

The 54th Annual



**Illinois Wrestling Coaches
and Officials Association**

**IWCOA CONVENTION & AWARDS
PRESENTATION**

Sunday April 19, 2026

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5000 W. 127th St. Alsip, IL 60803

The Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association (IWCOA)

President's Greeting

Dear Wrestling Community,

Thank you for attending the 54th annual IWCOA Lifetime Service Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet to celebrate our best in the Illinois wrestling community. Over the past year, the executive board of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association and its committees have worked hard to promote wrestling. Here are some highlights:

The IWCOA –

- Organizes and helped purchase new mats at the IHSA State Tournaments
- Organizes and supports the second annual Girls Dual State Tournament, hosted by DeKalb High School
- Secures, finances and posted Rob Sherrial's Illinois Best Weekly
- Posts wrestling articles covering wrestling news throughout the state of Illinois
- Updates our website to include an article archive with articles dating back to 2019.
- Finances Hall of Fame and State Champion Interviews by Paul Garcia, Garcia Video Productions and a hype video produced by JD Oliva, BarbCast
- Organizes and supports the annual Boys Freshman and Sophomore and Girls State Tournament Series with record numbers competing at the state tournament this year.
- Works with the University of Illinois in the fall to promote the Illinois State Coaches Clinic.
- Works diligently to recruit, license and train wrestling officials across the state with preseason in-person clinics and in-season weekly webinars.
- Supports the Ken Gerdes III Memorial Foundation which continues to provide leadership awards to high school seniors demonstrating excellence in leadership and service within their communities and provides financial support to many Illinois native wrestlers who pursue championships at the World and Olympic levels.

However, the highlight of the year for the IWCOA is why we are gathered here today. Your achievements, leadership, and contributions to the greatest sport on earth sets the standard of excellence. Each of you has committed to the highest levels of wrestling and you continue to give back to the sport we all love. Congratulations to our Lifetime Achievement Award winners, our new Hall of Fame inductees and the winners of our Wrestlers, Coaches, Administrators, and Newsmen of the Year Award winners.

This year we have two Persons of the Year Award winners. I'm excited to recognize both Kennedy Blades and Matt Gruska. Both Kennedy and Matt have worked tirelessly to advance women's wrestling in the state of Illinois, albeit in different ways. Kennedy, an Olympic Silver medalist, has shown girls and women throughout the state what is possible through constant hard work and determination at the highest levels. Matt, a teacher and coach at Schaumburg High School, has continuously worked with the IHSA and IWCOA, along with advisory committees to advance and improve girls wrestling in Illinois, all while coaching state caliber teams year in and year out.

Our executive board members have invested countless hours of volunteer time supporting events and making award selections. But we continue to need your support to keep moving forward with our mission. If you haven't already, please consider supporting the IWCOA by becoming a member. Please visit <https://iwcoa.net/membership>. Our membership year runs August 15 through August 14 of the following year. We are proud that we have not increased our membership dues in over 16 years!

I also encourage you to donate to our association as you are able, we are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donations are tax deductible. Visit <https://iwcoa.net/> and click on the "donate now" button on the top ribbon or speak to myself or any of your IWCOA board members.

Again, congratulations to all our award winners and honorees, and to our inductees...welcome to the IWCOA Hall of Fame!!

Yours in Wrestling,



Rob Porter
IWCOA President

IWCOA Presidents

1971-72 – Steve Combs, Coach, Deerfield
1973 – Wayne Miller, Coach, DeKalb
1976 – Jim Schultz, Coach, Glenbard South
1977 – George Dyché, Coach, West Aurora
1978 – Charles Anderson, Coach, Savanna
1979 – Charles Farina, Coach, East Leyden
1980 – Tony Parks, Coach, Addison Trail
1981 – Mark King, Coach, LaGrange
1982 – Steve Weiss, Coach, Fenton
1983 – Rick Mann, Coach, Hersey
1984 – Jim Cartwright, Coach, Conant
1985 – Bernie Botheroyd, Coach, Glenbard W.
1986 – Jerry Ancona, Coach, Lake Park
1987-88 – Tom Heniff, Official, Oak Lawn
1989 – Mark Gervais, Coach, Marist
1990-91 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb
1992-93 – Augie Genovesi, Coach, Notre Dame
1994-95 – Joe Pedersen, Official, Naperville

1996 – Dan Cliffe, Coach, DeKalb
1997 – Gary Thacker, Coach, Belvidere
1998-99 – Gary Baum, Coach, Kaneland
2000-01 – Dan Fulscher, Official, Lincoln
2002-03 – Mike Manahan, Coach, Stanford
2004-05 – Mike Wilkey, Official, Oak Park
2006-07 – Joe Cliffe, Coach, Prairie Central
2008-09 – Mike Bukovsky, Coach, Montini
2010-11 – Rob Ledin, Coach, Mahomet-Seymour
2012-13 – Mike Matozzi, Coach, Hinsdale South
2014-15 – Rich Montgomery, Coach, Rock Falls
2016-17 – Rob Murphy, Coach, Wilmington
2018-19 – Don Mekeel, Official, Sterling
2020-22 – Roy Snyder, Official, Rochelle
2022-24 – Nate Kessen, Official, Sugar Grove
2024-26 – Rob Porter, Naperville

IWCOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rob Porter – President, Membership Chair, F/S & Girls State, Girls Wrestling Development

Nate Kessen – Immediate Past President, Finance, F/S & Girls State, Officials, Banquet & Banquet Program, Publicity, Ethics, Hall of Fame Selection, Girls Wrestling Development, Gerdes Leadership Award

Joe Cliffe – Treasurer, Past President, Midwest Nationals, Banquet, Banquet Program, Classic Dual, Publicity, Finance Chair, Fundraising, Membership, Special Awards Sub-Committee, Hall of Fame Selection Chair, Ethics

Tony Clarke – Secretary, Officials Chair, Publicity, Membership, Banquet, Hall of Fame Selection, Girls Wrestling Development

Roy Snyder – Past President, Officials Development, Hall of Fame Banquet

Rob Murphy – Past President, Banquet Program, Classic Dual, Publicity, Fundraising, Ethics

Rich Montgomery – Past President, Hall of Fame Banquet, Classic Dual, Fundraising Chair, Membership, Hall of Fame Selection, Gerdes Leadership Award

Mike Bukovsky – Past President, Classic Dual, Hall of Fame Selection, Special Awards Sub-Committee

Dan Cliffe – Past President, Membership, Hall of Fame Sub-Committee, Hall of Fame Selection, Ethics

Ed Ewoldt – Past President, Historian

Augie Genovesi – Past President, Classic Dual Chair, Hall of Fame Selection, Gerdes Leadership Award

Rob Ledin – Past President, Midwest Nationals Co-Chair, Publicity, Membership, F/S & Girls State, Hall of Fame Selection, Gerdes Leadership Award

Debbie Nason – Gerdes Leadership Award Committee Chair, Banquet, Banquet Program, Fundraising, F/S & Girls State Co-Chair, Hall of Fame Selection, Girls Wrestling Development

Mike Wilkey – Past President, Banquet Committee, Officials, Hall of Fame Sub-Committee, Hall of Fame Selection

Mike O'Dea – Publicity, Membership, Banquet Program, Banquet, Classic Dual

Andy Gardner – F/S & Girls State Co-Chair

Matt Moore – F/S & Girls State Co-Chair

Scott Richardson – Gerdes Leadership Award Co-Chair, Classic Dual

Steve Amy – Membership, Classic Dual

Corey Christenson – Midwest Nationals Co-Chair, F/S & Girls State, Classic Dual

Eddie Collins – F/S & Girls State, Fundraising, Finance

Chris Jordan – Hall of Fame Banquet, Banquet program, Publicity Co-Chair

Colleen McGlynn – Girls Wrestling Development, F/S & Girls State, Gerdes Leadership Award

Fred Arkin – Girls Wrestling Development Co-Chair, F/S & Girls State, Classic Dual

Mick Torres – Publicity Co-Chair, Hall of Fame Banquet

Ryan Cumbee – Classic Dual

Ray Eickelschulte – Officials, Hall of Fame Selection

Mike Elsbury – Classic Dual

Mike Pila – Membership

Leonel Clark – Girls Wrestling Development, Classic Dual

Board Member of the Year

2011 – Joe Cliffe
2012 – Dan Cliffe
2013 – Rob Ledin
2014 – Dan Fulscher
2015 – Debbie Nason
2016 – Nate Kessen

2017 – Mike Wilkey
2018 – Rich Montgomery
2019 – Mike O’Dea
2020 – Eddie Collins
2022– Rob Porter
2023 –Roy Snyder

2024- Mick Torres
2025-Augie Genovesi

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Sunday April 19, 2026

PROGRAM

Registration & Social

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Pre-Dinner Awards

3:00 p.m.

Opening Remarks

3:30 p.m.

Invocation & Dinner

4:00 p.m.

Board Member of the Year

Person of the Year

Lifetime Service Awards

5:00 p.m.

Craig Johnson
Dave Fellingner
Chet Mirus
Jerry Muccianti
Bernie Ruettiger
Kenny Watson
Rob Zielinski

Hall of Fame Inductees

5:30 p.m.

Mike Benefiel
Bob Dahm
Mike Elsbury
Dr. Ray Epperson
Dr. Terry Giardini
Andy Hiatt
Gary Larsen
Dan Limon
Mario Morgan
Jake Oster
Marc Prater
Brandon Precin
Joel Stockwell
Albert White

Social

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Male & Female **Wrestling Officials Needed**

Have you ever considered becoming a wrestling official? Our sport is in dire need of those with wrestling knowledge to give back thru officiating! Officiating is a great way to stay connected to our sport while giving back. You can also make money for working meets and tournaments. If you are interested, visit the link, or scan the QR Code below and complete the google interest form. You will then be contacted about becoming a wrestling official and provided support to do so.

<https://tinyurl.com/39mbpcv5>



For more information visit: **<https://iwcoa.net/officials/>**

OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

2026

The Criteria for selecting the Official of the Year are as follows:

1. A Member of the IWCOA
2. Officiated at Sectional Tournament this year

NOMINEES

Josh Anderson, Marion
Blake Ohren, Highland
Mike Vest, Harvard

Ted Brandon, Canton
Marc Miller, Plainfield

Russ Henson, Rochelle
Jason Salley, Elgin

THE IWCOA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE RUSS HENSON ON HIS SELECTION AS THE IHSA WRESTLING OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR, CONGRATS RUSS!

PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – Tony Barbaro, Chicago
1972 – Amos Jones, North Chicago
1973 – George Brown, Rock Island
1974 – Ken Marlin, Rockford
1975 – Art Adams, Normal
1976 – Frank Coniglio, Murphysboro
1977 – Frank Coniglio, Murphysboro
1978 – John Swalec, Libertyville
1979 – Jim Nordin, Oak Park
1980 – Harold Samorian, Northbrook
1981 – Ray Cummings, Tolono
1982 – Jack Leese, Northbrook
1983 – Ed Luety, Melrose Park
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1987 – Dave Mathews, Naperville
1988 – Bill Shreve, Chesterfield
1989 – Dave Mathews, Naperville
1990 – Renny Garshelis, Charleson
1991 – Tom Heniff, Oak Lawn
1992 – Greg Cozzi (Co-Winner), Hoffman Estates
1992 – Ed Luety (Co-Winner), Melrose Park
1993 – Mike Portincaso, Elmhurst
1994 – Dan Fulscher, Lincoln
1995 – Dan Farinosi, Hoffman Estates
1996 – Tony Clarke, Zion
1997 – Tom Heniff, Olympia Fields
1998 – Bill Marquardt, Bloomington
1999 – Jon Schaus (Co-Winner), Itasca
1999 – Ray Winesburg (Co-Winner), Elgin

2000 – Mike Wilkey, Oak Park
2001 – Dave Brost, New Lenox
2002 – Tim Dodge, Lindenhurst
2003 – Tom Heniff, (Co-Winner), Olympia Fields
2003 – Ray Winesburg, (Co-Winner), Elgin
2004 – Jon Schaus, Itasca
2005 – Jeff Bowers, Bloomington
2006 – Ron Coit, Farmer City
2007 – Jeff Sorensen, Bloomington
2008 – Greg Anderson, Peoria
2009 – Shane Morgan, Oswego
2010 – Tim Dodge, (Co-Winner), Lindenhurst
2010 – Ray Winesburg, (Co-Winner), Elgin
2011 – Kris Kamp, Deer Creek
2012 – Bill Honeycutt, Woodridge
2013 – Jeff Bowers, Bloomington
2014 – Don McKeel, Sterling
2015 – James Carnahan, Rock Island
2016 – Roy Snyder, Rochelle
2017 – Jim Busser, Polo
2018 – Scott Holbrook, Orion
2019 – Nate Kessen, Sugar Grove
2020 – Mike Bondi, Huntley
2021 – Ray Eickelshulte, Quincy
2022 – Dave Fellingner, Chicago
2023 – Derek Ryan, Kankakee
2024 – Mike Hurckes, Ringwood
2025 – Dan McDonnell, Morris

ADMINISTRATORS OF THE YEAR

2026 Class 1A.

2A.

3A.

The criteria for selecting the Administrator of the Year are as follows:

1. Must have been an Administrator, AD, Principal, etc. in Illinois for 3 years
2. Administrator at the same school for two years
3. Person is an advocate within his school and his community in regards to Wrestling.

NOMINEES

Class 1A

Mike Castleman, Olympia
Shane Darnell, Sandwich
Kirk Haring, Princeton
Corey Mikula, Coal City

Class 2A

Dave Andrews, Batavia
Matt Hensley, Mahomet-Seymour
Matt Manzke, Oak Forest
Caitlyn Moody, Chatham (Glenwood)

Class 3A

Mike Dwyer, Lockport
Chris Madson, McHenry
Marty Manning, Schaumburg

PAST RECIPIENTS

1991 – Class A – John Cullick, Coal City
1991 – Class AA – Larry Bernard, Bolingbrook
1991 – Class AA – Ralph Krupke, Lake Park
1992 – Class A – Dave Gannaway, U-High, Normal
1992 – Class AA – Bill Casey, Niles Notre Dame
1993 – Class A – Neal Pavlus, Byron
1993 – Class AA – Art Rohlman, DeKalb
1994 – Class A – Carlin Nalley, Lisle
1994 – Class AA – Neal McCauley, Naperville
1995 – Class A – Ken Cummins, Plano
1995 – Class AA – Dick Kerner, Waubonsie Valley
1996 – Class A – Marshall Weeks, Sandwich
1996 – Class AA – Greg Bradley, Mt. Zion
1997 – Class A – Dan Schmitt, Prairie Central
1997 – Class AA – Wayne Demarr, St. Charles
1998 – Class A – Dave Turner, Porta
1998 – Class AA – John Bauer, Aurora West
1998 – Class AA – Fran Re, Belvidere
1999 – Class A – Vern Welp, Oregon
1999 – Class AA – Tim Albers, Libertyville
2000 – Class A – Mike Clark, Clinton
2000 – Class AA – Mike Hennessey, Niles Notre Dame
2001 – Class A – William Hoecker, Burlington Central
2001 – Class A – Neal Pavlus, Byron
2001 – Class AA – Barb Barrows, Neuqua Valley
2001 – Class AA – Jim Unrath, E. Moline United Township
2002 – Class A – Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls
2002 – Class AA – Washington Bush, Conant
2003 – Class A – Curt Christenson, Normal (U-High)
2003 – Class AA – Neil McCauley, Naperville
2004 – Class A – Matt Swick, Wilmington
2004 – Class AA – Jim Rees, Maine South
2005 – Class A – Don Riley, Montini

2013 – Class 1A – Adam Spicer, Wilmington
2013 – Class 2A – Kevin Crandall, Rochelle
2013 – Class 3A – Hud Venerable, Lincoln-Way Central
2014 – Class 1A – Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls
2014 – Class 2A – Travis Mackey, Geneseo
2014 – Class 3A – Todd Rosenthal, Moline
2015 – Class 1A – Jeff Reents, Wilmington
2015 – Class 2A – Chauncey Carrick, Sycamore
2015 – Class 3A – Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central)
2016 – Class 1A – Dan Hutchings, Coal City
2016 – Class 2A – Herb Knoblauch, Washington
2016 – Class 3A – Seth Schoonover, Yorkville
2017 – Class 1A – Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA)
2017 – Class 2A – Greg King, Sterling
2017 – Class 3A – Ted Robbins, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way W.)
2018 – Class 1A – Dan Beebe, Aurora (Christian)
2018 – Class 2A – Kevin Crandall, Rochelle
2018 – Class 3A – Randy Conrad, Franklin Park (Leyden)
2019 – Class 1A – Tom Smargiassi, Lena-Winslow-Stockton
2019 – Class 2A – Chauncey Carrick, Sycamore
2019 – Class 3A – Peter Goff, DeKalb
2020 – Class 1A – Dan Hutchings, Coal City
2020 – Class 2A – John Young, Lemont
2020 – Class 3A – Mike Obsuszt, Barrington
2022 – Class 1A – Jeff Hill, Petersburg (Porta)
2022 – Class 2A – Matt Hensley, Mahomet Seymour
2022 – Class 3A – Dan Jones, Hinsdale (Central)
2023 – Class 1A – Tim Gipe, Sandwich
2023 – Class 2A – Herb Knoblauch, Washington
2023 – Class 3A – Peter Goff, DeKalb
2024 – Class 1A – Art Stafford, Coal City
2024 – Class 2A – Rich Havey, Rochelle
2024 – Class 3A – Todd Thompson, Moline

2005 – Class AA – Rich Fullride, Morton
2006 – Class A – C.J. “Skip” Tarran, Reed Custer
2006 – Class AA – Tim Feigh, Hinsdale South
2006 – Class AA – Randall Konstans, West Aurora
2007 – Class A – Dan Schmitt, Prairie Central
2007 – Class AA – Larry Jenkins, Glenbard North
2008 – Class A – Mike Lootens, Stanford Olympia
2008 – Class A – Dave Smith, Princeton
2008 – Class AA – Todd Rosenthal, Moline
2009 – Class 1A – Kip Crandall, Oregon
2009 – Class 2A – Dan Cliffe, Burlington
2009 – Class 3A – Randy Conrad, Leyden
2010 – Class 1A – Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls
2010 – Class 2A – Matt Hensley, Mahomet-Seymour
2010 – Class 3A – Robert Tyrell, Minooka
2011 – Class 1A – Dan Casillas, Prairie Central
2011 – Class 2A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour
2011 – Class 3A – Matt Bowser, Glenbard North
2012 – Class 1A – Lon Gerrish, Sandwich
2012 – Class 2A – Seth Schoonover, Yorkville
2012 – Class 3A – Bruce Scheidegger, Orland Park (Sandburg)

2025 – Class 1A – Brad Boresi, Coal City
2025 – Class 2A – Tom Ryerson, Geneseo
2025 – Class 3A – Andrew Walters, Rockton (Hononegah)

IWCOA PERSON OF THE YEAR

1985 TED DeROUSSE, Antioch	2008 DAVE GANNAWAY, IHSA
1986 ED EWOLDT, Wheaton Central	2009 JEFF PAPE, Schaumburg
1987 RICK MANN, Hersey	2010 MIKE BUKOVSKY, Montini
1988 LARRY KRISTOFF, SIU-Edwardsville	2011 DR. MARTY HICKMAN, IHSA
1989 ED LUETY, Melrose Park	2012 RICH MONTGOMERY, Rock Falls
1990 CHUCK FARINA, Leyden	2013 MIKE MATOZZI, Hinsdale South
1991 JOE CLIFFE, Plano	2014 ROB LEDIN, Mahomet
1992 GENE SWIERCZEWSKI, Hoffman Estates	2015 ROB MURPHY, Wilmington
1993 LARRY GASSEN, Downers Grove South	2016 CRAIG ANDERSON, IHSA
1994 LON GERRISH, Sandwich	2017 PAT O'CONNELL, Joliet
1995 JOE PEDERSEN, Naperville	2018 JACK LEESE, Northbrook
1997 RON REICHERT & DEBBIE NASON	2019 FRED ARKIN, Oak Park
1998 STEVE COMBS, Mahomet	2019 COLLEEN MCGLYNN, Belleville
1999 MARK JOHNSON, University of Illinois	2020 NATE KESSEN, Sugar Grove
2000 DAN CLIFFE, Burlington Central	2020 MIKE POWELL, Oak Park
2001 TOM HENIFF, Olympia Fields	2022 ROB PORTER, Naperville
2002 LEO KOCHER, University of Chicago	2023 ANTHONY CLARKE, Zion
2003 DAN FULSCHER, Lincoln	2024 MARK KING, Lyons Township
2004 KEN KRAFT, Northwestern University	2025 LANSDOWNE UP, East St. Louis
2005 MIKE MANAHAN, Olympia	
2006 GEORGE DYCHE, Aurora West	
2007 MIKE POLZ, Sandburg	

2026 IWCOA PERSON OF THE YEAR

Person of the Year, Matt Grusska

Matt Gruszka wrestled in high school at Naperville North High School under his father, IWCOA Hall of Famer Stan Gruszka. He had 139 wins and was on a team that took second in state in 1987. He went on to compete at the Division I level at Illinois State University from 1989-1994. He had 90 career wins, was team captain for two years and qualified for the National tournament held at Iowa State.

Upon graduation, Matt was an assistant coach at Hoffman Estates High School under Hall of Fame member Bill Scully for 13 years. He then became the head boys coach at Schaumburg High School. During this period from 2007-2011, the Saxons were conference champs and regional champs. Schaumburg had six state placers and one champion.

In 2021 Matt became the girls head coach, a position he still holds. During that time Schaumburg has won the conference tournament every year and have won the IHSA regionals the past three years. Schaumburg have been sectional champions for three of those years while placing second in 2024 and 2025 at the IWCOA dual team state invitational championships.

Matt has coached Team Illinois Girls for two years at the Illinois-Indiana Classic Dual. He also serves on the IWCOA Girls Wrestling Advancement Committee that assists in selecting the Team Illinois Girls.

Matt helped create the IWCOA dual team state invitational championships held at the end of December each year. While being active on the IHSA Girls Advisory Committee, he helped push for the girls to have their own season and series. By having our season moved up will allow the girls to have their own venue for the IHSA

Individual State Tournament. If the current proposal passes, we can move to have more girls in the bracket at the girls individual state tournament.



Person of the Year, Kennedy Blades

Kennedy Blades was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. At age four, Kennedy, with her younger sister, Korina, she started taking Brazilian jiu-jitsu classes. She later switched to wrestling at age seven. In junior high, Kennedy became the first female to win the IKWF Illinois state title, in 2016.

In high school, Blades and her sister attended Wyoming Seminary in Pennsylvania, the first American high school to have a girl's wrestling program. While in high school, Kennedy won the 2018 U.S. Cadet national championship, the U16 national championship, and the U17 national championship. In 2019, Kennedy became a Junior national champion.

In 2021, at age 17, Kennedy finished runner-up at the U.S. trials for the Summer Olympics, losing to Tamyra Mensah Stock. Tamyra went on to win the Olympic gold medal.

After she graduated from high school, she joined the wrestling club Sunkist Kids in Arizona and enrolled at Arizona State University. In 2021, Blades was the gold medalist at the U20 world championship. In 2023, Kennedy won silver at the U23 world championship. She also won gold at the 2023 Ibrahim Moustafa Tournament.

In 2024, she defeated 2020 Olympic silver medalist Adeline Gray at the U.S. Olympic trials, thus qualifying for the Summer Olympics where she won an Olympic silver Medal at the 76kg weight class.

Kennedy then transferred to the University of Iowa in July 2025. In her junior year at Iowa, Kennedy finished 25-0 with 23 technical falls and two pins. Only two of her matches reached the second period. She won the NCWWC Nationals and was named the tournament's Most outstanding Wrestler. That year she was named USA Wrestling's Women's College Wrestler of the Year. This season, wrestling at 160 pounds, Kennedy became an NCAA National Champion, finishing with a perfect 19-0 record with 18 of those matches ending in a fall or technical fall. In 44 total collegiate matches at Iowa, Kennedy won 43 by fall or technical fall. Her only win by decision was a 9-1 decision over Stella Steigler of King in the NCAA Semifinals.

Kennedy also competes in Real American Freestyle, where she is the current RAF Women's Middleweight Champion.

Kennedy is majoring in Management at Iowa.

Kennedy is a daughter to Saul Pulido and Cindy Ramos and has a younger brother Saul along with her sister Korina.



2026 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals



Illinois Team Reagan and Team Lincoln

Front Row: Braden Mataja-Bates, Evergreen Park (106 lb.), Jeremiah Arroya-McMullan, Chicago (Lane) (106 lb.), Augustus Swanson, Princeton (113 lb.), Landon Cornwell, Robinson (113 lb.), Jaxon Ferguson, Chatham (Glenwood) (120 lb.), Coach Rob Serio, Aurora (West A.).

Row Two: Tristan Porter, Mattoon (126 lb.), Jason Hampton, Joliet (J. Catholic Academy) (132 lb.), Shawn Kogan, Lincolnshire (Stevenson) (132 lb.), Chance Woods, Chicago (C. Hope) (132 lb.), Alejandro Aranda, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) (132 lb.).

Row Three: Ryan Richie, Edwardsville (144 lb), Zach Bryant, Petersburg (PORTA) (144 lb), Logan Riggs, Roxana (150 lb), Nolan Vogel, Joliet (J. Catholic Academy) (157 lb), Max Herman, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West) (165 lb).

Row Four: Justin Zimmerman, Petersburg (PORTA) (165 lb), Dayne Serio, Aurora (West A.) (175 lb.), Brody Kelly, Elmhurst (IC Catholic) (175 lb.), Lucas Nance, Palatine (Fremd) (190 lb.), Alex Del Toro, East Peoria (215 lb.).

Row Five: Coach Ryan Cumbee, Joliet (Catholic Academy), Marc Tchapda, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) (215 lb.), Darian Holloway, Stanford (Olympia) (285 lb.), Connor Williams, Canton (285 lb.), Coach Darien Kaufman, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West).

TEAM LEADERD AND COACHES

Joe Cliffe, Fairbury
Zach Crawford, Canton
Ryan Cumbee, Joliet (Catholic Academy)
Cody Aughton, Stanford (Olympia)
Rob Serio, Aurora (West A.)
Billy Rodriquez, Batavia

Augie Genovesi, Nile (Notre Dame)
Rick Cliffe, Sycamore
Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA)
Darien Kaufman, Glenbard West
Scott Bayer, Batavia
Matt Yan, Chicago (Lane)

2026 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals



Team Illinois-Girls

Front Row: Lily Enos, Batavia (100 lb.); Nadiia Shymkiv, Glenbard East (105 lb.); Daniela Santander, Romeoville (110 lb.); Alauni Muex, Marion (115 lb.); Molly O'Connor, Lemont (120 lb.).

Row 2: Sammie Greisen, Seneca (125 lb.); Keagan Edwards, Carol Stream (Glenbard North) (130 lb.); Karina Lojowski, Lincolnshire (Stevenson) (135 lb.); Isabella Miller, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) (140 lb.).

Row 3: Natalie Corona, McHenry (145 lb.); Grace Stratton, Freeburg (155 lb.); Caliyah Campbell, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) (170 lb.); Nadia Razzak, Schaumburg (190 lb.); Lillian Disanto, Urbana (H.S.) (235 lb.)

Back Row: Coaches and Team Leaders Billy Rodriguez, Batavia and Scott Bayer, Batavia.

2026 Illinois/Indiana Classic Duals

March 15, 2026

Mooreville High School, Mooreville, IN

Indiana Team Gold 43

Illinois Team Lincoln 19

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| 120 | Peyton Schoettle, Roncalli (Indiana Gold) major decision Jaxon Ferguson, Chatham (Glenwood) (Team Lincoln) |
| 126 | Blake Getz, Roncalli (Indiana Gold) pinned Tristan Porter, Mattoon (Team Lincoln) |
| 150 | Gunner Butt, New Palestine (Indiana Gold) pinned Logan Riggs, Roxana (Team Lincoln) |
| 157 | Jack Davis, Bishop Chatard (Indiana Gold) decision Nolan Vogel, Joliet (Catholic Academy) (Team Lincoln) |
| 190 | Lucas Nance, Palatine (Fremd) (Team Lincoln) pinned Lucas Anderson, Chesterton (Indiana Gold) |
| 106 | Adley Yoder, Northridge (Indiana Gold) pinned Brayden Mateja-Bates, Evergreen Park (Team Lincoln) |
| 113 | Augustus, Swanson, Princeton (Team Lincoln) major decision Kaid Jackson, Delta (Indiana Gold) |
| 132 | Nate Rioux, Avon (Indiana Gold) decision Jason Hampton, Joliet (Catholic Academy) (Team Lincoln) |
| 138 | Tylin Thrine, New Castle (Indiana Gold) pinned Alejandro Aranda, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) (Team Lincoln) |
| 144 | Kegan Jochim, Franklin Community (Indiana Gold) decision Ryan Richie, Edwardsville (Team Lincoln) (Team Lincoln) |
| 165 | Max Herman, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West) (Team Lincoln) decision Camden Bauman, Evansville (Indiana Gold) |
| 175 | Brody Kelly, Elmhurst (IC Catholic) (Team Lincoln) pinned Israel Sinnot, Hanover Central (Indiana Gold) |
| 215 | Julian Burgett, Fishers (Indiana Gold) decision Marc Tchapda, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West) (Team Lincoln) |
| 285 | James Hartleroad, New Prairie (Indiana Gold) Connor Williams, Canton (Team Lincoln) |

Team Lincoln Outstanding Wrestler(s)-Brody Kelly, Elmhurst (IC Catholic) and Lucas Nance, Palatine (Fremd)

Indiana Team Blue 32

Illinois Team Reagan 31

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| 106 | Jeremiah Arroyo-McMullan, Chicago (Lane) (Team Reagan) decision Steven Frettinger, Bluffton (Indiana Blue), 7-3. |
| 113 | Malachai Martin, Decatur (Central) (Indiana Blue) major decision Landon Cornwell, Robinson (Team Reagan), 12-0. |
| 132 | Shawn Kogan, Lincolnshire (Stevenson) (Team Reagan) decision Richard Rogers, Franklin (Central) (Indiana Blue), 4-2. |
| 138 | Mason Goelz, Avon (Indiana Blue) decision Chance Woods, Chicago (C. Hope Academy) (Team Reagan), 12-9. |
| 144 | Zach Bryant, Petersburg (PORTA) (Team Reagan) decision Steven Hunter, Lawrence (North) (Indiana Blue), 4-0. |
| 165 | Justin Zimmerman, Petersburg (PORTA) (Team Reagan) pinned Rylee Biddle, East Noble (Indiana Blue), 2:37. |
| 175 | Dayne Serio, Aurora (West Aurora) (Team Reagan) major decision Connor Hoar, Evansville (Memorial) (Indiana Blue), 8-0. |
| 215 | Alec Del Toro, East Peoria (Team Reagan) pinned Devyn Orman, Northview (Indiana Blue), 0:53. |
| 285 | Griffin Osburn, Terre Haute (North) (Indiana Blue) pinned Darian Holloway, Stanford (Olympia) (Team Reagan), 5:57. |
| 120 | Cam Senter, Wawasee (Indiana Blue) decision Jaxon Ferguson, Chatham (Glenwood) (Team Reagan), 8-3. |
| 126 | Rex Moore, North Miami (Indiana Blue) pinned Tristan Porter, Mattoon (Team Reagan), 4:39. |
| 150 | Hank Phenicie, Zionsville (Indiana Blue) won by technical fall over Logan Riggs, Roxana (Team Reagan), 21-5. |
| 157 | Jeff Huyvaert, New Prairie (Indiana Blue) won by technical fall over Nolan Vogel, Joliet (Catholic Academy) (Team Reagan), 17-2. |
| 190 | Lucas Nance, Palatine (Fremd) (Team Reagan) pinned Caleb Ayetomowo, Decatur (Central) (Indiana Blue), 2:23. |

Team Reagan Outstanding Wrestler(s)-Lucas Nance, Palatine (Fremd) and Alec Del Toro, East Peoria.

Indiana Girls 37 Team Illinois Girls 36

- 100 Katie Rowles, Jay County (Team Indiana-Girls) pinned Lily Enos, Batavia (Team Illinois-Girls)
- 105 Nadiia Shymkiv, Lombard (Glenbard East) (Team Illinois-Girls) pinned Dominika Zarate, Mt. Vernon (Team Indiana-Girls)
- 110 Daniela Santander, Romeoville (Team Illinois-Girls) decisioned Anna Marie Shuler, Seymour (Team Indiana-Girls), 6-0
- 115 Alauni Muex, Marion (Team Illinois-Girls) pinned Jayden McCammon, Sullivan (Team Indiana-Girls)
- 120 Aallyah McLean, McCutchen (Team Indiana-Girls) decisioned Molly O'Connor, Lemont (Team Illinois-Girls), 4-3.
- 125 Klaire Redwine, Switzerland County (Team Indiana-Girls) decisioned Sammie Greisen, Seneca (Team Illinois-Girls)
- 130 Keagan Edwards, Carol Stream (Glenbard North) (Team Illinois-Girls) pinned Olivia Gibson, Logansport (Team Indiana-Girls)
- 135 Karina Lojowski, Lincolnshire (Stevenson) (Team Illinois-Girls) pinned Makayela Philapy, Tri-Central (Team Indiana-Girls)
- 140 Jazlinn Diaz-Avalos, Franklin Community (Team Indiana-Girls) major decision Isabella Miller, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) (Team Illinois-Girls), 15-7.
- 145 Ava Allen, Silver Creek (Team Indiana-Girls) pinned Natalie Corona, McHenry (Team Illinois-Girls)
- 155 Aleksandra Bastaic, Highland (Team Indiana-Girls) pinned Grace Stratton, Freeburg (Team Illinois-Girls)
- 170 Laine Peppier, Rochester (Team Indiana-Girls) decisioned Caliyah Campbell, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest) (Team Illinois-Girls), 6-5.
- 190 Erin Cauble, West Lafayette (Harrison) (Team Indiana-Girls) pinned Nadia Razzak, Schaumburg (Team Illinois-Girls)
- 235 Lillian Disanto, Urbana (H.S.) (Team Illinois-Girls) pinned Sophia Zuarate, Benton Central (Team Indiana-Girls)
- Girls Team Illinois Outstanding Wrestler-** Nadiia Shymkiv, Lombard (Glenbard East)

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Left to Right: Chris Soppet-St. Joseph, Jason Timerman-Viola, Marc Miller-Plainfield, Roy Acree-Gibson City

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Class 1A

Coal City

Coach – Mark Masters



Team Place Winners

2nd

Vandalia

Coach: Patrick Myers

3rd

Gibson City (GC-Melvin)

Coach: Josh Carter

4th

Dixon

Coach: Micah Hey

State Qualifiers

Belleville (Althoff)

Coach: Emanuel Brooks

Chicago (Hope Academy)

Coach: Dan Willis

Lena (L-Winslow)

Coach: Kevin Milder

Standford (Olympia)

Coach: Josh Collins

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Class 2A

Elmhurst (IC Catholic)

Coach – Danny Alcocer



Team Place Winners

2nd

New Lenox (Providence)
Coach: Donald Reynolds

3rd

Mahomet (M-Seymour)
Coach: Rob Ledin

4th

Chatham (Glenwood)
Coach: Nick Anthony

State Qualifiers

Geneseo
Coach: Tom Rusk

Wheeling
Coach: Charles Curran

Oak Forest
Coach: Shawn Forst

Woodstock (Marian)
Coach: Jordan Blanton

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Class 3A

Aurora (Marmion Academy)

Coach – Anthony Cirricione



Team Place Winners

2nd

Lombard (Montini)

Coach: Sal Annoreno

3rd

St. Charles (East)

Coach: Jason Potter

4th

Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)

Coach: Jason Renteria

State Qualifiers

Barrington

Coach: Dan Keller

Edwardsville (H.S.)

Coach: Eric Pretto

Joliet (Catholic)

Coach: Ryan Cumbee

Rockton (Hononegah)

Coach: Tyler Demoss

SCHOLASTIC WRESTLERS OF THE YEAR

2026 Class 1A _____

2A _____

3A _____

Girls _____

The Criteria for selecting the Scholastic Wrestler of the year are as follows:

1. The candidate must be nominated by his coach
2. Must be a senior in the upper half of his class
3. Must have placed at the IHSA State Tournament in Class 1A, Class 2A or Class 3A.

NOMINEES

Class 1A

Arrison Bauer, Lena (L.-Winslow)/Stockton
Lincoln Hager, West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)
Tyler Jones, West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)
Aidan Kenny, Coal City
Eli Larson, Lena (L.-Winslow)/Stockton
Oliver McPeck, Lena (L.-Winslow)/Stockton
Luke Munsterman, Coal City
Cade Poyner, Coal City
Lyndon Thies, Roxana
Logan Van Duyne, Wilmington
Brody Widlowski, Coal City

Class 3A

Jalen Byrd, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)
Jason Hampton, Joliet (J. Catholic Academy)
Zev Koransky, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
Dayne Serio, Aurora (West Aurora)

Class 2A

Cooper Bode, Sycamore
Foley Calcagno, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Harrison Dea, Morton
Brody Kelly, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Logan Makiney, Washington
Cody Moss, Chatham (Glenwood)
Sammy Murante, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Warren Nash, Grayslake (Central)
Frank Nitti, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Tristan Porter, Mattoon
Krish Sahu, Grayslake (Central)

Girls

Natalie Beaumont, Toledo (Cumberland)
Callie Carr, Darien (Hinsdale South)
Zoe Dempsey, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)
Lilly Disanto, Urbana (H.S.)
Michelle Naftzger, Erie
Ezra Rodriguez, Minooka
Grace Stratton, Freeburg
Juliana Thrush, Ottawa (Twp.)

PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – John King, DeKalb
1972 – Pete Anderson, Homewood Flossmoor
1973 – Bruce Zimmer, Niles North
1974 – Alex Riccomini, East Leyden
1975 – Steve Traylor, Richards
1976 – Robert Taylor, Pekin
1977 – Tom Janicik, Belleville West
1978 – Jon Gluck, Conant
1979 – Dale Schmach, Cambridge
1980 – Jerry Richards, Romeoville
1981 – Kirk Trost, Lincolnway
1982 – Pat Parks, Addison Trail (Co-Winner)
1982 – Scott Wiggin, Wheaton North (Co-Winner)
1983 – Class A – Jeff Putman, Harvard

2007 – Class A – Vince Vercelli, Wilmington
2007 – Class AA – Jake Vetter, Richmond Burton
2008 – Class A – Noah Roseland, Coal City
2008 – Class A – Zach Wilson, Benton
2008 – Class AA – Ben Aplan, Downers Grove South
2009 – Class 1A – John Van Duyne, Wilmington
2009 – Class 2A – Josh Castellano, Fenton
2009 – Class 3A – Wade Self, Lake Zurich
2010 – Class 1A – Matt Schaidle, Eureka
2010 – Class 2A – Nick Haeferkamp, Lincoln
2010 – Class 3A – Joe Schwartz, Highland Park
2011 – Class 1A – Andy Hoselton, Fairbury (Prairie Central)
2011 – Class 2A – Adam Wyeth, Yorkville
2011 – Class 3A – Chris Johnson, Wheeling

1983 – Class AA – Tony Evensen, Marist
 1984 – Class A – Bruce Dickey, Fairfield
 1984 – Class AA – Mark Antionetti, Mt. Carmel
 1985 – Class A – George Bednarczyk, Harvard
 1985 – Class AA – Mike Mroszek, St. Pats
 1986 – Class A – Scott Holbrook, Newman Catholic
 1986 – Class AA – Bill Jepsen, Gordon Tech
 1987 – Class A – Brian Kish, Sandwich
 1987 – Class AA – Neil Kohlberg, Wheeling
 1988 – Class A – Brad Stockstill, Mt. Olive
 1988 – Class AA – Brett Janis, Lake Park
 1989 – Class A – Parr Schoolman, Clifton
 1989 – Class AA – William O'Brian, Marist
 1990 – Class A – Kip Wahlgren, Princeton
 1990 – Class AA – Sam Walt, DeKalb
 1991 – Class A – David Bobee, Plano
 1991 – Class AA – Mike Baumann, Libertyville
 1992 – Class A – Ryan Scoville, Lisle
 1992 – Class AA – Steve Gerstung, Hersey
 1993 – Class A – Dan Hajek, Lisle
 1993 – Class AA – Joe Greene, Glenbard South
 1994 – Class A – Brian Aho, Buffalo Tri-City
 1994 – Class A – Josh Langford, Winnebago
 1994 – Class A – Ryan Metcalfe, Yorkville
 1994 – Class A – Mike Shields, Belleville Althoff
 1994 – Class AA – Neal Rodak, Oak Forest
 1995 – Class A – Casey O' Connor, Illini Bluffs
 1995 – Class AA – Jake Bricker, York
 1996 – Class A – Steve Bultman, Petersburg Porta
 1996 – Class AA – Malik Elliot, Mt. Carmel
 1997 – Class A – Chad Hay, Sandwich
 1997 – Class A – Mike Weber, Belleville-Althoff
 1997 – Class AA – Zach Emond, Lake Zurich
 1997 – Class AA – Alan Wilson, McHenry
 1998 – Class AA – Chris Stuart, Oak Forest
 1998 – Class A – A.J. Bianchi, Harvard
 1999 – Class A – Andy Reeter, Dakota
 1999 – Class AA – Jon Bergstrom, Lincoln-Way
 2000 – Class A – Nick Morphew, Prophetstown
 2000 – Class AA – Tim Daly, Willowbrook
 2000 – Class AA – Brian Nelson, St. Laurence
 2001 – Class A – David Schultz, Harvard
 2001 – Class AA – Chuck Rumpf, Lincoln-Way
 2002 – Class A – Josh Means, Lisle
 2002 – Class AA – Dustin Carpenter, Belleville West
 2003 – Class A – Jordan Broquard, Prairie Central
 2003 – Class AA – Michael Bishof, York
 2004 – Class A – Brent Skorup, Sandwich
 2004 – Class AA – Mike Tamillow, Fenwick
 2005 – Class A – Dan Haeflinger, Harvard
 2005 – Class AA – Mike Anello, Sandburg

2012 – Class 1A – Justin Meyers, LeRoy
 2012 – Class 2A – Matt Garelli, Oak Park (Fenwick)
 2012 – Class 3A – Josh Marchok, Schaumburg
 2013 – Class 1A – Michael Harris, Belleville (Althoff Catholic)
 2013 – Class 2A – Alex Friedman, Pontiac
 2013 – Class 2A – Copache Taylor Springfield Southeast
 2013 – Class 3A – Steven Galiardo, Chicago (St. Patrick)
 2013 – Class 3A – Justin Weber, Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
 2014 – Class 1A – Dexter Fierro, Wilmington
 2014 – Class 2A – Harrison Williams, Springfield
 2014 – Class 3A – Nick Allegretti, Lincoln-Way East
 2015 – Class 1A – Jarod Noel, Bismarck-Henning
 2015 – Class 2A – Jake Eckenrod, Mt. Zion
 2015 – Class 3A – Chris Zhang, Naperville (North)
 2016 – Class 1A – Riley Kauzlaric, Coal City
 2016 – Class 2A – Donald Keeley III, Washington
 2016 – Class 3A – Zachary Krause, Plainfield (East)
 2016 – Class 3A – Shayne Oster, Lockport
 2017 – Class 1A – Nick Pretto, Wilmington
 2017 – Class 1A – Tyler Roling, Sherrard
 2017 – Class 2A – Micah Krueger, Ottawa
 2017 – Class 3A – Patrick Brucki, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)
 2018 – Class 1A – Tyler Roling, Sherrard
 2018 – Class 2A – Micah Krueger, Ottawa
 2018 – Class 3A – Patrick Brucki, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)
 2019 – Class 1A – Wesley Girardi, Deer Creek-Mackinaw
 2019 – Class 2A – Peter McCusker, Rantoul
 2019 – Class 3A – Ryan Fleck, Aurora (Marmion Academy)
 2020 – Class 1A – Charlie Peterson, Auburn
 2020 – Class 2A – Zeke Waltz, Jerseyville
 2020 – Class 3A – David Ferrante, Huntley
 2022 – Girls – Naomi Milees, Lake Forest
 2022 – Class 1A – Joe Lashuay, Fithian (Oakwood)
 2022 – Class 2A – Sean Conway, Chicago (St. Patrick)
 2022 – Class 3A – Jack Cummins, Winnetka (New Trier)
 2022 – Class 3A – Josh Knudten, Libertyville
 2023 – Class 1A – Dresden Grimm, Auburn
 2023 – Class 1A – Braiden Young, Coal City
 2023 – Class 2A – Abe Wojcikiewicz, Bethalto (CM)
 2023 – Class 2A – Karl Schmalz, Niles (Notre Dame)
 2023 – Class 3A – Jacob Lachs, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard W)
 2023 – Girls – Sydney Perry, Batavia
 2024 – Class 1A – Tyrus Carter, Red Bud
 2024 – Class 1A – Ian O'Connor, Glasford (Illini Bluffs)
 2024 – Class 2A – Noah O'Connor, Lemont
 2024 – Class 2A – Evan Willock, Normal (West)
 2024 – Class 3A – Owen McGrory, Libertyville
 2024 – Girls – Sarah Ephstein, Oak Park-River Forest
 2025 – Class 1A – Carson Bissey, Olney (Richland County)
 2025 – Class 2A – Deven Casey, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
 2025 – Class 3A – Kurt Smith, Rockton (Hononegah)

2006 – Class A – Daniel Hermes, Sterling Newman

2006 – Class AA – Jim Kennedy, Grant

2007 – Class A – Ross George, Manteno

2025 – Girls – Jasmine Mejia, Chicago (Rickover Naval Academy)

2025 – Girls Nyah Lovis, Chicago (Lane Tech)

Special Recognition Awards

Gold Level Awards

Austin O'Connor, St. Rita / Univ. of North Carolina, 2X NCAA Division I Champion
Kennedy Blades, University of Iowa, Olympic Silver Medalist
Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls, NHSACA Hall of Fame Inductee
Pekin High School, 1000 dual meet victories

Silver Level Awards

Todd Yegge, Seneca High School 400 Career Wins	Zach Stewart, Aurora (Marmion) Three Time State Champion
Dale Kimberlin, Bishop McNamara High School 40+ Years of Coaching Service	Clinton VerHeecke, Decatur (Lutheran/Unity) Four Time State Medalist
Foley Calcagno, Elmhurst (IC Catholic) Four Time State Medalist	Garrett VerHeecke, Decatur (Lutheran/Unity) Four Time State Medalist
Kai Calcutt, Wilmette (Loyola Academy) Four Time State Medalist	Dean Wainwright, Port Byron (Riverdale) Four Time State Medalist
Nicolas Garcia, Aurora (Marmion Academy) 3 Time State Champion, Four Time State Medalist	Justin Wardlow, Lockport (Twp.) Four Time State Medalist
Jason Hampton, Joliet (Catholic Academy) Four Time State Medalist	Brody Widlowski, Coal City Four Time State Medalist
Dillon Hinton, Vandalia Four Time State Medalist	Sydney Cannon, Mt. Zion Four Time State Medalist
Josh Hoffer, Washington Four Time State Medalist	Lily Enos, Batavia Four Time State Medalist
Wyatt Medlin, Washington 3 Time State Champion, Four Time State Medalist	Claudia Heeney, Lockport (Twp.) 3 Time State Champion, Four Time State Medalist
Dom Munaretto, St. Charles (East) 3 Time State Champion, Four Time State Medalist	Jasmine Rene, Wheeling Four Time State Medalist
Jonathan Rulo, Belleville (East) Four Time State Medalist	Nadiia Shymkiv, Lombard (Glenard East) Four Time State Medalist
Aaron Stewart, Gurnee (Warren) 3 Time State Champion, Four Time State Medalist	Dave Fellingner, Chicago 15 State Finals Officiated

Bronze Level Awards

Natalie Beaumont, Toledo (Cumberland) Two Time State Champion	Rich Vine, Aurora 5 State Finals Officiated
Brody Kelly, Elmhurst (IC Catholic) Two Time State Champion	Jim Earner, Chicago 5 State Finals Officiated
Eli Larson, Lena (L.-Winslow) Two Time State Champion	Terry Morgan, Chatham 5 State Finals Officiated
Liam Kelly, Chicago (Mt. Carmel) Two Time State Champion	Blake Ohren, Highland 5 State Finals Officiated
Jaxon Penovich, Mt. Prospect (Prospect) / St. Viator Two Time State Champion	Torry Caniglia, Addison 5 State Finals Officiated
Ted Brandon, Canton 5 State Finals Officiated	Son Ho, Bloomington 5 State Finals Officiated

IWCOA Academic All-State Wrestling Team

The IWCOA is honored to recognize the following wrestlers as Academic All-State Wrestlers for 2026. In order to qualify, these athletes must be a senior and have earned a varsity letter. The athlete must also have a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale or a 4.6 on a 5.0 scale at the end of their 7th semester of high school. This GPA is verified by the high school's principal or guidance counselor. The athlete does not have to have qualified for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament to be eligible.

Grace Aeschliman, Metamora
Brooklyn Anderson, McHenry
Tala Asad, Springfield (H.S.)
Aksel Avila Rodriguez, Beardstown
Zahabia Badru, Chicago (Lane)
Makiya Baker, Fairbury (Prairie Central)
Vincent Baker, Mt. Zion
Arrison Bauer, Lena (L.-Winslow)/Stockton
Natalie Beaumont, Toledo (Cumberland)
Oluwafemi Belagun, Chatham (Glenwood)
Logan Biles, Machesney Park (Harlem)
Coper Bode, Sycamore
Ciara Bolf, Ottawa (Twp.)
Kian Bramer, Kankakee (McNamara)
Bo Branum, Harvard
Mason Bruce, Springfield (H.S.)
Bryce Bryant, Springfield (H.S.)
Jalen Byrd, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)
Foley Calcagno, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Sydney Cannon, Mt. Zion
Mason Caraway, Normal Community
Callie Carr, Darien (Hinsdale South)
Giselle Castillo, Bensenville (Fenton)
Ethan Cavallo, Normal Community
Ben Chaffer, Morton
Austin Chiesi, Normal Community
Seraphine Coduiha, IV, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard W)
Alexa Colin-Garcia, McHenry
Julian Collins, Jr., Chicago (UIC College Prep)
Jasper Cook, Mt. Zion
Evan Cox, Clifton (Central)
Jacob Crandall, Joliet (West)
Max Cumbee Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Jose Curiel, Chicago (Lane)
Sam Cushman, Barrington
Ben Cyrkiel, Minooka
Addison Davis, Minooka
Harrison Dea, Morton
Zoe Dempsey, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)
Lilly Disanto, Urbana (H.S.)
Declan Dolan, Durand
Dermot Dolan, Durand
Brody D'Orazio, Coal City
Shane Downs, Plano
Elsie Dozier, Chatham (Glenwood)
Luke Eganhouse, Normal Community
Cameron Engels, Bartlett
Therese Escano, Minooka
Hannah Falster, McHenry
Mason Garner, Coal City
Analiese Garretson, Yorkville (H.S.)

Anya Geltz, Tremont
Caleb Greer, Mackinaw (Deer Creek-M.)
Evan Greggain, Coal City
Sammie Greisen, Seneca
Lincoln Hager, West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)
Jason Hampton, Joliet (J. Catholic Academy)
Kamden Hawkins, Chatham (Glenwood)
Landon Hebel, Seneca
Aiden Hennings, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)
Max Herman, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)
Noah Houston, Coal City
Brian Hunt, Wauconda
Cecilia Irwin, Springfield (H.S.)
Avery Jaime, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)
Trey Jones, Durand
Tyler Jones, West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)
Kannon Judycki, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Brody Kelly, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Aidan Kenny, Coal City
Cole Kimberlin, Kankakee (McNamara)
Jay Klemish, Breese (Central)
Jack Koenig, Chicago (St. Patrick)
Casey Koerner, Joliet (West)
Zev Koransky, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
Aiden Kuzhlmattathil, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)
Noah Langston, Vandalia
Eli Larson, Lena (L.-Winslow)/Stockton
Haiden Lavarier, Seneca
Chamanie "Ricky" Lee, Moline (Quad Cities Christian)
Ziaire Lee, Chatham (Glenwood)
Julian Liu, Palos Heights (Chicago Christian)
Zeke Lizano, Moline (Quad Cities Christian)
Juan Lopez Velaquez, Bensenville (Fenton)
Avery Maentz, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)
Logan Makiney, Washington
Maja Makowska, Bensenville (Fenton)
Bianco Mangalindan, McHenry
Nicholas Marchese, Crystal Lake (Central)
Payton McCoy, Beardstown
Oliver McPeck, Lena (L.-Winslow)/Stockton
Maddox Medrano, Beardstown
Braden Monahan, Chatham (Glenwood)
Cooper Morris, Coal City
Cody Moss, Chatham (Glenwood)
Luke Munsterman, Coal City
Sammy Murante, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Robert Murphy, Minooka
Michelle Naftzger, Erie
Frank Nitti, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Marian Nordsell, Minooka
Dominic Pasquale, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)

Gavin Payne, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)
Ayden Perez, Seneca
Brenden Peters, Harvard
Joey Pontrelli, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Tristan Porter, Mattoon
Alliyah Powell, Springfield (H.S.)
Cade Poyner, Coal City
Fenton Pratt, Chicago (Lane)
Kaleb Pratt, Barrington
Tristan Radeke, Joliet (West)
Julian Rammelkamp, Chatham (Glenwood)
Johnathan Randles, Clifton (Central)
Isabella Resendez, Chatham (Glenwood)
Caleb Reymer, Erie
Ezra Rodriguez, Minooka
Ithandehui Rosas, Harvard
Krish Sahu, Grayslake (Central)
Joaquin Salamedia, Chicago (Lane)
Alexander Schaefer, Ottawa (Marquett)
Anthony Sebastian, Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
Dayne Serio, Aurora (West Aurora)
Lane Sexton, Champaign (St. Thomas More)
Joe Spohrer, Chatham (Glenwood)
Hayden Stephens, Chatham (Glenwood)
Gavin Stewart, Bensenville (Fenton)
George Stratton, Freeburg
Grace Stratton, Freeburg
Mason Streb, Chatham (Glenwood)
Keller Stocks, Mt. Zion
Payton Temple, Clifton (Central)
Lyndon Thies, Roxana
Carson Thornton, Mt. Zion
Jenna Tuxhorn, Chatham (Glenwood)
Abby Underhill, Minooka
Logan VanDuyne, Wilmington
Gunner Varland, Seneca
Bryan Islas Vasquez, Beardstown
Yurithzy Vitchis, Fairbury (Prairie Central)
Mason Vogt, Minooka
Will Warnstedt, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)
Ava Weatherford, Ottawa (Twp.)
Wes Weatherford, Ottawa (Twp.)
Jimmy Whitaker, Barrington
Brody Widlowski, Coal City
Charlie Wittmer, Warrensburg (W.-Latham)
James Wojcikiewicz, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)
Korbin Wolf, Moline (Quad Cities Christian)
Brock Wrede, Mt. Prospect (Prospect)

NEWSMAN OF THE YEAR

2026

The Criteria for selecting the Newsman of the Year are as follows:

1. Detailed coverage of local teams
2. Use of many action photos
3. Personalized articles about wrestlers, coaches, officials or fans
4. Selection of honor roles or conference ratings
5. Promotion of tournaments and outstanding meets
6. Personal attendance of wrestling meets
7. Wrestling coverage of all levels

NOMINEES

Paul Garcia, Garcia Video Productions
Gary Larsen, IWCOA Feature Writer

Mike Garafola, Daily Herald & IWCOA Features
Jim Mattson, WEEK 25 Peoria

PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – Howard Brooks, DeKalb Chronicle
1972 – Mike Mooney, Pioneer Press
1973 – Keith Reinhard, Paddock Publications
1974 – Vic Reato, Herarld News of Joliet
1975 – Mike Mooney, Rockford Morning Star
1976 – Tom Enlund, DeKalb Chronicle
1977 – Ron Beem, Tempo Life/Rock.Morning Star
1978 – Reid Schalk, Rockford Morning Star
1979 – Reid Hanley, Suburban Trib
1980 – Reid Hanley, Suburban Trib
1981 – Lyle Eckstrom, Savanna
1982 – Gene Seymour, Springfield State Journal
1983 – Tom Loftus, Paddock Publications
1984 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette
1985 – Rob Sherrill, Chicago Sun Times
1986 – Tom Horvath, Wheaton Daily Journal
1987 – Bob Reilly, Star
1987 – Barb Mangels, Bloomingdale Press
1987 – Dan Eilts, Ottawa Daily
1988 – Robert Burns, Springfield St. Journal Reg.
1988 – Bill Wesselhoff, DeKalb Chronicle
1988 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette
1989 – Jim Edison, Pioneer Press
1990 – Rob Sherrill, Grappler & Chicago Sun Times
1991 – John Marx, Moline Dispatch
1992 – Larry Weintrek, Arlington Hts. Daily Herald
1993 – Dave Elsesser, LaSalle News Tribune
1994 – Joseph Bush, Daily Herald
1995 – Jeff Glade, Ottawa Daily Times
1996 – Dean Criddle, Belleville News Democrat
1997 – Jim Edison, Pioneer Press
1998 – Bill Kindt, Beacon News
1999 – Jim Mattson, WHOI-TV

2000 – Curt Herron, Plainfield Enterprise
2000 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette
2001 – Rick Armstrong, Aurora Beacon-Copy News
2001 – Andy Colbert, Sauk Valley Newspaper
2001 – Ed Ewoldt, The Word
2001 – Randy Sharer, Bloomington Pantagraph
2002 – Curt Herron, Star Herald
2003 – Jim Mattson, WHOI-TV
2004 – Tim Maher, “The Big Guy Show”
2004 – Bob Regan, DeKalb Chronicle
2004 – Tim Smith, Morris Daily Herald
2005 – Rick Armstrong, Aurora Beacon-Copley News
2005 – Ed Ewoldt, “The Word”
2005 – Kevin Powers, WCCI 100.3 FM, Savanna
2006 – Gary Larsen, Daily Herald
2007 – Scott Schmidt, Lombard Spectator
2008 – James Bentz, Free Press Advocate, Wilmington
2009 – Fred Kroner, Champaign News Gazette
2010 – Mike Bare, Illinoismatmen.com
2011 – Rob Sherrill, Illinois Best Weekly
2012 – Mike Vest, Illinoismatmen.com
2013 – Curt Herron, Illinoismatmen.com
2014 – Daniel Makarewicz, Moline Dispatch
2015 – Kory Kuffler, WQAD Sports – Moline
2016 – Jared Bell, News Tribune/Illinois Matmen
2017 – Mike Garofola, Daily Herald/Illinois Matmen
2018 – Curt Herron, Herald News
2019 – Rob Sherrill, IWCOA Rankings & IL Best Weekly
2020 – Gary Larsen, IWCOA Features
2022 – Rob Sherrill, IWCOA & IL Best Weekly
2023 – Curt Herron, IWOC Features
2024 – Tony LiFonti, Illinois Matman
2025 – Israel Martinez, Illinois Matman

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

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Class 1A – 106 Pounds



- 1st Place - Connor Collins of Stanford (Olympia)
- 2nd Place - Bentley Fields of Gibson City (G.C.-Melvin-Sibley)
- 3rd Place - Isaac Showalter of Farmington
- 4th Place - Cam Whitehead of Winnebago
- 5th Place - Coyt Rademaker of Petersburg (PORTA)
- 6th Place - Nate Lower of Taylor Ridge (Rockridge)

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2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 106 Pounds



- 1st Place - Treyden Diduch of Freeport (H.S.)
2nd Place - Cooper Clarke of Chatham (Glenwood)
3rd Place - Dominic DeMarco of Grayslake (Central)
4th Place - Symon Woods of Washington
5th Place - Mike Bird of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
6th Place - Thomas Emery of Arlington Heights (St. Viator)

Class 3A – 106 Pounds



- 1st Place - Niko Odiotti of Wilmette (Loyola Academy)
2nd Place - Colton Wyller of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
3rd Place - Michael McNamara of Edwardsville (H.S.)
4th Place - Aidan Ortega of Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)
5th Place - Sebastian Gracia of Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
6th Place - Kane Robles of Joliet (Catholic Academy)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 113 Pounds



- 1st Place - Landon Near of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)
- 2nd Place - Augustus Swanson of Princeton
- 3rd Place - Drevan Bramlett of Murphysboro
- 4th Place - Jacobi Cobbs of Belleville (Althoff Catholic)
- 5th Place - Brandon Gaither of Stanford (Olympia)
- 6th Place - Boston Morford of Aledo (Mercer County)

Class 2A – 113 Pounds



- 1st Place - Vince DeMarco of Grayslake (Central)
- 2nd Place - Christian Corcoran of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
- 3rd Place - Hogan Rice of Woodstock (Marian)
- 4th Place - Drew Murante of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- 5th Place - Liam Schroeder of Sycamore (H.S.)
- 6th Place - Jayme Cohen of Deerfield (H.S.)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 113 Pounds



- 1st Place - Caleb Noble of Gurnee (Warren)
- 2nd Place - Erik Klichurov of Lombard (Montini)
- 3rd Place - Michael Rundell of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
- 4th Place - Colton Schultz of Joliet (Catholic Academy)
- 5th Place - James Morrison of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
- 6th Place - Jack Koenig of Chicago (St. Patrick)

Class 1A – 120 Pounds



- 1st Place - Wesley Janick of Ottawa (Marquette)
- 2nd Place - Weston Frazier of Fithian (Oakwood)
- 3rd Place - Cael Wright of Morrison
- 4th Place - Dyllan Steele of Canton
- 5th Place - Nolan Callahan of Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
- 6th Place - Chase Vogel of Johnsbury

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 120 Pounds



- 1st Place - Kai Enos of Batavia
- 2nd Place - Paxton Valentine of Morris
- 3rd Place - Jackson Marlett of Crystal Lake (Central)
- 4th Place - Kannon Judychki of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- 5th Place - Dalton St. Angelo of Mt. Vernon (H.S.)
- 6th Place - Jaxon Ferguson of Chatham (Glenwood)

Class 3A – 120 Pounds



- 1st Place - Dom Munaretto of St. Charles (East)
- 2nd Place - Allen Woo of Lombard (Montini)
- 3rd Place - Kaleb Pratt of Barrington
- 4th Place - Ray Long of Niles (Notre Dame)
- 5th Place - Brody Page of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
- 6th Place - Jayce Glauser of Fox Lake (Grant)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 126 Pounds



- 1st Place - Preston Waughtel of Vandalia
- 2nd Place - Obadiah Willis of Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
- 3rd Place - Owen Petersen of Coal City
- 4th Place - Alexander Ferari of Lisle (Sr.)
- 5th Place - Aiden Bell of Hoopeston (H. Area)
- 6th Place - Isaiah Perez of Oregon

Class 2A – 126 Pounds



- 1st Place - Max Mandac of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
- 2nd Place - Sammy Murante of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- 3rd Place - Tristan Porter of Mattoon
- 4th Place - Tyler Lockhart of Sycamore (H.S.)
- 5th Place - Gideon Hayter of Mahomet (M.-Seymour)
- 6th Place - Krish Sahu of Grayslake (Central)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 126 Pounds



- 1st Place - Jamiel Castleberry of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
- 2nd Place - Oleksandr Havrylkiv of Arlington Heights (Hersey)
- 3rd Place - Lukas Foster of Joliet (Catholic Academy)
- 4th Place - Chazz Robinson of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)
- 5th Place - Bobby Ruscitti of Lombard (Montini)
- 6th Place - Aidan McClure of Aurora (Marmion Academy)

Class 1A – 132 Pounds



- 1st Place - Max Philpot of Vandalia
- 2nd Place - Jeremiah Lawrence of Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
- 3rd Place - Dawson Hawthorne of Belleville (Althoff Catholic)
- 4th Place - Wyatt Franckowiak of Richmond (R.-Burton)
- 5th Place - Landon Blanton of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)
- 6th Place - Dean Wainwright of Port Byron (Riverdale)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 132 Pounds



- 1st Place - Max Cumbee of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- 2nd Place - Harrison Dea of Morton
- 3rd Place - Lucas Forsythe of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
- 4th Place - Logan Makiney of Washington
- 5th Place - Izaiah Gonzalez of Riverside (R.-Brookfield)
- 6th Place - Parker Barry of Morris

Class 3A – 132 Pounds



- 1st Place - Nicholas Garcia of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
- 2nd Place - Jason Hampton of Joliet (Catholic Academy)
- 3rd Place - Shawn Kogan of Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
- 4th Place - Mikey Malizzio of Lombard (Montini)
- 5th Place - Ryan Dorn of Barrington
- 6th Place - Maddux Tindal of Minooka

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 138 Pounds



- 1st Place - Chance Woods of Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
- 2nd Place - Landen Lage of Gibson City (G.C.-Melvin-Sibley)
- 3rd Place - Devin Ehler of Fithian (Oakwood)
- 4th Place - Kane Dauber of Princeton
- 5th Place - Nelson Benesh of Oregon
- 6th Place - Luke Munsterman of Coal City

Class 2A – 138 Pounds



- 1st Place - Tommy Banas of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
- 2nd Place - Nathan Randle of Crystal Lake (South)
- 3rd Place - Adrian Cohen of Deerfield (H.S.)
- 4th Place - Colton Huff of Chicago (St. Ignatius)
- 5th Place - Avery Jaime of Bethalto (Civic Memorial)
- 6th Place - Brock Claypool of Morris

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 138 Pounds



1st Place - Zach Stewart of Aurora (Marmion Academy)

2nd Place - Griff Powell of LaGrange (Lyons)

3rd Place - Adante Washington of Joliet (Catholic Academy)

4th Place - Erik Rodriguez of Fox Lake (Grant)

5th Place - Alejandro Aranda of Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)

6th Place - Nadeem Haleem of Tinley Park (Andrew)

Class 1A – 144 Pounds



1st Place - Garrett VerHeecke of Decatur (Unity Christian)

2nd Place - Charlie Connors of Dixon (H.S.)

3rd Place - Brandon Green Jr. of Roxana

4th Place - Lincoln Hoyer of West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)

5th Place - Arrison Bauer of Lena (L.-Winslow)

6th Place - Zach Bryant of Petersburg (PORTA)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 144 Pounds



- 1st Place - Frank Nitti of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- 2nd Place - Nicholas Marchese of Crystal Lake (Central)
- 3rd Place - Jack Hogan of Chicago (St. Rita)
- 4th Place - Luke Banas of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
- 5th Place - Alexander Shvartsman of Deerfield (H.S.)
- 6th Place - Chase Nobiling of Antioch

Class 3A – 144 Pounds



- 1st Place - Demetrios Carrera of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
- 2nd Place - Vince Jasinski of Fox Lake (Grant)
- 3rd Place - Oliver Davis of Chicago (Brother Rice)
- 4th Place - Justin Williamson of Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
- 5th Place - Zev Koransky of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
- 6th Place - Ryan Richie of Edwardsville (H.S.)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 150 Pounds



- 1st Place - Cooper Corder of Sandwich
- 2nd Place - Clinton VerHeecke of Decatur (Unity Christian)
- 3rd Place - Brody Widlowski of Coal City
- 4th Place - Preston Richards of Dixon (H.S.)
- 5th Place - Logan Riggs of Roxana
- 6th Place - Dade Kleinik of Vandalia

Class 2A – 150 Pounds



- 1st Place - Aiden Arnett of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
- 2nd Place - Knox Verbais of Bethalto (Civic Memorial)
- 3rd Place - Austin Perez of Oak Forest
- 4th Place - Dana Wickson of Rockford (East)
- 5th Place - Brendan Nardin of Woodstock (Marian)
- 6th Place - Dominic Garcia of Antioch

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 150 Pounds



- 1st Place - Rocco Cassioppi of Rockton (Hononegah)
- 2nd Place - Ashton Hobson of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
- 3rd Place - Donovan Rosauer of Yorkville (H.S.)
- 4th Place - Coehn Weber of Joliet (West)
- 5th Place - Daniel Blanke of Barrington
- 6th Place - Tommy Fidler of Chicago (Marist)

Class 1A – 157 Pounds



- 1st Place - Dillon Hinton of Vandalia
- 2nd Place - Aidan Kenney of Coal City
- 3rd Place - Owen McGinnis of Toledo (Cumberland)
- 4th Place - Landon Weidler of Belleville (Althoff Catholic)
- 5th Place - Hudson Babb of Gibson City (G.C.-Melvin-Sibley)
- 6th Place - Charlie Wittmer of Warrensburg (W.-Latham)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 157 Pounds



1st Place - Justus Heeg of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)

2nd Place - Brock Ross of Mascoutah

3rd Place - Grady Neal of Metamora

4th Place - Brian Hart of Wauconda

5th Place - Bryce Bryant of Springfield (H.S.)

6th Place - Warren Nash of Grayslake (Central)

Class 3A – 157 Pounds



1st Place - Ethan Sonne of Chicago (Marist)

2nd Place - Justin Wardlow of Lockport (Twp.)

3rd Place - David Ogunsanya of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)

4th Place - Nolan Vogel of Joliet (Catholic Academy)

5th Place - Brady Ritter of Orland Park (Sandburg)

6th Place - Will Konder of Lombard (Montini)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 165 Pounds



1st Place - Pierre Walton of Belleville (Althoff Catholic)

2nd Place - Casey Etheridge of Princeton

3rd Place - Justin Zimmerman of Petersburg (PORTA)

4th Place - Mason Garner of Coal City

5th Place - Tyler Jones of West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)

6th Place - Abram Davidson of Tolono (Unity)

Class 2A – 165 Pounds



1st Place - Wyatt Medlin of Washington

2nd Place - Jasper Harper of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)

3rd Place - Izaak Gaines of Geneseo

4th Place - James Wojcikiewicz of Bethalto (Civic Memorial)

5th Place - Micah Spinazzola of Chicago (St. Rita)

6th Place - Cooper Bode of Sycamore (H.S.)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 165 Pounds



- 1st Place - Liam Kelly of Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
- 2nd Place - Bruno Cassioppi of Rockton (Hononegah)
- 3rd Place - Royce Lopez of Gurnee (Warren)
- 4th Place - Frank Tagoe of Arlington Heights (Hersey)
- 5th Place - Max Herman of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way West)
- 6th Place - Santino Tenuta of Lombard (Montini)

Class 1A – 175 Pounds



- 1st Place - Arkail Griffin of Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
- 2nd Place - Brock Finch of Coal City
- 3rd Place - Lyndon Thies of Roxana
- 4th Place - Brody Stien of Byron
- 5th Place - Duke Mays of Johnsbury
- 6th Place - Joshua Kotalik of Sandwich

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 175 Pounds



1st Place - Brody Kelly of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)

2nd Place - Kye Weinzierl of Geneseo

3rd Place - Ameer Khalil of New Lenox (Providence Catholic)

4th Place - Jordan Sonon-Hale of Mascoutah

5th Place - Jason Janke of Oak Forest

6th Place - Aiden Rodriguez of Crystal Lake (Prairie Ridge)

Class 3A – 175 Pounds



1st Place - Brody Sendele of Rockton (Hononegah)

2nd Place - Dayne Serio of Aurora (West Aurora)

3rd Place - AJ Tack of Lombard (Montini)

4th Place - Jalen Byrd of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)

5th Place - Ilia Dvoriannikov of Gurnee (Warren)

6th Place - Van Grasser of Chicago (St. Patrick)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 190 Pounds



1st Place - Eli Larson of Lena (L.-Winslow)

2nd Place - Logan VanDuyne of Wilmington

3rd Place - Ross Miller of Vandalia

4th Place - Will Julian of Byron

5th Place - Daniel Jackson of Red Bud

6th Place - Casen Lyons of Springfield (Sacred Heart-Griffin)

Class 2A – 190 Pounds



1st Place - Jaxon Penovich of Arlington Heights (St. Viator)

2nd Place - Marco Casillas of Mahomet (M.-Seymour)

3rd Place - Foley Calcagno of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)

4th Place - Judah Heeg of Lemont (H.S.)

5th Place - Dan French of Woodstock (Marian)

6th Place - Evan Francis of Marion (H.S.)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 190 Pounds



- 1st Place - Aaron Stewart of Gurnee (Warren)
- 2nd Place - Ryan Rosch of Wheaton (North)
- 3rd Place - Lucas Nance of Palatine (Fremd)
- 4th Place - Vincenzo Testa of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
- 5th Place - Colton Zvonar of Frankfort (Lincoln-Way East)
- 6th Place - Joseph Fitak of Carol Stream (Glenbard North)

Class 1A – 215 Pounds



- 1st Place - Dane Olmstead of Freeburg
- 2nd Place - Cade Poyner of Coal City
- 3rd Place - Oliver McPeck of Lena (L.-Winslow)
- 4th Place - Caybren Hubbard of Murphysboro
- 5th Place - Alex Schaefer of Ottawa (Marquette)
- 6th Place - Jackson Allen of Yorkville (Christian)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 2A – 215 Pounds



1st Place - Jimmy Mastny of Woodstock (Marian)

2nd Place - Josh Hoffer of Washington

3rd Place - Finn Loomis of Wauconda

4th Place - Rowan Stockwell of Rock Island (H.S.)

5th Place - Alec Del Toro of East Peoria

6th Place - Benjamin Chaffer of Morton

Class 3A – 215 Pounds



1st Place - Kai Calcutt of Wilmette (Loyola Academy)

2nd Place - Cooper Murray of St. Charles (East)

3rd Place - Roman Janek of Edwardsville (H.S.)

4th Place - Tavfik Ibragimov of Naperville (North)

5th Place - Dan Costello of Chicago (Brother Rice)

6th Place - Ryker Czubak of Joliet (Catholic Academy)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 1A – 285 Pounds



- 1st Place - Connor Williams of Canton
2nd Place - Jeremiah Luke of Lena (L.-Winslow)
3rd Place - Caleb Reymer of Erie
4th Place - Darian Holloway of Stanford (Olympia)
5th Place - Breckin Campbell of Richmond (R.-Burton)
6th Place - Julien Tanner of Murphysboro

Class 2A – 285 Pounds



- 1st Place - Owen Shea of Antioch
2nd Place - Cody Moss of Chatham (Glenwood)
3rd Place - Anthony Sebastian of Elmhurst (IC Catholic)
4th Place - Hunter Wahtola of Chicago (DePaul College Prep)
5th Place - Mitchell Clapp of Mattoon
6th Place - Wynn Philippi of Arlington Heights (St. Viator)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Class 3A – 285 Pounds



1st Place - Jonathan Rulo of Belleville (East)

2nd Place - Joseph Favia of Aurora (Marmion Academy)

3rd Place - Aiden Hennings of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)

4th Place - Gavin Ericson of Lombard (Montini)

5th Place - Braylon Hill-Lomax of Edwardsville (H.S.)

6th Place - Knox Homola of Hampshire

Girls – 100 Pounds



1st Place - Janiah Slaughter of Huntley

2nd Place - Alexandra Sebek of Oak Forest

3rd Place - Alex Gregorio-Perez of DeKalb

4th Place - Madelyn Murphy of Roxana

5th Place - Lily Enos of Batavia

6th Place - Riley Kongkaeow of Round Lake

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 105 Pounds



- 1st Place - Nadiia Shymkiv of Lombard (Glenbard East)
- 2nd Place - Charlotte Nold of Arlington Heights (St. Viator)
- 3rd Place - Saya Hongmoungkhoun of Rockford (East)
- 4th Place - Larisza Gomez Guevara of DeKalb
- 5th Place - Annabelle Mueller of Hampshire
- 6th Place - Emma Rogers of Edwardsville (H.S.)

Girls – 110 Pounds



- 1st Place - Chloe Skiles of Roxana
- 2nd Place - Zoey Dodgers of Franklin Park-Northlake (Leyden)
- 3rd Place - Blair Grennan of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)
- 4th Place - Valeria Pesantes of Elk Grove Village (E.G.)
- 5th Place - Jade Hardee of Tinley Park (Andrew)
- 6th Place - Sunny Aitzemkour of Winnetka (New Trier)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 115 Pounds



1st Place - Demetria Griffin of Chicago (C. Hope Academy)

2nd Place - Stella Piazza of Hampshire

3rd Place - Zoe Dempsey of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)

4th Place - Annalee Aarseth of Crystal Lake (South)

5th Place - Rilynn Younker of Litchfield

6th Place - Yazmine Garcia of Chicago (Kelly)

Girls – 120 Pounds



1st Place - Angelina Gochis of Maple Park (Kaneland)

2nd Place - Amelia Nidelea-Polanin of Hampshire

3rd Place - Lydia King of Geneseo

4th Place - Nina Nesci of Burbank (St. Laurence)

5th Place - Karolina Konopka of Glen Ellyn (Glenbard West)

6th Place - Ava Enright of Chicago (Marist)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 125 Pounds



1st Place - Ariella Dobin of Northbrook (Glenbrook North)

2nd Place - Rain Scott of Oak Forest

3rd Place - Mary Minogue of Libertyville

4th Place - Charlie Dolan of Elmhurst (York)

5th Place - Yariah Shaw of Danville (H.S.)

6th Place - Molly O'Connor of Lemont (H.S.)

Girls – 130 Pounds



1st Place - Keagan Edwards of Carol Stream (Glenbard North)

2nd Place - Lilly White of Bartlett

3rd Place - Catherine Diehl of West Chicago (Wheaton Academy)

4th Place - Sydney Cannon of Mt. Zion

5th Place - Jasmine Zavaleta of Hoffman Estates (Conant)

6th Place - Madison Heneks of Machesney Park (Harlem)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 135 Pounds



- 1st Place - Claudia Heeney of Lockport (Twp.)
- 2nd Place - Sharon Olorunfemi of Schaumburg (H.S.)
- 3rd Place - Karina Lojowski of Lincolnshire (Stevenson)
- 4th Place - Michelle Naftzger of Erie
- 5th Place - Izabel Barrera of Joliet (Central)
- 6th Place - Avery Crouch of Dwight

Girls – 140 Pounds



- 1st Place - Ema Durst of Sycamore (H.S.)
- 2nd Place - Isabella Miller of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)
- 3rd Place - Alketa Picari of Aurora (Metea Valley)
- 4th Place - Ezra Rodriguez of Minooka
- 5th Place - Tyanna Jackson of Gurnee (Warren)
- 6th Place - Sasha Johnson of Antioch

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 145 Pounds



- 1st Place - Natalie Beaumont of Toledo (Cumberland)
- 2nd Place - Giancarla Garduno of Chicago (St. Ignatius)
- 3rd Place - Natalie Corona of McHenry
- 4th Place - Eila Barbour of Chicago (Lane)
- 5th Place - Ella Giertuga of New Lenox (Lincoln-Way Central)
- 6th Place - Leann Cory of Collinsville

Girls – 155 Pounds



- 1st Place - Allison Garbacz of South Elgin
- 2nd Place - Grace Stratton of Freeburg
- 3rd Place - Callie Carr of Darien (Hinsdale South)
- 4th Place - Taylor Owens of Fithian (Oakwood)
- 5th Place - Cait Jones of Crystal Lake (Central)
- 6th Place - Melissa Nance of Country Club Hills (Hillcrest)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 170 Pounds



- 1st Place - Payton Temple of Clifton (Central)
- 2nd Place - Sara Martinez Lopera of Chicago (Kelly)
- 3rd Place - Anali Wilson of Berwyn-Cicero (Morton)
- 4th Place - Kira Thompson of O'Fallon (H.S.)
- 5th Place - Layla Spann of Plainfield (South)
- 6th Place - Caliyah Campbell of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest)

Girls – 190 Pounds



- 1st Place - Courtney Walls of Rock Island (H.S.)
- 2nd Place - Samantha Diehl of Hampshire
- 3rd Place - Nadia Razzak of Schaumburg (H.S.)
- 4th Place - Sophie Kelner of Lockport (Twp.)
- 5th Place - Kimyra Patrick of Plainfield (South)
- 6th Place - Kendra Hayden of Flossmoor (Homewood-F.)

2026 IHSA ALL-STATE WRESTLERS

Girls – 235 Pounds



- 1st Place - Phoenix Molina of Tolono (Unity)
- 2nd Place - Juliana Thrush of Ottawa (Twp.)
- 3rd Place - Rebekah Ramirez of Lockport (Twp.)
- 4th Place - Jasmine Rene of Wheeling
- 5th Place - Lilly Disanto of Urbana (H.S.)
- 6th Place - Jasmine Enriquez of Sycamore (H.S.)



CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONS



From Left to Right: Eli Larson of Lena (L.-Winslow), Arkail Griffin of Chicago (C. Hope Academy), Pierre Walton of Belleville (Althoff Catholic), Connor Williams of Canton, Cooper Corder of Sandwich, Chance Woods of Chicago (C. Hope Academy), Wesley Janick of Ottawa (Marquette), Landon Near of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic), Connor Collins of Stanford (Olympia), Garrett VerHeecke of Decatur (Unity Christian), Max Philpot of Vandalia, Preston Waughtel of Vandalia, Dillon Hinton of Vandalia

Not Pictured: Dane Olmstead of Freeburg

CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONS



From Left to Right: Owen Shea of Antioch, Justus Heeg of New Lenox (Providence Catholic), Jimmy Mastny of Woodstock (Marian), Jaxon Penovich of Arlington Heights (St. Viator), Brody Kelly of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), Aiden Arnett of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), Max Cumbee of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), Frank Nitti of Elmhurst (IC Catholic), Vince DeMarco of Grayslake (Central), Treyden Diduch of Freeport (H.S.), Tommy Banas of New Lenox (Providence Catholic), Max Mandac of New Lenox (Providence Catholic), Kai Enos of Batavia

Not Pictured: Wyatt Medlin of Washington

CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONS



From Left to Right: Liam Kelly of Chicago (Mt. Carmel), Jamiel Castleberry of Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest), Jonathan Rulo of Belleville (East), Dom Munaretto of St. Charles (East), Kai Calcutt of Wilmette (Loyola Academy), Nicholas Garcia of Aurora (Marmion Academy), Ethan Sonne of Chicago (Marist), Caleb Noble of Gurnee (Warren), Aaron Stewart of Gurnee (Warren), Niko Odiotti of Wilmette (Loyola Academy), Brody Sendele of Rockton (Hononegah), Rocco Cassioppi of Rockton (Hononegah), Zach Stewart of Aurora (Marmion Academy), Demetrios Carrera of Aurora (Marmion Academy)

2026 Individual State Officials



From Left: Ted Brandon, Ramses James, Son Ho, Dion Wiley, Eddie Collins, Cole Barringer, Russell Henson, Derek Ryan, Michael Hurckes (coordinator of officials), Sam Knox (IHSA assistant executive director), Anthony Clarke (coordinator of officials), Christopher Jordan, Edward Bjes, Nathan Harris, Joshua Anderson, Michael Bondi, Rich Vine, Scott Holbrook, Daniel McDonnell, Jason Timerman, Nathaniel Kessen

2026 IWCOA Boys Championship Series Placewinners



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1st Place - Crue Hatchell of Marist
2nd Place - Dakota Harmon of Ottawa (Marquette)
3rd Place - Fran Blake of Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
4th Place - Joe Morse of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)
5th Place - Carter Paulson of Stillman Valley
6th Place - Tommy Katz of Wheeling
7th Place - Timothy Lorimer of Lincoln-Way (East)
8th Place - Ryder Gill of Coal City



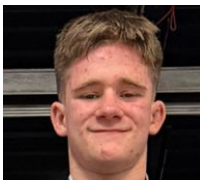
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1st Place - Julian Medina of Bolingbrook
2nd Place - Caden Morrison of Aurora (Marmion Academy)
3rd Place - Jake Pechter of Deerfield
4th Place - Connor Eggers of Ottawa (Marquette)
5th Place - Michael Scott of Lincoln-Way (West)
6th Place - Kevin Bisonaya of Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
7th Place - Nicholas Karlesky of Maine South
8th Place - Troy Rotter of Deerfield



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1st Place - Carlo Difalco of Prospect
2nd Place - Liam Kissane of St. Laurence
3rd Place - Cole Wojtalewicz of Lake Zurich
4th Place - Ben Sallas of Glenbard West
5th Place - Micah Jackson of Washington
6th Place - Logan Harris of Rockton (Hononegah)
7th Place - Joseph Calvillo of Batavia
8th Place - Julian Hartwig of DeKalb



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1st Place - Gabe Marella of North Boone
2nd Place - Olin Wiedel of Woodstock (North)
3rd Place - Brayden Sroka of Zion-Benton
4th Place - Nathan Flores of St. Viator
5th Place - Lukas Thompson of Glenbard North
6th Place - Liam Lovelace of Lake Park
7th Place - Logan Huenefeld of Ottawa (Marquette)
8th Place - Kaden Alldredge of Edwardsville



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1st Place - Lincoln Mack of Joliet Catholic Academy
2nd Place - Rylan Moore of Salem
3rd Place - Xavier Sonon-hale of Mascoutah
4th Place - Sean Monroe of Edwardsville
5th Place - Rj Festerling of Yorkville Christian
6th Place - Rielen Hermesen of Carmel Catholic
7th Place - Kazmyn Barber of Dixon
8th Place - Kyler Reisner of Mt. Vernon



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1st Place - Adonis Washington of Joliet Catholic Academy
2nd Place - Henry Miller of Rock Island
3rd Place - Joey Romano of Wheeling
4th Place - Sebastian Nevarez of Oswego (East)
5th Place - Lucas Ankarlo of Lincoln-Way (East)
6th Place - Chase Davis of Johnsbury
7th Place - Zander Spatafore of Elk Grove
8th Place - Breiodyn Hoffman of Grant



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1st Place - Nolan Chrisse of Yorkville
2nd Place - Kiernan Delaney of Carmel Catholic
3rd Place - Kingsley Chen of Stevenson
4th Place - Vincent Miceli of Brother Rice
5th Place - Caleb Rogers of Lincoln-Way (Central)
6th Place - Caleb Flint of East Moline (United Township)
7th Place - Jacob Sutphin of Alton (Sr.)
8th Place - Kevin Hamilton of Maine South



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1st Place - Antonio Reyes II of Chicago (St. Patrick)
2nd Place - Joshua Edelheit of Glenbrook South
3rd Place - Vincent Konecki of Yorkville
4th Place - Khalid Eid of Oak Lawn
5th Place - Ryker Long of Coal City
6th Place - Xavier Morales of Glenbard North
7th Place - Jase Holshouser of Anna-Jonesboro
8th Place - James Brown of DeKalb



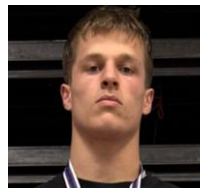
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1st Place - Arturo Balderas of Brother Rice
2nd Place - Brandon Leech of Shepard
3rd Place - Javelle Anderson of Rock Island
4th Place - Jaxson Blanchard of Sandwich
5th Place - Jackson Trotter of Lincoln-Way (West)
6th Place - Henry Maier of Homewood-Flossmoor
7th Place - Skylar Arellano-Phipps of Argo
8th Place - Mark Bilek of Chicago (St. Patrick)



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1st Place - Jonathan Fields of Marist
2nd Place - Najjier Morris of Homewood-Flossmoor
3rd Place - Reid Balis of Naperville (Central)
4th Place - Tyler Nolan of Red Bud
5th Place - Dominic Sponcel of Fremd
6th Place - Aiden Lacoste of Deerfield
7th Place - Harrison Yankellow of Lane Tech
8th Place - John Leech of Shepard



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1st Place - Henry Bohms of Lincoln-Way (East)
2nd Place - Benjamin Guskiewicz of St. Charles (East)
3rd Place - Liam Thompson of Shepard
4th Place - Brenden Weber of Grant
5th Place - Bryce Kopinski of Glenbrook South
6th Place - Emiliano Ramirez of Plainfield (Central)
7th Place - Joseph Cameron of Carmel Catholic
8th Place - Benjamin Grunow of Hinsdale (Central)



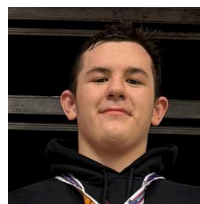
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1st Place - Art Bytyqi of Evanston
2nd Place - Charlie Morzuch of Lincoln-Way (West)
3rd Place - Asher Van Der Molen of St. Charles (East)
4th Place - Michael Starzyk of Argo
5th Place - Nicholas Marcus of Niles (North)
6th Place - Jaxon James of Stevenson
7th Place - Patrick Zdanowski of Prospect
8th Place - Travis Kinkead of East Moline (United Township)



190

1st Place - JT Hill of Naperville (North)
2nd Place - Tommy Tures of New Trier
3rd Place - Brendan Kalchbrenner of Brother Rice
4th Place - Brady Mccray of Sterling
5th Place - Jackson Hjorth of Johnsbury
6th Place - Nate Page of Marion
7th Place - Musa Amin of Evanston
8th Place - Austin Wilkinson of Belleville (Althoff Catholic)



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1st Place - Bradyn Haynes of Pekin
2nd Place - Jacksyn Windham of Oregon
3rd Place - Pearce Estrada of Gurnee (Warren)
4th Place - Henry Mitchell of McHenry
5th Place - Noah Kirby of Plainfield (North)
6th Place - Nico Trautman of DePaul College Prep
7th Place - Donovan Tinnin of Edwardsville
8th Place - Nathan O'neill of Mundelein



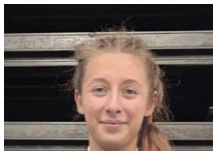
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1st Place - Collin Hughes of Sycamore
2nd Place - Reginald Luckett of Normal (Community)
3rd Place - Michael Daniel of Downers Grove (South)
4th Place - Dean Woszczyzna of Glenbard North
5th Place - Jayden Coleman of DeKalb
6th Place - Marc Walsh of McHenry
7th Place - Chase Paduch of Bartlett
8th Place - Brayden Mrazek of Lockport (Twp.)



95

1st Place - Addison Hadsall of Geneseo
2nd Place - Melanie Granda of Burlington-Central
3rd Place - Melissa Melgar of Aurora (West)
4th Place - Lillian O'Brien of Bloom Township
5th Place - Felix Morales of Oak Lawn
6th Place - Daniella Almazon of Shepard
7th Place - Lynorah Hansen of Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)
8th Place - Sierra Tuttle of Mahomet-Seymour



100

1st Place - Brielle Becker of Freeburg
2nd Place - Ruby Bolanos of Aurora (West)
3rd Place - Esme Grugel of Dundee-Crown
4th Place - Isabella Datil of Addison Trail
5th Place - Ariana Baier of Lemont
6th Place - Georgia Erhardt of Lincoln-Way (Central)
7th Place - Sofie Perez of Shepard
8th Place - Kaci Eller of Midwest Central



105

1st Place - Alisa Carter of Joliet (Central)
2nd Place - Keyi Wang of Naperville (North)
3rd Place - Giana Wurslin of Geneseo
4th Place - Sophia Orcasitas of Oak Forest
5th Place - Zoe Zerial of Lincoln-Way (Central)
6th Place - Karla Munoz of Berwyn Cicero (Morton)
7th Place - Jordan Rodriguez of Berwyn Cicero (Morton)
8th Place - Olivia Agajian of Sandwich



110

1st Place - Karah Arnold of Lena-Winslow Stockton
2nd Place - Madison Poll of St. Thomas More
3rd Place - Bella Romando of Lockport (Twp.)
4th Place - Joselyn Llanos of Aurora (East)
5th Place - Leena Cavender of Jacksonville
6th Place - Evalyn Idzik of St. Viator
7th Place - Nevada Wells of Erie
8th Place - Marissa Brown of Williamsfield



115

1st Place - Janiya Moore of Aurora (Metee Valley)
2nd Place - Alejandra Flores of Bolingbrook
3rd Place - Brooklyn Alldredge of Edwardsville
4th Place - Piper Booe of Tinley Park (Andrew) Girls
5th Place - Sommer Kibbe of Wheaton Warrenville South
6th Place - Madysen Meyer of Reed-Custer
7th Place - Kiley Knight of Westville
8th Place - Valentina Solorzano of St. Charles (East)



120

1st Place - Aleta Weigandt of Naperville (Neuqua Valley)
2nd Place - Myla Reyes of Grant
3rd Place - Aubrey Barnes of Lincoln-Way (Central)
4th Place - Ruby Gavina of Dundee-Crown
5th Place - Naleah Parham of Gurnee (Warren)
6th Place - Hannah Chong of Crane Medical
7th Place - Valentina Barboza of Aurora (East)
8th Place - Kennedy Mort of Peotone



125

1st Place - Aryanna Geiger of Algonquin (Jacobs)
2nd Place - Sabrina Bono of Leyden
3rd Place - Sophie Crescenzo of Lisle (Sr.)
4th Place - Joeline Nappier-feth of Marion
5th Place - Riley Kuder of Coal City
6th Place - Ainsley Freeman of St. Joseph Ogden
7th Place - Isabella 'izzy' Resendez of Glenwood
8th Place - Londyn Grant of Champaign (Central)



130

1st Place - Giselle Castillo of Fenton
2nd Place - Annabelle Melton of Grant
3rd Place - Rita Grant of Champaign (Central)
4th Place - Alana Finney of Salem
5th Place - Liv Clumpner of Lincoln-Way (Central)
6th Place - Aubree Murphy of Quincy (Sr.)
7th Place - Amara Nwoye of Homewood-Flossmoor
8th Place - Ayla Schultz of Geneseo



135

1st Place - Madelyn Peterie of Richmond Burton
2nd Place - Olivia Curtis of Dunlap
3rd Place - Adilynn Avilez of Dwight
4th Place - Abby Quirk of Grant
5th Place - Aubrianna Rapier of Bradley-Bourbonnais
6th Place - Winter Beard of Sycamore
7th Place - Kristyanna Apostol of Lake Zurich
8th Place - Aubrey Herndon of Polo



140

1st Place - Jariyah Powell of East St. Louis (Sr.)
2nd Place - Marlen Morelos of Eisenhower
3rd Place - Caitlyn Manier of Kaneland
4th Place - Leah Brammeier of Stanford (Olympia)
5th Place - Grace Cizek of Gurnee (Warren)
6th Place - Maren Minarcik of Aurora (West)
7th Place - Rose Mcfadden of Ridgewood
8th Place - Jocelyn Deedrick of Mahomet-Seymour



145

1st Place - Kyla Ford of Carbondale
2nd Place - Vanessa O'Connor of Joliet West
3rd Place - Ellery Browne of Gurnee (Warren)
4th Place - Jazmin Rios of Sandwich
5th Place - Savannah Burns of Bolingbrook
6th Place - Kate Bohms of Lincoln-Way (Central)
7th Place - Janet Brindis of Rolling Meadows
8th Place - Madison Minson of Hampshire



155

1st Place - Myriah Jefferson of Round Lake
2nd Place - Susan Bilal of Hoffman Estates (Conant)
3rd Place - Maryia Razhkova of Grayslake Central
4th Place - Mariana Flores of Elgin (Larkin)
5th Place - Layla Mchenry of Schaumburg
6th Place - Kaitlyn Bucholz of Plainfield (East)
7th Place - Bree Hosna of Dupo
8th Place - Kenaiece Barrett of Lane Tech



170

1st Place - Makayla Hill of Oswego (H.S.)
2nd Place - Sydney Johnson of Peoria (Richwoods)
3rd Place - Mayra Vicencio of Lockport (Twp.)
4th Place - Jaycee Weitekamp of Mahomet-Seymour
5th Place - Piper Lambert of Pekin
6th Place - Eleana Haugh of Ag Science
7th Place - Jermia Moore of Thornton Fractional (South)
8th Place - Julissa Rendon of St. Charles (North)



190

1st Place - Jaylene Dealba of Aurora (East)
2nd Place - Ariana Solideo of Fenton
3rd Place - Marley Clark of Peoria (Richwoods)
4th Place - Jadelin Flores of Elgin (Larkin)
5th Place - Irma Villa of Palatine
6th Place - Bianca O'Campo of Oak Lawn
7th Place - Ava Adorni of Hoffman Estates (Conant)
8th Place - Kamryn Brown of Cahokia



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1st Place - Tiara Saunders of Lake Zurich
2nd Place - Elise Brown of St. Laurence
3rd Place - Nala Hernandez of McHenry
4th Place - Brianna McCormick of Lisle (Sr.)
5th Place - Violet Porter of Urbana
6th Place - Kaylee Morris of Bradley-Bourbonnais
7th Place - Andrea Kirkpatrick of Belleville (West)
8th Place - Jakeria Wilson of Moline

2026 IWCOA Girls Championship Series Placeliners

MOST OUTSTANDING WRESTLERS

2026 Class 1A _____

2A _____

3A _____

Girls _____

Criteria for selecting the Most Outstanding Wrestler are as follows:

1. Must be a State Champion in 2026

NOMINEES

Class 1A

Cooper Corder, Sandwich
Arkail Griffin, Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
Eli Larson, Lena (Winslow)
Garrett VerHeecke, Decatur (Unity Christian)
Preston Waughtel, Vandalia

Class 2A

Justus Heeg, New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
Jimmy Mastny, Woodstock (Marian)
Wyatt Medlin, Washington

Class 3A

Dom Munaretto, St. Charles (East)
Caleb Noble, Gurnee (Warren)
Jonathan Rulo, Belleville (East)
Aaron Stewart, Gurnee (Warren)

Girls

Demetria Griffin, Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
Claudia Heeney, Lockport (Twp)
Phoenix Molina, Tolono (Unity)
Janiah Slaughter, Huntley

PAST RECIPIENTS

1971 – John King, DeKalb
1972 – Mark Tiffany, Waukegan
1973 – Bob Holland, East Leyden
1974 – Class A – Marty Williams, Yorkville
1974 – Class AA – Dave Powell, St. Charles
1975 – Class A – Brian Lanntz, Stillman Valley
1975 – Class AA – Robert Fleming, Bloom
1976 – Class A – Joe Fosdick, Savanna
1976 – Class AA – King Mueller, Bolingbrook
1977 – Class A – Mark Mitchell, Minooka
1977 – Class AA – Geno Savegnago, Glenbard North
1978 – Class A – Colin Johnson, Stillman Valley
1978 – Class AA – Jerry Kelly, Richards
1979 – Class A – Mike Kos, Waubonsie Valley
1979 – Class AA – Jim Farina, East Leyden
1980 – Class A – Mark Ruettiger, Providence
1980 – Class AA – Ernie Vatch, Addison Trail
1981 – Class A – Mark Ruettiger, Providence
1981 – Class AA – Todd Sterr, Joliet West
1982 – Class A – Doug Younger, Mahomet-Seymour
1982 – Class AA – Mike Kraft, West Chicago
1983 – Class A – Vince Fisher, Fairfield
1983 – Class AA – Tim Wright, Rock Island
1984 – Class A – Dave Smith, Mahomet-Seymour
1984 – Class AA – Chris Rosman, Palatine (Fremd)
1985 – Class A – Charles Hammack, Jacksonville (ISD)
1985 – Class AA – Kerry Ryan, Conant
1985 – Class AA – Kip Kristoff, Bethalto (Civic Memorial)
1986 – Class A – Rich Powers, Marian Central

1986 – Class AA – Jack Griffin, Stagg
1987 – Class A – Rich Powers, Marian Central
1987 – Class AA – Kirk Mammen, Urbana
1988 – Class A – Bob Mena, Sterling Newman
1988 – Class AA – Joey Gilbert, Tinley Park (Andrew)
1989 – Class A – Brett Camden, Mahomet-Seymour
1989 – Class AA – Joe Gilbert, Tinley Park (Andrew)
1990 – Class A – Aaron Fancher – Mahomet-Seymour
1990 – Class AA – Jeff Mirabella, Elgin
1991 – Class A – Rob Felstead, Sandwich
1991 – Class AA – Steve Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
1992 – Class A – Mike Mena, Sterling Newman
1992 – Class AA – Joe Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
1993 – Class A – Jesse Kennedy, Prophetstown
1993 – Class AA – Joe Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
1994 – Class A – Jose Villarreal, Plano
1994 – Class AA – Dan Collins, Palatine
1995 – Class A – Tyler Hurry, Riverdale
1995 – Class AA – Reggie Wright, Maywood (Proviso E.)
1996 – Class A – Tom LeCuyer, Plano
1996 – Class AA – T.J. Williams, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
1997 – Class A – Todd Combes, Coal City
1997 – Class AA – David Douglas, Thornridge
1998 – Class A – Brad Owens, Mt. Zion
1998 – Class AA – Matt Lackey, Moline
1999 – Class A – Ben Hay, Sandwich
1999 – Class AA – Jason Potter, St. Charles
2000 – Class A – Steve Amy, Taylor Rockridge
2000 – Class AA – Israel Martinez, West Aurora

2001 – Class A – Tyrone Byrd, Clinton
 2001 – Class AA – Matt Kucala, Providence
 2002 – Class A – Chase Beebe, Montini
 2002 – Class AA – Mike Behnke, Willowbrook
 2003 – Class A – Chase Beebe, Montini
 2003 – Class AA – Eric Tannenbaum, Naperville
 2004 – Class A – John Wise, Pittsfield
 2004 – Class AA – Mike Poeta, Highland Park
 2005 – Class A – Conor Beebe, Lombard (Montini)
 2005 – Class AA – Nick Fanthorpe, Naperville (North)
 2006 – Class A – Matt Wenger, Dakota
 2006 – Class AA – John Dergo, Morris
 2007 – Class A – Clayton Rush, Aledo
 2007 – Class AA – Mike Benefiel, Lombard (Montini)
 2008 – Class A – Tom Fritz, Wilmington
 2008 – Class AA – Jordan Blanton, Richmond-Burton
 2009 – Class 1A – Seth Milks, Dakota
 2009 – Class 2A – Joe Roth, Dixon
 2009 – Class 3A – Tony Ramos, Glenbard North
 2010 – Class 1A – Guy Kirby, GCMSF
 2010 – Class 2A – Ben Munster, Marmion Academy
 2010 – Class 3A – Lee Whitford, Fox Lake (Grant)
 2011 – Class 1A – Nick Harrison, Stillman Valley
 2011 – Class 2A – Joey Kielbasa, Crystal Lake (Central)
 2011 – Class 3A – Edwin Cooper, Providence Catholic
 2012 – Class 1A – Alphonso Vruno, Sandwich
 2012 – Class 2A – Zane Richards, Carbondale
 2012 – Class 3A – Max Schneider, Chicago (Lane Tech)
 2013 – Class 1A – Josh Alber, Dakota
 2013 – Class 2A – Cameron Mammen, Urbana
 2013 – Class 3A – Kyle Langenderfer, Lincoln-Way East
 2014 – Class 1A – Josh Alber, Dakota
 2014 – Class 2A – Tanner Farmer, Highland
 2014 – Class 3A – Jered Cortez, Glenbard North
 2014 – Class 3A – Johnny Jimenez, Marmion Academy
 2015 – Class 1A – Carver James, Dakota
 2015 – Class 2A – Hunter Grau, Dakota
 2015 – Class 2A – Xavier Montalvo, Lombard (Montini)
 2015 – Class 3A – Rudy Yates, Orland Park (Sandburg)
 2016 – Class 1A – Kyle Betourne, Kankakee (McNamara)
 2016 – Class 2A – Hunter Grau, Geneseo
 2016 – Class 3A – Rudy Yates, Orland Park (Sandburg)
 2017 – Class 1A – Nolan Baker, Byron
 2017 – Class 2A – Jacob Warner, Washington
 2017 – Class 3A – Austin O'Connor, Chicago (St. Rita)
 2018 – Class 1A – Danny Braunagel, Belleville (Althoff)
 2018 – Class 2A – Cody Baldridge, Morris
 2018 – Class 3A – Anthony Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah)
 2019 – Class 1A – Noah Villarreal, Aurora (A. Christian)
 2019 – Class 2A – Luke Luffman, Urbana
 2019 – Class 3A – Abe Assad, Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
 2020 – Class 1A – Daniel Jezik, Coal City
 2020 – Class 2A – Noah Villareal, Aurora (A. Christian)
 2020 – Class 3A – David Ferrante, Huntley
 2022 – Class 1A – Maddux Blakely, Dakota
 2022 – Class 2A – Kannon Webster, Washington
 2022 – Class 3A – Kole Brower, Moline
 2022 – Girls – Angelina Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah)
 2023 – Class 1A – Phoenix Blakely, Dakota
 2023 – Class 2A – Kannon Webster, Washington
 2023 – Class 3A – Nasir Bailey, Richton Park (Rich Town)
 2023 – Girls – Sydney Perry, Batavia
 2024 – Class 1A – Noah Wenzel, Dakota
 2024 – Class 2A – Matty Johns, Grayslake (Central)
 2024 – Class 3A – Ben Davino, St. Charles (East)
 2024 – Girls – Sydney Perry, Batavia
 2025 – Class 1A – Tyson Waughtel, Vandalia
 2025 – Class 2A – Wyatt Medlin, Washington
 2025 – Class 3A – Seth Mendoza, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
 2025 – Girls – Angelina Cassioppi, Rockton (Hononegah)

ASSISTANT COACHES OF THE YEAR

2026 Class 1A _____

2A _____

3A _____

Girls _____

Criteria for selecting the Assistant Coach of the Year are as follows:

1. Member of the IWCOA
2. Has been involved in Illinois Wrestling for a minimum of five years
3. Coach at the same school for the past three consecutive years

NOMINEES

Class 1A

Cody Aughton, Olympia
Joshua Lahman, Sandwich
Bob McGuinn, Coal City

Class 2A

Craig Acree, Mahomet-Seymour
Patrick Babcock, Geneseo
Alex Cruz, Batavia
Garra Staupe, Chatham (Glenwood)

Class 3A

Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini Catholic)
Spartak Chino, Aurora (Marmion Academy)
John Deneen, Fox Lake (Grant)
TJ Parker, Gurnee (Warren)
Anthony Miers, Rockton (Hononegah)

Girls

Kelly Barracca, Carol Stream (Glenbard North)
Jon Calder, Minooka
Sam Fuentes, Lockport
Chris Gochis, Maple Park (Kaneland)
Matt Hanson, McHenry

PAST RECIPIENTS

1983 – Class A – Jim Butterback, Minooka
1983 – Class AA – Chuck Epton, Fenton
1984 – Class A – Ken Cummins, Plano
1984 – Class AA – Al Berman, Palatine
1985 – Class A – Jim Risley, Mahomet-Seymour
1985 – Class AA – Tom Flanagan, Conant
1986 – Class A – Ken Cummins, Plano
1986 – Class AA – Charles Flowers, Proviso East
1987 – Class A – Darryl Dieterle, Sterling (Newman)
1987 – Class AA – Dale Eggert, Libertyville
1988 – Class A – Jim Risley, Mahomet-Seymour
1988 – Class AA – Carl Gebhardt, Leyden
1989 – Class A – Kevin Carrino, Coal City
1989 – Class AA – Terry McCoy, DeKalb
1990 – Class A – Neal Schultz, Harvard
1990 – Class AA – Dick Linnenberger, Kaneland
1991 – Class A – Dave Schmelzle, Yorkville
1991 – Class AA – Tom Miller, Libertyville
1992 – Class A – Ken Bonomo, Lisle
1992 – Class AA – Randall Konstans, Aurora West
1993 – Class A – Dick Linnenberger, Kaneland
1993 – Class AA – Ron Oglesby, Mt. Carmel
1994 – Class A – Kevin Carrino, Coal City
1994 – Class AA – Randy Conrad, Conant
1994 – Class AA – Lance Gackowski, DeKalb
1995 – Class A – Jason Byrd, Princeton
1995 – Class AA – Greg Garland, Granite City
2010 – Class 1A – Kevin Standley, Petersburg (Porta)
2010 – Class 2A – Mark Ruettiger, Lincoln-Way West
2010 – Class 3A – Mark Butterbach, Minooka
2011 – Class 1A – Jeff Baughman, LeRoy
2011 – Class 2A – Collin McKillip, Richmond Burton
2011 – Class 3A – Tony Siebert, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)
2012 – Class 1A – Scott Stitch, Lena-Winslow
2012 – Class 2A – Tim Duggan, Chicago (St. Patrick)
2012 – Class 3A – Mike Polz, Orland Park (Carl Sandburg)
2013 – Class 1A – Mark Shell, Wilmington
2013 – Class 2A – Rory Heller, Mahomet-Seymour
2013 – Class 3A – Ryan Egan, Chicago (Marist)
2014 – Class 1A – Tony Alber, Dakota
2014 – Class 2A – Rich Sheley, Geneseo
2014 – Class 3A – Donny Reynolds, Marmion Academy
2015 – Class 1A – Matt Jacobs, Dakota
2015 – Class 2A – Tom Rusk, Geneseo
2015 – Class 3A – Jake Oster, Yorkville
2016 – Class 1A – Jim Looper, Coal City
2016 – Class 2A – Nick Miller, Washington
2016 – Class 3A – Ben Gerdes, New Lenox (Providence)
2017 – Class 1A – Carmelo Flores, Chicago (Hope Academy)
2017 – Class 2A – Bill Eastman & Micah Hey, Dixon
2017 – Class 3A – Matt Bartley, Lockport
2018 – Class 1A – Matt Shroyer, Vandalia
2018 – Class 2A – Carl Harvey, Rochelle
2018 – Class 2A – Mark Kristoff, Cahokia

1996 – Class A – Kevin Cotter, Byron	2018 – Class 3A – Max Hiatt, DeKalb
1996 – Class A – Jerry Kelly, Monticello	2019 – Class 1A – Steve Brown, Lena-Winslow-Stockton
1996 – Class AA – Otto Zeman, LaGrange	2019 – Class 2A – Nick O'Bert, Coal City
1996 – Class AA – Paul Carther, Moline	2019 – Class 3A – Andy Hiatt, DeKalb
1997 – Class A – Steve Combes, Mahomet-Seymour	2020 – Class 1A – Matt Jacobs, Dakota
1997 – Class AA – Gary Hutchinson, Waubonsie Valley	2020 – Class 2A – Erik Murry, Lemont
1998 – Class A – Jim Izzo, Lombard (Montini)	2020 – Class 3A – J.D. Oliva, DeKalb
1998 – Class AA – Randy Konstans, Aurora West	2022 – Class 1A – Josh Alber, Dakota
1999 – Class A – Mike Troll, Olympia	2022 – Class 2A – Craig Acree, Mahomet Seymour
1999 – Class AA – Dave Berendt, Maine West	2022 – Class 2A – Ben Gerdes, Joliet Catholic
1999 – Class AA – Rich Harvey, DeKalb	2022 – Class 3A – Max Hiatt, DeKalb
2000 – Class A – Bruce Payne, Prairie Central	2023 – Class 1A – Jim Looper/Joe Widlowski, Coal City
2000 – Class AA – Kent Garrett, Glenbard North	2023 – Class 2A – Matt Webster, Washington
2000 – Class AA – John Kane, Conant	2023 – Class 3A – Grant Hoerr, Park Ridge (Maine South)
2001 – Class A – Dan Barclay, Clinton	2023 – Girls – Jeff Charlebois, Minooka
2001 – Class AA – Scott Richardson, Providence	2024 – Class 1A – Nick O'Bert, Coal City
2002 – Class A – Brian Lee, Porta	2024 – Class 2A – Nelson Baker, Rochelle
2002 – Class A – Dennis McAnally, Sandwich	2024 – Class 3A – Joe Barczak, St. Charles (East)
2002 – Class AA – Dennis McCann, Maine South	2024 – Girls – Carly Foster, Edwardsville
2003 – Class A – Scott Stitch, Lena-Winslow	2025 – Class 1A – Zach Berman, Coal City
2003 – Class AA – Dave Hejzmanek, West Aurora	2025 – Class 2A – Jesse Montez, Geneseo
2004 – Class A – John Dziewiatkowski, Montini	2025 – Class 3A – Justin Farmer, New Lenox (Lincoln-Way W.)
2004 – Class AA – Pat Manning, Niles Norte Dame	2025 – Girls – Robbie Precin, Tinley Park (Andrew)
2005 – Class A – Kris Cassie, Sandwich	
2005 – Class AA – Eric Siebert, Sandburg	
2006 – Class A – Troy Milks, Dakota	
2006 – Class A – Neil Schultz, Harvard	
2006 – Class AA – Bob Kuykendall, Mundelein (Carmel)	
2007 – Class A – Marty Cotter, Prairie Central	
2007 – Class AA – Paige Schoolman, Minooka	
2008 – Class A – Ed Van Duyne, Wilmington	
2008 – Class AA – Adam Kleywig, Hinsdale South	
2009 – Class 1A – Mark Shell, Wilmington	
2009 – Class 2A – Aaron Fancher, Mahomet-Seymour	
2009 – Class 3A – Jeff Charlebois, Minooka	

HEAD COACHES OF THE YEAR

2026 Class 1A _____

2A _____

3A _____

Girls _____

Criteria for selecting the Head Coach of the Year are as follows:

1. Member of the IWCOA
2. Has been involved in Illinois Wrestling for a minimum of five years
3. Coach at the same school for the past three consecutive years

NOMINEES

Class 1A

Josh Carter, Gibson City Melvin-Sibley
Micah Hey, Dixon
Kevin Milder, Lena (W-Stockton)
Mike Vester, Yorkville (Christian)

Class 2A

Danny Alcocer, Elmhurst (ICCP)
Shawn Forst, Oak Forest
Rob Ledin, Mahomet-Seymour
Gene Lee Jr, Rockford (East)
Donny Reynolds, New Lenox (Providence Catholic)
Tom Rusk, Geneseo

Class 3A

Tyrone Byrd, Lincoln Way (Central)
Anthony Cirrincione, Aurora (Marmion Academy)
Ryan Cumbee, Joliet (Catholic Academy)
Mark Jolcover, Fox Lake (Grant)

Girls

James Buss, McHenry
Jamie Hubbard, Oak Forest
Conor Infelise, DeKalb
Matt Todd, Hampshire

PAST RECIPIENTS

1969 – Joe Vavrus, Moline
1970 – Bob Therry, North Chicago
1971 – Tom Porter, Hersey
1972 – Bert Hanlin, East Moline
1973 – Steve Weiss, Fenton
1974 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna
1974 – Class AA – Bob Campbell, Rich Central
1975 – Class A – George Girardi, University High
1975 – Class AA – Tom Koenig, Bloom (Co-Winner)
1975 – Class AA – Tom Henniff, Richards (Co-Winner)
1976 – Class AA – Tom Koenig, Bloom
1977 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna
1977 – Class AA – Charles Farina, East Leyden
1978 – Class A – John Sciacchi, Harvard
1978 – Class AA – Charles Farina, East Leyden
1979 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna
1979 – Class AA – Tony Parks, Addison Trail
1980 – Class A – Charles Anderson, Savanna
1980 – Class AA – Bill Cartwright, Proviso East
1981 – Class A – Tim Ruettiger, Providence
1981 – Class AA – Mike Cookas, Joliet West
1982 – Class A – Pat O’Conner, Illini Bluffs
1982 – Class AA – Ron Ray, Bloom Trail
1983 – Class A – Richard Holtfreter, Harvard
1983 – Class AA – Jim Cartwright, Conant
1984 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour
1984 – Class AA – Dave Anderson, Stagg

2003 – Class A – Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central)
2003 – Class AA – Dan Carroll, Chicago (St. Rita)
2004 – Class A – Mike Kurth, Roxana
2004 – Class AA – Al Zinke, Dundee-Crown
2005 – Class A – Pete Alber, Dakota
2005 – Class AA – Mike Polz, Sandburg
2006 – Class A – Rob Murphy, Wilmington
2006 – Class A – John Ruettiger, Lisle
2006 – Class AA – Ryan Geist, Grant
2007 – Class A – Jeff Hill, Petersburg Porta
2007 – Class AA – Marty Kaiser, Rockton (Hononegah)
2008 – Class A – Ben Morris, Stillman Valley
2008 – Class AA – Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini)
2009 – Class 1A – Doug DeWald, LeRoy
2009 – Class 2A – Shane Darnell, Yorkville
2009 – Class 3A – Mike Powell, Oak Park River Forest
2010 – Class 1A – Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central)
2010 – Class 2A – Chauncey Carrick, Sycamore
2010 – Class 3A – Bernie Ruettiger, Minooka
2011 – Class 1A – Rob Murphy, Wilmington
2011 – Class 2A – Justin Lehr, Crystal Lake (Central)
2011 – Class 3A – Mark Hahn, Carol Stream (Glenbard N.)
2012 – Class 1A – Kevin Milder, Lena-Winslow
2012 – Class 2A – Brian Glynn, New Lenox (Linc-Way W)
2012 – Class 2A – Ron Wilson, Chicago (Bowen)
2012 – Class 3A – Eric Siebert, Orland Park (Sandburg)
2013 – Class 1A – Pete Alber, Dakota
2013 – Class 2A – Steve Rockford, Springfield Southeast

1985 – Class A – Rich Montgomery, Sterling-Newman	2013 – Class 3A – Jason DePolo, Lincoln-Way Central
1985 – Class AA – Mac McLaughlin, Joliet Central	2014 – Class 1A – Mike Elsbury, Byron
1986 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour	2014 – Class 2A – Bryan Medlin, Washington
1986 – Class AA – Bill Cartwright, Proviso East	2014 – Class 3A – Mike Powell, Oak Park River Forest
1987 – Class A – Rich Holtfreter, Harvard	2015 – Class 1A – Mark Masters, Coal City
1987 – Class AA – Mark Gervais, Marist	2015 – Class 2A – Jon Murray, Geneseo
1988 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour	2015 – Class 3A – Josh Oster, Lockport
1988 – Class AA – Tim Ruettiger, Providence	2016 – Class 1A – Jason Clay, Vandalia
1989 – Class A – Marty Williams, Mahomet-Seymour	2016 – Class 2A – John Kading, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)
1989 – Class AA – Mike Polz, Providence	2016 – Class 3A – Keith Healy, New Lenox (Providence)
1990 – Class A – Rick Amy, Rockridge	2017 – Class 1A – Kevin Milder, Lena-Winslow
1990 – Class AA – Bob Trombetta, Burbank (St. Laurence)	2017 – Class 2A – Chris Bishop, Dixon
1991 – Class A – Lon Gerrish, Sandwich	2017 – Class 3A – Brian Glynn, Lincoln-Way West
1991 – Class AA – Bill Cartwright, Proviso East	2018 – Class 1A – Tod McCullough, Erie-Prophetstown
1992 – Class A – Tim Haak, Harvard	2018 – Class 2A – Richard Harvey, Rochelle
1992 – Class AA – Mark King, LaGrange (Lyons Twp)	2018 – Class 3A – B.J. Bertlesman, Huntley
1993 – Class A – Bob Long, Yorkville	2019 – Class 1A – Josh Collins, Heyworth
1993 – Class AA – Jeff Newmark, Chicago (Lane Tech)	2019 – Class 2A – Mark Masters, Coal City
1994 – Class A – Tom Unruh, Dakota	2019 – Class 3A – Sam Hiatt, DeKalb
1994 – Class AA – Bill Weick, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)	2020 – Class 1A – Pete Alber, Dakota
1995 – Class A – Bob Baker, Byron	2020 – Class 2A – John St. Clair, Lemont
1995 – Class AA – Mike Garland, Granite City	2020 – Class 3A – Dave Udchik, Barrington
1996 – Class A – Lon Gerrish, Sandwich	2022 – Class 1A – TJ Williams, Tremont
1996 – Class AA – Todd Rosenthal, Moline	2022 – Class 2A – Ryan Cumbee, Joliet Catholic
1997 – Class A – Mike Papini, Oregon	2022 – Class 3A – Alex Tsirstis, Chicago (Mount Carmel)
1997 – Class AA – Keith Healey, Providence	2023 – Class 1A – Mark Masters, Coal City
1998 – Class A – Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini)	2023 – Class 2A – Nick Miller, Washington
1998 – Class AA – Mark Eagen, Main West	2023 – Class 3A – Jason Potter, St. Charles (East)
1999 – Class A – Bob Baker, Byron	2023 – Girls – Liz Short, Joliet
1999 – Class AA – Chuck Rossetti, Willowbrook	2024 – Class 1A – Tyrus Carter, Red Bud
2000 – Class A – Rob Ledin, Clinton	2024 – Class 1A – Ian O'Connor, Glasford (Illini Bluffs)
2000 – Class AA – Jim Cartwright, Conant	2024 – Class 2A – Noah O'Connor, Lemont
2000 – Class AA – Todd Rosenthal, Moline	2024 – Class 2A – Evan Willock, Normal (West)
2000 – Class AA – Rudy Salinas, Lane Tech	2024 – Class 3A – Owen McGrory, Libertyville
2001 – Class A – Mike Manahan, Stanford Olympia	2024 – Girls – Sarah Ephstein, Oak Park-River Forest
2001 – Class AA – Mark Hahn, Glenbard North	2025 – Class 1A – Dan Willis, Chicago (C. Hope Academy)
2002 – Class A – Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini)	2025 – Class 2A – Jon Murray, Geneseo
2002 – Class AA – Keith Healy, Providence	2025 – Class 3A – Tyler Demoss, Rockton (Hononegah)
2003 – Class A – Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central)	2025 – Girls – Carley Rusk, Geneseo



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2026 NHSACA Dwight T. Keith Award Recipient Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie

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**2025 Jason Clay, Vandalia, Wrestling COTY
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**2024 Rob Ledin, Mahomet (M.-Seymour),
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**2023-Dale Eggert, Libertyville, Wrestling
COTY Finalist**

**2023-Rob Porter, Naperville (Central), Asst.
COTY Finalist**

**2022-Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA),
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**2019-Mark Hahn, Carol Stream (Glenbard
North), Wrestling COTY Finalist**

**2017-Keith Healey, New Lenox
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**2015 & 2016-Pete Alber, Region IV
Wrestling Finalist**

**2014-Tim Haak, Harvard, Wrestling COTY
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**2013-Jeff Hill, Petersburg (PORTA),
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**2011-Keith Healey, New Lenox
(Providence), Wrestling COTY Finalist**

**2010 & 2018-Rob Murphy, Wilmington,
Wrestling COTY Finalist**

**2009-Mike Bukovsky, Lombard (Montini),
Wrestling COTY Recipient**

**2006-Joe Cliffe, Fairbury (Prairie Central),
Wrestling COTY Finalist**

**2002-Mike Manahan, Stanford (Olympia),
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NHSACA Hall of Fame Members

William "Red" Schmitt, Granite City

Mike Manahan, Stanford (Olympia)

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Rich Montgomery, Rock Falls

Most Brothers to Place in one State Tournament

4 – Punke (Washington); Blaize (4th @ 138 lb.), Dack (1st @ 113 lb.), Jace (6th @ 195 lb.) and Ryder (2nd @ 160 lb.), 2016, Class 2A

3 – Bailey (Thornton Fractional North); Nasir (1st @ 120lb.), Sincere (1st @ 145lb.) and Bilal (1st @ 152lb.), 2020, Class 2A

3 – Braunangel (Belleville Althoff); Danny (2nd @ 145 lb.), Jarriid (2nd @ 138 lb.) and Zac (5th @ 170 lb.), 2016, Class 1A

3 – Punke (Washington); Dack (1st @ 120 lb.), Blaize (2nd @ 138 lb.) and Jace (3rd @ 220 lb.), 2017, Class 2A

Brothers to Win State Championships at the same State Tournament

Bailey – Nasir (120lb.), Sincere (145lb.) and Bilal (152lb.), 2020, Class 2A

Martinez - Nathan (125 lb.) and Israel (112 lb.), Aurora (West Aurora), 1998, Class AA

Martinez - Nathan (140 lb.) and Israel (130 lb.), Aurora (West Aurora), 1999, Class AA

Braunagel - Danny (152 lb.) and Zac (170 lb.), (**Twins**) Belleville (Althoff), 2017, Class 1A

Braunagel - Danny (160 lb.) and Zac (182 lb.), (**Twins**) Belleville (Althoff), 2018, Class 1A

Kristoff - Mark (138 lb.) and Kip (98 lb.), Bethalto (Civic Memorial), 1982, Class AA

Ramos - Vince (145 lb.) and Tony (125 lb.), Carol Stream (Glenbard North), 2008, Class AA

Dickason - Don (165 lb.) and John (Hwt), Champaign (H.S.), 1949

Williams - Steve (130 lb.) and Joe (145 lb.), Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 1991, Class AA

Williams - Steve (135 lb.) and Joe (152 lb.), Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 1992, Class AA

Williams - Joe (160 lb.) and TJ (135 lb.), Chicago (Mt. Carmel), 1993, Class AA

Milks - Jesse (140 lb.) and Seth (103 lb.), Dakota, 2006, Class A

Hiatt - Andy (125 lb.) and Sam (130 lb.), DeKalb, 2000, Class AA

Hoselton - Drew (170 lb.) and Brandon (195 lb.), Fairbury (Prairie Central), 2018, Class 1A

Beebe - Chase (125 lb.) and Connor (103 lb.), Lombard (Montini), 2002, Class A

Beebe - Chase (130 lb.) and Connor (112 lb.), Lombard (Montini), 2003, Class A

Heinold - James (135 lb.) and Jason (130 lb.), (**Twins**) Mahomet (M.-Seymour), 1989, Class A

Daker - Cory (103 lb.) and Shane (125 lb.), Manito (Forman), 1990, Class A

McDonnell - Mark (145 lb.) and Matt (195 lb.), Morrison, 2012, Class 1A

Murphy - Dan (132 lb.) and Don (138 lb.), Normal (University), 1974, Class A

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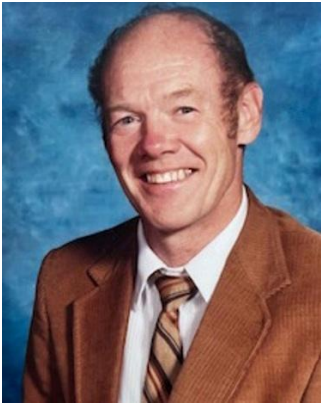
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Since the last Hall of Fame Banquet the wrestling community has lost several Outstanding Hall of Fame Members. These gentlemen have made a huge impact on the sport of wrestling in Illinois. Illinois Wrestling thanks you for your service. Rest In Peace.



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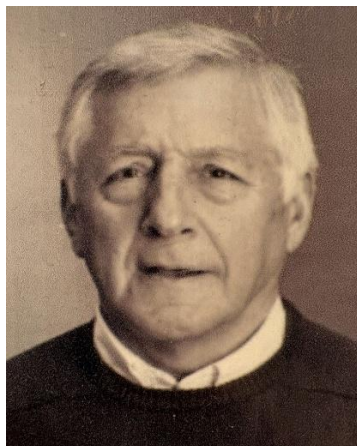
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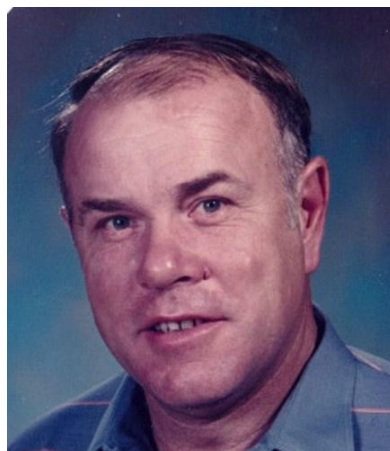
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The Illinois Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association is proud to announce the institution of two new awards that will be presented this year.

The first award is the “Ed Ewoldt Founders Award”. This award is named in honor of legendary coach and contributor Ed Ewoldt. Ed was instrumental in the formation, organization, growth and development of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association. He served on the executive board for over 45 years and was chairman of the IWCOA Hall of Fame Selection Committee until 2002. He continued to serve on that committee until 2018.

This award will be given at the annual Hall of Fame Awards Banquet and will be presented to a person in the Illinois Wrestling Community that has exhibited or performed historically at high achievement levels. The honoree will have demonstrated superior leadership skills and shown dedication to excellence in the promotion of the sport of wrestling in Illinois and the advancement of the organization. One or two candidates selected by the IWCOA Board will be selected noting that there may be a year when no candidate will be chosen.



2026 Ed Ewoldt Founders Award Recipients are:

**Dan Fulscher, Lincoln
Joe Cliffe, Fairbury**

The second award will be presented to pre-2008 IHSA high school graduates recognizing their superior achievement during their high school career. Recipients of this award will be chosen from research performed by the IWCOA Executive Board dating from graduation year 2007 prior. This award will potentially have sunset ending.

Honored at this year's banquet will be:

- **Christian Brantley, Chicago (Mt. Carmel)**
- **John Odeen, Coal City**
- **Matt Cusick, Orland Park (Sandburg)**
- **Dalton Bullard, Belvidere**
- **Vince Alber, Dakota**
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