

Wrestling USA

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Dear Wrestling USA Family,

It has been an honor and a blessing to be a part of Wrestling USA Magazine for almost my entire life. I have been the Managing Editor for almost 35 years, ever since I graduated from California State University - Fullerton in 1990. Dad had us kids licking stamps and envelopes almost as soon as we were born! My dad was asked to be involved in Scholastic Wrestling News the first year it was started back in 1965, and it has been in the family ever since.

The sport of wrestling has been in my dad's blood since he started wrestling in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in junior high and continued through college, before he took his first coaching job in Worland, Wyoming in 1962. Dad continued to coach this great sport at both the high school and college level until 2017. I had the privilege and honor to coach with my dad at Big Sky High School in Missoula, Montana, the last eight years there, and they were the best years of my wrestling career!

I can't begin to thank all the people that contributed to the magazine over the years, especially my Aunt Lady who layed out the magazine for years and still helps with our website. Dan Fickel, who is our National Editor, who not only instumental in our high school and college rankings, but also has done our All-American poster for over 30 years. There are so many people to thank like Bill Welker, who contributed for 50 years, Scot Davis, Stuart Mahler, Keith Manos, Martin Fleming, Craig Horswill, Al Fontes, and so many more. Our national photographers like G Wyatt Schultz and Johnnie Johnson, Amber Pappé, Randall Tomaras, Tom Elling, Sonja Stanbro, Peter Venier, and the list goes on and on. This of course wouldn't have been possible without our subscribers and our advertisers, especially Cliff Keen Athletic that stuck with us for almost 60 years! It has been people like the Keen family and Chad Clark (Cliff Keen Athletic), Jack Roller (World of Wrestling), Jack Carnefix (National Wrestling Hall of Fame), and so many others that have worked with us for so many years that makes wrestling the true family it is.

Unfortunately as printing costs and postage continue to rise and our subscriptions continue to decline, we at Wrestling USA Magazine, Inc. have made the decision to cease the production of the magazine. This both saddens me but at the same time I have so much to be thankful for all the friendships that wrestling has given me. Only God knows where the future will lead me, but I know one thing for sure, I will always be grateful for this great sport of wrestling and what it has done for me and my family!

I encourage families to get involved in sports and the sport of wrestling that develops so many positive attributes for both boys and girls. Girls' wrestling has exploded providing many opportunities for college wrestling scholarship, World and Olympic teams, and coaching - a true blessing!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

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