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## 2nd ANNUAL

## California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet

# THE PROGRAM

Induction Banquet  
May 25, 2001  
Concord Hilton Hotel  
Concord, California

## Agenda.

## Master of Ceremonies

Don Blasingame

## Invocation

Jeff Roberts  
Pastor, Calvary Chapel  
Grass Valley, CA

## Welcome

Lynn Dyche  
President, California Wrestling  
Hall of Fame

### Introduction of California Hall of Fame Honorees & Awards Presentation

Don Blasingame  
*Commentary*

Nancy Schultz  
*Awards Presentations*

### Closing Remarks

Lynn Dyche

## Closure

Don Blasingame

# Hall of Fame Program Profiles.



## Allen Abraham

Allen wrestled at Turlock High School and was third in the Northern California Championships. He wrestled and played football at San Francisco State. In 1961, he won the Far Western

Conference title at 191 pounds and finished second in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Championships. He received his B.A. and M.A. from San Francisco State. In 1972, he received his doctorate from Columbia University. Allen coached wrestling for 18 years at S.F. State and compiled a 172-111-1 record. His teams won eight Far Western Conference Championships. He was named the Conference Coach Of The Year five times. He coached 25 college and Division II NCAA All-Americans, one Division I All-American and coached three AAU Freestyle and two Greco-Roman National Champions. Allen helped develop over 60 high school and college wrestling coaches. He was team leader of the 1980 USA Wrestling Team and was the team leader for the World Team in 1981 and 1982. He was the President of the NCAA Division II Wrestling Coaches' Association and was on the NCAA Rules Committee. Allen is presently a professor of Kinesiology and associate department chair at San Francisco State University.



## Lee Allen

Lee was a four time undefeated state champion at Sandy High School in Oregon. He was a two time PCI champion and was chosen as the Outstanding Wrestler. He also won the National Greco-

Roman championship while a student at the University of Oregon. He was a member of the 1956 United States Olympic Freestyle Team and the 1960 Olympic Greco-Roman Team. Lee was a National Champion five times. He was a two time U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman assistant coach and was the head World Team Greco-Roman coach five times. Lee was one of the founding fathers of the Bay Area Wrestling Association and the Peninsula Grapplers for both men and women.



### Dan Brand

As a member of the San Francisco Olympic Club from 1961-1965, Dan won seven National AAU Championships, four in Freestyle and three in Greco-Roman.

He was named the Outstanding Wrestler in Freestyle (1963) and twice in Greco-Roman (1963-64). In World Championship competition he was 4th in 1961, 3rd in 1962, and placed 3rd at the 1964 Olympic Games. Dan had previously placed fifth in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. He was also a Japan National Champion in 1963. Dan has continued to support wrestling and recently served as the head wrestling coach at Campolindo High School in Walnut Creek.



### Charlie Douglas

Charlie attended Palmer High School in Colorado Springs and placed 2nd in the state high school championships. He was a three time conference champion and NCAA participant for the

University of Northern Colorado. He coached wrestling at Colorado Springs and San Mateo High School. Charlie officiated wrestling for 37 years. He officiated at most of the major collegiate championships including the PAC-101s, NCAA Division II, the Big-8 Conference, the Far Western Conference, the NAIA, and 15 NCAA Division Championships. He was the first African-American to officiate in the NCAA Division I Championships. Charlie retired in June of 2000 after thirty years in education serving his last seven years as the principal at San Mateo High School. Charlie was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame as an official in 1999.



### Bob Ericson

Bob coached wrestling for twenty eight years, twenty at Diablo Valley College where he compiled a dual meet record of 315-74. His DVC team was the first team north of Fresno to win the State

Junior College Championship in 1970. Bob coached 36 All Americans and 12 National Champions. He was the Community College Coach of the Year twice and the Northern California Coach of the year nineteen times. He was the first community college coach elected President of the National Wrestling Coaches' Association and served on numerous committees for that organization.



### Inductees of 2000

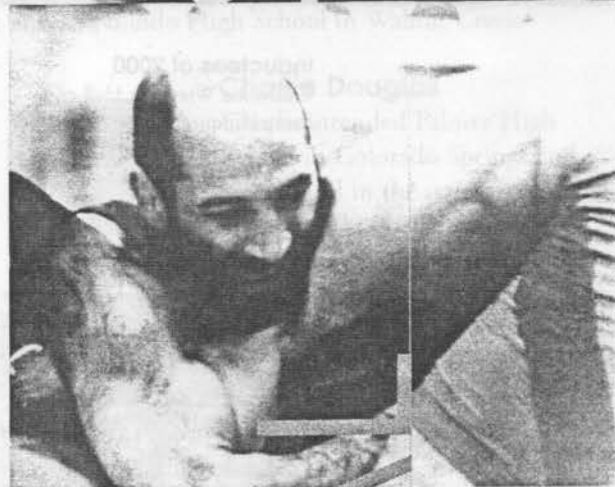
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# HALL OF FAME 2001



**Don Blasingame**  
Master of Ceremonies





**Dave Schultz**  
1st Inductee California  
Wrestling Hall of Fame

2nd INDUCTEE

### Ken Bos



Ken wrestled at Artesia High School and Cerritos College. He then attended Cal Poly (SLO) where he became a three-time All-American, placing 3rd and 1st in the NCAA Division II Championships. He also placed 4th in the Division I championships. His coaching career includes two years at the high school level and eighteen years at Rio Hondo College where he coached 34 Junior College All-Americans and his teams won 10 conference titles and two State Junior College Championships. His many contributions of time and talent to the sport of wrestling include being Competition Director for Wrestling at the 1984 Olympic Games, being a member of the National Coaches' Association Executive Board, officiating at the NCAA Division I National Championships and being elected President of the California Community College Coaches' Association on three occasions. Ken was inducted into the NCAA Division II Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1998.

### Ned Blass



Ned was an Oklahoma High School Wrestling Champion, a two-time NCAA Champion, and an alternate on the 1956 Olympic team. He was featured on the cover of the 1954 Official Wrestling guide. Ned coached in Oklahoma and at Mt. Miguel and Valhalla High Schools in San Diego, winning multiple league and San Diego CIF Section championships. He was a leader in organizing the California State Championships. He's been selected as the California, San Diego, and National High School Athletic Coaches' Association District Eight Wrestling Coach of the Year. Ned has been inducted into the San Diego Hall of Champions as a Coaching Legend, the Citizens' Savings Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

### Mike Gallego



Mike started wrestling at McLane High School in Fresno his junior year and then Pacific Grove High School as a senior. He was a Central Coast Section Champion and undefeated going into the Northern California Championships. He attended Fresno State University where he was a NCAA Division I Champion. He also placed 6th as a sophomore and

was the runner-up at the NCAA Division I Championships, a two time NCAA Division II Champion, a National AAU Freestyle Champion, a World Freestyle Team member '71 and a Greco-Roman team member '73. Mike placed third at the prestigious Tbilisi Tournament in Russia. He graduated from dental school in 1972 and continues to practice dentistry and helps with the Grass Valley High School Wrestling Team.



### Webber Lawson

The call to "go west, young man" was taken seriously by Webber as he left his native Oklahoma and landed in California where he pursued his wrestling career at Inglewood High, Cal Poly-SLO, and the LA Athletic Club where he won the 1948 Western Regional Olympic Trials and was named the Outstanding Wrestler. In addition, he won three Far Western Championships. He refereed and coached for twenty-five years in three different CIF Sections, most notably at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale in the Central Coast Section. His teams won 52 straight duals, four consecutive Central Coast Section (CIF) Titles, and a Northern California Invitational Team Championship.



### Charlie Lee

Charlie attended the University of Iowa where he not only wrestled, but also was a member of the victorious 1959 Hawkeye Rose Bowl Football Team. Charlie coached Bella Vista High School to six 3Top-52 finishes in the C.I.F. State Tournament while crowning eight individual CIF State Champions. He also coached fifteen other CIF State medalists. His overall coaching record in his 22 years of coaching at Bella Vista was 244-28-1. Charlie's proudest moments in wrestling were spent coaching his son David to three CIF State Championships, the first California wrestler to ever accomplish this feat. For his accomplishments, Charlie was selected as the National High School Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1979 by the Scholastic Wrestling News. Charlie also developed an outstanding kid's wrestling program in the Sacramento area leading them to three national team championships.

### Larry Morgan



Larry was a two time Junior National Wrestling Champion and World Champion while wrestling at Bakersfield High School. He attended Cal Poly where he was a three time NCAA Division II

All-American, a NCAA Division II Champion and was selected as the Outstanding Wrestler in 1973. Larry was a Senior National Team Champion and placed 4th in the 1975 World Championships. He was also a USAW National Champion three times at 149.5 pounds, an Olympic Trials Champion in 1976 and a member of the Pan American Team in 1977. Larry coached for the past 11 years in Bakersfield. He was inducted into the NCAA Division II Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1999.

### Hugh Mumby



Hugh Mumby exemplifies the highest ideals of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame, demonstrating outstanding dedication to athletes and contributing immeasurably to the sport of wrestling. A

four year letterman in wrestling at U.C. Berkeley and head coach of twenty plus years at San Jose State. Hugh coached many champions, including two time Olympian, Russ Camilleri. He has always been regarded as a mat technician and a gentleman of highest integrity. Hugh is an exemplary role model for wrestlers, coaches and officials.

### Ted Mumby



Ted coached wrestling in India at Lucknow College, at Stanford, and at San Jose State from 1946-52. He graduated from the University of Indiana and went on to study at Christian College of Lucknow in

India. In 1932, Ted served as the Coach and Manager of the India Olympic Team. Ted also coached a group of wrestlers from India in the 1934 British Empire Games. He held degrees in psychology, mathematics and became an ordained minister. After leaving India he went to Stanford where he earned a physical education credential and helped to start the wrestling program at Stanford. In 1946, Ted took over the program at San Jose State which produced some great Spartan wrestling teams. He also coached tennis and gymnastics.



### Larry Nelson

There are many that enjoy the sport of wrestling, but few that have made it such a big part of their lives as Larry Nelson. Larry was a Wisconsin state high school and Wisconsin AAU champion.

He attended the University of Michigan and attained the title of Michigan AAU champ and Big-10 champion. He also won the Midwest Regional Olympic Trials. Turning the sport he loves into a career, Larry began his coaching career. Vacaville High School has been blessed to have Larry as their head wrestling coach for more than 30 years, and he is currently their assistant coach. Larry's teams have dominated the Sac-Joaquin Section for many years. His coaching accomplishments include leading teams to numerous section individual and dual meet championships, and producing many California State CIF Champions.



### Eric Wais

At Woodland High School, Eric was a three-time league champion; he won the Sac-Joaquin CIF Section championship twice and the California State CIF

Championship twice in 1975 and

1976. He was a three time All-American and three time Big-8 Conference champion for Oklahoma State University. Eric placed 4th in the NCAA Championships in 1977, 2nd in 1978, and he won the coveted NCAA Championship in 1970 for the Cowboys. Eric was a National Freestyle Champion in 1981 and returned to Woodland High School to become the head wrestling coach.



### Hans Wiedenhoefer

"The Father of Central Valley Wrestling". An outstanding San Jose State wrestler, boxer and football player, Hans won the Pacific Coast Athletic Wrestling

Championship as a junior and was

a Far Western Champion. After World War II the Fresno City Schools hired Hans to teach a boxing and wrestling unit at each school. Wrestling was very popular among the coaches who started competitions with other schools. Wiedenhoefer coached the Fresno City College wrestling team for the first seven years. Fresno City College won five conference championships, two regional and two state junior college championships, as well as a second and two third place finishes. He coached 12 individual State Junior College Champions.

## History of The California Wrestling Hall of Fame

In October, 1996 a group of twenty five wrestling coaches, officials and friends met in Monterey, California to discuss organizing a California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

As a result of that meeting, Lynn Dyche was elected president and a steering committee was formed. Additional meetings took place. We now have governing by-laws adopted, and a selection procedure and process in place for inducting individuals into the Hall of Fame.

California has been long overdue in establishing a Hall of Fame. There are many past coaches, officials, athletes and friends who have supported wrestling through their efforts and who should be recognized and remembered for their contributions to wrestling "the oldest living sport."

The late David Schultz was the first California Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee in 1997. The first group of nineteen individuals were selected for induction in May 2000. This evening we will be recognizing sixteen individuals for induction into the California Wrestling Hall of Fame 2001.

At the present time, we are searching for a permanent Hall of Fame facility. Many prefer a location in a central California city such as Fresno, Bakersfield or San Luis Obispo. However, the immediate goal of the committee is to find an interim location that could facilitate the Hall of Fame.

If you would like further information on the goals of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame, or you would like to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee, contact Lynn Dyche at 408.978.9543 or e-mail Lynn at [dyche@earthlink.net](mailto:dyche@earthlink.net). The committee is also seeking donations to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Annual membership dues are \$25 per year. You will receive a membership card and an annual newsletter. Please send your check to: California Wrestling Hall of Fame, c/o Del Schwartz, 21712 Superior Lane, Lake Forest, CA 92630.



# Mission Statement.

The mission of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame shall be to recognize those individuals and groups who, because of their dedication, have contributed immeasurably to the establishment, maintenance and continuation of amateur wrestling in the State of California.

The lives of thousands of student athletes from middle school to university have been positively influenced by their association with the sport of amateur wrestling. Dedication to a goal and a striving for excellence are characteristics of the amateur wrestler while self discipline, self reliance and self confidence are lifetime returns for all who have given themselves to the sport.

Wrestling builds character and is unique among sports because it welcomes all athletes regardless of physical characteristics, race, socioeconomic status or geography. The California Wrestling Hall of Fame shall recognize and honor into perpetuity those wrestlers, coaches, officials, friends of wrestling and related organizations who, by their exemplary contributions, are worthy of recognition by induction into the California Hall of Fame.



**Webber Lawson, Charlie Douglas, and Duane Morgan**  
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**Nancy Schultz**  
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