



## May Newsletter

On behalf of the NWCA Board of Directors and our President Coach Tom Ryan, we want to wish our terrific office manager, Amy Dicato, a well deserved retirement. Amy was the glue that held our office together for over 10 years and we will sorely miss her. The outpouring of farewells that Amy has received from our membership over the past week was a testament to the job she did. While we are sad to see Amy go, I am happy to report that we have recently hired Hannah Grove as our new office manager. Hannah is from Lancaster where she is finishing her degree in public relations at Millersville University. Hannah brings a strong skill set to the organization and will be a welcomed member to our NWCA family. In addition, her father was a successful high school coach from the Lancaster area.

The NWCA staff has also been very busy with the compilation and release of our All Academic team and individual awards programs. Nothing is more important to the long term sustainability of our collegiate programs than a very close alignment of our programs with educational values. It is so encouraging to see so many of our collegiate wrestlers perform so well in the classroom. Please click below to see a full listing of our top performing collegiate teams and individual wrestlers. [NAIA Division I](#)

I'm thrilled to announce that we have another terrific class of 18 deserving head/assistant college wrestling coaches who have received full scholarships to

attend our CEO Leadership Academy in Edwardsville, Illinois on May 16/17, 2017. We are excited to mention that the United States Marine Corps will be a major part of our academy this year. The primary purpose of this academy is to strengthen our coach's CEO/entrepreneurial skills and at the same time, ensure that our collegiate programs are closely aligned with the educational mission of the schools they represent. On the back end of our CEO Leadership Academy, our participating coaches have elected to enroll in an exclusive Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) coaching development component in which the curriculum is complimentary to the NWCA CEO Leadership Academy content. The faith based components of the curriculum are delivered by the FCA and is designed to insure that we have a deep pool of well trained college coaches to lead all of the newly established collegiate wrestling programs at faith based colleges. Click [HERE](#) to read more about the FCA Academy!

And while I have much more good news than bad news to report in this executive director's update, there is one piece of bad news to share with you. Many of you may be aware that several weeks ago, Boise State University has announced that it is discontinuing its Division I wrestling program after 53 years of rich tradition. This decision has essentially been made by one misinformed college president without little transparency and/or collaboration with students, alumni, and community leaders. I recently attended a strategy planning session in Boise and I am encouraged to report that we have a very strong local organizing committee (LOC) that is prepared to push back hard. We also have some very prominent national leaders who have committed to participate as well. We are finalizing our plan, and very soon we will be launching a powerful, compelling, and sustained campaign designed to reinstate the program. This plan will include a comprehensive legal, political, grass roots, media, and public relations component and we are prepared to stay the course for as long as it takes to reinstate the program. We will be sure to solicit the help of the entire wrestling community when the time is right and thank you in advance for your willingness to help us.

Lastly, for those of you who have not yet registered for our annual NWCA Convention on August 4-6, 2017 in Daytona Beach, please click here: [www.nwcaonline.com](http://www.nwcaonline.com) to register online. This year's convention is located at a beautiful 5 star beachfront Hilton Resort that is very family friendly. Last

year, we were down in Fort Lauderdale, but this year Daytona Beach is our hot spot! This is an important time for the entire wrestling community to come together to celebrate our successes and to also problem-solve without the distraction of competition. We hope to see you there.

Growing wrestling together, Mike

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## Scholastic Award Winners

One of the highlights of the year is our opportunity to recognize and honor our most deserving high school head and assistant coaches across the country.

This year we once again had an outstanding group of state, sectional and national award winners. The committee had the most difficult task of determining a national winner from one of the strongest section winners ever. We would like to congratulate our national award winners, Head Coach of the Year – Steve Landor (Roseburg High School, OR) and Assistant Coach of the Year – William Eastman (Dixon HS, IL), on both of their incredible seasons and amazing accomplishments. Please view the entire list of award winners for the 2016-17 season [HERE](#).

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