



1999 State Person-of-the-Year Award



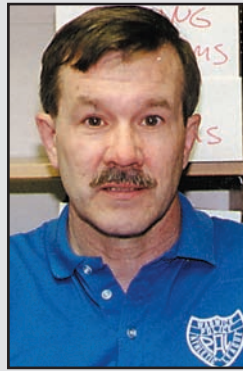
Pete Capone Johnson City, New York

Wrestling Coach-Johnson City High School
1999 NYS Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee.
Coach of #1 ranked team in NYS during 1998-99 season. NCAA Division I All-American. He has coached three NYS State Champions and is Sectional IV Champions. Coach Capone was also a NYS High School champion in '79 (145 lbs.) and in '80 (115 lbs.). He was also an AAU Open All-American and a two-time USWA All-American.



Mike Perreira Fall River, Massachusetts

Wrestling Coach-Bridgewater State College
Mike is bringing college wrestling in Massachusetts back into the spotlight by giving high school wrestlers a chance to compete and make this state college one of the top programs in New England. In his rookie year, he had two All-New England wrestlers, and 4 All-League selections, his team posted a 2.9 GPA. Mike is heavily involved in Wrestling USA Massachusetts.



Richard Munger Warwick, Rhode Island

Computer Operator
USA Wrestling youth leader, serving as State Director and Coach for many years. A solid behind-the-scenes performer. Also coaches at the high school level.



James Ravannack New Orleans, Louisiana

Oilfield Services
As Assistant Tournament Director in charge of operations for the LA State High School Wrestling Tournament, James was responsible for the setting of new attendance records. James is the USAW/LA State Chairperson and a USAW Board Member. He has been actively involved in promoting the sport of wrestling for over 20 years in the state.



Pat Short Inver Grove Heights, Mn

Administrative Assistant - Simley High School
For the past two decades Pat has been recognized at the Top and Best Head Pairings Master at many state, national and international freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling Tournaments. Her work at the Fargo Jr. National and Cadet tournament each summer helps make the best, biggest, and most efficient run tournament in the World.



Jim Short Inver Grove Heights, Mn

Athletic Director - Simley High School
Jim retired this season after winning his fourth 3A state titles and four state runnerup finishes from 1986-1994. Jim also served many years as the highly successful freestyle coach of the Minnesota/USA Wrestling Junior Team that dominated the national ranks, and had considerable success at the International level.



Jim Coffin Maine

Wrestling Coach/Fisherman
Jim doesn't coach for the number of wins or personal gain, however, after 23 years at Morse High School, he sternly hopes that being involved in wrestling has and always will be a strong indicator through out the lives of former and current wrestlers. Coffin believes that wrestling is deep, rich, real, and the sport is a metaphor for life. It's through this keen sense of struggle and effort that character builds in human beings.



John Douglas Carlson Chandler, Arizona

District Athletic Director/Wrestling Coach
John has been involved in the sport since 1957. As a high school wrestling coach for 25 years, he led his team to two state championships. He was named 1990 Region 8 Coach of the Year and was inducted into the Arizona Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Arizona Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame.



Richard Becht Coloma, Michigan

Wrestling Coach/Athletic Director
Retiring this year after 23 years as head coach. Turned three different programs into competitive state powers. Earned 320 dual meet victories and won numerous tournament titles. A pioneer in the growth and success of high school wrestling in southwestern Michigan.



Tom Darrin Reading, Massachusetts

Wrestling Coach/Teacher
During Tom's 25 years in teaching and coaching, he has served on a variety of Coaches Association committees and held a number of elected offices. During his four year tenure as President, Tom initiated a number of improvements that benefit the wrestling community in Massachusetts.



Bob Bath Douglas, Wyoming

Wrestling Coach/Teacher
Bob has a 1998-99 Dual record of 10-1. They won the 1999 Wyoming 3A State Champions, by upsetting Star Valley, who had won 7 consecutive state titles. They placed 11 of 14 wrestlers at the state championships. Bob has extremely high ethical and moral standards and is a very good role model for malleable minds.



Jim King Hillsborough, No. Carolina

Athletic Director
Jim is a successful coach, athletic director and director of North Carolina High School Wrestling Tournaments that have been well planned and organized. He promotes wrestling at his school and is always looking for ways to improve the 3 classification state tournaments.



Robin Rayfield Toledo, Ohio

Principal/Head Wrestling Coach
Robin has been the coach of Delta High School since 1985. 4 Div. III State Team Titles, '89, 96, 98, 99; 1 Div. III runner-up '97; 8 NWOAL; 11 Sect. & 4 District Championships; 191-33 Dual Meet Record; 1 State Dual Meet Championship, 2 runner-up; 36 Individual state place finishers; 11 state champions; Ohio Div. III Coach of the Year 1998; 5-time Greater Toledo Coach of the Year; USA Wrestling Ohio Coach of the Year 1998.



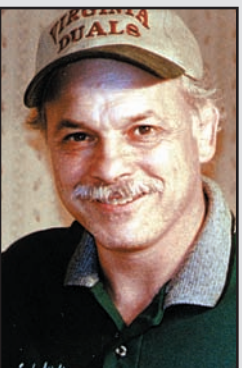
Brad Smith Iowa City, Iowa

Wrestling Coach
Brad's career include: 251-61 dual meet record; 33 state champs; 12 state championship teams; 9 individual and 3 dual; 5 runner-up teams, 3 individual and 2 dual; one third place team; 17 high school All-Americans; 5 NCAA Champions; 147 state qualifiers; 87 state place winners.



Danny Upchurch Monticello, Kentucky

Wrestling Coach
Coach of the dual state runner-up team, top five team finish individual championship, including three state finalist. Danny started the wrestling program at Wayne County in 1983. He also coaches the Cardinal Wrestling Club and AAU Junior Olympic Team.



Frank Lipoli Hampton, Virginia

Wrestling Coach
Franks boundless energy and love of wrestling takes him to weekly tournaments. You will find him making phone calls daily and into the evening helping with the Junior National or AAU Grand Nationals teams, talking to sportswriters about the Junior Olympic Games coming to Virginia, or just putting together a Saturday clinic at the local YMCA.