on a 5.0 scale at the end of their 7<sup>th</sup> semester of high school. This GPA is verified by the high school's principal or guidance counselor. The athlete does not have to have qualified for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament to be eligible.

Khatija Ahmed, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)  
Ben Alvarez, Yorkville (H.S.)  
James Amatore, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Walker Anderson, Sherrard  
Luka Anoshenko, Chicago (Marist)  
Max Astacio, Woodstock (Marian)  
Angel Bateson, Normal (West)  
William Baysinger, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)  
Jude Beers, Johnson City  
Dominic Bejar, Plainfield (North)  
Jacob Bishoff, LeRoy (COOP)  
Mateo Blessing, Coal City  
Ariel Board, Vienna/Goreville  
James Bowes, Chicago (Brother Rice)  
Branden Bray, Chatham (Glenwood)  
Brady Brewick, Genoa (G.-Kingston)  
Gunner Brophy, Pekin  
Brianna Bynum, Sherrard  
Noah Carl, Toledo (Cumberland)  
Derek Carlson, Coal City  
Norma Chavez, Chicago (Juarez)  
Connor Chin, Jersey (Community)  
August Christliff, Champaign (St. Thomas More)  
Charles Connolly, Chicago (Brother Rice)  
Edward Couri, Peoria (Notre Dame)  
Connor Cumbee, Joliet (Catholic Academy)  
Braiden Damhoff, Fulton  
Daniel DeMartino, Plainfield (North)  
Noah Dial, Yorkville (Christian)  
Cadence Diduch, Freeport (H.S.)  
Bradley Dollus, Chatham (Glenwood)  
Addison Drews, Huntley  
Gabe Eckerd, Oregon  
Ty Edwards, Yorkville (Christian)  
Henry Engel, Lena (L.-Winslow)  
Kala Fernandez, Barrington  
Maria Ferrer, Elgin (Larkin)  
Charlie Fitzgerald, Woodstock (Marian)  
John Fitzpatrick, Chicago (Brother Rice)  
Jameson Garcia, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Dylan Garland, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)  
Jackson Glendenning, Oregon  
Aaliyah Grandberry, Chicago (Curie)  
Bryce Griffin, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)  
Dresden Grimm, Auburn  
Anthony Gulino, Plainfield (North)  
Joseph Gurdak, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Samuel Gurvich, Skokie (Ida Crown)  
Kevin Halley, Vernon Hills  
Justin Hay, Chatham (Glenwood)  
Mark Helm, Chatham (Glenwood)  
Blake Henrichson, Washington  
Kaden Herman, Woodstock (Marian)  
Reid Hogan, Joliet (West)  
Seth Hook, Vienna/Goreville  
Kaden Hutchens, Jersey (Community)  
Thomas Janus, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Calvin Jeronimo, Midlothian (Bremen)  
Anais King, Peoria (Manual)

Suzie Knutte, Lemont (H.S.)  
Jacob Lachs, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)  
Casey Lechuga, Algonquin (Jacobs)  
Briley Lehman, Vienna/Goreville  
Sammy Lehr, Normal (West)  
Luke Liberatore, Chicago (Marist)  
Garrett Luke, Lena (L.-Winslow)  
Joe Mahoney, Chicago (Marist)  
Quinn Mahoney, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Jake Malenock, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Mason Martinez, Jersey (Community)  
Tyler Martinez, Yorkville (Christian)  
Ryan McCord, Rock Falls  
Ella McDonnell, Morris  
Benjamin McMurray, Chicago (Brother Rice)  
Carson McPeck, Lena (L.-Winslow)  
Owen Miller, Vandalia  
Alivia Ming, Vienna/Goreville  
Peter Mondus, Palatine (Fremd)  
Nolan Mrozowski, Rochester  
Kevin Nolan, Chicago (Marist)  
Johnny O'Connor, Lemont (H.S.)  
Tallen Pawlak, Mahomet (M.-Seymour)  
Edward Perry, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Antonia Phillips, Alton (Sr.)  
Jake Piatak, Coal City  
Donny Pighi, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Jack Poyner, Coal City  
Froylan Racey, Normal (West)  
Sidney Ray, Minooka  
Aiden Rice, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Colin Ripperda, Riverton (COOP)  
Carter Rude, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)  
Lillian Russell, Sherrard  
Nate Sarfo, Woodstock (Marian)  
Rocco Sauer, Algonquin (Jacobs)  
Sean Scheck, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Karl Schmalz, Niles (Notre Dame)  
Wyatt Schmitt, Joliet (West)  
Santino Scolaro, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Tyler Semlar, Morris  
Trace Shaub, Petersburg (PORTA)  
Grant Stender, Oregon  
Hersh Suthar, Huntley  
Gretchen Sweeney, Huntley  
Connor Thompson, Aurora (Marmion Academy)  
Mason Tieffel, Benton  
Leonardo Tovar, Plainfield (North)  
Owen Uppinghouse, Quincy (Sr.)  
Robert Vavrik, Champaign (St. Thomas More)  
Jamie Vela, Palatine (Fremd)  
Kannon Webster, Washington  
Janell Wegmer, Plainfield (North)  
Noah Wenzel, Dakota  
Netavia Wickson, Rockford (Boylan Catholic)  
Evan Willock, Normal (West)  
Abraham Wojcikiewicz, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)  
Braiden Young, Coal City



# NEWSMAN OF THE YEAR

2023

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## The Criteria for selecting the Newsman of the Year are as follows:

1. Detailed coverage of local teams
2. Use of many action photos
3. Personalized articles about wrestlers, coaches, officials or fans
4. Selection of honor roles or conference ratings
5. Promotion of tournaments and outstanding meets
6. Personal attendance of wrestling meets
7. Wrestling coverage of all levels

## NOMINEES

Curt Herron, IWCOA Feature Writer  
Michael Garafola, The Daily Herald  
TC Lifonti, Illinois Matmen

Izzy Martinez, Illinois Matmen  
Jim Mattson, WEEK TV-Peoria

## PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – Howard Brooks, DeKalb Chronicle  
1972 – Mike Mooney, Pioneer Press  
1973 – Keith Reinhard, Paddock Publications  
1974 – Vic Reato, Herarld News of Joliet  
1975 – Mike Mooney, Rockford Morning Star  
1976 – Tom Enlund, DeKalb Chronicle  
1977 – Ron Beem, Tempo Life/Rock.Morning Star  
1978 – Reid Schalk, Rockford Morning Star  
1979 – Reid Hanley, Suburban Trib  
1980 – Reid Hanley, Suburban Trib  
1981 – Lyle Eckstrom, Savanna  
1982 – Gene Seymour, Springfield State Journal  
1983 – Tom Loftus, Paddock Publications  
1984 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette  
1985 – Rob Sherrill, Chicago Sun Times  
1986 – Tom Horvath, Wheaton Daily Journal  
1987 – Bob Reilly, Star  
1987 – Barb Mangels, Bloomingdale Press  
1987 – Dan Eilts, Ottawa Daily  
1988 – Robert Burns, Springfield St. Journal Reg.  
1988 – Bill Wesselhoff, DeKalb Chronicle  
1988 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette  
1989 – Jim Edison, Pioneer Press  
1990 – Rob Sherrill, Grappler & Chicago Sun Times  
1991 – John Marx, Moline Dispatch  
1992 – Larry Weintrek, Arlington Hts. Daily Herald  
1993 – Dave Elsesser, LaSalle News Tribune  
1994 – Joseph Bush, Daily Herald  
1995 – Jeff Glade, Ottawa Daily Times  
1996 – Dean Criddle, Belleville News Democrat  
1997 – Jim Edison, Pioneer Press

1998 – Bill Kindt, Beacon News  
1999 – Jim Mattson, WHOI-TV  
2000 – Curt Herron, Plainfield Enterprise  
2000 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette  
2001 – Rick Armstrong, Aurora Beacon-Copy News  
2001 – Andy Colbert, Sauk Valley Newspaper  
2001 – Ed Ewoldt, The Word  
2001 – Randy Sharer, Bloomington Pantagraph  
2002 – Curt Herron, Star Herald  
2003 – Jim Mattson, WHOI-TV  
2004 – Tim Maher, “The Big Guy Show”  
2004 – Bob Regan, DeKalb Chronicle  
2004 – Tim Smith, Morris Daily Herald  
2005 – Rick Armstrong, Aurora Beacon-Copley News  
2005 – Ed Ewoldt, “The Word”  
2005 – Kevin Powers, WCCI 100.3 FM, Savanna  
2006 – Gary Larsen, Daily Herald  
2007 – Scott Schmidt, Lombard Spectator  
2008 – James Bentz, Free Press Advocate, Wilmington  
2009 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette  
2010 – Mike Bare, Illinoismatmen.com  
2011 – Rob Sherrill, Illinois Best Weekly  
2012 – Mike Vest, Illinoismatmen.com  
2013 – Curt Herron, Illinoismatmen.com  
2014 – Daniel Makarewicz, Moline Dispatch  
2015 – Kory Kuffler, WQAD Sports – Moline  
2016 – Jared Bell, News Tribune/Illinois Matmen  
2017 – Mike Garofola, Daily Herald/Illinois Matmen  
2018 – Curt Herron, Herald News  
2019 – Rob Sherrill, IWCOA Rankings & IL Best Weekly  
2020 – Gary Larsen, IWCOA Features  
2022– Rob Sherrill, IWCOA & IL Best Weekly

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## Class 1A – 106 Pounds



- 1st Place - Dean Wainwright of Port Byron (Riverdale), 49-1, Fr.
- 2nd Place - Hunter Robbins of Glasford (Illini Bluffs), 34-2, Jr.
- 3rd Place - Drew Sadler of Anna (A.-Jonesboro), 51-3, So.
- 4th Place - Ian Akers of Peoria (Notre Dame), 43-6, So.
- 5th Place - Maddux Steele of Canton, 43-10, Fr.
- 6th Place - Aiden Larsen of Yorkville (Christian), 18-11, So.

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## Class 2A – 106 Pounds



1st Place - Anthony Alanis of Grayslake (Central), 44-1, Jr.

2nd Place - Gavin Rockey of Wauconda, 29-6, So.

3rd Place - Morgan Turner of Midlothian (Bremen), 35-3, Fr.

4th Place - Bradley Ruckman of Bethalto (Civic Memorial), 36-10, So.

5th Place - Harrison Dea of Morton, 37-11, Fr.

6th Place - Ivan Munoz of Ottawa (Twp.), 35-7, Jr.

## Class 3A – 106 Pounds



1st Place - Dom Munaretto of St. Charles (East), 50-0, Fr.

2nd Place - Brayden Teunissen of Belvidere (North), 48-3, So.

3rd Place - Rocco Hayes of Orland Park (Sandburg), 41-7, So.

4th Place - Nicholas Garcia of Aurora (Marmion Academy), 28-6, Fr.

5th Place - Caden Correll of Normal (Community), 51-2, So.

6th Place - Maddox Garbis of Plainfield (North), 42-5, So.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 113 Pounds



1st Place - Tyson Waughtel of Carlyle, 51-1, So.

2nd Place - Keygan Jennings of Farmington, 35-2, Jr.

3rd Place - Clinton VerHeecke of Decatur (Lutheran), 48-2, Fr.

4th Place - Brody Widlowski of Coal City, 39-3, Fr.

5th Place - Andrew Alvarado of Woodstock (Marian), 21-10, So.

6th Place - Alex Powell of Litchfield, 44-8, Sr.

## Class 2A – 113 Pounds



1st Place - Drew Davis of Chatham (Glenwood), 49-2, Jr.

2nd Place - Nate Randle of Wauconda, 31-9, Fr.

3rd Place - Deven Casey of Aurora (A. Christian), 40-8, So.

4th Place - Jason Hampton of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 39-10, Fr.

5th Place - Truth Vesey of Rock Island (H.S.), 42-5, Jr.

6th Place - Ben Dunne of Lombard (Montini), 18-3, Jr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 113 Pounds



- 1st Place - Seth Mendoza of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 37-2, So.  
2nd Place - Deion Johnson of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.), 33-7, Sr.  
3rd Place - Dominic Ducato of Algonquin (Jacobs), 35-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Ethan Spacht of Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais), 41-7, Sr.  
5th Place - Brady Phelps of Schaumburg (H.S.), 40-2, So.  
6th Place - Ino Garcia of Batavia, 25-9, Jr.

## Class 1A – 120 Pounds



- 1st Place - Anthony Ruzic of Auburn, 51-2, Jr.  
2nd Place - Ty Edwards of Yorkville (Christian), 45-7, Jr.  
3rd Place - Saul Trejo of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), 12-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Tony Keene of Harrisburg, 45-4, Jr.  
5th Place - Payton Murphy of Tremont, 40-4, Sr.  
6th Place - Garrett VerHeecke of Decatur (Lutheran), 43-7, Fr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 2A – 120 Pounds



- 1st Place - Gylon Sims of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 41-6, Sr.
- 2nd Place - Josh Vazquez of Aurora (A. Christian), 26-7, So.
- 3rd Place - Tyler Evans of Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge), 46-5, Sr.
- 4th Place - Nore` Turner of Midlothian (Bremen), 33-5, Sr.
- 5th Place - Daniel McGhee of Rock Island (H.S.), 27-7, Jr.
- 6th Place - Kameron Luif of Lombard (Montini), 36-12, Fr.

## Class 3A – 120 Pounds



- 1st Place - Massey Odiotti of Wilmette (Loyola Academy), 40-6, Sr.
- 2nd Place - Justin Wardlow of Lockport (Twp.), 41-13, Fr.
- 3rd Place - AJ Marino of St. Charles (East), 40-9, Sr.
- 4th Place - Teddy Flores of Park Ridge (Maine South), 40-5, Jr.
- 5th Place - Damian Resendez of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 23-12, Jr.
- 6th Place - Joel Muehlenbeck of Mt. Prospect (Prospect), 34-13, Sr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 126 Pounds



1st Place - TJ Silva of Dakota 38-2, So.

2nd Place - Emmett Nelson of Richmond (R.-Burton), 46-3, So.

3rd Place - Jude Finch of Taylor Ridge (Rockridge), 44-5, So.

4th Place - Trevor Hedges of Canton, 48-4, Sr.

5th Place - Brady Grennan of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic), 13-5, Jr.

6th Place - Calvin Miller of Shelbyville, 46-7, Sr.

## Class 2A – 126 Pounds



1st Place - Bobby Conway of Chicago (Brother Rice), 23-1, So.

2nd Place - Colby Crouch of Troy (Triad), 31-1, Jr.

3rd Place - Wyatt Medlin of Washington, 25-5, Jr.

4th Place - Tyler Weidman of Grayslake (Central), 40-13, Jr.

5th Place - Caleb Scott of Bethalto (Civic Memorial), 39-12, Jr.

6th Place - Jordan Rasof of Deerfield (H.S.), 44-8, So.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 126 Pounds



- 1st Place - Ben Davino of St. Charles (East), 50-0, Jr.  
2nd Place - Jameson Garcia of Aurora (Marmion Academy), 40-5, Sr.  
3rd Place - Evan Gosz of Palatine (Fremd), 43-2, So.  
4th Place - Nathan Knowlton of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central), 40-9, Sr.  
5th Place - Aaron Camacho of Bolingbrook, 34-7, Fr.  
6th Place - Maksim Mukhamedaliyev of Arlington Heights (Hersey), 37-17, So.

## Class 1A – 132 Pounds



- 1st Place - Phoenix Blakely of Dakota, 42-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Vance Williams of Woodstock (Marian), 41-8, So.  
3rd Place - Holden Brazelton of St. Joseph (S.J.-Ogden), 49-3, So.  
4th Place - Wyatt Doty of Polo, 44-6, Sr.  
5th Place - Dillon Hinton of Vandalia, 46-7, Fr.  
6th Place - Jake Piatak of Coal City, 9-4, Sr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 2A – 132 Pounds



- 1st Place - Santino Robinson of Mascoutah, 41-0, Sr.  
2nd Place - Peyton Cox of Washington, 44-3, So.  
3rd Place - Zachary Montez of Geneseo, 48-3, So.  
4th Place - Edgar Albino of Antioch, 34-5, Jr.  
5th Place - Caden Muselman of Oak Forest, 35-5, Sr.  
6th Place - Evan Willock of Normal (Community West), 39-7, Jr.

## Class 3A – 132 Pounds



- 1st Place - Sergio Lemley of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 15-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Will Baysingar of Mt. Prospect (Prospect), 50-2, Sr.  
3rd Place - Vincent Robinson of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.), 33-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Sean Berger of Elmhurst (York), 39-4, Sr.  
5th Place - Mikey Dibenedetto Jr. of Carol Stream (Glenbard North), 25-8, Sr.  
6th Place - James Wright of Algonquin (Jacobs), 41-7, Sr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 138 Pounds



1st Place - Mason Tieffel of Benton, 52-2, Jr.

2nd Place - Carter Rude of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic), 46-6, Jr.

3rd Place - Dresden Grimm of Auburn, 39-3, Sr.

4th Place - Owen Miller of Vandalia, 43-11, Sr.

5th Place - Brock Smith of Port Byron (Riverdale), 53-3, Sr.

6th Place - Jason Bowers of Dakota, 37-13, Jr.

## Class 2A – 138 Pounds



1st Place - Gauge Shipp of Galesburg (H.S.), 50-0, Jr.

2nd Place - Jake Hamiti of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 37-6, Sr.

3rd Place - Anthony Streib of Antioch, 27-4, Sr.

4th Place - Sammy Schuit of Lemont (H.S.), 33-10, Sr.

5th Place - Dylan Watts of Bloomington (H.S.), 34-8, Sr.

6th Place - Ben Capitosti of Mattoon, 43-10, So.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 138 Pounds



- 1st Place - Nasir Bailey of Richton Park (Rich Township), 43-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Tyler Guerra of St. Charles (East), 46-6, Jr.  
3rd Place - Lorenzo Frezza of Lincolnshire (Stevenson), 42-1, Sr.  
4th Place - Cody Tavoso of Hinsdale (Central), 46-4, Sr.  
5th Place - Jacob Lachs of Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West), 41-14, Sr.  
6th Place - Logan Kaminski of Lockport (Twp.), 35-23, Sr.

## Class 1A – 145 Pounds



- 1st Place - Paul Ishikawa of Glasford (Illini Bluffs), 51-0, Sr.  
2nd Place - Reef Pacot of Fithian (Oakwood), 47-3, Sr.  
3rd Place - Augie Christiansen of Princeton, 50-6, Sr.  
4th Place - Blue Bishop of Herrin (H.S.), 47-4, Jr.  
5th Place - Aiden Livingston of Stillman Valley, 31-8, Sr.  
6th Place - Drew Torza of Yorkville (Christian), 38-18, Sr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 2A – 145 Pounds



- 1st Place - Kannon Webster of Washington, 50-0, Sr.  
2nd Place - Bryce Griffin of Bethalto (Civic Memorial), 48-5, Jr.  
3rd Place - Caleb Nobiling of Antioch, 38-9, Sr.  
4th Place - Aidan Blackburn of Mattoon, 41-8, Jr.  
5th Place - Nolan Mrozowski of Rochester, 42-11, Jr.  
6th Place - Josyah Holland of Crete (C.-Monee), 25-8, Sr.

## Class 3A – 145 Pounds



- 1st Place - Jayden Colon of St. Charles (East), 41-5, Jr.  
2nd Place - Noah Tapia of Moline (H.S.), 52-1, Sr.  
3rd Place - Antonio Alvarado of Belvidere (North), 52-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Will Denny of Chicago (Marist), 27-8, So.  
5th Place - Scott Busse of Lake Zurich, 47-5, Sr.  
6th Place - Cael Andrews of Batavia, 46-9, Sr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 152 Pounds



- 1st Place - Marco Spinazzola of Peotone, 40-3, Sr.  
2nd Place - Luke Christie of Kankakee (McNamara), 35-5, Sr.  
3rd Place - Garrett Luke of Lena (L.-Winslow), 53-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Ethan Struck of Woodstock (Marian), 37-15, Sr.  
5th Place - Jase Grunder of Erie, 50-6, Sr.  
6th Place - Jack Seacrist of Stillman Valley, 36-7, Sr.

## Class 2A – 152 Pounds



- 1st Place - Taythan Silva of Aurora (A. Christian), 39-7, Sr.  
2nd Place - David Mayora of Lombard (Montini), 47-3, Jr.  
3rd Place - Gus Cambier of Sycamore (H.S.), 46-7, Sr.  
4th Place - Connor Cumbee of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 31-18, Jr.  
5th Place - Aden Byal of Chatham (Glenwood), 47-7, Sr.  
6th Place - Collin Reif of Jacksonville (H.S.), 47-8, Sr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 152 Pounds



- 1st Place - Nolan Allen of West Chicago (H.S.), 30-0, Sr.  
2nd Place - Edmund Enright of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 19-4, Jr.  
3rd Place - Aaron Stewart of Gurnee (Warren), 43-2, Fr.  
4th Place - Kaden Fetterolf of Batavia, 48-3, Sr.  
5th Place - Harrison Konder of Downers Grove (North), 41-6, Jr.  
6th Place - Jacob Luce of DeKalb, 39-13, Jr.

## Class 1A – 160 Pounds



- 1st Place - Dax Gentes of El Paso (E.P.-Gridley), 52-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Collin Altensey of Port Byron (Riverdale), 53-2, Sr.  
3rd Place - Tyler Martinez of Yorkville (Christian), 45-6, Sr.  
4th Place - Eric McKinney of Vandalia, 50-5, Sr.  
5th Place - Max Astacio of Woodstock (Marian), 42-10, Jr.  
6th Place - Will Fox of Shelbyville, 35-9, Sr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 2A – 160 Pounds



1st Place - Mason Alessio of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 43-3, Sr.

2nd Place - Nick Mueller of Dunlap, 43-8, Jr.

3rd Place - Zack Crawford of Sycamore (H.S.), 43-2, Sr.

4th Place - Zane Hulet of Washington, 29-12, Jr.

5th Place - Ben Butler of Crystal Lake (Central), 38-13, Sr.

6th Place - Will Prater of Lombard (Montini), 42-8, Sr.

## Class 3A – 160 Pounds



1st Place - Ethan Stiles of Hoffman Estates (Conant), 32-0, Sr.

2nd Place - Logan Swaw of Lockport (Twp.), 46-2, Sr.

3rd Place - Owen Uppinghouse of Quincy (Sr.), 44-2, Jr.

4th Place - Gunnar Garelli of LaGrange (Lyons), 41-11, Jr.

5th Place - Luke Swan of Downers Grove (South), 39-10, Sr.

6th Place - Anthony Gutierrez of St. Charles (East), 28-12, So

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 170 Pounds



- 1st Place - Joseph Norton of Canton, 51-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Jackson Gillen of Yorkville (Christian), 42-7, Sr.  
3rd Place - Zane Pannell of Fulton (H.S.), 52-2, Sr.  
4th Place - Kyus Root of Tolono (Unity), 48-8, Sr.  
5th Place - Nick Deloach Jr. of Cahokia (H.S.), 42-10, Sr.  
6th Place - Alex Watson of Port Byron (Riverdale), 50-8, Sr.

## Class 2A – 170 Pounds



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- 1st Place - Abe Wojcikiewicz of Bethalto (Civic Memorial), 47-2, Sr.  
2nd Place - Blake Hinrichsen of Washington, 41-7, Sr.  
3rd Place - Aiden Cohen of Deerfield (H.S.), 47-5, Sr.  
4th Place - Cayden Parks of Crystal Lake (Central), 40-8, So.  
5th Place - Amare Overton of Rock Island (H.S.), 42-11, Jr.  
6th Place - Brenden Banz of Carbondale (H.S.), 47-6, Sr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 170 Pounds



- 1st Place - Chris Moore of McHenry, 43-0, Sr.  
2nd Place - Colin Kelly of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 26-3, Jr.  
3rd Place - Luke Zook of Yorkville (H.S.), 44-8, So.  
4th Place - Matt Kubas of Libertyville, 42-9, Jr.  
5th Place - Lane Robinson of St. Charles (East), 36-16, Sr.  
6th Place - Ari Zaeske of Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East), 41-7, Sr.

## Class 1A – 182 Pounds



- 1st Place - Griffin Luke of Lena (L.-Winslow), 51-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Bryar Lane of Petersburg (PORTA), 51-4, Sr.  
3rd Place - Kyle Jones of Byron, 42-9, Jr.  
4th Place - Braiden Young of Coal City, 41-3, Sr.  
5th Place - Andrew Forcier of Stillman Valley, 42-9, Sr.  
6th Place - Foley Calcagno of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), 15-6, Fr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 2A – 182 Pounds



- 1st Place - Matty Jens of Grayslake (Central), 32-0, Jr.  
2nd Place - Nico Ronchetti of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 32-17, So.  
3rd Place - Steven Marquez of Rock Island (H.S.), 40-5, Sr.  
4th Place - Phil Shaw IV of Danville (H.S.), 33-7, Jr.  
5th Place - Brennan Houser of Mahomet (M.-Seymour), 50-4, Sr.  
6th Place - Koen Rodebush of Troy (Triad), 36-17, Sr.

## Class 3A – 182 Pounds



- 1st Place - Jack Leshner of Aurora (Marmion Academy), 34-6, Jr.  
2nd Place - Shamon Handegan of Pekin, 41-1, Sr.  
3rd Place - Conor Phelan of Chicago (Marist), 34-16, Jr.  
4th Place - AJ Mancilla of Bradley (B.-Bourbonnais), 47-7, Jr.  
5th Place - Rylan Breen of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 23-11, Jr.  
6th Place - Brody Murray of St. Charles (East), 36-7, Jr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 195 Pounds



- 1st Place - Nick Nosler of Tolono (Unity), 52-2, Sr.  
2nd Place - Brody Cuppernell of Champaign (St. Thomas More), 42-6, Jr.  
3rd Place - Joey Breneman of Coal City, 43-6, Sr.  
4th Place - Max Ryner of Macomb, 52-5, Sr.  
5th Place - Aiden Sancken of Gibson City (G.C.-Melvin-Sibley), 35-6, Jr.  
6th Place - Chris Peura of Seneca, 46-10, Jr.

## Class 2A – 195 Pounds



- 1st Place - Mateo Casillas of Mahomet (M.-Seymour), 52-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Andrew Marquez of Rock Island (H.S.), 41-6, Jr.  
3rd Place - Brandon Bray of Chatham (Glenwood), 40, 16, Sr.  
4th Place - Gambino Perez of Chicago (Brother Rice), 19-7, So.  
5th Place - Nathan Wrublik of Lemont (H.S.), 30-6, Sr.  
6th Place - Josh Hoffer of Washington, 32-21, Fr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 195 Pounds



- 1st Place - Cole Matulenko of Libertyville, 44-4, Sr.  
2nd Place - Peter Marinopoulos of Chicago (Marist), 20-1, Sr.  
3rd Place - Dominic Thebeau of Belleville (East), 15-2, Sr.  
4th Place - Hunter Janeczko of Yorkville (H.S.), 21-6, Sr.  
5th Place - Jaxon Penovich of Mt. Prospect (Prospect), 45-7, Fr.  
6th Place - Matthew Janiak of Plainfield (South), 37-9, Jr.

## Class 1A – 220 Pounds



- 1st Place - Noah Wenzel of Dakota, 42-3, Jr.  
2nd Place - Gabriel Kaminski of LaGrange Park (Nazareth Academy), 30-1, So.  
3rd Place - Kody Marschner of Braidwood (Reed-Custer), 40-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Owen O'Hara of Beardstown, 39-3, Sr.  
5th Place - Ethan Ladd of Macomb, 50-8, Sr.  
6th Place - Jacob Bischoff of LeRoy, 42-11, Jr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 2A – 220 Pounds



- 1st Place - Justin Hoffer of Washington, 43-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Connor Lorden of LaSalle (L.-Peru), 38-3, Sr.  
3rd Place - Alex Hamrick of Chatham (Glenwood), 46-5, Sr.  
4th Place - Alex Jackson of Midlothian (Bremen), 35-2, Sr.  
5th Place - Leo Meyer of Mattoon, 47, 7, Sr.  
6th Place - Jack Barnhart of Champaign (Centennial), 38-5, Jr.

## Class 3A – 220 Pounds



- 1st Place - Ben Alvarez of Yorkville (H.S.), 38-8, Jr.  
2nd Place - Kai Calcutt of Wilmette (Loyola Academy), 40-9, Fr.  
3rd Place - Leonardo Tovar of Plainfield (North), 48-9, Jr.  
4th Place - Luke Liberatore of Chicago (Marist), 34-12, Sr.  
5th Place - Marko Ivanisevic of Hinsdale (Central), 44-3, Jr.  
6th Place - Cooper Caraway of Normal (Community), 46-10, Jr.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 1A – 285 Pounds



- 1st Place - Isaiah Gonzalez of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), 17-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Cole Edie of Auburn, 47-3, Sr.  
3rd Place - Jason Dowell of Cahokia (H.S.), 42-10, So.  
4th Place - Gunnar Berg of Braidwood (Reed-Custer), 41-7, Sr.  
5th Place - Payton Allen of Fairfield, 51-3, Sr.  
6th Place - Noah Carl of Toledo (Cumberland), 25-9, Sr.

## Class 2A – 285 Pounds



- 1st Place - Dillan Johnson of Joliet (Catholic Academy), 43-0, Jr.  
2nd Place - Braden Hunter of Aurora (A. Christian), 12-1, Sr.  
3rd Place - Karl Schmalz of Niles (Notre Dame), 34-3, Sr.  
4th Place - Andy Burburijia of Crystal Lake (South), 33-5, Jr.  
5th Place - Lincoln Cooley of Sycamore (H.S.), 35-6, Sr.  
6th Place - Max Accettura of Vernon Hills, 40-7, Sr.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Class 3A – 285 Pounds



1st Place - Ben Bielawski of Downers Grove (North), 45-1, Sr.

2nd Place - Jonathan Rulo of Belleville (East), 34-2, Fr.

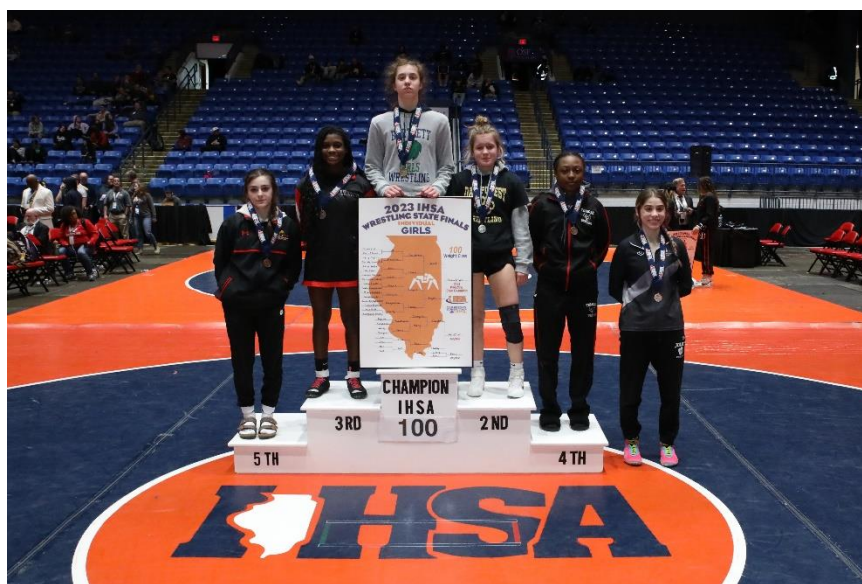
3rd Place - Sean Scheck of Aurora (Marmion Academy), 34-9, Sr.

4th Place - Wyatt Schmitt of Joliet (West), 43-4, Jr.

5th Place - Austin Barrett of St. Charles (East), 38-9, Sr.

6th Place - Adam Lambaz of Elgin (H.S.), 31-6, Sr.

## Girls – 100 Pounds



1st Place - Emma Engels of Bartlett, 37-12, So.

2nd Place - Alexandra Sebek of Oak Forest, 41-7, Fr.

3rd Place - Janiah Slaughter of Huntley, 27-5, Fr.

4th Place - Kameyah Young of Aurora (East), 32-4, So.

5th Place - Lily Enos of Batavia, 44-13, Fr.

6th Place - Chloe Wong of Joliet (Central), 32-8, So.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Girls – 105 Pounds



- 1st Place - Harlee Hiller of Wilmette (Loyola Academy), 32-5, So.  
2nd Place - Zoe Sadler of Anna (A.-Jonesboro), 41-6, So.  
3rd Place - Annika Cottam of Lake Forest (H.S.), 20-6, Sr.  
4th Place - Nadiia Shymkiv of Carol Stream (Glenbard North), 30-3, Fr.  
5th Place - Judith Gamboa of Braidwood (Reed-Custer), 27-17, Jr.  
6th Place - Bailey Lusch of East Peoria, 15-7, Jr.

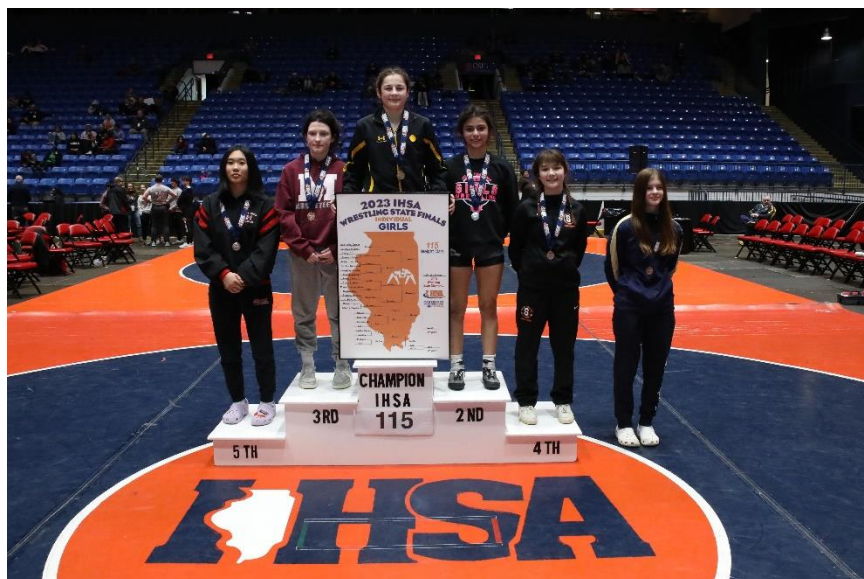
## Girls – 110 Pounds



- 1st Place - Ayane Jasinski of Fox Lake (Grant), 21-3, Jr.  
2nd Place - Gracie Guarino of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central), 13-1, Jr.  
3rd Place - Sydney Cannon of Mt. Zion, 45-3, Fr.  
4th Place - Ella McDonnell of Morris, 33-13, Jr.  
5th Place - Victoria Macias of Burlington (Central), 31-9, So.  
6th Place - Nina Hamm of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.), 31-14, So.

# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Girls – 115 Pounds



1st Place - Gabriella Gomez of Carol Stream (Glenbard North), 33-0, So.

2nd Place - Eliana Paramo of Joliet (Central), 37-5, Jr.

3rd Place - Avery Smith of Red Bud, 21-8, Jr.

4th Place - Ashlyn Strenz of Sandwich, 25-16, Jr.

5th Place - Angela Lee of Park Ridge (Maine South), 28-4, Sr.

6th Place - Ireland McCain of Round Lake, 23-10, So.

## Girls – 120 Pounds



1st Place - Angelina Cassioppi of Rockton (Hononegah), 27-6, So.

2nd Place - Yamilet Aguirre of Yorkville (H.S.), 37-4, Jr.

3rd Place - Monica Griffin of Chicago (Bowen), 26-4, Sr.

4th Place - Alexis Seymour of Jacksonville (H.S.), 32-18, So.

5th Place - Sophia Ball of Hoffman Estates (H.S.), 42-6, So.

6th Place - Brooklyn Sheaffer of Maple Park (Kaneland), 35-12, So.



# 2023 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

## Girls – 125 Pounds



- 1st Place - Cadence Diduch of Freeport (H.S.), 11-0, Jr.  
2nd Place - Claudia Heeney of Lockport (Twp.), 42-1, Fr.  
3rd Place - Ava Babbs of Lake Villa (Lakes), 22-5, Jr.  
4th Place - Amber Louderback of Camp Point (Central), 30-26, Fr.  
5th Place - Madeline Zerafa-Lazarevic of Schaumburg (H.S.), 32-7, So.  
6th Place – No Place Winner

## Girls – 130 Pounds



- 1st Place - Attalia Watson-Castro of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.), 28-1, Sr.  
2nd Place - Savannah Hamilton of El Paso (E.P.-Gridley), 21-11, So.  
3rd Place - Taylor Dawson of Collinsville, 34-5, So.  
4th Place - Alejandra Cornejo of Kankakee (H.S.), 18-15, Sr.  
5th Place - Karen Canchola of Morton, 26-7, So.  
6th Place - Khatija Ahmed of Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West), 25-11, Sr.

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## Girls – 135 Pounds



- 1st Place - Netavia Wickson of Rockford (Boylan Catholic), 19-5, Jr.  
2nd Place - Kinnley Smith of Canton, 24-5, So.  
3rd Place - Alyssa Keane of Tinley Park (Andrew), 32-5, So.  
4th Place - Lauren Dothager of Vandalia, 15-8, Jr.  
5th Place - Mannie Anderson of Hoffman Estates (Conant), 32-8, So.

## Girls – 140 Pounds



- 1st Place - Mackenzie Pratt of Edwardsville (H.S.), 30-1, So.  
2nd Place - Alivia Ming of Goreville, 36-13, Jr.  
3rd Place - Valeria Rodriguez of Schaumburg (H.S.), 37-2, Jr.  
4th Place - Jasmine McCaskel of Richmond (R.-Burton), 16-3, Jr.  
5th Place - Al Ghala Al Radi of Skokie (Niles West), 31-3, Sr.  
6th Place - Sabrina Sifuentez of Oak Forest, 30-10, Sr.



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## Girls – 145 Pounds



- 1st Place - Sydney Perry of Batavia, 34-0, Jr.  
2nd Place - Valerie Hamilton of El Paso (E.P.-Gridley), 6-1, Jr.  
3rd Place - Antonia Phillips of Alton (Sr.), 34-7, Sr.  
4th Place - Sajra Sulejmani of Lincolnshire (Stevenson), 23-4, Jr.  
5th Place - Kaia Fernandez of Barrington, 18-5, Sr.  
6th Place - Mikah Merrill of Goreville, 33-18, So.

## Girls – 155 Pounds



- 1st Place - Alicia Tucker of Plainfield (Central), 34-2, So.  
2nd Place - Maryam Ndiaye of Moline (H.S.), 19-5, Jr.  
3rd Place - Jasmine Hernandez of Palatine (H.S.), 36-2, Sr.  
4th Place - Lexi Ritchie of Tolono (Unity), 22-3, Jr.  
5th Place - Maria Ferrer of Elgin (Larkin), 31-7, Sr.  
6th Place - Kiernan Farmer of Peotone, 16, 12, Jr.

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## Girls – 170 Pounds



- 1st Place - August Rottmann of Highland, 21-1, So.  
2nd Place - Nydia Martinez of Joliet (Central), 31-5, Sr.  
3rd Place - Ileen Castrejon of Zion (Z.-Benton), 17-8, Jr.  
4th Place - Trinity White of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest), 27-7, Jr.  
5th Place - Mickaela Keane of Tinley Park (Andrew), 33-7, Sr.  
6th Place - Ionicca Rivera of Aurora (West Aurora), 27-7, Jr.

## Girls – 190 Pounds



- 1st Place - Ini Odumosu of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.), 36-4, Jr.  
2nd Place - Jayden Huesca-Rodriguez of West Chicago (H.S.), 18-1, Jr.  
3rd Place - Jaiden Moody of Minooka, 24-13, Sr.  
4th Place - Jasmine Rene of Wheeling, 18-10, Fr.  
5th Place - Josie Larson of Lake Villa (Lakes), 15-4, So.  
6th Place - Brittney Moran of Aurora (West Aurora), 28-5, So.



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## Girls – 235 Pounds



1st Place - Kiara Ganey of Belleville (East), 18-1, Sr.

2nd Place - Aaliyah Grandberry of Chicago (Curie), 24-1, Jr.

3rd Place - Jurdan Tyler of Urbana (H.S.), 14-8, Jr.

4th Place - Sarah Epshtein of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest), 34-6, Jr.

5th Place - Jasmine Mejia of Chicago (Rickover Naval Academy), 14-5, So.

6th Place - Emma Akpan of Tinley Park (Andrew), 21-8, So.



# 2023 IHSA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONS

## CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS



**Bottom row, from left:** Tyson Waughtel, Carlyle; Mason Tieffel, Benton; Paul Ishikawa, Glasford (Illini Bluffs); Phoenix Blakely, Dakota; TJ Silva, Dakota; Anthony Ruzic, Auburn, Dean Wainwright, Port Byron (Riverdale).

**Top row, from left:** Griffin Luke, Lena (L.-Winslow); Marco Spinazzola, Peotone; Nick Nosler, Tolono (Unity); Noah Wenzel, Dakota; Isaiah Gonzalez, Elmhurst (IC Catholic); Joseph Norton, Canton; Dax Gentes, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley),



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CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONS



**Bottom row, from left:** Gylon Sims, Joliet (Catholic Academy); Bobby Conway, Chicago (Brother Rice); Drew Davis, Chatham (Glenwood); Anthony Alanis, Grayslake (Central); Kannon Webster, Washington; Abe Wojcikiewicz, Bethalto (Civic Memorial).

**Top row, from left:** Mason Alessio, Joliet (Catholic Academy); Taythan Silva, Aurora (A. Christian); Gauge Shipp, Galesburg (H.S.); Matty Jens, Grayslake (Central); Dillan Johnson, Joliet (Catholic Academy); Mateo Casillas, Mahomet (M.-Seymour); Santino Robinson, Mascoutah; Justin Hoffer, Washington.



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CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONS



**Bottom row, from left:** Dom Munaretto, St. Charles (East); Seth Mendoza, Chicago (Mt. Carmel); Massey Odiotti, Wilmette (Loyola Academy); Ben Davino, St. Charles (East); Sergio Lemley, Chicago (Mt. Carmel); Nasir Bailey, Richton Park (Rich Township); Jayden Colon, St. Charles (East).

**Top row, from left:** Ben Bielawski, Downers Grove (North); Ben Alvarez, Yorkville (H.S.); Cole Matulenko, Libertyville; Jack Leshner, Aurora (Marmion Academy); Chris Moore, McHenry; Nolan Allen, West Chicago (H.S.); Ethan Stiles, Hoffman Estates (Conant),

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## GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONS



**From left:** Emma Engels, Bartlett; Harlee Hiller, Wilmette (Loyola Academy); Ayane Jasinski, Fox Lake (Grant); Gabriella Gomez, Carol Stream (Glenbard North); Angelina Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah); Cadence Diduch, Freeport (H.S.); Attalia Watson-Castro, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); Netavia Wickson, Rockford (Boylan Catholic); Mackenzie Pratt, Edwardsville (H.S.); Sydney Perry, Batavia; Alicia Tucker, Plainfield (Central); August Rottmann, Highland; Ini Odumosu, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); Kiara Ganey, Belleville (East).



# 2023 IHSA STATE FINALS OFFICIALS

## 2023 Dual Team State Officials



**Bottom row, from left:** Joshua Anderson, Michael Bondi, Son Ho, William Billman, Blake Ohren, Kenneth Watkins, Scott Holbrook, James Earner, Christopher Mekeel.

**Top row, from left:** Sam Knox (IHSA assistant executive director), Shaye Broaddus, Theodore Timbrook, Russell Henson, Nathaniel Kessen, Terry Morgan, Robert Zielinski, Cole Barringer, Torrence Caniglia, Dave Fellingner, Bill Honeycutt (coordinator of officials).



# 2023 IHSA STATE FINALS OFFICIALS

## 2023 Individual State Officials



**Bottom Row:** Raymond Eickelschulte, Michael Hurckes, Ron Coit, Ted Brandon, Daniel McDonnell, Rich Vine, Ryan McMurray, Nathaniel Kessen.

**Top Row:** Dion Wiley, Donald McKillip, Marc Miller, Roy Acree, Nathan Culbertson, Sam Knox (IHSA assistant executive director), Anthony Clarke (coordinator of officials), Bill Honeycutt, Roy Snyder, Shane Morgan, Kris Kamp, Mark Kristoff, Derek Ryan.

# 2023 IWCOA

## Freshman/Sophomore State Placewinners



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- 1st Jackson Soney, Normal
- 2nd Symon Woods, Washington
- 3rd Nico Harris, Oswego east
- 4th Ruben Rivera, Normal West
- 5th Owen Satir, Morris
- 6th Bernardo Roque, Taft
- 7th Joseph Bronske, Marist



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- 1st Kavel Moore, Mt Carmel
- 2nd Isaac Zimmerman, Lockport
- 3rd Griff Powell, Lyons
- 4th Hunter Lenz, Carry Grove
- 5th Payton Ramsey, Crystal Lake Central
- 6th Dylan McGrew, Normal West
- 7th Vince Jasinski, Grant



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- 1st Madden Parker, Sandburg
- 2nd Anthony Orozco, Hersey
- 3rd Dylan Eimer, Tremont
- 4th Zyan Westbrook, Sterling
- 5th Jared Craig, Bolingbrook
- 6th Ismael Chaidez, Glenbard East
- 7th Vincent Manfre, Oswego
- 8th Alexander Valentin, Lane Tech



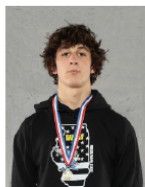
**120**

- 1st Tyler Sternstein, Naperville North
- 2nd Shawn Kogan, Stevenson
- 3rd Mikey Meade, Prairie Ridge
- 4th Kaidge Richardson, LincolnWay East
- 5th Dominick Diaz, Moline
- 6th Elijah Wilford, Bremen
- 7th Dashwn Armstrong, Jacksonville
- 8th Noah Snow, Oswego East



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- 1st Callen Kirchner, Schaumburg
- 2nd Erik Rodriguez, Grant
- 3rd Ulises Rosas, Glenbard West
- 4th Brenden Rayl, Granite City
- 5th Brayden Swanson, Oswego
- 6th Henry Hildreth, Stillman Valley
- 7th Jack Palzet, Deerfield



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- 1st Brayden Mortell, LincolnWay East
- 2nd Aiden Colbert, Belleville West
- 3rd Ashton Hobson, Marmion academy
- 4th Nathan Ferrari, Highlnd Park
- 5th Elias Gonzalez, Waubonsie Valley
- 6th Rocco Fontela, Schaumburg
- 7th Donovan Avila, West Chicago
- 8th Logan Hiller, Edwardsville



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- 1st Rylan Kradle, Glenbard North
- 2nd Dominic Vitale, Crystal Lake Central
- 3rd Thomas Fulton, Wheaton North
- 4th Lyndon Thies, Roxana
- 5th Dominick Girardin, Belvidere North
- 6th Mason Garner, Coal City
- 7th Michael Hodge, DeKalb



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- 1st Connor Diemel, Hononegah
- 2nd Ryan McGovern, St Charles East
- 3rd Caleb Viscogliosi, Yorkville
- 4th Gunnar Derhake, Quincy Senior
- 5th Maximus Haskins, Hononegah
- 6th Braden Kelly, Belleville East
- 7th Kevin Tomkins, Marist



**152**

- 1st Justice Humphreys, Warren Twp
- 2nd Terence Willis, Belleville East
- 3rd Kevin Kalchbrenner, Mt Carmel
- 4th Konnor Bush, Camp Point Central
- 5th Julian Flores, Wheaton North
- 6th Declan Dircks, LincolnWay East
- 7th Luke McCoy, Civic Memorial



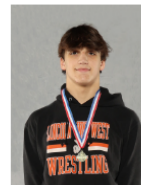
**160**

- 1st Colin Bickett, Plainfield South
- 2nd Jackson Zaeske, LincolnWay East
- 3rd Durango Valles, Lockport
- 4th Ryan Lower, Rockridge
- 5th Oliver Mcpeek, Lena Winslow
- 6th Aiden Fischler, McHenry
- 7th Shane Onixt, Glenbrook North



**170**

- 1st Maximus Vela, Joliet Catholic Academy
- 2nd Eli Larson, Lena Winslow
- 3rd Ethan Meister, Belleville West
- 4th Kristian Hibbard, Clinton
- 5th Jimmy Talley, LincolnWay West
- 6th Kenner Bye, Bloomington
- 7th Henry Rydwelski, Naperville Central



**182**

- 1st Nathan Elstner, LincolnWay West
- 2nd Keyshaun Harris, Springfield
- 3rd Tucker Cook, Pittsfield
- 4th Simon Schulte, Edwardsville
- 5th Kaden Tidwell, Vandalia
- 6th Richie Amakiri, Plano
- 7th Cade Poyner, Coal City



**195**

- 1st Joseph Favia, Marmion Academy
- 2nd Ashton Zobrist, Highland
- 3rd Mateusz Nycz, Marmion academy
- 4th Lamero Caesar, Waukegan
- 5th Ryan Darnell, Quincy Notre Dame
- 6th CJ Ameachi, Johnsbury
- 7th Joe Zimmer, Andrew
- 8th Isaiah Tellado, Zion Benton



**220**

- 1st Anthony Soto, Warren Twp
- 2nd Thomas McNeil, Crystal Lake Central
- 3rd Eric Harris, Oak Park River Forest
- 4th Magomed Nurudinov, Neuqua Valley
- 5th Joey Herbert, Loyola Academy
- 6th Anthony Loblillo, St Charles East
- 7th Ashton Kibbe, Wheaton Warrenville South



**285**

- 1st Todd Smith, Quincy Senior
- 2nd Aiden Surratt, Jacksonville
- 3rd Jose Deltoro, East Peoria
- 4th Ryan Stingily, LincolnWay East
- 5th Demarco Clark, Granite City
- 6th Briggs Sellers, Oregon
- 7th Jeremy Gagnon, Evergreen Park
- 8th Peter Rodriguez, Downers Grove North

# MOST OUTSTANDING WRESTLERS

2023 Class 1A \_\_\_\_\_

2A \_\_\_\_\_

3A \_\_\_\_\_

Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria for selecting the Most Outstanding Wrestler are as follows:

1. Must be a State Champion in 2023

## NOMINEES

### Class 1A

Phoenix Blakely, Dakota  
Dax Gentes, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley)  
Isaiah Gonzalez, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)  
Paul Ishikawa, Glasford (Illini Bluffs)  
Nick Nosler, Tolono (Unity)  
Tyson Waughtel, Carlyle  
Noah Wenzel, Dakota

### Class 3A

Nolan Allen, West Chicago  
Ben Alvarez, Yorkville  
Nasir Bailey, Richton Park (Rich Township)  
Ben Davino, St. Charles (East)  
Sergio Lemley, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
Seth Mendoza, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
Chris Moore, McHenry  
Dom Munaretto, St. Charles (East)

### Class 2A

Mateo Casillas, Mahomet (M.-Seymour)  
Dillan Johnson, Joliet (Catholic Academy)  
Gauge Shipp, Galesburg  
Gylon Sims, Joliet (Catholic Academy)  
Kannon Webster, Washington  
Abe Wojcikiewicz, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)

### Girls

Angelina Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah)  
Cadence Diduch, Freeport  
Gabriella Gomez, Carol Stream (Glenbard North)  
Sydney Perry, Batavia  
Attalia Watson-Castro, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)

## PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – John King, DeKalb  
1972 – Mark Tiffany, Waukegan  
1973 – Bob Holland, East Leyden  
1974 – Class A – Marty Williams, Yorkville  
1974 – Class AA – Dave Powell, St. Charles  
1975 – Class A – Brian Lantz, Stillman Valley  
1975 – Class AA – Robert Fleming, Bloom  
1976 – Class A – Joe Fosdick, Savanna  
1976 – Class AA – King Mueller, Bolingbrook  
1977 – Class A – Mark Mitchell, Minooka  
1977 – Class AA – Geno Savegnago, Glenbard North  
1978 – Class A – Colin Johnson, Stillman Valley  
1978 – Class AA – Jerry Kelly, Richards  
1979 – Class A – Mike Kos, Waubonsie Valley  
1979 – Class AA – Jim Farina, East Leyden  
1980 – Class A – Mark Ruettiger, Providence  
1980 – Class AA – Ernie Vatch, Addison Trail  
1981 – Class A – Mark Ruettiger, Providence  
1981 – Class AA – Todd Sterr, Joliet West  
1982 – Class A – Doug Younger, Mahomet-Seymour  
1982 – Class AA – Mike Kraft, West Chicago  
1983 – Class A – Vince Fisher, Fairfield

1983 – Class AA – Tim Wright, Rock Island  
1984 – Class A – Dave Smith, Mahomet-Seymour  
1984 – Class AA – Chris Rosman, Palatine (Fremd)  
1985 – Class A – Charles Hammack, Jacksonville (ISD)  
1985 – Class AA – Kerry Ryan, Conant  
1985 – Class AA – Kip Kristoff, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)  
1986 – Class A – Rich Powers, Marian Central  
1986 – Class AA – Jack Griffin, Stagg  
1987 – Class A – Rich Powers, Marian Central  
1987 – Class AA – Kirk Mammen, Urbana  
1988 – Class A – Bob Mena, Sterling Newman  
1988 – Class AA – Joey Gilbert, Tinley Park (Andrew)  
1989 – Class A – Brett Camden, Mahomet-Seymour  
1989 – Class AA – Joe Gilbert, Tinley Park (Andrew)  
1990 – Class A – Aaron Fancher – Mahomet-Seymour  
1990 – Class AA – Jeff Mirabella, Elgin  
1991 – Class A – Rob Felstead, Sandwich  
1991 – Class AA – Steve Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
1992 – Class A – Mike Mena, Sterling Newman  
1992 – Class AA – Joe Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
1993 – Class A – Jesse Kennedy, Prophetstown  
1993 – Class AA – Joe Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)



1994 – Class A – Jose Villarreal, Plano  
 1994 – Class AA – Dan Collins, Palatine  
 1995 – Class A – Tyler Hurrey, Riverdale  
 1995 – Class AA – Reggie Wright, Maywood (Proviso E.)  
 1996 – Class A – Tom LeCuyer, Plano  
 1996 – Class AA – T.J. Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
 1997 – Class A – Todd Combes, Coal City  
 1997 – Class AA – David Douglas, Thornridge  
 1998 – Class A – Brad Owens, Mt. Zion  
 1998 – Class AA – Matt Lackey, Moline  
 1999 – Class A – Ben Hay, Sandwich  
 1999 – Class AA – Jason Potter, St. Charles  
 2000 – Class A – Steve Amy, Taylor Rockridge  
 2000 – Class AA – Israel Martinez, West Aurora  
 2001 – Class A – Tyrone Byrd, Clinton  
 2001 – Class AA – Matt Kucala, Providence  
 2002 – Class A – Chase Beebe, Montini  
 2002 – Class AA – Mike Behnke, Willowbrook  
 2003 – Class A – Chase Beebe, Montini  
 2003 – Class AA – Eric Tannenbaum, Naperville  
 2004 – Class A – John Wise, Pittsfield  
 2004 – Class AA – Mike Poeta, Highland Park  
 2005 – Class A – Conor Beebe, Lombard (Montini)  
 2005 – Class AA – Nick Fanthorpe, Naperville (North)  
 2006 – Class A – Matt Wenger, Dakota  
 2006 – Class AA – John Dergo, Morris  
 2007 – Class A – Clayton Rush, Aledo  
 2007 – Class AA – Mike Benefiel, Lombard (Montini)  
 2008 – Class A – Tom Fritz, Wilmington  
 2008 – Class AA – Jordan Blanton, Richmond-Burton  
 2009 – Class 1A – Seth Milks, Dakota  
 2009 – Class 2A – Joe Roth, Dixon  
 2009 – Class 3A – Tony Ramos, Glenbard North  
 2010 – Class 1A – Guy Kirby, GCMSF  
 2010 – Class 2A – Ben Whitford, Marmion Academy  
 2010 – Class 3A – Lee Munster, Fox Lake (Grant)  
 2011 – Class 1A – Nick Harrison, Stillman Valley  
 2011 – Class 2A – Joey Kielbasa, Crystal Lake (Central)  
 2011 – Class 3A – Edwin Cooper, Providence Catholic  
 2012 – Class 1A – Alphonso Vruno, Sandwich  
 2012 – Class 2A – Zane Richards, Carbondale  
 2012 – Class 3A – Max Schneider, Chicago (Lane Tech)  
 2013 – Class 1A – Josh Alber, Dakota  
 2013 – Class 2A – Cameron Mammen, Urbana  
 2013 – Class 3A – Kyle Langenderfer, Lincoln-Way East  
 2014 – Class 1A – Josh Alber, Dakota  
 2014 – Class 2A – Tanner Farmer, Highland  
 2014 – Class 3A – Jered Cortez, Glenbard North  
 2014 – Class 3A – Johnny Jimenez, Marmion Academy  
 2015 – Class 1A – Carver James, Dakota  
 2015 – Class 2A – Hunter Grau, Dakota  
 2015 – Class 2A – Xavier Montalvo, Lombard (Montini)  
 2015 – Class 3A – Rudy Yates, Orland Park (Sandburg)  
 2016 – Class 1A – Kyle Betourne, Kankakee (McNamara)  
 2016 – Class 2A – Hunter Grau, Geneseo  
 2016 – Class 3A – Rudy Yates, Orland Park (Sandburg)  
 2017 – Class 1A – Nolan Baker, Byron  
 2017 – Class 2A – Jacob Warner, Washington  
 2017 – Class 3A – Austin O'Connor, Chicago (St. Rita)  
 2018 – Class 1A – Danny Braunagel, Belleville (Althoff)  
 2018 – Class 2A – Cody Baldrige, Morris  
 2018 – Class 3A – Anthony Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah)  
 2019 – Class 1A – Noah Villarreal, Aurora (A. Christian)  
 2019 – Class 2A – Luke Luffman, Urbana  
 2019 – Class 3A – Abe Assad, Carol Stream (Glenbard North)  
 2020 – Class 1A – Daniel Jezik, Coal City  
 2020 – Class 2A – Noah Villareal, Aurora (A. Christian)  
 2020 – Class 3A – David Ferrante, Huntley  
 2022 – Class 1A – Maddux Blakely, Dakota  
 2022 – Class 2A – Kannon Webster, Washington  
 2022 – Class 3A – Kole Brower, Moline  
 2022 – Girls – Angelina Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah)

# ASSISTANT COACHES OF THE YEAR

2023 Class 1A

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2A

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3A

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Girls

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## Criteria for selecting the Assistant Coach of the Year are as follows:

1. Member of the IWCOA
2. Has been involved in Illinois Wrestling for a minimum of five years
3. Coach at the same school for the past three consecutive years

## NOMINEES

### Class 1A

Zach Berman, Coal City  
Joe Cliffe, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley)  
Jim Looper, Coal City  
Brody Vester, Yorkville Christian  
Joe Widlowski, Coal City  
Gary Wilmarth, Auburn

### Class 2A

Nelson Baker, Rochelle  
Aaron Cohen, Deerfield  
Ryan Jauch, Wauconda  
Jessie Montez, Geneseo  
Matt Webster, Washington

### Class 3A

Joe Barczak, St. Charles East  
Ryan Ferguson, Yorkville  
Joe Fornell, Yorkville  
Grant Hoerr, Park Ridge (Maine South)  
Conrad Polz, Hinsdale Central  
Sam Walt, Dekalb

### Girls

Jeff Charlebois, Minooka  
Sarah Doty, Edwardsville  
Demeri Pajic, Andrew Tinley Park  
Margaret Lehr, Normal Community West  
Bobby Schillinger, Yorkville

## PAST RECIPIENTS

1983 – Class A – Jim Butterback, Minooka  
1983 – Class AA – Chuck Epton, Fenton  
1984 – Class A – Ken Cummins, Plano  
1984 – Class AA – Al Berman, Palatine  
1985 – Class A – Jim Risley, Mahomet-Seymour  
1985 – Class AA – Tom Flanagan, Conant  
1986 – Class A – Ken Cummins, Plano  
1986 – Class AA – Charles Flowers, Proviso East  
1987 – Class A – Darryl Dieterle, Sterling (Newman)  
1987 – Class AA – Dale Eggert, Libertyville  
1988 – Class A – Jim Risley, Mahomet-Seymour  
1988 – Class AA – Carl Gebhardt, Leyden  
1989 – Class A – Kevin Carrino, Coal City  
1989 – Class AA – Terry McCoy, DeKalb  
1990 – Class A – Neal Schultz, Harvard  
1990 – Class AA – Dick Linnenberger, Kaneland  
1991 – Class A – Dave Schmelzle, Yorkville  
1991 – Class AA – Tom Miller, Libertyville  
1992 – Class A – Ken Bonomo, Lisle  
1992 – Class AA – Randall Konstans, Aurora West  
1993 – Class A – Dick Linnenberger, Kaneland  
1993 – Class AA – Ron Oglesby, Mt. Carmel  
1994 – Class A – Kevin Carrino, Coal City  
1994 – Class AA – Randy Conrad, Conant  
1994 – Class AA – Lance Gackowski, DeKalb

1995 – Class A – Jason Byrd, Princeton  
1995 – Class AA – Greg Garland, Granite City  
1996 – Class A – Kevin Cotter, Byron  
1996 – Class A – Jerry Kelly, Monticello  
1996 – Class AA – Otto Zeman, LaGrange  
1996 – Class AA – Paul Carther, Moline  
1997 – Class A – Steve Combes, Mahomet-Seymour  
1997 – Class AA – Gary Hutchinson, Waubonsie Valley  
1998 – Class A – Jim Izzo, Lombard (Montini)  
1998 – Class AA – Randy Konstans, Aurora West  
1999 – Class A – Mike Troll, Olympia  
1999 – Class AA – Dave Berendt, Maine West  
1999 – Class AA – Rich Harvey, DeKalb  
2000 – Class A – Bruce Payne, Prairie Central  
2000 – Class AA – Kent Garrett, Glenbard North  
2000 – Class AA – John Kane, Conant  
2001 – Class A – Dan Barclay, Clinton  
2001 – Class AA – Scott Richardson, Providence  
2002 – Class A – Brian Lee, Porta  
2002 – Class A – Dennis McAnally, Sandwich  
2002 – Class AA – Dennis McCann, Maine South  
2003 – Class A – Scott Stitch, Lena-Winslow  
2003 – Class AA – Dave Hejtmank, West Aurora  
2004 – Class A – John Dziewiatkowski, Montini  
2004 – Class AA – Pat Manning, Niles Norte Dame

2005 – Class A – Kris Cassie, Sandwich  
2005 – Class AA – Eric Siebert, Sandburg  
2006 – Class A – Troy Milks, Dakota  
2006 – Class A – Neil Schultz, Harvard  
2006 – Class AA – Bob Kuykendall, Mundelein (Carmel)  
2007 – Class A – Marty Cotter, Prairie Central  
2007 – Class AA – Paige Schoolman, Minooka  
2008 – Class A – Ed Van Duyne, Wilmington  
2008 – Class AA – Adam Kleywig, Hinsdale South  
2009 – Class 1A – Mark Shell, Wilmington  
2009 – Class 2A – Aaron Fancher, Mahomet-Seymour  
2009 – Class 3A – Jeff Charlebois, Minooka  
2010 – Class 1A – Kevin Standley, Petersburg (Porta)  
2010 – Class 2A – Mark Ruettiger, Lincoln-Way West  
2010 – Class 3A – Mark Butterbach, Minooka  
2011 – Class 1A – Jeff Baughman, LeRoy  
2011 – Class 2A – Collin McKillip, Richmond Burton  
2011 – Class 3A – Tony Siebert, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)  
2012 – Class 1A – Scott Stitch, Lena-Winslow  
2012 – Class 2A – Tim Duggan, Chicago (St. Patrick)  
2012 – Class 3A – Mike Polz, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)  
2013 – Class 1A – Mark Shell, Wilmington  
2013 – Class 2A – Rory Heller, Mahomet-Seymour  
2013 – Class 3A – Ryan Egan, Chicago (Marist)  
2014 – Class 1A – Tony Alber, Dakota  
2014 – Class 2A – Rich Sheley, Geneseo  
2014 – Class 3A – Donny Reynolds, Marmion Academy

2015 – Class 1A – Matt Jacobs, Dakota  
2015 – Class 2A – Tom Rusk, Geneseo  
2015 – Class 3A – Jake Oster, Yorkville  
2016 – Class 1A – Jim Looper, Coal City  
2016 – Class 2A – Nick Miller, Washington  
2016 – Class 3A – Ben Gerdes, New Lenox (Providence)  
2017 – Class 1A – Carmelo Flores, Chicago (Hope Academy)  
2017 – Class 2A – Bill Eastman & Micah Hey, Dixon  
2017 – Class 3A – Matt Bartley, Lockport  
2018 – Class 1A – Matt Shroyer, Vandalia  
2018 – Class 2A – Carl Harvey, Rochelle  
2018 – Class 2A – Mark Kristoff, Cahokia  
2018 – Class 3A – Max Hiatt, DeKalb  
2019 – Class 1A – Steve Brown, Lena-Winslow-Stockton  
2019 – Class 2A – Nick O'Bert, Coal City  
2019 – Class 3A – Andy Hiatt, DeKalb  
2020 – Class 1A – Matt Jacobs, Dakota  
2020 – Class 2A – Erik Murry, Lemont  
2020 – Class 3A – J.D. Oliva, DeKalb  
2022 – Class 1A – Josh Alber, Dakota  
2022 – Class 2A – Craig Acree, Mahomet Seymour  
2022 – Class 2A – Ben Gerdes, Joliet Catholic  
2022 – Class 3A – Max Hiatt, Dekalb



# HEAD COACHES OF THE YEAR

2023 Class 1A \_\_\_\_\_

2A \_\_\_\_\_

3A \_\_\_\_\_

Girls \_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria for selecting the Head Coach of the Year are as follows:**

1. Member of the IWCOA
2. Has been involved in Illinois Wrestling for a minimum of five years
3. Coach at the same school for the past three consecutive years

## NOMINEES

### Class 1A

Jordan Blanton, Marian Central Catholic  
Mike Glosser, Fithian (Oakwood)  
Mark Masters, Coal City  
Kevin Milder, Lena-Winslow  
Logan Patton, Unity  
Mike Vester, Yorkville Christian

### Class 2A

Derrick Crenshaw, Glenbard South  
Rob Ledin, Mahomet-Seymour  
Nick Miller, Washington  
Jon Murrar, Geneseo  
Joel Stockwell, Rock Island

### Class 3A

Tyrone Byrd, Lincoln-Way Central  
Matt Collum, Loyola Academy  
Shane Cook, Stevenson  
Sean Lovelace, Downers Grove South  
Jake Oster, Yorkville  
Jason Potter, St. Charles East  
Matt Yan, Chicago (Lane Tech)

### Girls

Fred Arkin, Oak Park River Forest  
Matt Gruszka, Schaumburg  
Conor Infeilise, DeKalb  
Rob Penney, Peoria (Richwoods)  
Carley Rusk, Geneseo  
Paige Schoolman, Minooka  
Liz Short, Joliet (Twp)

## PAST RECIPIENTS

1969 – Joe Vavrus, Moline  
1970 – Bob Therry, North Chicago  
1971 – Tom Porter, Hersey  
1972 – Bert Hanlin, East Moline  
1973 – Steve Weiss, Fenton  
1974 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna  
1974 – Class AA – Bob Campbell, Rich Central  
1975 – Class A – George Girardi, University High  
1975 – Class AA – Tom Koenig, Bloom (Co-Winner)  
1975 – Class AA – Tom Henniff, Richards (Co-Winner)  
1976 – Class AA – Tom Koenig, Bloom  
1977 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna  
1977 – Class AA – Charles Farina, East Leyden  
1978 – Class A – John Sciacchi, Harvard  
1978 – Class AA – Charles Farina, East Leyden  
1979 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna  
1979 – Class AA – Tony Parks, Addison Trail  
1980 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna  
1980 – Class AA – Bill Cartwright, Proviso East  
1981 – Class A – Tim Ruettiger, Providence  
1981 – Class AA – Mike Cookas, Joliet West  
1982 – Class A – Pat O’Conner, Illini Bluffs  
1982 – Class AA – Ron Ray, Bloom Trail  
1983 – Class A – Richard Holtfreter, Harvard  
1983 – Class AA – Jim Cartwright, Conant  
1984 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour  
1984 – Class AA – Dave Anderson, Stagg  
1985 – Class A – Rich Montgomery, Sterling-Newman  
1985 – Class AA – Mac McLaughlin, Joliet Central  
1986 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour  
1986 – Class AA – Bill Cartwright, Proviso East  
1987 – Class A – Rich Holtfreter, Harvard  
1987 – Class AA – Mark Gervais, Marist  
1988 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour  
1988 – Class AA – Tim Ruettiger, Providence  
1989 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour  
1989 – Class AA – Mike Polz, Providence  
1990 – Class A – Rick Amy, Rockridge  
1990 – Class AA – Bob Trombetta, Burbank (St. Laurence)  
1991 – Class A – Lon Gerrish, Sandwich  
1991 – Class AA – Bill Cartwright, Proviso East  
1992 – Class A – Tim Haak, Harvard  
1992 – Class AA – Mark King, LaGrange (Lyons Twp)  
1993 – Class A – Bob Long, Yorkville

1993 – Class AA – Jeff Newmark, Chicago (Lane Tech)  
 1994 – Class A – Tom Unruh, Dakota  
 1994 – Class AA – Bill Weick, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
 1995 – Class A – Bob Baker, Byron  
 1995 – Class AA – Mike Garland, Granite City  
 1996 – Class A – Lon Gerrish, Sandwich  
 1996 – Class AA – Todd Rosenthal, Moline  
 1997 – Class A – Mike Papini, Oregon  
 1997 – Class AA – Keith Healey, Providence  
 1998 – Class A – Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini)  
 1998 – Class AA – Mark Eagen, Main West  
 1999 – Class A – Bob Baker, Byron  
 1999 – Class AA – Chuck Rossetti, Willowbrook  
 2000 – Class A – Rob Ledin, Clinton  
 2000 – Class AA – Jim Cartwright, Conant  
 2000 – Class AA – Todd Rosenthal, Moline  
 2000 – Class AA – Rudy Salinas, Lane Tech  
 2001 – Class A – Mike Manahan, Stanford Olympia  
 2001 – Class AA – Mark Hahn, Glenbard North  
 2002 – Class A – Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini)  
 2002 – Class AA – Keith Healy, Providence  
 2003 – Class A – Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central)  
 2003 – Class AA – Dan Carroll, Chicago (St. Rita)  
 2004 – Class A – Mike Kurth, Roxana  
 2004 – Class AA – Al Zinke, Dundee-Crown  
 2005 – Class A – Pete Alber, Dakota  
 2005 – Class AA – Mike Polz, Sandburg  
 2006 – Class A – Rob Murphy, Wilmington  
 2006 – Class A – John Ruettiger, Lisle  
 2006 – Class AA – Ryan Geist, Grant  
 2007 – Class A – Jeff Hill, Petersburg Porta  
 2007 – Class AA – Marty Kaiser, Rockton (Hononegah)  
 2008 – Class A – Ben Morris, Stillman Valley  
 2008 – Class AA – Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini)  
 2009 – Class 1A – Doug DeWald, LeRoy  
 2009 – Class 2A – Shane Darnell, Yorkville  
 2009 – Class 3A – Mike Powell, Oak Park River Forest  
 2010 – Class 1A – Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central)  
 2010 – Class 2A – Chauncey Carrick, Sycamore  
 2010 – Class 3A – Bernie Ruettiger, Minooka

2011 – Class 1A – Rob Murphy, Wilmington  
 2011 – Class 2A – Justin Lehr, Crystal Lake (Central)  
 2011 – Class 3A – Mark Hahn, Carol Stream (Glenbard N.)  
 2012 – Class 1A – Kevin Milder, Lena-Winslow  
 2012 – Class 2A – Brian Glynn, New Lenox (Linc-Way W)  
 2012 – Class 2A – Ron Wilson, Chicago (Bowen)  
 2012 – Class 3A – Eric Siebert, Orland Park (Sandburg)  
 2013 – Class 1A – Pete Alber, Dakota  
 2013 – Class 2A – Steve Rockford, Springfield Southeast  
 2013 – Class 3A – Jason DePolo, Lincoln-Way Central  
 2014 – Class 1A – Mike Elsbury, Byron  
 2014 – Class 2A – Bryan Medlin, Washington  
 2014 – Class 3A – Mike Powell, Oak Park River Forest  
 2015 – Class 1A – Mark Masters, Coal City  
 2015 – Class 2A – Jon Murray, Geneseo  
 2015 – Class 3A – Josh Oster, Lockport  
 2016 – Class 1A – Jason Clay, Vandalia  
 2016 – Class 2A – John Kading, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)  
 2016 – Class 3A – Keith Healy, New Lenox (Providence)  
 2017 – Class 1A – Kevin Milder, Lena-Winslow  
 2017 – Class 2A – Chris Bishop, Dixon  
 2017 – Class 3A – Brian Glynn, Lincoln-Way West  
 2018 – Class 1A – Tod McCullough, Erie-Prophetstown  
 2018 – Class 2A – Richard Harvey, Rochelle  
 2018 – Class 3A – B.J. Bertlesman, Huntley  
 2019 – Class 1A – Josh Collins, Heyworth  
 2019 – Class 2A – Mark Masters, Coal City  
 2019 – Class 3A – Sam Hiatt, DeKalb  
 2020 – Class 1A – Pete Alber, Dakota  
 2020 – Class 2A – John St. Clair, Lemont  
 2020 – Class 3A – Dave Udchik, Barrington  
 2022 – Class 1A – TJ Williams, Tremont  
 2022 – Class 2A – Ryan Cumbee, Joliet Catholic  
 2022 – Class 3A – Alex Tsirstis, Chicago (Mount Carmel)



# NHSACA

## **NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION**

**On behalf of the NHSACA the IWCOA is proud to announce Illinois' representative as a National Finalist for Wrestling Coach of the Year. National Coach of the Year Recipient will be introduced at the NHSACA Annual Awards Banquet, July 27, 2023 in Lincoln, NE**

**2023 Wrestling Coach of the Year Finalist-Dale Eggert, Libertyville**

**2023 Boys' Assistant Coach of the Year Finalist-Rob Porter, Naperville (Central)**

### **Past Award Recipients**

**2022-Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA), COTY Finalist**

**2019-Mark Hahn, Carol Stream (Glenbard North), COTY Finalist**

**2017-Keith Healey, New Lenox (Providence), COTY Recipient**

**2015 & 2016-Pete Alber, Region IV Finalist**

**2014-Tim Haak, Harvard, COTY Finalist**

**2014-Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA), COTY Finalist**

**2011-Keith Healey, New Lenox (Providence), COTY Finalist**

**2010 & 2018-Rob Murphy, Wilmington, COTY Finalist**

**2009-Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini), COTY Recipient**

**2006-Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central), COTY Finalist**

**2002-Mike Manahan, Stanford (Olympia), COTY Recipient**

### **NHSACA Hall of Fame Members**

**William "Red" Schmitt, Granite City**

**Mike Manahan, Stanford (Olympia)**

**Charlie Anderson, Savanna**



### **Most Brothers to Place in one State Tournament**

4 – Punke (Washington); Blaize (4<sup>th</sup> @ 138 lb.), Dack (1<sup>st</sup> @ 113 lb.), Jace (6<sup>th</sup> @ 195 lb.) and Ryder (2<sup>nd</sup> @ 160 lb.), 2016, Class 2A

3 – Bailey (Thornton Fractional North); Nasir (1<sup>st</sup> @ 120lb.), Sincere (1<sup>st</sup> @ 145lb.) and Bilal (1<sup>st</sup> @ 152lb.), 2020, Class 2A

3 – Braunangel (Belleville Althoff); Danny (2<sup>nd</sup> @ 145 lb.), Jarrid (2<sup>nd</sup> @ 138 lb.) and Zac (5<sup>th</sup> @ 170 lb.), 2016, Class 1A

3 – Punke (Washington); Dack (1<sup>st</sup> @ 120 lb.), Blaize (2<sup>nd</sup> @ 138 lb.) and Jace (3<sup>rd</sup> @ 220 lb.), 2017, Class 2A

### **Brothers to Win State Championships at the same State Tournament**

Bailey – Nasir (120lb.), Sincere (145lb.) and Bilal (152lb.), 2020, Class 2A

Martinez - Nathan (125 lb.) and Israel (112 lb.), Aurora (West Aurora), 1998, Class AA

Martinez - Nathan (140 lb.) and Israel (130 lb.), Aurora (West Aurora), 1999, Class AA

Braunangel - Danny (152 lb.) and Zac (170 lb.), **(Twins)** Belleville (Althoff), 2017, Class 1A

Braunangel - Danny (160 lb.) and Zac (182 lb.), **(Twins)** Belleville (Althoff), 2018, Class 1A

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Dickason - Don (165 lb.) and John (Hwt), Champaign (H.S.), 1949

Williams - Steve (130 lb.) and Joe (145 lb.), Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 1991, Class AA

Williams - Steve (135 lb.) and Joe (152 lb.), Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 1992, Class AA

Williams - Joe (160 lb.) and TJ (135 lb.), Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 1993, Class AA

Milks - Jesse (140 lb.) and Seth (103 lb.), Dakota, 2006, Class A

Hiatt - Andy (125 lb.) and Sam (130 lb.), DeKalb, 2000, Class AA

Hoselton - Drew (170 lb.) and Brandon (195 lb.), Fairbury (Prairie Central), 2018, Class 1A

Beebe - Chase (125 lb.) and Connor (103 lb.), Lombard (Montini), 2002, Class A

Beebe - Chase (130 lb.) and Connor (112 lb.), Lombard (Montini), 2003, Class A

Heinold - James (135 lb.) and Jason (130 lb.), **(Twins)** Mahomet (M.-Seymour), 1989, Class A

Daker - Cory (103 lb.) and Shane (125 lb.), Manito (Forman), 1990, Class A

McDonnell - Mark (145 lb.) and Matt (195 lb.), Morrison, 2012, Class 1A

Murphy - Dan (132 lb.) and Don (138 lb.), Normal (University), 1974, Class A

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

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

*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.*

# Ken Gerdes III Memorial Golf Outing



Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
**Cost: \$150 per player**  
**Prepaid Foursome \$500**

Silver Lake Country Club  
Orland Park

Enjoy 18 holes of golf  
(including cart), Event T-  
Shirt & Goodie bag and  
an exciting awards ban-  
quet...

All for just \$150 / player

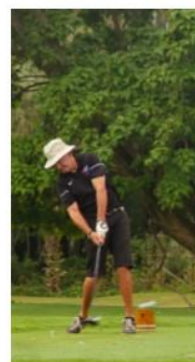
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## 27th Annual Golf Outing



The Ken Gerdes III Memorial Foundation has been receiving donations from the wrestling community, friends and family since 1996 to honor the outstanding legacy that Ken left behind in wrestling and in leadership. Generous donations have allowed over 145 Leadership Awards to HS Seniors across the state, and to Illinois wrestlers, groups and families competing at National, International, World and Olympic competitions. Since 2000, the foundation has been able to provide \$1,000-1,500 to every Olympic Wrestling Team Member from Illinois.

This year's event will be held **Tuesday, June 20, 2023.**

Shot-Gun Start at 9 am. Dinner at 3:30 pm.

The cost for this event is only **\$150**. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, dinner and various awards.

There will be dinner and many, many raffle prizes directly after golf .

To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by contacting Scott Richardson at 815-474-2217 or Debbie Nason at 815-347-5368 or email [debn4690@aol.com](mailto:debn4690@aol.com).

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