



QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE

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## Queens Wrestling attracts 19 students from 9 states to launch new program.

The Queens University of Charlotte Wrestling Program was started in April with the hiring of U.S. Olympian Ken Chertow. Chertow is a 3x All-American at Penn State and coached at Ohio State and Penn State while also developing and coaching his Gold Medal Training Camp System.

Today Chertow announced his initial recruiting class of nineteen student-athletes from 9 different states - NC, PA, VA, MD, SC, GA, FL, NY and CA.

The Queens Wrestling Team will get together for the first time Sunday, July 2 when they host the Gold Medal Training Camp at Queens July 2-6 as the team will be on campus serving as counselors.

The initial Queens Wrestling recruiting class of 2017 is led by high school All-American Noah Curreri from New York. Noah is a Flo Nationals All American, NY State Finalist and 2x NY State Placemaker with a career record of 133-26.

The Queens recruiting class includes six home state North Carolina wrestlers including two 2X North Carolina State Champions Anthony Toineeta from Cherokee High School and Marcelino Aponte from Jack Britt High School. Another 2x State Champion is Maryland's Nathan Gainey who is a 3X state finalist and a 2X State Champion from Odenton, MD. Gainey finished his high school career with a record of 139-16.

### **Below is a breakdown of the entire Queens Roster in weight class order.**

#### **125**

Noah Gilbert is a 3x State Placemaker from East Burke HS in Hildebran, NC. Gilbert finished his season with a 49-1 record and finished his career 192-24 making him the record holder for all time wins in Burke County. Gilbert graduated with a 3.5 GPA and is the male athlete of the year at East Burke HS.

Melvin Rubio is a 2x North Carolina State Placemaker at Enka High School.

Alessandro Araujo is a 2x Georgia State Qualifier and transfer student from Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Noah Stoltzfus is a Pennsylvania regional qualifier from Middletown High School.

Nathan Gainey is a 2x Maryland State Champion.

**133**

Milton Jackson is a North Carolina State Qualifier from Mallard Creek HS with 138 career wins. He was awarded the Senior Male Outstanding Athlete Award winner and won the Excellence Award from Hendricks Lexus Dealership.

Devin Hayes is a California State Qualifier.

**141**

Daniel Goodwin is a 2x Virginia State Placewinner from Chesapeake, VA with a 4.0 GPA.

Stephon Haliburton is a Florida State Qualifier.

**149**

Drake Cable is a 2x North Carolina State Placewinner for Robbinsville High School.

Karson Ayres is a California State Qualifier from Fountain Valley, California. He is a 4x league champion and 2x CIF champion.

**157**

Mack Barnett is a transfer student from Suffolk County Community College in New York.

Steven Hamilton is a South Carolina State Placewinner from Fort Mill High School.

**165**

Anthony Toineeta is a 2x North Carolina State Champion from Cherokee High School.

**174**

Noah Curreri is a Flo Nationals All-American and 2x State Placewinner from New York.

**184**

Jake Balmas is a North Carolina State Placewinner from Stanfield, NC. Balmas also excels in the Olympic Styles and is a 2x Freestyle state finalist and 3x Greco-Roman state finalist.

**197**

Benjie Hund is from Marvin Ridge High School near Charlotte.

**286**

Jacob Marin is 2017 Florida State Champion at Heavyweight. Jacob finished this year at Wakulla High School with a record of 37-1. Jacob will also be playing Rugby at Queens.

In addition to these 19 wrestlers, the Queens Coaching Staff joining Chertow will include many outstanding coaches including:

- NCAA All-American and Rutgers graduate Tom Tanis
- NCAA All-American and Pitt graduate Zac Thomassueit
- North Carolina State Champion Rob Tate.
- VP of High Point IST Solutions Tim Hennessey
- UNC Chapel Hill graduate and Showmars VP Zach Zitsos
- 2x Academic All-American at University of Wisconsin Whitewater Tom Trieloff
- Campbell graduate Paul Renaud,
- Gardner Webb graduate Alex Ventura.

Coach Tanis and Coach Hennessey will also continue to teach at the C2X Commitment to Excellence Wrestling Club in Fort Mill, SC.

Queens will host the Gold Medal Training Camp July 2-6 and the entire staff and team will be joining Coach Chertow and the campers. The team members will be serving as counselors creating a very personalized and beneficial experience.

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