

# **20<sup>th</sup> Annual California Wrestling Hall of Fame Banquet Program**



**Induction Banquet  
May 11, 2019  
Elks Lodge #6  
Sacramento, CA**





CALIFORNIA REPUBLIC



Brothers Dave and Mark Schultz won 1984 Olympic Gold.



## CALIFORNIANS WHO WERE U.S. OLYMPIC WRESTLERS

Stephen Abas	2004	Canyon Springs & Logan H.S.	SILVER
John Azevedo	1980	Grace Davis High School	
Russell Camilleri	1960, 64	Campbell High School	
Quincy Clark	2000	Lincoln Prep High School (SD)	
Buck Deadrich	1972	Castro Valley High School	
Richard Delgado	1956	San Diego High School	
Mark Fuller	80, 84, 88, 92	Lincoln High School	
Greg Gibson	1984	Shasta High School	SILVER
Sergio Gonzalez	1972	Redondo High School	
Joe Gonzalez	1984	Montebello High School	
Eric Guerrero	2004	Independence High School	
Dan Henderson	1992, 96	Victorville High School	
Jamill Kelly	2004	Atwater High School	SILVER
Pat Lovell	1964	Sequoia High School	
Patricia Miranda	2004	Saratoga High School	BRONZE
Ben Northrup	1960	Lowell High School (SF)	
George W. Retzer Jr.	1912	Los Angeles High School	
Jay Robinson	1972	Mt. Miguel High School (SD)	
Townsend Sanders	1992, 96	Torrance High School	SILVER
Dave Schultz	1984	Palo Alto High School	GOLD
Mark Schultz	1984, 88	Palo Alto High School	GOLD
Heath Sims	2000	Woodbridge High School	
Robby Smith	2016	San Ramon Valley High School	
James Steiger	1972	James Madison HS (San Diego)	
Richard Tamble	1968	South Torrance High School	
Charles Tribble	1964	Pacific H.S. (San Bernardino)	
Marcie Van Dusen	2008	Rim of the World High School	
Tim Vanni	1988, 92	Monache High School	
Jake Varner	2012	Bakersfield High School	GOLD
Adam Wheeler	2008	Lancaster High School	BRONZE



# CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME MISSION STATEMENT



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

The lives of thousands of student athletes from middle school, high school, community college, college to chosen careers have been shaped, molded and forever impacted by their association with amateur wrestling. Dedication to a goal, determination to do their best, and self-sacrifice for excellence, are but a few of the investments when one is part of wrestling. Self-discipline, self-reliance, and self-confidence are lifetime returns for amateur wrestlers and others who have given of themselves to the sport.

Wrestling builds character and is unique among sports because it welcomes all athletes – tall and short, heavy and light, physically strong and physically finessed. Wrestling is blind to color, socio-economic status and 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 Wrestling Hall of Fame.





## A WORD FROM THE HALL OF FAME DIRECTOR



**Mr. Lynn Dyche**

**I trust that you will have an enjoyable evening as we share the opportunity to recognize and hear about the outstanding individuals from the northern California area that are being honored this evening. They have contributed so much to advance the stature of amateur wrestling in California.**

**The 2019 Hall of Fame Banquet is our 20th banquet. Our first banquet was held in 2000 at Concord, and we inducted 19 outstanding individuals. It was at this banquet that we realized we needed to reduce the number of honorees each year and limit the Inductees to a five-minute speech. One could imagine how long it took for 19 individuals to speak without a time limit!**

**When we started the Hall of Fame in 1998, I proposed a regional concept for banquets. It made sense that we should recognize deserving wrestlers, coaches, officials and others as close to their homes as possible. This would enable their families, former athletes, fellow coaches, officials, and friends the opportunity to attend to honor them. Individuals from the northern California area will be recognized and honored this evening**

**The first Hall of Fame Inductee was the late David Schultz, a CIF State Champion, NCAA Champion and Olympic Champion. His life was tragically taken from us.**

**We have held our Hall of Fame Banquets in Concord, San Jose, Fresno, Bakersfield, Laguna Hills and Sacramento. The 2020 banquet is scheduled to be held in the Fresno (Central) area.**

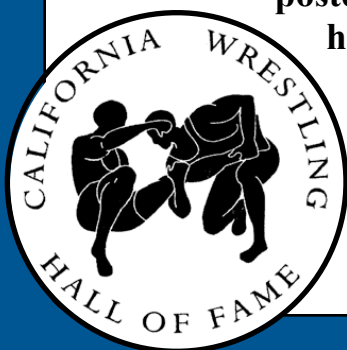
**There are 11 individuals who will be receiving a Lifetime Service Award this evening, which includes three individuals who will be recognized posthumously. These three individuals were active leaders, coaches, and officials in the San Francisco Bay Area. We will also be recognizing 9 individuals for Induction this evening. The countless hours of time, dedication and commitment of our Hall of Fame Honorees makes them most deserving of the Hall of Fame recognition.**

**We are actively using the concept of using virtual reality to display the many photographs, inductee interviews, books, posters and other memorabilia to share the**

**history of California wrestling. I encourage you to view our Hall of Fame website:**

**[californiawrestlinghalloffame.com](http://californiawrestlinghalloffame.com)**

**In closing, on behalf of the California Wrestling Hall of Fame Executive Board, we congratulate our 2019 California**





# **CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET**

## **AGENDA**

**Master of Ceremonies - Anthony Morales**

**Invocation - Jeff Roberts**  
President, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

## **Dinner**

**Welcome - Lynn Dyche**  
Director, California Wrestling Hall of Fame

**Introduction of California Hall of Fame  
Honorees and Awards Presentation**

**Commentary and Closure - Anthony Morales**

**A group photo of the 2019 HOF Honorees  
will be taken at the end of the banquet.**



Group photos will be taken  
during the dinner session.  
For any special group photo requests,  
please contact the Master of Ceremonies.

# 2019 CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## CHRIS ANAYA

In 1972, he was one of the most sought after high school wrestlers in the country during his senior year at San Lorenzo H.S. when he was 52-0 with 35 pins. He won the CIF Section championship and the Northern California Invitational Tournament where he was selected as Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Anaya earned high school All-American recognition from Wrestling USA magazine.

He attended Chabot College and won the State Community College championship.

A two-time All-American, he also won the National Freestyle championship in 1975.

He was nationally ranked at Cal Poly.

## VINCE BICOCCA

He started his coaching career at Linden H.S. in 1975. Four years later, he moved to Calaveras H.S. as a teacher, counselor, athletic director and coach. He was voted the Northern California Officials Association Coach of the Year in 2004, and he was awarded the CIF Sac-Joaquin Section's Model Coach Award in 2009. In 43 years of coaching, he had 217 league champions, 58 Section Masters place winners, 4 State medalists and one NHSCA Senior National champion. His teams won 29 league and 22 Section championships, with a dual meet record of 462-154-5; 63-0 from 2000-04.



## MATT BLEVIN

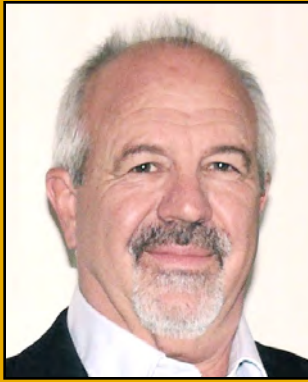
At Mountain View H.S. where he was a league champion and CIF Coast Section finalist two times, he was the champion as a senior, placing 4th in the CIF State Meet.

At West Valley College, Matt was a CA Community College state champion and All-American in 1985. At San Francisco State, he was a two-time NCAA Div. 2 All-American for placing twice at the D2 Championships, winning a national championship in 1990. Matt was an assistant coach at SF State for 3 seasons, and in 1997 they won the NCAA D2 National team title. He was a champion and 3-time finalist at CA Freestyle Open.

## BRETT COLOMBINI

He was a 3-time league champion and twice winner of the CIF North Coast Section for Ukiah High School where he placed 3rd at the CIF State Championships as a junior, winning a championship as a senior in 1990. Brett placed 2nd at the NHSCA National Championships, earning All-American honors. He wrestled at the University of Minnesota from 1991-95, placing 2nd three times in the Big 10 Conference Championships. The two-time NCAA Div. 1 All-American was selected as the University's Athlete of the Year in 1995. He coached at both Ukiah and Windsor H.S.

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## GLENN COOPER

At San Juan High School, he was a State Qualifier as a sophomore, and a member of the CA Cultural Exchange Team to Japan.

Glenn was a 2-time CIF Sac-Joaquin Section champion and winner of CIF State championships in 1975 and 1976. In the 1975

State Tournament, Cooper gave Dave Schultz his last defeat in high school. Glenn won the Arizona State Freestyle Championship, and in 1976 he won National Freestyle and Greco-Roman championships.

He attended and wrestled at Cal State Bakersfield where he was a NCAA Div. 2 champion and an All-American.

## STEVE MARKEY

A league and CIF North Coast Section champion at Alameda High School, he was 5th in the CIF State Championships in 1978 and was a CIF State Champion in 1979.

His high school wrestling career record was 112-6. Markey placed second at the High School Junior National Tournament, then attended Chabot College where he won a California Community College State Championship and earned All-American recognition. Steve also wrestled at Cal State University-Bakersfield where he won a NCAA Division 2 National Championship, again earning him All-American honors.



## DON MINTO

After wrestling at Durham High School, he wrestled at Chico State College in 1976. For

31 years, Don taught and coached at Corning High School where he helped the varsity football team to earn seven consecutive CIF North Section championships.

Minto also coached the track team to 20 Section championships. He started the wrestling program at Corning H.S. and coached for 30 years. He compiled a dual match record of 401-79-0, and his wrestling teams won 17 league titles, 10 CIF North Section championships and four Section Masters Meet championships.

## CODY OLSON

He wrestled at Fallon H.S. in Nevada where he was a State Champion before moving to Bella Vista H.S. in his senior year. He went 51-1 and placed 3rd at State. At the Univ. of Nebraska, he was a team captain, a 3X NCAA qualifier and Big 8 Conference champ.

One of the top wrestling officials in the country, Olson has officiated NCAA Div. 1 and 2 championships and four times at the NWCA All-Star Duals. He has officiated most of the major high school and college tournaments in the nation, and he has served as the assignor of officials for the Northern CA Wrestling Officials Assoc. the past 18 years.

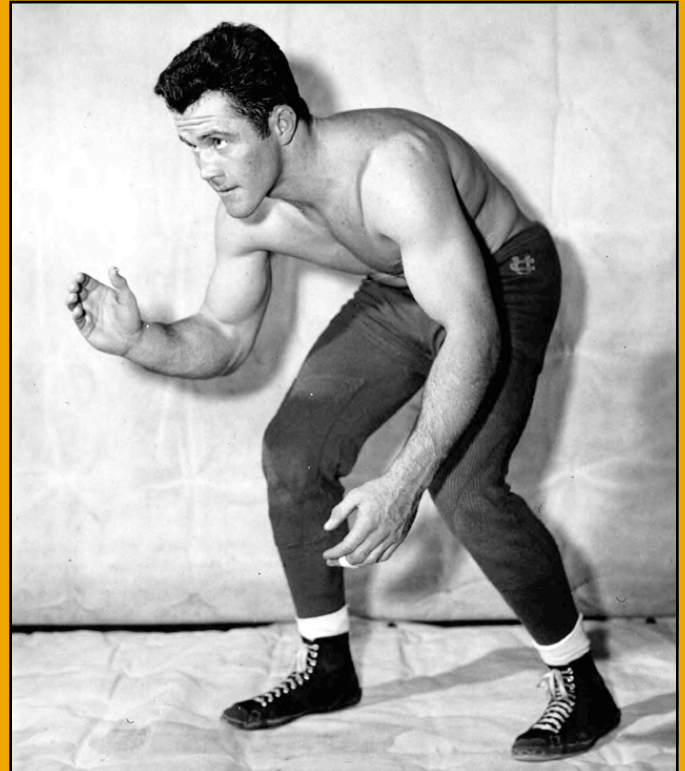


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### KEITH SPATARO

At Skyline College and then San Francisco State, he was a 2-time conference champion, 2-time Regional champion, and twice named a team captain and Most Valuable Wrestler. A 4X collegiate All-American, he has coached 24 seasons at the high school, community college and 4-year college levels. His teams won 3 league titles, 2 conference titles, and 2 Regional titles, and he was named Coach of the Year 7 times. Keith developed the Menlo College program into a national NAIA contender, with 6 Top-10 finishes and 40 national placers, 18 All-Americans, and 6 national champs.



Bently Lyon, California's first NCAA Champion in 1952 while wrestling at UC Berkeley, was the first winner west of the Rocky Mountains.



The 1978 USA Greco-Roman World Team had 13 Californian wrestlers including California Hall of Fame inductees Coach Lee Allen, Dennis Bardsley (Cal Poly), Mark Fuller and David Nelson, plus David Ceja (SF State), Coach Joe DeMeo, Michael Flemming (UCLA) Mark Gruneth (West Point), Coach Ed Haddad, James Howard (USMC via Clovis), John Monolakis (SF State), Craig Shoene and Floyd Winter (Army).

## 2019 CA. WRESTLING HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



### MARK BOWE

He attended Forest View H.S. in Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he was a 3-time varsity letterman, 2-time conference champion and district champion. After moving to California, Mark coached at Summerville H.S. in Tuolumne for 3 years before moving to Calaveras H.S. where he was a teacher, swimming and wrestling coach for 34 years. He has served as co-coach with Vince Bicocca the past 35 years, and the teams have won 25 league championships and 7 CIF Division championships. Between 2000 and 2004, the team compiled a 65-0 undefeated streak.

### PAUL BRISTOW

As head wrestling coach at Atwater High School for 25 years, he produced many league and CIF Section champions, with numerous CIF State Tournament medalists. One of his outstanding wrestlers was Jamil Kelly, an Olympic Silver Medalist and CA Wrestling Hall of Fame member. Paul has been very active with USA Wrestling as a coach, official, and director of coaches education. He was selected Outstanding Official at the Junior National Duals. Bristow was also the Junior National team coach for 15 years. He is currently the principal at Sequoia High School in Merced.



### CLARK CONOVER

Actively involved in wrestling for the past 35 years as an athlete, coach and athletic director, he first competed at Livermore H.S. where he placed in the CIF North Coast Section 3 times, winning a championship as a senior. The 2-time high school All-American placed at the CIF State Meet. At Chabot College, Clark was a community college State Champion. Later at Cal Poly, he placed 3rd at the PAC 10 Championships. He coached at Granada H.S. for 12 years, with 31 league champions, 35 Section medalists and 21 State qualifiers. He is a board member of the CA Wrestling HOF.

### ROGER DURANT

He was the wrestling coach at Miramonte H.S. for 33 years, and his teams won 16 league dual and/or tournament titles, 2 CIF North Coast Section championships, and 2 CIF Section runners-up. Roger served as league wrestling chairman, and he was the physical education department chairman for 18 years. In 1979, he was the Bay area "Super Sport" Coach of the Year. In 1990, he was named the California Coaches Association's Coach of the Year. In 1991, he received the CIF North Coast Section's Honor Coach Award. His name is included on the Wall of Fame at Miramonte H.S.



## 2019 CA. WRESTLING HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



### JAKE FITZPATRICK

He began his coaching career at Santa Rosa H.S. before moving to Piner H.S. where he had many league and CIF Section champions. Jake has been the wrestling coach at Santa Rosa Junior College for the past 25 years. He has hosted an annual Invitational Dual Tournament for the past 20 years, plus numerous Northern California Regionals and the State Community College Championships. Fitzpatrick has served as chairman of the Nor Cal Community College Wrestling Coaches Association, and he has officiated high school wrestling for 25 years, including at CIF Sections and State.

### ROD FORSETH

In 19 years of as the head wrestling coach at Enterprise High School, Rod compiled a dual match record of 128-38-0. His teams finished in the Top 10 at the CIF North Section Masters Meet 12 times, with three 3rd place finishes. He volunteered to coach for youth soccer and junior high school wrestling. Forseth served as tournament director of the CIF North Section Masters Tournament for 21 years, and he was instrumental in fundraising to save sports, to reinstate wrestling at Shasta College, and to establish a wrestling program at Simpson College in 2012 where he now coaches.



### THOR JENSEN

A wrestler at San Jose State University, he competed in the 1984 Freestyle Olympic Trials. His coaching began at El Camino H.S. in South San Francisco, and continued for the past 36 years at Will C. Wood H.S. in Vacaville where he started the wrestling program. Jensen's teams have won 309 dual matches, and he has coached 3 CIF Section champions, 40 CIF State qualifiers, 11 CIF State placers, and 8 high school All-Americans. He's been director of the Wildcat Invitational Tournament for 26 years, and league wrestling rep 18 years. He was 3X Monticello Empire League Coach of the Year.

### ED ZUCKERMAN

For 2 years, Ed was the starting fullback on the Chico State University football team. He began his 38-year wrestling coaching career at Willows H.S. where his teams won 26 league championships, the CIF Northern Section's Small Schools championship 3 times, the CIF NC Division 2 championship 10 times. Zuckerman was the athletic director and the Westside League wrestling rep. He served on the league rules committee for 5 years, and he was seeding committee rep for 10 years. He's in the Chico State Hall of Fame and received the CIF Distinguished Service Award in 2009.

## 2019 CA. WRESTLING HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD



### POSTHUMOUS HONOREES



#### CLYDE FORREST

He started wrestling at Arvin H.S. in 1958.

After boxing for 2 years at Bakersfield College, Clyde transferred to Chico State where he won the Far Western Championship in 1962. Forrest became a teacher at Pleasant Hill H.S., coaching football and wrestling there for 18 years. He coached both sports for 20 years after moving to College Park H.S. where he had numerous league and Section champions, coaching Chris Bodine to a State title. He mentored many young coaches in the Bay area, and in 1984 he was selected as the first ever North Coast Coach of the Year.

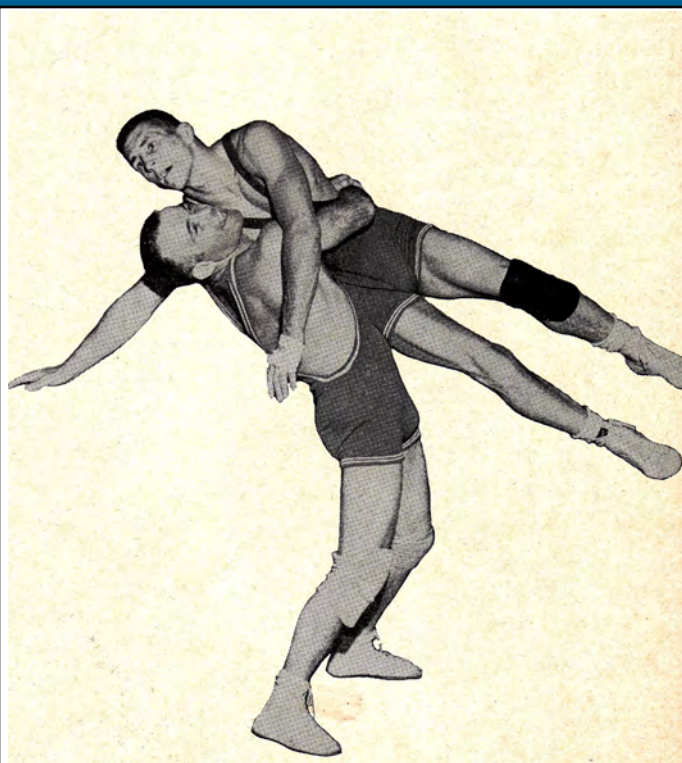
#### BOB JEROME

Bob coached at Fremont High School in Oakland for 32 years, winning 16 league championships and 14 CIF Oakland Section championships. His teams were the dominant force in the Oakland Section for many years, and he served as the league wrestling chairman for eight years and was a member of the CIF wrestling advisory committee for five years. Through Jerome's efforts, the sports of wrestling and golf were saved in the Oakland Section.



#### ERWIN "MATTIE" MATTSO

After starting his wrestling coaching career at St. Helena High School and then at Saint Mary's College, Mattson was one of the 12 original teachers to start Acalanes High School. He was an outstanding wrestling coach, and his teams dominated the league for many years. Mattie was a leader and a respected wrestling coach in the Bay area. He received the Martin Olivarri Award for his achievements and leadership as a wrestling coach. He retired in 1966, but the league continues to present an annual Erwin Mattson Award to the outstanding athlete in the league.



San Francisco Olympic Club's Ben Northrup (1964) and Ron Finley (1963) won AAU Greco-Roman national championships,



# CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



## 1997 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

**DAVE SCHULTZ** – California State High School, NCAA, World and Olympic Champion, 10 Freestyle and Greco-Roman National Titles, 7 World Medals, and 2 Tblisi Championships.



## 2000 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**JOHN AZEVEDO** – 2x California State Champion, 3x NCAA Division II Champion, undefeated NCAA D I National Champion, 1980 Olympic Freestyle Wrestling team, coached six CIF State Championship Teams at Calvary Chapel.

**RUSS CAMILLERI** - Member of two Olympic teams (1960 and 1964) and won 12 National AAU Championships, voted the Outstanding Wrestler six times and won 2 Northern California Invitational Team titles

**MARK DiGIROLAMO** - Four Northern California Invitational championships, NCAA D I champion for Cal Poly.

**LYNN DYCHE** - Head official of Community College and HS State Championships, state editor for Wrestling USA magazine since 1973, organized and directed the First California State CIF Wrestling Tournament in 1973. Lynn took the initial leadership role in organizing the California Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**JACK FERNANDEZ** - Coaching dual meet record of 223-34-1, his teams won 65 tournaments, 17 league championships and 5 CIF Southern titles at Miracosta. Jack officiated the NCAA and the National AAU tournaments.

**GREG GIBSON** - CIF Section & Northern California placer, Shasta College State placer, NCAA runner-up at Oregon, World Cup Greco-Roman Champion, first wrestler to medal in three World Championships in three different styles (Freestyle-2nd, Greco Roman-4th, Sombo-1st), Pan-Am Games Champion, Olympic Greco Roman Silver Medalist, Olympic Team coach.

**JOE “GONZO” GONZALES** - 3 time World Cup Champion, United States Olympian, NCAA D I Champion, 2 x NCAA D II Champion, 11 x AAU National Freestyle Champion, Tbilisi Tournament Champion, National High School Wrestling Champion, NCAA record 55 wins 0 losses.

**DAVE HENGSTELER** - One of the founding fathers of the Community College State Tournament in 1959, Dave was the only coach to win three consecutive State Championships with a record of 216-45-10 at El Camino. He was a pioneer in the Southern California Wrestling Coaches Association.

**VAUGHAN HITCHCOCK** - 3x Northern California Wrestling Champion, two Pacific Coast Intercollegiate titles with a record of 97-4-0, won four CIF Section Championships and two Northern California Invitational team titles with a record of 72-1. His teams won eight NCAA D II Wrestling Championships with a record of 355-112-4 at Cal Poly.

**DAVID LEE** - World Schoolboy Freestyle Champion and the World Greco-Roman School Boy Champion, first 3x CIF State Champion, 2x PAC-10 Champion for Stanford, 2x Big 10 Champion, NCAA D I Champion for Wisconsin.

**PAT LOVELL** - PCI Champion for Cal Poly, member of the 1964 Olympic Greco-Roman Team, officiated at 17 NCAA Division I, 17 Pac-10, 15 California State High School, 2 Junior World, and 17 National Open Freestyle Championship Tournaments.

**BILL MARTELL** – Coached at Cal, chairman of the National Greco-Roman Committee for USA Wrestling Coaches Association; and Head Coach, Elite Wrestling Team, director of the annual Concord Cup International Greco-Roman Tournament.

**M.A. “DOC” NORTHRUP** – 4x AAU National Champion, Olympic team alternate, Pan Am Champion, at age 57 he won the Arizona State Freestyle Championship. “Doc” proved that age was not an excuse for not competing, and he was an example of a true champion for all.

**STEVE SANCHEZ** - The only California high school wrestling coach to have coached State CIF Championship teams at two different California high schools: Merced in 1980 and Antioch in 1988. His teams won a combined 8 CIF Section titles.

**MARK SCHULTZ** - California CIF HS Champion, 3x NCAA D I National Champion, won a Gold Medal at the 1984 Olympics, 2x World Champion, 4x U.S. Open titles. Former Head Coach of wrestling at BYU.

**JOE SEAY** - Won 3 National AAU Greco-Roman titles and was 2x 2nd in Freestyle. His teams won NCAA D II (Cal State Bakersfield) and D I (Oklahoma State) titles, and he was Head Coach of the U.S. Goodwill Games team, the World Championships, and the U.S. Olympic Team at Atlanta.

**DEAN SENSENBAUGH** - One of the founding fathers of the Community College State Tournament - 1959. He holds the coaching record for the most California Community College wins -- 374 at Modesto JC.

**WILLIAM T (BILL) SMITH** - two NCAA titles for Iowa State Teachers (Iowa), 3 National AAU titles, a gold medal at the Olympic Games, coached 9 National AAU Team Championships at the San Francisco Olympic Club, 5 in Freestyle and 4 in Greco-Roman, won the 1977 California State CIF Team Championship.

**JOHN WOODS** – 2x NCAA D II finalist and Champion, 2nd at the NCAA D I Championships for Cal Poly. His Palomar teams were 179-19-3 and won five Community College State Championships.



## 2001 Hall of Fame Inductees

**ALLEN ABRAHAM** - 3rd in the Northern California Wrestling Championship, won the Far Western Conference title, 2nd in the PCI Championships, his San Francisco State teams won 8 Far Western Conference Wrestling Championships, Junior World Greco Roman Coach and Team Leader, Leader of 1980 USA Olympic Wrestling Team and USA World Freestyle 2x.

**LEE ALLEN** - 4x undefeated Oregon State Champion, 2x PCI Champion, member of the United States Olympic Freestyle and Greco-Roman teams, National Champion 5x, 2x U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman assistant coach, head World Team Greco-Roman coach 5x. Coached at Skyline JC.

**NED BLASS** - Oklahoma High School Wrestling Champion, 2x NCAA Champion for Oklahoma State, alternate on the 1956 Olympic Team, leader in organizing the California State Wrestling Championships..

**KEN BOS** – 2x Conference Champion, NCAA D II Champion and 4th place in the NCAA D I Championships for Cal Poly, teams at Rio Hondo won two JC State Championships and 10 Conference Championships.

**DAN BRAND** – won 7 National AAU championships, 4 in Freestyle and 3 in Greco-Roman. In World Championship competition, he was 4th in 1961, 3rd in 1962, and placed 3rd in the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.

**CHARLIE DOUGLAS** – 3x HS conference champion, officiated at the PAC 10s, NCAA D II, Big 8 Conference, Far Western Conference, NAIA, and 15 NCAA D I Championships. He was the first African-American to officiate in the NCAA D I Championships.

**BOB ERICSON** - Career dual meet record at DVC was 315 wins and 54 losses, DVC was the first community college team north of Fresno to win the State Community College Championships.

**MIKE GALLEGO** - Central Coast Section Champion, a NCAA D I National Champion, 2x D II National Champion for Fresno State, National AAU Freestyle Champion, World Freestyle & Greco-Roman Team member.

**WEBBER LAWSON** - 3x Far Western Champion, won the Senior Open AAU Championships, won 6 SPAAU titles, and won the U.S. Western Pan Am Title, won 52 straight dual matches, 4 Central Coast Section titles in a row and a Northern California Invitational Team Championship.

**CHARLIE LEE** - Overall record of 248-28-1 at Bella Vista, six Top Five California State places, 5 Sac-Joaquin Section Championships, coached California's first 3x champion, son David Lee.

**LARRY MORGAN** - 2x Junior National Wrestling Champion, Valley (CIF) Champion, 3x NCAA D II AA, NCAA D I AA for Cal Poly, participated in the NCAA East-West All-Star Meet, won the Junior World Wrestling Championship, 4th in the World Championships, USAW National Champion 3x, an alternate in the Montreal Olympics.

**HUGH MUMBY** - PCI Wrestling Champion, guided San Jose to a continually prominent West Coast position for nearly 20 years, known as one of the finest mat technicians in collegiate history.

**TED MUMBY** - Coached wrestling in India at Lucknow College, at Stanford and at San Jose State College (SJSC), coach and manager of the India Olympic Team, helped start the wrestling program at Stanford. In 1946, Ted took over the SJSC wrestling program.

**LARRY NELSON** - Wisconsin State HS Champion and Wisconsin AAU Champion, won the Michigan AAU Championship, Big 10 Champion, led Vacaville to numerous section individual and dual meet championships.

**ERIC WAIS** - 2x CIF Sac-Joaquin Section Champion, 2x CIF State Wrestling Champion for Woodland, 3x AA, a 3x Big 8 Champion and a NCAA Wrestling Champion at Oklahoma State.

**HANS WIEDENHOEFER** - "The Father of Central Valley Wrestling," introduced wrestling to the Central Valley, 2x PCAA Champion, Farwestern Champion, won 5 league championships, 2 regional championships, and 2 California State Junior College Championships

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## **2002 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**GLEN ANDERSON** - Southern CIF Champion with a record of 98-9-1, including 38-0 his senior year, 4x Conference Champion, 4x NCAA Division 2 All-American, 2x NCAA DII National Champion for Cal Poly.

**JIM BURKE** - Northern California Champion, 2x All-Army Champion, NCAA D III Champion, Pan American Champion, 3rd in the World Greco-Roman Championships, Olympic Team Member, National AAU Freestyle Champion, his teams won 5 city championships.

**BILL CLAUDER** - Led his teams to a 262-16-2 record, achieving 22 Grossmont League Championships and 17 San Diego CIF Championships. His team won the first California State High School Championship in 1973.

**ADAM CUESTAS** – 2x California State HS Champion, 2x California Freestyle Champion, Junior National Freestyle Champion, 3x NCAA D II National Champion, NCAA D I National Champion, World Cup Freestyle Gold Medalist.

**DICK FRANCIS** - 2x PCI Champion and runner-up, 3x Far Western AAU Champion, placed third at the National AAU Freestyle Championships, 3rd and 4th at the National AAU Greco-Roman Championships, coached two Conference Team Championships at Fresno State.

**SHELDON HARDEN** - Record was 48-10, won the PCI Championships, 17-0 dual meet record that is still a Cal Poly record, trained officials and started wrestling programs at four central coast high schools, started the Cal Poly High School Tournament (CIT) in 1949 and the Junior College Tourney in 1950.

**BRIGGS HUNT** - Coached many PCI champions at UCLA, a leader in the development of Southern California wrestling, one of the early Greco-Roman coaches and authored wrestling skills books.

**TOM KLINE** - 3x league champion and 3rd in the Northern California Championships, 4x conference champion, 5x NCAA All-American, NCAA D I Champion for Cal Poly.

**BILL MUSICK** - Central Section CIF Champion. won 17 league championships, 12 Nor Cal Championships, 4 state JC Championships, 4 dual meet State Championships, with a 247-50-5 career record at Fresno City.

**BRUCE PFUTZENREUTER** - Won 2 South Yosemite League Championships and placed high in the Central Section Championships, won the California State Community College Championships, with a career record of 264 –81-2 at Bakersfield JC.

**HENRY STONE** - Henry coached for many years at UC Berkley, where he coached Bently Lyon (first NCAA Champion west of Rocky Mountains). He was the author of the best wrestling book of that time and many of the Bay Area (SF) coaches were Henry's former wrestlers.

**TIM VANNI** - 2-time CIF Central Section (Valley) Champion, 6th and 2nd in the California State CIF Championships, 5x World Championships placer, Tim was 4th and 5th in Olympics Games.

**KENT WYATT** - Southern Section CIF champion, 2x California State JC Champion, NCAA D II Champion and AA, 3rd at the NCAA D I Championships for Cal Poly. His teams were 10 time league champions, 1974 Southern Section CIF Champions, 3rd place CIF California state Championships.



## **2004 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**WAYNE BRANSTETTER** - Coaching record of 281-3 -1. Held California State dual meet record of 150 consecutive wins for 17 years, 2x California State HS Championships, 17x Masters, 29x CIF and 27x League Championships at Poway HS.

**BRUCE BURNETT** - Central Section Champion. 2x JC State, Big Sky Conference, and MIWA Champion. Teams won 4 State Championships and 5 2nds, USA Wrestling national Freestyle and 1996 U.S. Olympic Team coach.

**DOMINIC CAROLLO** - CIF, AAU State, 2x Ca State JC, 2x NAIA, NCAA D I Champion, and won the Pam American Games.

**BILL GRANT** – 1982 C.C.S Champions, 4th in CIF State Championships, Director Monterey Clinic of Champions 23 yrs. Editor and Publisher of the “California Wrestler” 25 yrs. President CA. HS Wrestling Coaches Association.

**ED JALLI** – San Joaquin Valley father of wrestling. Won 7 straight San Joaquin Section titles, founder and past president of the Nor Cal Wrestling Coaches Association, helped establish the first Nor California HS Championship.

**MIKE REMER** – Northern California runner-up. 2x CIF Section, 2x State JC, and D II National Champion, NCAA D I 4th place.

**JIM ROOT** –Nor Cal-2nd, 2x Pac-10 place-winner, Open Championships-3rd, Coached 9 State JC, 28 Nor Cal JC Champs, 11x top ten finishes at the State JC Tournament, co-founder of the CA State HS Championships.

**BOB SMITH** – 2x Oregon Collegiate Champion, coached 7 State JC, 14 Conference, and 14 Regional Championships Teams, dual meet record 96-0, one of the founding fathers of the California State JC Tournament.



After coaching for five years at Chanel Islands in Oxnard, Wayne Branstetter was the choice of former Poway coach Al Dorris to succeed him back in 1978. Wayne coached at Poway for 40 years with a combined dual record of 471-6-2. 43 league titles, 37 San Diego Section championships, and 4 CIF State titles among 28 top 5 finishes.





## **2005 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**STEVE ABAS** - 3x CA State, National HS (OW), Jr. National FS (OW), 3x Jr. World National Freestyle Champion and Jr. World Champion. At Fresno State 1998-2002, he was a 3x NCAA and 4x All-American, undefeated his last two seasons. He was U.S. Nationals Champion, 5th in World Championships, Pan American Games, World Cup Champion and 2nd in 2004 Olympic Games.

**ARMAND BRETT** - As Head Coach at Chico State, his teams won 7 Far Western Conference and NCAC Championships, and NCAA D II Western Region Team Championship. He was named Coach of the Year 6x and a member of the NCAA rules committee.

**DALE DEFFNER**— State JC, PCI Champ and 4th in NCAA at Long Beach State. He coached 9 state JC Champions, 2 Outstanding Wrestlers, 25 All-Americans and has 200 wins at Golden West College. He has been a wrestling official since 1963.

**DENNIS DELIDDO** – At Clovis HS, won 5 Central Section, 3 CA State Championships and one 2nd. At Fresno State, won 7 WAC championships, WAC Coach of the Year 4x, PCAA 2x. He has a 304-165-3 career record.

**ERIC GUERRERO** – He was 4x CCS and 3x State Champ at Independence HS, then a 3x NCAA D1 Champ and 4x NCAA All-American at Oklahoma State. He was a 2x Pan Am Silver Medalist and placed 7th at the World Championships.

**TJ KERR** - NCAA DIV II Champions and NCAA DIV II Coach of the Year at Cal State Bakersfield. President of the NWCA, co-coach of NWCA All-Star Classic, 7x PCAA, 3x PAC-10, and NWCA Coach of the Year with 330 wins.

**BENTLY LYON** – at UC Berkeley, a 2x PCI Champion (Outstanding Wrestler and Team Captain in 1952), placed 4th and 1st in the NCAA D1 Championships. He was the first NCAA D1 Champion west of the Rocky Mountains.

**DUANE MORGAN** – Had a dual meet record of 101-1 at Overfelt HS. Chairman of CA of USA Wrestling and 1st VP of USAW, Commissioner of the NCWCO, and has officiated at past 14 CA State Wrestling Championships

**DOC PETERSON** – “Father of Nor Cal HS Wrestling.” His work and effort in promotion started wrestling in the Northern Section. Coached at Chico State, dominating the Far Western Conference through the 1960’s.

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## **2005 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**SAM BOYD** – RMAC Champion in 1956, teacher/coach for 36 years, started youth wrestling in Morro Bay, raised countless dollars for athletics, directs the CIT, owns Pacific-Resilite Mat Company, sponsor of the State Tournament.

**FLOYD “DOC” BUCHANAN** – Superintendent of Clovis Unified, he purchased regulation mats for each of its elementary schools. Doc's support led to Clovis High's 7, Clovis West's 3 and Buchanan's 1 state title(s).

**PAUL CONNER** - volunteer wrestling coach at Arcata HS from 1974-96. He was especially skilled at psychology which helped his athletes excel in sports and life. Paul led the daily warm-ups until the age of 75.

**RENE ERROTABERE** - Valley Wrestling Champion, Coach and NYL wrestling rep at Fresno HS, Director of the CA State Wrestling Tournament, Chairman of the Central Section Wrestling Committee, NYL President, and member of the state's CIF Wrestling Advisory Committee.

**IRV OLINER** - Official photographer for the CIF State Championships. He donated his time, expertise, and photographs, without charge, to countless wrestlers during his time of service to the sport of wrestling.

**KIRBY PAGE** – Coached 58 yrs (Football 50, Basketball 17, Baseball 25, Wrestling 41, and track 3 for a total of 136 seasons). He was the weigh master and head timer for the State Wrestling Tournament in Stockton for 18 years.

**ROY SPOMER** - began weekly rankings which were published in the Fresno Bee for 30+ years and were used by "CA Wrestling News" for state rankings. Roy received the first award by CIF for a citizen's support of high school wrestling.

**“Be the best you  
can be in  
mind, body & spirit.**

**Dr. Floyd Buchanan 1924-2015**



Floyd “Doc” Buchanan is credited with installing a competitive athletic spirit throughout the Clovis Unified school District. A high school and elite wrestling tournament are named for him.





## **2006 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**GERRY ABAS** – Placed 2nd and 3rd at the State Tournament. At Fresno State, he was a 4x NCAA All-American (1st in the WAC), 3x runner -up in the NCAA D1 Championships, won the Junior National Freestyle and Espoir Championship. He was assistant coach at Fresno State University for 10 years .

**DAN CHAID** - Was a 2x State Champion. He was a NCAA Division I Champion and Runner-up, 4x NCAA DI AA, National Greco Roman, 2x World Veterans Champ and medaled 9x in the National Open. He coached the U.S. Freestyle Team and Dave Schultz WC.

**LENNIS COWELL** - Placed 3rd, 2nd and 1st at Nor Cal. He was regional champion (OW) and placed 3rd at JC State. At Cal Poly, 2x CCAA, 2x NCAA Regional Champion, 2x NCAA DII All-American, placed 3rd and 4th at NCAA DII Championships. Coached Clovis West HS to 2 State Championships with an 85 match winning streak and coached Cal Poly for 19 years.

**BUCK DEADRICH** - He was a 4x Freestyle National Champion and Sambo National Champion. He wrestled on the USA World Teams in Greco 2x (placed 6th), Freestyle (University Games – 2nd) and Sambo. He was the head coach Cal State Stanislaus.

**MARTY KISTLER** – He was also the first 4x finalist at the State Tournament, placing 2nd twice and 1st twice. At Iowa, Marty won the NCAA DI Championship 2x, placed 2nd and was selected as the Outstanding Wrestler of the NCAA Tournament.

**MONTY MULLER** - MVP at JC (HOF) SF State. Monty officiated 18 State Tournaments (ranked the number one official), 22 years of JC wrestling, and he was the commissioner of wrestling officials for the Sac Joaquin Section.

**GLENN TAKAHASHI** - 2x Masters Champion and section “Wrestler of the Year”. He was selected as Coach of The Year: League 9x, SD Section 4x, California 1x, & 200 dual wins. His teams have won 16 league, 10 Section, and a State Title.

**RAY WALLACE** –He has officiated 30 CIF, 25 Masters, 12 State, and 7 JC State Championships. He has been the President of: CWOA, SCWOA, SCCWOA & OCWOA, is in the OC Wrestling HOF, and was selected as the OC Wrestling Official of the Year 7x.

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## **2006 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**VERN BROOKS** – His Rock springs team won the Wyoming State Championship. Coached at Madera HS for 12 years. His teams won 2 Nor Cal, 5 NYL, and 5 Central Section Championships. He coached 27 Central Section & 12 Nor Cal (5 in 1957) Champions.

**JOE CONELY**– Coached for 25 years at Exeter HS. He retired from teaching and coaching for two years but returned to Exeter to coach again. He produced many championship teams as well as individual champions. Joe was very active in his community.

**SAM CRANDELL** - Coached at Kingsburg HS for over 45 years and was close to 70 when he retired. He coached many championship teams and individuals. Sam was involved with many organizations that supported youth programs in the Kingsburg area.

**BOB DAVIS** – Officiated wrestling for 47 years. He was the Central Section Wrestling Advisory Chairman for 13 years, CIF Wrestling Rules Interpreter for 12 years and advisor to the National High School Federation Wrestling Rules Committee.

**CHRIS FEDER** – Placed 2nd in the NCAA DII Championships for C.W. Post University and coached wrestling at Terra Linda HS for 15 years. He has sponsored numerous wrestling tournaments, as well as the CIF and California USA Wrestling.

**DAVID JACKSON** – He represented the CA State School Board Assoc. on the CIF Wrestling Advisory Committee, was President of the Advisory Committee, and his leadership was both appreciated and respected. He has given countless hours to support youth.

**NANCY SCHULTZ** – Founder of the Dave Schultz Wrestling Club in honor of her late husband. This organization has helped support countless numbers of wrestlers. Nancy has also been a board member of the National Wrestling HOF, USA Wrestling and has supported numerous wrestling programs by both her participation and financial donations

**MIKE STRICKER** - The Coyote Club, under his leadership has supported numerous programs and individuals in the Bakersfield area. Mike lives, eats and breathes wrestling and his love for the sport is obvious and his generosity is appreciated by many.

**DR. JOHN TAYLOR** - MVP of his HS wrestling team, competed at American River JC and CSUB. He was a volunteer coach at Ponderosa HS for many years. He provided medical care at various wrestling tournament including the state tournament.

**GW WINGO** - 2x Nor Cal Champ. He was Modesto's first state JC Champion. He taught & coached at Oakdale HS and organized youth wrestling programs. He was responsible for developing many outstanding wrestlers from the Oakdale and Waterford area.

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## **2007 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**FRANK ADDLEMAN** - Coached Santa Ana JC to the 1974 State Championship, 3 regional championships and a 210-51 coaching record. He was Junior College Coach of the Year (1974) and in the El Camino College HOF, Orange Coast HOF, Long Beach State HOF, and National Wrestling HOF. He is clinician and speaker at wrestling clinics and the author of a book on fitness and nutrition.

**RUSS COZART** - Coached for 25 years at Brandon HS, won the State Championship 14 times and holds the national record for consecutive wins without a defeat (325-0). Coach of the US Dream Team, Head Coach for the Florida Greco-Roman National Dual Team that won the National Title with 7 of his wrestlers on the team. He won the World's Veterans Championship 6x.

**JOHN DAHLEM** - His team went 233-36, won 10 league championships and 4 undefeated seasons at Loara HS. Named Orange County Coach of the Year 4x, recognized as one of the National Wrestling Coaches of the Year, 1970's Coach of the Decade in OC. He was inducted into the Orange County Wrestling Hall of Fame and is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**FRANK GONZALES** - Coached at Pacifica HS and El Dorado HS, where his teams won CIF SS twice and the State Championship in 1982, He was an assistant coach to Gary Debeaubien at Rancho Santiago Community College for 3 years, Co-coach for 2 years, and when Gary left, Frank took over as head coach for 2 years. His JC team placed 3rd in the state in 1996.

**CHRIS HORPEL** - As Stanford head wrestling coach, he produced seven NCAA Division I All-Americans, ten Pacific-10 Conference champions and has qualified Stanford wrestlers to the NAAs every year. He was 2x NCAA D1 All-American, first alternate on the 1976 United States Olympic Team, and set the national high school pin record by pinning 34 of 36 opponents.

**WENZEL HUBEL** - He was 2x National AAU Champion, won the World Championship in Japan, and a 1955 Pan American Champ. He was instrumental in the development of the Los Angeles YMCA wrestling team that lasted until most members approached retirement age. The programs that Wenzel started, organized, and mentored, helped numerous young wrestlers learn the sport.

**DAN LEWIS** - He won the Southern Section & was undefeated in 1971 for Fountain Valley HS, a 2x JC AA at Orange Coast College, 2x NCAA qualifier at Cal State Fullerton, 1979 Freestyle National & Pan American Games Champion, Sombo World Bronze medal and on the World Freestyle team. He was NCAA DII Coach of the Year and served on the NCAA rules committee.

**DICK MORRIS** - He coached wrestling at Edgewood and corona Del Mar HS for 16 years. He has been a high school and college wrestling official for the past 45 years. He officiated the Southern Section Masters Tournament for 29 years and the State CIF Tournament for the past 18 years. He was also the President of the Southern California wrestling Officials Association.

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## **2007 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**WILLIAM CLARK** - He coached at El Dorado HS and was the AD for 9 years. He went to the CIF-SS office and was the administrator for wrestling from 1980-2000. He helped change the format of the individual Championship tournaments as well as instituting the Sections dual meet championships. Bill served on the state CIF Wrestling Advisory Committee for 10 years.

**DAN DIERDORF** - Dan is in his 52nd year of officiating. His resume includes many high school State Tournaments, 35 JC State Tournaments, 2 NCAA DI, 11 World Cup, 6 Senior World, 10 Jr World, & 2 Pan American Championships. Dan was selected as the Outstanding Official by FILA, in the 1978 World Championships and the Outstanding HS Official in CA by the National HS Assoc.

**RICHARD FERGUSON** - He has been officiating 41 years and achieved the highest officials ranking. He served as the on the board and as president of the SoCal Wrestling Officials Assn. He has officiated the JC Regionals, CA State HS Tournament, CIF Dual Meet and the SS Masters Tournament. He is currently the Instructional Chairman and assigner for the Foothill Section.

**JOHN MCCARTHY** - He attended the University of Iowa and lettered 2x. He retired from teaching in 2006 but remains the wrestling coach at Magnolia HS. During his 35 years of coaching at Magnolia HS he has had only one losing season, has over 575 dual meet victories, and had over 55 wrestlers on the team each season. He was selected as the OC Wrestling Coach of the Year.

**WAYNE MICKAELIAN** - His teams won the league 6 of the 7 years and placed 4th at the CIF State Tournament for Fountain Valley. He was instrumental in bringing the Five Counties Tournament to Fountain Valley (one of the toughest tournaments in the nation). Served as president of the SoCal Wrestling Coaches Association, hosted the Japanese Cultural Exchange and is in the Orange County Wrestling Hall Of Fame.

**DENNIS PAYNE** - He was captain of his HS, JC & freestyle teams. He had the opportunity to coach wrestlers of all ages at the kid, high school, club & university levels. He took great pride in helping other officials, served as an instructional chairman for the CIF-SS, AAU and USA Wrestling. He has participated in cultural exchanges, World Meets, Olympic Trials, and the 1984 Olympic Games.

**KEITH SMITH** - He wrestled at Brawley HS and placed 2nd in the Southern Section. At Imperial Valley JC, he placed 2nd at the State JC Championships. In his 30 years of coaching, Brawley has won 3 SD Sections Championships, 2nd in the SS Dual Meet Tournament, 2nd in the SS Championships. Brawley has won the Desert Valley League 20 times. His dual meet record is 300-40.

**BOB STOLO** - Started an AAU/CAGWA Kids Wrestling Program that included many of the great names in Southern Section wrestling, such as the Kistlers, Lawson's, Tomazic's and Iwanaga's. His kids program won 10 AAU/CAGWA state titles and 3 national titles. His wrestlers went on to win 12 high school state titles, 3 NCAA titles and 3 National titles. He was assistant coach at El Dorado HS for 9 years.

**VIC & REETA TOMAZIC** - Their involvement started when their two sons started age group wrestling. They worked in the bout room for many years. During their boys high school years they were very involved in the booster club, lending support to the wrestling program. They worked many dual meets and tournaments, as well as the CIF Southern Section Finals. Even though their sons went off to college, they continued their involvement in wrestling.



## **2008 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**GEORGE BERESFORD** - He placed first in the Eastern Collegiate Tournament for the U of Pittsburgh and in the Western States Olympic Trials. He had seven undefeated league dual seasons, won the San Antonio League at Upland HS, and his coaching record is 124-5-0. He is the founder/coach of the Upland BlackWatch WC and officiated high school and freestyle for many years.

**GARY BOWDEN** - While at Canyon HS, his teams won five CIF SS Championships, 19 league championships, and were ranked No. 1 in Orange County seven times. He had a five-year undefeated dual meet record of 86-0 and a career record of 324-75-3. In Oregon, his team won the 4A State Championship and he was the Oregon Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2002.

**GARY DEBEAUBIEN** - He was the State Freestyle Champion in 1964, Junior National AAU Champion in 1967 and a Senior Open Freestyle and Greco-Roman Champion. His coaching record is 245-50. He started the wrestling program at Santa Ana College and was selected Community College State Regional (7 times), the Orange County College and HS Coach of the Year.

**JACK GIFFORD** - He coached for 25 years at Brawley and Beverly Hills HS and his coaching record was 235-70-3. His teams won many league and invitational titles, and his 1969-70 teams were Southern Section Champions. He was selected as the Southern California High School Coach of the Year in 1969 and 1970, and was the 1980 National HS District 8 Wrestling Coach of the Year.

**MIKE HART** - At Dos Pueblos HS, he had 15 league championship and 107 league individual champions. His teams won 37 team tournaments, three SS Championships, placed second (2x), third once with a dual meet record of 268-21. He was selected as the Southern California Wrestling Association and the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table HS Coach of the Year.

**OLAN POLITE (deceased)** - He placed fourth in the state at Boulder HS. At Bakersfield HS, his teams won many South Yosemite League titles and two Central Section Valley Championships. He coached a total of 21 Central Section Champions and his teams placed in the top-10 at the Section championships 15 times. He was selected as the District 8(13 states) Coach of the Year.

**JEFF ROBERTS** - He was a four-year letterman, two-year team captain, and CIF Sectional Champion at Chino HS. As an assistant at El Dorado HS, the team won the state championship. His Capistrano team placed second at state. He coached at Calvary Chapel and was responsible for bringing coach John Azevedo to Calvary and they won two state team titles.

**DEL SCHWARTZ** - He was a 2x high school state placer, a 4x college state champion and a 2x placer at the NAIA Nationals. He coached at Pacifica HS where he developed over 300 tournament champions, seven varsity league championships (23 league championships overall). Del co-founded the Orange County Summer League and was selected as the Orange County Wrestling Coach of the Year 5x.

**JEFF SMITH** - At Cerritos, he was a State Champion and JC AA with a 56-4 record. He was a 2x Midlands & 2x Big Ten Champ, placed 2nd & 3rd at the NCAA's for Michigan State with a record of 50-2. He also was the 1971 AAU and USWF Greco-Roman Champion and won the Gold Medal at the Pan Am Games. His HS coaching record was 111-8-2 and college was 212-32-2.

**LEON TEDDER (deceased)** - He was a 4 year letterman at Oklahoma State with a 35-0 record. His senior year, he was undefeated & no points were scored against him, but was injured just prior to the NCAA's. He coached at East Bakersfield HS and his teams were Central Section champions 2x & placed second 2x. He officiated major high school and college wrestling competitions for 25 years.





## **2008 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**CAL CALENTINO** - He helped start Tournament Masters (TMI) and the Orange County Wrestling Coaches Newsletter. Department Head at the 1984 Olympics, performing in the top three percent of the 56,000 workers during the Olympic Games and worked three Olympic Festivals. He announced league, CIF, California JC State and Pac 10 Championships.

**DON CAWTHON** - He began officiating Wrestling in 1960. Helped form SCWOA and SCCWOA, develop the Officials Rating System, Instructional Chairman and volunteer Security at 1984 Olympics. Wrestling officiating experiences include CIF Masters, HS State, JC State, Five Counties, Pac-10, NCAA DII, NAIA, and 1972 Olympics Qualifying Tournament.

**BOB COMBS** - He was a J.C. Champion, coaching record of 340-119 with 10 League Championships. Coach of the Southland Wrestling Club and was 2X YMCA, Greco-Roman, 4X Sambo National Champions and Coach of the Year. He coached U.S.A Pan Am Sambo Team, published wrestling newsletter for California Colleges and won first state Girls CIF. in 1997.

**FRANK HORPEL** - At Mater Dei he produced Orange County's first SS CIF champion, volunteered for over 20 years as a wrestling official. Started a wrestling club at the OC YMCA in 1965 which won the Junior World Team Trials and took first place in Greco Roman and 2nd in freestyle at the Junior Nationals. Inducted into the OC Wrestling Coaches' Association & National Wrestling HOF.

**PAUL LA BLANC** - He was a National Jr. Freestyle and JC State placer, NAIA AA, YMCA, 2x Sombo, and 3x Veterans National Champion, Pan Am Games Silver Medal and World Bronze medalist. Coached for 29 years and received Coach of the Year awards in the Sunset, Seaview, and Western States Conference. He is a member of the OC Wrestling and Vanguard U. Athletic HOF.

**ART MICHALIK** - He was Athlete of the Year 1948 and 1949, undefeated in dual meets in college, Iowa Conference Champ 4x, and placed 3rd and 4th at the National AAU. Officiated 38 years (president or board member 12 years) including the CIF finals, Masters, CIF Dual Meet, 5 Counties and State finals. He was OC Referee of the Year, CA Wrestling Coaches Association and in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**IVAN OLSEN** - He was the head wrestling coach for many San Diego high schools for a total of 33 years. At San Jose State, he was a Far Western, Pacific Coast Conference 2x, and National AAU Champion and placed 3rd in the 1936 Olympic Trials. He founded the San Diego Keylock Association, was San Diego Coach of the Year several times, national pairing master and a National Wrestling Hall of Fame Member.

**DR. ART OSBORNE** - He was the first and only Medical Director for the CIF State Tournament from 1973 until 2003, thirty-one years, the father of four sons, all place winners at the CIF State Tournament. Eric was a two-time CIF State Champion and continued to wrestle for Cal Poly, placing 4th at the NCAA's. He is a supporter of wrestling in West Covina and at South Hills HS.

**JOHN OWENS** - At Pierce College, he was team captain, 4th in Regionals and 5th at State. At CSU Northridge, he was 2nd and 3rd at CCAA, DII qualifier, team captain, MVP and 5x Senior Olympic Champion. Started coaching in 1964 and is currently coaching at San Clemente HS (44 years & still counting). He has run over 133 tournaments at San Clemente HS over the past 33 years.





## **2009 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**MAX BURCH** - He has coached HS and JC wrestling for the past 28 years. While at Shasta he coached 22 Northern Section Champions, 43 section finalists and 5 state place winners. Max retired from coaching in 1983. He returned to help having wrestling reinstated at Shasta College. He was selected as the Community College Coach of the Year in 2002.

**LEE ERHLER** - Lee was a Northern California Champ in 1963 at Modesto HS, a JC Champion at Modesto JC, and at UCLA was a two time Pac-8 Champ and OW. Lee became the head wrestling coach at Modesto JC in 1986, coached 2 State Champs, 18 AA's and 56 state place winners. He also served as the president of the California Community College Wrestling Coaches Association.

**BILL FLAKE** - He started the wrestling program at Placer HS in 1964, had a dual meet record of 267-59, won 17 League Championships, 8 Northeast sub-section championships and finished in the top ten in the Sac-Joaquin Section numerous times. He coached 10 Northern California Champions and 2 CIF State Champions. He was one of the founding fathers of SAWA.

**RICHARD FOX** - He has a coaching record of 454-49, 14 Section dual meet titles, 13 Sub-section titles and 8 Sac-Joaquin Section Championships( most won by any coach in the section). He was the California State Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1997 and 4-time Coach of the Year by the Sacramento Bee. His influence on his wrestlers have led 37 to coach wrestling at the middle or HS level .

**DAN GONZALVES** - He introduced the first wrestling program in Modesto in 1956. In 1961 he helped open Grace Davis High School where he had a total of 48 wrestling dual team and tournament championships in his 17 years of coaching there. In 1996 his team won the Northern California Invitational tournament. He also served as the Athletic Director for 21 years.

**LARS JENSEN** - He has served as the head wrestling coach at San Francisco State for the past 25 years. His 1997 team won the NCAA D2 National Championship. He has coached 9 NCAA D2 Champions, 51 NCAA AA's, 34 NCAA Academic AA's and 51 Conference Champions. He has served on the NCAA D2 Games Committee and the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee.

**BILL HICKEY** - In 1958-59, he was one of the founding fathers of high school wrestling in the Sacramento area. His teams won numerous league championships, and many wrestlers placed in the Northern California Invitational. He moved to Sacramento City College in 1969 and spent the next 24 years there as the wrestling coach. His 1980-82 teams won 3 Conference Championships.

**DAVID NELSON (deceased)** - He wrestled at Vacaville HS, then at San Francisco State where he was a Conference Champion, NCAA D2 All-American, and assistant coach. David was a 4x member of the U.S. Greco-Roman team and placed 3rd in the Greco-Roman World Cup. In 1985, he became head coach at Vacaville HS, and his teams won the Section Dual Meet and the Section Championships.



UCLA won the PAC-10 League Championship in 1964 and stayed competitive into the 1980 season when they placed 4th - and dropped the program that had featured 13 D1 All-Americans.



## **2009 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**STEVE COLE** - He wrestled at Roseville HS, Sierra College and Chico State. During his 34 years of service to thousands of the younger Sacramento area wrestlers, Steve found time to be a coach at Sierra College and also at Del Oro HS. Dubbed "Mr. Head Table," Steve ran the head table at all of the major tournaments in the Sacramento area and averaged 9 tournaments a year for 31 yrs.

**DIANE EVANS** - Diane was the person "behind the scene" that helped CA USA Wrestling keep growing as well as organized. She was the Secretary/Treasurer overseeing membership registration for athletes, coaches, officials and clubs, insuring all local and statewide events, responsible for content, printing and mass mailing of the newsletter and the year-end IRS tax filings.

**LARRY FLETCHER** - He has been officiating wrestling for 36 years. He has officiated all of the major wrestling duals and tournaments in the greater Sacramento area, has served the officials association as an assigner, group leader, mentor and a representative to the Northern California Officials Association and an evaluator of officials at the State CIF Wrestling Championships

**KAREN FOLEY (deceased)** - She was a Pairing Master and was selected to the Pairing Director position on the California USA Wrestling Board of Directors. She worked as a Head Pairer at many of the local, state, national and international tournaments. She conducted many state and local training sessions for pairers, was Chairman of the BAWA as well as secretary and pairing coordinator.

**NORI C. GOSSE** - She was PMI official and FILA Pairing Master. She worked every National Open Tournament from 1984 to 2004, six Junior National Tournaments, 1984 Olympic Games, 12 World Police & Fire Games, Sunkist Internationals, Women's World Trials, Kids Nationals and more. She was the manager for the first FILA Women's World Championship.

**ED JACOBS** - He officiated 34 consecutive league HS tournaments, 33 consecutive Sub-Section Tournaments, and 31 consecutive CIF Sac Joaquin Section tournaments, numerous league and region JC tournaments (including 4 state championships), NCAA D2 and D3 National Championships & NCAA Division I Regional Championships.

**RON MARQUEZ** - Ron was a CIF Central Section HS Champ, a 2x place winner at the California Community College State Championships at FCC and a California Collegiate Champion at Fresno State. He has officiated at 9 CIF State High School Championships, CIF Central and Sac-Joaquin Sections, and all of the major high school tournaments in the last 41 years.

**RICHARD PIERUCCI** - Helped start the first wrestling team in the Sacramento County, was involved in developing the wrestling officials association, officiated many league, section and state tournaments, and served as the head official at these tournaments. He officiated for all of the colleges in the Northern California area & officiating two NCAA D2 National Tournaments.

**BUD POWELL** - He coached wrestling at Livingston HS for 12 years. His 1974 team was the number one ranked dual match team in the state and defeated the state championship team, Clovis HS. His teams won league and section championships. Bud also served on the executive committee of the Northern California Officials Association was an evaluator at the CIF State Tournament

**JUDY RIDER (deceased)** - Judy Rider was a wrestling mother, supporter and the best ambassador the sport of wrestling could ever have. Judy was a pairing master at most of the major California USA Wrestling Tournaments for over fifteen years. She also served as a pairing official at the Western Kids Regional Tournament and the National Cadet and Junior Tournaments.

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**DON SCRIMNGER** - He was one of the few individuals who knew the pairing process and would often do the pairing of wrestlers, prepare bout sheets and would work late into the evening to ensure the tournament being successful as well as completed. He was a caring person who always sought to assist in any way that he could to improve the stature of amateur wrestling.

**SHIRLEY SPENCER (deceased)** - California was the number one state for enrolled Mat and Pairing Officials thanks to Shirley's written program. She headed almost every state tournament as well as many national tournaments. She was the first pairing official to sit on the California USA Wrestling Board of Directors. She was a pairing official for the Atlanta Olympic Games.

**JIM SYLVIA** - Jim began his wrestling at the San Francisco Olympic Club in 1960. He started a wrestling program at College of the Redwoods in 1966. His dual meet record was 114-42. He had 34 Conference Champs, 6 All-Americans, 5 Golden Valley Conference and 4 Small College State Community College Championships. He was a wrestling official at all levels.



## **2010 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**RON BALDWIN** - Wrestled for Woodland High, lettered 4x, won league (2x) and Sub-District. He placed at JC State (2x) for Sacramento City College. His coaching record was 137-17, he was Coach of the Year in 1974 and 1980, with 12 league, 6 Sub-Section and 2 Section Championship teams

**DAN ECKLEY** - In HS, he was a 3-time State qualifier, and at Chico State he was a Far Western Conference Champion and 3 time NCAA DII qualifier. His coaching dual meet record was 305-50-2, with 7 undefeated dual meet seasons, 11 League and 5 Section Championships.

**ROD HEDLUND** - He was 2nd in Far Western Conference and DII National qualifier. His teams won 11 League Championships and were Section Dual Meet Champions. Rod was League Coach of the Year – 9x. He served as Tournament Director for the Northern California Tournament of Champions for 36 years.

**DENNIS HELMS** - He coached wrestling for 31 years at Paradise HS, and his teams won 11 league and 4 CIF Section Championships. Denny coached 86 league champs, 28 CIF section champs, 3 State Placers and a State Champ. He was inducted into the Chico State Sports Hall of Fame.

**SHON LEWIS** - He was an Olympic and World Coach for the U.S. Greco-Roman team, is the head coach of the Army team (won the Armed Forces title numerous times). He competed on the 1993 and 1999 U.S. World Championships teams, was a U.S. Greco-Roman champion (4x).

**MARK MUNOZ** - NCAA Division I Champion at Oklahoma State, 2X NCAA All-American, 2X NWCA Academic All-American, 2X Big 12 Conference Champion, Junior World Silver Medalist, 3x Jr World Team Member, Junior National Runner-up, High School National and 2X California CIF State Champion.

**DAVE ROTTENBURG** - He was a JC state placer and NCAA Div. II Qualifier. His coaching record was 220-53-2, had 11 league, 4 CIF Masters Championships & set the NSCIF record of 231 points. He was CIF State Coach of the Year (2005) and a finalist for National Coach of the Year in 2006.





## **2010 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**JERRY AIKMAN** - He has coached wrestling at Ukiah High for the past 38 years. Ukiah has won 16 NBL & 2 NCS Championships, 2 NCS 2nd places, 3 top ten finishes at State and 3rd place at Nor Cal Championships. He was selected as the NCS Honor Coach and received the REWOCA Lifetime Service Award.

**DAVID BORGES** - David started wrestling in 1967 and has been involved at various levels since then. He has been a part of the California – Japan Cultural Exchange, coaching since 1995 and ran many successful tournaments in the South Lake Tahoe area.

**BOB BROOKS** - Hired in 1964 as assistant coach and became Head Coach (1986-1990). During those years, UCD had 10-15 DI All-Americans. He started the Aggie wrestling camps, was appointed by AAU Wrestling to lead teams to Budapest, Hungary, and worked AAU camps in Colorado Springs.

**DAVID CANCLINI** - Coached Stagg HS for 17 years, winning Sub-Section (1975-76) and City Championships. Former member of the Nor Cal H.S. Wrestling Coaches Association, he Co-Directed the Nor Cal HS Tournament in 1966 and served as Head Scorekeeper of the CIF State Tournament for 14 years.

**CHUCK CHANDLER** - Chuck has been a successful wrestling coach in the Stockton area. Chuck was a California USA Wrestling coach to the National Tournament. He has many section placers and Nor Cal placers. He was director for the CIF State Wrestling championships for 11 years.

**DAVE FOSTER** - Coached wrestling at Lassen College 1967-1998. Small and large college State JC Champions. Coach of the Year - NWCA, Cal Coaches, Cal Community College Wrestling Coaches. He also served as the mayor of Susanville while he was coaching at Lassen.

**SUZANNE HEDLUND** - Suzanne has organized and directed more than 80 wrestling tournaments since 1973. These tournaments include the prestigious Northern California Tournament of Champions (36 times). Golden Empire League, three Sub-Section Championships, and JC Northern Regionals (2x).

**JIM LOFTHUS** - Pairing official for CA USA Wrestling at all major CA freestyle and Greco tournaments for over 20 years as well as Regional, National tournaments and Olympic trials. He also announces and is a tournament director at many high school and college tournaments.

**GARY ROVIG** - He coached wrestling for 16 years, officiated wrestling for 30 years, was South Modesto Official of the Year, Head Official of San Joaquin Sections 16x, Subsections 18x and 4x State Wrestling Official. Also, part of the only father and son to officiate a State tournament at same time.

**BERT VAN DUZER** - HS (3 year), JC (2 years), Humbolt (2 years). Letterman and JC Academic All-American. Founder/Director of the Redwood Empire Wrestling Association and the Burley Redwood Sticker FS Club. His teams won 15 league, 3 Section Team Championships with a dual meet record of 263-40-2.

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**GREG ZAVALA** - He established the USA Stockton Wrestling Club, served as NCC Director for California, team leader/coach for the California Junior National Team, Cultural Exchange Director for CA USAW, State CIF Tournament Director, served 3X Sports Festival and 8X USA World Coach.



## **2011 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**JOE GOMES** - At Fremont HS in Oakland, he was a 2x Northern California Championship. At San Francisco State, he was undefeated and the Far Western Conference Champion all four years. He was a 2x National AAU Freestyle Champion, 17x Pacific AAU and 7x Western Regional Champion.

**BILL GRAY** - At Oceana, his teams won 11 North Peninsula League Championships. His teams won the CIF CCS Regional and CCS Section Championships 4x, the CCS Dual Meet Championship and the CIF Northern California Championship and placed 3rd at the state tournament.

**SAM HUERTA** - He was a Northern California Champion for Hayward HS, a Northern California and State JC Champion at Modesto JC and a CCAA Conference Champion, 2x PCI runner up and NCAA Regional Champion at Cal Poly. At San Jose City, his teams were 2nd in the state 2x, and Sam coached 5 State Champions.

**MORRIS JOHNSON** - He wrestled for San Francisco State and was a 2x NCAA Division II All-American, National Champion in 1984, placed 2x at the Midlands, and at the National Free Style and Greco Roman Nationals. In He was the Pan American Games Heavyweight Champion, placed 3rd at Tblisi & 2nd in the Sombo World.

**SAM LAWSON** - He wrestled San Jose State, was first alternate at the 1948 Olympic Trials. He then started wrestling programs at Palo Alto and Cupertino High Schools. He was a wrestling referee, an original member of the BACWA and was awarded the Martin Olavarri Award.

**MACK McCREADY** - He was a league and CIF Section Champion. At San Francisco State he was 2x Far Western Conference Champion. He placed 4th at the 1972 U.S. Olympic trials. He won the 1973 AAU National Championship in Greco Roman and was a member of the US World Greco Roman Team.

**NEIL PEW** - He placed 3rd in the CIF Southern Section Championships for Arroyo Grande HS. At Cal Poly he was 3rd in the PCI Championship and was a 2x NCAA Qualifier. At San Lorenzo, his record is 271-45-1, his teams won 20 league and the 1979 North Coast Section Championship.

**TOM ROSENTHAL** - At Marina HS, he was named the athlete of the year in 1970 with a 120-20 wrestling record. Tom coached at Chabot College and won the State Title. His high school coaching record is 231-28-6. His teams won 17 League and 8 CIF North Coast Section Championships

**ASHLEY SHERMAN** - He wrestled at San Francisco State and was the Far Western Conference Wrestling Champion and Outstanding Wrestler, placed in the NCAA Division II Nationals and was an All-American, placed 2nd at the Greco Roman Nationals and was an alternate on the 1976 Olympic Greco Roman Team. He coached Oakland Tech for 40 yrs.

**JIM SYLVIA** - Jim wrestled at the San Francisco Olympic Club and placed in freestyle and Greco Roman Nationals. He started the wrestling program at the College of the Redwoods, won 6 conference titles, and coached 7 Northern California, 2 state champions and 23 All-Americans.





## **2011 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**MATT ALVARADO** - Matt wrestled at Salinas HS, formed and coached the Salinas Valley Wrestling Club for over 25 years. Many of his wrestlers and their coaches were sent to camps, clinics, state and national tournaments through his fundraising. He was presented the Irv Oliner Award at the State Tournament.

**VERN BAXTER** - He started the wrestling program at North Salinas HS and they were 5x CCS runner-ups. Vern was a mentor to many young coaches in the Salinas-Monterey area for 25 plus years. He served as the president of the Northern California Coaches Association.

**ED DeFERRARI** - Started selling the "new" type of wrestling mat (Resilite) in 1959 and supplied mats for almost every high school, college and club in northern California. He was an outstanding contributor to the sport with his donation of time, trophies, awards and money.

**TERRY ESPINOZA** - Terry competed at Adams State College. He started the Alisal wrestling program and won the CIF CCS Championship. He helped start the Salinas Valley Wrestling Club in Salinas and coached for 12 yrs. He was mentor to many young coaches and officiated for 10 yrs.

**ED FERRELL** - He was a 4x League and Northern California Wrestling Champion for Santa Cruz HS. Ed wrestled at Cabrillo College and San Jose State. He started the Coast Classic which continues to be held annually. He was named the CIF CCS Wrestling Coach of the Year

**GENE GIRE** - Gene was one of the original members of the Northern California Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association and officiated at the high school and collegiate levels for over 30 years. He officiated at the major high school and collegiate tournaments including the JC and CIF State Tournaments.

**ARMAND GUERRERO** - Armand is part of the Guerrero clan that wrestled at Corcoran High School. He is recognized for his wrestling achievements and for his service to wrestling, it's coaches, wrestlers, officials and friends as an outstanding photographer.

**MIKE HARR** - Mike has traveled throughout the state and nation officiating high school and collegiate wrestling competitions. He has been rated in the top 10 at the CIF State Wrestling Tournament and has officiated more state high school tournaments (21) than any other person.

**CHUCK KENT** - At Crestmor HS, his teams won six league championships, and he had a coaching record of 89-22-1. He was a wrestling official and officiated all of the major high school tournaments in the greater Bay area. His leadership as an official assisted many others become sports officials.

**FRITZ KNIPE** - Fritz was one of the original members of the Northern California Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association and developed the association by-laws. He officiated 15 JC State, 4 CIF State High School and numerous Northern California Invitational Tournaments.

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**KEITH PICKARD** - He has been ranked as one of the top officials at 19 CIF State Wrestling Tournaments. He is a member of the education team mentoring new officials in the CIF Central Coast Section. Keith also serves as instructional chairman for officials, and he is the past president of the CWOA.

**GUS TALBOT** - Gus got his introduction to wrestling at San Jose State. He officiated wrestling for several years while teaching and coaching at Sunnyvale Junior HS. Gus moved to Lynbrook High School where he was the first teacher hired at the new school. His 27-year coaching record was 244-86-6.



## **2012 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**DAVID EAST** - He was an undefeated CIF Central Section Champion (1972) and runner-up at the State Junior College meet. In 2002, he coached a state record 9 placers, 7 finalists, and 4 champions in one year while winning the CIF State Team title, and he was the National Coach of The Year.

**SAM GOLLMYER** - He was a CIF Central Section Champion in 1966. Sam coached at Victor Valley (306-71-10) to 13 League Championships, 10 went undefeated, 109-10 in league dual meets. They were the 1987 California State Wrestling Champions -- ranked eighth in the nation.

**BILL KALIVAS** - He was a CA State JC All-American and NCAA DII All-American. Bill coached Bakersfield College (194-48-2) to a California JC State Championship and a 2nd place. He was the 2003 and 2004 California State Junior College Coach of the Year and National Wrestling Coaches Association's California Coach of the Year.

**PAUL KEYSAW** - He placed 2nd and 1st at the PIAA State Championships and 3rd at the Jr Nationals. He won the 1991 NCAA Division 1 Championship and placed 5th. Coaching at the JC level, his teams have collectively won 6 State Titles and he was CA State Coach of the Year 6 times.

**LOU MONTANO** - He was 3rd in the CA High School State Championship (1978). At Cal Poly, he compiled a record of 112-16-1, 2x NCAA Division I AA, placing 2nd his senior year. As a head coach at Columbia University (1991-2000), Columbia had some of its most successful seasons.

**STEPHEN NEAL** - He was 4th in the CA State Championships, a High School National Champion (Freestyle & Greco-Roman), 2X NCAA Champion, 4X NCAA All-American, 1999 World and Pan-Am Champion, US Freestyle Champion and 1996 Olympic Alternate. Neal played 10 years in the NFL with the Patriots, earning 4 Super Bowl Rings.

**DARRYL POPE** - He was a CA State High School Champion, 3X NCAA All-American, placed 2nd in the NCAA Tournament, 2X NCAA D2 Champion, was named the Outstanding Wrestler and won the Most Falls Award. At Cal State Bakersfield, the NWCA named Pope the "National Assistant Coach of the Year".

**JESSIE REYES** - He was 4th in NCAA DII, a two-time D2 Champion and Outstanding Wrestler, NCAA DI National Champion, 1984 East-West All Star Classic Champion, and Kern County Sports Personality of the Year, with a record of 151-22-1. At Purdue, he was the winningest coach in the school's history.

**BILL VAN WORTH** - He was undefeated at South Bakersfield High School, 2nd in the Junior World Games in 1971, 2X State JC All-American, placed 2nd in D2 Nationals, NCAA National Division 2 Champion, 6th in the World and won the Gold Medal in the Pan American Games.



## **2012 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**RUDY GONZALEZ** - He placed 1st or 2nd in every tournament entered including the CIF Valley. Rudy became head coach for 16 yrs. He helps run the Coyote, League, Valley, Master's and the CA State Tournament. He is one of the founders of the Kern County Junior Wrestling Association.

**RAY JUHL** - He started the program at West and won the SYL League and Dual Meet Championships. Ray served as the announcer of CSU-Bakersfield wrestling home duals, officiated high school wrestling, organized and coached the Orange County and Kern County High Schools Summer Duals.

**DR. KEN LANE** - He has volunteered his medical services at every level of amateur wrestling in the world. He has been the CIF State Wrestling Championships Medical Director, the USA Wrestling medical pools director, and a tournament physician for the PAC 10 and NCAA National Championships.

**ED LEVENSON** - He had a 2-year record of 66-3, became a High School All-American Honorable Mention and wrestled at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Ed has been a coach for the past 37 years. In McFarland, he has produced 19 league champs, 15 SS placers, 6 Section placers and 6 state qualifiers.

**GARY PEDERSON** - Coached Yuba College to 2 Conference Titles. At Shafter (157-38-2), they won 8 SSL Titles and 10x 2nd, 2002 Valley Runner-up and 2003 Valley Champions. He was the 2003 Bakersfield Californian Wrestling Coach of the Year, and he served for 26 years as the CIF Sectional League Representative.

**JOE SMART** - He was 4th in the Valley, Junior College State Champion and a 2X All-American. Joe coached 15 years with the Kern County Junior Wrestling Program and assisted at Bakersfield College. He officiated numerous High School, Junior College, and NCAA Division I wrestling matches in his career.

**STEVE VARNER** - He was a CIF Champion in 1966. Steve won 4 SYL titles - with 3 years undefeated. He coached Bakersfield High School to its first Top 5 finish at the CIF State Meet in 1980. He was a Board Member of Kern County Wrestling Association, Coyote Club, league rep to CIF, plus youth and club coach.

## **California Wrestling Hall of Fame**

**Submit a profile (75-100 words) about the person you would like to nominate. You can go to the nomination page at [www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/pages/nomination.html](http://www.californiawrestlinghalloffame.com/pages/nomination.html) to submit a profile, or you can email the profile with a picture and the address of the nominee to Dennis Bardsley at [cawrestlinghof@gmail.com](mailto:cawrestlinghof@gmail.com). Nominations will only be accepted electronically in one of these ways. No written or typed nominations will be accepted.**





## **2013 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**GARY BOHAY** - was CIF So. Section Champion and a two-time State CIF Place winner. Gary wrestled at ASU and was NCAA Div. I All-American. He won the Canada Cup, represented Canada in the Olympic Games in Seoul, and was a Silver Medalist at the 1989 World Championships. He was Canadian Wrestler of the Year in 1989 and won the Canadian National Championship six times.

**DAN HENDERSON** - led Victor Valley HS to a CIF State Championship. He won the Freestyle and Greco-Roman Championships at Junior Nationals. Dan was a National Open Division Champion and a two-time Olympic team member in Atlanta and Barcelona. He was a World Cup Champion and represented the U.S. in two World Championships. He became a mixed martial arts and UFC legend.

**LAURENCE JACKSON** - was a 3-time CIF State Champion -- undefeated all three years, a 3-time High School National Champion, and an Asics High School All-American. He wrestled at Oklahoma State & Cal State Bakersfield, was U.S. Sports Festival Freestyle Champion, 2-time Armed Forces Champion in both Freestyle & Greco-Roman, and a 2-time National Team member in Greco-Roman.

**CLIFF JARMIE** - the wrestling coach at Laguna Hill HS has developed that program into an Orange County dynasty with a state record 27 consecutive league titles, plus 9 CIF Division Championships & 3 CIF Dual Meet Championships, and a dual meet record of 462-77 and O.C. Team of the year 9 times. He was O.C. Coach of the Year 6 times & California Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2010.

**JOHN RICE** - was 3rd in CIF State in 1964. A league champion at Mt. San Antonio JC, he then wrestled at Humboldt State and was 3rd in the Far Western Conference. A 3-time Armed Forces Champion in Freestyle & Greco Roman and a bronze medalist in the 1968 National AAU Tournament, he coached 17 years at Indio HS with a record of 185-8-1. His teams won 17 League and 8 Riverside County Championships, 5 CIF Dual & Division Championships with a 98 straight dual meet win streak.

**TOWNSEND SAUNDERS** - was a CIF Southern Section Champion and CIF State runner-up. At Cal State Bakersfield he was a NCAA Div. II Champion. At Arizona State he was a 2-time NCAA All American and 2-time PAC 10 Champion. He was a 2-time U.S. National Open Champion, won gold medals in Freestyle at 1994 Goodwill Games and 1991 & 1995 Pan American Games. A Silver Medalist in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, he served as Head Coach of 2003 U.S. World Team & 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

**JIM SHIELDS** - was 3rd in the CIF Southern Championships. At Cypress College he was a J.C. State Champion and Outstanding Wrestler of the State Tournament. At Oklahoma State University he was Big 8 Conference Champion, placing 3rd at the NCAA Div. I Tournament, helping OSU win the NCAA Div. I Championship that year. He coached 6 high school teams to State Championships.

**DON SHULER** - at Santa Ana HS he placed second in the CIF Championships. At Santa Ana College he had a record of 83-6 and won a J.C. State Championship and was the Outstanding Wrestler. At Arizona State he was 2-time WAC Champion, NCAA All-American, and a U.S. National Freestyle Champion. He was an alternate on the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team.

**HEATH SIMS** - was a two-time CIF State Champion from Woodbridge HS in Irvine. He wrestled at Cerritos J.C. and won a State Championship in 1998. Heath excelled in Greco-Roman wrestling and won the National Open Greco-Roman Championship and wrestled in the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He now resides in Singapore where he trains martial arts fighters for UFC.

**CHARLES TRIBBLE** - wrestled at Pacific HS, San Bernardino and was a two-time CIF Southern Section Champion. He was a two-time J.C. State Champion at San Bernardino Valley College before transferring to ASU. He was a National Open Freestyle Champion and competed in the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Charlie ran a program for troubled youth in Phoenix. He passed away in 2009.





## **2013 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**JAY BRACCINI** - wrestled at Mankato State U., Minn. and began 47 years of officiating. As head coach at Loyola HS in Mankato he won 2 Private School Championships and coached 8 individual State Champions. He moved to Orange County and continued high school & college officiating. He was President of OCWOA twice, was instructional chairman, treasurer, and assignment chairman.

**FRED BURRI** - he earned a wrestling scholarship to Oregon State where he also played football and was recruited to coach football at Whittier College where he began a wrestling program. He then went to Cal High and began their wrestling program, convincing the school district to introduce wrestling in all of their high schools. Fred coached wrestling at Mt. SAC for over 30 years.

**BOB JANKO** - at San Bernardino Valley College on two State Championship teams, Bob was 3rd at JC State in 1962 and 2nd in 1963. Then at UCLA, he was 4th in the NCAA tournament, named to the All-American team. He coached wrestling for 10 years at North Torrance HS and for 9 years at Capistrano Valley HS. He has officiated in the South Bay, in Orange County, and in the Pac-10.

**FRED OWENS** - wrestled at Orange Coast College and returned as assistant wrestling and football coach from 1960-65. Fred was Athletic Director at Golden West College and became their first wrestling coach. He was a founding member of the Orange County Wrestling Officials Association and was a member for 20 years. He received an award from the 1984 Olympic Committee.

**DALE SISCON** - was a 3-time San Diego CIF Section Champion with a record of 107-4. He wrestled at UCLA but transferred to Cal Western/USIU, coached by Buddy Wilkerson, and was on a NAIA National Championship Team. He was an assistant to coach Bill Leep at Mt. Miguel HS. As a member of the SDCOA he officiated three State CIF Tournaments. In the 80's he formed the San Diego Mighty Mights youth wrestling program, with many going on to distinguished careers in the high school and college ranks.

**CHUCK SMITH** - coached at El Dorado HS starting in 1970. At the first CIF State Wrestling Tournament in 1973, one of his wrestlers, Mike Fleming, won a State Championship and was Most Outstanding Wrestler. His teams won 4 league titles, and in 1976 they won the CIF Southern Section Championship. He was involved in international wrestling exchanges, hosting a team from Japan.

**CHRIS SONES** - was a CIF Champion, undefeated in his Senior year at Fountain Valley HS. At University of Iowa he was a 4-time varsity letterman and Big Ten Champion. Chris won 4 national titles and was on 4 National teams. He competed in 5 international tournaments, earning 4 medals. His high school wrestlers won 16 individual CIF titles, two team CIF titles, and 38 placed at State.

**AL TORRETTO** - began coaching at Morse HS in San Diego. He went to Poway HS in 1973 and is still there today. Serving under Tom Middleton, Al Dorris, and Wayne Branstetter as assistant varsity coach, the program won over 30 League Championships, 30 CIF championships, 30 Masters Championships, and 3 State Championships.

**LARRY WATANABE** - at Mt. San Antonio Community College he was a J.C. State Champion, All-American and 1970 Athlete of the Year. A runner-up in the Western Regional U.S. Olympic Trials in 1972, he placed 3rd in the U.S. National Greco-Roman Championships. In 1973, he was the CCAA Champion. Larry was Head Coach at Nogales HS from 1974-91, winning 5 league titles and a CIF State Championship. As Head Coach at Mt. SAC he developed many state placers, 15 All-Americans and 10 State Champions.

**ED WILEY** - began teaching and coaching football for San Dieguito Union HS. Without experience, Ed became the first wrestling coach. He became successful and his teams were Avocado League Champions in 1963, 1964 & 1970 and Coast League Champions in 1973 & 1974. Ed was the Palomar College Coach of the Year in 1967, and San Diego County Coach of the Year in 1974 & 1987.



## **2014 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**RODNEY BALCH** - was a CIF Central Section and State CIF Champion while wrestling at Clovis HS. At Fresno City College he was a Community College State Champion. He won 3 conference championships at Cal State Bakersfield. At Clovis HS from 1982-1995, his teams won 7 Central Section and 6 State Championships. He coached 29 state placers.

**DENNIS BARDSLEY** - was a NCS Champion and 4th at Northern CA Championships at Petaluma HS. At Santa Rosa Junior College, he won JC State, was Outstanding Wrestler, a JC All-American and SRJC Athlete of the year. He was 2nd for Cal Poly in the NCAA Western Region. He won or placed in National Championships in Freestyle, GrecoRoman & Sombo and was an alternate on the 1978 USA GrecoRoman World team. Dennis coached 35 years (19 as head coach).

**FRED BOHNA** - was a Clovis HS league champion and CIF Central Section Champion. Fred was 2nd at State CIF Championships as a junior, and was State Champion as a senior. At UCLA he was a PAC-10 Conference Champion, and he won the NCAA Division I Heavyweight Championship. He placed 2nd in the World Cup and he won the Pan American Wrestling Championship.

**VERN BROOKS** - coached at Springs, Wyoming where his 1953 team won the State HS Championship. At Madera HS until 1965, his teams won 2 Northern California Championships and 5 Central Section Championships with 27 Section Champions. His 1957 Madera team had 5 Northern California champions. Vern has received a California Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service Award.

**AL KIDDY** - was an outstanding three-sport athlete in high school and at the University of Oklahoma. He wrestled for coaches Port Robinson and Bud Wilkerson. As coach at Hughson HS he won the Tri-Valley Championship 3 times. At Madera HS, Al's teams won 6 league titles, 2 divisional and 2 CIF Central Section Championships. He was an assistant coach at Fresno City College for 9 years.

**CORKY NAPIER** - wrestled at Madera HS. At Fresno City College he was a 2-time Valley Conference Champion. At Fresno State he was PCAA Champion 2 times. He coached at University HS in San Diego and at Madera HS where he won 7 league championships and 2 Valley Championships. He coached 55 league, 32 Section and 7 State Champions. He officiated wrestling for many years.

**KENT OLSON** - wrestled at Mt. San Antonio College and Cal State Fullerton where he was a 2-time letterman. He coached high school wrestling for 31 years; at Lemoore HS he was 331-32-1 with 16 Valley and 13 Division Championships and 4 CIF State Champions. As head wrestling coach at West Hills College, his teams have won 3 Conference and 2 Regional Championships. He has been named the wrestling coach of the year 7 times. He now serves as the President of California Community College Wrestling.

**NICK QUINTANA** - poured the foundation for what was and still is one of the toughest small schools (Selma HS) in the state. He won 9 straight Division II Valley Championships and a CIF Section Championship between 1985-93 with 4 Top-10 finishes at the CIF State Tournament including a 2nd place -- with 3 champions. Started Selma Freestyle Wrestling Club & wrestling at Roosevelt School.

**ADAM TIRAPELLE** - was an outstanding high school wrestler, winning 4 league and CIF Section Championships, 3 at Hiram Johnson and 1 at Buchanan HS. Adam was a 3-time finalist at the State CIF Championships, winner of 2. He attended the University of Illinois where he is career record holder for falls and runner-up for wins with 127. Adam was a 3-time All-American, a Big-10 Conference Champion and NCAA Division I Champion. He has coached with his Dad, Steve, for the past 10 years at Clovis HS.

**STEVE TIRAPELLE** - wrestled at Ponderosa HS and at American River College and Humboldt State University where he became a NCAA Division II All-American. He started his coaching career at Hiram Johnson HS in Sacramento and is now in his 17th year at Clovis High School. His coaching record includes 23 league championships, 23 State Champions and over 30 state finalists. His teams have won six State CIF Championships. Steve is very proud of his three sons who have won eight State Championships.





## **2014 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**JEFF BARKSDALE** - was a standout wrestler at Chaffey High School where he won both the CIF Southern Section and State Championship his senior year. Jeff attended Cal Poly where he became an NCAA Division II All-American. Jeff coached at San Luis Obispo High School and also coached the Gold Medal Wrestling Club for 20 years. He also founded the Meathead Wrestling Club and has been a coach and program director for the past 10 years. During this time the Meathead Wrestling Club has raised over \$200,000 to support wrestling in the Central Coast area and introduced wrestling for the first time to over 600 kids.

**RAYMOND HERNANDEZ** - wrestled at Corcoran High School and was a two-time league champion, team captain, and CIF Division Champion. He was a conference champion at College of the Sequoias and continued his wrestling at San Francisco State University where he was a Far Western Conference Champion and team captain. Raymond coached at Mt. Whitney HS for 13 years and his team won a league championship. He coached many individuals to league titles, and section or divisional titles. He became the coach at Buchanan HS and then Wilson Middle School in Exeter. He was a club coach many years with California USA Wrestling.

**HOWARD McCARLEY** - wrestled at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale and continued at Foothill College. After serving our country in the Air Force for four years, he began a 40-year career officiating wrestling. He officiated all of the major tournaments in the Fresno area including the Doc Buchanan and Zinkin Tournaments. He also officiated 13 State CIF Championships and was a CIF Evaluator of Officials for five years. He moved to Idaho where he continued officiating wrestling and has officiated their regional tournaments and the Idaho State Tournament. Howard also officiated football in the Fresno area for 34 years.

**GARY MEISSNER** - At Whittier College he received a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and Master's Degree in Education. He began coaching there as freshman football coach and head wrestling coach. After 6 years at Bolsa Grande High School, Gary became the head wrestling coach at Cuesta College and had a very successful career with the Cougars in an outstanding program as evidenced by the performance of the wrestlers on the mat and as students. His teams won 7 league titles and he coached over 60 state community college placers. In 1980 his team won the California Community College Small College Division Championship.

**DOUG PERRIN** - wrestled at Highland High School in North Bakersfield and won the CIF Central Section Championship. Doug was assistant coach at Cuesta College and Atascadero High. In 1980 he started the Arroyo Grande Youth Wrestling Program which has involved over 1000 kids. His 40-year career as a wrestling official since 1975 includes 30 CIF-SS Division Tournaments, 20 CIF-SS Masters Meets and 3 CIF State Meets. He officiated community college and Cal Poly matches for several years and was evaluator of officials at the State Meet for the past 5 years. He was President of the Southern California Wrestling Officials Association.

**DAN PRY** - was a Southern Section CIF Champion in 1985, then wrestled for Cal Poly's National Championship team. He coached for 9 years at Newberry Park HS and earned the Distinguished Service Award at the 1984 Olympics. When Dan came to Atascadero HS in 1983, they had not won recognition in wrestling for many years. Since his arrival they have won the league championship almost every year and won 7 CIF individual and dual meet championships and been runners-up 6 times. He coached 148 CIF-SS medalists and 7 CIF State Placers. He has built, established and nurtured a framework for wrestling in the Atascadero community.

**HOWARD ZINK** - wrestled at North Salinas HS and Hartnell Junior College where he was conference champion and Outstanding Wrestler, and Cal Poly. He coached at Washington Union HS with a career record of 328-113-2. He developed a small school into a wrestling powerhouse, winning 6 CIF Sequoia-Sierra Section Championships. He has coached 13 league championship teams, 53 individual CIF Central Section Sequoia-Sierra Championships and 13 CS Masters Champions. Howard was on the CIF State Wrestling Advisory Committee for 6 years, was a league representative to the CIF for 18 years, and was an assistant football coach for 17 years.





## **2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**ALAN ALBRIGHT** - was a two-time CIF Southern Section Champion and a high school All-American at Norwalk HS. He was 72-0 in his junior-senior seasons and was a high school National Freestyle Champion. In 1971 he was 3rd in the World Freestyle Championships. Alan was a Big-8 Conference Champion and NCAA D1 All-American. He coached BYU to WAC league championships.

**QUINCY CLARK** - was 7th in the CIF State Championships at Lincoln HS in San Diego. At San Diego State he was a NCAA All-American in 1992. He transferred to Univ. of Oklahoma and placed 2nd in the NCAA D1 Championships. Quincy was 8th. at the 1998 World Greco-Roman Championships, was Silver Medalist at the Pan Am Games, and was in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

**MARK GERARDI** - won the San Diego Section championship all four years at Valhalla HS. He won the CIF State Championship three times (1985-87) and was San Diego's Wrestler of the Year those three years. Mark set a high school record by winning 128 matches in a row and was a First Team HS All-American. He won All-American status at Notre Dame University as a freshman.

**SCOTT GLABB** - wrestled at Pacific University in Oregon, and then at Eastern Washington University. He began coaching at Marina HS and has been at Santa Ana HS since. His teams won their first league title in 1993, 19 undefeated league championships, a CIF Div. III Dual Meet Championship in 1996, and a total of 12 CIF Dual and Division Championships. His record is currently 357-63.

**RAY HAAS** - wrestled at Ohio State University. He was the 1964 Freestyle and Greco-Roman Olympic Trials Champion. Ray coached at Kennedy HS for five years, winning three league championships. He became head coach at Cypress College in 1967, with a record of 73-3-1, 11 Conference and Regional championships, and five-time runners-up at CA Community College Championships.

**TOM HAZELL** - wrestled at Inglewood HS and was a CA Community College Champion at El Camino College. At Oklahoma State he was the Big-8 Conference Champion in the heavyweight division and a two-time All-American. Tom was a Pan American Games Champion and placed second in the 1976 Olympic Trials. He was a Silver Medalist at the Tbilisi Tournament in Russia. After serving as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State, he coached at West Torrance HS and at El Camino College for a total of 23 years.

**SCOTT HEATON** - was a high school All-American at San Luis Obispo HS with a record of 113-8. He placed second in the 1975 CIF State Championships, and he was Champion in 1976. At Cal Poly, his career record was 136-19-1, and he still has the record for most career wins and pins (55). He placed third in the NCAA Div. 1 Championships, and he was the nation's top-ranked 167-pounder in his senior year. Scott won four NCAA Western Regional Championships, and he was a NCAA First Team All-American.

**VINCE SILVA** -wrestled at Santa Maria HS and was a CIF-Southern Section Champion, placing fourth in the State Championships. At Oklahoma State, he was a "walk-on" who became a three-year starter and a team captain. He was an assistant coach at Nebraska and at Minnesota before coaching at Santa Ana College where he won the 2005 CACC Championship and was Coach of the Year.

**SHANE VALDEZ** - was in the CIF State Championship finals three times at Calvary Chapel in Santa Ana, winning a State Championship in 1994. He was a Senior National HS Champion and a First Team HS All-American. At the University of Oklahoma, he was a Big-12 Conference Champion and a three-time NCAA Div. 1 All-American. He coached high schools and at University of Nebraska.

**BOB WALKER** - at Fountain Valley HS, he was a 3-time League Champion, a CIF Division Champion and 3rd in CIF-SS Masters Meet. He was a two-time Junior National Greco-Roman Champion and a Junior World Champion. At Alabama, Bob was Southeastern Conference Champion 3 times. He was 2nd in the 1976 Olympic Trials, was the National Open Champion and 2nd in Pan Am Games.



## **2015 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**JOSE (JOE) BERRIOS** - was a standout wrestler at Montclair HS, placing 2nd in the SAL League twice. At Chaffey College he was 3rd twice in the Mission Conference. After wrestling at Humboldt State, he began 30+ years of coaching at Victor Valley HS where they won the State Championships in 1987 and the Southern Section in 1990. He worked in Victorville's freestyle club for many years.

**JOHN BERESFORD** - started the wrestling program at Rim of the World HS where his teams won 16 league championships and 2 CIF Division championships. He coaches 2 CIF-SS Master champions, and his teams placed 8th in the CIF State Championships in 1990 and then 6th in 1991. John retired from coaching in 1993, but he was a wrestling coach advisor for 10 more years.

**DENNIS DOWNING** - at Bell Gardens HS, he was a 3-year letterman, team captain and most outstanding wrestler, 3rd in the CIF Southern Section. At Cerritos College, he was a 2-time State finalist. At Cal Poly he was league runner-up, NCAA D2 National Champion and All-American. He coached at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo HS, Merced HS and then Sierra HS for 27 years.

**ROBERT FISCHER** - coached at El Segundo HS and at Simi Valley HS where his football and wrestling teams won league titles. He was a wrestling coach and official for over 35 years, one of the founders of the Southern California Wrestling Officials Association. Bob officiated CIF State Championships, CIF-SS Masters, NCAA D1 dual matches and conference events. In the 1970's, he served as the state wrestling rules interpreter and was the state representative on the National Federation Rules Committee.

**JOE FOX** - was 3rd and 2nd in State HS Championships at Osage, Iowa. At the University of Northern Iowa, he wrestled in the NCAA Div.1 Championships. After coaching in Wisconsin, Joe won two league titles at Newport Harbor HS. He was a long-time official including CIF State Championships, and he was instructional chairman for OCWOA and for the CIF Southern Section.

**JERRY MATSUMOTO** - won 3 National AAU Masters Sambo Championships and was a Masters World Sambo Champion. Jerry coached at 5 San Diego area high schools and started the Chula Vista Badgers Wrestling Club which produced 10 State freestyle and greco-roman champions and 25 State placers. He officiated the Pan Am Games, 10 National Open Championships, AAU and FILA.

**JIM McCRILLIS** - was a State Placer on teams in New Hampton, Iowa, that finished 3rd, 2nd place twice and won the State HS Championship before wrestling at Iowa State and at the University of Northern Iowa. Jim coached at Bolsa Grande HS for 6 years, winning a league title and taking 5th in the inaugural CIF State Tournament in 1973 for which he was named Orange County Coach of the Year. He has officiated 43 years at the high school and collegiate level, serving 20 years as instructional chairman for SCWOA.

**RALPH STANSBURY** - was 2nd in the CIF Southern Section for Westminster HS. He was a team captain there and then at Golden West College and later at Long Beach State University where he was a NCAA Div. 1 coaches' honorable mention All-American. He was the first LBSU wrestler to win a NCAA D1 match. Ralph officiated in Orange County for 25 years, and officiated 18 consecutive CIF State Championships and 7 CA Community College State Tournaments. He is a past president of the OCW Officials Association.

**KAREN TUFNELL** - has been an extremely dedicated mother and since 1990 an avid wrestling supporter. She was president of the Wrestling Booster Club at Brethren Lutheran HS and later at Calvary Chapel HS where her son Andy was a CIF State Placer. Karen has been tournament director of many Orange County, CIF Masters and State Championships, CCCAA and Pac-10 events.

**JIM WARREN** - coached 14 years at Ganesha and Estancia High Schools with 125 wins. He has officiated for 42 years, beginning in Orange County in 1969. He officiated NCAA Division 1, 2 and 3 Championships and all major collegiate conference championships. Jim served as an evaluator of officials at four NCAA Div. 1 Championships, and he started collegiate dual meet tournaments where teams wrestled 8 matches on 2 days. He also organized cultural exchange teams to New Zealand and to Japan.





## **2016 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**JESSE BARAJAS** - at Stagg HS and Delta College in Stockton, he was an outstanding wrestler and artist. He wrestled and graduated from San Francisco State, then became head wrestling coach at Overfelt HS in San Jose where they won league and section championships and the CIF State Championship in 1979. His outstanding wrestling art work has added greatly to the tradition and legacy of California high school wrestling. He has many murals on gymnasium and wrestling room walls.

**GREG CHAPPEL** - He has been head wrestling coach at Liberty HS in Brentwood for the past 36 years, winning 5 CIF North Coast Section team titles, 3 NCS Dual titles and 22 League Championships with a record of 407-77-4. He has coached 145 individual League Champions, 42 Section Champions, 26 State Medalists and 4 CIF State Champions. Greg has served as the Head Coach of the California National Teams the past 22 years, and was the Team Leader to the Cadet World Championships in 2013.

**AFSOON (ROSHANZAMIR) JOHNSTON** - a pioneer of women's wrestling in the U.S., she was the first and only girl wrestler on teams at Independence HS and at UC Davis. She made her first U.S. Senior National Team while still in high school. At the 1989 World Championships, she was the first American woman to win a world medal when she captured the bronze. She was on four U.S. World Teams, and she coached the U.S. Woman's Senior Team and the U.S. Woman's Team at the 2016 Olympic Games.

**JAMILL KELLY** - at Atwater HS he placed 4th at the CIF State Tournament. In 1996 he placed 2nd in the Espoir Nationals. Jamill attended Oklahoma State and was a 3-time letterman, team captain and Big-12 Conference finalist. In 2001 he was the University Champion and Pan Am Silver Medalist. In 2004 he was U.S. Open Champion, placed 1st in the U.S. Olympic Trials and was the Silver Medalist in the Olympic Games. Jamill was a national U.S. Team member and 2-time World Team member.

**DEREK MOORE** - in Redding at Shasta HS, he placed 7th as a junior and 5th as a senior at the CIF State Championships. At UC Davis, he was a 2-time PAC-10 Champion and the university's first NCAA Division 1 Champion in any sport. He was voted the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the 2007 NCAA Wrestling Tournament, and selected as PAC-10 Male Athlete of the Year.

**ANTHONY PALOMINO** - at Independence HS in San Jose, he was a league and Central Coast Section champion, placing 3 times at the CIF State Tournament: 5th as a sophomore, 3rd as a junior, and a Champion as a senior in 1993. He coached at Independence HS, one of only two to have won the state tournament as a wrestler and then coached that team to a State CIF Championship in 1995. He coached 28 CCS Section Champions, 26 state medalists and 10 State CIF Champions. His family has won 7 state championships.

**MARCO SANCHEZ** - a 1988 graduate of Independence HS and CIF State Wrestling Champion, he was a 3X Junior National All-American and a Greco-Roman National Champion. Marco was a 2X NCAA All-American and PAC-10 Champion at Arizona State University. He won 3 U.S. Olympic Festival gold medals, placed at the U.S. National Open Tournament 4 times, and was a Freestyle and Greco Roman University National Champion. Marco represented Puerto Rico in the Atlanta Olympic Games.

**STEVE SIROY** - at Arroyo HS, he was a league, NCS Section and Northern California Invitational Champion. At Chabot College he was a 1973 Community College State Champion and 2X All-American. At UCLA he was team captain and a PAC-8 finalist. Steve was a National Judo Champion, a 3X Sambo Pan American Champion, and Bronze Medalist in the Sambo World Games. Undefeated for 7 years in Sambo, he was a Sports Festival Champion. He has been the head wrestling coach at Chabot for the past 33 years.

**CASEY STRAND** - He was a 4X League Champion, a 3X NCS Section Champion at College Park HS, a 3X finalist and 2X CIF State Champion and in 1994, 68-0 as a senior. At the state tournament he was also named the Champion of Champions. He set a national record for high school wins with 228. He was the ASICS, AWW, USA Today, WUSA and USAW All-American. Casey wrestled for Arizona State University and was a 2X PAC-10 Champion and a NCAA Division I All-American with 126 college wins.

**DON WILLIAMS** - In 1981-82 he was a 2X Far Western Conference Champion and a 2X NCAA Division II All-American at Chico State. He earned 1982 All-American honors in both wrestling and diving within 2 weeks. Don coached wrestling plus swimming and diving for 28 years at Anderson HS with 20 league titles, 6 Northern Section Championships, 32 CIF Northern Section Masters Champions, 15 state medalists, 6 state finalists, and 2 State Champions. In 2002 he was California State Coach of the year.



## **2016 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**VIC ANASTASIO** - at San Francisco's Archbishop Riordan HS, Vic was a League Champion, and he became head wrestling coach there at age 20, coaching 26 years with 52 league champions, 38 CCS Section placers, and 4 CIF State medalists. He was President of Bay Area Wrestling Association for 13 years, a board member for 13 more. He led Cultural Exchanges trips to Japan, USSR, Canada.

**HOWARD BRYANT** - has been involved in wrestling for 60 years as a wrestler, matchmaker, scorekeeper, and official. He wrestled at Santa Cruz HS and Cal Poly, placing 2nd in the Western Regional Olympic Qualifying Tournament. He was a Far-Western Freestyle Champion. Howard officiated for 40 years for high schools and colleges, and was head scorekeeper am many CIF tournaments.

**KERMIT BANKSON** - Albany HS coach for 39 years starting in 1970, with a dual meet record of 458-124 and 50 placers in Section Tournaments, including 20 CIF State medalists. His teams won 20 championships in 7 different leagues and placed 2nd in the CIF North Coast Section. He started the Albany Invitational Tournament and hosted it for 25 years, with his team winning 8 times.

**AL FONTES** - State Editor of the California Wrestler Newsletter the past 22 years. Selected as the Wrestling Editor of the Year for Wrestling USA Magazine. Al coached 25 years at Livermore HS, Antioch HS, Liberty HS and for Tri-Valley Wrestling Club and Delta Wrestling Club. He was CA Team Leader at NHSCA Senior Nationals; received the Irv Olinder Award for contributions to California.

**GARY GARCIA**- A 4- time NCS Section medalist at James Logan HS, Gary was a 2 -time Community College All-American at Chabot College. He coached at Watsonville HS 35 years and won 14 league titles, a CIF Central Coast Section Championship, placing 5th at the State Tournament. He coached 20 CCS champions, 2 State champions, 3 State finalists and 7 State medalists.

**RAY JIMENEZ**- A 4-year varsity starter and 2-time league champion and a CIF Section Champion at Andrew Hill HS in San Jose, with a record of 112-27. Ray coached wrestling at James Lick HS for 42 years, hosted California USA Wrestling tournaments for 29 years, and hosted the Lynn Dyche Classic for 24 years. He started the Comet Wrestling Club and was league representative 15 years.

**LARRY KATZ** - was a 3-year starter at Purdue University, a team captain, NCAA Qualifier and the team's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He was Director of the CIF North Coast Section Tournament for 22 years and for 25 years at the Mission San Jose Tournament. Larry's statistical expertise has improved the CIF Bracketing, seeding balance, and removing inequities at the State tournament. He also directed the Northern California Community College Regional Tournament 5 times, and the CC State Tournament 3 times.

**STEVE PAGE** - He coached at Granada HS and coached there for 9 years. Steve coached at Livermore HS for 11 more years, with a coaching record of 259-38-3, producing 98 league champions, 7 CIF Section champions and 6 State medalists. A founder of the Tr-Valley Wrestling Club in 1973, he was President of Bay Area Wrestling Association and involved with BAWA for 22 years.

**BRUCE SHELTON** - He wrestled at Oak Grove HS and returned to coach there for the past 35 years. Bruce has coached 107 league champions, 35 CIF Central Coast Section Champions and 22 State placers. He has been on the national coaching staff for 17 years and a Cadet World Team coach for 2 years. His Soaring Eagles Wrestling Club produced 407 Santa Clara Valley champions, 94 Kids State champions, 73 Cadet State champions, 59 Western Region champions, 8 Cadet National champions and 4 Junior National champions.

**THOMAS THOMSEN** - A 3-time league champion at Castro Valley HS, he was team captain and undefeated his junior and senior years. The 3-time State qualifier was 2nd as a junior and Champion as a senior at CIF North Coast Section. He has coached at Mission San Jose HS the past 29 years, with his teams winning 3 league titles and placing in the Top 10 of the North Coast Section tournament 10 times. He has hosted the Mission San Jose Tournament the past 26 years, and he served on the CIF Advisory Board for 4 years.





## 2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

**JIM AGUIRRE** - At Clovis HS, he was the fourth wrestler in history to win the CIF State Championship three times (1989- 91), defeating two state champions. He led his team as captain to back-to-back State Championships (1990 -91). A 4X member of the California Junior National Team, he placed 1st at the high school nationals in 1991, 2nd at the junior world team trials in 1990, and 2nd in the Espoir Nationals in 1992 and 1993. At Stanford, he was a PAC-10 champion, 3X NCAA Division 1 qualifier.

**RICH BAILEY** - A CIF Central Coast Section Champion, he was a 2X CIF San Diego Section Champion. He placed 3X at the CIF State Tournament, a finalist twice -- a member of the 1985 Valhalla State Championship Team. At CSU-Bakersfield he started 4 years, a 2X PAC-10 finalist and PAC-10 Champion. The 2X NCAA D1 All-American won the NWCA All-Star Classic and ranked #1 in the nation. He coached at Moorpark College for back-to-back state CC championships, and he coached the past 8 years at Granada HS.

**MIKE BULL** - At South HS in Bakersfield, he was a 3X Yosemite League Champion, a CIF Central Section Champion and a CIF State Wrestling Champion at the first state tournament in 1973. He won a National Wrestling Federation Championship and in 1972 the National Greco-Roman Open Division Championship. In 1974 Mike won a Community College State Championship with a record of 34-0. At Cal State Bakersfield he was a 3X NCAA Division II All-American including being a NCAA Division II Champion in 1976.

**JOE DANSBY** - At Palma HS, the 3X league champion was a CIF Central Coast Section Champion and their only wrestler to place at the CIF State Tournament twice. At Cal Poly the 4X letterman was a 3X PAC-10 Conference Medalist. He was an Olympic Trials qualifier and a National Greco Roman team member. In 2001 he became Head Coach at Cuesta College. In 16 years there his teams have won 5 conference championships, with 3 state CC champions and 16 All-Americans. He was conference Coach of the Year 5X.

**JOE FARIA** - A 2X league champion undefeated in two seasons at Chowchilla HS, Joe wrestled as a senior for 3rd in conference when Cal Poly SLO won its 1st NCAA D2 championship. As coach at Exeter HS, his teams won many titles, he coached 51 Central Section placers with 4 state placers including a champion. At Clovis West HS, his teams won the State Championship in 1983 and 84, both teams ranked in the nation's Top 5. He became head coach there in 1987, and his 1989 team won the CIF State Championship.

**RICK MCKINNEY** - At Livingston HS, Rick was a 3X team captain, the most valuable wrestler, league champion, Sac-Joaquin CIF Section Champion and a medalist at the state tournament with a record of 121-33-0. Rick coached high school wrestling for 25 years with a record of 268-101-2, winning league and section titles. He coached 13 California National Teams, with Champs in 1985 & '88. He coached the California Espoir Team to a national title in 1994. He officiated the CIF State Wrestling Tournament the past 8 years.

**DAN MELLO** - At Portland State, Dan won 3 Western Regional Championships. He won 14 National titles in Greco-Roman and Freestyle, and he was on 4 World Teams, on the 1980 Olympic Greco-Roman Team and 4X on the FILA World Greco-Roman team. Dan was a 3X World Military Champion, a 2X National AAU Champion, and in 1981 he won the Sambo World Championship. An assistant coach at the 1996 Olympic Games and World Cup, he was the head coach of the Cadet World Team and Espoir World Team.

**JAKE VARNER** - A league and CIF Central Section Champion at Bakersfield HS, Jake was a 4X CIF State Medalist (4-2-1-1), twice a CIF State Champion. He was a Senior National All-American, a 2X Junior All-American, a Cadet All-American, 2X Asics HS All-American, a Wrestling USA Magazine All-American, and Amateur Wrestling News All-American. At Iowa State University, he was a 4X NCAA Division 1 finalist, winning two NCAA Championships. Jake was the 2012 Olympic Freestyle Gold Medalist.

**DREW WILLIAMS** - At Paradise HS he was a 4X varsity letter-man and a 3X CIF Northern Section Champion. He attended Yuba College and Chico State where he was a 4X wrestling letter-man. He became the head coach at Monache HS in 1972 and served for 25 years, winning 18 East Yosemite League titles, 3 Yosemite Division titles, 1 CIF Central Section championship, 4X runners-up. Drew coached 19 section champions, 15 state medalists and 64 state qualifiers. Drew's career varsity coaching record was 402-76-4.



## **2017 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**BEN FRANTICELLI** - An outstanding wrestler at Hayward HS, he won numerous tournaments and was on the first 1951 Northern California Invitational Championship Team. Ben wrestled at UC Berkeley until a life-threatening illness forced him to stop. With an education in the ministry, he embraced a new goal in life, becoming an advocate to help lower-income people achieve a better life. He was the first wrestling coach at Dos Palos HS, coaching for two years before returning to aiding the people of South Dos Palos.

**AMADOR GALVEZ** - At South HS in Bakersfield, he was 3rd as a junior and 2nd as a senior in the South Yosemite League before wrestling at Bakersfield Junior College. He officiated for over 40 years including league, division, section and 15 CIF State Finals. Amador served as an evaluator of officials at the CIF state tournament and continues to volunteer as a timer and scorekeeper. His "BBQ in a Barrel" ministry serves church groups, non-profits, homeless centers, funds scholarships, and parties for his fellow coaches.

**VIC GONZALES** - Vic won several league and division titles at Corcoran HS, then went to College Of the Sequoias and won league, regional and a State JC championship, selected the Most Outstanding Wrestler. At the Pinedale Boys Club, he started a wrestling team that fed into Clovis schools. Many future state champion wrestlers started there. Vic taught in the Fresno School District and coached wrestling at McLane HS for six years. He officiated for the next 34 years at many high school and community college tournaments.

**RHONDA MOORE** - An active volunteer with many wrestling organizations and schools within Kern County and a supporter of the Kern County Wrestling Association, Rhonda was their treasurer for 9 years. She volunteered at California USA Wrestling Tournaments for 9 years, and served as treasurer of the Kern County Wrestling Club for 11 years, and of Elite Force Wrestling Club for 11 years. President of the Frontier Wrestling Boosters for 9 years, she has volunteered at the CIF State Wrestling Tournament since 2006.

**BILL NIXON** - As a recreation coordinator for the Clovis Unified School District, Bill implemented many programs for the past 30 years, some of which have grown into Clovis Unified icons, such as: Elementary Athletics, Clovis Swim Club, Clovis Academy of Gymnastics and Dance, Summer programs, Clovis Flag Football, Parent PE Night, Adult Softball, Basketball, and T-Ball. He helped organize the Y's Men's Wrestling Tournament, a 35-year old tournament that is the oldest and longest running event in Clovis Unified.

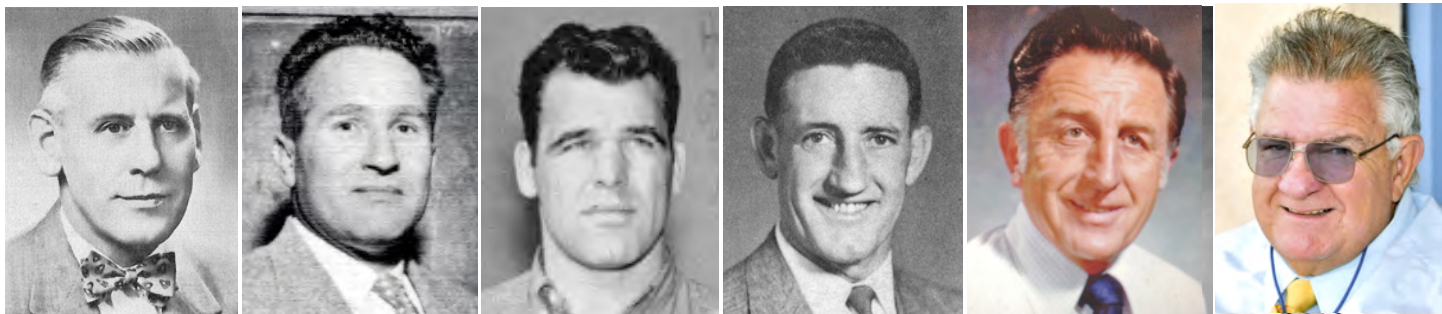
**RICK RIOFRIO** - Rick has been involved with wrestling for 50 years. At Long Beach Jordan HS, he was a league champion and member of the All-City Wrestling Team. He wrestled at Long Beach City College and then at Fresno State, placing 3rd in both conferences. He coached at Kingsburg HS, Central HS and Bullard HS with a total record of 216-97. Rick coached on the California National Wrestling Team and the Kids Western Regional Freestyle team as well as the Junior and Open Freestyle Championships.

**JIM SEAY** - After attending Oklahoma State and the University of Oklahoma, he coached at Northwest Classen HS in Oklahoma City and had a 18-1 record. In 1981 he moved west and became the Head Coach at Highland HS in Bakersfield, then at Bakersfield HS and later at San Luis Obispo HS for 14 years. In 2001 his team won the CIF Southern Section Championship, placing 2nd in 2002. Jim was a co-founder and board member of Kern County Wrestling Association and founder of the Paso Robles Invitational Tournament.

**JOE TRIGGS** - At San Lorenzo HS, Joe was a Hayward League Champion all 4 years and 3X placer in the CIF North Coast Section. He was a Section Champion and a CIF State Tournament Champion, selected as the Northern California Wrestling Athlete of the Year. At Chabot College, he was a 2-time placer at the JC State Championships. He became Head Coach at East Bakersfield HS and sent 41 wrestlers to the state tournament with 10 placers. Joe served as the tournament director of the section masters tournament for 12 years.

**DENNIS WREN** - He has officiated high school wrestling for 31 years, with 20 years as a community college and NCAA official. He has officiated 8 CACC state tournaments. He has officiated three sports since his military duty ended: football, wrestling and NCAA Division I softball. He was high school official's assigner and instructor for 14 years. He has officiated tournaments in Fresno, Lemoore, Clovis, Morro Bay, Bakersfield and Southern California, officiating numerous Central Section Championships.





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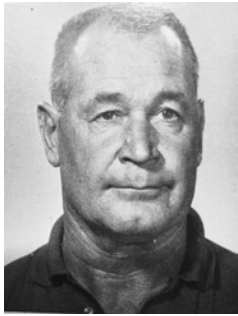
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Patrick Cadwallader  
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Ed DeFerrari  
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Oscar Edminster  
Bob Ericson

Rene Errotabere  
Al DeFerrari  
Ed de Ferrari  
Jack Fiebig  
Robert Fischer  
Darrell Fletcher  
Karen Foley  
Clyde Forrest  
Dave Foster  
Dick Francis  
George Galli  
Dan Gonzalves  
Nori Gosse  
Bill Griffin

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Tom Hall  
Sheldon Hardon  
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**Mac McCready**

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## **2018 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

**BOB ANDERSON** - A CIF Southern Section Champion in high school, Bob was a 2X conference champion at El Camino College, won the State Championship twice and was selected as the Outstanding Wrestler. At Adam State College he was a conference champion and NCAA All-American. Bob won the National Freestyle Open Championship and was a champion in the Sambo style of wrestling. Bob was an Olympic and World Cup Coach. He started the JETS Wrestling Club that won 14 National Championships.

**ALAN CLINTON** - He has coached at El Modena and Servite HS for the past 37 years. He has been named the CIF Section Coach of the Year 19 times. His teams have won 14 league titles and 20 CIF Division titles. He has coached 130 league champions 14 CIF placers and 7 National All-Americans. Alan has served on the CIF Wrestling Advisory Board and as President of the Orange County Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association. He was also inducted into the California Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**DON GARRIOTT** - He placed 4th at CIF State for West Torrance HS, attended El Camino College where he was a 2X All-American, then transferred to Chico State where he was a 2X Far Western Conference Champion and a 2X NCAA D2 All-American. Don was a USAW Freestyle All-American. He coached at North Torrance HS for 18 years with a 280-76-2 record including 5 CIF titles. Don is the head coach at Cerritos College. His teams have won 2 State Community College Championships and finished second 4 times.

**JOHN KEEVER** - He was an All-American in both Football and Rugby at UC Santa Barbara. John started his 37-year coaching career at Moorpark College where he coached football, track and wrestling. His wrestling teams have a record of 244-111-4 with 17 conference titles and 2 state community college championships, 27 finalists including 11 State Champions, and 53 All-Americans. He was selected twice as the State Community College Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Moorpark College Hall of Fame.

**MARCIE (VAN DUSEN) LANE** - A 2X Cadet Bronze Medalist at Rim of the World HS, Marcie was a 5X member of the U.S. National Wrestling Team. She is a 2X U.S. National and World Team Trials Champion and was the Outstanding Wrestler at the 2007 U.S. Nationals. She was a silver medalist at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro. At the 2008 World Cup she was undefeated. Marcie was a member of the U.S. Olympic Team at Beijing, China. In 2013, she was the USA Wrestling Woman of the Year.

**DAVID OCHOA** - In high school David was a 2X league champion and state qualifier. He has coached at Workman and Northview HS for 30 years, and his teams have won 21 league titles, 23 CIF Southern Section Dual and Individual Championships, and 4 CIF-SS Masters Championships. He has coached 71 CIF Champions, 24 Masters Champions among 108 Placers, and 3 CIF State Champions. David helped pioneer girls wrestling in So Cal, and his girls teams have won 5 CIF-SS titles with 7 CIF Girls State Champions.

**TONY OKADA** - A world class Judo Champion while in high school, he used his judo skills on to the mat to win 3 CIF Southern Section Championships and 2 CIF State Championships. An Asics First Team All-American, Tony was a Cadet National Champion and a silver medalist at the FILA Cadet World Championships. Wrestling was his second-best sport, and in Judo he became the first American to win the Junior World Cup Title in Japan. He represented the USA in Judo at the 1992 Olympic Games.

**VICTOR VOROBIEFF** - At Mt. San Antonio Community College he placed 3rd at the State CC Championships and was an All-American. At Chico State he was a Far Western Conference Champion and a two-time NCAA Division 2 Qualifier. He began his coaching career at Arroyo High School where he was the gymnastics and wrestling coach. His Gymnastics teams won 3 CIF Section titles. Victor's wrestling team placed second in the state in 1989, and he has coached 12 state placers and 5 CIF State Champions.

**ADAM WHEELER** - At Lancaster HS, he was the school's first ever Golden League Champion. His senior year record was 44-3. Adam served his country for 5 years in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was a member of the All-Navy Wrestling Team for 5 years and a 3X medalist in the Armed Forces Championships. Adam was an 8X USA Wrestling All-American and a 2006 Pan American Games Silver Medalist. His greatest wrestling achievement was winning a bronze medal at the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, in 2008.

**LENNY ZALESKY** - A 3X Big-10 Champion and 2X NCAA Division 1 Finalist while wrestling for Dan Gabel at the University of Iowa, he was an assistant coach there. As head coach at UC Davis for 9 seasons, in 2007 he was named the PAC-10 Wrestling Coach of the Year and coached the Aggie's first ever NCAA Division I National Champion in any sport in Derek Moore - the Outstanding Tournament Wrestler. Lenny now coaches at Cal Baptist where in 6 seasons he has had 26 All-Americans and 6 National Champions.





## **2018 HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD**

**DAVID ALEXANDER** - He was a 2X State Placer, Conference Champion, State Champion and All-American at Santa Ana College. Then at the University of Northern Colorado, he was a 2X Rocky Mountain Conference Champion and placed 2nd and 3rd in the NCAA Championships. Dave coached at Corona Del Mar and Estancia HS as well as at Santa Ana College. A highly regarded wrestling official for many years, he has served as the president of the Southern California Wrestling Officials Association.

**VINCENT JIM BRONCATELLO**- At Cal Poly, Pomona he was a 2X NCAA Division 2 National Qualifier. Coaching at Claremont HS, he had 13 league championships, 5 CIF Division champions, a Southern Section Champion and a State Champion. He became the coach at Claremont McKenna College & Harvey-Mudd College where his 1982 team won the NCAA Division III Western Regional Title. Jim officiated at the high school, community college and college levels for 40 years, including a CIF State Championship.

**NATALIE HAYES** - She has been a committed, dedicated and enthusiastic wrestling fan for over 30 years. Natalie has spent countless wrestling sessions as the coordinator and tournament director for Tournament Masters, Inc. TMI has organized wrestling tournaments including the CIF State High School and PAC-12 Championships. During Natalie's time working on these tournaments she has tirelessly posted results of important wrestling events on forums and other social media platforms.

**BILL HENDERSON** - He wrestled at both Cerritos College and Long Beach State. He coached at 7 different high schools in So Cal. At Victor Valley HS he started the Hi-Desert Youth Wrestling Club, a major factor for Victor Valley winning 10 League, one CIF Southern Section and one CIF State Championship. He was the first wrestling coach at Victor Valley Community College and had 4 All-Americans his first year. He assisted Bob Anderson with the California JETS Wrestling Club. He was inducted into the NWHOF.

**RUBEN LEON** - He has been involved in youth wrestling since 1983, the leader behind the No Mercy School of Wrestling out of Rancho Buena Vista HS which has produced 40 CIF State Placers. One girl in his club was the first 4X CIF State Champion. Ruben was an official for AAU and USA Wrestling for 16 years, a board member of numerous wrestling associations, and coach of the California National Wrestling Team from 2000-2013. Ruben was the designated State Man of the Year by Scholastic Wrestling News.

**TERRY LORENTZEN** - Terry began his 36-year coaching career as the wrestling coach at Newport Harbor High School. He then moved to Edison High School in Huntington Beach where he built Edison into an Orange County power and had numerous CIF State Placers as well as CIF State Champions. Terry has been inducted into the Orange County Wrestling Hall of Fame.

**FRED PETERSON** - The varsity wrestling coach at West Torrance HS, Fred was a high school and college wrestling official for 25 years. He was the coordinator of the South Bay Wrestling Officials Association and served as their president for 15 years. Fred was selected to officiate the first CIF State Wrestling Tournament at Cal State University, Hayward in 1973. Fred also served as the director of the CIF Southern Section Wrestling Tournament. Inducted into the NWHOF, he also coached football for 25 years.

**JOHN PHILLIPS** - He wrestled at Rolling Hills HS and placed 2nd in the CIF and was a 1st Team All South Bay selection. Then at Pierce College he placed in the State JC Championships. He completed his wrestling career at Cal State Bakersfield and was a member of two NCAA Division 2 National Championship teams. He started his coaching career at Irvine HS and then became the head coach at Artesia HS where he won 5 Suburban League Championships. After moving back to Irvine HS, his team won 11 league championships. His teams have won 21 titles in four different leagues. He has coached 20 State CIF qualifiers and 11 state medalists. He has been the athletic director and wrestling coach at Irvine HS, now working in his 31st year.

**VIC RICHMOND** - Vic started coaching wrestling in San Diego in 1986 at several schools including Lincoln, Monte Vista, Valhalla, Helix, and Mt. Miguel. He coached the California National Team for 14 years and also worked at the CA State Games and Association Duals. Vic was President of the SD Wrestling Association for 22 years. He presented clinics for underprivileged kids with USAW. He coached Hall of Fame Inductees Stephen Neal and Quincey Clark, Ryan and Brandon Halsey, Willie Jones, and Jeremiah Davis.



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**JAY ROELEN** - Jay began his wrestling career at Hawthorn HS where he won four CIF Division Championships, 1950-1954. He excelled in football at Pepperdine University and achieved All-American honors as a quarterback. He coached football, wrestling and cross country at Saddleback College for 33 years. Jay officiated wrestling for 30 years, including the NAIA Championships for 18 years as the head official and evaluator of officials. He was inducted into the Helms Athletic Foundation Football Hall of Fame and in 1983 he was selected as the Orange County Official of the year. He authored biographies on the football history at Pepperdine and Saddleback Colleges

## 2018 CALIFORNIA WRESTLING HALL OF FAME LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD - POSTHUMOUS HONOREE



**PATRICK CADWALLADER** - He coached at Brethren Christian HS in Huntington Beach and for Team Southern California. His teams won 38 USA Wrestling State Championships and three of his wrestlers were age group World Team members. Pat coached his two sons, Patrick and Daniel, who was a CIF State Champion. Pat began his officiating for USA Wrestling in 1991 and served as the head official for USA Wrestling Championships for many years. He organized and started the Pac-West Wrestling Officials Association. He officiated the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2004 and 2008 and the World Championships in 2008 as well as many other national tournaments.



Nationally ranked No. 25 Stanford enjoyed an 18-15 upset of No. 9 Arizona State at Burnham Pavilion on Feb. 2, 2019. A week later, Stanford defeated then No. 18 Oregon State in Corvallis for the first time ever. The win tied Stanford head coach Jason Borrelli with Chris Horpel (1979-2001) for the most career dual wins with 105. On Feb. 17, four Cardinals' seniors stole the show in a 32-5 rout of Cal Poly at Maples Pavilion. Stanford won 9 of the 10 bouts en route to a perfect 6-0 record in home duals for the season. The victory made Borrelli the winningest coach in school history, and Stanford won its first League Championship in wrestling over 75 years. Requir van der Merwe (149) and Nathan Trexler (197) won individual Pac-12 titles to help Stanford edge two-time defending champion Arizona State by just two points at Tempe in the closest result since 2010. They were the school's 30th and 31st wrestlers to advance to the NCAA Championships. Under Borrelli, Stanford has finished in the top 20 at the NCAA Championships 3 times. They wrestled against San Francisco State in an outdoor event during Fan Fest at a football game, and they wrestled Fresno State in the "Battle of the Midway" on the famed aircraft carrier.

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(l-r) CAWHOF President Jeff Roberts, Master of Ceremonies Anthony Morales, and Director Lynn Dyche.



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2018 CA Wrestling Hall of Fame inductees (l-r) Adam Wheeler, Marcie Van Dusen Lane, and Bob Anderson.



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# 2019 NCAA DIVISION 1 WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS



Front, l-r: Spencer Lee (125), Iowa; Nick Suriano (133), Rutgers; Yianni Diakomihalis (141), Cornell; Anthony Ashnault (149), Rutgers; Jason Nolf (157), Penn State; (back, l-r) Mekhi Lewis (165) Virginia Tech; Zahid Valencia (174), Arizona State; Drew Foster (184), Northern Iowa; Bo Nickal (197), Penn State; and Anthony Cassar (285), Penn State - which won its fourth consecutive team title, eighth in past nine years.



Tony Rotundo

The 2019 NCAA D1 Wrestling Championship Tournament in Pittsburgh featured the first champion ever from Virginia Tech, and the first two champions ever for Rutgers (State University of New Jersey) wrestling.



# Division 1 All-Americans from California since 2000



**Zahid Valencia**

## 2019 ALL-AMERICANS

- 165 – Evan Wick (Wisconsin/San Marino, S): 4th Place
- 157 – Christian Pagdilao (Arizona State/Santiago, S): 7th Place
- 174 – **Zahid Valencia** (Arizona State/St. John Bosco, S) **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 197 – Josh Hokit (Fresno State/Clovis, CS): 5th Place

## 2018 ALL-AMERICANS

- 165 – Isaiah Martinez (Illinois/Lemoore HS, CS): 2nd Place
- 165 – Evan Wick (Wisconsin/San Marino HS, S): 3rd Place
- 165 – Jonathan Chavez (Cornell/De La Salle HS, NC): 7th Place
- 174 – **Zahid Valencia** (Arizona St./St. John Bosco, S): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 285 – Nick Nevills (Penn State/Clovis HS, CS): 7th Place

## 2017 ALL-AMERICANS

- 157 – Paul Fox (Stanford/Gilroy HS, CC): 7th Place
- 165 – Isaiah Martinez (Illinois/Lemoore HS, CS): 2nd Place
- 184 – Zahid Valencia (Arizona St./St. John Bosco HS, S): 3rd Place
- 285 – Nick Nevills (Penn State/Clovis HS, CS): 5th Place

## 2016 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Connor Schram (Stanford/Canon-McMillan HS, PA): 8th Place
- 133 – **Nahshon Garrett** (Cornell/Chico HS, N): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 141 – Joe McKenna (Stanford/Blair Academy, NJ): 3rd Place
- 141 – Chris Mecate (Old Dominion/Redland East Valley HS, S): 5th Place
- 157 – **Isaiah Martinez** (Illinois/Lemoore HS, CS): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 197 – Morgan McIntosh (Penn St./Calvary Chapel HS, S): 2nd Place

## 2015 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Nahshon Garrett (Cornell/Chico HS, N): 5th Place
- 141 – Chris Mecate (Old Dominion/Redlands East Valley HS, S): 6th Place
- 157 – **Isaiah Martinez** (Illinois/Lemoore HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 165 – Jim Wilson (Stanford/McNair HS, SJ): 8th Place
- 197 – Morgan McIntosh (Penn State/Calvary Chapel HS, S): 3rd Place

## 2014 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Jesse Delgado (University of Illinois/Gilroy HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 125 – Nahshon Garrett (Cornell University/Chico HS, N): 2nd Place
- 174 – Bryce Hammond (Cal State Bakersfield/Bakersfield HS, C): 8th Place
- 197 – Morgan McIntosh (Penn State/Calvary Chapel-Santa Ana HS, S): 7th Place

## 2013 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – **Jesse Delgado** (Illinois/Gilroy HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 125 – Nahshon Garrett (Cornell/Chico HS, N): 3rd Place
- 149 – Scott Sakaguchi (Oregon St./Clovis HS, C): 5th Place
- 157 – Jason Welch (Northwestern/Las Lomas HS, NC): 2nd Place
- 184 – Ryan Loder (Northern Iowa/Granite Bay HS, SJ): 7th Place
- 184 – Mike Larson (Missouri/McKinleyville HS, NC): 8th Place
- 285 – Matt Gibson (Iowa St./Jesse Bethel HS, SJ): 8th Place



**Nashon Garrett**



**Isaiah Martinez**



**Jesse Delgado**



# Division 1 All-Americans from California since 2000

## 2012 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Jesse Delgado (Illinois/Gilroy HS, CC): 7th Place
- 125 – Ryan Mango (Stanford/Whitfield HS, Missouri): 5th Place
- 141 – Boris Novachkov (Cal Poly, SLO/Fremont HS, CC): 3rd Place
- 149 – Scott Sakaguchi (Oregon St./Clovis HS, C): 7th Place
- 157 – Jason Welch (Northwestern/Las Lomas HS, NC): 4th Place
- 174 – Nick Armuchastegui (Stanford /Phoenix HS, Oregon): 2nd Place
- 174 – Ryan DeRoches (Cal Poly, SLO/Riverside HS, Washington): 8th Place
- 285 – Ryan Flores (American/Buchanan HS, C): 6th Place
- 285 – Clayton Jack (Oregon St./Vacaville HS, SJS): 4th Place



**Boris Novachkov - 2nd**

## 2011 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Ryan Mango (Stanford/Whitfield HS, Missouri): 6th Place
- 141 – Boris Novachkov (Cal Poly, SLO/Fremont HS, CCS): 2nd Place
- 141 – Todd Schavrien (Missouri/Poway HS, SD): 6th Place
- 157 – Jason Welch (Northwestern/Las Lomas HS, NC): 6th Place
- 174 – Nick Amuchastegui (Stanford/Phoenix HS, Oregon): 2nd Place
- 197 – Zack Giesen (Stanford/North Valley HS, Oregon): 6th Place
- 285 – Ryan Flores (American/Buchanan HS, C): 2nd Place
- 285 – Ricky Alcala (Indiana/Arvin HS, C): 5th Place



**Ryan Flores - 2nd**

## 2010 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Nikko Triggas (Ohio St./Campolindo HS, NC): 8th Place
- 133 – Boris Novachkov (Cal Poly, SLO/Fremont HS, CC): 7th Place
- 157 – Chase Pami (Cal Poly, SLO/Cimarron Memorial HS, Nevada): 2nd
- 165 – Nick Amuchastegui (Stanford/Phoenix HS, Oregon): 4th Place
- 197 – **Jake Varner** (Iowa St./Bakersfield HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 285 – Mitch Monteiro (CS Bakersfield/Paso Robles HS, S): 5th Place

## 2009 ALL-AMERICANS

- 133 – Joe Baker (Navy/Poway HS, SD): 8th Place
- 141 – Chris Drouin (Arizona St./Chaparral-Temecula HS, S): 6th Place
- 157 – Chase Pami (Cal Poly, SLO/Cimarron Memorial HS, Nevada): 7th
- 197 – **Jake Varner** (Iowa St./Bakersfield HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 197 – Brandon Halsey (CS Bakersfield/Rancho BV HS, SD): 7th Place

## 2008 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Tanner Gardner (Stanford/Shawnee Heights HS, Kansas): 5th Place
- 133 – Joe Baker (Navy/Poway HS, SD): 8th Place
- 141 – Chad Mendes (Cal Poly, SLO/Hanford HS, C): 2nd Place
- 141 – Nathan Morgan (Oklahoma St./Bakersfield HS, C): 4th Place
- 141 – Manual Rivera (Minnesota/Rosemead HS, S): 7th Place
- 157 – Josh Zupancic (Stanford/Walsh Jesuit HS, Ohio): 6th Place
- 184 – Jake Varner (Iowa St./Bakersfield HS, C): 2nd Place



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**Jake Varner**





**Derek Moore**

# Division 1 All-Americans from California since 2000



## 2007 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Tanner Gardner (Stanford/Shawnee Heights HS, Kansas): 7th Place
- 133 – Darrel Vasquez (Cal Poly, SLO/Bakersfield HS, C): 5th Place
- 141 – **Derek Moore** (UC Davis/Shasta HS, N): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 141 – Nathan Morgan (Oklahoma St./Bakersfield HS, C): 4th Place
- 157 – Josh Zupancic (Stanford/Walsh Jesuit HS, Ohio): 7th Place
- 184 – Jake Varner (Iowa St./Bakersfield HS, C): 2nd Place
- 285 – Wade Sauer (CS Fullerton/Nevada Union HS, SJ): 6th Place

## 2006 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Chad Mendes (Cal Poly, SLO/Hanford HS, C): 6th Place
- 125 – Tanner Gardner (Stanford/Shawnee Heights HS, Kansas): 8th Place
- 133 – Nathan Morgan (Oklahoma St./Bakersfield HS, C): 6th Place

## 2005 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Efren Ceballos (CS Bakersfield/Manteca HS, SJ): 5th Place
- 125 – Vic Moreno (Cal Poly, SLO/Escalon HS, SJ): 6th Place
- 133 – Matt Sanchez (CS Bakersfield/Bellarmino Prep HS, CC): 5th Place
- 174 – **Chris Pendleton** (Oklahoma St./Lemoore HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 2004 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – Vic Moreno (Cal Poly, SLO/Escalon HS, SJ): 6th Place
- 133 – Darrell Vasquez (Cal Poly, SLO/Bakersfield HS, C): 4th Place
- 133 – Matt Sanchez (CS Bakersfield/Bellarmino Prep HS, CC): 8th Place
- 157 – **Matt Gentry** (Stanford/Grants Pass N. Valley HS, Oregon): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 157 – Alex Tirapelle (Illinois/Clovis HS, C): 4th Place
- 174 – **Chris Pendleton** (Oklahoma St./Lemoore HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 2003 ALL-AMERICANS

- 157 – Alex Tirapelle (Illinois/Clovis HS, C): 2nd Place
- 174 – Chris Pendleton (Oklahoma St./Lemoore HS, C): 3rd Place
- 184 – Clint Wattenberg (Cornell/Pleasant Valley HS, N): 5th Place
- 197 – Marcio Botelho (Fresno St./Lemoore HS, C): 8th Place

## 2002 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – **Stephen Abas** (Fresno St./James Logan HS, NC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 141 – Cedrick Hayman (Cal Poly, SLO/EI Cajon HS, SD): 3rd Place
- 184 – Clint Wattenberg (Cornell/Pleasant Valley HS, N): 6th Place

## 2001 ALL-AMERICANS

- 125 – **Stephan Abas** (Fresno St./James Logan HS, NC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 125 – Ruben DeLeon (CS Bakersfield/Chaffey HS, S): 8th Place
- 149 – **Adam Tirapelle** (Illinois/Buchanan HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 174 – Ati Conner (Nebraska/Dos Pueblos HS, S): 8th Place
- 197 – **Mark Munoz** (Oklahoma St./Vallejo HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**
- 285 – Billy Blunt (Fresno St./Grace Davis HS, SJ): 5th Place



**Mark Munoz**

## 2000 ALL-AMERICANS

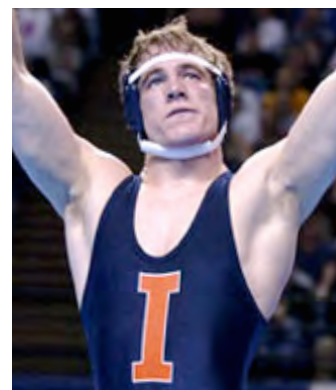
- 125 – T.J. Hill (CS Fullerton/Farmington HS, Missouri): 4th Place
- 125 – Ruben DeLeon (CS Bakersfield/Chaffey HS, S): 7th Place
- 125 – Paul Gomez (Nebraska/No. Monterey County HS, CC): 8th Place
- 149 – Adam Tirapelle (Illinois/Buchanan HS, C): 2nd Place
- 174 – Ed Mosely (Harvard/Calvary Chapel-Santa Ana HS, S): 8th Place
- 197 – Mark Munoz (Oklahoma St./Vallejo HS, SJ): 3rd Place



**Chris Pendleton**



**Stephen Abas**



**Adam Tirapelle**



# Division 1 National Champions from California before 2000

## 1999 ALL-AMERICANS

125 – Stephen Abas (Fresno St./James Logan HS, NC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

133 – Eric Guerrero (Oklahoma St./Independence HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

285 – Stephen Neal (CS Bakersfield/San Diego HS, SD): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1998 ALL-AMERICANS

126 – Eric Guerrero (Oklahoma St./Independence HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

285 – Stephen Neal (CS Bakersfield/San Diego HS, SD): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1997 ALL-AMERICANS

126 – Eric Guerrero (Oklahoma St./Independence HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1991 ALL-AMERICANS

190 – Paul Keysaw (CS Bakersfield/Athens HS, Pennsylvania): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1989 ALL-AMERICANS

167 – David Lee (Wisconsin/Bella Vista HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1986 ALL-AMERICANS

167 – Marty Kistler (Iowa/Notre Dame HS, S): **NATIONAL CHAMPION \*OW**

## 1985 ALL-AMERICANS

158 – Marty Kistler (Iowa/Notre Dame HS, S): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

190 – Dan Chaid (Oklahoma/Gunderson HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1984 ALL-AMERICANS

142 – Jesse Reyes (CS Bakersfield/Bakersfield HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1983 ALL-AMERICANS

118 – Adam Cuestas (CS Bakersfield/Merced HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

177 – Mark Schultz (Oklahoma/Palo Alto HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1982 ALL-AMERICANS

126 – Dan Cuestas (CS Bakersfield/Merced HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

167 – Dave Schultz (Oklahoma/Palo Alto HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1982 ALL-AMERICANS

177 – Mark Schultz (Oklahoma/Palo Alto HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION \*OW**

## 1981 ALL-AMERICANS

126 – Dan Cuestas (CS Bakersfield/Merced HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

167 – Mark Schultz (Oklahoma/Palo Alto HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1980 ALL-AMERICANS

118 – Joe Gonzales (CS Bakersfield/Montebello HS, S): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

126 – John Azevedo (CS Bakersfield/Grace Davis HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1979 ALL-AMERICANS

190 – Eric Wais (Oklahoma St./Woodland HS, SJ): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

285 – Fred Bohna (UCLA/Clovis HS, C): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1977 ALL-AMERICANS

142 – Steve Barrett (Oklahoma St./Miraleste HS, S): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1976 ALL-AMERICANS

118 – Mark DiGirolamo (Cal Poly, SLO/Harbor / Santa Cruz HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1969 ALL-AMERICANS

191 – Tom Kline (Cal Poly, SLO/Las Lomas HS, NC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1968 ALL-AMERICANS

167 – Mike Gallego (Fresno St./Pacific Grove HS, CC): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

191 – Nick Carollo (Adam St./Redondo HS, S): **NATIONAL CHAMPION**

## 1958 ALL-AMERICAN

115 – Dick Delgado (Oklahoma/San Diego HS, SD): **NATIONAL CHAMPION \*OW**

## 1957 ALL-AMERICAN

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# NFL Players that Wrestled in California

**George Achica**, DL, Baltimore Colts (Andrew Hill HS) – CA State Champion in 1978 & 3rd in 1979

**Tedy Bruschi**, ILB, New England Patriots (Roseville HS)

**James Campen**, C, Green Bay Packers (Ponderosa HS) – CA 2nd State in 1981 & 6th in 1982

**Kenny Clark**, DL, Green Bay Packers (Carter HS) – CA State Qualifier 2012 & 2013

**Tyler Clutts**, FB, Dallas Cowboys (Clovis HS) – CA State Champion in 2003

**Kyle DeVan**, OL, Indianapolis Colts (Vacaville HS) – CA State Champion in 2003 & 3rd in 2002

**Romney Fuga**, DT, Denver Broncos (Edison HS) – CA State Runner-Up in 2006, 4th in 2005

**Lincoln “Drew” Hodgdon**, C, Houston Texans (Palo Alto HS) – CCS 2nd in 1999

**Ronnie Lott**, DB, San Francisco 49'ers (Eisenhower HS)

**Dan Lloyd**, LB, NY Giants (James Lick HS) - CCS Champion 1971 and 1972

**Alex Mack**, C, Cleveland Browns (San Marcos HS) – CA State Runner-Up in 2004

**Lorenzo Neal**, FB, San Diego,Tennessee (Lemoore HS) – 7th at NCAA, CA State Champion, 1989

**Stephen Neal**, OL, New England Patriots (San Diego HS) – 2X NCAA Champ, 1999 World Champ

**Jim Plunkett**, QB, Oakland Raiders (James Lick HS) - CCS Champion 1966

**Alex Redmond**, OL, Cincinnati bengals (Los Alamitos HS) – CA 2nd State in 2013

**Tommy Vardell**, RB, Chicago Bears (Granite Hills HS) 5th State in 1987



Stephen Neal, 2X NCAA Champion



Kenny Clark, 2X State Qualifier



Kyle DeVan, State Champion



Lorenzo Neal, State Champion



Alex Mack, 2nd in State



Tommy Vardell, 5th in State