



2003 State Man/Woman-of-the-Year Award



Scott Rohrer
Hoover, Alabama

Teacher/Coach - Hoover High School, Hoover, Alabama. Scott became the assistant coach 1992 and was appointed head coach 1999, since that time, Hoover has steadily improved their current position as the best wrestling team in the state. He has done a tremendous job of building up the Hoover Youth League, the Middle Schools and at developing the varsity team as the best program in the state. This past season was Hoover's second state championship. Their previous state championship was in 1972. Dual Record: 61-15.



Johnny Rouse
Orlando, Florida

Head Wrestling Coach - University of Central Florida. Coach Rouse has been the driving force to restart college wrestling in Florida. Currently ranked No. 3 in the NCWA Coaches Poll, UCF will host this year's NCWA Southeast Region tourney. A member of the Florida Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Rouse also serves as Florida USA Wrestling Team Leader for college wrestling development.



Ruben Leon
Vista, California

Data Manager - Ruben is the Co-Editor of *The California Wrestler Newsletter*. He has kept all the wrestling coaches, participants, and fans aware of current wrestling activities and tournament results. He is a valued member of the California wrestling community. Ruben's devotion to the sport has been an integral part of the success of California wrestling.



Ron Schulz
Hollywood, Florida

Teacher/Coach - Ron has given his entire life to Florida wrestling at all levels. He has been state chairman, kids director, high school, college and club coach. Ron is known among wrestling people in Florida as Mr. Traveling Tournament Director. The state of Florida thanks Ron for his 33 years of service.



Bryan McCarty
Meriden, Connecticut

Head Coach - Platt High School, All-State Banquet Chairman, Editor Connecticut *Wrestling U.S.A. Magazine*. Despite losing 2 nationally ranked wrestlers to college, Bryan led Platt to an impressive season. The Panthers won 23 matches to break the school record with only 7 defeats. Platt also won the Stamford Invitational and placed 2nd in the CCC South.



Jim Miller
Waverly, Iowa

Coach - Miller has been the head coach since 1991, with a 199-25-1 dual meet record, won 10 Iowa conference championships and placed 1st or 2nd in the nation 8 of the past 10 years. Wartburg is ranked 1st this year. Among many other awards he was named NCAA Division III Coach of the Year for the 4th time in his career and received the Distinguished Service Award in wrestling in conjunction with the 1980 Olympics.



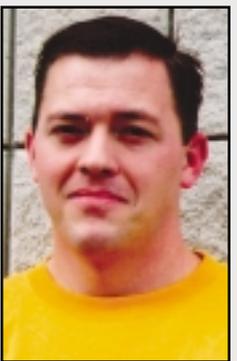
Dave Riggs
Massillon, Ohio

Teacher/Coach - Massillon Perry was state runner-up and set the state record for the most points scored by a public school. Dave was a former Ohio Coach of the Year and is in the Ohio Coaches Hall of Fame. He is also a 12-time Ohio Jr. National coach.



Bill Bofinger
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Coach/Teacher - Coach Bofinger's contributions to the sport are immeasurable. Under his direction Lee High School has won 10 city championships. He was elected Coach of the Decade of Greater Baton Rouge Area for the 1970s and has been Director/Host of the prestigious, widely acclaimed R.E. Lee Invitational Tournament for the past 30 years. The man is a class act that says it all.



Gannon Morgan
Alabama

Gannon spends about 10 hours a day on the Alabama state website. He ranks individuals and teams, provides results, information on camps, and includes articles and links. He has been a great asset to this state.



Frank Rader
 Mooresville, No Carolina

Self-Employed - Frank has been a long-time leader in the N.C. Junior Olympics and wrestling program. He has served the sport at the national level as state president, and was instrumental at the Olympic Games in Atlanta and Los Angeles. He has been a long-time supporter of amateur wrestling as a wrestler, official, and organizer of events.



Jay Jones Cranston, Rhode Island

Coach - Jay is the head coach at Rhode Island College, and guided the Anchormen to their first-ever Pilgrim Wrestling League Championship. He has taken a program from the bottom to the top in four seasons. A former RIC wrestler, he has also coached at the high school level in Rhode Island and served as a national team coach for USA Wrestling-Rhode Island.



Carl Mize Nobel, Oklahoma

Lineman - Carl has been involved in this sport for 20 years without a wrestler of his own. He has 3 daughters and now has a grandson. He has been regional director for 8 years and President of COWA several different times. Carl has also put on the USJOC and the Oklahoma Kids State Tournament along with many Noble tournaments. He has had multiple state champions and team champions throughout the years.



Steve Henry No Andover, Mass.

Accountant - Steve has shown tireless dedication to the youth wrestling in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He was instrumental in founding the "Big East Middle School Wrestling League" and has graciously given of his time to organize, coordinate, and run wrestling tournaments throughout the region.



Frank Vulcano, Jr. Houston, Pennsylvania

Athletic Director - Frank, who is the athletic director at Elizabeth-Forward High School, has made a name for himself both as an outstanding official, having officiated in 5 PIAA individual tournaments, 18 SW Reg., 3 NCAA touneys and 9 national high school championships. He has been a committee member of the Dapper Dan Classic for 7 years and co-director for the past 4 years, and director of the Powerade Tourney for the past 17 years.



Chuck Siefert Rochester, Minnesota

Director/Coach of Rochester Community & Technical College. Chuck has been the man "Behind the Scenes" in bringing the NJCAA National Championships to Rochester as well as the Super Duals Clash in January, featuring 20 of the top high school wrestling teams in the nation from 8 states, and will expand in the future years.



Mike Simpson Memphis, Tennessee

Mike donates countless hours and leadership skills in developing a variety of wrestling programs. He has served as president of the Mid-South Wrestling Club for 10 years and has led in creating a middle school program which has increased ten fold in participation during the last few years. He has created, expanded or directed numerous freestyle and folkstyle tournaments. He was instrumental in organizing Team Memphis and providing off-season opportunities for wrestling.



Al Bevilacqua Port Jervis, New York

Coach - Al has been instrumental in the formulation of the Metropolitan Wrestling Assn., New York City, the 2003 World Championships committee, the 2012 NYC Olympic Committee, the Friends of NY Wrestling and the Friends of Section 9 wrestling organizations. He is the owner/editor of the NYWrestling.com, promoting amateur wrestling in NY, the Orange Corner Wrestling Club, and asst. coach Minisink Valley High School. It is a privilege to draw knowledge from his many years of experience.



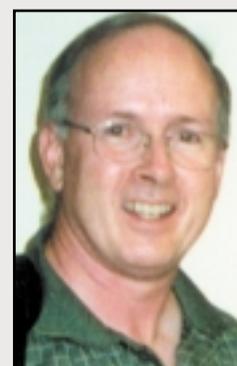
Richard Fergola Chanute, Kansas

Coach - Richard is the head assistant coach at Neosho County CC, and has been persistent in his efforts to advance, promote, and improve wrestling in Kansas. He currently serves as Co-Director of the Kansas Cadet National team, helping coach 23 All-Americans; 2 national champs and President of the KS NWCA and silver-level certified through USA Wrestling.



Craig Sesker Omaha, Nebraska

Sportswriter - Craig has taken wrestling coverage in the print media to a new level in Nebraska. His frequent and detailed stories chronicling amateur wrestling at both the high school and collegiate levels have given new accessibility to Nebraska readers.



Lawrence M. Goodwin Connecticut

Tournament Director - Larry, as the CT State Open Tournament Director, has made his mark. He is in charge of every aspect of the tournament including announcing, brackets, and scoring. He makes the event classy by singing the national anthem before the opening round and then again in a tuxedo before the finals. Larry is the MAWA Scholastic Chairman, New England Tournament and COC Tournament Director.



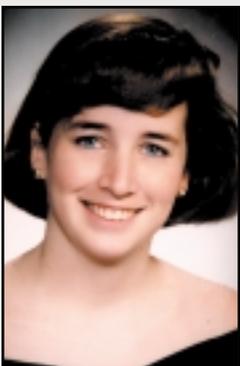
Tim Yount Colorado Spgs, Colorado

In past years, his contribution to the wrestling community in Colorado has been vast. Tim and his brother Kent both won high school state titles in Kansas before moving to Colorado. Tim and Kent are the founders of the very first Colorado wrestling publication, "On The Mat", and today, Tim plays a critical role in the state's high school wrestling by providing the nation with Colorado rankings. The mat rankings are posted through Colorado's Rocky Mt. newspaper and Coloradowrestling.com website as well as being distributed nationally to several wrestling publications.



Dennis Pirch Payson, Arizona

Coach/Teacher - Dennis has been a public school teacher for 32 years at Payson High School and had the opportunity to begin the wrestling program in 1974. He has been in a leadership role for 28 years. The Longhorns have earned 23 divisional titles, 10 state championships, and 5 state runners-up. He has received numerous "Coach of the Year" awards and was H.S. NWCA Coach of the Year in 1997.



Sara Koenig North Carolina

Sara is the editor of NCMAT.Com one of the top state websites. The site has helped NC wrestling improve greatly. She is also the team leader for the NC/USA National Team. In addition Sara is the co-director of the Super 32 Challenge, an up and coming pre-season tournament and director of the Tiger Holiday Classic, voted one of the top 20 tournaments in the country.



Charlie Fyler Maine

Coach/Carpenter - Charlie was a wrestler and had a desire for his son to share the same experience, so he established a program from the ground up. The academy reluctantly agreed it was a worth-while endeavor, but refused to provide any funding. Charlie spent countless hours organizing fundraising events, to purchase a mat and other equipment. The Mustangs have developed a quality program, evidenced by winning multiple state sportsmanship awards.

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