

Nate Jackson Returns as Volunteer Assistant Coach

IU's last two multi-year All-Americans join Goldman's staff

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana University wrestling coach [Duane Goldman](#) announced at the team's year-end banquet that recent graduate [Nate Jackson](#) will return to the Hoosiers as a volunteer assistant coach. Goldman, who coached both Jackson and newly hired associate head coach [Angel Escobedo](#), enters his 26th season next fall with both of his most recent two-time All-Americans on his coaching staff.

"It's important to our program to keep the successful wrestlers of its past involved," Goldman commented on Jackson's retention. "To keep someone right out of college, one who was a two-time All-American that had a huge impact on our team, will be a great situation for the current wrestlers and coaches alike."

Jackson's accolades within the contemporary wrestling landscape will provide a boost for the culture in Goldman's wrestling room. The Crete, Illinois native twice reached the All-American podium (5th in 2016 at 174 lbs.; 8th in 2017 at 184 lbs.) and surpassed 100 career victories despite a shortened freshman campaign.

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In his final year, Jackson made a successful move to 184 lbs. after three seasons at 174 lbs. The senior jumped out to a 19-0 unbeaten mark, culminating with a 3-1 decision win over No. 5 Sammy Brooks (Iowa) in the Midlands quarterfinals. And with Jackson's 15-3 major decision in the NWCA Dual Series upset over Appalachian state, Hoosier fans saw Indiana's first unbeaten dual season since 2011 (Matt Powless, 197 lbs.).

Jackson's illustrious college wrestling career included two All-American finishes, three NCAA Championships qualifications, and four regular season tournament championships. He posted a career record of 107-37 with 35 major decisions, 11 technical falls, and 14 wins by fall.

In addition to working under his former head coach, Jackson will learn the instructional side of wrestling from an inspirational staff. Jackson now has an opportunity to work alongside assistant coach [Travis Pascoe](#), who played an instrumental role in Jackson's success since joining Indiana for the 2015-16 season. He also joins fellow IU wrestling alumni [Angel Escobedo](#) (2007-10) as new members of the 2017-18 coaching staff.

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