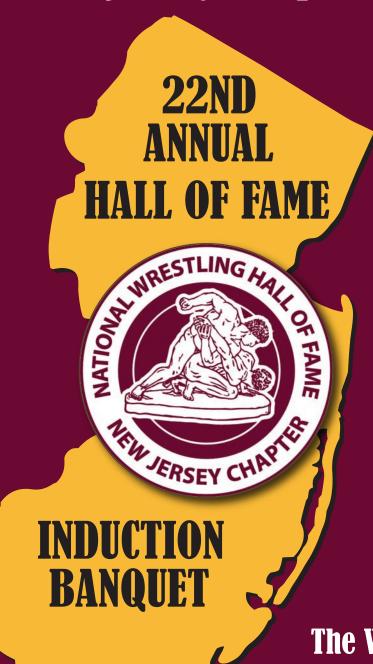
NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME New Jersey Chapter



The Westin Hotel Princeton, NJ

September 24, 2023 1:00 PM



Class of 2023 INDUCTION CEREMONY PROGRAM

September 24, 2023

WELCOMEKen Bernabe, Master of Ceremonies, Executive Board Member

Class of 2013 National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter

INTRODUCTION OF HONOREES "The Class of 2023"

"RED CARPET WALK" *Ed Gibbons, Board Member,* NWHOF-NJ

Previous Year's Inductees in Attendance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
All Attendees

OPENING REMARKS & WELCOMEHowie O'Neil, President, NWHOF-NJ

Class of 2009 National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter

INVOCATION *Ed Gibbons, Board Member,* NWHOF-NJ

National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter

BANQUET MEAL Full Course Dinner with Dessert

AWARDS PRESENTATION *Howie O'Neil, President,* NWHOF-NJ

Krista Graff, NWHOF, State Chapter Director

Robert Shernce, Class of 2019 National Wrestling Hall of Fame-NJ Chapter

OUTSTANDING AMERICAN

LIFETIME SERVICE

Dr. Walter R. Grote

Michael Cunningham

Joseph Dougherty V. Miller Preston Michael Suk

William Voliva

CLOSING REMARKSKen Bernabe, Master of Ceremonies, Executive Board Member

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Message from the Executive Director of the NWHOF



New Jersey Wrestling Family,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this enshrinement ceremony. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame is committed to advancing awareness and appreciation for the heritage of wrestling in the state of New Jersey. Your State

Chapter 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 to the sport.

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 National Wrestling Hall of Fame has upon the sport.

This ceremony gives us a platform to share our sports history and heritage with those individuals you are here to honor today, and those 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 we are here to enshrine. 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.

We are fortunate to have the generous and outstanding volunteer leaders to manage and operate this program year after year. I also thank you for supporting our chapter, whose leadership 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,

On behalf of the NWHOF-NJ Chapter, I am excited to welcome you to our 22nd Annual Induction Banquet to celebrate the Class of 2023. It is a day to show our appreciation to those who have helped make New Jersey Wrestling one of the premier wrestling states in the USA.

Since the inception of the New Jersey Chapter in 2001, we have inducted 118 Lifetime Inductees, 18 Outstanding Americans and 8 Medal of Courage Honor Award winners. Today we honor 5 Lifetime Service recipients and 1 Outstanding American, who during their many years of service, have impacted many lives through their dedication and leadership. The honorees can see and appreciate the impact they have made by the many families, wrestlers and friends who are in attendance today or have sent their congratulations.

The New Jersey Chapter has had a very successful year, culminating with today's Induction Ceremony. One of our most satisfying accomplishments was having our first National Student Award presented at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Kira Pipkins of Bloomfield High School was the recipient of the 2023 National Tricia Saunders High School Award for excellence in the classroom, citizenship and on the wrestling mat.

I'd like to thank all of you for coming today to honor our six exceptional inductees whose names will be placed on the State Chapter Wall in the John Vaughan Hall of Honors in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Enjoy the afternoon while reminiscing, renewing old friendships, and celebrating with each of our inductees and their families, this very special day!

Sincerely,

Howie O'Neil

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME-NJ CHAPTER

NJ Chapter Awards Camp Scholarships to Student Wrestlers

The New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame has announced the 2023 scholarship winners. The scholarship program, which is supported by donations and money raised at the Annual Golf Outing, presented five \$400 scholarships to wrestlers who demonstrated high character, leadership, and would benefit from the award. This is the second year the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame has awarded scholarships. Below is a brief profile of the scholarship winners:

Matt Jones has been wrestling for 11 years, Matt will be a senior next year at Hillsborough High School.

Drew Roskos has been competing for 11 years. Next year he will be a senior at Delran High School.

Joseph Sanchez has been competing for 5 years. In 2023, he will be an 8th grade student at Williams Davies Middle School in Hamilton. In addition

to competing for his middle school team, Joe also wrestles for the Mays Landing Predators.

Marie Sharp has been wrestling for 7 years. Next year she will be in the 8th grade at George Washington Middle School in Ridgewood. She competes for the Ridgewood Junior Wrestling Program.

Princessstorm Woody has been wrestling for 5 years. Next year she will be a sophomore at Trenton Central High School.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

Chair - Ed Gibbons

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NWHOF & Museum – 2023 Board of Directors – NJ Chapter



(Standing, L-R): Pete Frampton, Paul Franklin, Gary Kessel, John Marinelli, Mike Cunningham, Andy Matter, Mike Lamparillo, Ed Gibbons, Bill Miron, Ken Bernabe, Frank Sica

(Seated, L-R): Norm Winter, Bob Shernce, Howie O'Neil, Dave Kinney, Ernie Finizio, Ed Glassheim, Ted Resnick, John DiMarco, Bucky Rehain, John Allen

John Allen★

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Bill Clarke

Sam Coursen★†

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Mike Cunningham*

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Paul Franklin

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Steve Gironda – Past President

Ed Glassheim*

John Hangey

John Harmon*[†]

Rick lacono*†

John Illengwarth*†

Lin Jastrabek*

Steven John Jastrabek – Past President**

Gary Kessel – Past President**

David Kinney*

Mike Lamparillo

Dan Mahony*[†]

John Marinelli

Andy Matter

Matt Menkowski

William Miron – Treasurer**

Frank Mosier – Past President/Director Emeritus*

Howie O'Neil, Jr. - President**

Oscar Orellana*

Bucky Rehain*

Ted Resnick★

Bill Savage★

Robert Shernce**

Frank Sica*

Guy Talarico

Gary Taylor[†]

John Vogeding — Director Emeritus*†

Jeffrey Washington

Mike Weilmann

Norm Winter★

*Executive Board Member † Deceased *NWHOF-NJ Past Inductee

SAVE THE DATE, MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

NJ CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL WRESTLING HALL OF FAME



21st ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Wednesday, JULY 24, 2024





9:00am TEE TIME • SHOTGUN/SCRAMBLE MERCER OAKS GOLF COURSE, WEST WINDSOR, NEW JERSEY

Join us for a day beginning with a hot/cold 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 the chapter golf outing 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 Co-Chair bernabekenjb@aol.com or 732-991-3984

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. Sachsel (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 Rehain (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)

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. Sachsel (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Gary Vittorio (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Jack Welch (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

† Deceased

Past Honorees

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. Buggey (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 Shernce (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

Richard Voliva (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2020

Lt. Col. Terrence Alvarez (Outstanding American)
Ronald Grigoletto (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
John Illengwarth (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)†
Lin Jastrabek (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Joseph Luongo (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
William Pavlak (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Fred Piotrowsky (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

CLASS OF 2022

Dr. Michael Deehan (Outstanding American)
Darryl Burley (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Pete Frampton (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ernie Monaco (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Ralph Ross (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)
Richard Scorese (Lifetime Service to Wrestling)

† Deceased

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You can find a free red laser app at the App Store or on

the internet.



Dr. Walter Grote

Outstanding American



When it comes to outstanding accomplishments, look no further than Dr. Walter Grote.

He was a captain of the Scotch Plains High School wrestling team, a captain of the Cornell University wrestling team, a 4-time AAU and 4-time USWF All-American, an Army assistant coach at West Point, an alternate on the 1976 U.S. Olympic Freestyle Team, and a 4-time New Jersey Senior AAU champion.

Away from the sport, the 71-year-old is affiliated with Newton Medical Center and St. Clare's Hospital. Dr. Grote practices internal medicine with Premier Health Associates and regenerative/sports medicine with Prolotherapy and Integrated Medicine.

Now that is what you call an Outstanding American, one who has been voted into the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

His wrestling career began at the Union County high school where he was a team co-captain, a District 12 champion and then a USWF freestyle state champ. A two-time NCAA qualifier, he was a 3-time team captain at Cornell, made All-Ivy, and held the school record for season and career falls for 37 years.

In 1974 he won the Wilkes Open, in 1975 was a Michigan Open champ, a Trenton State champ, and that year was Metro New York Wrestler of the Year. In 1978, representing the New York Athletic Club, he won the national title in the 1978 USWF tournament.

He remains a volunteer coach for Kittatinny Regional in Newton, as well as Blair Academy.

Grote went on to graduate from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1979.

He is current board member and past president of the American Osteopathic Association of Prolotherapy and Regenerative Medicine, past president of Newton Medical Center Department of Medicine and board member and chairman of the American Board of Prolotherapy and Regenerative Medicine.

He and his wife Debbie reside in Branchville. They have seven children and nine grandchildren.



Michael Cunningham



As a member of the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame, it is no surprise that Michael Cunningham eventually made it into the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

A retired English teacher at Triton Regional High School in Runnemede, he was head wrestling coach there for seven years. He was also an assistant at Eastern Regional High in Voorhees, John F. Kennedy High in Willingboro, and Bristol High School in Pennsylvania. He also coached youth wrestling for several years.

As a wrestler, Cunningham was a District champion at Washington High School (Warren Hills) before attending Wyoming Seminary, where he reached the National Prep School finals as a junior before winning Nationals as a senior.

He went on to wrestle at Bloomsburg University (Bloomsburg State College at the time), where he was 13-0 as a freshman. He was a U.S. Military Academy Plebe Tournament champion, as well as a champion at the Region 1 AAU tournament. A knee injury sophomore year ended his wrestling career.

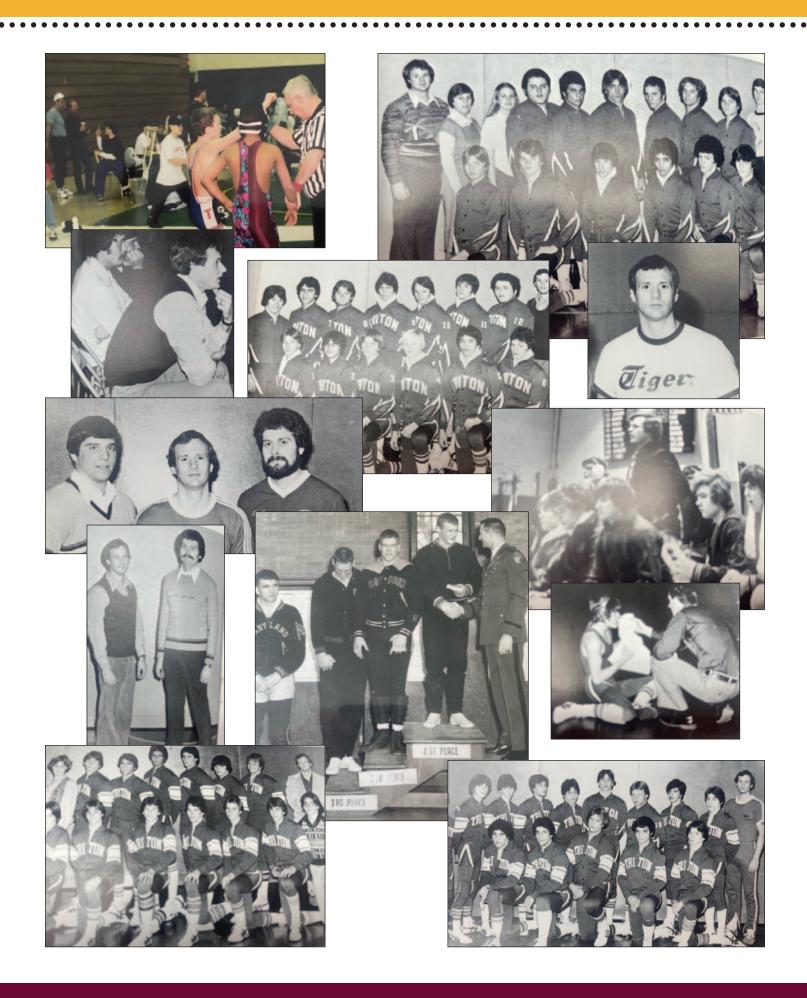
He graduated from Bloomsburg in 1969.

Cunningham remains involved in the sport. He is an active member of the New Jersey Chapter as a member of the Board of Directors and the selection committee. He continues as a member of the Executive Committee of the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame, serving as the organization's corresponding secretary as well as being on the selection committee. He had been Chairman of the organization five years.

From 2013-2018 he served as an evaluator of officials to advance the quest to enhance officiating in the state.

In addition to his wrestling involvement, Cunningham shared his coaching skills from years of experience by also coaching swimming, track and field, and golf.

Cunningham and his wife Joan live in Atco in Camden County. They have four sons: Andrew, Sean, Ryan and Thomas. All wrestled in high school, three in college. One is now an official, another is a middle school head coach.



Joseph Dougherty



You name the level and Joe Dougherty has been there: high school coach; middle school coach, elementary school coach. Add in high school and elementary school camps and you have a no-brainer for induction into the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Retired after coaching South Brunswick High School wrestling 26 years, he is in his 10th year coaching Crossroads Middle School. His high school record was 306-182-3.

In addition to his scholastic coaching success, for 28 years he was involved in the Old Bridge Wrestling Festival as Assistant Director. He was the high school camp director, the elementary school camp director and was also a camp counselor at Jackson Valley.

Dougherty was Region 5 President and Vice-President, and in the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) served as President, Vice-President and Treasurer. He also hosted the District 20 Tournament 25 years.

As for other honors, he is in the Region 5 Hall of Fame, the South Brunswick High School Hall of Fame, the Old Bridge High School Sports Hall of Fame, and the New Jersey Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He was a three-time District Coach of the Year, a Region 5 coach of the Year, and won multiple GMC Division Coach of the Year honors.

As for his South Brunswick High School teams, the Vikings were 13-time state group qualifiers, 4-time District 20 champions, 12-time GMC Tournament champions, 12 County/GMC Division titles, and had 57 individual district champions, 12 individual region champions and 7 state place winners.

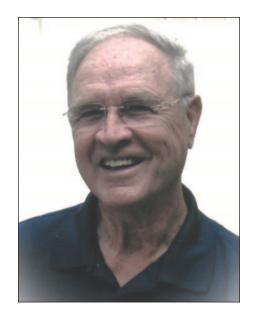
As a wrestler at Madison Township High School (now Old Bridge), Dougherty was a three-time NJSIAA state qualifier. He won the 108-pound state championship in 1975 and placed third at 115 in 1976. He went on to wrestle three years at Bloomsburg State University (PA).

Dougherty also coached golf 16 years, with a record of 155-76.

A computer and technology educator for more than 30 years, he retired in 2020 and now resides in Monroe with his wife Marianne.



> V. Miller Preston



When it comes to coaching success, there aren't many in New Jersey who have had more than V. Miller Preston. His 398 victories, with 29 winning seasons in 32 years as high school head coach, led the way in him being chosen as a new member of the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

His overall record was 397-134-7. Only 17 New Jersey wrestling coaches have more wins.

Preston, who retired from coaching in 1997, is already a member of the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame, having been joined by nine of his former wrestlers. He is also a member of the New Jersey State Coaches Association Hall of Fame, as well as the Haddon Township High School Hall of Fame.

His coaching career began in 1959 as an assistant at Long Branch High School. After five seasons he took an assistant's position at Haddon Township, and after one year took over the head coaching position there.

Preston was known for stressing conditioning, discipline, preparation and good sportsmanship, as well as maximizing wrestler's strengths, developing strategies, and the psychological aspect of dealing with failure.

Under his tutelage, Haddon Township would win two Colonial Conference Championships, two South Jersey Group II Championships, 11 District Team Championships, 85 individual District Championships, 21 individual Region Championships, and 2 individual State Championships.

In addition to coaching, Preston was on the South Jersey Wrestling and Officials Association Executive Committee for 15 years, while serving as President for five years.

A graduate of Manasquan High School, Preston went on to wrestle three years at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA.

In addition to his years as a wrestling coach, Preston also coached golf.

Of his four children, his three sons wrestled for him at Haddon Township.



Michael Suk



When it comes to lifetime service to wrestling, Mike Suk has certainly served as much as anyone. Assistant coach, head coach, clinician, fund-raising, recreation board, and association president and treasurer are among the contributions he has made to the sport.

And so it comes as no surprise that he has been inducted into the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

With stops at Somerville High School and Randolph High School, Suk amassed a record of 471-282-1. That ranks him ninth in the state for most high school victories.

He arrived at Somerville, his alma mater, one year after entering the business as an assistant coach at Glassboro High School. From 1985-1995 his Somerville teams went 111-63-1.

The Pioneers won four conference championships, six Somerset County championships, were six-time district champs and twice were State Sectional champions. While there he also helped out with the Somerville/Branchburg Recreation and Middle School programs, as a clinician, recruiter and advisor.

He coached 26 District champions, 10 Region champions and five wrestlers placed in states.

For two years he was Region 5 Coaches Association President.

His next stop was Randolph, where he was head coach from 1995 to 2020. The Rams went 360-219.

Suk coached them to six conference championships, seven county championships, eight district titles, and were state sectional champions four times. Thirty-eight wrestlers won county championships, 69 won districts, 16 won region titles, 22 placed in the states and two went on to be state champions: Ali Hakin in 2000; Patrick Dattalo in 2001 and 2002.

He was the Region I Coaches Association Treasurer 15 years.

In 1999 Suk was inducted into the Somerville High School Hall of Fame, and last year was inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame.

A graduate of Glassboro State College (now Rowan), he was a three-time All-America. Also in the school's Hall of Fame, Suk wrestled and played football.

He and his wife Sharon live in Columbia NJ. They have three children - Michael, Adrianna and Christian.



William Voliva



He wrestled for his mentor at Piscataway High School, eventually replaced his mentor at Piscataway High School, and has now followed his mentor into the New Jersey Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Bill Voliva graduated from Piscataway in 1971 and went on to wrestle, and play football, at the University of Virginia. On the mat he reached the Atlantic Coast Conference finals three times and twice winning the title to move onto the NCAA Tournament. A two-time team captain, he

immediately got into coaching as an assistant at UVA while getting his Master's, then became head coach at Charlottesville High School two years.

He returned home to his alma mater to be an assistant for the 1976-77 season, and one year later began a 26-year run as head coach at PHS. His record was 246-153-5.

The Chiefs won two Middlesex County championships and 10 District titles. He coached 69 District champions, 13 Region champions and had 15 state place winners, including one finalist.

Voliva ran the District 19 Tournament at Piscataway numerous times, and helped run the Middlesex County Tournament and Greater Middlesex County Tournament for many years. He also ran wrestling clinics in town.

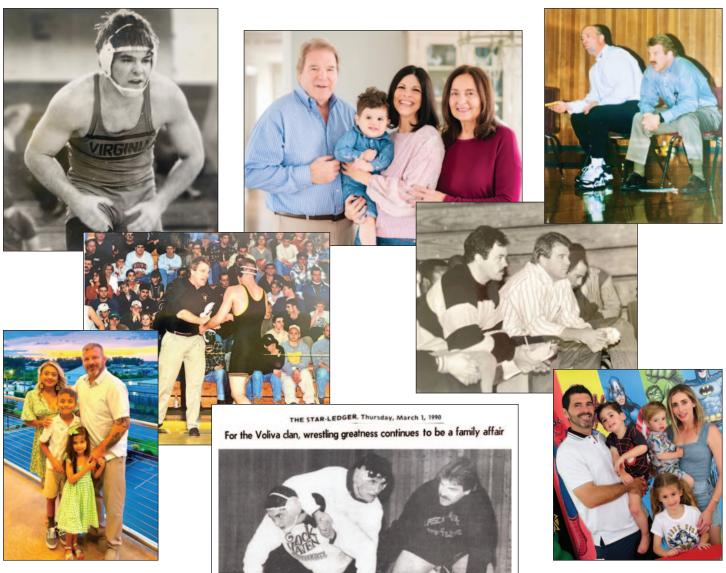
He was District Coach of the Year seven times and Region Coach of the Year twice. Voliva also coached football, and track and field at the high school.

Away from the gym he served two years as president of the Middlesex County Wrestling Coaches Association. While he was head coach he was also coordinator for Piscataway Recreation Wrestling.

Voliva went on to be a wresting official for 25 years.

As a high school wrestler Voliva was 52-7-2, and had an undefeated dual meet season while winning counties and districts, took second in the regions and placed in the states.

A health education teacher, he retired in 2005. Voliva resides in Lavallette with his wife Mary Ann. They have three children; Christine, Brian and Matthew, and six grandchildren.









Tributes on Behalf of the Class of 2023

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Stillwater, Oklahoma, gratefully accepts the following donations for each honoree:

Michael Cunningham

Chet Dalgewicz Ernie Finizio

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William & Mary Ann Volvia

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The Zanowicz Family

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John Sacchi

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Ernest DeCuollo

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Mike Leta

Pat Koeniges

Skip Constantine

Paul E. Mauriello

Mark Royer

Howie O'Neil

Ralph Ross

Nancy Holstein

Nabil Guketlov

Dan Brammell

A. Todd Royer

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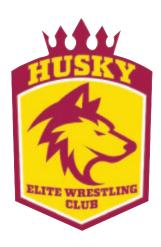
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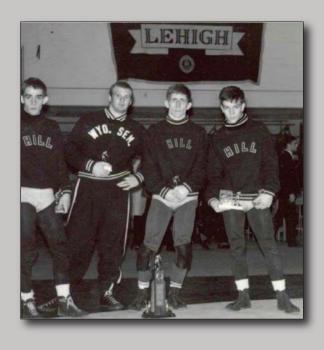
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With love and respect, your sons, Andrew, Sean, Ryan and Thomas Cunningham



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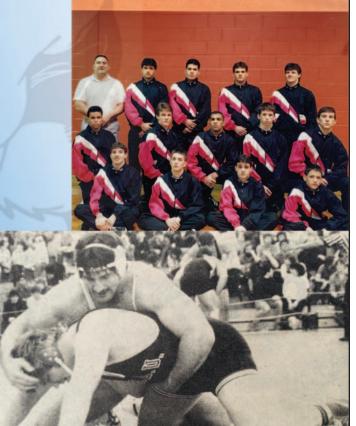


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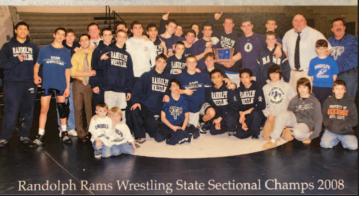


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In June, 2023, Kira Pipkins was presented the Tricia Saunders High School Excellence Award by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Kira became New Jersey's first fourtime female State Champion and first

female wrester in the state to reach 100 victories. Team captain on both the boys and girls teams from 2021-23, she received both the Bloomfield High School's Most Valuable Wrestler Award, and the school's Wrestling Scholar-Athlete Award four years in a row.

She will enter Columbia University in the fall.



Randolph's Pat Glory completed an undefeated senior season for Princeton University, culminated with the 125-pound national title.

He won three EIWA titles during his career, finishing with an overall record of

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