

Paul Jackson

LIFETIME SERVICE TO WRESTLING

Skagit Valley Junior College 1965

University of Washington 1966 and 1969

South Mercer Junior High School 1970-1977

Mercer Island High School 1978-1999, 2001-2005

Paul Jackson has devoted 36 years to the sport of wrestling as a coach. Paul wrestled at the University of Washington from 1960-1964 and served as a team co-captain in 1964. He spent 3 years as an assistant coach at Skagit Valley Junior College and the University of Washington before coaching for 7 years at South Mercer Junior High School. In 1978 Jackson became the head wrestling coach at Mercer Island High School where he coached for 26 years.

Paul Jackson also serves as a wrestling official for the Pacific Northwest Wrestling Officials Association and has worked 6 state tournaments and served as a college official in the 1970's. He also worked as a freestyle official for many years and was president or vice-president for the PNWOA numerous times. Jackson has been awarded the Jack Reynolds PNWOA "Official of Year" in 2013 and the WOA Meritorious Service Award.

Coach Jackson's Mercer Island High School teams were league champions 5 times, regional champions and 4th in state in 1983. He coached 4 state champions and 37 state placers with 22 of his wrestlers continuing on to compete at the college level. Jackson has been active beyond his high school where he coached Cultural Exchange teams to Japan and Mexico and has hosted 3 exchange teams. He coached at the Washington Centennial Games in 1989 and the Washington Team at the Junior Nationals in 1989 and 1990. Paul has been a longtime member of the Washington State Coaches Association and the National Wrestling Coaches Association. Even in retirement, Jackson has stayed active serving as a State Tournament Officials Evaluator the past 7 years.

Jackson has been recognized by his peers for his contribution to wrestling by being selected as the Kingco "Coach of the Year" in 1984, 2003 and 2004, Regional Coach of the Year in 1984 and inducted into the Mercer Island High School Hall of Fame in 2000. In 2004-2005 he was selected as the KING 5 "Coach Who Makes a Difference" and inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2008.

Paul and his wife Terry have three adult children Jeff (46), Janna (44) and Jay (43). All three of their children graduated from Mercer Island High School then went on to graduate from Stanford University. The Jacksons have six grandchildren.

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