

National Wrestling Hall of Fame

Washington Chapter Induction Banquet

May 19, 2013

A message from the Executive Director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame...

I am excited to welcome you to our Washington State Chapter banquet and induction ceremony for 2013. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's State Chapter program. As the NWHOF and our State Chapter leaders across the United States celebrate this anniversary, we are reminded of how important it is to preserve the heritage of our sports most prominent legacy makers. Since our very first State Chapter program began in 1993 the Hall of Fame has paid tribute and honored 2,024 individuals across the United States.

The individuals being honored here today are indeed members of a great legacy in our sport and in your state. They are not only heroes to the people they have impacted through their work in the sport and beyond, but are inspirations to future generations. It is through their examples of dedication, service, and leadership that builds and sustains our sport one program, one community at a time. Yes, this program and our honorees from the state of Washington are perpetuating a Pay-It-Forward culture in our sport and in your communities.

On behalf of the Board of Governors of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, I want to congratulate the honorees being inducted today. Their names will soon appear on the State Chapter Wall in the John Vaughan Hall of Honors at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Hopefully you will visit the Hall of Fame soon with your family members and friends. We would love to see you!

In the spirit of preserving, honoring and recognizing.
Very Sincerely,
Lee Roy Smith
Executive Director, NWHOF

**National Wrestling Hall of Fame
Washington Chapter Induction Banquet
Red Lion Hotel
Olympia, WA
May 19, 2013**

2:00 pm: Reception

3:00 pm: Welcome and Banquet

Inductees escorted by State Chapter Hall of Fame Members and Committee
Video Presentation of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame
Invocation: Pat Alexander, President, Western Washington Chapter

3:45 pm: Introductions, Jim A. Meyerhoff

Distinguished Members of the National Hall of Fame
Distinguished Members of the Washington Chapter of the National HOF
Distinguished Members of the Washington State Wrestling Coaches HOF
Washington State National Hall of Fame Organizing Committee

Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award, Jim H. Meyerhoff

4:00 pm: Induction Ceremonies

Master of Ceremonies: Al Rasmussen

Presenting Awards: Pat Alexander, Western Washington Chapter President and
Jim Meyerhoff, Western Washington Chapter Vice-President

Presentation of the Hall of Fame jackets

Closing Remarks: Al Rasmussen

National Wrestling Hall of Fame Mission Statement

The future of American society depends upon the existence of a strong citizenry, comprised of individuals with leadership qualities based on self-discipline, self-reliance, and self-confidence. Because the sport of wrestling helps build these characteristics in youth, regardless of their physical, economic, cultural or geographic backgrounds. The National Wrestling Hall of Fame seeks to broaden the understanding and development of these values.



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National Wrestling Hall of Fame 2013 Inductee for Outstanding American

Colonel Kelly P. "Kip" Alexander, USMC

Colonel Alexander, a 1983 graduate of Tumwater High School, was a 4 time state tournament qualifier and multiple state freestyle placer for the Thunderbirds. Kip wrestled for his father and State Chapter National Hall of Fame member, Pat Alexander. Kip was a three time member of the Washington State National Freestyle Team. Following his high school graduation, he attended and wrestled for the United States Military Academy Prep School in 1983-84, then Virginia Military Institute in 1984-1985. Alexander graduated from the University of Washington in 1988 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Kip was a member of the United States Marine Corps "All Marine" wrestling team in 1993-1994 at 149.5 pounds.

Col. Alexander credits the virtues of the sport of wrestling, which gave him courage, mental toughness, a work ethic that rivals most of his superiors, peers or subordinates in the Marine Corps, and the ability to adapt, improvise and overcome. These same lessons have allowed Kip to achieve a plethora of goals both in his professional and personal life. Col. Alexander has expressed the benefits of wrestling and how they translate into 25 years of being a Marine, both in peacetime and in combat. From physical and mental toughness, and a hard work ethic, to inspired leadership; Col. Alexander has been able to directly apply these characteristics and life lessons founded in the sport of wrestling, with highly successful results on the battlefield.

During his 25 year career in the Marine Corps, Col. Alexander has deployed a multitude of times and participated in combat zones that include Afghanistan, Iraq, the Philippines and eleven countries in West and North Africa. For his dedication and commitment to the Marine Corps and his country, Colonel Alexander is the recipient of the Defense Superior Service Medal; two Bronze Star Medals, one with combat distinguishing device; the Joint Meritorious Service Medal; two Meritorious Service Medals; two Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medals; the Joint Meritorious Achievement Medal; two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals. He is a Navy/Marine Corps Parachutist and a graduate of the US Army Ranger Course.

Colonel Alexander was recently married, and is currently assigned duties in Quantico, Virginia.

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National Wrestling Hall of Fame 2013 Inductee for Lifetime Service

Ed Amick

Hawkins Middle School 1965-1971, 1975-1976

North Mason High School, 1964-2006

North Kitsap High School 2008 to present

Ed Amick was the head wrestling coach at North Mason High School for 42 years compiling a record of 409 wins, 179 losses and 4 ties for a winning percentage close to 70%. His teams were state participants for 36 years in a row, with over 100 wrestlers participating in the state tournament including 4 state champions. In addition, his teams won five regional titles, 11 district titles and 13 league championships. After stepping down at North Mason HS, Ed has been an assistant coach at North Kitsap HS for his son Joe. Amick also coached many other sports in the North Mason School District including track, softball, volleyball and football.

Coach Amick has been involved in every aspect of wrestling in Washington. He was on the WIAA wrestling committee that established the regional format currently used. He was a force behind the move to two wrestlers in a weight class for post-season tournaments and the development of girls wrestling tournaments. He also served many years as a regional representative for the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association.

Ed's emphasis has been on building character in young men and making wrestling a positive influence in their lives. Academics are a high priority for his wrestlers and two of his teams have received the WIAA Academic State Championship awards and has had 12 wrestlers recognized as WSWCA Academic Champions. In recognition of his significant contributions to the sport of Wrestling, Coach Amick has been awarded the Coach of the Year Award in 1981 and 2001. In 1989 Ed was presented with the Scholastic Coach Magazine National High School "Gold Coaching Award". In 2005 he was selected by his fellow coaches as the US Marine Corps "Sportsman of the Year" at Mat Classic. Amick was also selected to coach the Washington Cultural Exchange team to China in 1986. Coach Amick was inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2002. In 2011 he was inducted into the Bremerton Athletic Roundtable's Kitsap Sports Hall of Fame.

Amick has also found time to be active in his community where he has served as an Assistant Scout Master, a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Community Backwood Windjammer Band, Little League baseball and retired from the US Coast Guard both active and reserve after 22 years.

Ed and his wife Erlene have five grown children and 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Ed and Erlene will celebrate 50 years of marriage on November 20th, 2013. Ed and Erlene have both retired from the North Mason School District and still live near North Mason High School where they have a rhododendron farm. Ed also continues as a substitute teacher when needed.



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Jim Bair (Deceased March 21, 2008)

Pomeroy High School 1966-1967

Republic High School 1968-1973

Castle Rock High School 1974-1988

Castle Rock Middle School 1990-2002

The late Jim Bair coached wrestling for over 30 years, 21 years at the high school level. After starting wrestling programs in Pomeroy and Republic, Bair moved across state to Castle Rock where he inherited a wrestling program that was overshadowed by the school's strong basketball tradition. His teams won 13 Trico League titles and at one time won 53 consecutive league dual matches. "The Rock" finished nine times in the top-ten at state with state titles in 1984 and 1985. They finished second in state twice (1981 & 1982) and third once (1983). Jim finished his coaching career with a 234-7-4 record (86% winning record).

Statewide, Coach Bair was a strong advocate for the sport of wrestling. He organized and served as tournament director for over 20 post-season league, sub-district and regional tournaments. Jim was part of the coaches' grass roots movement to gain the second entry per weight class for the post-season that was implemented at Mat Classic 1 in 1989. In 1975 Bair and a small group of wrestling supporters established the Castle Rock Youth Wrestling program that continues to flourish to this day with over 70 boys and girls participating during the 2012-2013 school year.

Jim Bair's legacy continues in many ways. Many former Castle Rock wrestlers currently are coaching at high schools and middle schools in Washington, including his son Joe Bair. Joe just completed his third season as the head baseball coach at Castle Rock HS, where he incorporates many of his dad's "methods". More than wins and losses, Jim Bair was devoted to all members of his teams. His influence has filtered down through generations and the Castle Rock Invitational Wrestling Tournament, named the Jim Bair Invitational in 2009, is run almost completely by former-wrestlers, stats people and cheerleaders. To the person, they always smile and comment to each other during the tournaments that coach is watching from the gym rafters, making sure everything is going according to his "plan".

One of Jim's greatest accomplishments was his efforts to establish a scholarship fund for students involved in the Castle Rock wrestling program. Over \$30,000 has been distributed to student athletes. Funds for the scholarships have been raised in part by Bair's organization of rest stop crews along Interstate 5 in Washington. Coach Bair was named the 1A/B Coach of the Year in 1988 and the 2A Middle School Coach of the Year in 2002. He was inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.

Jim Bair passed March 21, 2008, and is survived by his wife Judy, and children Joe, Andy (Senior Instrumentation and Electrical Technician at Corden Pharma Colorado in Boulder), Bonnie and Sydney, and two grandchildren, Natalie Jo and Parker James Bair. Judy still resides in Castle Rock and continues to help manage the wrestling tournaments each year.

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Terry Beckstead

Western Washington Wrestling
Officials Association, 1973 to present
Newport High School 1978-1980

Terry Beckstead was a high school wrestler at Franklin Pierce High School and college wrestler for Western Washington University, where he qualified and participated in the 1971 NAIA National Wrestling Tournament. Beckstead served as an assistant wrestling coach at Newport High School in Bellevue from 1978-1980. He started his officiating career with the Western Washington Wrestling Officials Association in 1973, and continues to officiate youth, middle school and high school wrestling.

A lifelong educator, Beckstead retired after serving as an administrator for the Sumner School District. As a leader in the wrestling officiating ranks, Terry has been a member of the Western Washington Wrestling Officials Association for 40 years, where he has served as an Executive Board officer for 30 consecutive years. Since 2008, Beckstead has served as the wrestling representative on the Washington Officials Association Executive Board. Terry has officiated over 30 state high school tournaments and over 37 Regional qualifying tournaments during his career.

Beckstead believes in giving back to the sport of wrestling through his role as head of training/mentoring of new officials with his local association. He continues to challenge all officials to constantly improve and was one of the first officials to step-up and officiate girls tournaments emphasizing the importance to call the girls matches with the same level of competence and enthusiasm as the boys matches. His work ethic, moral character and outstanding citizenship embodies the Washington Officials Association Code of Ethics.

For his contributions to wrestling officiating, Terry Beckstead has been recognized as the Tacoma/Pierce County Official of the Year in 1983; the WWWOA Inspirational Award (2006); WWWOA Presidents Award (2007); the WWWOA Association Service Award (2009); and the Tacoma/Pierce County Excellence in Officiating Award (2009). Terry has also been awarded the Washington Officials Association Meritorious Service Award and was inducted into the Washington Officials Association Hall of Fame in 2011.

Terry and his wife Marilyn currently reside in Puyallup. They have two daughters, Kelli and Heidi and have three grandchildren, Carter, Cole and Reese.



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Doug Chapple

Finn Hill Junior High 1967-1970

Redmond Junior High 1974-1977

Juanita High School 1977-1980

Lake Washington High School 1982-1992

Doug Chapple spent 50 years in the Education profession as a teacher, coach, athletic director and administrator. Chapple attended the University of Washington where he played football and was a member of the UW 1960 Rose Bowl team.

Doug's passion was to work with kids in the sport of wrestling. He served as an assistant wrestling coach seven years and head wrestling coach 19 years. During his career as a head wrestling coach he amassed 302 dual meet victories. His dual meet record at Lake Washington HS was 109-17-3. His LWHS teams were Kingco Champions three times; placed in the top three of the league nine of ten years; won the Regional Championship in 1989. Chapple's LWHS teams were awarded the WIAA State Academic Championship in 1989 and 1992. During his LWHS career he coached 3 state champions, a second, a third place finishers, and numerous other state placers.

Chapple was a founding member of the Pacific Northwest Wrestling Officials Association and served as Assigning Commissioner from 1969-1972. He served as a wrestling official for eight years before a knee injury ended his wrestling officiating career.

Doug has been recognized for his lifelong dedication to students and wrestling. He was the State Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1989; WIAA Outstanding Service Award for Coaching, 1980; Wrestling Sportsmanship Award, 1983; National High School Coaches Award in 1989; Inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994; and Inducted into the John Wooden National Wall of Honor for Coaches in 2004.

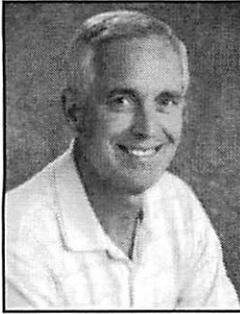
In addition to these recognitions, three honors establish Doug Chapple as an outstanding teacher and coach; In 1992, the Lake Washington High School Gymnasium was named the D.A Chapple Gymnasium in his honor; In 1992 the Kingco Conference Athletic Directors established the Douglas A. Chapple Sportsmanship Award in wrestling; and the Douglas A Chapple, \$15,000 scholarship fund was established by parents in the Kirkland community to aid wrestlers who were in need of financial assistance to further their education and was awarded from 1991 through 2002.

Doug retired from education in June of 2002 and moved to Bellingham to be closer to family. He returned to the Lake Washington School District as a long term substitute for four years and was the Lake Washington HS athletic director in 2007. Chapple stays active with his church as well as mentoring students at Lynden Christian HS each week. He works with and mentors Young Life leaders from Western Washington University and has been associated with the Young Life program for 59 years. Doug and his wife Emmary have two grown sons and five grandchildren.

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Denny "Doc" Daniels

W. F. West High School 1971-2001

Chehalis Middle School, 2001-2002, 2008 to
present

Denny Daniels was born in Shelton and graduated from Hoquiam High School. A member of the 1967-68 Grays Harbor Community College wrestling team, he received the Coaches Award and was an initial inductee in the GHCC Hall of Fame. Daniels continued his college education at Western Washington University and graduated in 1970, where he finished second in the Evergreen Conference. Denny then spent his education career at W.F. West High School as a teacher and counselor.

Daniels coached at W.F. West High School in Chehalis for 30 years, starting in 1971, as an assistant coach, then head coach from 1985-2001. Daniels has continued to give back to the sport by coaching younger wrestlers. He was the head coach at Chehalis Middle School in 2001-2002, and a part time volunteer from 2003-2007. He has also currently serves as the assistant coach at Chehalis MS starting in 2008. "Doc" also has been coaching the 4th-5th-6th graders in the parks program from 2008 to the present. The 2012-2013 school year is Denny's 40th year of coaching and volunteering in wrestling.

Success was the norm during Daniel's coaching career, at W.F. West High School his teams compiled a record of 179 wins against only 40 losses and captured nine league championships and four regional titles. His teams have placed in the state tournament top-ten four times, including fifth in 1998. Daniels has coached 61 state placers, including five wrestlers winning a total of seven state titles and one High School All-American.

Daniels taught young men to be good wrestlers, and more importantly how to be great men. He stressed dedication, fairness and class on and off the mat. He has been selected league and district coach of the year several times; Regional Coach of the Year three times, and was selected by his peers as State Coach of the Year in 1997. Denny was inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.

One of Coach Daniel's biggest accomplishments was spearheading the community fund raiser of \$65,000 for the construction of a 108' x 45' wrestling room at W.F. West High School. Under Denny's leadership the entire project was completed through fundraising and donations of labor and materials.

A former Army and National Guard reservist, Daniels lives in Chehalis and remains active in the Chehalis Community Foundation and the local United Way. Denny and his wife Vicki have two grown daughters, Darci and Lindsey, and one granddaughter, with a grandson due to arrive around induction time.



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Mick Guglomo

Main Junior High (Alaska) 1971-1972

Vashon Island High School 1976-2000

Michael "Mick" Guglomo was a state participant at Vashon Island High School and returned to his alma-mater to coach wrestling for 25 year, building the Pirates into one of the top 1A and 2A programs in the state. Guglomo understood that it would take a comprehensive wrestling program from youth to high school to create a competitive program in a small community. After becoming the head coach at VHS in 1976, he started the Mc Murray Middle School wrestling program in 1978 and the after school elementary intramural wrestling program. In 1980, Guglomo started the junior wrestling program competing in the King County and Pierce County Jr. Wrestling leagues. The "Rockbusters" junior program still actively competes today with 30 to 50 wrestlers in the Pierce County League with volunteer and former wrestlers serving as coaches.

Guglomo always worked to get the most out of his athletes and the results showed. His teams placed in the top-ten at state eleven times, including a second place finish along with 2-thirds and 2-fourths. 38 of his wrestlers placed at the state tournament and eleven won state titles. Vashon was the regional champions in 1992 and won the league tournament and league dual meet titles on three occasions. Five of his wrestlers have gone on to compete in college, and one was a NAIA National Champion. Anders (State Placer) and Per Lars Bloomgren, (state champions at Vashon HS), currently serve as the wrestling coaches at Vashon High School.

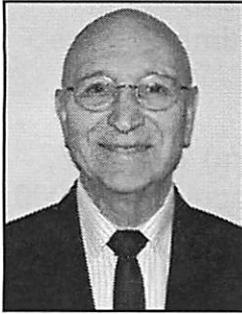
Mick was a strong proponent of girls wrestling in Washington State, and in 1984 Vashon had its first girl wrestler. Mick made the best out of the situation and fought for his girl wrestler to have a chance when boys would not compete against her. In 1995, the Pirates had six girls turning out for wrestling, 12 years before the WIAA started the official Girls State Tournament. He also started the annual "Rock Wrestling Tournament" at Vashon HS which has evolved into one of the top small school wrestling tournaments during the high school season.

Guglomo has been selected as the Nisqually League Coach of the Year on three occasions, and served as one of the Washington State Coaches Association Regional Representatives. Mick also coached the 1985 Washington State Cultural Exchange Team to Japan and was inducted into the Washington State Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005

Mick retired in 2000, but is still active in the community as a member of the Eagles and Elks. He also works with paralyzed veterans. Mick and his wife Debbie currently split time between Yuma, Arizona and Vashon Island. They have two grown children, Mandy and Nicholas and two grandchildren.

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Charlie Hinds

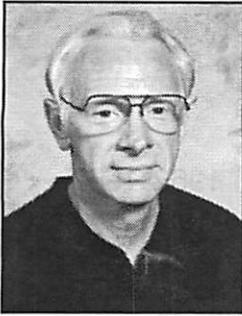
Camas High School 1967-2000, 2003-2006

Charlie Hinds wrestled for the University of Idaho where he placed fourth in the Big Sky Conference his senior year. Hinds continued wrestling for the Multnomah Athletic Club in Portland, Oregon, with NCAA Placers and Olympians like Rick Sanders and Henk Shenk. He won the Regional Olympic Trials in 1976 and was the National Masters Wrestling Champion in 1980. Charlie started the wrestling program at Camas High School in 1967 based on high personal integrity, before retiring in 2001. Hinds hosted numerous freestyle tournaments during his coaching career and officiated freestyle tournaments every year from 1970-1986.

During his 33 year coaching tenure at Camas High School, Hinds compiled a record of 240 wins and 80 losses (75% winning percentage). He coached ten state champions and 40 state placers. The Camas wrestling teams placed in the top twelve teams at state on ten occasions and Camas won nine league titles and three regional championships. One of his state champions, Chol An, was a NAIA National Champion and Outstanding Wrestler in the 1990 NAIA National Wrestling Tournament. After his retirement, the call of wrestling was just too much for Charlie to ignore. Head coach and former Camas wrestler, Glenn Hartman, asked him to be an assistant coach and assured him he would not have to make any decisions. Charlie assisted the Camas High School program from 2003-2006.

To Charlie, treating all people with the upmost integrity and respect is how he lives his life. He passed this important lesson to hundreds of student athletes. Hinds was named league Coach of the Year twice and Regional Coach of the Year three times, then the 1998 State Coach of the Year by his peers. Coach was named the Camas-Washougal Coach of the year twice; Inducted into the Randy Myers Foundation Hall of Fame in 1998; Inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2004; and was the first coach inducted into the newly formed Camas High School Hall of Fame in 2008.

Charlie and his wife Lynda still reside in Camas where he has stayed busy remodeling, traveling, playing baseball and softball, fishing, playing guitar, and keeping up the house. He has been amazed at how busy a person can get when he doesn't have to be somewhere at a certain time and place every day. Charlie and Lynda have two grown children Michelle and Tim, and two grandchildren.



National Wrestling Hall of Fame 2013 Inductee for Lifetime Service

Joe Reasons

West Bremerton 1964-1966

Hudtloff JHS 1966-1967

Lochburn JHS 1968-1976

Clover Park HS 1976-1992

Curtis High School 1992-2000

North Mason HS 2006-2007

Joe Reasons was a graduate of Central Kitsap High School where he was a 3-year letterman, All-League and Inspirational Award winner in football. Reasons played college football at Olympic College for a year earning a scholarship to Western Washington University. At Western he was a 3-year letter winner in football and rugby where in his senior year he was the leading scorer on the rugby team. He graduated with a degree in education in 1964.

Reasons began his coaching career at West Bremerton High School under the legendary Chuck Semancik. After two years, he moved to the Clover Park School District, teaching at Hudtloff and Lochburn Junior Highs from 1964 to 1976; his wrestling teams won league championships all ten of those years. In 1976, Joe became head coach at Clover Park High School, where his teams won the state title twice and the South Puget Sound League championship five times. 1992 saw Coach Reasons join his wife at Curtis High School where he was head coach for 8 years. Joe's teams compiled a record of 327-88-1, winning 149 matches before his first dual meet loss. Reasons coached 16 state finalists and seven state champions with an additional 47 state placers. Most of Joe's coaching years at Clover Park and Curtis were solidly backed by Assistant Coach, Doug Cowan.

The honors are numerous; Joe was selected as the State Coach of the Year in 1977 and 1978, League and Regional Coach of the Year three times. He coached the Washington State Freestyle team to a National Championship in 1979 and led the Washington State Cultural Exchange Team to Germany in 1980. Reasons was inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.

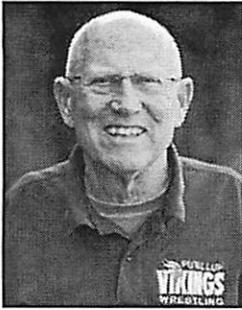
However great his wrestling record, Coach Reasons' most significant accomplishment is the life impact he has had on wrestlers. His wrestlers were coached to develop an unbreakable attitude and spirit. His mantra was: "Never die, never give in, never give up!" His wrestlers were expected to give their very best to every endeavor, whether on or off the mat. On the day of his induction into the State Coaches Hall of Fame, one of his former wrestlers, serving in the military in Iraq, called Coach to tell him how important wrestling had been when facing difficult times throughout his life.

After retirement from Curtis in 2000, Coach Reasons has stayed involved by substitute teaching and coaching in the North Mason School District, where his 2007 wrestling team won the first league championship in 17 years. His wife Jo is a presenter for United Way of Kitsap County. The Reasons reside in their home of 41 years in rural Port Orchard, have grown twin daughters, Jodi and Janet, and currently three grandchildren, with two more due to arrive in the summer of 2013.

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George Wilfong

West Puyallup Junior High 1962-1967
Puyallup High School 1968-1995

1962 was the year that "Coach Wilfong" arrived in Puyallup as a teacher and coach. For 33 consecutive years Wilfong coached every football, wrestling and track season until his retirement in 1995. That is 99 straight seasons without a break. Since retirement, George has continued to volunteer in football and wrestling at Puyallup High School, the 2012-2013 school year marks George's 51st year of involvement with the football team and 50th year working with the wrestling program. Wilfong was the Head Wrestling Coach at Puyallup High School for 25 years when he replaced Hall of Famer Ramon Barnes in 1970.

Wilfong's teams captured 11 South Puget Sound league titles, including a stretch of 8 straight from 1980-1987. His teams were Regional Champions 5 times and placed in the top ten at the State Tournament 10 times, including 3rd in 1991. Three state champions and 42 state placers have wrestled for Wilfong and his overall dual meet record is 234-99-7 (.688%).

George has always stressed the importance of giving back to the sport of wrestling. He hosted numerous freestyle tournaments and was a coach for the Washington Cultural Exchange Wrestling teams to Germany in 1980 and Australia in 1983. He served as the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association Region 3 Representative for 11 years and was the Mat Classic Mat Crew Director from 1996-2004. Many of George's athletes have gone on to coach wrestling including his son Tom at Stanwood HS. George is extremely proud of the fact that four of his wrestlers have become State Wrestling Coaches of the Year.

A lifetime member of the Washington State Coaches Association, Coach Wilfong has received numerous accolades. He received the 1980 Tacoma area Coach of the Year Award, and was the PHS "Jerry Redmond" Coach of the year in 1991 and 1995. George was named the 3A State Coach of the Year in 1983 and was the South Puget Sound League Coach of the year in 1980 and 1995, and Region III Coach of the Year in 1983. Wilfong was inducted into the Washington State Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997.

Times change, coaches come and go, and high school kids go through different fads and phases, but George Wilfong has remained the one constant figure in Puyallup High School athletics. He brings a historical perspective and is a great role model for what a man is supposed to be. Wilfong's longevity is unique and is something to celebrate. Coach George and his wife Sibyl continue to reside in Puyallup, they have three grown children, Peggy, Tom and Christi, and have four grandchildren.



2002 Honorees, Eastern Washington
Cash Stone, John Rees, Nick Simchuck,
Eric Beardsley, Ken Pelo



2003 Honorees, Western Washington
Dr. William "Bill" Tomaras, Jim Meyerhoff,
Dr. Warren Howe, Albert "Bo" Campbell,
(accepted by Gary Knutzen), Eugene
Cerino



2004 Honorees, Eastern Washington
Dick Deane, Jon Lane, Lyle Pugh, Mel
Olson, Bill Via



2005 Honorees, Western Washington
Warren Deprenger, Paul Reiman
(accepted by son Scott Reiman), Pat
Alexander, Vic Eshpeter, Jim Schall,
Dick Pruett



2006 Honorees, Eastern Washington
Jim Adamson Jay Rydell, Bill Conrad,
Larry Maguire, Chuck Miller, Randy
Santora, Tim Owen



2007 Honorees, Western Washington
Back row: Lee Anderson, Shelly Thiel,
Gary Frey, Mike Hess (accepted by
daughters Erika Hobson and Trina
Myklebust). Front row: Jerry Perez, Marty
Whitman





2008 Honorees, Eastern Washington

Back row: (Cash Stone, Jay Rydell) Dan Hensley. Front row: Wayne Schutte, Bob Mason accepted by Peg Mason, Stan Opp, Don Fuller. Not pictured: Jack Reynolds



2009 Honorees, Western Washington

Back row: Bryce Cook, Dick Brenneman, Gary Gehrman, Bruce Cook. Front row: Phyllis Meyerhoff, Fred Kalal.



2010 Honorees, Eastern Washington

Les Hogan, Gene Ramos, Maunel Diaz (accepted by his son), Ron Seibel, Rick Sicilia, Mike Vahovich, Bill Elliott, Larry Gibson, Charles Panerio, Dean Largent, Pat Fitzpatrick



2011 Honorees, Western Washington

Back Row: Jamie Bennedsen, Scott Bennedsen, Rick Iversen, Steve Anderson, Rolland Holterman, Gary Knutzen, Chris Yonlick. Front Row: Tracy Bennedsen, Darren Sipe, John Birbeck, Rich Graham, Ray Barnes, Cathie (Yonlick) Howell.

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2013 Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award

The Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award is presented by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame annually to a high school senior. The award is based equally on outstanding wrestling success, scholastic achievement and citizenship or community service.

Winners of the prestigious honor are chosen at the state and regional levels. The national winner will be recognized at the Wrestling Hall of Fame's Honors Weekend in Stillwater, Oklahoma in June. Each of these outstanding high school student-athletes have distinguished themselves within their state. All become eligible for the Regional and National honor. The national Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award winner will be announced each May.

This awards program is named in honor of the late Dave Schultz, an Olympic and World Champion, who set an example for excellence, both on and off the mat. Dave's wife Nancy Schultz has played an important role in supporting this awards program.

2013 Washington State Winner

Jake Velarde

North Kitsap High School

4X state champion-10th wrestler in
Washington to accomplish this
feat.

4 x district champion

3 x regional champion

2nd at Greco Nationals 2011.

152-5 high school career

3.65 GPA

Will be attending Old Dominion
University on wrestling and aca-
demic scholarships



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The National Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Washington Chapter would like to thank those listed below for their contributions made in honor of this year's award recipients. Your continued support of the sport of wrestling gives hope for its future.

Sandra Aldworth
Diane and Frank Backschie's
Tony Balmelli
Ramon and Dorothy Barnes (NWHOF-2011)
James Beattie
Terry and Marilyn Beckstead ((NWHOF-2013)
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bingham
Dave Bostwick
Peggy and Ken Van Buskirk (NMHS-71 and 72)
Jim and Christie Callero
Michelle French Castillo
Richard and Beth Chwaszczewski
Crystal Cisco
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