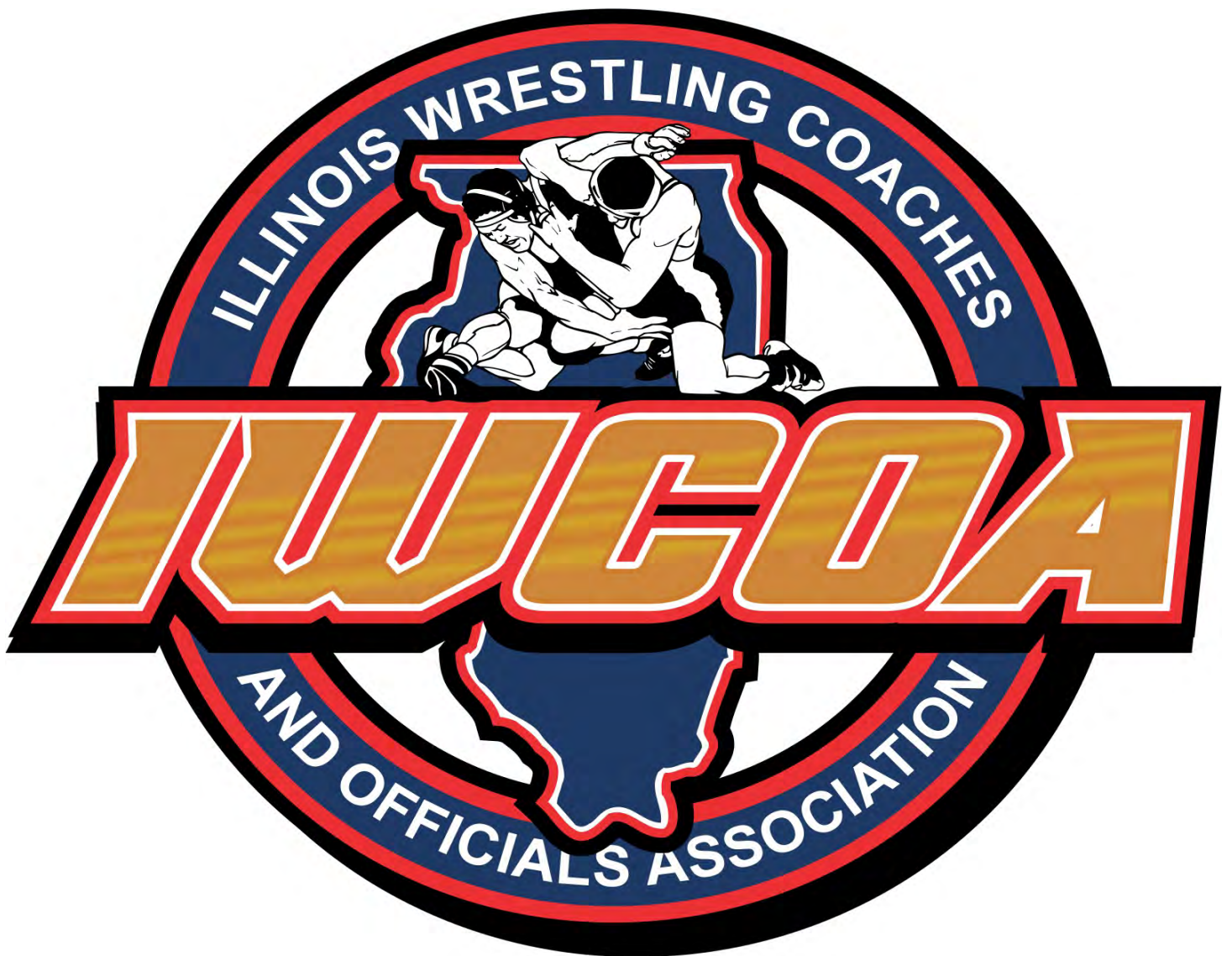


52nd Annual

Lifetime Service Awards
and
Hall of Fame
Banquet



Sunday April 14, 2024
Doubletree by Hilton
Alsip, Illinois

The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

President's Greeting

Dear Wrestling Community,

Thank you for attending the IWCOA 52nd 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 2024. 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 2024 Person of the Year, Mark King, and thank him for being a great example to coaches and program leaders across the state while demonstrating class, commitment, consistency, and excellence in all that he does. 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.

As you may be aware the IWCOA executive board and various committees continue to work hard for wrestling throughout the state of Illinois. Below are a few examples:

- The annual Freshmen/Sophomore and girls state series continues to create opportunities for many to build upon their wrestling and experience a championship series environment within their high school years. This series also helps our host schools/programs with fundraising and allows the IWCOA to provide vast programming, recognition, and support across the wrestling community.
- We continue the steadfast and never-ending efforts to recruit, license, and train new wrestling officials across the state. In addition to our new official efforts, we also sponsor and host over a dozen official's clinics each fall, and our officials committee hosts weekly webinars to review specific situations and provide continuing education throughout the season.
- The Ken Gerdes III Memorial Foundation continues to provide leadership awards to those high school seniors demonstrating excellence in leadership and service within their communities, while also providing financial support to many Illinois native wrestlers who pursue championships at the World and Olympic levels.

The above are just a few highlights, but there are so many other efforts and contributions I could mention. If you are interested in supporting the IWCOA, please join our organization by visiting <https://iwcoa.net/membership>. Our membership year runs August 15 thru August 14 of the following year. We are proud that we have not increased our membership dues in over 15 years!

I would also encourage you to donate to our association as you are able, we are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Visit <https://iwcoa.net/> and click on the donate now button on the top ribbon, or speak to myself or any of your IWCOA board members.

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

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IWCOA President

IWCOA Presidents

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| 1971 – Steve Combs, Coach, Deerfield | 2000 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln |
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| 1973 – Wayne Miller, Coach, DeKalb | 2002 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford |
| 1976 – Jim Schultz, Coach, Glenbard South | 2003 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford |
| 1977 – George Dyche, Coach, West Aurora | 2004 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park |
| 1978 – Charles Anderson, Coach, Savanna | 2005 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park |
| 1979 – Charles Farina, Coach, East Leyden | 2006 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central |
| 1980 – Tony Parks, Coach, Addison Trail | 2007 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central |
| 1981 – Mark King, Coach, LaGrange | 2008 – Mike Bukovsky, Coach, Montini |
| 1982 – Steve Weiss, Coach, Fenton | 2009 – Mike Bukovsky, Coach, Montini |
| 1983 – Rick Mann, Coach, Hersey | 2010 – Rob Ledin, Coach, Mahomet-Seymour |
| 1984 – Jim Cartwright, Coach, Conant | 2011 – Rob Ledin, Coach, Mahomet-Seymour |
| 1985 – Bernie Botheroyd, Coach, Glenbard W. | 2012 – Mike Matozzi, Coach, Hinsdale South |
| 1986 – Jerry Ancona, Coach, Lake Park | 2013 – Mike Matozzi, Coach, Hinsdale South |
| 1987 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn | 2014 – Rich Montgomery, Coach, Rock Falls |
| 1988 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn | 2015 – Rich Montgomery, Coach, Rock Falls |
| 1989 – Mark Gervais, Coach, Marist | 2016 – Rob Murphy, Coach, Wilmington |
| 1990 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb | 2017 – Rob Murphy, Coach, Wilmington |
| 1991 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb | 2018 – Don Mekeel, Official, Sterling |
| 1992 – Augie Genovesi, Coach, Notre Dame | 2019 – Don Mekeel, Official, Sterling |
| 1993 – Augie Genovesi, Coach, Notre Dame | 2020 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle |
| 1994 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville | 2021 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle |
| 1995 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville | 2022 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle |
| 1996 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb | 2023 – Nate Kessen, Official, Sugar Grove |
| 1997 – Gary Thacker, Coach, Belvidere | 2024 – Nate Kessen, Official, Sugar Grove |
| 1998 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland | |
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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

2024 – Mick Torres

52nd IWCOA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Sunday April 14, 2024

REGISTRATION & SOCIAL

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

PRE-DINNER AWARDS

3:00 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS

3:30 p.m.

INVOCATION & DINNER

3:45 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

PERSON OF THE YEAR

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5:00 p.m.

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

5:30 p.m.

SOCIAL

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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Ken Gerdes III Memorial Golf Outing



Tuesday, June 18, 2024
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 banquet...

All for just \$150 / player

* Longest drive contests

* Closest to the pin
challenge

* Betting Holes

* And A Chance to Win a
New Car!

28th 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.

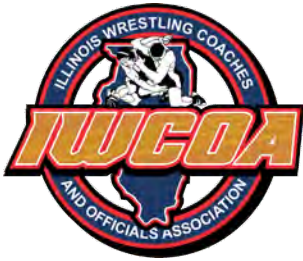
This year's event will be held **Tuesday, June 18, 2024.**

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

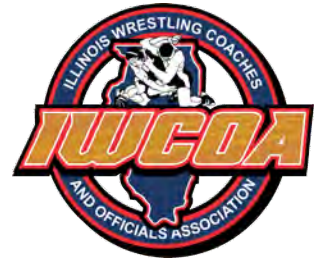
The cost for this event is only **\$150**. This price includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, riding cart, dinner and various awards.

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

For Newsletter & Golf Outing Reservation Contact:
Debbie Nason at debn4690@aol.com



2024 IWCOA Award Winners



Class 3A Head Coach of the Year

Dale Eggert, Libertyville

Class 3A Assistant Coach of the Year

Joe Barczak, St. Charles (East)

Class 2A Head Coach of the Year

Jerod Bruner, Chatham (Glenwood)

Class 2A Assistant Coach of the Year

Nelson Baker, Rochelle

Class 1A Head Coach of the Year

Jason Clay, Vandalia

Class 1A Assistant Coach of the Year

Nick O'Bert, Coal City

Girls Head Coach of the Year

Scott Bayer, Batavia

Girls Assistant Coach of the Year

Carly Foster, Edwardsville

Class 3A Administrator of the Year

Todd Thompson, Moline

Official of the Year

Mike Hurckes, Ringwood

Class 2A Administrator of the Year

Rich Harvey, Rochelle

Newsperson of the Year

Tony LiFonti, Illinois Matmen & Matwomen

Class 1A Administrator of the Year

Art Stafford, Coal City

Scholastic Wrestlers of the Year

1A – Tyrus Carter, Red Bud
1A – Ian O'Connor, Illini Bluffs
Girls – Sarah Epshtein, Oak Park & River
Forest

Scholastic Wrestlers of the Year

2A – Noah O'Connor, Lemont
2A – Evan Willock, Normal West
3A – Owen McGrory, Libertyville

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 DEBBIE NASON, Orland Park
1997 RON REICHERT, Indiana
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
2024 MARK KING, LaGrange (Lyons Township)

Mark King

2024

IWCOA

PERSON

OF

THE

YEAR



Mark King is no stranger to anyone involved in Illinois Wrestling. A member of DeKalb High School's wrestling team, he was an integral part of their 1968 State Championship team. He wrestled at the University of

Michigan and was a three-year letter winner and a two-time NCAA Division I National Tournament Qualifier. Mark served as team captain in 1972.

He began coaching as an assistant at LaGrange (Lyons Twp) in 1972 and took over as head coach in 1974. He served as head coach until 2005 after amassing over 470 career dual meet victories. His teams won 18 conference championships, 13 IHSA regional titles and three sectional titles. In 1992 the Lions place 3rd in the IHSA Dual Team State Tournament. During this tenure as head coach, Mark coached 86 state qualifiers. Thirty-four of these wrestlers earned All State medal with six state champions.

He has served an assistant at LaGrange since his retirement.

Mark's involvement in the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association includes serving as Treasurer for four years. He became President in 1981 and in 1994 he became an IWCOA Hall of Fame Inductee. In 1992 he was named Class AA Coach of the Year by the IWCOA. He served as IHSA Individual State Tournament Grand Marshal in 2002. In 2005 he was selected to receive the IWCOA Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2008 he was recognized by the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter as a recipient of their Lifetime Service to Wrestling Award.

Mark has been a member of the IWCOA Hall of Fame Selection Committee since 1997 and has served as a Coach in Illinois for over 50 years. He will receive a Gold Level Award from the IWCOA for that dedication.

In addition, he has served as:

- Head Coach Illinois USA Junior National Freestyle Team, 1996-2000.
- Asst. Coach Illinois USA National Freestyle Teams for over 20 years.
- Coach as Lion Wrestling Club 1999-present.

In November of 2023 he received the Friend of Wrestling Award from DeKalb Wrestling Club.

In November of 2022, LaGrange (Lyons Township) High School revamped their wrestling record wall to include 751 wrestling records and has renamed this wall the "Mark King Wall of Fame".

Over his career he has exemplified character and class and has passed this quality down to his athletes.

More about Mark King can be found by reading his IWCOA Hall of Fame bio from 1994 at <https://iwcoa.net/hall-of-fame-2/mark-king> and his National Wrestling Hall of Fame - Illinois Chapter Lifetime Service bio from https://nwhof.org/hall_of_fame/bio/2054.

2024 IWCOA Lifetime Service Award Winners

Ray Eickelschulte Fowler

Ray Eickelschulte began wrestling in 1973 in high school (Quincy Senior High) after a friend had invited him to a practice. Ray immediately fell in love with the sport and spent time over the next few summers attending wrestling camps around the state and country. After wrestling all four years of high school, Ray attended college in Quincy. Although there wasn't wrestling at this college Ray was still intrigued by the sport.

After graduating from college receiving a Bachelors in Biology with minors in Chemistry and Physics and completing a teaching certificate, Ray began a job in northern Illinois teaching and coaching football and wrestling for two years. Moving to central Illinois, Ray met his lovely wife Gina (they have been married for 37 years), Ray was employed at a private school (Quincy Notre Dame) and coached football and wrestling for the next three years. The third year at this school half of the team qualified for sectionals. Again, moving back into the public school (Brown County) realm, Ray taught and coached football and wrestling for three more years. It was soon after, Ray and Gina's welcomed the birth of their first son and time became precious. Being offered a job closer to home at Central HS it became obvious that to stay with the sport, time would be an issue especially with Ray's second son on the way. This is when Ray and his wife talked about something that would be involved in the sport but not take so much time from the family.

Officiating was the obvious choice and Ray's love of the sport gave him the incentive to work hard to learn. Over twenty years later Ray still loves the sport and works just as hard now to stay up with new moves and rules. In Ray's spare time, he works with his nephew in the Boy Scouts of America. Ray, himself being an eagle scout and having a son that is also an eagle scout, has shown the values of this program for young men. Also being a member of the Order of the Arrow has led Ray to assist many local youths with becoming fine upstanding contributing people in society. When Ray is not officiating, you can find him fishing and hunting, landscaping and swimming. Ray retired from teaching in 2014 and now devotes his time to landscaping

Ray has worked seven IESA, one IKWF, five Fresh-Soph, 4 IHSA Dual Team and 7 IHSA Individual state finals. Ray has been an IHSA Certified Wrestling Clinician for the past fourteen years

Other honors that Ray has received include induction to the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2017, IWCOA Bronze award, IEA Region 12 Crystal Apple Award and the Boy Scouts of America Bronze Pelican Religious Award. He has also been honored with a Silver Level Special Recognition Award by the IWCOA, he received a 30 Year Service Award from the Illinois High School Association and in 2022 he was selected as the IHSA Wrestling Official of the Year.

Ray and his wife live in Fowler, IL.

2024 IWCOA Lifetime Service Award Winners

Dave Froehlich Inverness

Dave attended East Leyden High School, wrestling for Hall of Fame coach Chuck Farina. A 1971 graduate, Dave placed third in the state his senior year at 155 with a 27-3 record. Four of the top five wrestlers at his weight that year went on to become Division 1 All-Americans including a second, two fourths and an NCAA champion. He was a team captain that season on a team that featured five wrestlers who became head wrestling coaches in Illinois high schools.

Dave won the State Freestyle Title the previous summer. Attending Northwestern University, where he wrestled for Hall of Fame coach Ken Kraft, Dave was a four-year starter for the Wildcats and earned his BA in Education in 1975. He placed second in the Big Ten in 1974 and fourth in the NCAA's that year. Dave won the Big Ten title his senior year and won All-American NCAA honors. He was the team captain in 1975, receiving the following awards: Orion Stuteville Award for most team points, the Waldo Fisher Award for Highest Standards of Interscholastic Athletic Competition and Smart Award of Merit for academic achievement. He was also selected to receive the Big Ten Conference Medal of Honor given to one athlete at each Big Ten school for athletic and academic excellence.

After graduation, Dave began teaching and coaching at Rolling Meadows High School, his first three years as an assistant coach to IWCOA Hall of Fame coach John Ellis. He took over the head coaching position for the 1979-80 season and stayed in this position for 36 years, retiring after the 2014 season. He finished his coaching career with 380 wins, 39 state qualifiers and 10 state place-winners.

While at Rolling Meadows, Dave taught Health and Physical Education and also served as the school's boys athletic director. He received the Principal's Award for contribution to education. In addition, he coached cross country and track for 18 years. Dave has a master's degree in Educational Administration and another master's in Sports Administration as well as certification as a personal trainer. In the years since his teaching retirement, Dave has continued to coach wrestling as an assistant at Stevenson High School. He also has worked as a long-term substitute in Health and Physical Education.

Dave was an 2011 Inductee into the IWCOA Hall of Fame and in 2018 he was recognized by the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter for Lifetime Service to Wrestling.

His hobbies include musical instruments and power boating. Dave and Sharon, his wife of over 40 years, have two sons, Steve (Brianne) and Mike (Sara) and a daughter, Colleen. They also have a grandson, John, Mike and Sara's child. In 2018 they welcomed the birth of their granddaughter with Steve and Brianne.

2024 IWCOA Lifetime Service Award Winners

Mike Matozzi Darien (Hinsdale South)

Mike Matozzi's passion for coaching began in high school when he was asked by his teacher and mentor, Bill Yena, to coach the Park District wrestling program in La Grange Park, in which Mike's youngest brother, who is hearing impaired, was participating. After graduating Magna Cum Laude in three years from MacMurray College with a degree to teach the deaf and hard of hearing, Mike earned Master's Degrees from both Ball State University and Roosevelt University.

Spending his entire educational career at Hinsdale South High School, Mike was a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing, Dean of Students and Director of Deans. He was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in November, 2018 and its Athletes Hall of Fame in February of 2024. He coached girls' softball, football and wrestling. Twenty-five of Mike's 32 years of coaching wrestling were as the program's head coach. He coached his teams to 390 dual meet victories, numerous tournament championships and the only five conference championships in the school's history. He coached 155 all-conference wrestlers, 37 state qualifiers, and nine state medalists, including two individual state champions.

A number of Mike's wrestlers have gone on to be educators, as well as wrestling coaches and officials. In addition, Mike was again able to coach his brother, Al, using his sign language skills to involve him and other deaf students in the program while also having his brother, Steve, who is now Hinsdale South's head coach, as one of his assistant coaches. After retiring in 2013, Mike became an IHSA wrestling official and has worked numerous IHSA and IESA tournaments.

Mike is an active IWCOA member and served on the Executive Board as Secretary from 2009-2011 and was President from 2011-2013. He continues to serve on the organization's Hall of Fame Selection Committee, while he and his wife, Debbie, have hosted four Illinois/Indiana Classic Dual events. He has been awarded the IWCOA Gold Level Awards in 2006 and 2010, inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2011, named the organization's Person of the Year in 2013 and served as the Grand Marshal at the IHSA Individual State Championships in 2020.

Mike has volunteered at numerous IHSA Individual and Team State Tournaments, and for the past six years, he has been a weigh in coordinator for the state finals here in Champaign. A resident of Oswego, Mike and Debbie have been married for 42 years. They have three children, a daughter, Michelina, who was a wrestling statistician at Oswego High School, and sons Michael and Anthony who wrestled for Oswego East and Oswego High Schools respectively. All three also served as bout card runners for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament.

Ralph McCausland EIU/Lerna

A former NCAA DII National Champion and All-American and a three-decade NCAA Division I head wrestling head, Ralph McCausland is being honored with a 2024 IWCOA Lifetime Service Award for his outstanding contributions to the sport in the Land of Lincoln.

An IHSA State Placer for Wheaton Central High School, Ralph coached at Wheaton Central and later Downers Grove North before returning to his alma mater, Eastern Illinois University in 1983.

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During his 24-year tenure leading the Panthers, he saw at least one EIU wrestler qualify for nationals every season, as 34 wrestlers earned 58 total trips to the NCAA Championships. That outstanding accomplishment was further highlighted by six wrestlers achieving All-American status, as well as a team-best finish of 26th place in 1996. That included Matt Hughes who went on to win multiple titles in the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC), placing fifth at 158 pounds in 1997 just prior to becoming Ralph's assistant coach.

Ralph hails from a long and decorated Illinois wrestling lineage, as he was coached by Ed Ewoldt as a Wheaton Central freshman and John Fuller during his sophomore, junior and senior campaigns. Ralph ultimately placed fourth at the 1975 IHSA state meet at 132 pounds. He would also eventually secure Hall of Fame status at Wheaton Central.

As a 1980 EIU graduate, he earned Panther Athletic Hall of Fame honors in 1989 after nabbing three All-American honors and an NCAA DII National Championship at 142 pounds, all under the tutelage of his former long-time EIU mentor, Ron Clinton.

Ralph personally credits Ewoldt, Fuller and Clinton for shaping both his life and coaching philosophies. He continues to pay their outstanding wrestling and life lessons forward to his numerous former student-athletes, many of whom continue to give back to the state of Illinois as current and former coaches at all levels.

Fittingly, Ralph was recognized with induction into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1999. He served as a Grand Marshal for the 2018 IHSA Individual State Tournament. In 2022 Ralph was recognized by the National Hall of Fame and Museum-Illinois Chapter for Lifetime Service to Wrestling.

Kirby Rodgers Mt. Prospect

Kirby Rodgers graduated from Charleston HS in 1969. Charleston high school did not have a wrestling program at that time, so he walked onto the Eastern IL University wrestling room in the summer of 1969 not having wrestled one time. Under the coaching of IWCOA Hall of Fame Harold "Hop" Pinther, Kirby was the 11th man on the 10 man EIU team his freshman year. He was the second string 167, 177 and 190 pounder. He lettered four years at EIU ending his career with trip to the nationals at Brookings South Dakota.

Kirby earned his referee license through a wrestling coaching class at EIU with the final exam being the IHSA rules test. He was hired to officiate his first match at an IKWF Regional in the Mattoon National Guard Armory in 1972 by Mattoon kids coach and referee John Bonic. IWCOA Hall of Fame referee Renny Garshelis also was instrumental in getting time on the mat for younger officials in the area of Charleston and Mattoon.

Kirby graduated from EIU in 1973. Beginning in the 1974-75 school year, Kirby was hired as a Jr. High Geography teacher and an assistant wrestling coach at Challand Junior High School in Sterling, IL. He coached in Sterling for 9 years at the junior and senior high levels with IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Carson DeJarnatt. Together they also coached the summer wrestling program through the Sterling Park District.

While at Sterling, Kirby continued to officiate, working with IWCOA Hall of Fame officials, Tony Licocci from Rock Falls and Don Mekeel of Sterling. In 1986 Kirby moved to Dixon to begin his administrative career as a

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Dean of Students. In 1993 he moved to Sullivan, IL. as a Middle School Principal and again in 1995 to Edinburg to become a K-12 Superintendent. In 1999 he moved to Midland as a K-12 Superintendent and in 2005 moved to Lincoln as the K-8 Superintendent, retiring in 2008. While residing in central IL, Kirby met and officiated with another IWCOA Hall of Fame Referee, Dan Fulscher.

Throughout Kirby's career he has coached numerous IKWF state place winners and one State Champion. He has coached park district wrestlers who have grown up to be IKWF, IESA and IHSA State Champions. He has officiated over 15 IKWF State Tournaments, 3 IESA State Tournaments, 3 IHSA State Tournaments, and 3 National Wrestling Tournaments for the Blind. Kirby also officiated collegiate wrestling matches at EIU and Millikin University. For four years, he has been the IKWF Administrative Assistant for Officials. In 2016 he was awarded the Gold Medallion Award for over 40 years of service from the IWCOA. In 2016, he was appointed as an Clinician for the IHSA.

He was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2017 and was named IKWF "Official of the Year".

The 2023-24 season will mark Kirby's 51st year as an official. For the past four years he has served on the floor of the IHSA Individual State Finals Officials' Coordinator Assistant.

Kirby resides in Mt. Prospect with his wife Barbara. They have three grown daughters and five grandchildren. He enjoys pickleball, golf and tennis. He has been retired from Public School Education for 15 years and enjoys volunteering in his free time.

Brian Shaw Plainfield

Brian Shaw began his wrestling career during the 1981-82 season as an 8th grader at Dirksen Junior High School in Joliet, Illinois. He was 5' 3", 205lbs heavyweight in his inaugural year, wrestling others that topped 300lbs at times. Brian welcomed the later change from Unlimited to Heavyweight with a max of 275lbs. Although the first year posed some size differentials, Brian stuck it out and was an IESA individual state qualifier at heavyweight that year and a member of Dirksen Junior High School's IESA State Wrestling Championship team.

Brian went on to attend Joliet Central High School where he was a 1986 graduate. As a student, He participated in the symphonic band, jazz band and on the wrestling team all four years. Brian wrestled two years on the varsity accumulating nearly 70 wins for Hall of Fame coaches Eural McLaughlin, Pat O'Connell, and coach Sam Parker. During his varsity career, Brian won multiple tournaments and was a SICA East Conference runner-up in 1985, champion in 1986, individual IHSA state qualifier and anchored Joliet Central's IHSA State Championship Wrestling Team in 1985 and State Runner Up Team in 1986. Brian placed 3rd in the State Freestyle in 1986 allowing him to represent Team Illinois at the Junior Olympics (1986) in both freestyle & Greco in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

After high school graduation, Brian attended SIU-Edwardsville where he earned a B.S. in Business Education and wrestled for Olympic and Hall of Fame coach Larry Kristoff and Hall of Fame assistant coaches Alan Grammar and Booker Benford. He was a member of the 1986-87 & 1987-88 teams that finished 2nd and 3rd

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Nationally and were inducted into the SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018. Brian concluded his college wrestling career in 1989 winning the Midwest Regional Qualifier to advance to the Division II National Championships at California University of Pennsylvania. At graduation, Brian received the Edward Thomas Mason award for excellence in Business Education.

The 2023-24 school year is Brian's 32nd year in education. Over his career, Brian has worked as a business education teacher, dean of students, assistant principal and currently, district director of support services at Joliet Township High School. Prior to entering administration, he had the privilege to coach and work with several outstanding Hall of Fame coaches including John Polz (Morton East), Mike Polz (Carl Sandburg), George Dyche and Randy Konstans (West Aurora) over a 10-year span. Brian credits wrestling, his coaches, and teammates over the years for many of his life successes.

Brian continues to support wrestling, serving as an IHSA bench official/co-head bench official for over 20 years. At the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year, Brian will retire and start a new chapter with his wife of 34 years, Mary. Mary and daughters Mikayla (29) and Rachel (26) have been his biggest fans and supporters throughout the years.

Roy Snyder Rochelle

Roy Snyder's participation in sports began in the early 1970's at Dubuque Hempstead High School in Dubuque, IA where he participated in wrestling, football, and track. Roy received all-conference honors his senior year in both wrestling and football and was selected Team Captain in both sports. Roy continued his athletic career at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, IA while participating in football and continued at the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, IA while obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Safety.

1991 Roy, his wife and two young sons moved to Mt. Morris, IL. and then moved to Rochelle, IL 2010. He continued his participation in sports as a volunteer coach in soccer, baseball, wrestling and football. Roy's first year as an IHSA licensed official was 1991 in football, followed by wrestling in 1992 and baseball and softball in 1994. In addition to officiating, in his spare time Roy was elected to a local school board for several years and also participated in several run/races each year including the completion of the 2005 Chicago Marathon.

A Certified IHSA Wrestling Official for 33 years, Roy has been chosen by the IHSA to officiate the wrestling state series: 32 IHSA Wrestling Regionals, 27 IHSA Wrestling Sectionals, 13 – IHSA Wrestling Dual Team Sectionals, 10 – IHSA Dual Team State Finals, 12 – IHSA Boys' Individual State Finals, 1- IHSA Girls' Individual State Finals, total 23 IHSA Wrestling State Finals. In addition to IHSA wrestling officiating, Roy has accomplished the following in IHSA Football – 4 State Finals and in IHSA Baseball – 3 State Finals and an IHSA Certified Baseball Clinician, 3 – IESA Baseball State Finals.

Roy was named IWCOA Official of the Year in 2016 and in 2017 was chosen IHSA Wrestling Official of the Year. He is an IHSA Certified Wrestling Clinician and an IHSA Approved Wrestling Observer for the White Pines Officials Association. He has served as Secretary / Treasurer for the White Pines Officials Association for the past 21 years.

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A 2014 IWCOA Hall of Fame Inductee, Roy was selected to serve as the 2023 Grand Marshal for the IHSA Individual State Finals.

As President of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association from 2019-2022, Roy oversaw the IWCOA sponsored Individual State Finals in 2021. Roy is one of seven IHSA officials to officiate four different IHSA State Finals: Boys' Wrestling, Girls' Wrestling, Football and Baseball. In addition, he has officiated 17 Dvorak Tournaments, 9 Illinois vs. Indiana Duals, 11 IESA State Finals, 11 IKWF Individual State Finals and 3 IKWF Dual Team State Finals.

The IWCOA would like to congratulate all 2024 Lifetime Service Award inductees. Your dedication to wrestling will forever be remembered.

Congratulations Ray, Dave, Mike, Ralph, Kirby, Brian, and Roy!

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Adams, Vernon "Art"	2009	Gardner, Greg	2018
Anderson, Charles	2001	Gardner, Jack	2008
Bay, Ott	2003	Gardner, James	2003
Bee, Floyd	2004	Gardner, Marilyn	2018
Bernard, Larry	2014	Gardner, Mark	2022
Bormet, Sean	2022	Garshelis, Renshaw	2012
Botheroyd, Bernie	2010	Gassen, Larry	2009
Bowers, Jim	2007	Gauger, Ton	2016
Brooks, Greg	2011	Genovesi, Augie	2009
Bukovsky, Mike	2020	George, Elias	2002
Carnahan, Jim	2015	George, John	2008
Cartwright, Bill	2006	George, Pete	2008
Cartwright, Jim	2005	Gerrish, Lon	2013
Chaloupka, James	2019	Gervais, Mark	2013
Chihoski, Phil	2023	Geselter, Morrie	2009
Clark, Anthony	2016	Giese, Ed	2020
Cliffe, Dan	2004	Girardi, George	2002
Cliffe, Joe	2003	Goldstein, Lou	2016
Coit, Ron	2022	Haak, Tim	2015
Collins, Niall	2016	Hahn, Mark	2017
Combs, Steve	2002	Heniff, Tom	2002
Conrad, Randy	2020	Hicks, Bob	2002
Conrad, Ray	2016	Holzer, Werner	2002
Conrad, Roy	2011	Honeycutt, Bill	2018
Cozzi, Greg	2011	Hubbard, Jarrett	2022
Craig, Jim	2002	Hurckes, Mike	2023
Cummings, Ray	2006	Hurley, Allen	2008
Curby, Dr. David	2020	Johnson, Mark	2010
Custer, Jim	2007	Jones, Robert I.	2012
Cyzewski, Tim	2014	Jones, Sharron	2015
Czech, Ted	2008	Kanke, Larry	2016
DeJarnatt, Carson	2012	King, Mark	2005
DeRousse, Ted	2003	Klemm, Dave	2015
Dodge, Tim	2017	Kocher, Leo	2011
Dyche, George	2004	Konstans, Randy	2019
Easter, Bob	2007	Kraft, Art	2008
Eggert, Dale	2017	Kraft, Ken	2001
Eickelschulte, Ray	2024	Kraus, Bert	2012
Ewoldt, Ed	2001	Kristoff, Larry	2001
Farina, Charles	2001	Lazier, Murney	2012
Flanigan, Tom	2006	Ledin, Rob	2023
Flavin, Don	2002	Leese, Jack	2001
Flores, Carmelo	2023	Licocci, Tony	2011
Froehlich, Dave	2024	Luety, Ed	2005
Fulk, Bob	2009	Mammen, Wayne	2020
Fulscher, Dan	2012	Manahan, Mike	2005
Gannaway, Dave	2017	Mann, Rick	2005



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Marianetti, Steve	2022	Rosenthal, Todd	2023
Marino, Jack	2011	Ruettiger, Mark	2017
Marquardt, Bill	2009	Ruettiger, Mick	2020
Massery, Mark	2014	Rust, Ed	2018
Mathews, Dave	2013	Ryan, Ron	2017
Matozzi, Mike	2024	Samorian, Harold "Sam"	2004
McCann, Dennis	2014	Schaus, Jon	2007
McCann, Terry	2007	Schmitt, William "Red"	2001
McCauley, Neil	2016	Semetis, Ron	2018
McCausland, Ralph	2024	Shaw, Brian	2024
McGinnis, Harry	2019	Sherman, Walter	2010
McLaughlin, Eural	2012	Slimmer, Louis	2003
Mestemacher, Mark	2023	Snyder, Roy	2024
Miller, Wayne	2008	Stoudt, Elaine	2015
Montgomery, Rich	2014	Stoudt, Jack	2003
Morgan, Andre'	2016	Stevens, Sandy	2015
Nason, Debbie	2017	Strange, Robert	2010
Nighohossian, Haig	2018	Summerville, Joe	2019
O'Connor, Pat	2010	Swalec, Dr. John	2011
Oglesby, Ron	2014	Swierczewski, Gene	2003
Pedersen, Dr. Joe	2004	TenPas, Larry	2006
Peterson, Bill	2013	Therry, Robert	2003
Pierre, Dale	2009	Turner, Jim	2015
Pillard, Henry	2010	Vavrus, Joe	2009
Pittman, Don	2013	Weick, Bill	2006
Polz, John	2023	Weiner, Neal	2019
Polz, Mike	2017	Weiss, Steve	2014
Porter, Tom	2013	Whitlatch, Rex	2013
Portincaso, Mike	2014	Wilkey, Mike	2007
Puebla, Kevin	2019	Williams, Marty	2013
Raabe, Jim	3033	Willson, Pete	2003
Reichert, Ron	2017	Winesburg, Ray	2023
Robinson, Jack	2011	Young, William	2010
Rodgers, Kirby	2024		



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Conor Beebe, Lombard (Montini)/Central Michigan Wrestler

Conor Beebe is one of 17 individuals who have won four state championships, and one of three to accomplish that feat at Montini Catholic High School, with his brother Chase, a 2022 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee, and Mike Benefiel the others. He became the eighth individual to win four titles, with his brother the seventh. In addition, he got to be a member of four teams that won Class A Dual team championships for IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Mike Bukovsky. The Broncos went 121-8 from 2001-05. He beat Stillman Valley's Caleb Walk for the 125 Class A title to cap a 50-3 senior season in 2005 and went 47-3 as a junior in 2004, beating Newman Central Catholic's Andrew Nelson for the 125 Class A title. In 2003 as a sophomore, he beat Walther Lutheran's Christian Winston for the Class A 112 title to conclude a 40-3 season and in 2002, he beat Roxana's Greg Yost to win the Class A 103 title and finish 39-6. Following his senior season, he was named as the IWCOA Class A Wrestler of the Year. Also, while he was in high school, he was a FILA World runner-up and also earned Fargo Freestyle and Greco-Roman All-American honors. He continued his career and education at Central Michigan University where he competed for coach Tom Borrelli. He was a four-time NCAA qualifier, a 2010 Mid American Conference champion, a 2010 recipient of the Central Michigan Coaches Award, a two-time Ken Kraft Midlands place-winner and also was a two-time University Freestyle All-American. He graduated from Central Michigan in 2010 with a degree in Business Administration. Following college, he was a two-time Vegas US Open Freestyle All-American, a USA World Team Trials qualifier and a Canadian Cup Champion. He began his coaching career in 2010 at Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina. He coached at Lyons Township between 2011-13 and started Beebe Trained Wrestling Academy - Illinois and ran that from 2011-14. In 2013, he started coaching at Northwestern University and remained there until 2018. In 2018, he established Beebe Trained Wrestling Academy - Florida and still owns it and coaches there. In his coaching career, he's worked with one NCAA champion, five All-Americans, 14 NCAA qualifiers, a Junior World Team Silver and a Cadet World Champion. He also has coached three Fargo National champs and six Fargo All-Americans, two Ken Kraft Midlands champions, 17 FHSAA champions and 22 place-winners and two IHSA champions and 18 place-winners.

Bill Billman, Unity, St. Joseph-Ogden Official

A lot of people can state that they wrestled in an IHSA Individual Finals championship match, coached an individual in a state title match, officiated in an Individual championship match, coached a team in an IHSA Dual Team championship meet or officiated in a state title dual meet. But Bill Billman is one of the few individuals that actually achieved all of those high points during a 40-year officiating career in addition to a 10-year run as a head coach that followed his time competing at Unity and Illinois State University. The 1980 Unity graduate wrestled for coach Joe Summerville, a 2004 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee, where he was the sixth of seven brothers to wrestle at the school in Tolono and was the most improved wrestler in 1979 and the most valuable wrestler in 1980 and the school's male athlete of the year when the senior capped a 26-6 season by taking second place at 119 in the IHSA Class A Individual Finals to the state's first four-time state champion, Providence Catholic junior Mark Ruettiger, a 1995 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee. With the encouragement of his coach, he

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eventually went on to compete at Illinois State University and graduated from there in 1986. In 1987, he returned to Unity and was able to coach multiple sports at the school that he attended. He succeeded his coach and led Unity for four seasons during which time the Rockets went 60-31. His 1988-89 team went 21-5 and took second place to Mahomet-Seymour in the IHSA Class A Dual Team Finals. His 1989-90 team finished 22-1 and reached the quarterfinals of the Class A Dual Team Finals and his 1990-91 team lost in the dual team sectional finals. He had 14 state qualifiers, three champions, two runners-up and two third-place finishers at Unity, and he was inducted into his school's athletic hall of fame in 2019. He became St. Joseph-Ogden's head coach in 1991-92 and remained there for six seasons where he won 40 dual meets to give him 100 wins for his career and he had four state qualifiers and two runners-up. He was an agricultural and physical education teacher at St. Joseph-Ogden for 33 years, which included his four years of coaching at Unity. A licensed official since 1983 who had worked many IKWF and IWF matches during his coaching years, he became a full-time official in 1997. He worked 22 regionals, 15 sectionals and 10 IHSA Finals during his career and received 40 Year IHSA Wrestling Official Recognition.

Scott Clark, Hoffman Estates/Bensenville (Fenton) Coach

Scott Clark's wrestling career started in 1961 at Mundelein High School, where he wrestled for four years under Coach Don Miller. He was an IHSA qualifier in 1964 and 1965 and made it to the semifinals in 1964 lost in overtime and then fell one win shy of placing at 120 and he also fell one win shy of a medal at 120 in 1965. He was selected as Mundelein's Most Valuable Wrestler in 1964 and 1965. While at Mundelein, he also participated in track and field for four years and football for three years. In 1965, he also qualified for IHSA State Track and Field Meet in Track in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, and was selected as Mundelein's track team MVP in 1965. In 1965-1966, he wrestled at Northwestern University under 1978 IWCOA Hall of Famer Ken Kraft. Then he attended Triton College in 1966-1967 and since it didn't have a wrestling team, he served as a volunteer coach at West Leyden. In 1967, he moved on to Western Illinois University in Macomb and wrestled for coach Bob McMahon. In 1967-1968, he qualified for the NAIA National Tournament and in 1968-1969, he qualified for the NCAA College Division National Tournament finishing as runner up at 123 pounds and also qualified for the NCAA University Division. The next season, 1969-1970, he experienced a career-ending injury and finished with a 54-20-1 record. In 1971 after graduating with a B.S. in Physical Education, he was also commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army after completing their ROTC program. In 1972, he earned his Masters in Education at WIU and also taught physical education and was an assistant football and wrestling coach at Macomb High School. In 1992 he was inducted into the WIU Athletic Hall of Fame for being the school's first All-American wrestler in 1969. From 1972 to 2004, he taught driver education and physical education at Fenton High School in Bensenville. He was the school's freshman coach from 1972 to 1990, when he succeeded 1986 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee Steve Weiss as the Bison's head coach. He won 129 dual meets in 14 seasons and regional championships in 2003 and 2004. In his final season, 2003-04, his team went 19-3 and lost to Niles Notre Dame 30-28 in the sectional final to fall short of a trip to Class AA Dual Team Finals. In 1999, he retired from the United States Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and in 2004, he retired from teaching at Fenton. Since 2004, he has

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been a volunteer coach at Fenton. He has been married to his wife, Kitty, for 53 years, and she has been by his side through all the years of wrestling and army duty.

Daniel Dennis, Fox Lake (Grant)/Univ of Iowa Wrestler

Daniel Dennis certainly did not follow the typical route that most who make the U.S. National Team and participate in the Olympics take, such as winning championships in both high school and college. In fact, he didn't win any IHSA championships at Grant High School or NCAA titles at the University of Iowa, losing twice in a state title match, and once in a college title match before it appeared for a time that he had given up on the sport as he traveled throughout the west, living briefly in a truck and then a trailer before finally making his return several years later to eventually qualify for a spot in the 2016 Olympics at an Olympic Trials that took place at the college arena that he had competed at. After going 40-5 and taking fourth place at 112 as a sophomore for 2014 IWCOA Hall of Fame coach Ryan Geist in 2002-03, he went 44-6 as a junior and lost to Bolingbrook's Kyle Jahn in the 2004 Class AA Finals at 125. One week later, he got the opportunity to compete with his Bulldogs' teammates in their school's first IHSA Dual Team Finals meet. In his senior season of 2004-05, he finished 47-2 after losing to Mount Carmel's Kenny Jordan in the 130 AA championship match. He finished his career at Grant with a 153-28 record and was his school's leader in wins, technical falls and most team points when he graduated. At the University of Iowa, he went 20-18 in 2005-06 and earned a letter and the next season he redshirted and went 13-2. His 2007-08 season was one match due to injury but he still got a letter and was on a national championship team. In 2008-09, competing for coach Tom Brands' national champion Hawkeyes, he earned All-American honors at 133 by placing seventh at the NCAA Championships and finished 31-6 and earned another letter in addition to winning the Ken Kraft Midlands. In his senior season of 2009-10, he was the NCAA runner-up at 133, falling in the championship in heartbreaking fashion, as a late lead slipped away and he lost 6-4 to Minnesota's Jayson Ness. Beside being a part of a third NCAA title team, he also took second in the Big Ten that season, when he finished with a 22-4 record and won his fourth letter. After leaving competition, he worked at camps and coached at Windsor High School in California. He returned in 2015 and finished fourth at the U.S. Open, and later placed at World Team Trials in 2015 and 2016 and won Grand Prix in Spain and Germany. In 2016, he won the US Olympics Team Trials at 57 kg in Iowa City over Iowa graduate Tony Ramos, and competed in the 2016 Rio Olympics, where he lost his lone match to Vladimir Dubov of Bulgaria.

John Dergo, Morris/Univ. of Illinois Wrestler

When a football player rushes for over 3,000 yards and 50 touchdowns in a season and not only is the consensus Illinois Player of the Year but also receives recognition as one of the nation's top players, it would usually have been a foregone conclusion that the athlete would have continued his football career at the collegiate level. But that's not what John Dergo had in mind after he ran for 3,010 yards and 52 touchdowns in 2005 to lead Morris Community High School to the a perfect 14-0 season and the school's third state championship and first

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in 31 years when it won the IHSA Class 6A title 14-9 over Normal Community under the direction of first-year head coach George Dergo, John's father. Instead of continuing on the gridiron, the Tribune/WGN and Sun-Times Prep Athlete of the Year decided he was going to continue his wrestling career at the University of Illinois. A four-time letter winner in football, wrestling and track and field at Morris, he won the final 87 matches of his high school career, which included Class AA championships at 171 in both 2005 and 2006. A three-time medalist at 171 while also competing for his father, he beat Hononegah's Adam Latella to cap a 43-0 senior season in 2005-06 after going 44-0 in his junior season by winning over Reavis' Jim Kernats in overtime in the 171 championship match in 2005. He took third place at 171 in 2004 to conclude a 44-2 season. As a freshman, he was 22-0 after the regional but failed to advance from the sectional. At the University of Illinois competing for IWCOA Hall of Fame coaches Mark Johnson and Jim Heffernan, he earned All-American honors as a senior in 2010 when he placed fifth at 184 and he also was a Big 10 champion that season. He was a four-time NCAA qualifier, advancing at 184 in 2007, 2008 and 2010 while qualifying at 174 in 2009. A four-time letter winner from 2007-10 for the Fighting Illini who was nationally-ranked for most of three of his four seasons, he's tied for ninth in single-season wins with 2024 IWCOA Hall of Famer and Illini teammate Jimmy Kennedy with 36 from 2009-10 and also is tied for ninth with three others for most pins in a season with nine. His .900 winning percent in 2009-10, when he went 36-4, ties him for 15th place. And he's also tied with two other IWCOA Hall of Famers, current Illini coach Mike Poeta and longtime Augustana coach Kevin Puebla, for 21st place in career victories with 105.

Andrew Gardner, Springfield Wrestlers/Contributor/Coach

Hailing from Springfield, Andrew Gardner's journey began at Springfield's Lanphier High School, where he competed for his father, Jim Gardner, a 1986 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee and 2003 National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum - Illinois Chapter recipient of the Lifetime Service Award, was a four-time qualifier for the IHSA Individual Finals in Class 2A, culminating in a third-place finish at 98 in 1987, a runner-up finish at 112 in 1989, and a state championship at 105 in 1988, with a victory over Geneseo's Darren Cowan to cap a 38-1 season and make him Lanphier's first and only state champion. He was also a nominee for the IWCOA Wrestler of the Year in 1988 and finished his high school career with a record of 151-8 with 85 falls. At the time, that was the 11th-most wins and fifth-most falls in Illinois wrestling history. He was a Cadet Freestyle All-American in 1987 and placed three times at the Freestyle State tournament, wrestling for Team Illinois at the Junior Nationals for those three years. He also guided Team Illinois as the Cadet Freestyle Head Coach in 1997. In addition to his high school successes, He continued to make a mark at Illinois State University from 1989 to 1994. With a full academic scholarship, his collegiate wrestling career was marked by achievements such as being a four-time varsity letter winner and a 1994 NCAA Division 1 National Qualifier. He was Illinois State's Most Improved Wrestler in 1991 and he led the team in 1992 with the most falls. His impact on the wrestling community extended beyond the mat. With 29 years of coaching experience at high schools in Springfield, including Southeast and Sacred-Heart Griffin, he has left an indelible mark. In 1996, he initiated the wrestling program at Sacred-Heart Griffin. His commitment to fostering wrestling in central Illinois is further evidenced by his role as the Founder and President of the Central Illinois Coaches Coalition (CICC) for 10 years. He also serves on the Executive Board of the IWCOA and played a vital role in organizing and managing the IWCOA Fresh/Soph State series for two decades, for which he received two IWCOA Silver Level Awards. His commitment to the welfare of aspiring

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wrestlers is exemplified by his coordination of the Jeff Gardner Memorial Scholarship, which has supported nearly 100 wrestlers from central Illinois in pursuing higher education and wrestling at the collegiate level. His multifaceted contributions to the sport and his community led him to be inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame in 2024.

Greg Gardner, Williamsville Wrestler/Coach/Contributor

Greg Gardner has spent his entire life immersed in wrestling. He began wrestling in grade school at the age of 10 and placed third in the IKWF State Finals. He was coached by his father, 1989 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee Jack Gardner, at Springfield Southeast High School. He compiled a high school record of 136-23, qualifying for the IHSA state tournament three times. He was a three-time City Champion. In 1985 he placed sixth and won the IHSA State Championship at 155 in 1986 with a perfect 43-0 record with a title win over Tinley Park's Eric Schultz. While competing for Team Illinois/USA Wrestling, Greg finished third at the Illinois State Freestyle and went on to earn a fourth-place medal at the USA Junior Nationals. After graduation from Southeast, Greg attended Illinois State University where he wrestled for 1978 IWCOA Hall of Fame Inductee George Giradi. He was a four-year varsity wrestler and was team captain and named most valuable wrestler. Greg was a nationally-ranked Division I wrestler two years in a row and he was a 1990 NCAA Division I national qualifier and entered the event as the 12th-ranked wrestler in the country. He finished his career at Illinois State with an overall record of 83-32. After completing his college wrestling career and earning his degree in Special Education, Greg went on to coach at Springfield Southeast from 1991 through 2003. He was special education department chair at Southeast and Sangamon County assistant regional superintendent of schools. Greg completed a master's in Education Administration at the University of Illinois-Springfield. During his coaching tenure, he coached 16 state qualifiers and two IHSA state place winners. During this time, he also coached the Illinois Junior National Freestyle Team. He founded the Springfield Southeast Kids Wrestling Club from 1991 to 2003. In 2005 Greg was on a routine jog and was struck from behind during his run. This accident left him paralyzed from the chest down. Greg uses his talents as an educator and administrator to help others. He does so through Individual Differences Inc., a nonprofit agency he founded in 2008 to provide support for persons with disabilities. He was inducted into the Springfield Sports Hall of Fame, and received the Medal of Courage from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum - Illinois Chapter. The awards are meaningful, as he credits the sport with his ability to rebuild his life. Greg joins his father, Jack, his uncle Jim, and brother Mark in the Hall of Fame and is a member of the Class of 2024 with his cousin Andy.

Phil Johns, Canton/SUU-E Wrestler

Phil Johns was an IHSA champion as a senior and state runner-up as a junior at Canton High School and then went on to become a four-time NCAA Division II All-American at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, winning the NCAA DII championship as a senior after taking second place as a junior. And since 2006-07, he

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has been the head coach at East Peoria High School. He got his start wrestling in the Canton youth program before wrestling for Canton, where he was a two-time state qualifier and two-time IHSA medalist while competing for coach Steve Holley. He won the IHSA Class AA title at 119 in 1987 when he capped a 43-0 senior season by beating Joliet West's Booker Hobson in overtime. And he took second place in Class AA at 112 in 1986 after losing to Stagg's Jack Griffin to conclude a 34-1 junior season. He was ranked during his sophomore year but had his season cut short due to an injury. After high school, he attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville where he was a four-time NCAA Division II All-American. He earned All-American status each year at 126 pounds from 1988 to 1991 and finished his career with a 66-27-2 record. He capped an impressive 1990-91 season by winning the national championship and had a 17-1-1 record. As a junior, he placed second and finished with a 22-6-1 record. He placed fifth as a sophomore and had a 14-7-2 record. And he took fourth as a freshman and finished 13-13. Those accomplishments led to his induction in SIU Edwardsville's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2021. He also was part of the 1988 Cougars team which placed third as a team at the NCAA Division II Championship and was inducted into the SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018 for that achievement. Last year, he was one of seven inductees for the National Wrestling Coaches Association Jim Koch Division II Hall of Fame. After finishing his college career, he started doing MMA fighting in its early years when many fights were underground and were bare-fisted. He was on the early rosters of UFC and fought multiple times in the early days of the organization. After his fighting career, he started teaching grade school and eventually went to teach and coach in high school at East Peoria and he has led that program since 2006-07, and he won a Class 2A regional title in 2013 and coached six state medal winners, which includes 2013 Class 2A 220-pound champion Lucas Joseph.

Jimmy Kennedy, Fox Lake (Grant)/Univ of Illinois Wrestler

In whatever setting Jimmy Kennedy has been involved in, succeeding at a high level has been a given. Whether in high school at Grant Community High School, in college at the University of Illinois, in competition for the New York Athletic Club or as a collegiate coach at Northwestern University and most-recently Penn State University, the Ingleside native has always been a winner. He is the only four-time medalist in the IHSA Class AA Individual Finals at his school. He won the 103 Class AA title as a sophomore in 2004 when he beat Danville's Marcus Carpenter in the finals and the 125 title as a senior in 2006 when he defeated Plainfield Central's Ryan Prater for the championship. He was runner-up at 103 in 2003 to Naperville North's Nick Fanthorpe and placed third at 119 in 2005. He finished his high school career with a 187-3 record while competing for coach Ryan Geist, who was a 2014 IWCOA Hall of Fame inductee. He got to compete in Grant's first two appearances in the IHSA Dual Team Finals on a team that lost in the quarterfinals in 2004 and one that placed third in Class AA in 2006, in the only time the school won a trophy. His teams went 93-11 in dual meets and won four regional titles and four conference titles. He went 124-25 during his career at the University of Illinois from 2006-2011, competing for IWCOA Hall of Fame coaches Mark Johnson and Jim Heffernan. He still ranks in the top 10 in Illini history for career wins (fourth, 124), career win percentage (seventh, .832) and single-season wins (tied ninth, 36). He qualified for the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships four times and was an All-American in 2008 (fourth, 133) and 2009 (fifth, 133) and in 2011 (seventh, 141). While competing after college for the New York Athletic Club, he placed second at the World Team Trials in 2017 and was a U.S. World Team member in

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2014 and in 2016 he was a U.S. Open champion. He also won the Paris International in 2017 and the Yasar Dogu in 2014. From 2018-2021, he served as an assistant coach to Matt Storniolo at Northwestern University. And then in 2021, he joined coach Cael Sanderson's staff at Penn State University, which had won eight NCAA titles from 2011-2019 and he was a volunteer assistant coach for two seasons. In 2023, he became a full-time assistant coach for the Nittany Lions, who won their third-straight national championship with 10 qualifiers, eight All-Americans and four National Champions. Over the past three seasons, he was an assistant coach on a staff that has produced 28 qualifiers, 22 All-American and 11 National Champions.

Tod McCullough, Erie Coach

Tod McCullough started off his wrestling journey around the age of five going to wrestling tournaments with his grandfather and uncle who was only four years older than him. His grandfather figured since he was there to watch his uncle he might as well partake in the sport. Tod participated in all sports growing up but found the joy in football, wrestling and baseball.

He was a three-time letter winner at Waukee High School in Iowa in wrestling and baseball and a two-time letter winner in football. In his senior year, he was one of the wrestling captains for coaches Doyle Thomas and Bill Jennings and he qualified for state, but suffered an ankle injury in his first match which required him to bow out. He received numerous scholarship offers to wrestle in college and chose Northwest Missouri State University where he wrestled his freshman year for coaches Bob Reese, Randy Steward and Tim Serbousek and earned a varsity letter. After receiving his degree in Industrial Technology with a minor in Physical Education, he took his first job teaching and coaching at Tampico High School. He started his wrestling coaching career as an assistant coach for Keith Pueblo at Prophetstown High School for the 1993-94 season. He changed teaching assignments the summer of 1994 and started teaching and coaching in the Erie School District the fall of 1994. He was an assistant wrestling coach for two years under Joe Froeliger before becoming Erie's head wrestling coach in 1996. In 1997-98 year, the introduction of the Erie/Prophetstown co-op began. He was head coach of Erie/Prophetstown from its introduction in 1997 to his retirement in the spring of 2023. He also coached football and baseball during this time, as well as a stint as the athletic director for five years. He notched 417 career dual meet wins at Erie/Prophetstown, coached 29 IHSA Boys and three IHSA Girls State qualifiers, one IWCOA State qualifier, 16 State medalists with two State runners-up. Three of His Panther Teams won regionals and two made trips to Dual Team State. He was the Class 1A & 2A Division Athletic Director of the Year in 2009 and the IWCOA Class 1A Coach of the Year in 2018 and TRAC Coach of the Year six times. He is now coaching E/P Junior High wrestling team for the 2023-24 season with 54 boys and girls on the team. Some of his greatest memories were getting his first wrestler to state, being in the Grand March, qualifying his first team to state and having both his daughter and son on that state team. Along with all the major success of his former athletes. He would like to thank both the Erie and Prophetstown School Districts, communities, assistant coaches and wrestlers, especially his family Laura, Megan and Brandon, for all the support and sacrifices over the years.

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Don McKillip, Minooka Official

Don McKillip is a graduate of Galesburg High School and Monmouth College. He grew up in a sports minded family of 10 children raised by parents, Rich and Phyllis McKillip. He participated in several sports growing up, focusing on football and track and only wrestled one year in high school. He began his coaching career in 1980 at St. Theresa School and Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. He coached football, wrestling and track and field, but his passion for wrestling became embedded for life under the guidance of National Hall of Fame coach, Bob Darrah. He was part of a staff that had the longest dual meet win streak in Iowa history, and were the 1984 Iowa State Wrestling Champions. He moved on to Aledo High School where he was the head football coach and assistant wrestling coach for three years. Then he took a job at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights where he coached football, wrestling and track and field. After two seasons, he took over the wrestling program from longtime coach, Bob Bergstrom. For 16 years, he led the Spartans to five regional titles and had 20 state qualifiers, five state placers and the school's first-ever state champion in any sport. His teams went 265-145-2 at Marian Catholic. He was also the head track and field coach for the boys and girls teams that produced several place-winners and three state champs. In 23 seasons of coaching wrestling, he had 42 state qualifiers, 18 place winners and three state champions. He ended his coaching and teaching career in May of 2023, spending the last 18 years at Lockport Township High School. He was a co-founder of the annual Lockport Triathlon which has over 500 students and faculty members participate in each spring. He is currently the Illinois High School and College Driver Education president and a IHSCDEA Teacher of the Year award winner. He recently retired after 42 years in education. Through those years, he coached football and track and field for 35 years, wrestling for 23 years and cross country for five years. He began officiating wrestling when his body could no longer take the day to day grind of practice and he has IWCOA Hall of Fame officials like Tom Heniff, Mike Wilkey, Dave Mathews, Greg Brooks and Jim Chaloupka to thank for helping to show him the ropes. He, alongside his traveling partner, Dion Wiley, worked through the ranks of officials to earn his first IHSA state final assignment in 2014 and he has worked either the IHSA Dual Team or Individual Finals each year since. He is an IHSA state wrestling clinician and he's also licensed to officiate volleyball, track/field and cross country. Don lives in Minooka with his wife of 41 years, Diane, also a retired teacher. They are very proud of their children, Amanda and Collin, who wrestled for him and is Grayslake North's head coach, and Collin's wife, Jackie.

Alli Ragan St. John, Carbondale Wrestler

A graduate of Carbondale High School, Alli Ragan was coached by her father, Hall of Fame coach Dennis Ragan. She becomes the second father-daughter combination to be inducted into the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame. A four-year wrestler for the Terriers, she compiled a 130-29 record and qualified for the IHSA Boys Individual State Tournament. She also competed and lettered in soccer and volleyball while at Carbondale. Alli went on to King University in Bristol, Tennessee and earned an Education degree with a Business minor. Her college coach was Jason Moorman. She won two Women's Collegiate Wrestling

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Association National Championships and was twice runner-up to make her the school's first four-time All-American. In her senior season of 2013-2014, she won the championship at 136 and her team also captured the national championship. In 2012-13, she won the national championship at 136 and her team finished in third place. In 2011-12, she took second place at 143 and her team also finished second. And in 2010-11, she lost the championship match at 138. A seven-time U.S. Senior World Team Member, she won two world medals. She won a silver medal in the U23 World Championships and earned two bronze medals in the Junior World Championships. She was a three-time US Open Champion and three-time Final X Champion. Alli was a bronze medalist at the Junior World Championships in 2011 and 2012. In 2013, she represented the United States at the Summer Universiade and won the silver medal in the women's 59 kg event. Alli competed for the U.S. in the World Championships in 2013, 2014 and 2015. She won the silver medal in the Women's Freestyle 60 kg event at the 2016 World Wrestling Championships held in Budapest, Hungary and in that same event at the 2017 World Wrestling Championships held in Paris, France. In 2020 Alli was ranked as high as number one at 59 kg. In 2020, she was the first female wrestler to be inducted into the Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 2021, she joined the women's wrestling coaching staff at Grand View University in Des Moines, Iowa. She'll be a graduate assistant, joining head coach Angelo Crinzi and assistant coach Arelys Valles.

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1976	Adams, Vern "Art"	Normal	1988	Bishop, Fred	Proviso
2014	Alber, Peter	Dakota	2019	Blaha, Tom	Tinley Park/SIUE
2013	Aldridge, Terry	Eureka	2019	Blankenship, Scott	Milan
1997	Allen, Andre	Lane Tech	2003	Blew, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)
2005	Amy, Rick	Rockridge	1981	Blunk, Clarence	Blue Island
2020	Amy, Steve	Rockridge	2008	Bormet, Sean	Providence
1998	Ancona, Jerry	Roselle (Lake Park)	2016	Borrero, Wilbur	Antioch
2011	Anderson, Greg	Geneseo	1996	Botheroyd, Bernie	Glenbard West
2000	Anderson, Dave	Palos Hills (Stagg)	1985	Bowers, James	Bloomington
1979	Anderson, Charles	Savanna	2012	Bowers, Jeff	Bloomington
2012	Andreotti, Paul	Marist/Northwestern	1994	Bowman, Randall	LeRoy
1999	Anthonisen, Norman	Chicago (Bowen)	2020	Boyd, James	Port Byron (Riverdale)
1997	Antonacci, Dr. Robert	Lindblom	2001	Bracken, Kevin	St. Laurence
1990	Antonides, Robert	Morgan Park	2013	Bradley, Greg	Mt. Zion
2010	Arkin, Fred	Oak Park	1994	Branum, Rex	Lincoln JC
2008	Arlis, Tom	Naperville N./Batavia	2015	Bringe, Ken	Chicago Bowen & Ag Sci
1978	Armer, Max	LaGrange	1999	Brooks, Gregory	Chicago (Fenger)
2003	Armes, Les	Normal/Joliet JC	2002	Brost, David	New Lenox
2014	Axelrod, Steve	Tinley Park	1985	Brown, George	Rock Island
2014	Baker, Robert A.	Byron	2008	Bukovsky, Mike	Montini Catholic
2023	Baima, Nicholas	Glenbard West	2003	Bulow, Allen	Glenbrook South
2018	Bales, Joei	Joliet C./Northwestern	2014	Busser, James	Polo
2006	Ball, Dave	Hillsboro	2014	Bybee, Mark	Burbank (St. Laurence)
1980	Bandy, Lester	Danville	1990	Byram, Howard	Niles East
1979	Barbaro, Tony	Tilden Tech	2020	Byrd, Tyrone	Clinton/Univ of Illinois
1996	Bartosz, Bruce	Antioch	2006	Camden, Brett	Mahomet-Seymour
2016	Bate, Eric	Normal (U-High)/ISU	2008	Campbell, Robert	Rich Central
2006	Baum, Urban	Belleville (East)	2018	Carlson, Kevin	Lombard (Glenbard East)
2002	Baum, Russ	Cahokia	1996	Carmody, Tom	Jacksonville
2006	Bay, Mike	Waukegan	2001	Carnahan, James	Rock Island
1972	Bay, Ott	Waukegan	2019	Carrick, Chauncey	Sycamore
1973	Bay, Rick	Waukegan	2010	Carroll, Dan	Chicago (St. Rita)
2006	Bay, Steve	Waukegan	2017	Cartwright, Alan	OPRF/Nebraska (Omaha)
1995	Becker, Howard	Wilmington	1993	Cartwright, William	Proviso East
1989	Bee, Floyd	Lincoln	1993	Cartwright, James	Conant
2022	Beebe, Chase	Lombard (Montini)	2014	Casey, Chris	Tinley Park
2024	Beebe, Connor	Lombard (Montini)	2010	Chaloupka, Jim	Chicago
1975	Behm, Don	New Trier	2015	Chapman, Mike	WIN Magazine
2023	Behnke, Mike	Villa Park (Willowbrook)	2013	Cheeseman, Pat	Mt. Carmel
2017	Benford, Booker	SIUE	2000	Christenson, Curt	Pontiac
2001	Benion, Ernest	Romeoville/U of IL	2024	Clark, Scott A.	Hoffman Estates
1995	Benner, William	Peotone	2010	Clarke, Terry	Elmhurst (York)
2018	Berger, Ryan	Mahomet/U of IL	2005	Clarke, Tony	Zion
2001	Berman, Al	Palatine	1993	Cliffe, Dan	DeKalb
2000	Bernard, Larry	Bolingbrook	1993	Cliffe, Joe	Plano/Prairie Central
2003	Bessemer, Ron	Harper JC	1998	Clinton, Ron	Univ of Illinois/EIU
2020	Betterman, Joe	Lake View/Team USA	2010	Coit, Ron	Farmer City
1987	Billberg, Bob	Libertyville	1989	Coldren, Dick	Northwestern
2024	Billman, Bill	St. Joseph	1999	Collins, Niall	Oak Park

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2023	Collum, Matthew	Nequa Valley	2007	Durlacher, Lindsey	Buffalo Grove/U of I
2022	Collum, Paul	Romeoville	1987	Dyche, George	West Aurora
2023	Combes, Todd	Coal City	2022	Dziewiakowski, John	Lombard (Montini)
1975	Combs, Steve	Moline	1985	Easter, Bob	Peoria (Richwoods)
1987	Coniglio, Frank	Murphysboro	2017	Easter, Greg	Chillicothe (IVC)
1975	Conrad, Roy	Chicago (Schurz)	2009	Eberhard, Dave	Oswego
2000	Conrad, Randy	East Leyden	2000	Eggert, Dale	Libertyville
1989	Conrad, Ray	River Grove	2017	Eickelschulte, Raymond	Fowler
2003	Cook, Gary	Argenta-Oreana	1998	Eiter, Rob	St. Viator
1998	Cookas, Mike	Joliet (West)	2007	Elliott, Trevor	Sandwich
2017	Cooper, Dr. Benjamin	Stephen Decatur/SIUC	1979	Ellis, John	Palatine
2011	Corwin, Lloyd	Rock Island	2018	Elsen, Paul	Winnebago/Wheaton Coll
2008	Cotter, Kevin	Byron	1973	Emmons, Robert	Lawrenceville
1995	Cozzi, Greg	Palatine	2020	Endsley, Steve	IESA
1987	Craig, James	Oak Lawn	1996	Erikson, Tom	Bloom Township
2022	Crandall, Kip	Tremont/Millikin	2015	Evans, Mike	Bloom Trail
1980	Crisler, Ben	Thornton	2002	Everett, Gene	Gibson City
2020	Culbertson, Bob	Vandalia	1975	Ewoldt, Ed	Wheaton (Central)
1990	Cummings, Ray	Tolono	2014	Exton, Glen	Vandalia/O'Fallon
2008	Curby, Dr. David	LaGrange	2005	Fallen, Phil	Chicago (Amundsen)
1974	Custer, James	Pekin	2012	Fallico, Craig	Park Ridge (Maine So)
2002	Cutlip, Jack	Arlington Heights	1973	Farina, Charles	East Leyden
2015	Cysewski, Dan Jr.	Cary Grove	2004	Farina, Jim	East Leyden
1991	Cysewski, Tim	Glenbrook South/NU	1985	Farina, Mike	Elmhurst (York)
1973	Czech, Ted	Thornton	2000	Farinosi, Dan	Hoffman Estates
1990	Dallman, Glen	Byron	2018	Farris, Paul	Wheaton
1998	D'Ambrosio, John	Bremen	2012	Feldman, Dr. Bernard	Palos Park
1991	Dannehl, Wayne	Antioch	2022	Fellinger, Dave	Chicago
2007	Dantzler, T.C.	Thornwood/NIU	2014	Ferguson, Ryan	Roselle (Lake Park)
1994	Dare, George	Coal City	2020	Ferry, Cal	Machesney Park (Harlem)
2008	Davis, Jon	Edwardsville	1994	Feutz, Charles O.	Conant
2011	Davis, Tony	Chicago (Mt. Carmel)	2011	Filippi, Frank	Glen Ellyn
2024	Dennis-Kengott, Daniel	Grant/Univ of Iowa	1982	Finn, Terry	Oak Lawn/SIUC
1978	DeJarnatt, Carson	Sterling	2012	Fiorella, Sammy	Burbank St. Laurence
2017	Dergo, George	Morris	1974	Fitzgerald, John	Burbank (Reavis)
2024	Dergo, John	Morris/Univ of Illinois	1993	Flanigan, Tom	U of I - Loop Campus
1978	DeRousse, Ted	Antioch	1977	Flavin, Don	DeKalb/NIU
1991	Deutschmann, Archie	Urbana	2001	Fletcher, Charles	Machesney Park
1991	Devine, Pat	Tilden Tech	2005	Flores, Carmelo	Chicago (Lakeview)
2012	Devine, Don	Crystal Lake	1988	Fowley, Roy	East Aurora
1996	Dickason, Donald	Champaign	2003	Fox, Ed	Wheeling
1985	Diewald, Emil "Butch"	Homewood-Flossmoor	1993	Foy, Michial	Thornwood
2008	Dodge, Tim	Lindenhurst	1988	Friberg, William	Leyden
2007	Douglas, David	Luther S/Thornridge	2020	Friedl, Pete	Sandburg/Univ of Illinois
1981	Downing, Wirt	East St. Louis	2011	Froehlich, Dave	Rolling Meadows
2004	Drendel, Gene	Naperville	1985	Fulk, Bob	Glenbard North
2013	Drosopoulos, Dan	Morrison	2000	Fulscher, Dan	Lincoln
2012	Dunn, Jim	Lawrenceville	2014	Futris, Tom	Crystal Lake
1993	Dunn, Leo "Skip"	Rich East	2006	Gannaway, Dave	Normal/IHSA

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2024	Gardner, Andrew	Springfield	2006	Hahn, Mark	Glenbard North
2024	Gardner, Greg	Springfield	2005	Handlin, Robert	Mahomet
1989	Gardner, Jack	Springfield	1986	Hanke, Al	Elmhurst College
1986	Gardner, Jim	Springfield/EIU	2001	Hankenson, Lou	Charleston
2013	Gardner, Mark	Bloomington	2007	Hanley, Reid	Clarendon Hills
2001	Garland, Mike	Granite City	1988	Hanlin, Bert	East Moline
1987	Garner, Don S.	Wheaton Community	1978	Hanson, Charles	Glenbrook North
2023	Garofola, Mike	Palatine	2005	Harrell, Quintroy	Harvey Twisters
2004	Garrett, Harold	Bloomington	2013	Harsh, Jim	Bloomington
1994	Garshelis, Renshaw	Charleston	2013	Hasty, Bryon	East Peoria
1995	Gassen, Larry	Downers Grove South	2015	Hattendorf, Mark	Elgin
2001	Gauger, Tom	Burbank St. Laurence	2006	Healy, Keith	Providence Catholic
2014	Geist, Ryan	Fox Lake (Grant)	2017	Heffernan, Jim	Univ of IL
1994	Genovesi, Augie	Niles (Notre Dame)	1982	Heniff, Tom	Oak Lawn (Richards)
1982	George, Pete	Bensenville (Fenton)	2012	Herman, Jevon	St.Charles/U of IL
1973	George, Elias	Evanston	2009	Hernandez,Emiliano	Maine East
1977	George, John	Evergreen Park	2019	Hey, Jacob	Dixon/USAF
2013	Geraci, Sam	Roselle (Lake Park)	2019	Hiatt, Sam	DeKalb/NIU
2002	Gerber, Walt	Rock Island	2014	Hickman, Marty	Bloomington/IHSA
2014	Gerdes, Ben	Providence/Sandburg	1972	Hicks, Bob	Chicago Tilden Tech
2022	Gerdes, Ken III	Providence/Univ of IL	1979	Hill, Eugene	Illinois State Univ
1997	Gerrish, Lon	Sandwich	2011	Hill, Jeff	Petersburg (PORTA)
1995	Gervais, Mark	Chicago (Marist)	2018	Hoerr, Grant	Morton/U of Wisconsin
1993	Geselter, Morrie	Deerfield	2017	Holbrook, Scott	Sterling (Newman)/Orion
2015	Gholar, Darrell	Dunbar/U of Minnesota	2020	Holland, Dana	Glenbard North/Ariz St. U
2015	Giannamore, Frank	Mundelein	2001	Holland, Robert	East Leyden/EIU
2008	Giardini, Gary	Rockford (East)	2017	Holler, Dave	Rockton Hononegah/ISU
2009	Gibson, Ron	Naperville	1994	Holm, Dan	Libertyville
1994	Giese, Ed	Bensenville (Fenton)	1993	Holtfreter, Richard	Harvard
1999	Gilbert, Joey	Tinley Park Andrew	1976	Holzer, Werner	Chicago Schurz/U of IL
2017	Gillespie, Shannyn	Evanston/Lock Haven	2003	Honeycutt, Bill	Woodridge
1978	Girardi, George	Normal (U - High)	2022	House, Herbert	Conant
2017	Gitcho, Jan	Granity City/SIUE	2012	Houston, Rod	Camp Point Central
1993	Giura, John	Oak Park	1993	Houston, Ken	Oak Lawn/SIUC
1976	Glass, Brad	Winnetka New Trier	1979	Hubbard, Jarrett	Joliet (West)
2016	Gluck, Mike	Palatine/U of Wisconsin	2008	Hughes, Matt	Hillsboro/EIU
2020	Glynn, Brian	Providence/Univ of IL	2018	Hurckes, Michael	Ringwood
2019	Goldstein, Matt	Conant	2017	Hurry, Tyler	Port Byron (Riverdale)
1993	Goransen, Perry	Joliet Township	2013	Hunt, Gary	Decatur
1991	Govoni, Don	Joliet	1973	Hurley, Allen	Winnetka (New Trier)
1974	Greene, Kenneth	Rock Island	1984	Isaacson, Terry	Oak Park
2017	Greenfiled, Mike	Belleville (Althoff)	2016	Izzo, Jim	Lombard (Montini)
2001	Gremer, John	Urbana	2007	Jackson, David	Burbank (Reavis)
1998	Griffin, Jack	Stagg/Northwestern	1981	James, Joe	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
2010	Grizzi, Bob	Burbank (Reavis)	1988	Jarman, Tom	NU/Wheaton College
1974	Gross, Charles	Peoria	2024	Johns, Phil II	East Peoria/SIUE
2003	Gruszka, Stan	Naperville North	2012	Johnson, Fred	Augustana/Waubonsie
2009	Guzak, Ray	Blue Island/NIU	2003	Johnson, Tom	Bismarck-Henning
2001	Haak, Tim	Harvard	2007	Johnson, Tom	Chatham-Glenwood

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2012	Johnson, Gerald A.	New Lenox	2002	Larsen, Ron	Joliet
2008	Johnson, Johnny	North Chicago/NIU	1976	Law, Glen "Newt"	Univ of Illinois
1987	Johnson, Mark	Rock Island (Alleman)	1984	Lazier, Murney	Evanston
2005	Johnston, Gene	Oak Forest	2008	LeCuyer, Tom	Plano
1980	Jones, Amos	North Chicago	2009	Ledin, Don	Chicago
1994	Jones, Robert I.	Decatur	2011	Ledin, Rob	Mahomet/Clinton
2023	Jones, Sharron L.	Decatur	1980	Leese, Jack	East Leyden
1988	Kachiroubas, Lou	University of Illinois	2002	Lester, Harry	Moline
2000	Kading, John	Glenbard South	1989	Licocci, Tony	Rock Falls
2010	Kaiser, Marty	Rockton (Hononegah)	2016	Lid, Glenn	Maywood (Proviso East)
1993	Kaltofen, Alvin	College of Dupage	1996	Llewellyn, Jon	Hinsdale Central/U of IL
2016	Kamp, Kris	Deer Creek	2008	Lockhart, John	Mahomet/Univ of IL
2019	Kane, John	Conant	2001	Loffredo, Fred	Tilden Tech
2002	Kanke, Larry	Geneseo	2010	Long, Bob	Yorkville
1998	Kelly, Billy	Oak Lawn (Richards)	1997	Lovelace, Norman	Harper JC
1998	Kelly, Jerry	Oak Lawn (Richards)	1999	Lovellette, Richard	Litchfield
2019	Kelly, Mary	Mahomet-Seymour	1991	Luetz, Ed	Melrose Park
2024	Kennedy, Jimmy	Grant/Univ of Illinois	1987	Lundy, Al	Calumet City
1972	Kenney, Harold "Hek"	Univ of Illinois	1999	Magruder, Ronald	Wheaton Central
2004	Kerby, Richard	Chicago Kelvyn Park	2011	Mahar, Jim	Amboy
2022	Kessen, Nate	Sugar Grove	2020	Malley, Mark	Stephen Decatur/MSU
1999	Kienlen, Donald	Joliet Township	2001	Mammen, Kirk	Urbana
1994	King, Mark	LaGrange-Lyons Twp.	1991	Mammen, Wayne	Urbana
2011	Kirgan, Allen	Granite City	1997	Manahan, Michael	Olympia
1998	Klemm, Dave	Lincoln/EIU	1986	Mann, Bobby	Danville
1975	Klootwyk, Ray	Joliet (West)	1993	Mann, Richard	Hersey
1995	Kocher, Leo	University of Chicago	1984	Mann, William	Maine South/U of IL
2004	Kody, Scott	Inverness	2020	Mansell, Ken	Lincoln-Way/Quincy ND
1992	Koehler, Bob	Illinois State University	2011	Marchello, Jack	Thornton
1992	Koenig, Tom	Bloom Township	1983	Marcucci, Vic	Burbank (Reavis)
1986	Konovsky, Bob	Morton Township	1999	Marianetti, Steve	Glenbrook N/U of IL
2014	Konstans, Randall	North Aurora	1975	Marino, Jack	Proviso East
1973	Kraft, Arthur	Northwestern/Triton	2009	Markwell, Dave	Fithian (Oakwood)
1978	Kraft, Ken	Northwestern	1977	Marlin, Kenneth	Champaign/Rockford
1976	Kraus, Bert	LaGrange	1999	Marquardt, Bill	Bloomington
2001	Kristine, Alex	Barrington	2018	Martelli, Charles	Naperville N/U of Mich
2002	Kristoff, Kip	Bethalto/SIU	2020	Martinez, Israel	West Aurora/Montini
1974	Kristoff, Larry	Carbondale/SIU	2009	Martinez, Lino	Stevenson
2013	Kristoff, Mark	Bethalto	2019	Martinez, Nathan	West Aurora
2020	Kroner, Fred	Mahomet/News-Gazette	2022	Marx, Peter	Conant
1987	Kruempelstaedter, James	Winnetka New Trier	1985	Massery, Mark	Savanna/NU
1995	Krupke, Ralph	Roselle (Lake Park)	2022	Masters, Mark	Coal City
2017	Kuykendall, Bob	Mundelein (Carmel)	2000	Mathews, Dave	Naperville
2013	Laccone, Frank	DeKalb	2011	Matozzi, Mike	Hinsdale (South)
2009	Lackey, Matt	Moline/Univ of IL	1988	McAdams, Ben	Moline
2001	Lahey, Tom	Tinley Park Andrew	1997	McCann, Dennis	Park Ridge (Maine So)
1992	Lambros, Tony	Chicago (Calumet)	1972	McCann, Terry	Chicago (Schurz)
1992	Lancaster, Jerry	Port Byron Riverdale	2010	McCarthy, Foster	Champaign
2023	Langley, Greg	Harrisburg	2008	McCauley, Lawrence	Granite City

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2000	McCauley, Neil	Naperville North	1994	Nordquist, Ken	Rich South
1996	McCausland, Ralph	Wheaton Central/EIU	1977	Norman, Robert	Morton East/U of IL
2007	McCoy, Terry	DeKalb/Kaneland	1989	Norris, Bernadette	Chicago (Lakeview)
2006	McGinnis, Harry	Triton Junior College	2020	Norton, Dr. Seth	Wheaton College
2024	McCullough, Tod	Erie-Prophetstown	2018	O'Connell, Patrick	Joliet Central
2024	McKillip, Donald J.	Minooka	1994	O'Connor, Pat	Glasford-Illini Bluffs
1991	McLaughlin, E. Mac	Joliet (Central)	1994	Oglesby, Ronald	Oak Lawn
2014	McMahon, Patrick	Tinley Park	1978	Olson, George	Wheaton College
2014	McMorrow, Gary	Prospect	2020	Owens, Brad	Mt. Zion/Univ of Wisc.
2022	McTague, Brian	Morris/Reed Custer	2014	Paar, Ron	Crystal Lake/U of Wisc.
2023	Mears, Ed	Champaign (Centennial)	2013	Pape, Jeff	Franklin Park
1993	Meeks, Major Richard	Champaign/U of IL	1992	Parker, Norman	Highland Park
2012	Mekeel, Donald	Sterling	1986	Parker, Ted	Deerfield
2009	Mena, Bob	Sterling Newman	1985	Parks, Tony	Addison Trail
2000	Mena, Mike	Sterling Newman	1978	Patacsil, Joseph	Chicago Tilden Tech
2023	Merzian, Charles	Granite City	2017	Patrick, Nate	Naperville (North)/UofIL
2011	Mestemacher, Mark	Edwardsville	1974	Patterson, Buell "Pat"	University of Illinois
1998	Milazzo, Larry	Roxana	1995	Patton, James	Woodstock
2020	Milder, Kevin	Lena-Winslow Stockton	1999	Pearson, Fred	Chicago Tilden Tech
1985	Millard, Don	Pekin/SIUC	1996	Pedersen, Joe	Naperville
2000	Miller, Don	Mundelein	2023	Pero, Cassio	Mt. Carmel/Univ of IL
1981	Miller, Wayne	DeKalb	2002	Peterson, Jon	Grayslake
2011	Miller, Jim	Tolono	1984	Peterson, William	Chicago (Lakeview)
1990	Minot, George	Harvard/U of IL	1983	Pickens, Robert	Evanston
2001	Mirabella, Jeff	Elgin	1976	Pickerill, Ken	Oswego
2005	Mitton, Bob	Orion	1984	Pierre, Dale	Wheaton (North)
1983	Monroe, Ken	East Leyden	1986	Pillard, Henry	Joliet Junior College
2002	Montgomery, Rich	Rock Falls	1987	Pinther, Harold	Eastern Illinois Univ
1991	Moore, Ken	Thornton	1982	Pittman, Don	Champaign
2015	Morgan, Shane	Oswego	2004	Platt, Rollie	Quincy
2012	Morris, Ben	Bensenville (Fenton)	1973	Plaza, Arnold	Chicago (Tilden Tech)
2002	Morrison, Allie	University of Illinois	2023	Poeta, Michael	Highland Park/Univ of IL
2012	Morrissey, Don	Rosemont/Putnam	2005	Polz, John	Morton
1993	Mottleson, Dr. Ben	LaGrange	1999	Polz, Michael	Sandburg/Providence
2017	Moxley, Jim	Fisher/Mahomet-Seymour	2019	Porter, Brett	Mahomet-Seymour/Edinboro
1984	Mudge, Richard	Prospect	1983	Porter, Tom	Hersey
2005	Mueller, King	Bolingbrook	1990	Porter, Robert	Niles (West)
2016	Mulrenin, Terry	Oak Lawn/SIUE	2011	Porter, Rob	Naperville (Central)
2005	Murphy, Bill	Homewood	1996	Portincaso, Mike	Bloomington
2011	Murphy, Rob	Wilmington	1994	Powell, David	St. Charles
2023	Murray, Jon	Geneseo	2014	Powell, Michael	Oak Park
1977	Musgrove, Homer	Sterling	2008	Powers, Rich	Marian Catholic
1982	Nacin, Al	Burbank (Reavis)	1990	Prehn, Paul	Illinois University
2007	Nason, Debbie	Orland Park	2015	Prichard, Greg	Morton
2013	Nesbit, Bob	Springfield	2011	Pronga, Lou	Chillicothe (IVC)
1993	Newlon, Gary	Prophetstown	1997	Puebla, Kevin	Augustana College
2004	Nighohossian, Haig	Granite City	2013	Pustelnik, Mark	East Moline (United Twp)
2016	Nino, John	Kelvyn Park/Triton JC	1994	Querciagrossa, James	Peoria (Woodruff)
1992	Nordin, James	Palatine	2017	Quirk, Pat	Hinsdale (Central)/U of IL

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2016	Quigley, Chris	Aurora/ISU	1973	Schmitt, William "Red"	Granite City
2023	Raabe, Jim	Jacksonville	2009	Schneider, Russ	Gurnee
2024	Ragan St. John, Alli	Carbondale/King Univ	2009	Schroeder, Steve	Metamora/El Paso
2012	Ragan, Dennis	Carbondale	1988	Schult, James	Glenbard South
2022	Ramirez, Mike	Chicago	2013	Schultz, Neil T.	Harvard
1984	Ray, Ron	Orr/Bloom Trail	1992	Schultz, Donald	Carl Sandburg
2016	Reed, Tom	Cahokia	2003	Schultz, Chet	Rock Island
1999	Reichert, Ronald	IL Wrestling Federation	1977	Schwartz, Marty	West Leyden
2000	Reif, Gary	Jacksonville/Carlinville	1986	Sciacca, John	Harvard
2007	Richards, Jim	Hoopeston	2001	Scordino, Joe	Carmel H.S.
1993	Richoz, Arch	DeKalb	2014	Scully, Bill	Hoffman Estates
1974	Riley, Jack	Northwestern	1987	Seabrooke, Ted	Proviso East/U of IL
2018	Risley, Jim	Mahomet-Seymour	2015	Sears, Al	Wheaton/SIUE/Belleville
1993	Robinson, Donald	Normal	2023	Seeger, Roy	Lake Forest
1979	Robinson, Jack	Thornton	2010	Seeman, Tom	Crystal Lake
1997	Rockwood, Joe	Thornton	1994	Semetis, Ron	Dixon
2017	Rodgers, Kirby	Lincoln	1985	Shapiro-Weissman, Dave	Joliet Twp/U of I
2013	Roesler, Karl	Providence/Univ of IL	1986	Sheets, Cliff	Decatur
2000	Rolak, Mike	Chicago Tilden Tech	1986	Sherman, Dan	Deerfield
1990	Roman, Ronald	Chicago Tilden Tech	1984	Sherman, Walter	Glenbrook North
1976	Romanowski, Walter	Chicago Tilden Tech	2002	Sherman, Winfred	Proviso
2001	Rosenthal, Todd	Moline	2006	Sherrill, Rob	Illinois Best Weekly
1998	Ross, Paul (Pete)	Lincoln	2001	Siebert, Eric	LaSalle-Peru/U of IL
2002	Rossetti, Chuck	Willowbrook	2003	Siebert, Mark	LaSalle-Peru
2023	Rossiano, Tom	Waubensee Valley	2019	Silverstein, Max	Chicago/Naval Academy
1974	Rauth, Walther	Belleville	1977	Silverstein, Ralph	Crane Tech/ U of IL
2022	Reynolds, Donnie	Providence/Univ of IL	1991	Silverstein, Ron	Niles
2022	Richardson, Scott	Providence/Shepard	2010	Simon, Jeff	Peoria (Richwoods)
1995	Rowden, Don	Fox Lake (Grant)	2004	Simons, Terry	Wheeling
2004	Rubiano, Tony	Park Forest	2014	Skelnik, Rich	East Leyden
2016	Rucker, Kenny	Harvey (Thornton)	1972	Slimmer, Louis	Proviso
2009	Ruettiger, Bernie	Minooka	1991	Smith, Brad	Hersey
2002	Ruettiger, Dominic	St. Charles/Neuqua Valley	2003	Smith, Chuck	Homewood
2003	Ruettiger, John	Lisle	2014	Snyder, Roy	Rochelle
1995	Ruettiger, Mark	Providence/EIU	2013	Sorensen, Jeff	Bloomington
1996	Ruettiger, Tim	Providence	1976	Sowinski, Joe	TF South
2003	Rumchak, Bill	Bolingbrook	2002	Stalhut, Warren	Edwardsville
1990	Rumsfeld, Hon. Donald	Winnetka New Trier	2007	Stearns, Steve	Oak Lawn/SIUE
1994	Ryan, Ron	Mt. Olive	2015	Stevens, Don	Carl Sandburg/SIUE
2016	Salinas, Rudy	Chicago	2000	Stevens, Sandy	Glen Ellyn
2020	Salley, Jason	Elgin	2018	Stoltz, David	Hersey/U of IL
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1998	Savenago, Geno	Glenbard North/EIU	2017	Stumpf, Don	Arlington/SIUC
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2005	Swinford, Randy	Princeton	1986	Weiss, Steve	Bensenville (Fenton)
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2003	Tiffany, Mark	Waukegan/NIU	1992	Whitaker, Walt	Granite City
2005	Tipsword, Bob	Buffalo Grove	1979	Whitlatch, Rex	Urbana
2016	Torres, Mick	Libertyville	2015	Wiesneth, Jack	Libertyville
2013	Trizzino, Mark	Joliet	1980	Wilkenson, Dr. James	Southern Illinois
2008	Trizzino, Scott	Joliet (Central)	1997	Wilkey, Mike	Oak Park
1998	Trost, Kirk	Lincoln-Way	2015	Williams, Joe	Lockport
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2004	Vail, Bill	Oak Lawn/Joliet JC	2016	Wilson, Reggie	Bloom Trail/Triton/OK St/Chi St
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1990	Vega, Al	TF North	2023	Wise, John	Pittsfield/Univ of IL
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2019	Wagner, Jon	SIUE/Edwardsville HS	2017	Wright, Reggie	Proviso (East)/OK State
1996	Waldroup, Derrick	Bremen	2006	Wright, Tim	Rock Island/SIUE
2013	Walker, Jim	Westmont	2003	Young, John	Peotone
1988	Walker, William	Downers Grove N	1990	Young, William	Naperville (Central)
2004	Warner, Andy	Savoy	2017	Zajac, Shane	Lincoln-Way/OR St/UofOK
2012	Wasserstrom, Sam	Ridgewood	2002	Zbacnik, Michael	Plainfield
2016	Watkins, Kenneth	Maywood	2016	Zeman, Bill	LaGrange (Lyons)/U of IL
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2018	Weber, Dan	Conant/Wheaton College	2019	Zielinski, Rob	McHenry
2000	Weber, Rory	Proviso E/Northwestern	2004	Ziemek, Thomas	Maine South
2003	Wehmeier, John	Belleville	1988	Zimmer, William	Lockport
2018	Welter, John	Fox Lake (Grant)	2005	Zinke, Al	Crown

GRAND MARSHALS



2024 IHSA State Tournament Grand Marshals – Rob Porter, Harry McGinnis, Jeff Hill, Mark Hahn

Four Grand Marshals will lead the annual Grand March of Finalists Saturday night before the championship bouts of the 86th IHSA Individual Wrestling State Final Tournament.

First held in 1975, the annual March of Finalists is conducted at the State Tournament by the IHSA in conjunction with the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA) and the State Farm Center. Each year the Grand Marshals are honored for their contributions to the sport and to the young men and women who participate in it.

The Marshals play an important role in the color and pageantry of the event. They lead the 84 individual finalists and their coaches in a breathtaking Grand March around the arena floor just prior to the championship bouts. The annual crowd in excess of 10,000 is witness to a spectacle of high school athletics seen nowhere else in America.

Here is a closer look at the Grand Marshals in 2024:

GRAND MARSHALS

MARK HAHN



When people talk about Glenbard North wrestling, the conversation always begins and ends with Mark Hahn and the Gold Dot. Taking over for the legendary Bob Fulk in 1988, Hahn knew he had a great deal to live up to in order to make sure Glenbard North wrestling always remained relevant. To Hahn, growing up in Carol Stream and wrestling for Fulk, the Glenbard North wrestling program was not only larger than life, but is something very special.

For Hahn, who would become only the second head coach in the program, his greatest fear was not living up to the expectations, but Hahn's career would not disappoint. In his first season at the helm, Glenbard North would place fourth at the IHSA Dual Team State Championships, and even though it would be ten more years before his team would return, Hahn would establish Glenbard North as one of the premier programs in Illinois.

Throughout his 33-year tenure as one of the greatest head coaches in Illinois wrestling history, Hahn compiled an astonishing dual meet record of 716-153-2, and a conference dual meet record of 220-13-1. Along the way, his team's won 24 conference championships and, between 2001 and 2018, established a streak of 18-consecutive conference team titles between the DuPage Valley and the DuKane Conference.

Hahn's teams collected 26 Regional championships, won 16 Dual Team Sectional titles, and brought home 12 IHSA Dual Team State trophies, with the program's first IHSA Dual Team State Championship coming in 2011.

In addition to his team success, Hahn coached 151 individual conference champions, 173 Regional champions, 59 Sectional champions, and saw 161 Glenbard North wrestlers qualify for the IHSA Individual State Championships. Of those qualifiers, 78 would stand on the podium, 12 would earn a runner-up finish, and 23 would be crowned state champions.

As a head coach, Hahn has been named an Illinois Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2011. He was inducted into the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2006; inducted into "The Clash" National Duals Hall of Fame in 2017; inducted into the Glenbard North Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2015; and he was enshrined into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2020.

Married to wife Karen, with daughters Laura (Gudella) and Emily, Hahn remains active in the Glenbard North wrestling program, and still lives within the Carol Stream community.

GRAND MARSHALS

ROB PORTER



Rob Porter wrestled at Mahomet-Seymour High School. After winning an individual and team state championship in 1984, he went on to wrestle at Edinboro University, becoming a two-time NCAA Division I national qualifier. Porter continued to compete post-college, wrestling at the Master's level and winning multiple national wrestling championships and becoming a World Champion at 62kg in 2010 at the Veteran's World Championships.

Porter coached wrestling at his alma mater, Mahomet-Seymour, for 12 years and Naperville Central for the past 18 years as a head coach and assistant coach. At Mahomet-Seymour, he coached 32 state place winners and eight state champions, while his teams placed third at the dual state tournament four times. At Naperville Central, he coached his teams to a record of 114-84, while advancing 16 wrestlers to the state tournament, including a pair of state place winners and two appearances at dual team state.

For the past eight years, Porter has been a member of the executive board of the IWCOA. In 2021, he led an IWCOA subcommittee that successfully ran 25 regional tournaments, eight sectional tournaments and a six-day state wrestling tournament. Due to the tremendous work of the IWCOA, 456 high school boy and girl wrestlers were able to realize their dreams of becoming an Illinois state place winners and 84 wrestlers were crowned 2021 Illinois State Champions.

GRAND MARSHALS

HARRY MCGINNIS



A four-year letterman and NAIA national qualifier at Concordia University-Chicago, Harry McGinnis' coaching career began during the 1977-78 school year when he was named head coach at St. John Lutheran School. He then became the Head Coach at Luther North High School (1978-80) and Holy Cross High School (1980–87). During that period, he also coached culture exchange teams versus New Zealand, Germany, and Japan.

In 1989, McGinnis became the Head Coach at Triton College, a position he held for 29 years. During his tenure, he produced 143 national qualifiers, 31 All-Americans, 139 Academic All-Americans and had four of his All-Americans participate on the NJCAA team that competed in Austria. He has also had former Triton wrestlers go on to earn All-American status at the NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA levels.

McGinnis is a member of the IWCOA Hall of Fame, the NJCAA Wrestling Hall of Fame, the NJCAA Region IV Hall of Fame and the Concordia University–Chicago Hall of Fame.

GRAND MARSHALS

JEFF HILL



Jeff Hill is a 1985 graduate of Plano High School, where he was a four-year letter winner while wrestling for Hall of Fame Coaches Mick Ruettiger and Joe Cliffe. It is at Plano where his love for wrestling was developed. He continued to compete collegiately at NCAA Division III powerhouse Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he earned four varsity letters.

Hill started his 35 years of coaching at Waverly-Shell Rock Community School District and moved into his first head coaching position at Parkersburg High School in Iowa. He arrived at PORTA in 1991 and has been the head coach there for 33 years. His teams have compiled 32 winning seasons and garnished 804 dual meet victories, which is currently the IHSA record for dual meet victories.

In his time at PORTA, his teams have won 19 Regionals, qualified 10 times for the state dual meet, and captured five state final trophies. That success was culminated by a State Championship in 2010 and a runner-up finish in 2014.

Hill has served on the IHSA Wrestling Advisory Committee and the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Board of Directors. He is currently the National Wrestling Chairman for the High School Athletic Coaches Association and co-founded ABE's Rumble, a 60-team Class A wrestling dual meet tournament.

Hill was the Illinois nominee for National High School Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year in both 2013 and 2022. Additionally, he was recognized as the Illinois Coach of the year in 2007 and inducted in the IWCOA Hall of Fame in 2011.

106 of Hill's wrestlers have qualified for state, with 26 earning state medals. That group includes four state champions and five second-place finishers.

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1975

Joe Vavrus, Moline
John Fitzgerald, Reavis

1976

Ted Czech, Thornton
Elias George, Evanston

1977

Lou Slimmer, Proviso East
Bill Schmitt, Granite City

1978

James Custer, Pekin
Bob Hicks, Tilden Tech

1979

Art Adams, Normal
Bob Strange, Lawrenceville

1980

Charles Farina, East Leyden
Jack Marino, Proviso East

1981

Steve Combs, Moline
Werner Holzer, Schurz

1982

Art Kraft, Sterling/Northwestern
Ken Kraft, Sterling/Northwestern

1983

Charles Anderson, Savanna

1984

Ed Ewoldt, Wheaton Central
Jack Riley, Northwestern

1985

Ken Marlin, Champaign
Bob Therry, North Chicago

1986

John George, Evergreen Park
Pete George, Fenton

1987

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

1988

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

1989

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

1990

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

1991

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

1992

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

1993

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

1994

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

1995

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

1996

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

1997

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

1998

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

1999

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

2000

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

2001

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

2002

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

GRAND MARSHALS

2003

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

2004

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

2005

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

2006

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

2007

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

2008

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

2009

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

2010

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

2011

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

2012

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

2013

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

2014

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

2015

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

2016

Howard Becker, Wilmington
Ron Bessemer, Harper JC
Randy Conrad, East Leyden
Joe Summerville, Tolono Unity

2017

Mike Bukovsky, Lombard
Jim Chaloupka, Berwyn
Dave Curby, LaGrange
Ray Winesburg, Elgin

2018

Alvin Kaltofen, College of DuPage
Rob Ledin, Mahomet
Ralph McCausland, EIU
Todd Rosenthal, Moline

2019

Ron Coit, Farmer City
Don Mekeel, Sterling
Rob Murphy, Wilmington
Ron Ryan, Mt. Olive

2020

Dave Klemm, Lincoln College
Debbie Nason, Orland Park
Mike Matozzi, Hinsdale South
Kevin Puebla, Augustana

2022

Bernie Ruettiger, Minooka
Johnny Ruettiger, Lisle
Mark Ruettiger, Providence/EIU/Lincoln Way
Dominic Ruettiger, St. Charles/Neuqua Valley
Tim Ruettiger, Providence

2023

Mike Garland, Granite City
Larry Kanke, Geneseo
Randy Konstans, Downers Grove
Roy Snyder, Rochelle
Debbie Nason, Orland Park (Girls)

2024

Mark Hahn, Carol Stream (Glenbard N.)
Rob Porter, Naperville
Harry McGinnis, Triton
Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA)
Tony Clarke, Zion (Girls)

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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.

Since the last Hall of Fame Banquet the wrestling community has lost several Outstanding Hall of Fame Members. These gentlemen have made a huge impact on the sport of wrestling in Illinois. Illinois Wrestling thanks you for your service. Rest In Peace.



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Alvin Kaltofen



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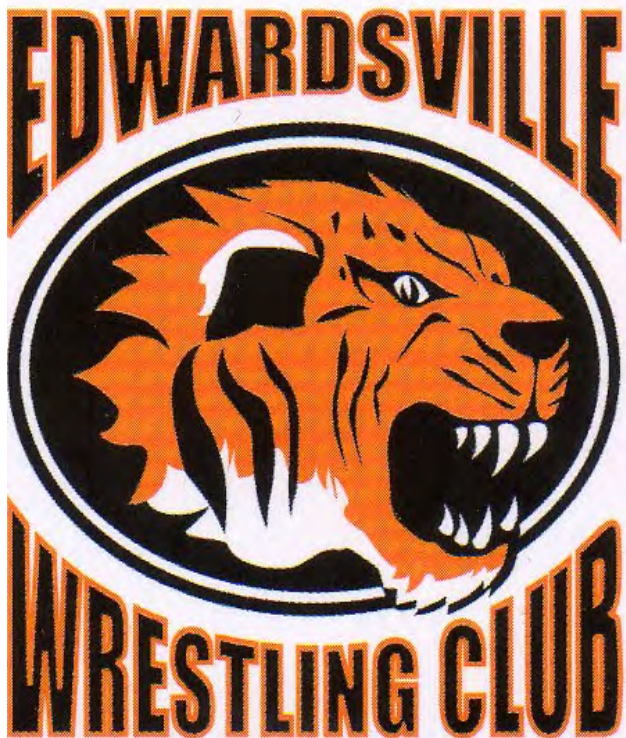
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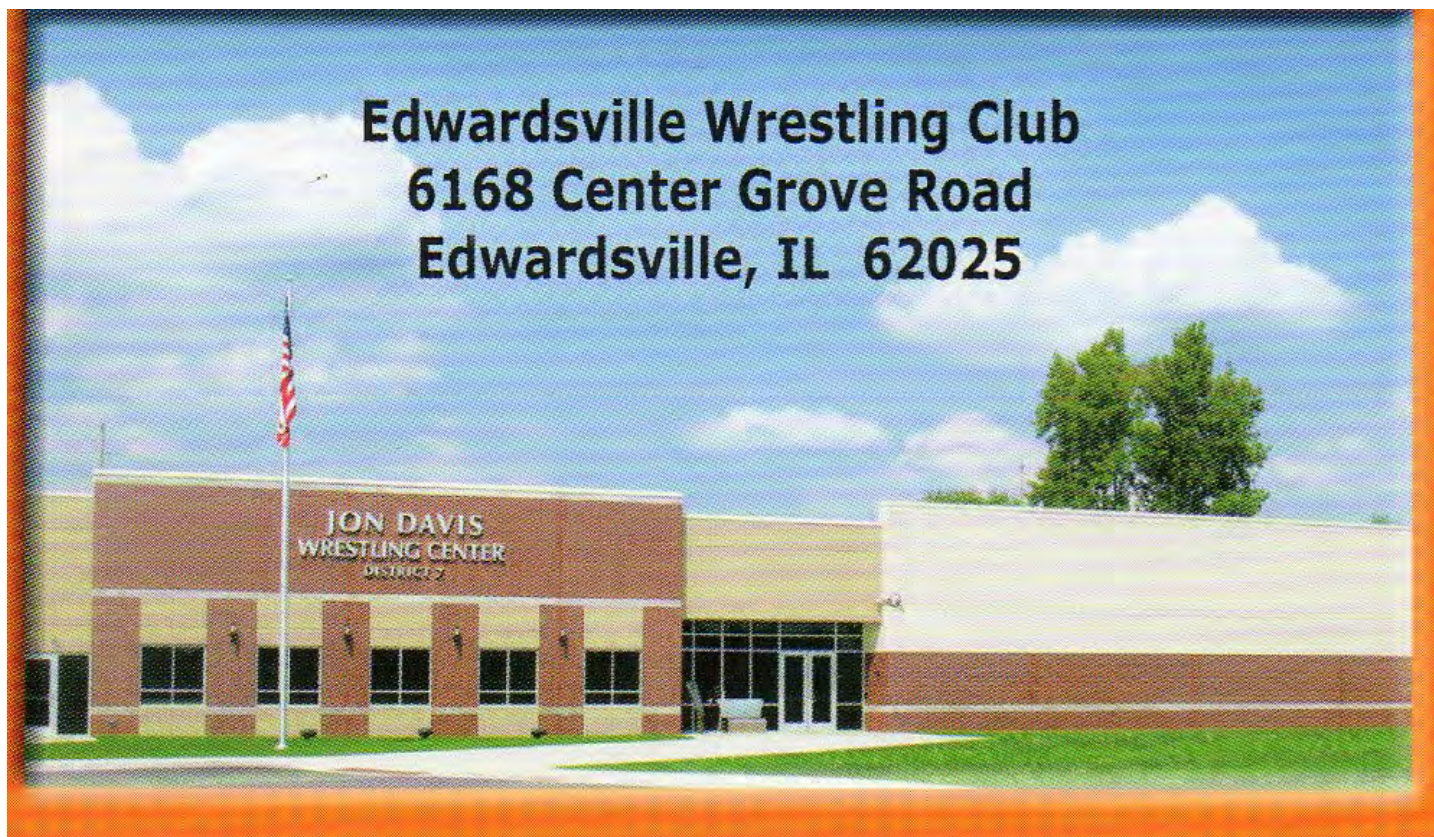
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