

# BOB GOLDBERG

Teacher, Coach, Administrator, Mentor *By Bill Brennan*



Bob Goldberg has been involved in wrestling since his school days at Lynbrook High School. While at Lynbrook he participated in football, wrestling, and baseball. He achieved all-section status both in wrestling and baseball. Upon graduation he attended Marietta College and played varsity

baseball for 4 seasons. He then obtained a Master of Science degree at Ithaca College. Later he received a School Administrator Certification from St. Johns University.

Beginning a teaching career at Levittowns MacArthur High School in 1967, Bob served as JV wrestling coach for one season and in 1968 began his tenure as head wrestling coach. He served in this capacity until 1981. During his time at MacArthur he built the team into a strong force in Long Island wrestling. He launched one of the original holiday tournaments on Long Island and took his team on trips to West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania to wrestle local schools. For many of the team members it was their first trip outside of New York State. At MacArthur, Bob coached many league, Nassau County champions, and placewinners. In addition, he coached a New York State Champion, a runner up, and third place finisher. In 1973, his New York State Champion also achieved All-American honors.

He left MacArthur in 1979 to assume the position as Athletic Director at neighboring Levittown Memorial High School. He also coached wrestling there and his team was league champion in 1981. Bob later returned to MacArthur as Athletic Director and then moved to Herricks High School to assume the position of Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics, a position he held until his retirement in 1999.

In addition to his coaching and Athletic Director duties, Bob served as Nassau County Wrestling Coaches Association president and also as the Nassau County wrestling coordinator for the NYSPHSAA. Additionally, he served as President of the Section Eight (Nassau County) High School Athletics Association. Since his retirement from Herricks he has continued working in the field of Physical Education. He has served as an adjunct professor at Hofstra University in the Physical Education Masters Degree Program. And, as a partner in MLC Staff Development Inc., he serves a consultant for school districts in health education, physical education, and athletics. He still remains active in Nassau County wrestling, often serving as an official at the County Tournament.

His efforts have earned him many awards and honors. In 1999 he received The Ellis B Chapman Award (The highest award given to an administrator in New York State for dedication and contributions made to his/her profession). 2005 saw him win the NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association) State award of Merit. This is the most prestigious award given to an athletic director in New York State. These are just a few of many.

Bob Goldberg's entire career has been spent educating and developing young men and women for their roles as future leaders in American society. Many of his former wrestlers have moved on to successful careers in business, education, law, and politics. He still



*Bob at the NY State Tournament. He served as the Section Eight wrestling coordinator for several years.*

keeps in close touch with many of them. He has always stated that the most important job for a coach is to teach students how to set realistic short and long term goals and then help them achieve those goals. One of his most successful wrestlers said this about him *"We were taught how to succeed on the mat and, more importantly, we learned the value of being held accountable for our actions outside the wrestling arena. Bob Goldberg was, and remains today, the most valued influence on my life."*

Bob Goldberg has successfully used the sport of wrestling to achieve the greater goal of developing the complete individual in the students he has coached. We feel he is a worthy inductee into the Hall of Fame.