

NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME

New Jersey Chapter

**20TH
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**INDUCTION
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**The Westin Hotel
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**September 19, 2021
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WELCOME

Ken Bernabe, Master of Ceremonies, Executive Board Member
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INTRODUCTION OF HONOREES

"The Class of 2021"

"RED CARPET WALK"

Previous Year's Inductees in Attendance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All Attendees

OPENING REMARKS

Gary Kessel, President, NWHOF-NJ
Class of 2017 National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter
Class of 2018 National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Meritorious Official Award

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR AWARD NWHOF-NJ CHAPTER

Steven John Jastrabek, Presenter
Class of 2017 National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter
Larry Nugent, Recipient

INVOCATION

Howie O'Neil, Jr., Board Member
Class of 2009 National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter

BANQUET MEAL

Full Course with Dessert

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Gary Kessel, President, NWHOF-NJ
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Class of 2018 National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Meritorious Official Award

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN LIFETIME SERVICE (High School)

Lt. Col. Terrence Alvarez
Ronald Grigoletto
John Illengwarth (Deceased)
Lin Jastrabek
Joseph Luongo
William Pavlak
Fred Piotrowsky

CLOSING REMARKS

Ken Bernabe, Master of Ceremonies, Executive Board Member
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Message from the Executive Director of the NWHOF



New Jersey Wrestling Family,

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame is committed to advancing awareness and appreciation for the history of wrestling in the state of New Jersey. Your State Chapter program accomplishes its mission of preserving your state's history in wrestling by recognizing and inducting

individuals who have inspired others through their years of service and commitment. It is my pleasure to welcome you to this enshrinement ceremony.



We believe that when properly informed, people will better understand what a wrestling life is all about. By sharing in this celebration and enshrinement ceremony, you are witnessing first-hand the impact our State Chapter programs and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame have upon the sport.

This ceremony gives us a platform to share our sports history and spotlight those individuals you are here to help us honor today, and whose shoulders your wrestling communities have been built upon. Our mission uniquely qualifies us to help shape public perception about our sport through the lives and stories of those you are here to support. Our honorees have made an indelible impact upon our sport and our communities because of the lives they have transformed through a sport that welcomes everyone, no matter their size, ethnicity, physical limitations or gender.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic with caution, we are fortunate to have the generous and outstanding volunteer leaders to manage and operate this program according to state and government restrictions for your protection. I also thank you for supporting our chapter, which is dedicated to celebrating and advancing the heritage of wrestling in the state of New Jersey for generations to come.

Sincerely yours in the spirit of preserving, recognizing and inspiring,

Lee Roy Smith

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NWHOF

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Message from the President of the NWHOF – NJ Chapter



Welcome,

Our Chapter is grateful for the support of all of our patrons as we strive to honor those who are most deserving and have promoted the sport of wrestling here in New Jersey. We have a rich tradition of wrestling in New Jersey from the elementary level through collegiate level. Our desire to Recognize, Honor and Inspire future generations of wrestlers would not be possible without the support of so many who believe in our organization. Once again, thank you for your hard work, dedication and support.

The past year and a half has been a most difficult one for all of us, nevertheless, our Chapter persevered by sponsoring it's 18th Annual Golf Outing under the leadership of it's Chair Ken Bernabe, and the very capable Golf Committee that was assembled for the event. As a result, and given the "short window of time" from which to operate, the outing was a great success and one enjoyed by all who participated and attended. Congratulations on a job well done!!!!

Sincerely,

Gary Kessel

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME-NJ CHAPTER



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Waterloo, Iowa

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(Standing, L-R): Ken Bernabe, Bill Savage, Mike Lamparillo, Gary Kessel, John Marinelli, Andy Matter, Mike Cunningham, Dave Kinney, Bill Miron, Pete Frampton, Bob Fredrick, John Allen, Frank Sica

(Seated, L-R): Steve Jastrabek, Norm Winter, Ed Gibbons, Ed Glassheim, Sam Coursen, Bucky Rehai, Krista Graff, State Chapter Director, Ted Resnick, Joel Melitski, Howie O'Neil, Jr.

John Allen★

Ken Bernabe – Chair, Nominations**

Barry Burtnett★

Kevin Carroll

Sam Coursen★

Dr. Sam Crosby – Director Emeritus★

Mike Cunningham

John DeMarco★

Ernie Finizio – Past President★

Paul Franklin

Peter Frampton – Secretary*

Bob Fredrick – Director Emeritus★

Bill Garbarini

Ed Gibbons

Steve Gironda – Past President

Ed Glassheim

John Hangey

John Harmon★†

Bill Henderson★

Rick Iacono★†

John Illengwarth†

Lin Jastrabek

Steven John Jastrabek – Past President/**

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Stillwater Oklahoma

Gary Kessel – President**

David Kinney★

Mike Lamparillo

Dan Mahony†

John Marinelli

Andy Matter

Matt Menkowski

William Miron – Treasurer**

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NWHOF Board of Governor's Member

Howie O'Neil, Jr.★

Bucky Rehai★

Joel Resnick

Ted Resnick★

Bill Savage★

Robert Shernce**

Frank Sica

Guy Talarico*

Gary Taylor

John Vogeding – Director Emeritus★†

Mike Weilmann

Norm Winter★

**Executive Board Member*

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★NWHOF-NJ Past Inductee

NJ CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME



19th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, JULY 27, 2022



9:30 TEE TIME • SHOTGUN/SCRAMBLE MERCER OAKS GOLF COURSE, WEST WINDSOR, NEW JERSEY

Join us for a day beginning with a hot/cold breakfast brunch followed by 18 holes of golf with challenges to WIN PRIZES, and a DINNER/BUFFET to follow with a SILENT AUCTION, 50/50, and OTHER GIFTS!

“The goal of our chapter is to seek and raise contributions, donations, and gifts to provide wrestling camp and clinic scholarships to deserving youth who seek to improve and enhance their skills and love for the sport of amateur wrestling”.

As a result of our efforts, our chapter will also make monetary contributions to selected charitable organizations.

Contact: KEN BERNABE, *Golf Outing Chair*
bernabekenjb@aol.com or 732-991-3984

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!!

Past Honorees

CLASS OF 2001

Michael Caruso (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Sam Coursen (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Sam Crosby (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ernie Finizio (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John K. Johnston (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Michael Schibanoff (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Tom Seitz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Vogeding (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]

CLASS OF 2002

Michael DiPiano (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Herbert E. Farrell (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Robert Fredrick (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Russell K. Riegel (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Walter Shallcross (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
T. Ralph Williams (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]

CLASS OF 2003

Roy Baker (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Frank A. Bennett (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Frederick F. Buechel MD (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Frederick K. Christ (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
David Edinger (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
John Goles (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Richard Alan Matarante (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Gerard R. Sachs (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John K. Welch (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2004

Salvatore Peter Cascio (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Robert H. Dalling, Sr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Francis James Dunn (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary W. Kehler (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
John Pepe (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
C. Norman Winter (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2005

John M. Allen (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Vince Fitz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Judge Julio M. Fuentes (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Anthony J. Gentile (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Joseph J. Krufka (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Jon Loysen (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Robert Mizerek (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2006

Barry Burtnett (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John DeMarco (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harry E. Lake (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Arthur O. Marinelli (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard C. Mirshak (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
William Rehai (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
James Russell Wright (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2007

Wilfred E. Cann (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Jan Dutt (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John W. Harford (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Sam Mills (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Fred Pierro (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Sacchi (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Lt. Col. John R. Suter USMC (Ret.) (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harold Vandermark (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]

CLASS OF 2008

Gene D'Alessandro (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jeff Hull (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dave McMahon (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Nemetz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Anthony Petrillo (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ted Resnick (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Tettis (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]

CLASS OF 2009

Gerry Bandola (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John French (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Tony Grifa (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Mike Leta (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harold "Howie" O'Neil Jr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William "Bill" Savage (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. Neil Thompson (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Raymond Vohden (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

[†] Deceased

Past Honorees

CLASS OF 2010

Joseph Cervino (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Paul Mauriello (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Herbert Palmer (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
George Reid (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. Arthur J. Sachsels (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Gary Vittorio (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jack Welch (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]

CLASS OF 2011

Gene Barber (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
George T. Coker, USN (Ret.) (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Greg DeMarco (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
David Dunlop (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ken Scott (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dennis Smith (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Len Zanowicz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2012

Howard "Joe" Foulk (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ron Fox (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
David Icenhower (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Kenneth Pagach (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Warren Reid (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. James Frederick Wenz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Stanley Woods (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2013

Ken Bernabe (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Harold Dow (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
David Kinney (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gerry Nisivoccia (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary Papa (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Bernard Reider (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2014

Denny D'Andrea (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Harmon (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
H. Clay McEldowney (Outstanding American)
Joel Melitski (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Russell Minuto (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Fred Stueber (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2015

Michael J. Buggiey (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William J. Burke, Jr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Chester Dalgewicz (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard E. Iacono (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Frank A. Mosier (Outstanding American)
John Semar (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2016

Samuel Appello (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Henry Boresch (Outstanding American)[†]
William Henderson (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
G. Thomas Hutchinson (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Louis Jasmine (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. Mark R. McLaughlin (Outstanding American)
Deane D. Oliver, Jr. (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Al Reinoso (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2017

Ron C. Brooks (Medal of Courage)
Roy L. Fennimore (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Michael P. Frick (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Steven John Jastrabek (Outstanding American)
Gary Kessel (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Edward Kochajki (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William Miron (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2018

Jeff Buxton (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Robert Hogan (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jack Kinner (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Dr. Joseph Nisivoccia (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary Taylor (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Mark Whitford (Medal of Courage)

CLASS OF 2019

Tony Caravella (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Daniel Mahony (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]
Vincent Russo (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Robert Shernece (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard Voliva (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)[†]

*Full biographies of all honorees can be found on our website.
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a free red laser app at the App Store or on the internet.*





Wrestling four years varsity in high school and then going on to wrestle in college is pretty impressive. For Terrence Alvarez, that's only a hint as to why he's been inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame New Jersey Chapter as an Outstanding American.

Following graduation from Gettysburg College in 1996 he enlisted in the Army. Following Basic Training, Advanced Individual Training, and Airborne School, he served with the 50th Signal Battalion at Fort Bragg (NC).

He would be commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant before being promoted to Captain in the 4th Infantry Brigade Special Troops Battalion. While with the 4th Infantry Brigade, he was deployed to the Rashid District in Baghdad for more than a year. His company conducted route clearance patrols in order to minimize the threat of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) on coalition troops and civilians.

Upon returning to the states he served as the Executive Officer of the 6th Engineer Battalion and Executive Officer of the 2nd Engineer Brigade, both in Alaska.

In 2012 he was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, serving as the Joint Operations Officer for Regional Support Command South, NATO Training Mission.

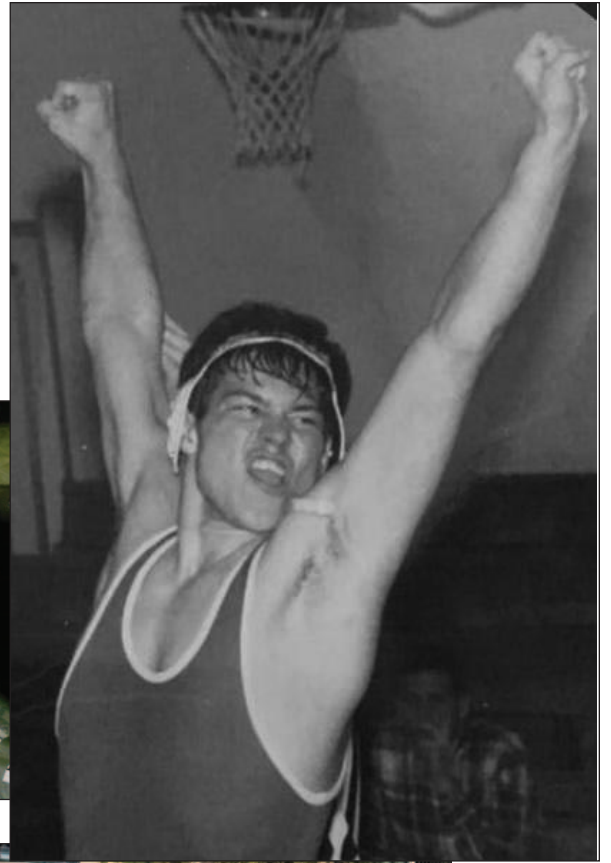
Returning to America, LTC Alvarez reported to the Pentagon and was Executive Officer for the Business Operations Directorate in the U.S. Army Office of Business Transformation.

Five years ago he left D.C. for Fort Sam Hood, TX, where he served with U.S. Army South as the Deputy Director of Engineers. U.S. Army South is the land component command responsible for an area that includes 31 countries in Central and South America.

Among his awards and decorations are two Bronze Star Medals, four Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, three overseas service medals, a Combat Action Badge and the Basic Parachutist Badge.

Alvarez received his Master's degree from Webster University in Missouri and a Masters in Military Arts and Sciences from the Command and General Staff College.

He and his wife Leslie reside in Texas, where he remains a Battalion Commander responsible for providing support for a Combat Team. The couple have four children.





Wrestling in high school and college, then coaching, then officiating, then administrating, plus community service, and a slew of awards, it is no surprise that Ron Grigoletto has been honored by the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Ron was a high school wrestler in Pennsylvania (Portage), a college wrestler in California (State College), but all his accolades have come in New Jersey.

It all began right after college when he was hired to coach wrestling at Long Branch High School in 1961. Shore Regional opened the year after, he was hired and became its first wrestling coach. He coached eight seasons before embarking on 25 years of officiating.

His assignments included 24 consecutive years officiating districts, 22 consecutive in the regions, 15 consecutive in the states, and officiated all Shore Conference Championships until his retired.

His honors are numerous.

In 1990 he received the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association Distinguished Service Award as the outstanding wrestling official in New Jersey. He was awarded the NJSIAA Interscholastic Athletic Sports Award, the No. 1 Wrestling Official by the coaches of Region 6 five consecutive years, won the Mirshak Award, is in the Wall High School Hall of Fame and the Jersey Shore Interscholastic Wrestling Hall of Fame.

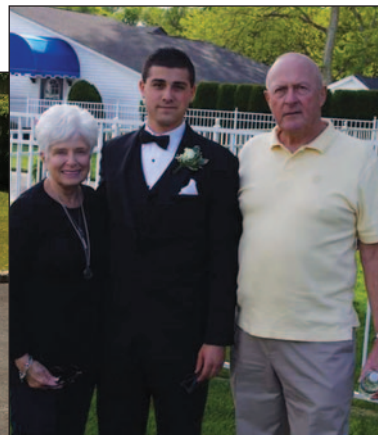
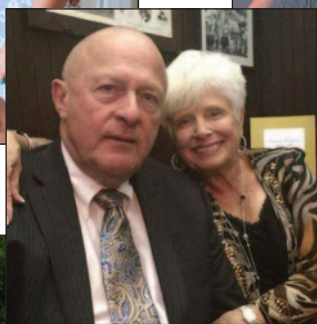
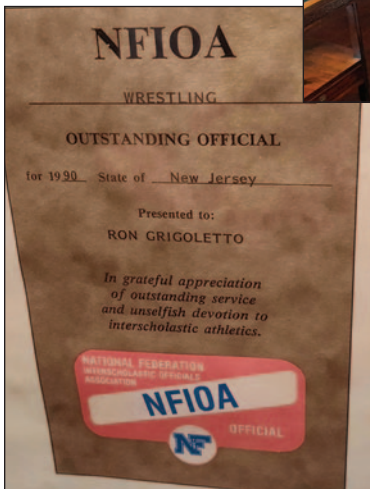
He was an officer in the Shore Wrestling Officials Chapter for 16 straight years, a member of the State Executive Committee for 16 years, State Wrestling Officials Association Vice-President for two years and then President for two.

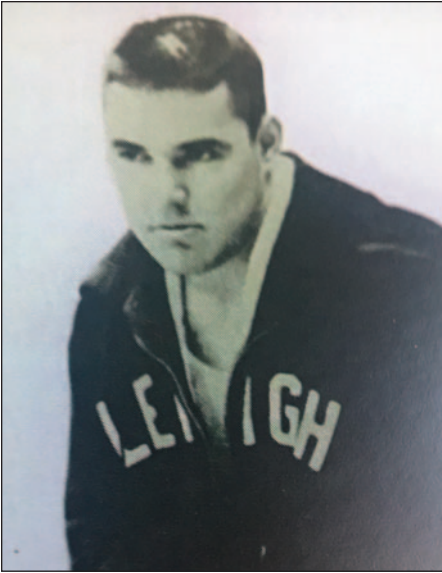
Among his community involvement was helping develop the Wall Recreation Wrestling program and being chairman of the Wall Township Juvenile Conference Committee.

He has been a high school principal (Monmouth County Vocational Schools), high school assistant principal (Allentown High) and an administrator at Wall High School.

The Ron Grigoletto Wrestling Scholarship, sponsored by the Wall Wrestling Club, is given each year to the outstanding wrestler on the high school team.

A resident of Wall, he and wife Judy have been married 54 years. They have a daughter, Michele, and a son, Mark.





When it came to lifetime service for the sport of wrestling, John Illengwarth was a heavyweight.

A high school wrestler at Roselle Park and in college at Lehigh, John remained connected to the sport he loved until his death in 2018.

A standout in football, wrestling and track, John was a two-time district and one-time region champ, placing fifth in the 1960 state tournament and finishing second the following year. At Lehigh, the heavyweight had a record of 39-12, with 23 of his wins coming on falls. He was a three-time NCAA National Tournament qualifier and placed sixth in the nation in 1963. He placed third (1964) and second (1965) in EIWA tournaments.

Receiving his B.A. in Chemistry/Biology and a MBA at Seton Hall, he went on to a career in industrial/commercial real estate as a broker, an investor and in property management.

He also went on to invest in wrestling.

Over the years he contributed to his high school and college wrestling programs. He contributed to the Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club, as well as to USA Wrestling's "Fuel the Dream" program that raised funds to benefit Olympic wrestling teams. His "Big John Fund" annually provided more than 150 season tickets to increase Lehigh student attendance and the goal of gaining long-time supporters.

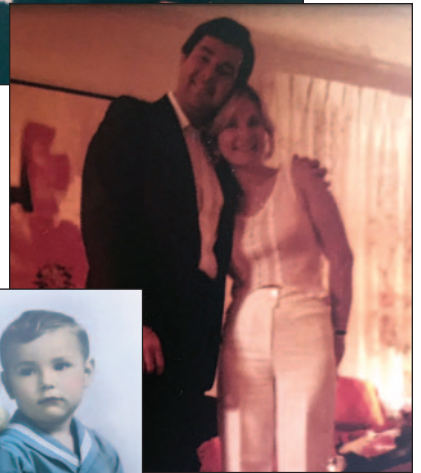
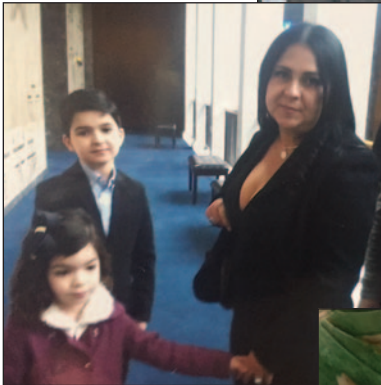
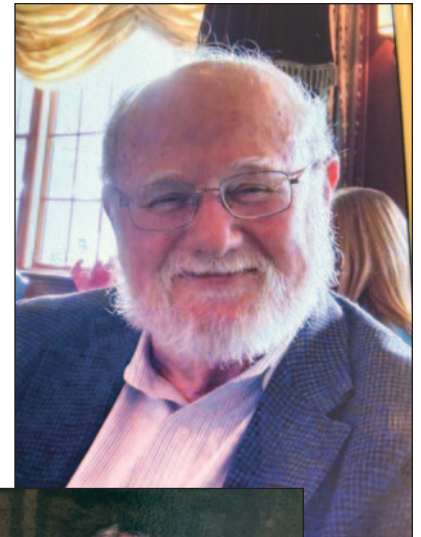
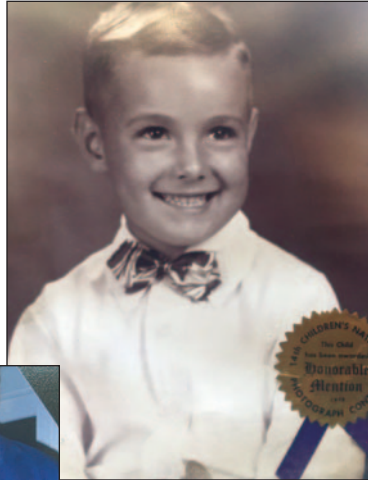
He produced and financed a feature film, DVD and internet streaming video "Veritas," about a wrestler who overcame great odds to compete.

John came onto the NJ Chapter's Board of Directors in 2006 and became assistant secretary; writing the minutes for all the meetings. In 2009 he was elected secretary for the maximum-allowed six years. Among his responsibilities was providing publicity and news to the National Chapter in Oklahoma.

In 2014 he became an Advisory Director.

He also served on the finance, golf and banquet committees.

John predeceased his wife Diane of 35 years. He is survived by his daughter Elizabeth and son John.





Although Lin Jastrabek never competed in sports, she has supported the sport of wrestling in a variety of ways.

Perhaps most impressive has been her work as president of the “Night of Champions Foundation,” a group that aids USA Wrestling and the U.S. Olympic Committee. Over the years the foundation has raised more than one million dollars. In 2007 she was named president of the NJ Night of Champions Foundation, a position she currently serves.

Her efforts had her named Woman of the Year by USA Wrestling in 2007. The award represented her contributions to the sport of wrestling. She was president of the committee for nine years.

She has a leadership position with USA Wrestling, specifically with fund raising efforts to support USA Olympic teams. She was recognized in 2008 for her leadership role in the USA Wrestling “Fuel the Dream,” an endeavor dedicated to raising funds to support all three Olympic teams.

For seven years she was a Board member of the wrestling Legends Foundation, and for eight years was on the Board of Directors with the NWHOFNJ chapter, including four years as Vice-President.

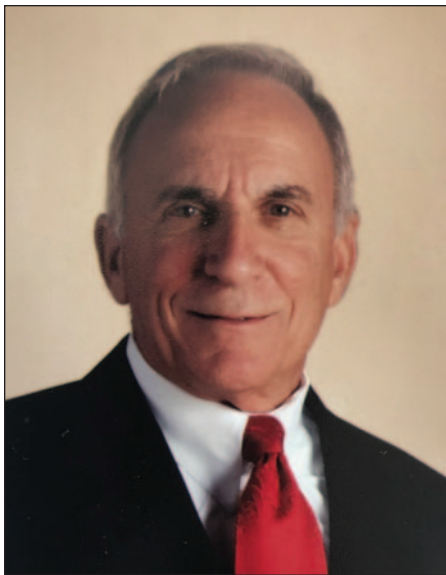
Her interest in the sport began as a child, with her family being big Olympic fans. In the early 1980s her interest peaked while working the head table during Bayley Ellard High School matches.

Currently a kindergarten teacher in the Somerset Hills school district, twice she was named Teacher of the Year, and recently was a nominee for the Henrietta Mears National Sunday School Teacher of the Year.

A graduate of Lock Haven State University, she received her BA in Elementary Education. She received her Masters at Seton Hall, and a Doctoral Degree in Elementary Education at Fairleigh Dickinson.

Lin and her husband Steven, former President of the NJWHOF, reside in Bernardsville. They have a daughter, Maggie, 23.





Joe Luongo is going to need a new trophy case. Receiving the Lifetime Service Award is another in a long line of hardware that highlights 50 years of giving back to the sport.

Coming off graduation from the University of Nebraska, Joe hit the ground running by being hired as a coach at Hasbrouck Heights High School in 1971.

Five years later he became a member of the New Jersey Wrestling Officials Association, went on to be State President of the group, Northeast Chapter President, Northeast Chapter Cadet Supervisor, Region 2 Seeding Chairperson for 12 years, and since 2010 has been State Evaluator.

Along the way he was inducted into the New Jersey Coaches NJSIAA Region 2 Hall of Fame, the NJSIAA Region 4 Hall of Fame, Bergen County Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame, Emerson High School Hall of Fame, Hasbrouck Heights Hall of Fame (team), was awarded the New Jersey Wrestling Association's Richard Mirshak Award and the NJWA Russo Golden Whistle Award.

As a coach he was 49-9-1, won two district titles and coached a state champion in heavyweight Bill Spindler. He has officiated 40 district tournaments, 33 regionals and 27 state tournaments. As wrestler at Emerson he was 14-0 as a senior and was the school's first district champ. He also wrestled at Nebraska.

Off the mat he was an assistant football coach and head tennis coach at both Elmwood Park and Hasbrouck Heights, then athletic director in the Elmwood Park school system. Away from the athletic fields Joe was a principal there, and served as president of the Bergen County Superintendent's Association. He retired after serving as Superintendent of the Hasbrouck Heights Public Schools.

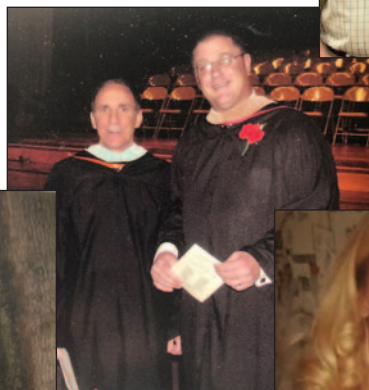
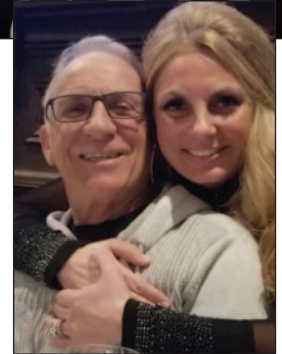
State-wide, wrestling fans might recognize Joe from his legendary pin call. He launched himself into the air, blowing his whistle, then slamming the mat with his hand.

Yeah. That guy.

Joe and his wife Lynn split their time in Emerson and Fort Myers, FL. They have two grown children: Matthew and Lisa; and four grandchildren.



If you think you are beaten, you are.
 If you think you dare not, you don't.
 If you'd like to win but think you can't,
 It's almost certain you won't.
 Life's battles don't always go
 To the stronger or faster man,
 But sooner or later, the man who wins
 Is the man who thinks he can.





When it comes to winning percentage, it's tough to top Bill Pavlak's record at South Plainfield High School: 160-22-3.

During two stints he first went 110-14-3 (.887), and then, after four years of pulling the Piscataway program back to respectability, he returned to the Tigers where he was 50-8 (.862) in two years.

In 14 years his teams won 10 district titles, eight Greater Middlesex Conference titles, nine GMC Division titles, six sectional titles and four group championships, including the first group championship in South Plainfield history.

His teams turned out 65 district champs, 15 region champs, 19 state place winners, four state finalists and one state champion.

Not surprisingly he has been named New Jersey Coach of the Year (2000), twice Region Coach of the Year, six times District Coach of the Year, four times GMC Coach of the Year, and seven times GMC Division Coach of the Year.

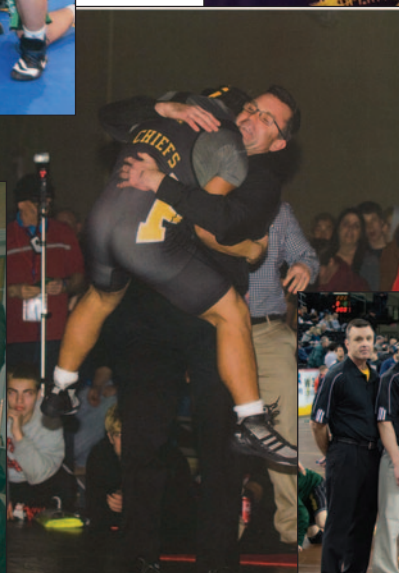
In addition to his two wrestling programs, "Pav" was an assistant football coach at St. Thomas Aquinas, and assistant football coach and wrestling coach at Woodbridge High.

Still teaching in the South Plainfield school district, he has also been a wrestling official for many years.

He wrestled all four years at St. Thomas Aquinas, then went on to be an All-American at Middlesex County College before continuing his education at Slippery Rock University. There, he placed third and fourth in the Eastern Regionals, and was team captain as a senior.

Bill got into the coaching ranks at South Plainfield, an assistant 13 years for Hall of Fame coach Mike Buggy.

A phys-ed teacher at Franklin Elementary, he has taught on the high school level 21 years and at the elementary level 18.





Statistics don't lie, and that's all you need to see why Fred Piotrowsky has been inducted.

Beginning his career in 1980, he went on to coach at Parsippany Hills for 13 years and Parsippany High School 23 years. He won a total of

364 matches and lost 154. He coached three teams to state sectional championships, nine Iron Hills Conference championships and eight District titles.

It took only three years before the Daily Record of Morristown named him its Coach of the Year. He would go on to be inducted into two Halls of Fame: The New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association and the New Jersey State Coaches Association.

Four of his wrestlers won more than 100 matches. Sixteen were state place winners.

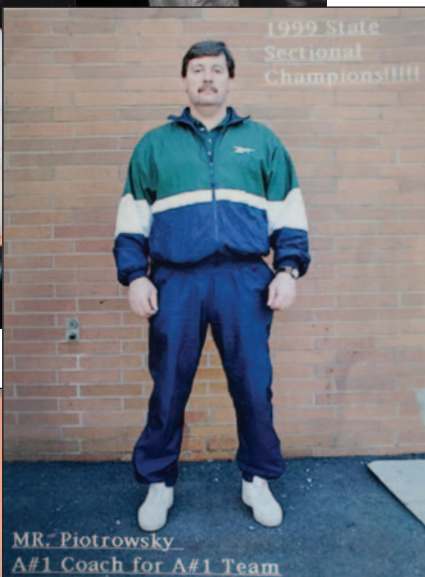
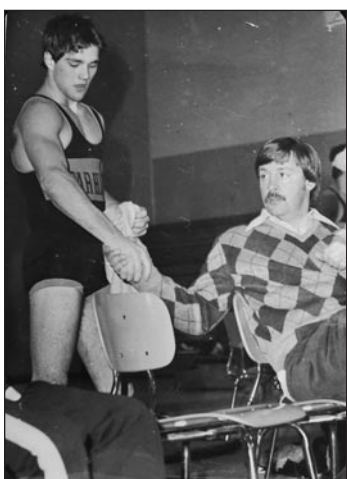
Four times he was voted District IX Coach of the Year, and once Region 3 Coach of the Year. He is still in the business, serving as an assistant coach at Pope John XXIII in Sparta.

He has also been active in the Lake Land Hills Wrestling Club, as secretary, and with the Parsippany P.A.L. Bantam and Midget Wrestling Program.

A graduate of Morris Knolls High School, Fred wrestled four years for the Golden Eagles, placing second in the states. He also played football and baseball. In 1970 he received a degree in Health & Physical Education from Springfield College (MA).

In addition to wrestling, he coached varsity and JV football for eight years, JV softball for eight years, and JV girls soccer nine years. He also played on a Modified Softball National Championship Team and was first-team All-America as a catcher.

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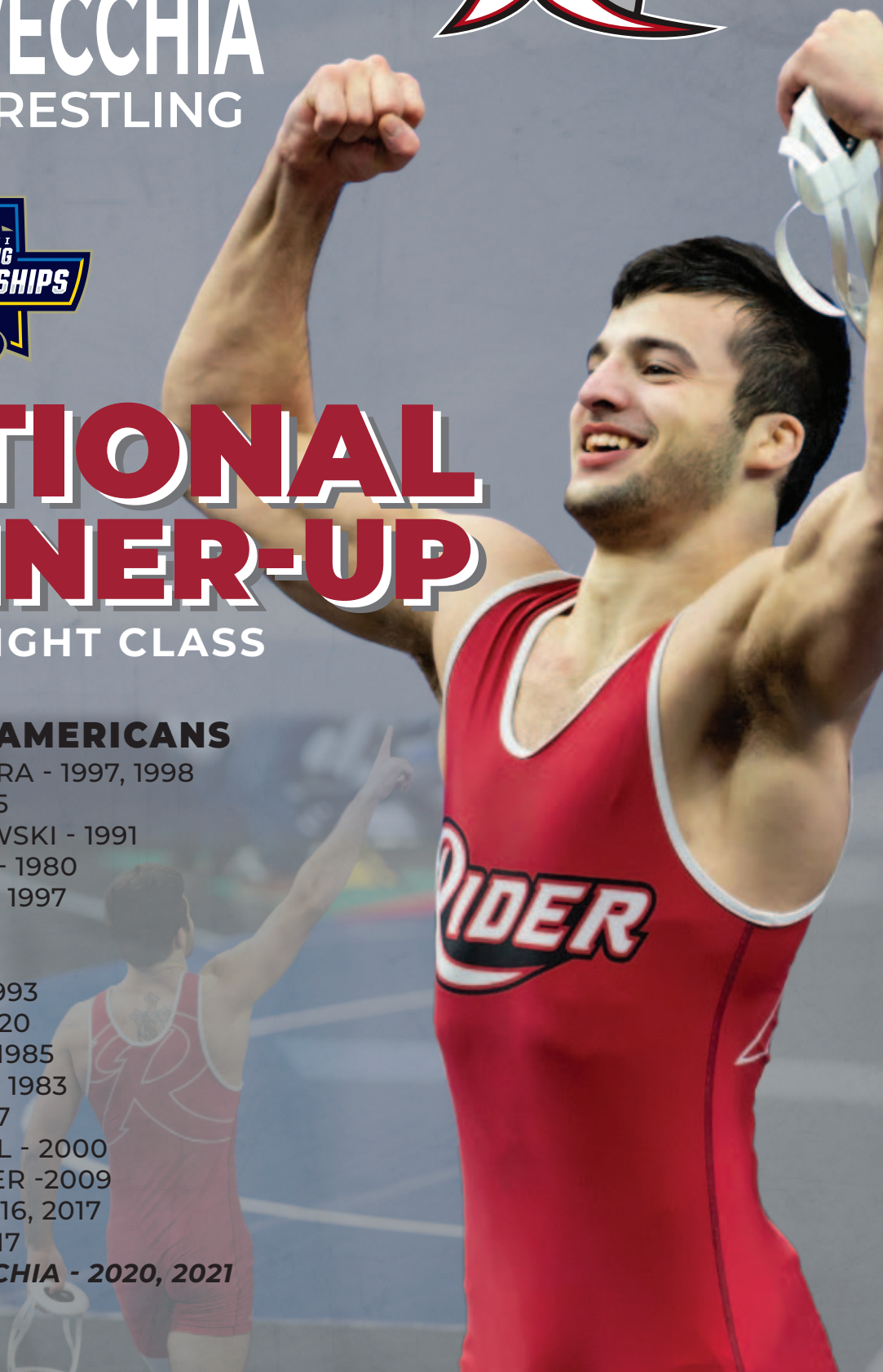
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