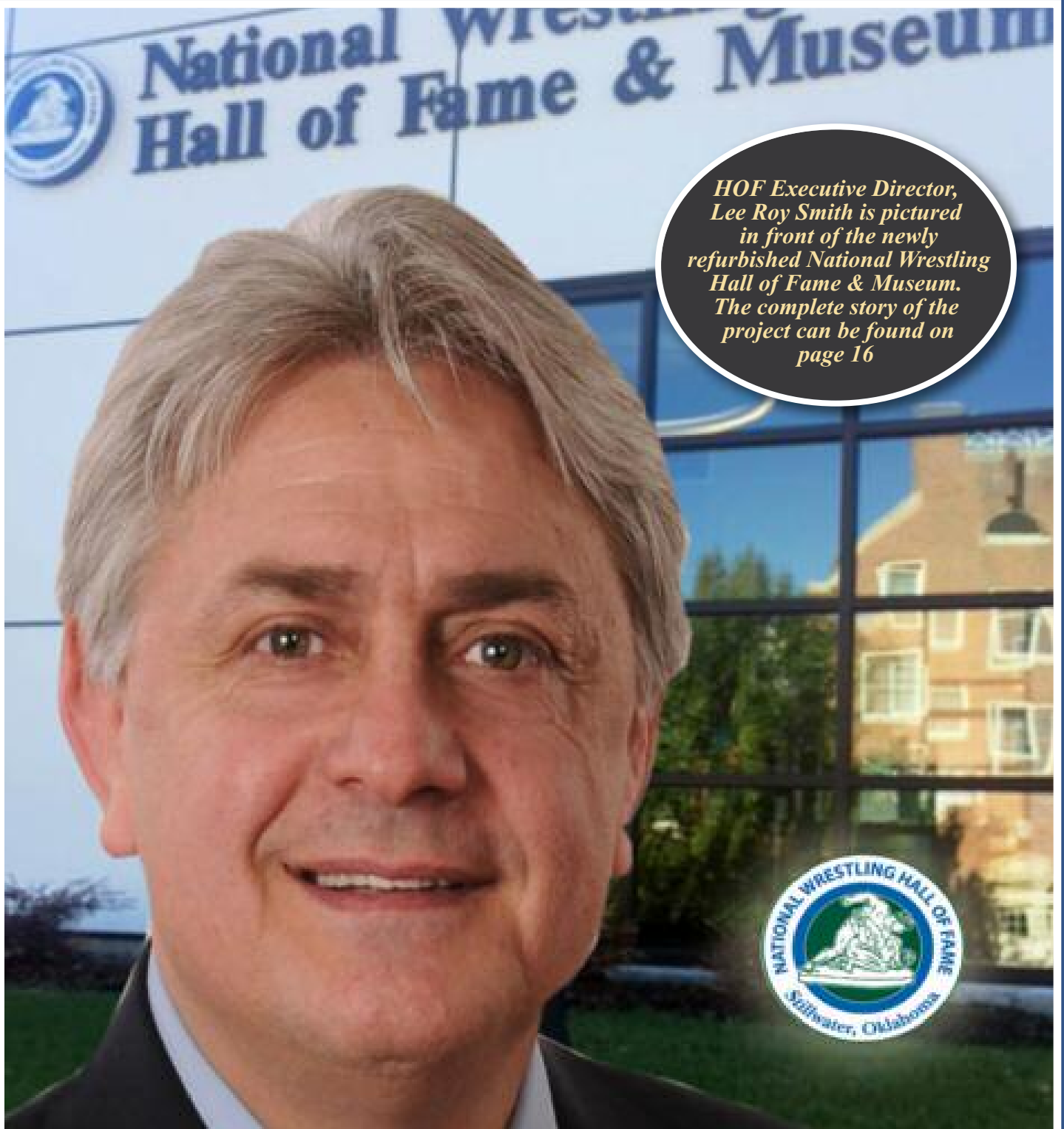


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HOF Executive Director, Lee Roy Smith is pictured in front of the newly refurbished National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum. The complete story of the project can be found on page 16





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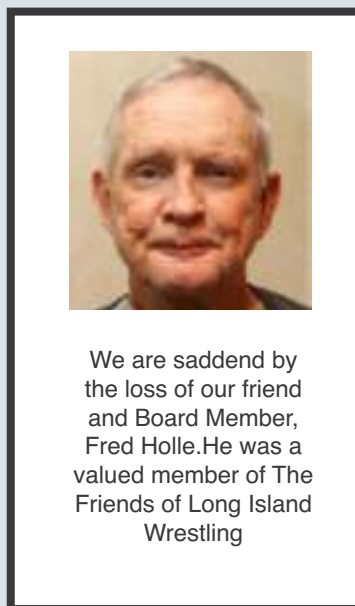
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- To preserve and promote the history of amateur wrestling in the local community and on a national basis
- To foster and promote a positive community identity for the programs of amateur wrestling that are active in our region



We are saddened by the loss of our friend and Board Member, Fred Holle. He was a valued member of The Friends of Long Island Wrestling

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Excerpts from a few of the many letters we have received over the past few months. We appreciate your comments.

Just wanted to thank you all again for helping my son, Ricky Stamm, with the scholarship. It was an honor that neither he, nor my wife and I will forget.
Brian Stamm

Dear Jerry,
Now that we're all back home in Virginia and North Carolina, I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your staff for all of the time and energy that went into putting on the Hall of Fame dinner last Friday night . It was terrific, and while we had some personally sad moments, our family mostly reveled in the awesome stories shared by the many men who attended. Most of them wrestled for our dad - Bob Hartman - over 40 years ago. One fellow even flew in from California! You never know how important a great coach might have been until you hear it from the kids he guided and advised, coached, and loved. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to hear some of those stories. It did our hearts good.

I thank you also for your patience with us in getting you pictures, articles, and artifacts related to Dad's wrestling career. We never imagined we could lose both parents in a seven-week time span. We did our best on all accounts.

Again, we thank you for all of your efforts. They are SO appreciated.

Sincerely,
Judy Hartman Brown
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Sincerely,
Joy DeDonato, MS
Ex. Director, Nassau Community College Foundation

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As expected, your fine group of volunteers pulled off another amazing Hall of Fame banquet (2016). I am not sure how you seem to make each year's dinner better than the last, especially because they all are so good and filled with a memorable evening for all that attend.

It is an amazing and magical night for many. Each person in attendance can personally experience a night that exemplifies the power of the sport of wrestling and the so many different dimensions it allows us as humans to experience and enjoy for the rest of our lives. The words "friendship" and "wrestling" come together so well on a night to honor more great leaders in our sport. You have chosen your title so masterfully and well, "Friends Of Long Island Wrestling". How well this defines your (our) organization.

Congratulations again on a terrific evening and thank you from the thousands of Long Island wrestlers that appreciate your dedication to our sport. Your sacrifice to our great sport does not go unnoticed.

Cordially,
Nick Gallo
Class of 2000

Dear Jerry Seckler and to all who put together the Wrestling Hall of Fame Dinner,

I want to thank you from my family and myself for the beautiful evening on April 29th. It was such a happy evening and from our view, a perfect celebration.

You handled all the details from many years of experience. We appreciate all your efforts.

My husband had to retrace his wrestling experiences over a 38 year period. Some of the pictures and stories were stored in closets and had to be dug out after many years. They brought back so many memories. The nice part, friends made through those wrestling years were back in touch with him once again. At his now 81 years, there were many friends that are no longer here, and would have been so much fun to share the experience with.

With sincere appreciation,
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Each year, The ceremony begins with the presentation of the Colors and the singing of the National Anthem



Guest Host, Tim Flynn, Edinboro State University Head Wrestling Coach and Division I "Wrestling Coach of the Year" in 2014



Krista Graff, representing The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, greeting the crowd of over 500 guests



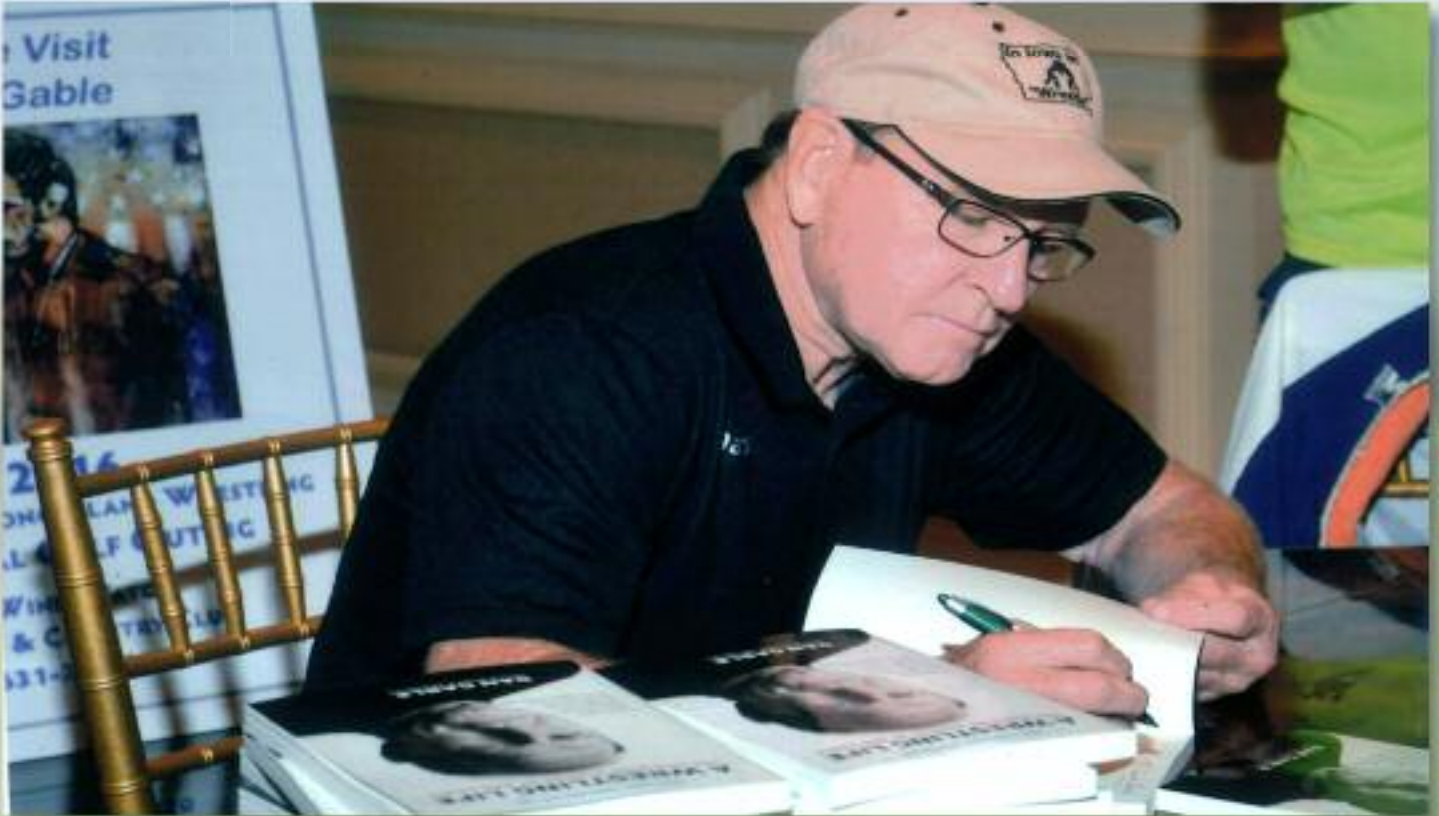
Krista and Tim present Bill Davey his plaque and jacket



Krista and Tim present Laura and Tom Maddock with their plaques and jackets



Annual Golf Outing Big Hit With Dan Gable



June 28th, The Friends of Long Island Wrestling— teed up at the Windwatch Golf and Country Club, Hauppauge, N.Y. for a day of reunion, competition, fun and primarily to support the great sport of wrestling. Our guest host for the day was none other than U.S.A. Wrestling's most famous icon- Dan Gable.

It was a busy couple of days for Dan and a great time for our sport. On the 27th of June. Dan appeared on television on "Good Day, New York", then onto an interview on "Talks with Google", which goes online worldwide. That evening, Dan appeared at "The BookReview", Huntington, Long Island, before a large and enthusiastic audience for a book signing event.

On the following day, June 28th, Dan appeared at the Friends of Long Island Golf Outing where he personally autographed books for the many players and guests.

Dan chatted with the players, personally autographed more than 100 copies of his book, "A Wrestling Life", and addressed the

gathering about leadership and the need for all of us to support wrestling.

Before the day was over, another old friend and ardent supporter of amateur wrestling, Billy Baldwin, of movie and television fame, dropped by to say, "Hello"! Billy spent time visiting and shaking hands with the group.

At last year's Golf outing, Larry Owings, was a surprise visitor, who journeyed all the way from Oregon to play golf with us. At a Friends of Long Island golf outing, there is always a "notable" who pops in to visit.

The event was a special day for all who participated, with Nick Gallo's team (son Lucas, Ricky Scott and John Cummings) winning the team championship.

This golf event is important to our yearly program. It is our only fundraiser and we need participation to be successful. It is a rewarding day for everyone attending- it is a great way to support our sport.

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**Billy Baldwin talking with Dennis Papadatos, Head Wrestling Coach
of Hofstra University**

THE BULL OF

Supermen are all the rage these days. Marvel Comics recently introduced a TV series featuring *Daredevil*, that blind “man without fear” created by comic giant Stan Lee back in 1964. It’s a bit far-fetched but entertaining.

As a boy, I’d heard of this *Devil of Hell’s Kitchen*—I’d seen the red costume, but nothing more. I didn’t know that Daredevil was a blind superhero. I wasn’t into comic books. But now, decades later, finally hearing the story of this fictional vigilante from Hell’s Kitchen, I was reminded of a real-life man, without fear, who predated Daredevil by a generation. He was from Hell’s Kitchen. He spent most of his time at a boarding school for the blind in the Bronx. On Friday nights he sparred at the 23rd Street YMCA with some of New York’s finest. Some called him “Bull”. Some called him “Kong”.—odd monikers for a guy who wasn’t all that big.

Picture a night in Chelsea, on the north side of 23rd Street, just west of 6th Avenue—not all that far from Hell’s Kitchen, as it happens. It’s about 1944. A pair of young men are letting loose, and they’ve had a bit too much to drink. They come across another young man at a street corner. They watch him grope for a light post. He doesn’t throw his arms

forward like a caricature of a blind man, but discretely bends them at the elbows. He finds the pole quickly with his right hand and immediately withdraws it, pausing at the curb. Perhaps his observers notice that he’s blind. Perhaps they’re too drunk to notice and just think he’s queer. Moved by ‘the spirit, “ they conspire to toy with the oddity. One of them grabs his shoulder, but before the playful assailant can follow through, the stranger turns quick as a cat, slipping a hand under his arm and up behind his neck. The force of the move pushes the man into his buddy who falls back and down to the concrete. As the blind man follows through, he throws the reveler down to the ground to join the other. He pauses for a moment as if listening. He doesn’t seem to see them, but he knows where they are. His eyes have that vacant look of the dead—dark in the lamplight, but he has no cane. He has no dog. He has no escort. He turns to cross 6th Avenue. A taxi honks as the young man crosses the twin beams of hits headlights. The boys look at each other from the sidewalk, and they clumsily regain their feet. Now they’re stunned as well as buzzed, not knowing they’ve just stumbled across one of America’s premiere

wrestlers, making his way to the East Side Line to ride to Harlem and beyond.

When I was a boy, I knew him as father. John Jensen was a chiropractor, a good one. He was also a kind of missionary. His parents enrolled him at the

Now they’re stunned, not knowing they’ve just stumbled across one of America’s premiere wrestlers.

New York Institute for the blind, known as the “Institute”. Johnny arrived a pathetic sight, spoiled by the protective care of his mother, but the discipline of the boarding school- and the sport of wrestling - would make him into a picture of independence and courage.

The New York Institute had not been known for its wrestling program until 1943, when John Jensen and his buddy Fred Tarrant first began to make

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the papers. John Jensen, distinguished for his student activism, called wrestling his religion and was captain of the Institute wrestling team. Their coach, Clyde "Mr. Wrestling Downs" had a great deal to do with the wrestling programs success.

In the final, Jensen held the titleholder on even terms for the first two minutes, then slowed down

Downs would coach champions Anthony Mattei and Gene Manfrini before he left in 1947. In early 1943, John Jensen and his buddy Fred Tarrant were on the ascent. Tarrant made it to the title match of the New York Metropolitan Junior Tournament. At the nationals, both Jensen and Tarrant were competing in the 145 pound weight class and were eliminated in the early rounds. Jason was pinned in 6:03 by the New York Metropolitan Champion

Larry Coldwell of the Westside YMCA. Caldwell went on to the semifinal match. However, Jensen and Caldwell would meet again.

In the following March, the New York Institute's blind wrestling team traveled to Baltimore to participate in the nationals. Tarrant made it to the 155 pound semifinals where he was defeated by Emilio J Tomick. Tarrant went on to make it to the semifinals against Bill Lied of New York's Westside YMCA. Light went on to win the New York Metropolitan title championship that year, Jensen for his part was eliminated by Doug Lee, a future Distinguished Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame dubbed as the nation's dominant wrestler of the 1940s.

The bull was more than a wrestler of course. He was a young man, and his failures were as telling as his victories. Fred Tarrant recalled the night when his buddy was heading out on a big date. Fred could see a little at close range, so John had him inspect his outfit. Fred was

COWELL TAKES TITLE IN A. A. U. WRESTLING

**Throws Jensen in Metropolitan
Final—N.Y.A.C. Team Wins**

Lawrence Cowell, who last week captured the national title, last night carried off the 145-pound Metropolitan A. A. U. wrestling championship at the New York Athletic Club. The West Side Y. M. C. A. mainstay went through the qualifying rounds without a defeat, and pinned Nick Kunlund of the New York A. C. to gain the final with John Jensen of the New York Institute for the Blind. In the final, Jensen held the titleholder on even terms for the first two minutes, then slowed down, Cowell scoring with a high half nelson and body scissors at 7:04.

The New York A. C. annexed the team crown with 34 points, displacing the West Side Y. M. C. A. The Winged Footers took four of the eight individual titles.

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impressed with John's white suit and red boutonniere, and sent John off into the New York Night with his full approval John returned later that night with his white suite spattered with grease and blood. He had fallen off the train platform en route to his date!

WRESTLING W

By Dave Ruvola



Dave Ruvola in a HH60G "Pavehawk" helicopter like the one he flew on numerous missions while serving with the Air National Guard 106th Rescue Wing, stationed in Westhampton Beach Long Island.

Last April 29th 2016 I attended my first Friends of LI Wrestling Dinner. I was invited to be on hand to honor my Jr. College Wrestling Coach, Bob Hartman, as he was post humanously inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. I had a great time reminiscing with Bob's children Judy, Butch and Hollie, their families and many other former SUNY Farmingdale wrestlers of Coach Hartman. In addition to having a great time, I was deeply touched to be part of the evening that recognized a man for whom I had the utmost respect and had been such a mentor to me. Throughout the evening we watched the videos of all the inductees and listened to many testimonials as to how much wrestling had meant to so many. I was impressed and touched by all of them. In the days that followed I began to reflect on where I would be had I not wrestled in high school and college. My conclusion was that if it not been for wrestling – more than likely, I probably wouldn't even be alive!

At approximately 9:30pm on October 30th 1991, I had to ditch my HH60G Pavehawk helicopter roughly 60 miles off the coast of Westhampton Beach, NY in the Atlantic Ocean. For those of you who haven't read the book or seen the movie *The Perfect Storm* – I was returning from a life or death rescue mission being accompanied by our C-130 tanker airplane. The location of the Japanese sailor we had attempted to save was now approximately 200 miles to our South East. As Pilot and Aircraft Commander of my crew of 5 on board the helicopter I decided that any further attempt to rescue the lone sailor from his 35' sailboat was too risky after assessing the situation for close to an hour in near hurricane force weather using our Night Vision Goggles. We decided to have the C-130 Para drop life rafts and survival equipment to him instead. The drop was successful and we began our trek back to the base at Gabreski Airport located in Westhampton Beach to the North West.

Back then, in 1991 the HH60s based at the 106th Rescue Wing at Gabreski could only carry roughly two hours' worth of fuel. In order to make it out and back to the survivor that night the C-130 airplane would have to provide aerial refueling. Prior to the return flight from the survivor we had already refueled 3 times in very turbulent conditions without incident. But now the weather had gotten even worse. By the time we began the refueling for the 4th and final attempt we had now entered into the feeder band of *The Perfect Storm* generating extreme turbulence. Between the C-130 airplane being buffeted plus and minus 100 feet, my helicopter being blown around violently and the 81' hose that extends from the wing of the C-130 being whipped like a piece of spaghetti - I was unable to make a contact in order to effect fuel transfer.

After about 45 minutes of attempting to make the contact, at 5,000 feet, inside the clouds, the HH60's low level fuel lights began flashing. This telling me I had about 20 minutes' worth of fuel left. At this point I decided to use what little fuel we had left and ditch the helicopter – before we fell out of the sky.

When I surfaced from the ocean I briefly saw the underbelly of the HH60 fuselage. I found myself in seas where later data buoy information had recordings of 100 foot swells. The winds were producing horizontal rain shafts to the point you could hardly open your eyes. By the grace of God, I linked up with one of my crew members within approximately 15 minutes. After another hour and a half or so we were joined by another – God was looking out for us all!

The three of us would remain together for the next five hours dealing with those tremendous

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swells and the over 90 mph winds. Of the three of us, I was fortunately the least injured in the aftermath of the ditching. As such, I placed myself in the center of the three of us and held onto my men to insure I lost no one. It wasn't long before we all began to feel the effects of the cold ocean water sucking the heat from our bodies and the rising and falling of those huge swells. We all began to vomit everything that was in our stomachs. When there was nothing left - painful dry heaves continued. The leg cramps that followed as a result of our dehydration and constant use while treading water to stay afloat were excruciating. But, through it all, we hung together until we, by the grace of God, were pulled out of that angry ocean by a very brave Coast Guard crew that manned the Coast Guard ship - Tamoroa.

During the ordeal and the time spent in the water in those life threatening conditions there was something in me that gave me a sense of knowing I would survive. Something beyond the spiritual and emotional need to return to my family and friends - I felt a physical sense of confidence that I could

handle this. After each pounding by a breaking roller or feeling my guts being convulsed to nothing words can adequately describe - I had an intrinsic sense to get myself back in the fight. The fight was a mental one yes, but my physical strength and condition gave my mental aspect the edge to "press on." Where did this intangible sense of warrior spirit come from? No doubt that beyond my wrestling days I had always continued to physically train my body. Making it through USAF Pararescue School (93% washout rate), becoming an ocean lifeguard at home on Long Island, running many marathons and triathlons, constantly pushing myself with weights and training in many various martial arts certainly helped. But I was always first and foremost - a Wrestler!

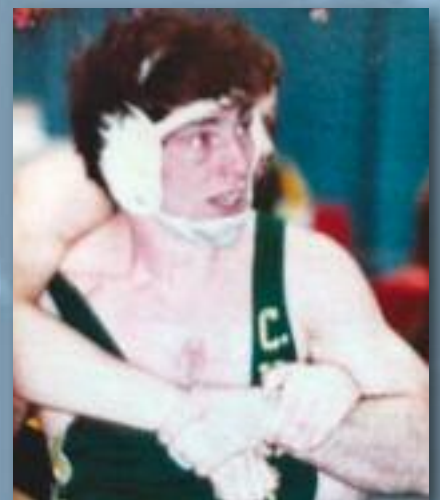
So when I finally made it to the cargo net slung over the side of the Tamaroa, with one of my crewmembers tied to me, I had to hold on, literally for my life and the life of my buddy. With waves breaking well over the 40' above the waterline bow and the ship taking rolls in excess of 50 degrees - I had to hold on. With each heave up on the net by

the approximate 10-12 brave Coast Guard men who were dangerously bracing themselves on the gunnels of the ship, I was lifted up about 3 feet. It seemed like an eternity, but they finally raised us up and over the side of the ship - rescued!

My physical and mental foundation was forged on the mats of Long Island. The grueling workouts of losing 6-7 lbs. of water weight were a daily experience. The constant drilling and pushing myself beyond my limits during practice, the wind sprints and roadwork after practice, sucking weight and all the weight training in the off-season were done with the sole purpose to see my arm raised as a champion at the end of each season. There have been so many times, exhausted, down by a point, on my feet in the third period with 30 seconds left in the match, when I had to reach down, deep inside myself, to take that man down who was holding on to everything he had for that 1 point victory. This is what molded me into someone that will never, ever - give up. And that, my friends - is what saved my life!

Dave Ruvola attended and wrestled at Islip H.S. from 1972 thru '75. His coach was Sal Benenati. He was a league champion at 167 lbs. in 1974 and '75 and also served as team captain both Jr. and Sr. years. After high school Dave attended SUNY Farmingdale where he wrestled for Hall of Fame Coach, Bob Hartman. He was the 167 lb. Region XV Champion in 1976 and runner-up in 1977, qualifying for the Jr. NCAA Nationals both years. From 1979 to 1981 he wrestled at C. W. Post under coaches Bob Stock and Dick Zboray. He qualified for the NCAA Division II Nationals in 1980 and served as team captain in 1981.

From July 1977 to September 1978 he underwent USAF Pararescue Training. He returned to work part-time military duty with the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing in Westhampton Beach on Long Island. In 1983 he earned his commission as an officer and then became a helicopter pilot. He was serving at the 106th at the time of this story. He retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel.



HOFSTRA “Pride” WRESTLING 2016-2017

By Jim Sheehan
Senior Sports Information
Director: Hofstra University

When he is not at a match or on the mat at practice there is a pretty good likelihood that you will find Hofstra University Head Wrestling Coach Dennis Papadatos proudly wearing a Pride cap, showing his Hofstra Pride for his alma mater. The two-time Hofstra graduate who took over the reins of the Hofstra Wrestling program in August of 2014 could have grabbed a construction helmet instead of a cap with the rebuilding project that was ahead of him.

Papadatos, always the optimist, saw his Pride teams post five victories in each of his first two seasons with, admittedly, ambitious schedules. “We had some good successes individually last year,” Papadatos said. “But we had some issues that we had to work through. This is my third year but because of certain circumstances after my arrival, we had to do year one of my plan over two years. But we definitely had some good performances from Jamel Hudson, Michael Hughes and Frank Affronti.”

Year three for Papadatos and the Pride in 2016-17 shows a balance of returnees and newcomers with 11 veterans, including six starters, and eight hungry newcomers. The Pride graduated one of their two 2016 NCAA Championship qualifiers in Jamel Hudson at 141. The second NCAA qualifier, senior Michael Hughes at 285, who was tied for the national lead in victories with 41 last year, will likely red-shirt this season as he looks to complete his five-year academic major in 2017-18.

But the influx of newcomers and the return of some red-shirts from last season will create massive competition in many weight class this season.

“The attitude in the wrestling room this season feels very different,” Papadatos commented. “There have been some highs and lows in the past. But I think the team has a certain perspective of how we want things and they appreciate it more because we went through these growing pains together. The guys are excited, they like each other and there is a great optimism on the team.”

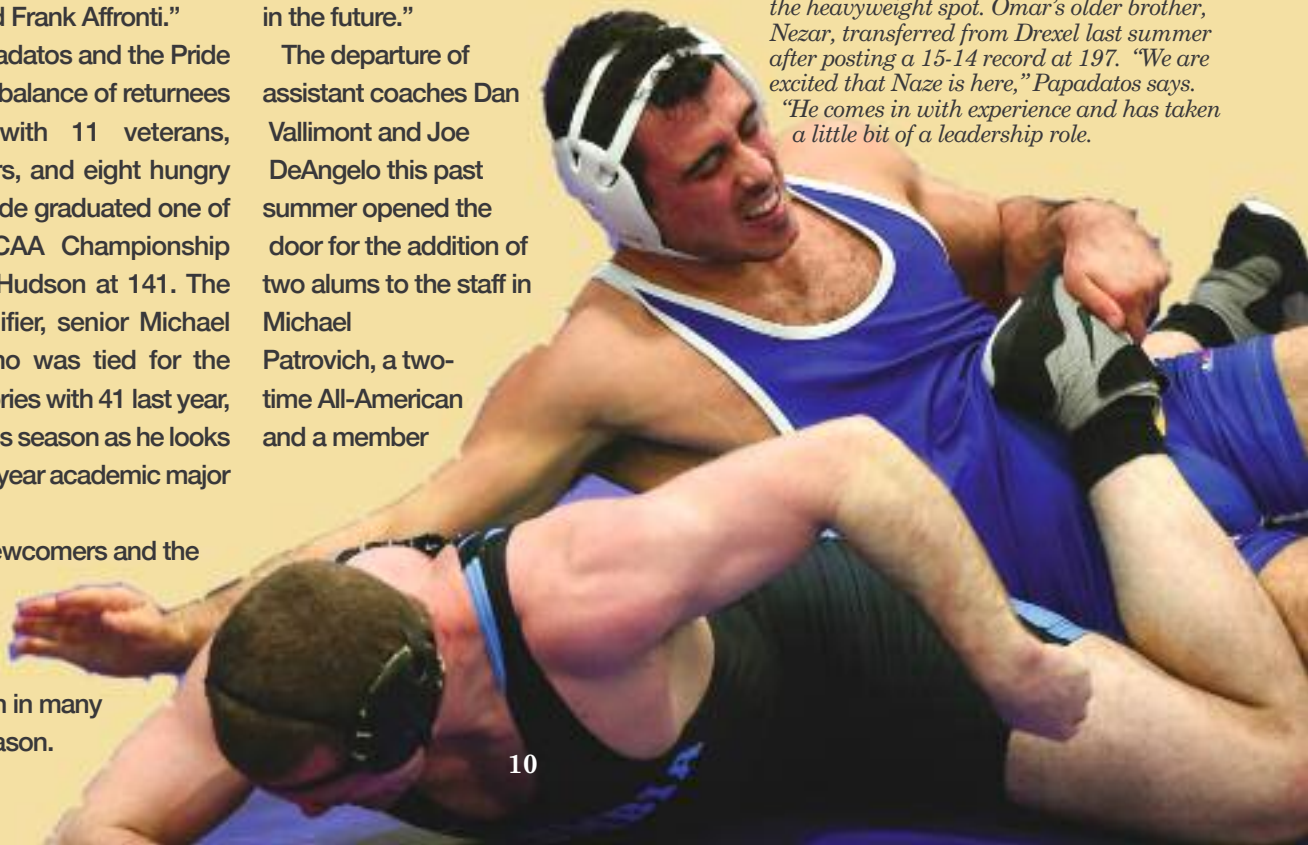
Papadatos also likes his roster for 2016-17. “We are very happy at the roster make-up right now,” Papadatos stated. “It is what I want it to look like. Three-quarters of our wrestlers are on academic scholarships and wrestling scholarships. The team make-up includes wrestlers from areas that we want to recruit in, and we have the wrestlers in the program who have the mindset that I am looking for. I am confident in this team and I believe that our freshman class has addressed the needs of the program. Because of that I believe that will equate to more wins in the future.”

The departure of assistant coaches Dan Vallimont and Joe DeAngelo this past summer opened the door for the addition of two alums to the staff in Michael Patrovich, a two-time All-American and a member

of the Colonial Athletic Association Silver Anniversary team, and three-time NCAA qualifier and 2013 CAA champion, Jamie Franco. “Mike and Jamie have been great additions to the staff,” Papadatos says. “They are both good instructors and relate well to the team.”

With a possible younger line-up for the Pride and eight Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) opponents on the schedule already, the Hofstra travel schedule was scaled back a bit this season. “Our schedule this season is more geared to where we are at, to get us to where we want to be,” Papadatos said. “We compete in the EIWA so the schedule is already tough. This year’s slate is built to get us better and ready for next year. But we still have high expectations. I think fixing some of the things that we will fix this year will play dividends in the future.”

Sophomore Omar Haddad, who posted an 8-23 record at 197 last season, to move up into the heavyweight spot. Omar’s older brother, Nezar, transferred from Drexel last summer after posting a 15-14 record at 197. “We are excited that Naze is here,” Papadatos says. “He comes in with experience and has taken a little bit of a leadership role.



GARRETT RYAN, COLUMBIA'S "Heavy" Hitter

By Gabe Gillson: Assistant Director of Athletic Communications

NEW YORK – Every kid that grows up in a wrestling room dreams of one day earning a spot on top of the podium at the NCAA Championships. For Columbia's Garrett Ryan, previous experience on the grand stage should help his elevated hopes in 2017.

For the second straight season in 2016, Ryan picked up an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships, proving throughout to be one of the top heavyweights in the country. The Scottsdale, Arizona native started the 2015-16 season by winning two matches at both the Cliff Keen Invitational and the Midlands Championships, before a dominant dual season.

Ryan posted a 13-2 record in dual matches, and as a heavyweight was counted on in several high pressure situations.

With Columbia tied, 15-15, against Buffalo on Jan. 16, Ryan came through with an 8-4 decision in the final match to give the Lions a team victory. Later that day against Binghamton, Ryan again answered the bell, posting a 9-1 major decision, which was just enough for Columbia to escape with an 18-17 win against the Bearcats.

The following day against Brown, a 7-3 decision by Ryan in the final match was enough for the Columbia sophomore to clinch the match (16-15) for the Lions. Later in the season, Ryan again impressed with a major decision in the 19-16 win over Penn, giving the Lions their first victory over their Ivy League and EIVA rival in Philadelphia since 1993.

This season, Ryan and the Lions will compete under a new head coach, as Zach Tanelli was announced as the Andrew F. Barth Head Coach of

Wrestling in July. While the message of hard work and fine-tuning a multitude of skills has not changed, the former Purdue assistant and All-American at Wisconsin hopes to sharpen up a few loose ends.

"Tanelli has a lot of fire and is a great motivator," Ryan said. "He brings a lot of intensity to the room and knows how to push his athletes. He has been sharpening our technical skills and paying attention to even the most minute details."



Ryan Garrett (left) on his way to a second consecutive at large bid to the NCAA Championships last season.

Just as he did a season ago, Ryan will continue to work in the room with Joe Nord, the David and Michael Barry Assistant Coach of Wrestling, who brings a wealth of experience as a former 197 pound and heavyweight wrestler at Minnesota.

"I wrestle with Coach Nord almost every day," Ryan continued. "He is able to push me to my physical limit and help me prepare for a high level of competition. Coach Nord is also a true student of the sport. He is constantly helping me develop and refine new techniques or specific tactics to use against certain opponents."

The work never ends for a collegiate wrestler, especially when you're being pushed by a fiery teammate. This past summer at the University Nationals in Akron, Ohio, Ryan and Tyrel White both finished fifth in the freestyle division, earning All-American honors. While White may surrender nearly 100 pounds to his classmate and close friend, the 165-pounder and two-time NCAA Championships qualifier shares a lot of commonalities with Ryan.

"Ty is one of my best friends and arch rivals," Ryan said. "We have both pushed each other since arriving on campus freshman year when we were roommates. We get very competitive over who places higher in tournament, and out-performing Ty is one of my greatest external sources of motivation. I'll look over during a tournament and if I see Ty won his quarterfinal match, there's no way in hell I'm about to lose mine."

With White and Ryan leading the pack of Lions now as juniors, the stage has been set for a 2016-17 season that should be action packed. Aside from those two returning starters, Mike Fetchet (Senior, 184), Troy Hembury (Senior, 197), Tyler Ponte (Junior, 157) and Danny Reed (Junior, 149) give Tanelli plenty of experience in a young and talented room.

Columbia opens the season with three New York events, including the Binghamton Open on Nov. 13, the New York State Championships on Nov. 20, and the Grapple at the Garden on Nov. 27. The Lions open up the home dual slate against Hofstra on Saturday, Jan. 21, with all home matches being streamed on the Ivy League Digital Network.

COLLEGE OF MOUNT SAINT VINCENT WRESTLING PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD

By Dean Zenie

Our Wrestling program is entering its 5th year of existence as an NCAA Division III sponsored sport at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the 2016-17 season. The program has grown immensely over those five years, with the 16-17 team scheduled to take part in 25 dual meets and tournaments. Not only is the program going to high profile events like the New York State Intercollegiate Tournament at Cornell and the Grapple at the Garden at Madison Square Garden, but the school will be hoisting the New York/Pennsylvania Duals on November 12th, a tri-meet on January 18th and a dual on January 21st.

The 2016-17 team features a recruiting class full of student-athletes from all across the Tri-State area, the roster added 15 freshman and transfers to the

four returning wrestlers from last season's team.

The New York/Pennsylvania Duals, will bring seven schools from New York and Pennsylvania to the Mount's campus, where the Dolphins will take on Pennsylvania college's, Wilkes University, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Kings College (PA.) and Keystone College

On November 27th, the program makes its second straight appearance at the Grapple at the Garden, being one of 16 teams across Division I, II & III to compete at the World's Most Famous Arena. The Dolphins will star in the first of three collegiate sessions at 8:30am where they will take on SUNY Farmingdale on Mat 1 and SUNY Stony Brook on Mat 8.

Later on in the season, the Dolphins

will host two separate meets on campus featuring The College of New Jersey and the University of Scranton, the Dolphins will close out the season squaring off against New York University in late February.

The Dolphins wrestling program is under the guidance of Melville resident Dean Zenie, who is entering his second full season as head coach. Zenie has nearly 30 years of coaching and wrestling experience, including a four-year member of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute team and coaching several All-County and All-State wrestlers. Zenie is assisted by 2 new coaches, Chris Bitetto and Karl Schmitt. A 2016 Graduate of the Mount, Schmitt was the team captain and joined the staff in October as the Volunteer Assistant Coach. Bitetto, the Head Assistant Coach, was formerly the Head Coach at Don Bosco Prep in New Jersey, where he has coached many nationally ranked wrestlers and helped guide the program to national prominence.

The College of Mount Saint Vincent is a four-year liberal arts college, founded in 1847, located in Riverdale, New York. The school sits on a beautiful 70-acre campus of rolling lawns and wooded hills overlooking the Hudson River and The Palisades. The school features all the benefits of a suburban school with a quiet campus, while being a quick subway ride away Manhattan. The Mount has 40 nationally recognized programs, including a full array of majors and minors in the sciences and mathematics, the humanities, arts and social sciences, and professional preparation in accounting, business, communication, education, and nursing.



Sophomore, Connor Hay in action at the Grapple in the Garden meet.

LIU POST WRESTLING 2016-17

By Ian Schraller, Athletic Media Relations Director

The LIU Post wrestling team enters the 2016-17 campaign looking to improve on an 11-11 record from a season ago.

With the team's first winning season in their sights, Head Coach Joe Patrovich, now in his third year at the helm, has compiled a roster of 28 grapplers, 24 of whom hail from Long Island.

Headlining the freshman class is Anthony Sparacio, who will wrestle at 125 lbs. Sparacio wrestled for six years at North Babylon High School, where he collected 186 wins over his career. Along with the 186 victories, he was North Babylon's first New York State Champion in program history and earned All-America honors in the process. Sparacio was ranked 14th in the nation at the 120-lb. weight class by Wrestling Insider News magazine in 2015-16, but was also a six-time All-League, three-time All-County and three-time All-State selection.

"He is a buzzsaw. That is the best thing you can say about him," Patrovich said. "Anthony never stops wrestling or working. He is never out of a match because of the way he wrestles. He is exciting to watch and coach."

Three grapplers will compete for time at the 133-lb. weight class for the Pioneers, including freshman Jack Gold. Gold was the 2015 Suffolk County League V Champion at Rocky Point High School. Additionally, he placed second at the Section XI Division I Championships in 2016.

Junior Joe Calderone, who qualified for the NCAA Division II National Championships for a second-consecutive year in 2015-16, will move up a weight class to 141 lbs. this year. He is coming off an impressive 32-11 finish in his sophomore campaign. Over his first two seasons at LIU Post, Calderone, a two-time All-Super Region I wrestler, has a posted a record of 61-22, which translates to an impressive .735 winning percentage.

Three experienced Pioneers will battle it out for starting time at 149 lbs. They are seniors T.J. Fabian and Jesse Meaney and junior Matt Langan.

Fabian, coming off a 16-win season, wrestled at three different weight classes (141, 149, 157 lbs.) for the Pioneers last year. Langan had 24 victories at 149, while Meaney, who missed last season due to injury, looks to better a 16-win campaign from 2014-15.

Junior Jackson Mordente has been a mainstay for Patrovich's squad at 157 lbs



Juniors, Joe Calderone (above), a two-time Div. II National Qualifier, and James Louison (below), a two-time All-Region selection will both play a big part in the LIU Post wrestling story throughout the 2016-17 season.



However, freshman Johnny Busiello, who collected 205 total wins in his high school career, will battle for time.

Junior Ed Ramirez Jr. will start at 165 lbs. He is coming off a stellar season in which he had a career-best 18 victories.

The 174-lb. weight class will feature

sophomore Dan Arkow. Arkow earned 14 victories in the 2015-16 season. Meanwhile, freshman Bobby Pease, from Patchogue-Medford High School on Long Island, will also be looking to earn match time this weight.

At the 184-lb. weight class will be a battle between sophomore Logan McGinn and freshman Dan McClure. McGinn earned seven victories last season for the Pioneers, but Dan McClure is coming off a Suffolk County Section XI title and will try to take over the duties.

Getting the nod at the 197-lb. weight class is junior Jake Horton. Horton, coming off an 18-win year, will look to improve on that total in the 2016-17 campaign.

Lastly, junior James Louison will return to his role at heavyweight. Louison is a two-time All-Region selection, who posted a 19-9 record last season. Along with the 19 victories last year, he made it as high as No. 3 in the D2Wrestle.com Super Region I rankings. Sophomore Monair McDonald will see some time, as well.

In 2016-17, Patrovich's coaching staff will consist of Mike Zimpler, who will return for a third season, along with first-year coaches Chris Edmonds and Nick Terdick. Edmonds is a former NCAA Division I National Champion from the University of Tennessee and Section VIII Champion from Freeport High School.

Meanwhile, Terdick, a three-year starter at Hofstra University, was a Section XI Champion at John Glenn High School.

Along with an experienced coaching staff, Patrovich and the Pioneers will be wrestling a great schedule, including some major Division I powerhouses.

At the Northeast Collegiate Classic, teams such as Ohio State, North Carolina State, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Minnesota will be featured.

Strap in for what should be an exciting 2016-17 wrestling season at LIU Post.

CORNELL “Big Red” WRESTLING 2016-2017

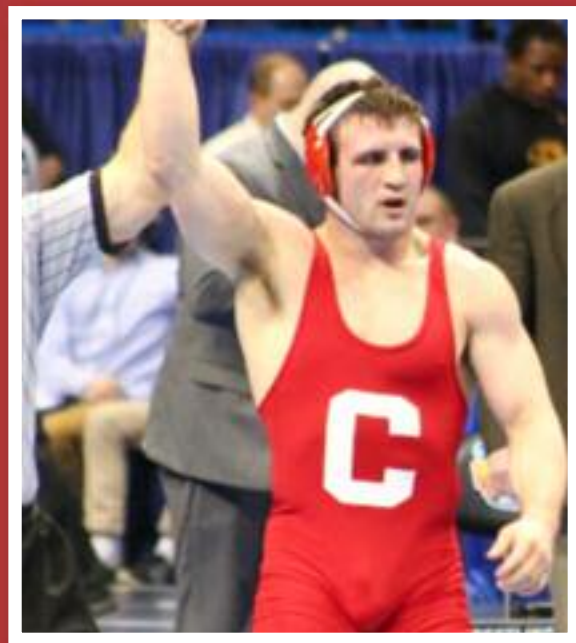
Cornell returns a number of accomplished wrestlers for the upcoming campaign, including two-time NCAA champion Gabe Dean and All-Americans Dylan Palacio and Brian Realbuto. In addition, Dalton Macri, Joey Galasso, Mark Grey, Owen Scott and Jeramy Sweany have competed at the NCAA tournament during their careers. The Big Red wrestlers have won a record 10 consecutive EIWA championships and have featured at least three All-Americans for each of the last 14 years, finishing in the top five nationally six of the past eight seasons.

Profiles of three of the team members are shown below.

(Top Right) Following a great season in 2015-'16, Brian Realbuto, A former New York State High School Champion, will compete at 174 lbs. in the coming season. He looks like a top contender for an NCAA Championship.

(Bottom Left) Dylan Palacio, a Nassau County and New York State Champion while wrestling for Long Beach High School, returns after an All-American season with one goal in mind, bring home an NCAA title

(Bottom Right) Gabe Dean, a two-time NCAA Champion, will look to make it three. According to Coach Koll, Dean has actually “gotten a lot better”. Dean was a Michigan State Champion in High School and is the 4th multiple NCAA Champion in Cornell history.



NASSAU CC WRESTLERS CELEBRATE THEIR 57 YEARS OF SUCCESS!



*CELEBRATING NCC WRESTLING
(Left to Right): Coach Chuck Henke,
Vougar Oroudjov, Colleen O'Hara,
Chris Weidman, Coach Paul Schmidt,
Charlie Gadson, Joy DeDonato,
Mike McGinty, Kerri-Ann McTieranan,
(Back): Ingrid Dodd*

Over two hundred people showed up to honor two important members of the Nassau Community College wrestling program on October 21, 2016. In the crowd there were over 100 former Nassau CC wrestlers, along with many others from the Long Island wrestling community celebrating the success of the NCC wrestling program and the achievements of Vougar Orounjov and Chris Weidman.

One of the two individuals honored was Vougar Orounjov, the former Olympic bronze medal winner in 1996 and two time World Champion. Vougar has been coaching at Nassau Community College for the past 12 years and has been very instrumental in the success of the program. During his time at NCC there have been many wrestlers either winning NJCAA National Titles or earning All American honors, especially in the lighter weights. He has also raised the bar in scholastic wrestling on Long Island by his commitment to youth wrestling.

The other honoree was Chris Weidman, a former NCC wrestler. Before Chris became the UFC World Champion and two time NCAA Division I All American at Hofstra, he wrestled at Nassau Community College. Chris was a two time NJCAA All American

and member of the first National Championship team at NCC. He is known as the "All American" in the UFC because of the All American honors he earned while wrestling at both Nassau CC and Hofstra University.

One of the other highlights of the evening was having the first wrestling coach ever at Nassau Community College in attendance. In 1960 Coach Paul Bedell started the wrestling program in an airplane hangar at Mitchel Field. He told the crowd, how he transported the mat in his car for practice and was always scrambling to find time for the team to practice. We also had one of the members of the first team at the event, Professor Neil Nugent, a former 2X NJCAA All American. Professor Nugent came back to work at Nassau Community College after graduating from Fairleigh Dickerson University. He would spend over 50 years at NCC in many capacities during his tenure.

Also in the crowd was the Wade family and Coach Chuck Henke. Tom Wade and his three sons, Chris, Lance and Kyle all earned All- American honors at Nassau Community. Coach Henke was the longest tenured Head Wrestling Coach at Nassau Community College. Coach Henke coached multiple All Americans plus two NJCAA National

Champions (Willie Gadson & Gene McNeil) during his twenty six year career. The Long Island wrestling community also came out to support this event along with the two major wrestling organizations (FOLIW, LIWA), that supports Long Island Wrestling.

The 2016-17 team is looking to sustain the great tradition that preceded them. The Lions have three NJCAA National Qualifier's (Chris Meloni 141 lbs, Sean Miller 149 lbs, Mike Dusold 157 lbs) back from last year's Div 3 NJCAA National Championship team. The roster will also be filled out with a great incoming class. The freshman and transfers bring a lot of experience, there are former NYS champions (John Arceri 141 lbs, Nick Casella 141 lbs), Nassau and Suffolk County Champions and NYS Champions (Shawn Bourne 125 lbs, Brett Brice 133 lbs, Kyle Mock 141 lbs, Brett Frole 141 lbs, Jeremy Hughes 174 lbs, Deny Travarez 184 lbs, Elmer Mendez 197lbs) County runner-ups (John Salzano 285 lbs, Nick Vines 157 lbs and Kevin Meloni 125 lbs) and Niagara CC transfer (Cedrick Stevens 197 lbs).

The reunion was very successful not only by the amount of people that showed but the amount of money that was raised. The money raised will help this year's team travel to the National Duals, Virginia Duals and the NJCAA National Championships. The Lions are looking to once again compete for a National Title.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

Wrestling fans from across the country who have visited the National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum in Stillwater, Oklahoma, since its renovation have been overwhelmed by the more modern facility that now features interactive exhibits and electronic kiosks.

“It is important to the sport and to us to be able to tell the heroes of wrestling’s stories and inspire a newer generation,” said Lee Roy Smith, Executive Director of the NWHOF. “With this renovation we have that technology and ability to bring these legends to life for our guests.”

The completely renovated museum, which was officially unveiled during Honors Weekend on June 3-4, is the culmination of more than 10 years planning, and a Beyond the Walls capital campaign that raised \$3.8 million

“As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame & Museum, we do so with a tremendous sense of gratitude,” said Smith “We know that this project has been supported by a strong and steady base of generosity from those who share in our organization’s purpose and mission.”

Visitors entering the museum are greeted with a floor-to-ceiling mural featuring photographs of Jordan Burroughs, Oklahoma State University’s 1930 NCAA Championship team, Ed Peery, Hugh Peery, Rex Peery, Cael Sanderson, Tricia Saunders and John Smith, and the medal platform from the 2015 World Championships in Las Vegas.

Each tour begins in the theater with a custom three-minute video, featuring some of the sport’s greatest names and moments. Resilite donated wrestling mats in multiple colors that were used to create custom benches that are located throughout the museum, including the theater seating.

The greatest names in wrestling are recognized in the John T. Vaughan Hall of Honors. The walls of the Distinguished Members gallery are lined with the iconic granite plaques that have been presented to honorees since the Hall of Fame opened in 1976. Guests can view memorabilia as well as use electronic kiosks to see biographies and photographs.

A life-size green marble statue creates an awe-inspiring moment as visitors enter the Distinguished Members Room, perfectly complementing the 180 DM plaques displayed in the room. It is a copy of the classic Greek artwork “The Wrestlers” by Cephisodotus, located in the Uffizi gallery in Florence, Italy.



Lee Roy Smith, Executive Director, NWHOF

State Chapter honorees are also featured in the Hall of Honors with memorabilia and an electronic kiosk that allows visitors to search by state and name to display biographies and photographs.

The Hall has sections to recognize former wrestlers who have achieved success off the mat (Outstanding American) or who have overcome what are perceived to be insurmountable obstacles (Medal of Courage). There are also awards to recognize outstanding officials (Meritorious Official) and individuals who have impacted the sport but not as a wrestler or coach.

The Hall of Fame has the largest collection of wrestling artifacts and memorabilia in the world and displays some of it in the Paul K. Scott Museum of History section. The new setup allows the memorabilia to be changed, allowing visitors to see different items throughout the year.

Visitors are encouraged to take pictures throughout the museum, including on medal award platforms from the 1984 Olympics and

the 2015 World Championships.

Interactive exhibits feature wrestling moves, a glossary of terms, high school facts and information about United States Presidents who wrestled.

“There have been 13 U.S. presidents who have wrestled, with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln being the most prominent,” said Lee Roy Smith. “Many presidents said they took up wrestling to be able to stand up to bullies.”

One of the most popular new features is the opportunity to watch NCAA Championship matches from the 1930s to present day. Visitors can choose matches by year, wrestler or school, allowing them to watch some of the most exciting moments in wrestling on a big screen. Many of these videos are not available to the public except at the NWHOF.

The William S. Hein Library section of the museum has wrestling books from around the world and historical documents.

Wrestling truly is for everyone, and the diversity and accessibility of the sport continues to be highlighted through exhibits featuring females, African-Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans and Latino Americans.

The United World Wrestling Hall of Fame area features an electronic kiosk with photographs and biographies of inductees as well as memorabilia from international honorees.

There is also a visitor lounge with a window mural of a wrestling match from the 1960 Olympics contested outdoors in the Forum in Rome, Italy.

“There’s something for everyone,” said Lee Roy Smith. “For the person who doesn’t know a thing about wrestling, we provide interesting facts and information to help educate. For those in the wrestling community, who are very knowledgeable, we give an opportunity to dig a little deeper.

“When you visit the Museum, you will sense not only the hallowed ground for those enshrined in the Hall of Fame, but also the passion of our donors who support this institution.”



YOUR NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

A place all wrestlers can call home

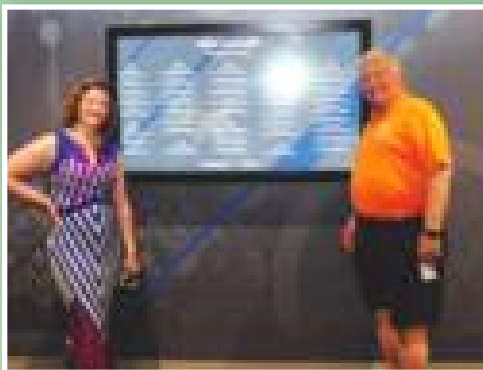
Anyone who has wrestled or loves the sport, will enjoy visiting the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater Oklahoma. There you will find the one place in the country where all of the great names in our sport are enshrined.

The new facility is a place where photos of the great athletes are seen and their stories are told.

The museum is located on the grounds of Oklahoma State University.

Visiting the museum is a joy for both the novice and experienced wrestling fan.

The images on this page are of just a few of the great displays to be seen.



*Pictured above are Krista Graff and Mike Claire
Mike was he first director of the State Chapters and
Krista serves in that position at the present time.*



NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

Downstate New York Inductees

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD INDUCTEES

1995

Harold Earl
Al Muller

1996

Al Bevilacqua
Joe Campo
Joe Russo

1997

Bob Bury
James Davey
Reggie Jones
"Jumper" Leggio

1998

Bill Linkner
Ted Petersen
Jerry Seckler

1999

Terry Haise
Ken Hunte
Ed Luksik

2000

Nick Gallo
Ed Rooney
John Schaefer

2001

Sam Boone
Cliff Clarke
Lonnie Kittle

2002

Guy Guccione
Walter Stewart
Joseph Valla
John Walter

2003

Irv Apgar
Ed Hubbard
Matt Sanzone

2004

Sonny Greenhalgh
Don Jackson
Ed Reinisch

2005

Jack Mahoney
Steve Shippas
"Brick: Stone

2006

Bob Busby
Paul Gillespie
Tony Mellino

2007

Ken Cellan
Robert "Doc" Fallot
Bob Goldberg
Gary Mims

2008

Gary Abbott
Neil Duncan
Bob Gerbino
George Munnich
Don Snyder
Bill Starke

2009

Paul Brodmerkel
Kevin Murphy
Richard Smith
Pete Venier

2010

Bob Armstrong
Roger Bogsted
Bill DeSario
Larry Cantor
Chris Edmond
John Hamilton

2011

Mike Davey
Mike Fitzgerald
Paul Kiebesz
Bill Knapp
Terry Phelan
Fred Recher

2012

Michael
DerGarabedian-
Howie Greenblatt
Chris Messina
Joe Patrovich
Bill Santoro
Gary Ventimiglia

2013

Bill Brennen
Sal DiFazio
Dick Doherty
George Doherty
George Dlugolonski
Reggie Jones, Jr.
Norm Maisel

2014

Hilary Becker
Cliff Forziat
Marcia Haise
Guy Leggio
Isaac Ramaswamy

2015

Paul Bass
Frank Carrozza
Robert Emmons
David Ironman
Jim Rooney
Ron Russo
Paul Schmidt
Jon Tush

2016

Ron Abatelli
Bob Attonito
Bill Davey
Jerry Harrell
Steve Hartman
Laura Maddock
Tom Maddock
Steve Meehan
Tony Melosci
Bill Zagarino

2017

Scott Arnel
Doug Axman
Don Jantzen
Thomas Magnani
Nick Nanos
Jim Nordland
Tony Nordland
James R. Regan
Tom Riccio
Hooman Tavakolian

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

Henry Wittenberg 1997
Dr. Vince Zuaro 1984

Frank "Sprig" Gardner 1986
William Farrell 1987

Lou Giani 2003

OUTSTANDING AMERICANS

Roone Arledge 1992
Steven Friedman 1993
David Pottruck 1994
Arthur C. Rutzen 1994

William Baldwin 2003
Pascal Perri 2006
Setrak Agonian 2007

Noel Thompson 2014
Steve Buscemi 2015
Arno Niemand 2017

OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS

Pascal Perri 1995

Mark S. Piven 1997

MEDAL OF COURAGE RECIPIANTS

Rohan Murphy 2001

Charles Gadson 2005

Pat Augustine 2007

Dennis Dunne 2017

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SCOTT ARNEL

Scott Arnel is acknowledged as an individual who has defeated or surpassed all rivals in competition. He is also acclaimed as a person who fights for a cause on behalf of others. By either definition, Scott Arnel is a true champion. The success he has enjoyed on the mat and in business is surpassed only by his determination to promote and assist the wrestling community on Long Island and beyond. His contribution to the sport is synonymous with a Hall of Fame career.

Scott wrestled for Westbury High School where he won the Nassau County Championship at 138 pounds and was named the 1978 Tournament Outstanding Wrestler. Scott went on to captain the wrestling team at the University of Rhode Island where he won two Northeastern Championships. He continued to compete after graduating and in 1983, was a silver medalist at the Maccabiah Games.

Scott became a successful equity trader and found a way to assist wrestlers by starting a summer internship program with the New York Mercantile Exchange. Hofstra University wrestlers Eric Schmiesing and Noel Thompson were the first participants. In 2002, a year after joining the Mercantile Exchange, Scott co-founded the Long Island Wrestling Association (LIWA). The LIWA has sent over 500 disadvantaged youngsters to wrestling camp. Scott was elected as president at the inception of the LIWA and he remains in that position today. The LIWA also runs a highly respected website where anyone can go to find wrestling information for all levels of amateur wrestling on Long Island. (www.longislandwrestling.org)

Scott served as a youth coach in Syosset and Oyster Bay from 2000-2012. His efforts resulted in a premier Syosset youth program, which led to the resurgence of the Syosset High School wrestling team. New York State Champions Grant Green and Nick Arujau, along with numerous All-County wrestlers, were by-products of his youth program.

In March of 2015, Scott provided his expertise to form the New York Metro Chapter of the Wrestlers in Business Network (WIBN). Scott currently serves as co-chairman. The WIBN works to foster the growth of wrestler-owned and operated businesses across the nation, by facilitating business development opportunities with each other and leveraging a talent-rich pipeline of wrestling alumni, while investing back into our sport.

Scott Arnel has provided direct support for all aspects of wrestling to numerous high schools, colleges and organizations. He has set an example, at the highest level, with humility and integrity, exhibiting all the fine qualities that the sport of wrestling strives to instill in its participants.

Lori and Scott Arnel's three sons, Andrew, Danny and Ryan, are all Nassau County Wrestling Champions.

It is a privilege to welcome Scott Arnel into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



THE SCOTT ARNEL FAMILY

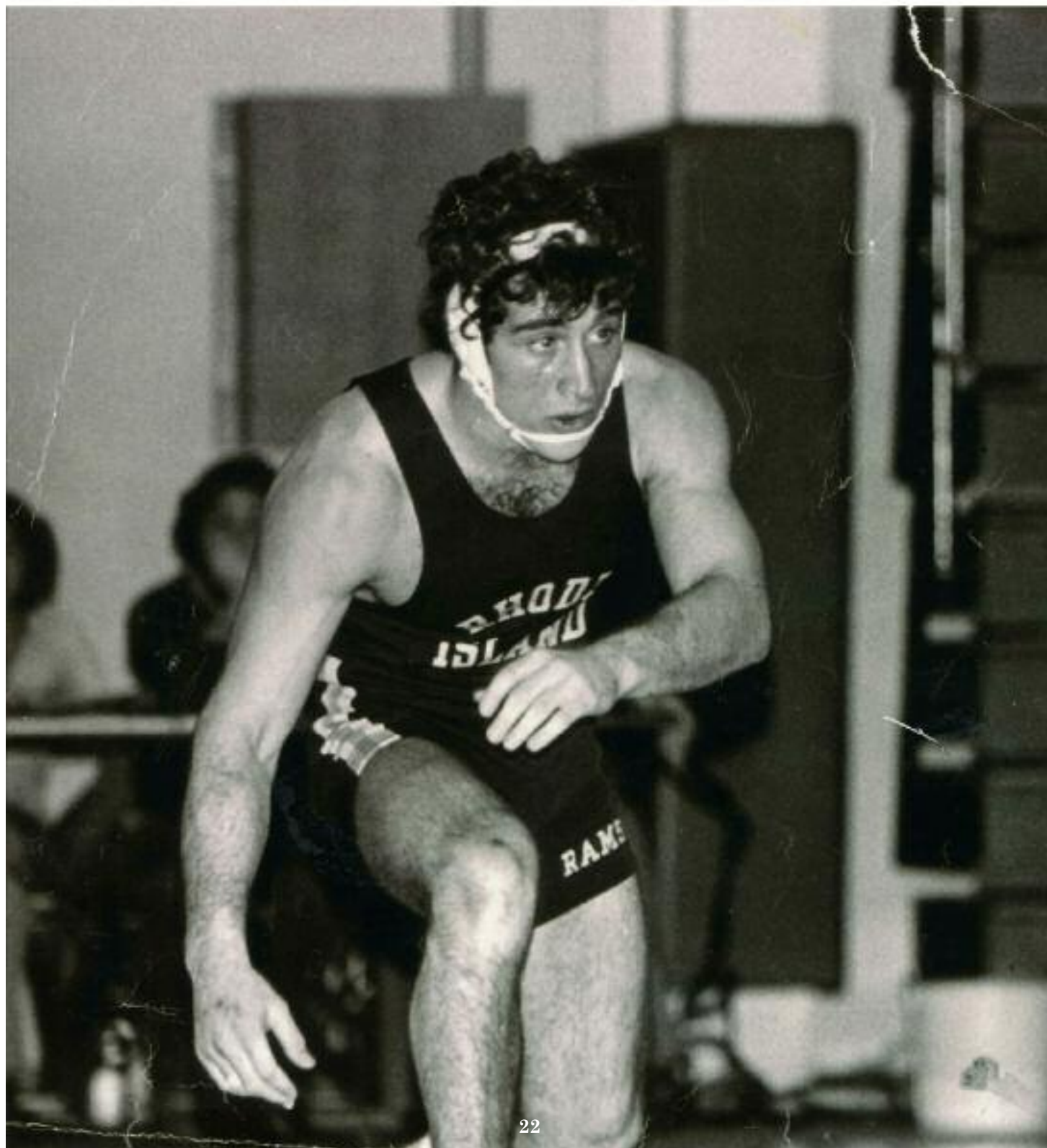


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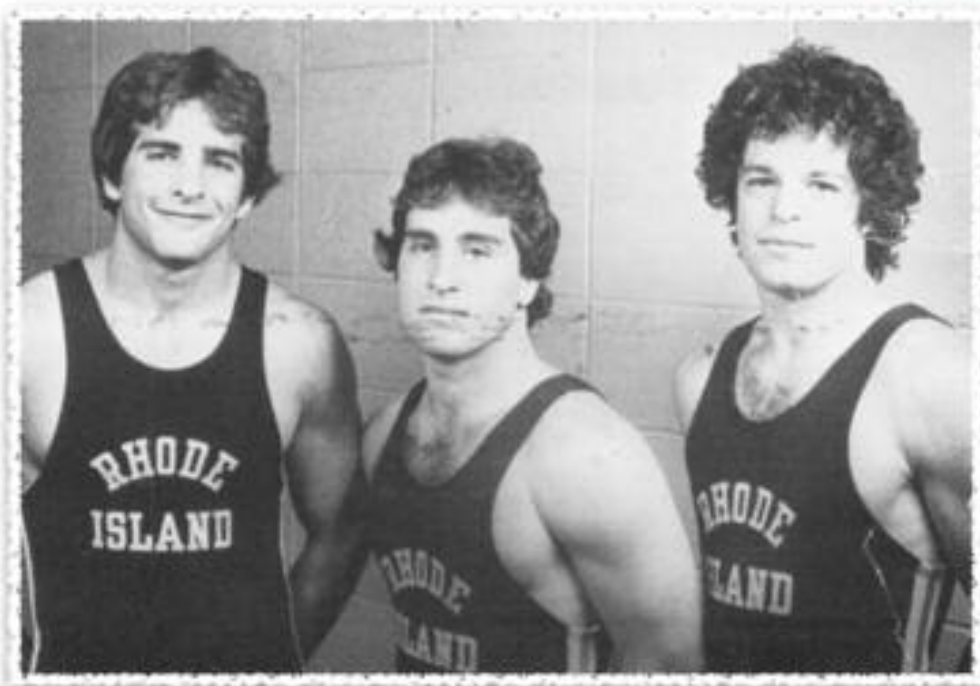
SCOTT ARNEL OUTSTANDING WRESTLER



COACH "SPRIG" GARDNER PRESENTING SCOTT THE 1975 OUTSTANDING NASSAU WRESTLER AWARD



1975 NASSAU COUNTY PLACE WINNERS
1st place-Scott Arnel • 2nd place-Ricky Wolfson
3rd place-John Cattone • 4th place-Matt Doherty



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DOUG AXMAN

Doug Axman has had a long and distinguished wrestling career that continues to enhance opportunities for the next generation of grapplers. Doug's selfless perseverance on behalf of the wrestling community exemplifies those attributes to be found in a genuine Hall of Famer.

Doug developed his skills as a wrestler at Walt Whitman High School in Huntington Station Long Island before moving on to Farmingdale Junior College. The head wrestling coach at Farmingdale, legendary Hall of Famer Bob Hartman, imparted his love for the sport to all of his wrestlers. Doug learned well from perhaps the best junior college coach in the country and then enhanced those skills under coach Don Murray at Brockport University.

Doug began his coaching career in 1973 as the assistant wrestling coach at Plainview High School. The following year, Doug moved on to Locust Valley High School where his teams excelled on the mat during his 33-year tenure. As an assistant coach for 14 years and then head coach for another 19, Doug put his heart and soul into the Falcon Wrestling Program. The results were immediate as the wrestlers began to achieve unparalleled success for the program. Over his career at Locust Valley, Doug produced championship teams and over 100 individual champions. After retirement, Doug joined the wrestling program at Oyster Bay High School where he continues to apply his coaching skills as his Oyster Bay Baymen wrestlers pile up championships.

The Nassau County Wrestling Coaches Association (NCWCA) has named Doug Conference Coach of the Year several times and he was also named the Deputy Ray Downey Assistant Coach of the Year. Doug has been past president of the NCWCA and has been chairman of the Scholarship and Ad Hoc Committees.

In addition, he continues to run the prestigious annual Nassau County Wrestling Awards Dinner.

Wrestling enthusiasts could not find a more dedicated individual who has given his time to help the youth of our community. Doug founded the first Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Chapter in Nassau County in 1976 in an effort to encourage students to make positive choices. He has helped young wrestlers strengthen their skills and character as the director of the All American Wrestling Camp and as the associate director of the Competitive Edge Wrestling Camp.

Douglas N. Axman has worked his entire professional career to provide opportunities for wrestlers to succeed on and off the mat. For his selfless dedication to so many crucial aspects of our sport, we are pleased to welcome Doug into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



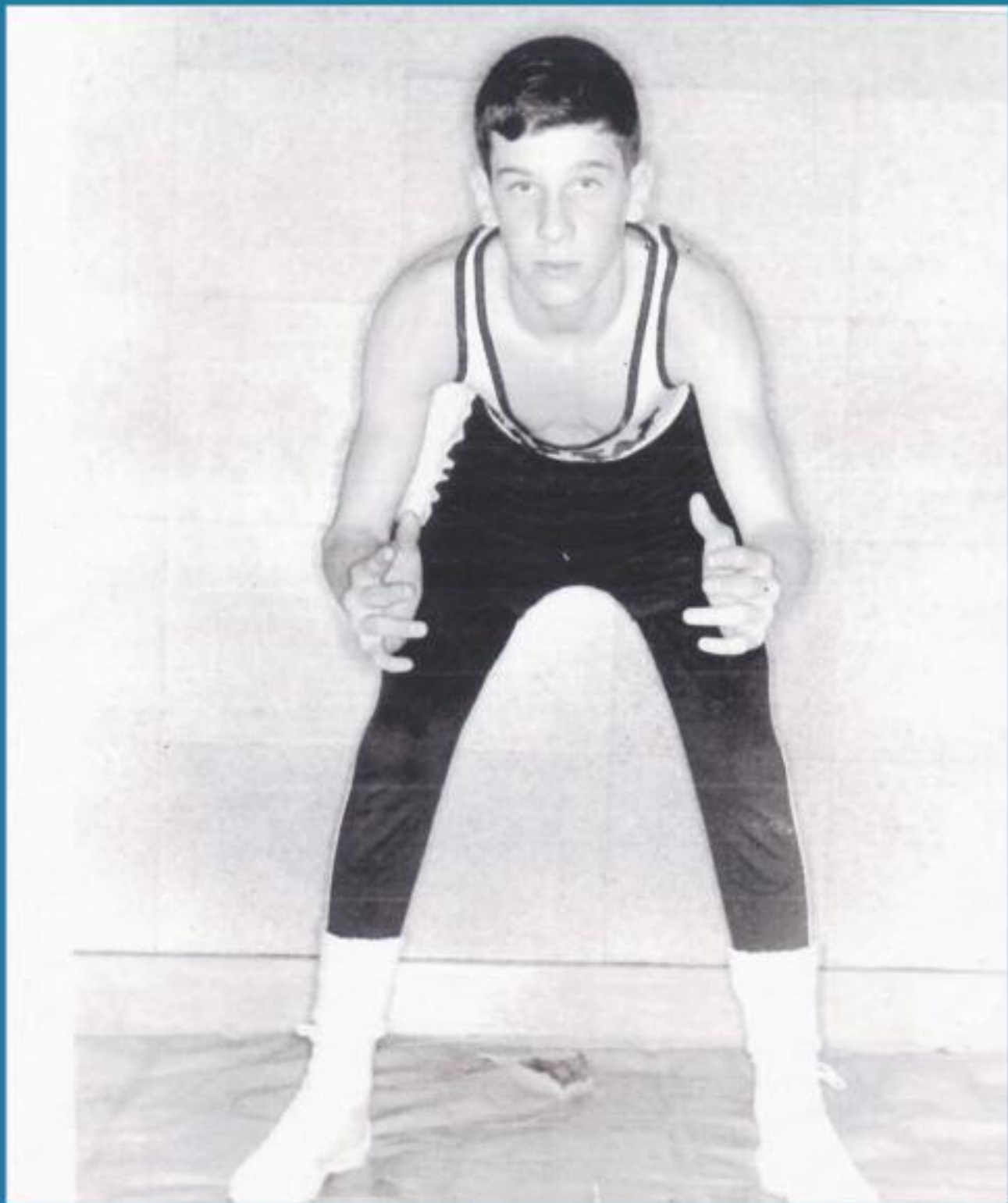
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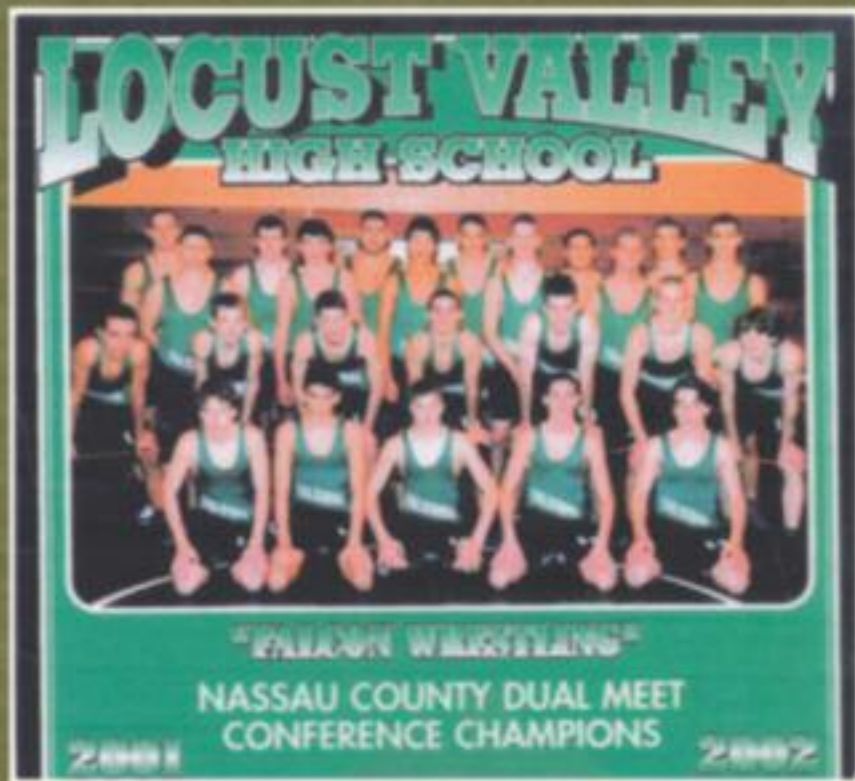
**LOCUST VALLEY RECEIVING THE 1979 NY STATE
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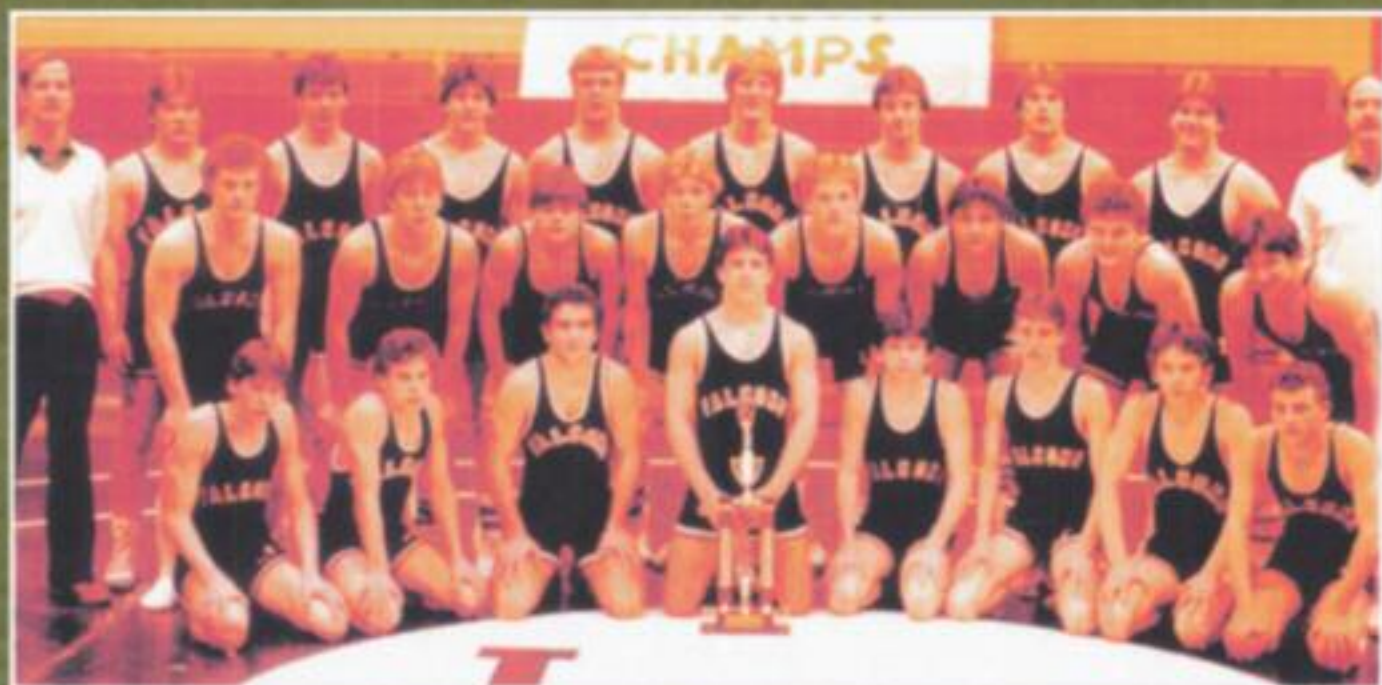
**Left to Right: COACH DOUG AXMAN, TORE BARBACCIA, CARL DeSTEFANIS
WADE SCHALLIS, AL DeSTEFANIS, COACH MATT SANZONE**

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Special people possess a form of strength that surpasses all the degrees of pain and grief they encounter. Words like courage, valor, bravery and grit cannot adequately describe the character of such individuals. Dennis Dunne has a daily regimen that ignores affliction in an effort to fulfill an overriding desire to move through life with a positive attitude dedicated to serving others.

Dennis began his wrestling career in 1963 at Division Avenue Junior High School in Levittown. He continued to wrestle as a member of the varsity team at the Division Avenue High School under coach Dick Wright. Wrestling had a profound effect on Dennis. He credits wrestling's "life lessons" as the foundation for the discipline and perseverance he would later rely on in pursuit of his career in public service.

Two weeks after graduating High School, Dennis enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was sent to Vietnam the following year. While on patrol in the jungles of Vietnam, Dennis came under fire and sustained a debilitating wound to his leg. His tibia (shin bone) shattered, Dennis was medically retired from the Marine Corps.

After a long and grueling rehabilitation, Dennis returned to the wrestling room and became an assistant coach at Division Avenue JHS in 1976. In 1979, despite his nagging injury, Dennis competed in the Empire State Games in the Freestyle and Greco Roman competitions under Hall of Fame coaches Al Bevilacqua and Sonny Greenhalgh.

Dennis substituted his desire to compete with a desire to serve the sport of wrestling in the 1980's. He served as the athletic director for the New York State American Legion "Boys State" program. The program works to develop leadership skills to youth. Dennis began to run the Police Athletic League (PAL) wrestling program for the Levittown and Island Trees

communities in 1982. In addition to his service, Dennis spent much of his time as a coach, helping to develop the wrestling skills of his All-County son, Dennis Jr.

In 1991, Dennis joined the Long Island Wrestling Officials Association and began his career as a high school wrestling referee. Dennis served as a wrestling official for 20 years before his old war wound forced him into retirement.

Although Dennis could no longer participate on the mat, he continued to serve the sport of wrestling and the public at large. In 1996, Dennis was elected to the newly formed Nassau County Legislature and has gone on to be re-elected 10 times. In his capacity as a veteran legislator, Dennis has developed numerous initiatives to help youth programs. He continues to work closely with the Marines and serves at the Vice President for the Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" program. He has also been very active in helping veterans having served as a former director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency.

Dennis is a graduate of Hofstra University and remains active in support of their wrestling program. The Esterbrook Award, Hofstra's most prestigious award for alumni, was awarded to Dennis in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the university. Dennis continues to support wrestling as a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Long Island Wrestling and the downstate Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

We are pleased to honor Dennis Dunne as the recipient of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Medal of Courage.

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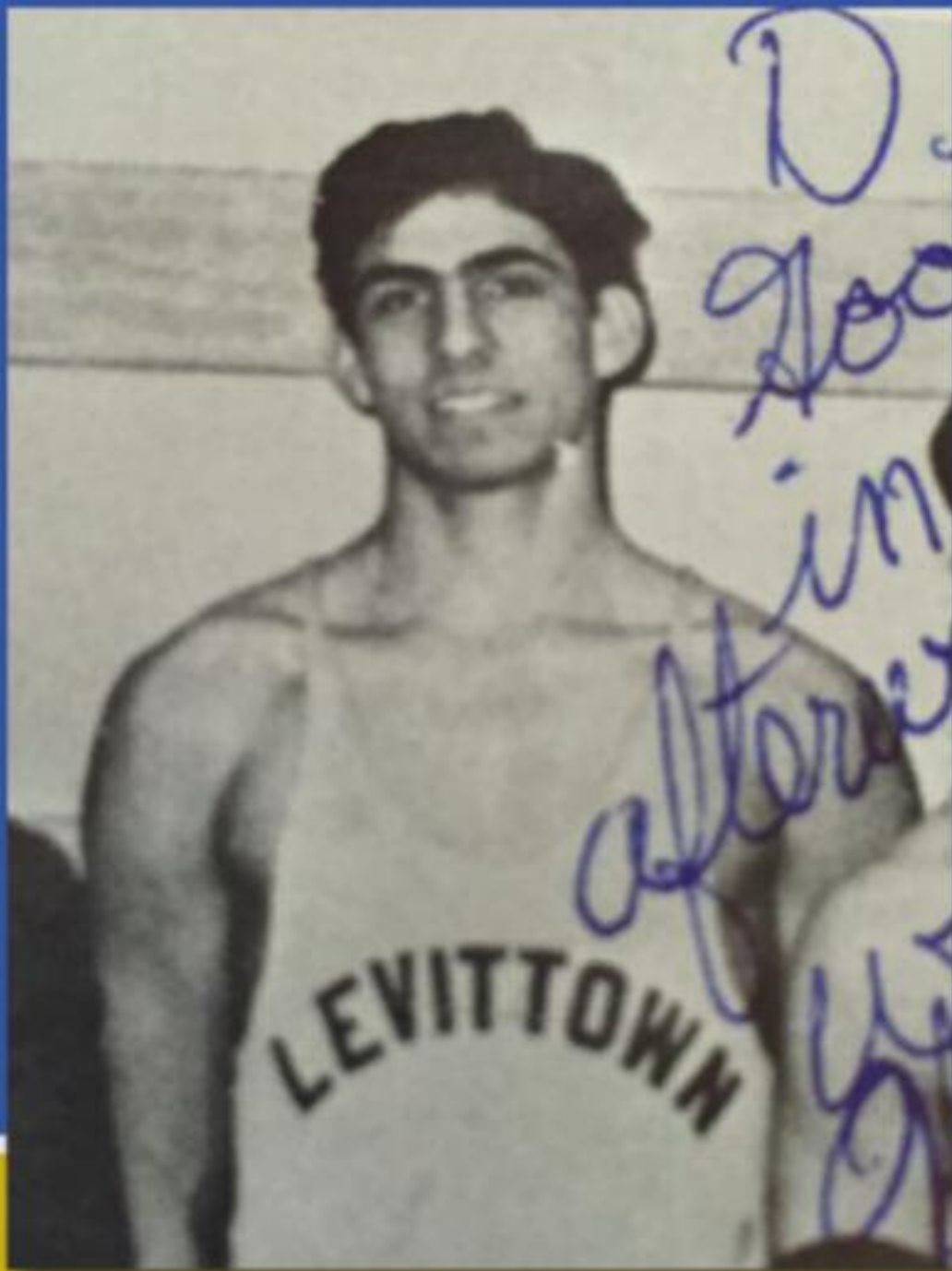


DENNIS DUNNE SUFFERED A SEVERE LEG WOUND IN VIET NAM. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN HOME, HE BECAME A WRESTLING OFFICIAL AND THE COMMISSIONER OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS. DENNIS IS A LEADER IN THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE. AS PART OF HIS ONGOING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EFFORTS, DENNIS HAS REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE IN HIS DISTRICT AND THE PEOPLE OF NASSAU COUNTY WITH GREAT PASSION AND VIGOR AND CONTINUED IN HIS EFFORT TO HELP WRESTLING AND PARTICULARLY YOUNG WRESTLERS IN THEIR EDUCATION AND GROWTH

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DON JANTZEN

There are some names that are forever linked to the sport they dominated. Mention the name Lombardi and football coaching excellence comes to mind. Palmer needs no introduction when it comes to discussions with regard to the beloved icons of golf. Such names endure with the sport long after achievements have been documented and debated. The rich history of wrestling over the past several decades on Long Island cannot be written without a chapter dedicated to the name Jantzen.

The late Don Jantzen's varsity wrestling career began at Comsewogue High School in 1968. He was the team captain in 1972 and he won the Suffolk County Wrestling Championship at 115 pounds. With that win, he became the first county champion in Comsewogue school history.

Don was offered a wrestling scholarship to Long Island University at C.W. Post and became a four-year varsity starter. He amassed 105 wins during his college career to become the first C.W. Post wrestler to surpass the century win mark.

After graduation, Don returned to his alma mater, Comsewogue, as the varsity wrestling coach. Don coached for four years until he had to leave his official position due to scheduling conflicts that arose when he joined the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD). He continued to work with wrestlers and his position with the D.A.R.E. program within the SCPD helped him become a very effective kid wrestling coach. His patient style and ability to communicate with children helped build the Comsewogue Kid Wrestling program. Don organized the first Shoreham-Wading River (SWR) Wrestling program and continued to introduce the sport through fun and encouragement.

Don volunteered as a clinician at the SWR school district from 1990-93. He became the SWR junior varsity coach from 1993-2001 and the varsity coach at SWR High School from 2001-2007. Don pioneered the "crab ride" or "Jantzen ride" that was popularized by countless wrestlers throughout Long Island and perfected by his son's Jesse and Corey. Those who wrestled for him described his style as inspirational. He fostered a love for the sport and convinced his grapplers to use wrestling as a vehicle to improve their lives. While a varsity coach, he won

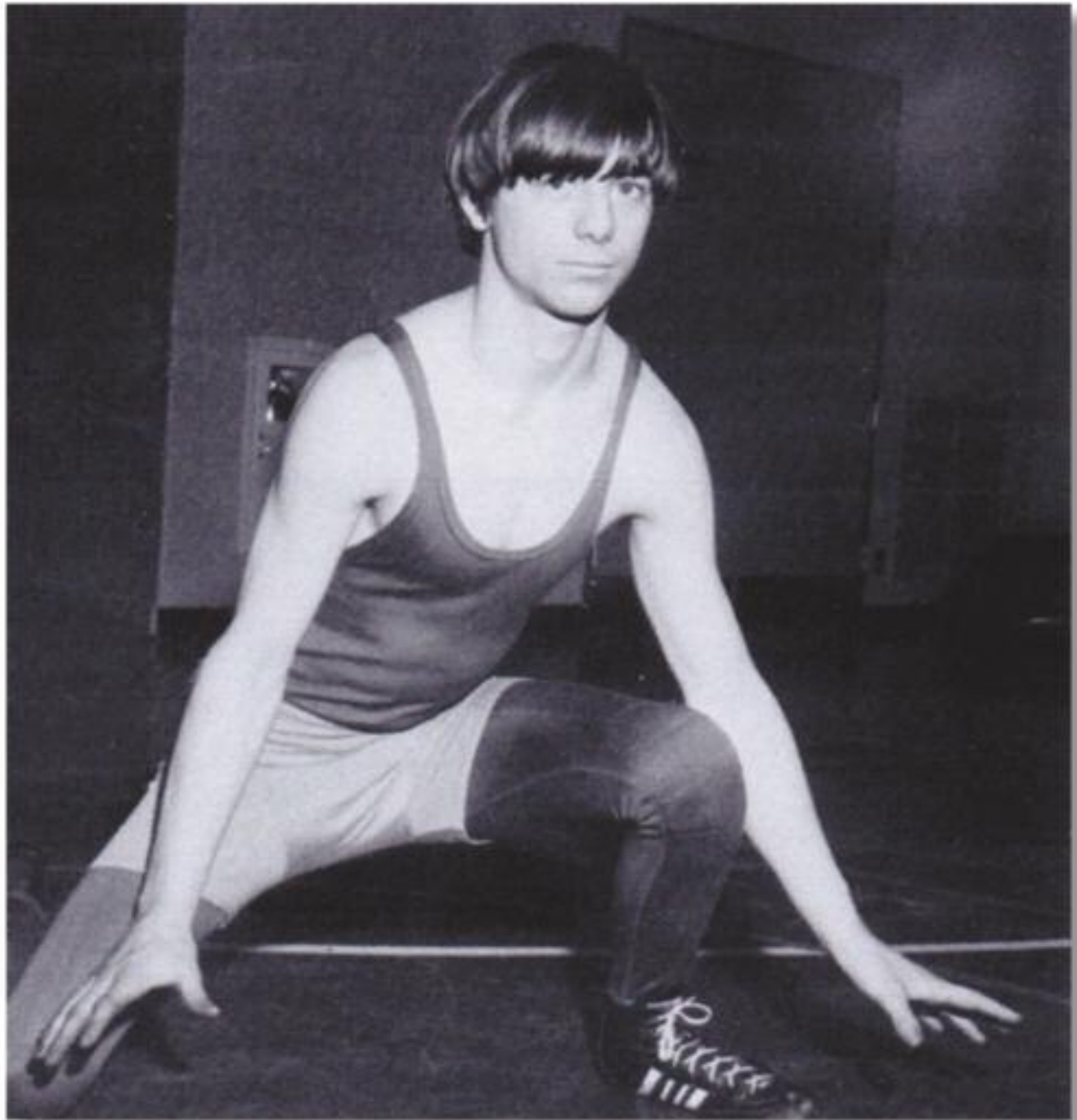
a Suffolk County title, had twelve county champions and three state champions. Many of his wrestlers went on to compete at prestigious universities.

Don's wrestling coaching career will be forever linked to the outstanding accomplishments of his sons Jesse and Corey. Jesse, a 2000 SWR graduate, won 4 NYS Championships. Jesse wrestled at Harvard and won a NCAA title. Corey won two NYS Championships and then also wrestled at Harvard. Debbie and Don Jantzen also had three accomplished daughters. They helped guide Jami through a successful gymnastics career, they helped Doni to become a two-time All-American field hockey player at Hofstra University and they helped their youngest daughter Debi to become a member of the U19 US National Field Hockey team and a National Champion at Princeton University.

Don Jantzen will be remembered for the profound influence he had on Long Island Wrestling. He was an inspiration to all that had the privilege of knowing him. In recognition of a lifetime of service to the great sport of wrestling, we are pleased to place Don's name in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame along side all of the other great men and women who have left such an indelible mark on our sport.



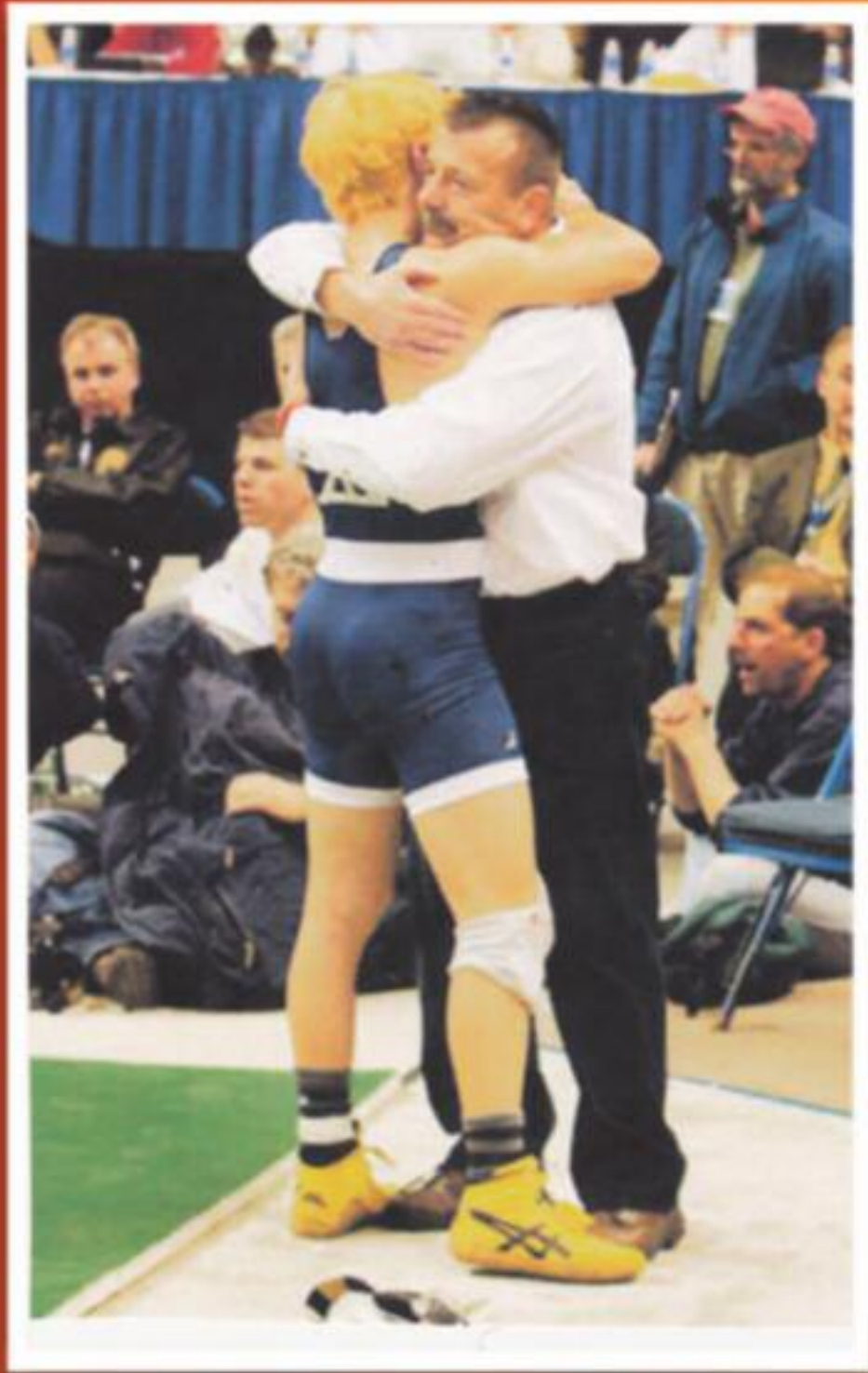
DON JANTZEN



The Comsewogue mat men came on strong in the beginning of the season. At the Christmas Tournament Don Jantzen finished as the champion. Jantzen remained undefeated for the rest of his senior year season, winning all of his bouts. He went on to win the league championships and the Suffolk County tournament. Bringing great pride to Comsewogue high school.

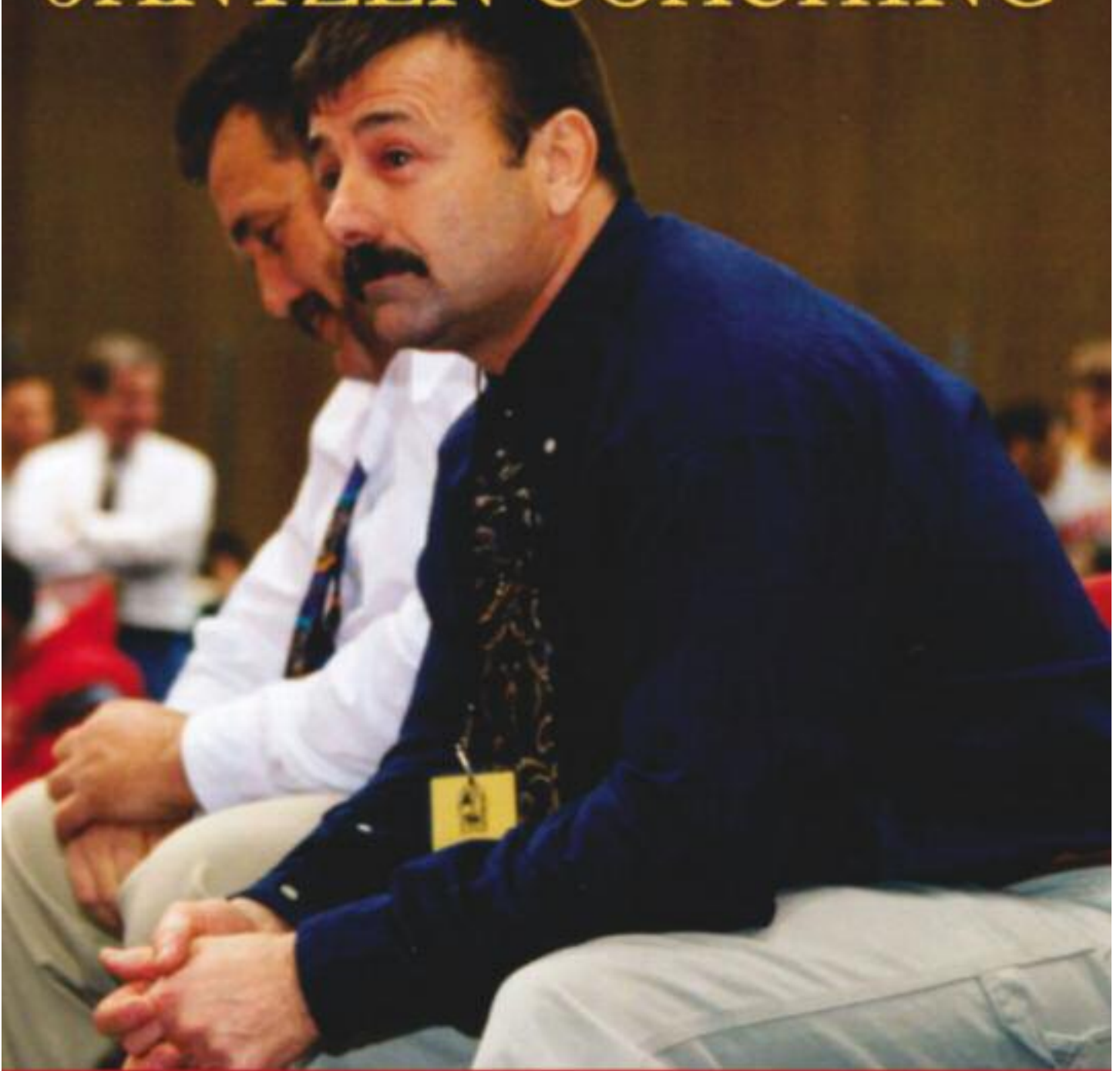
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Don Embracing State Champion Son Corey

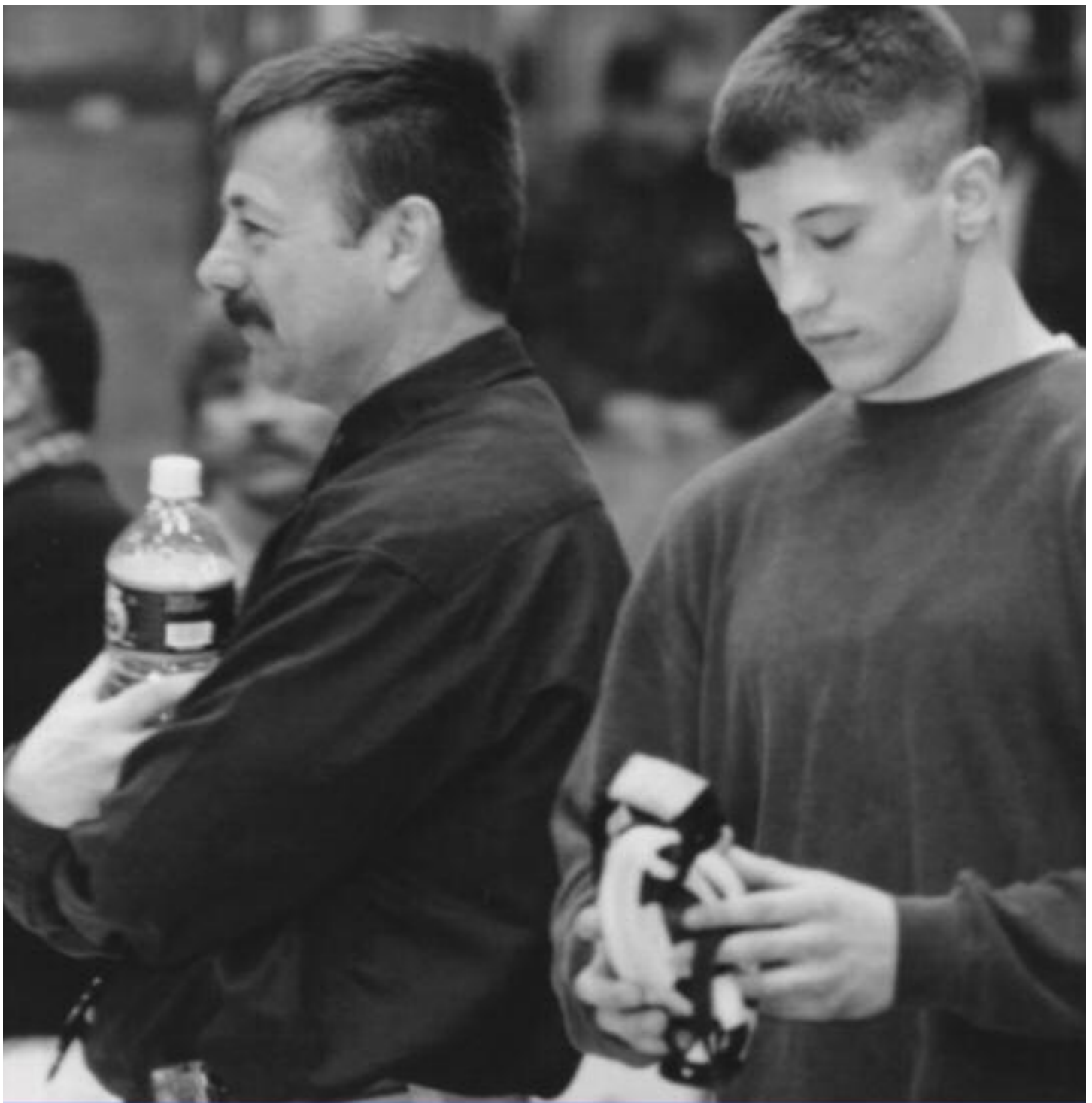


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THOMAS MAGNANI

Some accomplished wrestlers transition to coaching with an uncanny ability to convey those attributes that are found to be essential to participants yearning for success on the mat. They empower individuals with all the tools necessary for the journey and instill courage and confidence to capitalize on the opportunity to compete in the wrestling arena. Wrestlers soon embrace all the passion for the sport that seems to radiate from such special coaches. Tom Magnani is such a coach.

Tom was a four-time All-League wrestler at Copiague High School from 1968-71. After graduation, he wrestled at SUNY Oswego from 1971-72. His college career had to be put on hold because the United States Army drafted him in 1972. Tom was stationed in Germany and wrestled for the 1/54th Battalion from 1972-1974. Tom resumed his college education in 1975 and wrestled as a starter for Slippery Rock University from 1975-77.

Tom began his coaching career in 1978 at his alma mater, Copiague High School. The following year, coach Magnani was hired in the Half Hollow Hills School District to teach health and coach wrestling at Candlewood Junior High School. In 1989, coach Magnani became the assistant coach at Half Hollow Hills East High School and was named the head wrestling coach in 1998. During his tenure at Hills East, the "Thunderbirds" won over 200 dual meets, seven league titles and enjoyed an undefeated season in 2005. Coach Magnani was named League Coach of the Year four times. In 2010, Tom was presented with the "Grand Master Award" by the Suffolk County Wrestling Coaches Association. Tom has coached Long Island wrestlers on numerous state and national teams. Many of the wrestlers he has coached over the years have gone on to successful college careers.

Tom is very active in promoting youth wrestling across Long Island. He continues to work with kid wrestling programs in Copiague and Half Hollow Hills. He helped

create the highly acclaimed Wildcat Youth Program at Walt Whitman High School. Tom is the founder of the renowned All-Star Wrestling Camp. Tom is constantly volunteering his time in any way he can to help promote wrestling at every level.

Tom's work ethic and passion for wrestling has helped shape hundreds of wrestlers into successful adults. Many former students continue to seek Tom's advice and guidance as proud members of his "wrestling family".

Helen and Tom Magnani have four children. The boys, Lucas and Thomas, are both New York State wrestling champions and All-Americans. The girls, Cecelia and Lindsay, are both New York State gymnastics champions and All-Americans. For Helen and Tom Magnani, wrestling and sports competition, is simply a way of life. We are proud to welcome Tom Magnani into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



THE TOM MAGNANI FAMILY



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NICK NANOS

Every once in a while, an exceptional wrestler will create an opportunity to develop and advance our sport in a unique and provocative way. Such a path is often strewn with adversity and steep challenges, making the accomplishment all the more outstanding. Through hard work and determination, Nick Nanos persevered through difficult circumstances to take wrestling where it had never gone before.

Nick began wrestling as a 7th grader at Jerusalem Avenue High School in Bellmore, N.Y. During his formative years as a wrestler, legendary Hall of Fame coaches Sprig Gardner and Ken Hunte played key roles in Nick's development on and off the mat. Coach Gardner's encouragement gave Nick a strong sense of personal worth and belonging as a wrestler. Coach Hunte offered his home as an overnight refuge for Nick and his brother during turbulent family times. Coach Hunte served as a father figure to Nick. While Nick was a senior at Mephram High School, Coach Hunte helped in the preparations for Nick to attend State University of New York (SUNY) at Oswego in the fall of 1965.

Nick had the good fortune to enhance his wrestling skills under the tutelage of Coach Jim "Legs" Howard at Oswego. Nick developed quickly and became a two-time SUNY Athletic Conference Champion at 115 pounds winning the title and qualifying for the nationals in 1967 and 1968.

In 1969, Nick began his coaching career at Valley Stream Memorial Junior High School. He established a year-end tournament that gave all of the junior high student wrestlers in Valley Stream an opportunity to gain valuable experience. From 1969-1981, Nick's wrestlers fed into Hall of Fame coach Harold Earl's Valley Stream High School's championship team.

While Nick was coaching, he also developed tremendous martial arts skills and became a black belt instructor. In 1976, as a black belt instructor, he began to include wrestling in his classes and seminars. He was

instrumental in the incorporation and integration of wrestling both standing and on the ground, into traditional standup Korean, Japanese, Filipino and Okinawan martial arts. Nick was among the first to introduce wrestling to karate enthusiasts. Nick's martial arts students all received first hand instruction as to why wrestling was the foundation of all great fighters. Nick was teaching and influencing martial arts, decades before the emergence of the Ultimate Fighting era. Today, all mixed martial artists train for years to develop solid wrestling skills. Nick holds several advanced Black Belts himself and has taught more than 30 Black Belt students in many disciplines, most with advanced degrees of excellence themselves. We look back now and realize what a trailblazer Nick was to this relatively new sport.

Although Nick has spent many decades developing wrestlers and martial artists, his ultimate passion is in healing people. To this end, Nick has studied extensively in the area of holistic medicine and traditional Chinese medicine. Nick continues to utilize his healing skills at his office of Oriental Martial and Healing Arts.

We welcome Nick Nanos to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



THE NANOS FAMILY

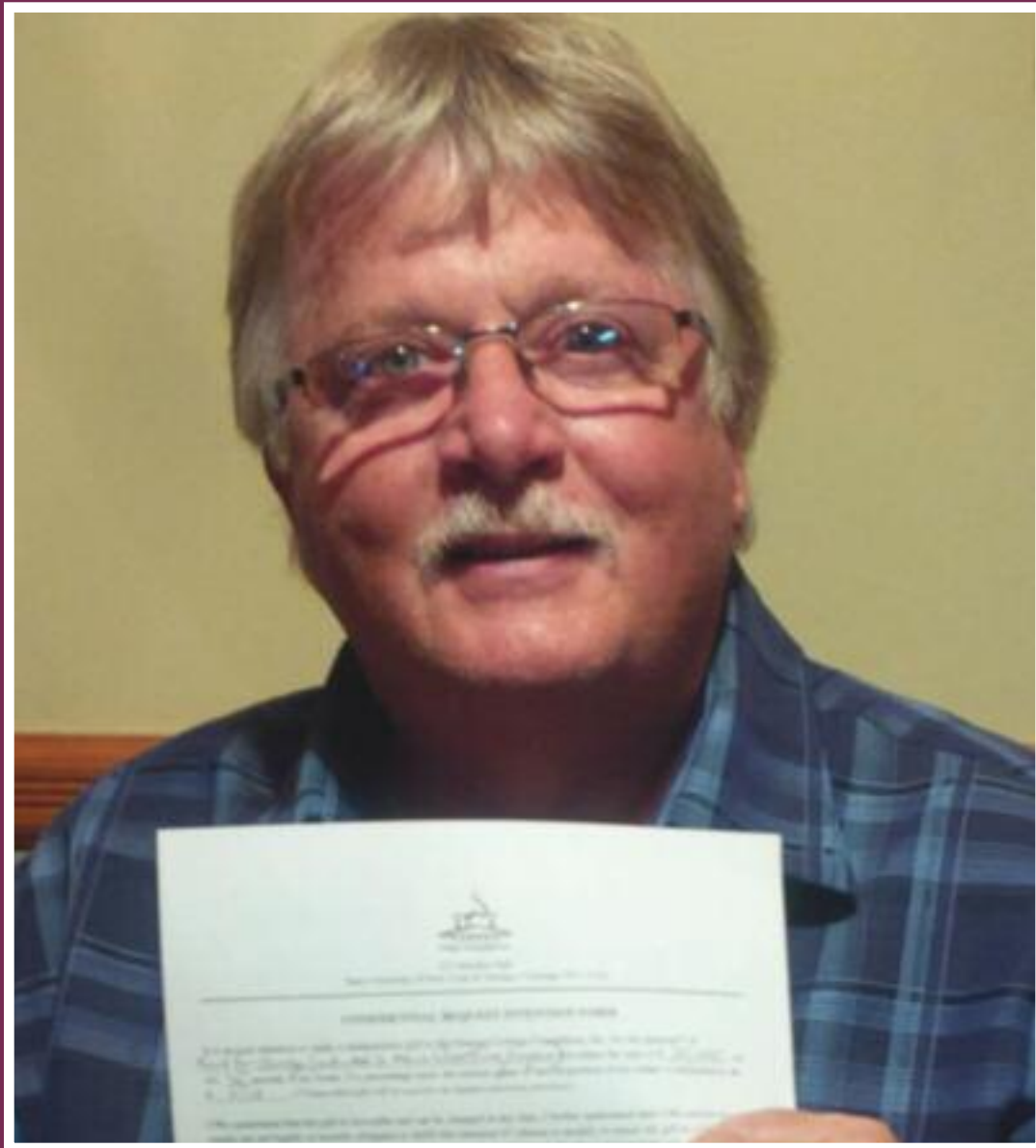


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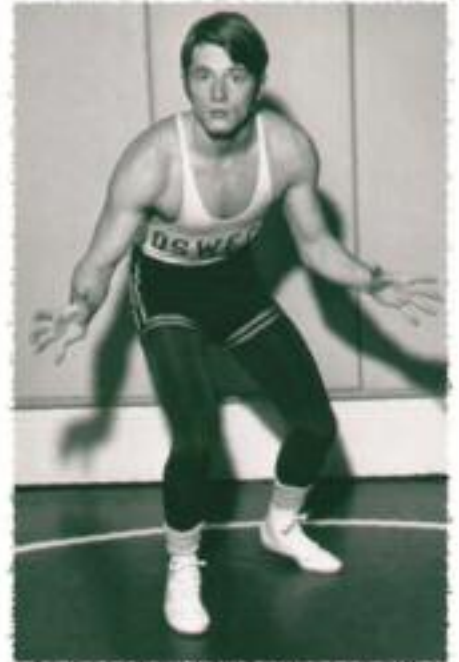
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Matteo DeVincenzo (second from left), the 2016 recipient of the 2016 BFCU/FOLIW Literary Scholarship, receiving the award from FOLIW President, Jerry Seckler, National Wrestling Hall of Fame State Chapters Director, Krista Graff, and FOLIW Vice President, Pascal Perri at the 2016 Annual Hall of Fame Awards Dinner. Matteo was a 2016 NYS Champion who wrestled at Port Jefferson High School. He is now attending Princeton and is wrestling there.

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ARNO **NIEMAND** Outstanding American 2017

Ask any who know him to describe Arno Niemand and they will say quite simply that “he loves wrestling”. Men’s wrestling, women’s wrestling, folkstyle wrestling, freestyle wrestling, it doesn’t matter. Niemand, the winner of the Order of Merit, is so passionate about the sport that he devoted significant portions of his time creativity and financial resources to wrestling for most of his adult life.

Niemand’s love affair with wrestling began in the early 1950’s as a prepster competing for Mercenburg Academy and as team captain for Philips Academy. He earned a varsity spot at Cornell University and helped his team to a second-place finish in the EIWA and a third-place finish in the 1953 NCAA championships. His experiences earned him the nickname “Grappler” shortened by his friends into “Graps”, and instilled in him a lifelong devotion to the sport.

After earning his bachelor’s from Cornell in 1956 and his master’s from the University of Virginia, Niemand went to work for Niemand Industries, a \$20 million sales specialty packaging company. He became president and chief executive officer; serving in that position for 20 years before becoming a chairman for five more.

In 1990, he founded Body Bar systems, a producer of fitness products sold around the world; which has been lead sponsor of USA Wrestling’s Women’s National Team, helping to pioneer the sport through its first two Olympiads. The company also sponsors collegiate wrestling tournaments.

Niemand was a driving force in Cornell’s recent resurgence and was instrumental in helping the school to build a new wrestling facility and women’s softball field. He has been a financial supporter of the National Wrestling Coaches Association “Building Leaders for Life” program.

In addition, he has supported the College Sports Council in its battle for true gender fairness in sports, the New York Athletic Club, the Mercenburg Academy

wrestling program and has been a long-time board member of Excel Wrestling Club in Colorado.

At a time when the sport of wrestling has needed more energy and support than ever before, Niemand has been there to provide it. For his efforts on behalf of wrestling, he was awarded the FILA Gold Star for 2008, the highest award granted by the international governing body.

In recognition of his lifelong devotion and support of wrestling, Arno has received many awards including the FILA Gold Star in 2008, the National Wrestling hall of Fame Order of Merit in 2009, and Cornell University Hall of Distinguished Wrestling Alumni Award in 2010.

Arno has written several books including “Miracle on the Mat” detailing Cornell College IOWA road to the 1947 NCAA championship. Currently he is working on a biography of the great Henry Wittenberg; segments of which have been published in the Friends of Long Island Wrestling annual journal.

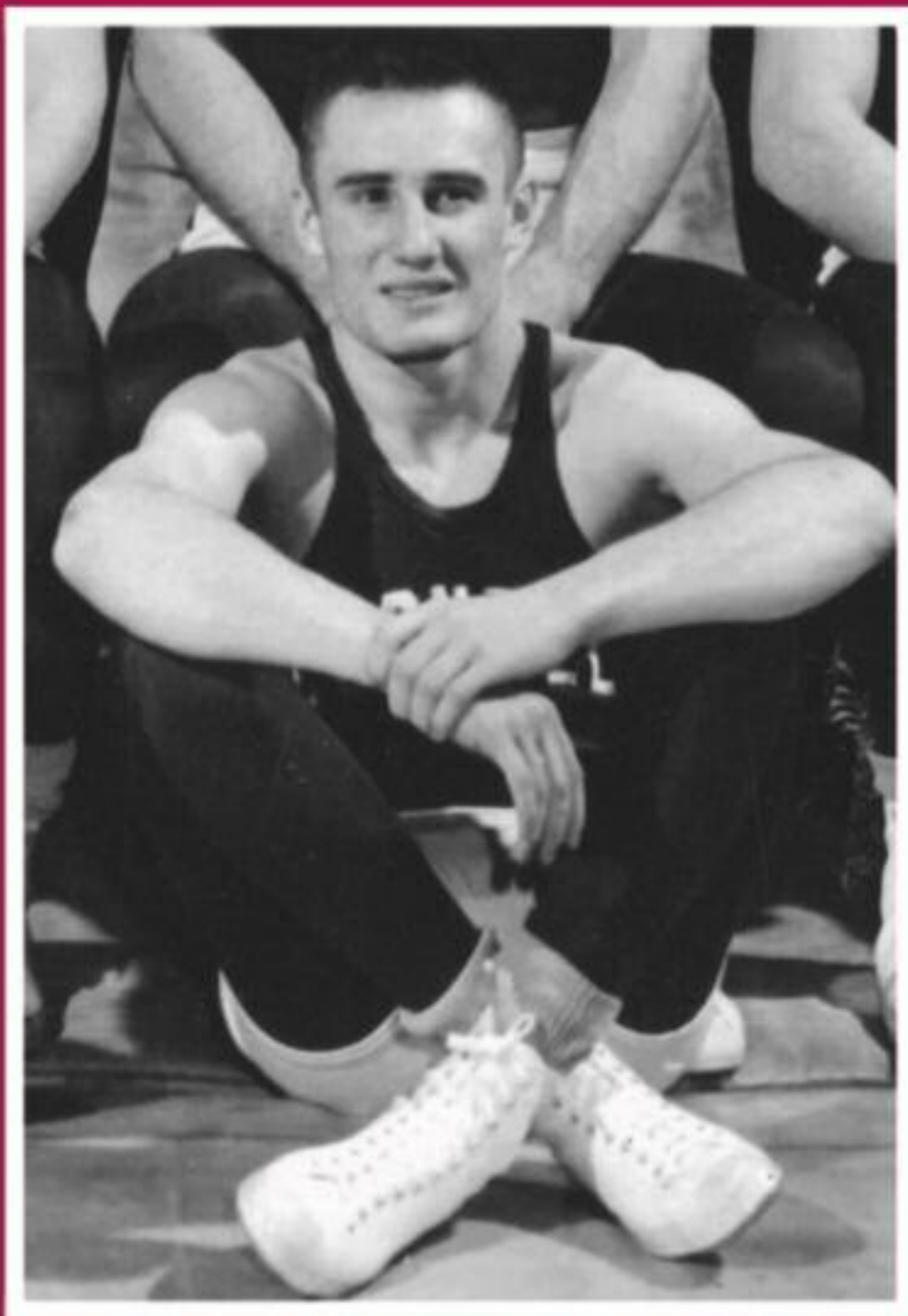
We are proud to welcome Arno Niemand into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as an Outstanding American.





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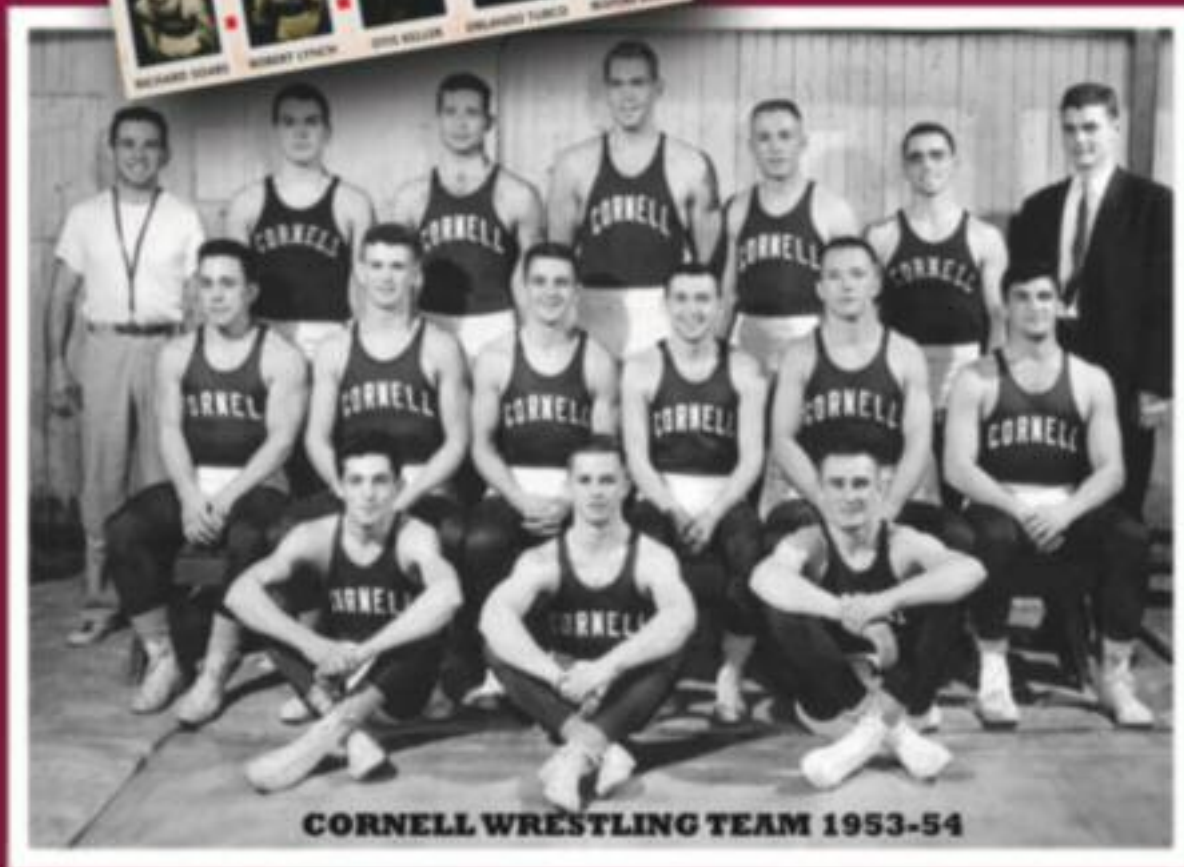
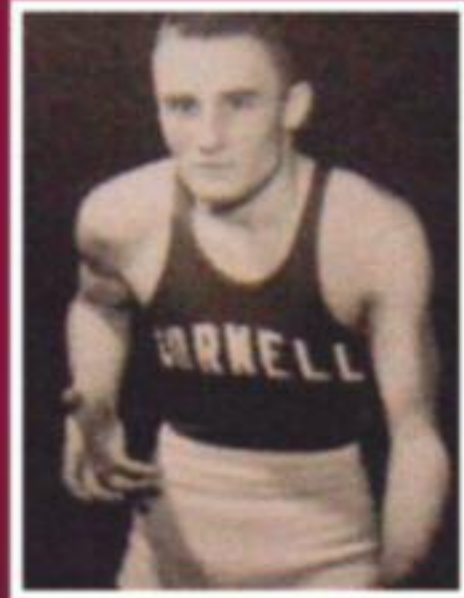
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CORNELL WRESTLING TEAM 1953-54

NORDLAND BROTHERS

JIM



Jim and Tony Nordland have been an effective team for many years supporting and contributing to the great sport of wrestling. Both were introduced to wrestling at Amityville High School, Amityville, New York.

Jim, the older of the two, became a league champion and Suffolk County finalist, as well as a major force on three Amityville squads that won Suffolk County team titles under Hall of Fame Coach, Norm Maisel.

Tony, followed a few years later, as a consistent performer on a number of Maisel coached county championship teams. In his senior year he was a bronze medal Suffolk County winner.

After graduation, Jim moved on to Nassau Community College. He was a mainstay under legendary coach Chuck Henke and helped to win the Regional XV wrestling championship. He then transferred to Oneonta State, where he was a New York Met AAU finalist and a New York State Collegiate Champion.

Tony followed big brother to Nassau Community College, where he was a bronze medal winner in the Region XV Championships and a consistent performer for two years.

Jim's first coaching assignment was as an assistant at Berner High School in Massapequa, NY, working with future Hall of Famer Dick Doherty. This coaching team produced a Nassau county Dual Meet championship team and were perennially ranked at the top of the Nassau County charts.

Jim continued his coaching at Chaminade High School working with Hall of Famer, George Dlugolonski. This coaching combination enjoyed great success winning a number of Nassau County Catholic School Dual Meet Team of the Year honors. In Jim's final year at Chaminade, he was named Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year.

TONY



Tony began his coaching career at Massapequa High School working with Hall of Famer, Gary Mims. Under this combo, the Chiefs enjoyed outstanding success, with their first NY State Champion, five state place winners and seven Nassau County Champions, among many other team achievements.

In 1979, Jim and Tony produced their crowning accomplishment in the wrestling community when they teamed up with Rudy and Jack Fiorvanti to create **The Mat Slap** publication and website dedicated to High School/College wrestling on Long Island and New York State. **The Mat Slap** quickly became a favorite source of information for coaches and fans with commentaries, previews, and rankings of the top teams and wrestlers throughout the state.

Jim is renowned for his achievements as co-editor and writer for **Mat Slap**. He has been a feature writer for **Amateur Wrestling News** as well as color commentator on Cablevision covering the Nassau and Suffolk High School County Championships. He is also a longtime member of the National Wrestling Media Association.

Tony has devoted a major portion of his time photographing key events for **The Mat Slap**, including the National High School All Star meets, the National High School Championships, the NCAA College Championships, and the World Games Championship. Tony is recognized as one of amateur wrestling's most effective photographers appearing frequently in the Friends of Long Island Wrestling's annual publication, as well as the New York State Wrestling program, and the **Amateur Wrestling News** where he has had 9 cover photos over the years. In 2010, Tony won the prestigious National Wrestling Photographer of the Year Award.

We are pleased to welcome Jim and Tony, the Nordland Brothers team, into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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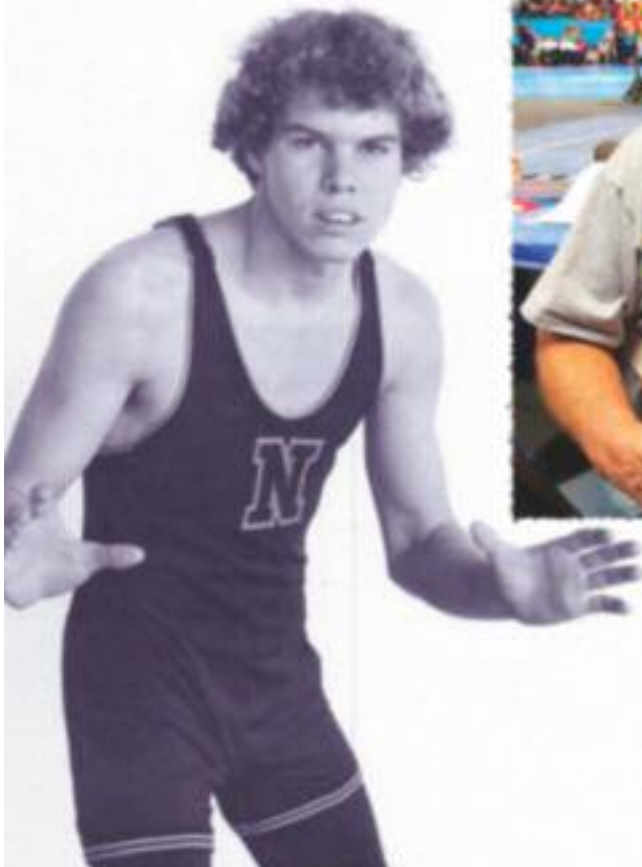
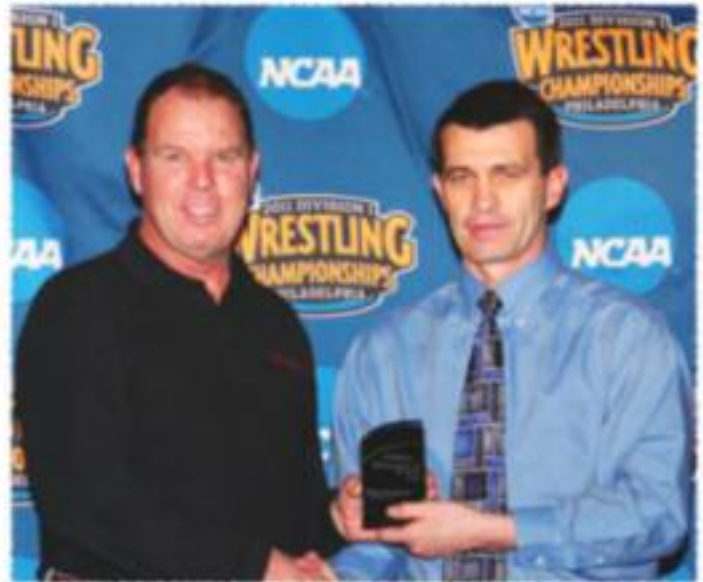


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JAMES R. **REGAN**

The sport of wrestling has faced difficult times when numerous barriers seem to thwart efforts to advance our sport. Thankfully, we have been able to prosper in difficult venues, often due to the efforts of a rare and extraordinary individual, whose talent and commitment surpass challenging circumstances.

James (Jim) Regan has shepherded numerous wrestling programs through taxing times with the highest level of integrity, commitment and professionalism. He has had a profound impact on the development of scholastic wrestling in New York City and on Long Island, particularly, but not limited to, private schools.

Jim graduated from Martin Luther School in 1976, but not before setting many goals with the Varsity Wrestling team. He was named Most Valuable Wrestler by the Maspeth School. Our sport obviously made a strong and lasting impression on Jim. Over the next 40 years, he would stamp his own brand of scholastic wrestling on the private school sector. In fact, the Independent Schools Wrestling Championship trophy, given every year at the Mayor's Cup tournament, bears his name.

Jim began his coaching career at the Lexington School for the Deaf in 1979 while attending St. Johns University. Jim graduated from St. Johns in 1980 and became the varsity wrestling coach at Martin Luther High School in Maspeth in 1981. During a coaching career that spanned 22 years at Martin Luther, he had 35 NYS Private School Champions and 212 NYS place-winners. His teams won numerous Private School Athletic Association Championships and were Metropolitan School Champions from 2001 through 2003.

Jim founded the Private Schools Athletic Association in 1986 and has served as President and Wrestling Commissioner for the past thirty years. He was the impetus behind the creation of the NYS Private Schools Wrestling Tournament and the driving force in the development of the NYC Mayors Cup Tournament.

He has showcased his passion and skills at numerous wrestling events including: Beat the Streets, USA Wrestling

tournaments, Grapple at the Garden and this year's NCAA Championships held at Madison Square Garden.

Jim is a St. Stanislaus Hall of Fame Inductee, a Beat the Streets Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, and has been named wrestling coach of the year a total of nine times with three different wrestling organizations. Although he has piled up numerous other awards, he has never been an individual seeking recognition or praise.

Jim has an arsenal of quality traits that have made a huge difference in the lives of countless young wrestlers. Perhaps his greatest attribute is his compassion and commitment to serve the disadvantaged. He served as the Coordinator for the YMCA weekend respite program for disabled children and adults for six years. He spent another six years as a volunteer New York State Special Olympics Coach. As a hands-on administrator, at every wrestling coaches meeting, he would speak and perform sign language simultaneously, so the Lexington School for the Deaf coaches didn't miss a word. Jim is relentless in his commitment to enhancing a positive wrestling experience for the full spectrum of participants.

James R. Regan is truly a special person. We are pleased to welcome such an outstanding individual into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

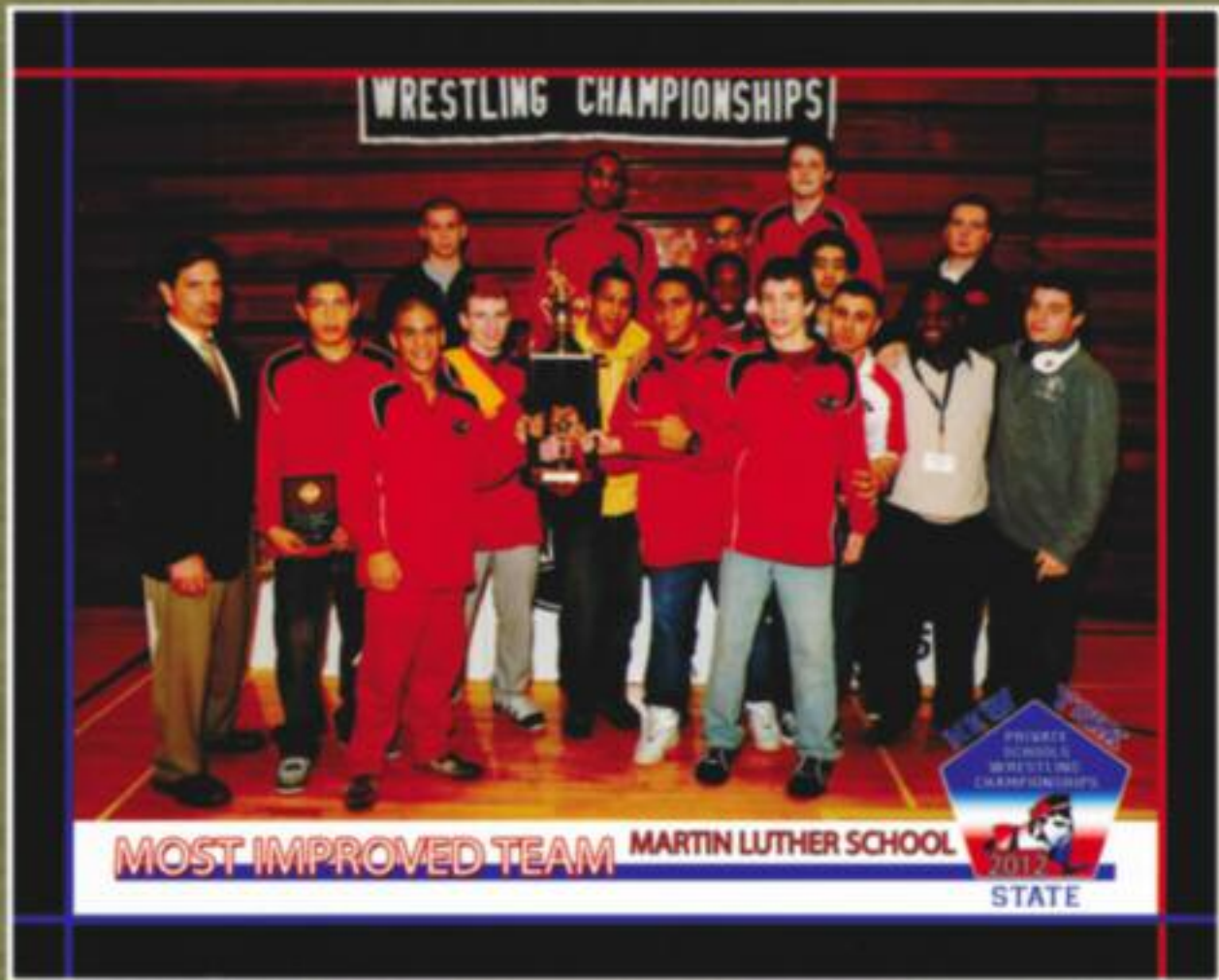


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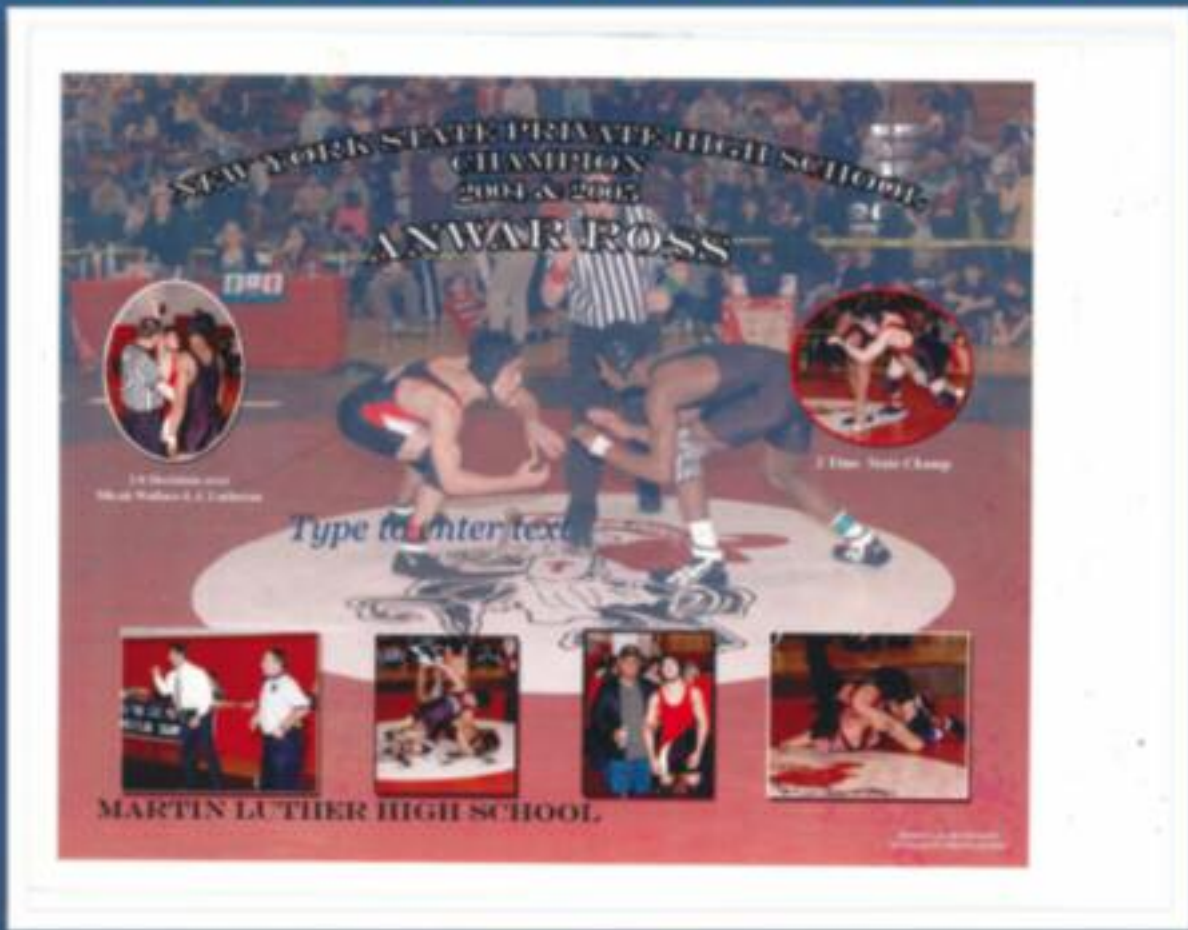
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HAUPPAUGE H.S.

BACK TO BACK SUFFOLK COUNTY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Hauppauge Eagles completed the 2015-2016 by winning their second consecutive Suffolk County Tournament Championship. In addition, the Eagles finished fourth as an individual team in the NYS Wrestling tournament. Hauppauge finished second to Rocky Point in the Suffolk County Duals and League IV Championship but edged them out by a mere nine and a half points in the Suffolk County tournament.

Senior Captain Chris Mauriello at 152 lbs. clinched the title in the finals with an impressive :38 second pin over Billy Sims from Lindenhurst. Mauriello, won his second Suffolk County Championship and has placed six times in the tournament in his career in addition to winning six consecutive league titles. He completed his season with a fourth place finish in the NYS tournament and a total

of 247 career wins. His three NYS finishes included a Championship in 2014. Senior Marcus Bisono was Hauppauge's second Suffolk County Champion at 170 lbs. defeating Sachem East's, Dave McCarthy 8-4 in the finals. Bisono placed second in the NYS tournament. Junior Ben Tepperman at 126 lbs. and Sophomore Jake Silverstein at 120 lbs. both lost close matches in the county finals. Tepperman finished fifth in the NYS tournament.

Silverstein ended his year by injury defaulting out of the state tournament. In the semi-finals of the counties he broke his middle finger and had it operated on

the next day. The two weeks off between the counties and states was not enough time for the finger to heal and the pin was taken out. According to Coach Messina "I could not believe that he was able to wrestle in the county finals or the NYS tournament. I give him all the credit in the world for trying. In addition to the four finalist's Hauppauge relied on eighth



grader Danny Mauriello, 106 lbs. and Junior John Munro, 285 lbs. to add much need points by placing fourth and third respectively in the Suffolk County tournament. Rich Dailey, 182 lbs. and Nick Trentini also added valuable points to Hauppauge's victory. Senior Biagio Mendolia, 138 lbs. and juniors Darren Brophy, 132 lbs and Steven Holder, 160lbs. all qualified for the county tournament and shared in the victory. Hauppauge finished the season with a 14-2 record while winning the Somers and West Islip tournaments during the year.

Although the team cannot replace graduating the likes of Chris Mauriello or Marcus Bisono, Hauppauge has a team that will be in the hunt for their third straight title. With four Suffolk County place winners returning in Danny Mauriello, Ben Tepperman, Jake Silverstein and John Munro, Coach Messina has high hopes for a good number of wrestlers who are flying just under the radar. Seniors, Cristian Galarza, Rich Dailey, Steven Holder, Charlie Geric and Darren Brophy will all add depth in the upper weights with the lower weights filled by a much younger staff. As competitive as Hauppauge was this past year not many realized that the Eagles opened up most of the year with three 8th graders in, Luke Smith at 99lbs., Anthony Dibartolo,

106lbs. and Danny Mauriello at 113 lbs. All these wrestlers have worked off-season to reach the next level. In addition Sophomores, Jett Dequatro, Shawn Coles and Junior's Nick Trentini and Nick Smith will fill in the middle weight classes. Look for 8th grader Chris Boudreau to make some noise at 106 lbs this year as well. The road will not be easy especially with powerhouses Rocky Point, Eastport and Kings Park all loading League IV. Coach Messina feels confident that with the excellent staff by his side and the work ethic of the team the 2016-2017 Hauppauge Eagles will be competitive once again.



TOM *RICCIO*

Few people dominate the highest level of their profession in the manner with which Tommy Riccio dominated the top rating as a wrestling official. For over a quarter of a century, he was recognized as the “go to” official for the most important championship wrestling matches. Excellence as an official is synonymous with his name. His unparalleled lifetime of service and dedication to the sport of wrestling, particularly as an extraordinary official, warrant his induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

It all began for Tommy as a wrestler under coach Fred Housen at Walt Whitman High School in Huntington Station, NY. After graduating in 1960, Tommy attended Hofstra University where he wrestled for Pete Damone and Jerry Harrell.

In the fall of 1968, Tommy began his officiating career with the Long Island Wrestling Officials Association. By 1971, after only his third year as an official, Tommy was selected to work the entire Suffolk County Wrestling Championship held at Hauppauge High School. That same year, he was elected as the first president of the newly formed Suffolk County Wrestling Officials Association. As president, Tommy had a key role in drafting the constitution and bylaws of the organization. Tommy also served as the interpreter between the New York State Officials Association and Suffolk County.

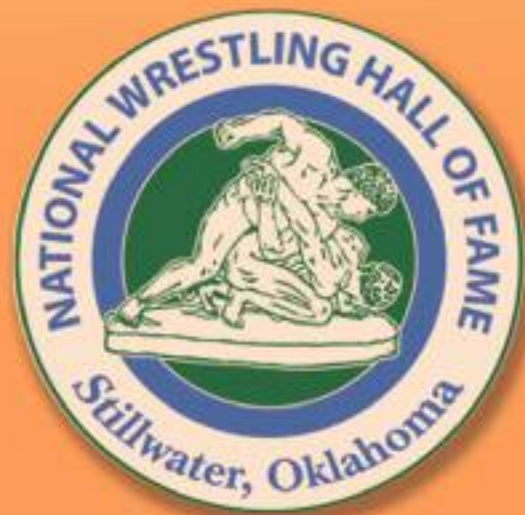
Tommy really made his mark as an official over a twenty-year period from 1971-1991. During that period, he held the top ranking as an official a remarkable nineteen times while finishing second only one time. He worked the New York State Wrestling Championship Tournament five times, receiving the top ranking four times and sharing the top ranking with another official for the fifth. Tommy was consistently assigned to work the toughest competitions. In the

eyes of many, he is the most respected and competent wrestling official in Suffolk County history.

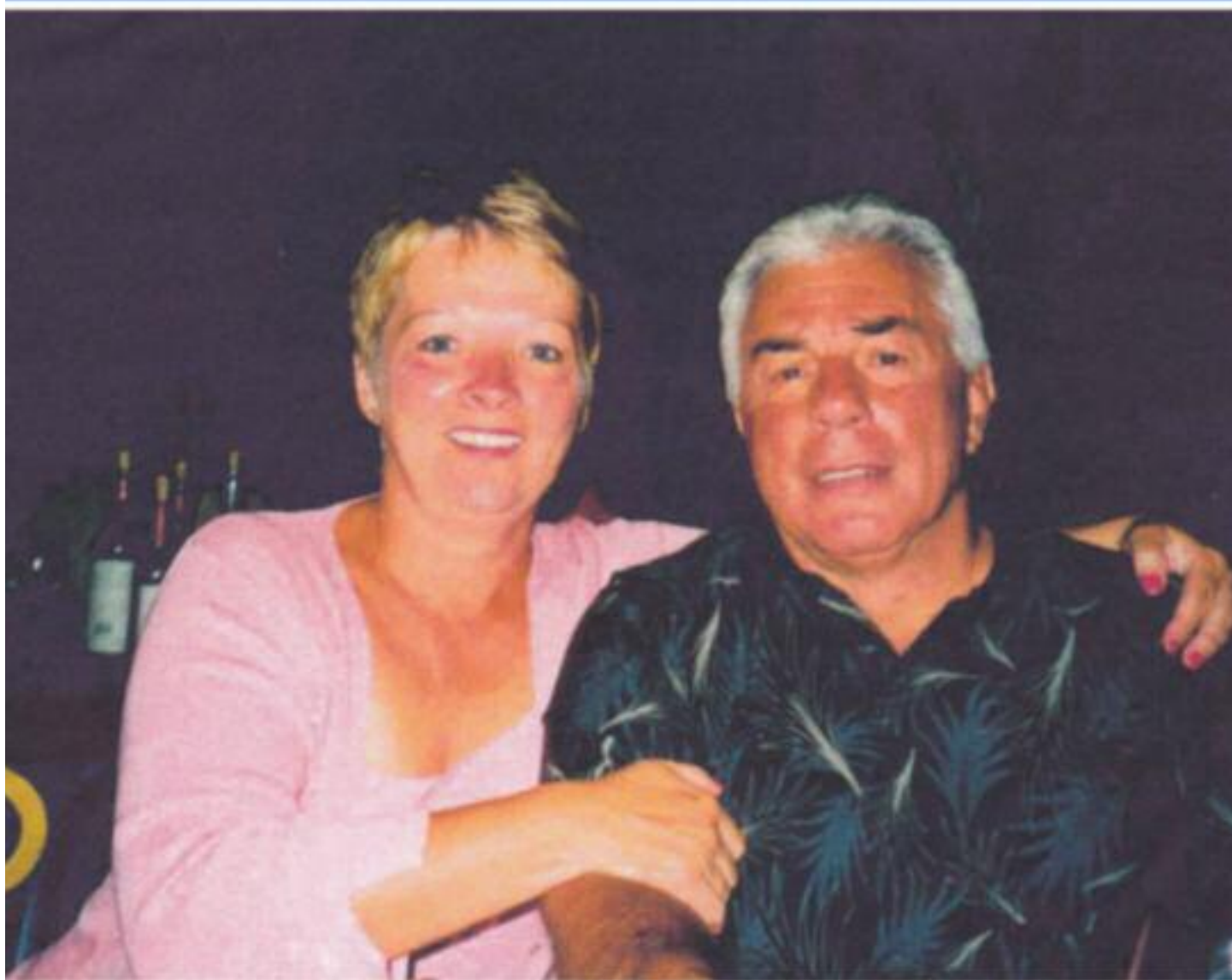
After the 1992 season, Tommy took a brief retirement from officiating for two years. He returned for the 1994-95 season and then permanently retired in 1996. Even though Tommy has retired his whistle, he continues to be very active in the sport of wrestling. For the last ten years, Tommy has served as the assistant wrestling coach at Riverhead High School and was recently named head coach.

Clearly, Tom Riccio has devoted a lifetime of exceptional service to the sport of wrestling. His perennial place at the top of the officials’ podium stands as a testament to his unmatched ability to officiate at the highest levels of interscholastic wrestling competition.

He is universally held as the gold standard by which other wrestling officials will be measured. We are pleased to welcome Tommy Riccio to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

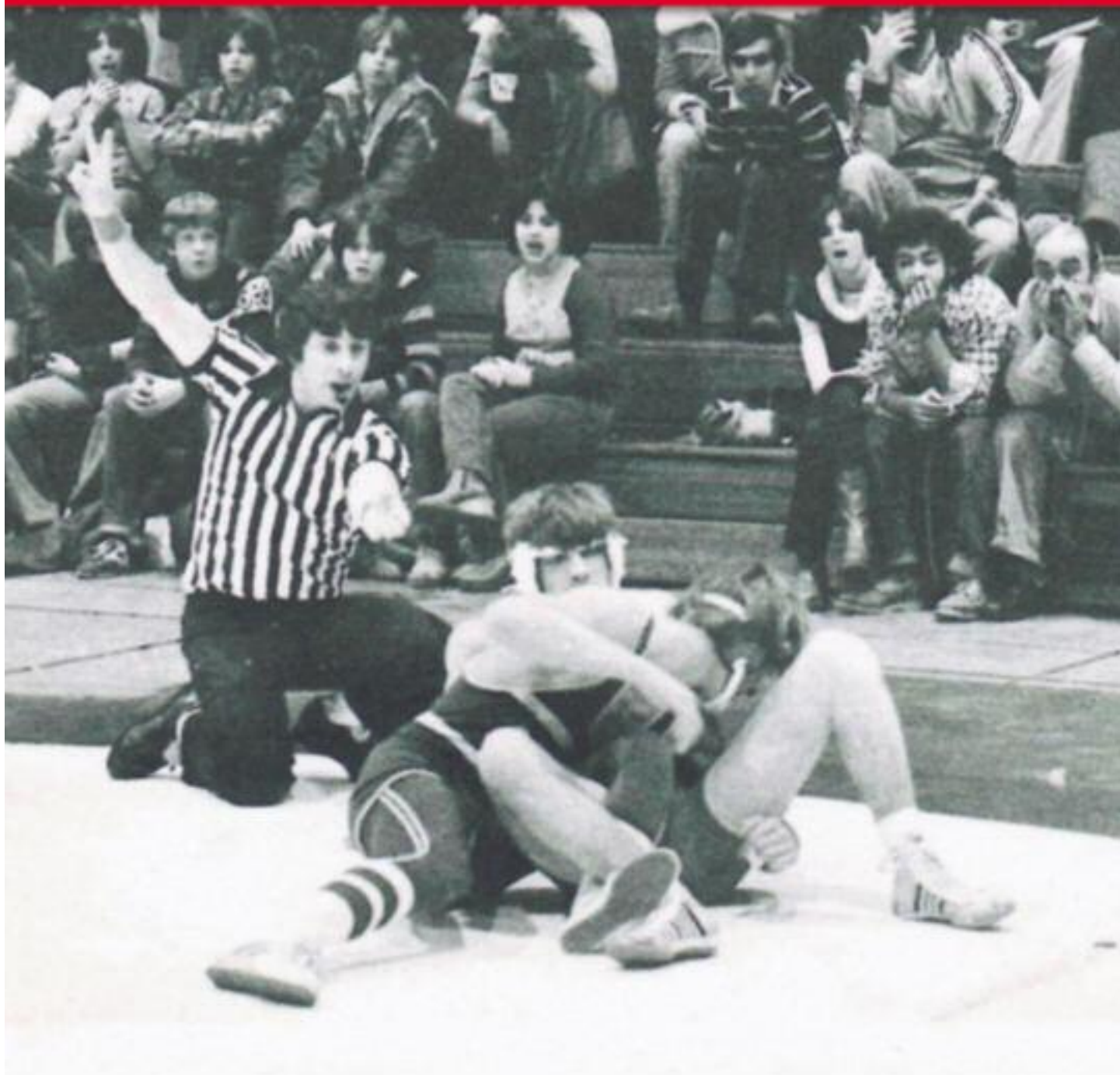


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*(Left to right) ROB AQUILINA, TOM REYNOLDS, ROY SCOTT, GERRY ARMENGAU
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HOOMAN “MO” *TAVAKOLIAN*

Mo Tavakolian is universally recognized as an integral force on the international wrestling scene. His global accomplishments, whether on behalf of seasoned Olympic wrestlers or young children experiencing our sport for the first time, serve as a world-wide commemoration to the great sport of wrestling. Wrestling federations throughout the world attest to Mo’s impact in advancing our sport and enhancing opportunities for wrestling participants all over the globe.

Mo came to the United States in 1986. He wrestled at Great Neck South High School on Long Island where he earned the Student Scholar Athlete of the Year Award in 1994. This was an extraordinary accomplishment because he did not know any English when he arrived, only eight years prior to receiving this honor.

Mo began his collegiate wrestling career at Hofstra University under Long Island’s nationally acclaimed coach, Tom Ryan. He transferred to Hunter College after two years and was the Metropolitan Conference runner-up in 1998 and was also a Trenton Open Champion. Mo maintained his affiliation with Hunter College and served as the assistant wrestling coach from 2000-2003.

He continued to improve his wrestling skills at the New York Athletic Club, serving as vice president of the NYAC since 2010. The desire to compete culminated in back-to-back Veteran National Championships in 2009 and 2010. He also earned a spot on the USA veteran world team and competed in Hungary in 2012.

Beat the Streets Wrestling, Inc. recently elected Mo to its Board of Trustees. Mo co-founded the Living Your Dream Scholarship Fund, which provides needed financial assistance to a college bound Beat the Streets athlete. He is also a prolific fundraiser for Beat the Streets helping to ensure that all have an opportunity to participate in the sport of wrestling. Mo’s assistance is not limited to New York City youth. In order to better serve the disadvantaged wrestling youth of the world, Mo

founded a global outreach program that supplies wrestling shoes and gear to remote regions of the world such as Iran, Brazil, Bulgaria and Romania.

Mo’s actions on the international stage have been at the forefront of our sport. His relationship with Iran has been crucial in convincing Iran to compete in the United States. The most crucial effort may have been the help he provided in bringing Iran to the Beat the Streets Gala event, Rumble on the Rails, in 2013. Olympic wrestling’s life was at stake that year and the ability to demonstrate a unity across nations was paramount in demonstrating to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) the importance of wrestling.

Perhaps the greatest honor bestowed upon Mo has been his invitation to the White House in April of 2016. Mo was named “A prominent Iranian-American Making a Difference”. Mo Tavakolian is certainly deserving of this highly exclusive honor. We are proud to honor him for his tireless efforts on behalf of the world-wide wrestling community and welcome Mo Tavakolian into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.



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RICH BOSCARINO Front Row (left to right) KEN AHREM
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THE *PASCAL PERRI CUP*

Long Beach H.S. Wins The Cup In 2016



Pascal Perri, and Chris Messina, last year's winning coach, presenting the cup to Head Wrestling Coach, Ray Adams of Long Beach High School, at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Induction Dinner at the Melville Marriott.

The Pascal Perri Cup has been awarded during the past 3 years to the top High School Wrestling team in the Downstate region of New York State. The first cup was awarded to the Wantagh High School Wrestling team coached by Paul Gillespie and Reggie Jones, Jr.

The following year the award went to Sachem East High School, coached by Isaac Ramaswamy. Last year, Hauppauge High, School coached by Chris Messina, walked away with top Honors.

This year, and in the future, the Pascal Perri Cup will go to the number One High School Wrestling team in the entire State of New York—with more than 500 High School teams competing for this top honor.

The award is made by an independent selection committee of 7 wrestling aficionados based on—

- 1. Dual Meet and tournament record.*
- 2. Level of competition.*
- 3. Team sportsmanship/deportment*

This award will be made annually at either the Upstate or Downstate Hall of Fame Chapter Induction Dinner.

LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL WINNER OF THE 2016 PASCAL PERRI CUP

Long Beach High School enjoyed a remarkable season under head coach Ray Adams, assisted by Leo Palacio, J.V. coach, Bernard Valentin middle school coaches, Miguel Rodriquez and John Antossi. This coaching combo put together a team of outstanding athletes who have achieved great success and considered by many as the finest wrestling team to ever represent Long Beach High School.

Their season record earned the Pascal Perri Cup:

Dual Meet Record- 17 wins 0 losses

Tournament Record- First Place- Grapple at the Garden

First Place- Long Beach, Battle at the Beach

First Place- Southside- Cyclone Tournament

First Place- Massapequa Tournament

First Place- Qualifying Tournament

First Place- Nassau County Tournament

This year, 14 wrestlers who achieved All-County status include, All-State wrestlers Jacori Teemer (3x NYS Champion), Tyreek Bromley and Matt Maquet. Also returning, 152 lb. County Champion Tyrese Byron. Byron won the Most Pins Award at last year's county tournament. Also, Charlie Spada was a state qualifier last year and recorded two pins in the state tourney. Returning are county finalist, Pablo Martinez and Joe Giorlando. Long Beach has had some great teams in the past, winning 21 Nassau County titles and 3 State titles and has the most County and State Champions of any team in Nassau County history.

A number of Long Beach Wrestler attending college this year include team captain Andrew Garcia- Georgia Tech; Marc Perez- NYU; Shawn Bourne- Nassau Community College; Kipling Johnson- Hartwick; Jon Negron- Nassau Community College.

2016-2017 LONG ISLAND WRESTLING PREVIEW

By Jim & Tony Nordland

Photos Courtesy of MATSLAP

Long Island wrestlers enter the 2016-17 season with quality wrestlers throughout both counties. The elite group returns four defending state champions and two former winners amongst 15 returning All-State matmen. Three of the nation's best reside on Long Island, senior **Vito Arujau** (179-1 career) of Syosset will compete at 138 pounds this season and seeks his fourth state crown. Four-time state placer Arujau (2-1-1-1) is a blue-chip recruit and will take his mat skills to Cornell next fall. Long Beach junior **Jacori Teemer** (149-4) has been perfect at the state meet with three consecutive titles. Teemer (132) , a National Junior Fargo champion will lead a strong Long Beach squad, as the Marines are defending UE Dual champions and are the team to beat in the state. Sophomore stand-out **Adam Busiello** (138-7) from Eastport-South Manor has captured two state crowns and is on pace to become Suffolk's first five-time champion, he is the top-rated 113-pounder in the country. LI's other reigning state



JACORI TEEMER

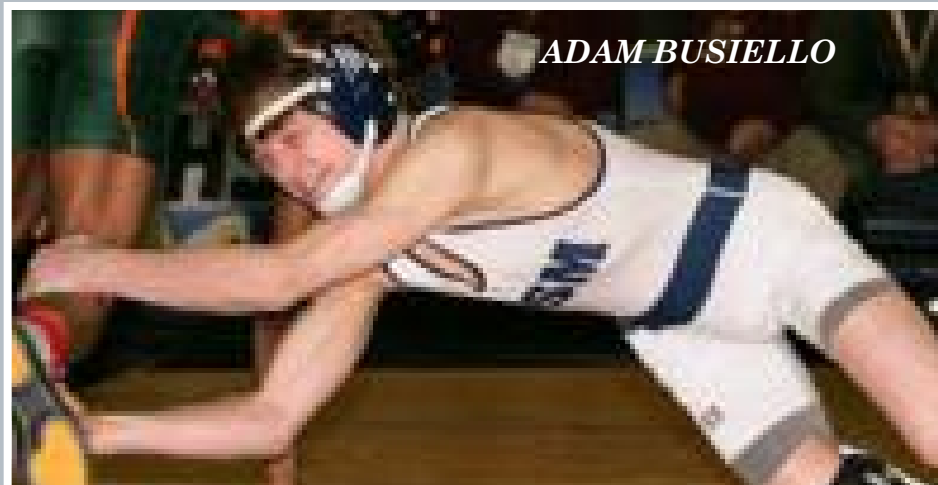
king is exciting **Terron Robinson** (87-23) from Walt Whitman in the 220-pound class. Former state titlists include the Locust Valley tandem of **Jon Gomez** (126/132) and **Hunter Dusold** at either 126 or 132 pounds.

State finalists that seek redemption are two-time silver medalist **Peter Pappas** (145) of Plainview, **Dylan**

Ryder (106) of Hills West and **Shawn Mosca** (170) from Carle Place/Wheatley.

Returning state place-winners include Long Beach teammates, **Matt Maquet** (138) and gridiron star **Tyreek Bromley** at 182, along with the Rocky Point duo of **Anthony Sciotto** (113) and bronze medalist **Antony Cirillo** at 126. Others are **Justin Vines** (120) of Wantagh, two-time placer **Kyle Mosher** (126) of South Side, along with perennial Suffolk power Hauppauge's **Ben Tepperman** at 126. Also returning and seeking higher state finishes are **Phil Spadafora** (138) of Hills East, **Jeffrey Browne** (182) of Connetquot and the Mattituck trio of **Jack Bokina** (120), **James Hoeg** (170) and **Tanner Zagarino** at 195 pounds.

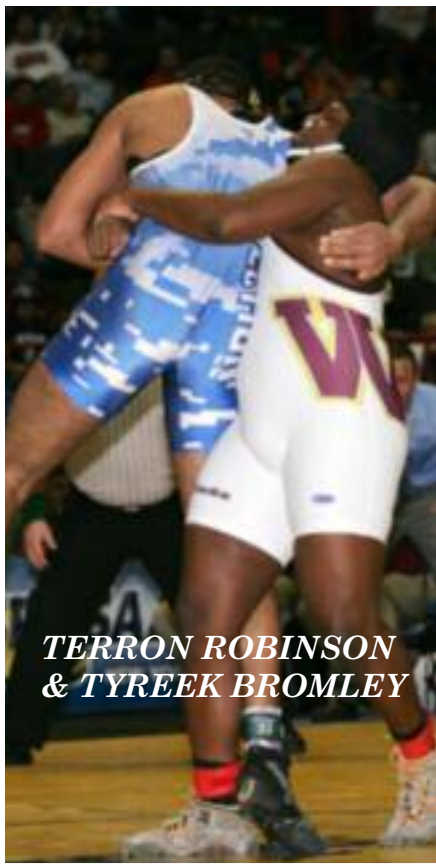
Nassau also has county champions **Jared Altan** (106) of Plainedge, **Joe Simons** (113) from Farmingdale,



ADAM BUSIELLO



VITO ARUJAU



***TERRON ROBINSON
& TYREEK BROMLEY***



JON GOMEZ

Lucas Pincus (145) of Hewlett and Long Beach's Tyrese Byron at 152 or 160 pounds. Also to watch on the Nassau mats are county finalists, Marc Mansa (113) of Syosset, Kevin DePalma (120) of Farmingdale, Lynbrook teammates, Matt Swanson (145) and Zach Komberg (195), along

MAT NOTES:

The top teams on Long Island include reigning Nassau champion and the Empire States # 1 mat squad Long Beach with talent once again in every weight class. The Marines will be challenged by Massapequa and Wantagh. Two-time defending Suffolk champion Hauppauge has a well balanced dual team and will seek their third consecutive title. The Eagles will be tested by Rocky Point and John Glenn.

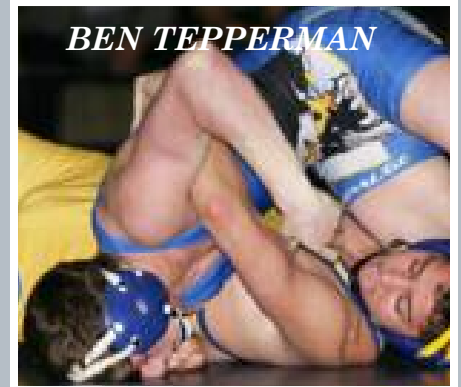
Division II has Nassau power Locust Valley and Suffolk's best is Mattituck. Long Island has a rich history with a total thirty-four state sectional team titles. Nassau has won 10, with their first in 1963 and Suffolk boasts a state leading 24 top finishes. Suffolk has reeled off an unprecedented eight consecutive state titles. One of those squads is figured to claim yet another state crown in Albany at the 55th edition of the New York State Championships.

with MacArthur's Ryan O'Shea in the 285-pound class. Long Beach has a trio of silver medalists, Pablo Martinez (106), Charlie Spada (152/160) and Joseph Giorlando at 170 pounds.

Suffolk looks to finalists Preston Maucere (113) of Deer Park, Jake Silverstein (138) from Hauppauge and the Sims twins from Lindenhurst, Billy at 152 and Max in the 160-pound class. Also in the mix are runners-up Sam Schuyler (195) of Kings Park and Amityville junior Deonte Wilson now at 285 pounds.



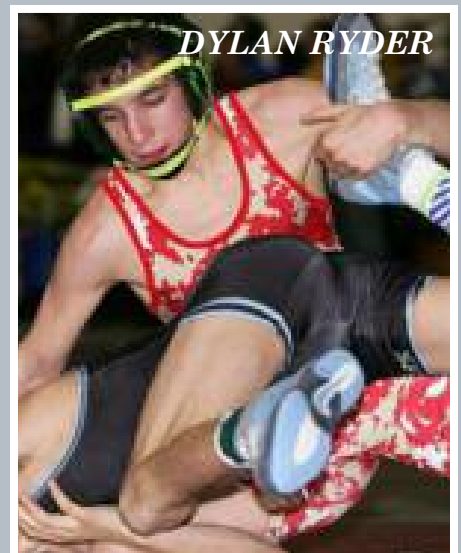
PETER PAPPAS



BEN TEPPERMAN



SEAN MOSCA



DYLAN RYDER

NASSAU COUNTY COACHES ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE 2016 DIVISION 1 SECTION VIII CHAMPIONS



*Front Row (left to right) JARED ALTAN, Plainedge; JOE SIMONS, Farmingdale
JUSTIN VINES, Wantagh; JOSH BOURNE, Long Beach; JACORI TEEMER, Long Beach
VITO ARUJAU, Syosset; LUCAS PINCUS, Hewlett;*
*Top Row (left to right) CHRIS PONCE, Levittown Division
TYRESE BYRON, Long Beach; RICKY STAMM, Levittown Division
JEREMY HUGHES, MacArthur; TYREEK BROMLEY, Long Beach
PAUL BRACHFELD, Massapequa; ARJUNA BELLO, Levittown Division;
MIKE CURIEL, HEWLETT*

NEW YORK STATE PLACEWINNERS

Champions:

J. TEEMER, V. ARUJAU

Second Place:

R.STAMM

Fourth Place:

JUSTIN VINES, KYLE MOSHER, ALEX VARGAS, Syosset

Fifth Place:

TYREEK BROMLEY

Sixth Place:

MATT MAQUET, Long Beach; MIKE CURIEL

NASSAU COUNTY COACHES ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE 2016 DIVISION 2 SECTION VIII CHAMPIONS



*Front Row (left to right) CHRISTIAN HANSON, Cold Spring Harbor
KEITH CASSER, Oyster Bay; JOHN CANTWELL, Seaford
JON GOMEZ, Locust Valley; HUNTER DUSOLD, Locust Valley
ANDREW CANTATORE, Locust Valley; AUSTIN CARMEN, Clarke*

Top Row (left to right)

*CHRISTIAN TARTAGLIA, Cold Spring Harbor; BAILEY O'BRIEN, Locust Valley
SHAWN MOSCA, Carle Place/Wheatley; JOHN PEDRANGHELU, Locust Valley
BRYCE DUSOLD, Locust Valley; KEVIN DIGNEY, Seaford
NICK NORMILE, Clark; SPENCER MATTHAEI, Locust Valley*

NEW YORK STATE PLACEWINNERS

Second Place:

HUNTER DUSOLD, SHAWN MOSCA

Third Place:

JON GOMEZ

Sixth Place

KEVIN DIGNEY

SUFFOLK COUNTY COACHES ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE 2016 DIVISION 1 SECTION XI CHAMPIONS



*Front Row (left to right) D. RYDER, HHH West; A. BUSIELLO, Eastport-South Manor
T. COX, Deer Park; A. SPARACIO, N. Babylon; J. ACERI, Huntington; K. MOCK, Huntington
B. Brice, Longwood; J. BUSIELLO, Eastport-South Manor*

*Top Row (left to right) C. MAURIELLO, Hauppauge; M. O'BRIEN, Ward Melville; M. BISONO, Hauppauge
D. McCLURE, Westhampton Beach; C. ARANEO, Ward Melville; F. BISONO, Hauppauge
D. HAMIL, Deer Park; C. ARANEO, Ward Melville; T. ROBINSON, Walt Whitman; E. RUBIO, John Glenn*

SECTION XI "NYS TEAM CHAMPIONS" 2016

Individual Champions

A. BUSIELLO, T. COX, A. SPARACIO, C. ARANEO, T. ROBINSON, E. RUBIO

Runner-Ups:

D. RYDER, J. ACERI, M. BISONO

Third Place:

A. CIRILLO, Rocky Point; J. BUSIELLO

Fourth Place:

J. TADDEO, Shoreham-Wading River; C. MAURIELLO

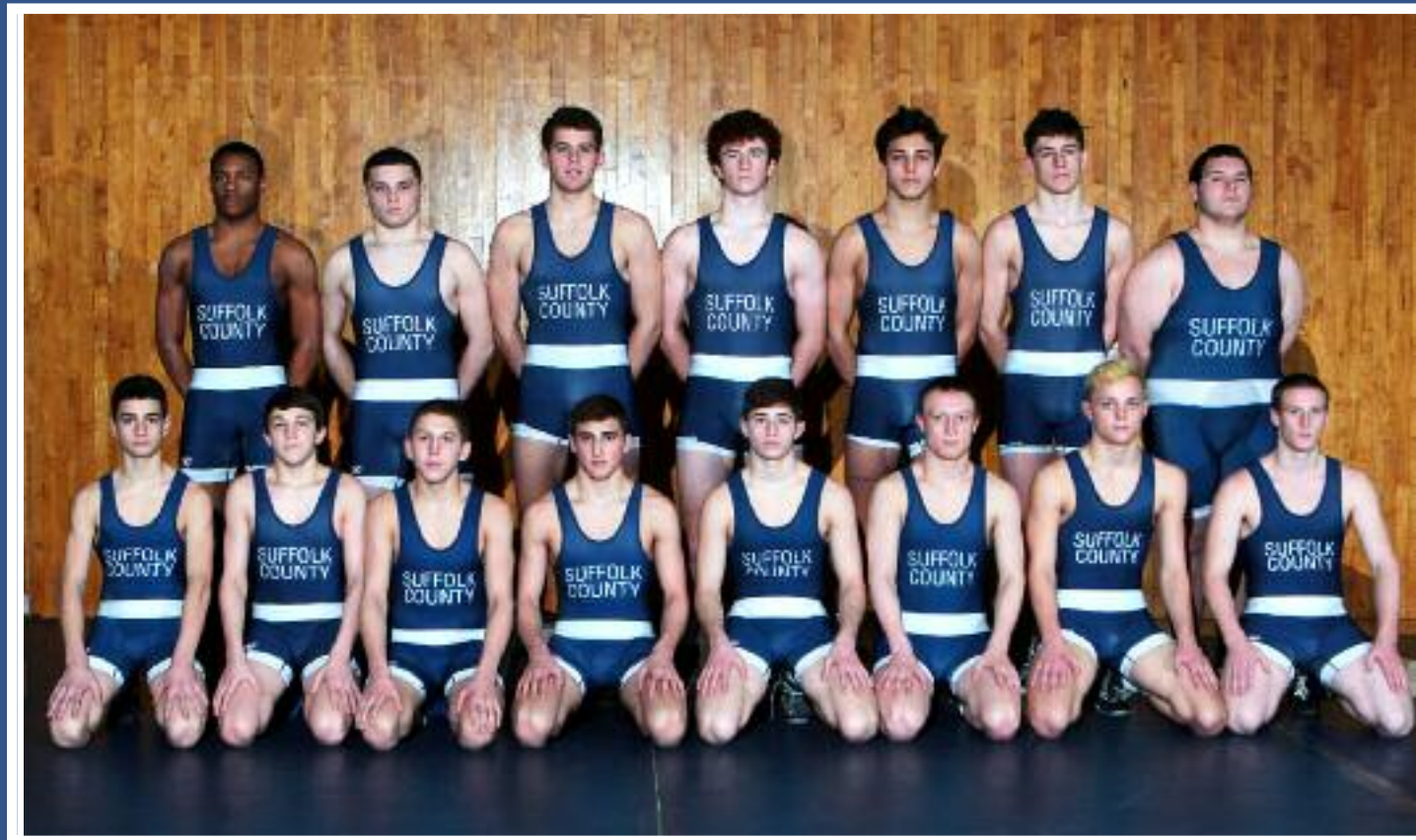
Fifth Place:

A. SCIOTTO, Rocky Point; K. MELONI, Shoreham Wading River; B. TEPPERMAN, Hauppauge

Sixth Place:

P. SPADAFORA, Half Hollow Hills East; J. BROWNE, Connetquot

SUFFOLK COUNTY COACHES ASSOCIATION SALUTES THE 2016 DIVISION 2 SECTION XI CHAMPIONS



*Front Row (left to right) R DeLIA, Port Jefferson; L BOKINA, Mattituck; J BOKINA, Mattituck
J EVANGELISTA, Port Jefferson; M. DeVINCENZO, Port Jefferson; B. FROLE, Babylon
C BEHAN, Bayport-Blue Point; B LARSEN, Babylon; B McFARLANE, Center Moriches
Back Row (left to right) J LEWIS, Center Moriches; J. HOEG, Mattituck
T. SCHMIDT, Mattituck; T. ZAGARINO, Mattituck; C. ZALOOM, Mattituck
C. SCHWAMBORN, Mattituck*

NEW YORK STATE PLACEWINNERS

Individual Champions:

M. DeVINCENZO

Third Place:

T. ZAGARINO

Fourth Place:

J. BOKINA, B FROLE, J. HOEG

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