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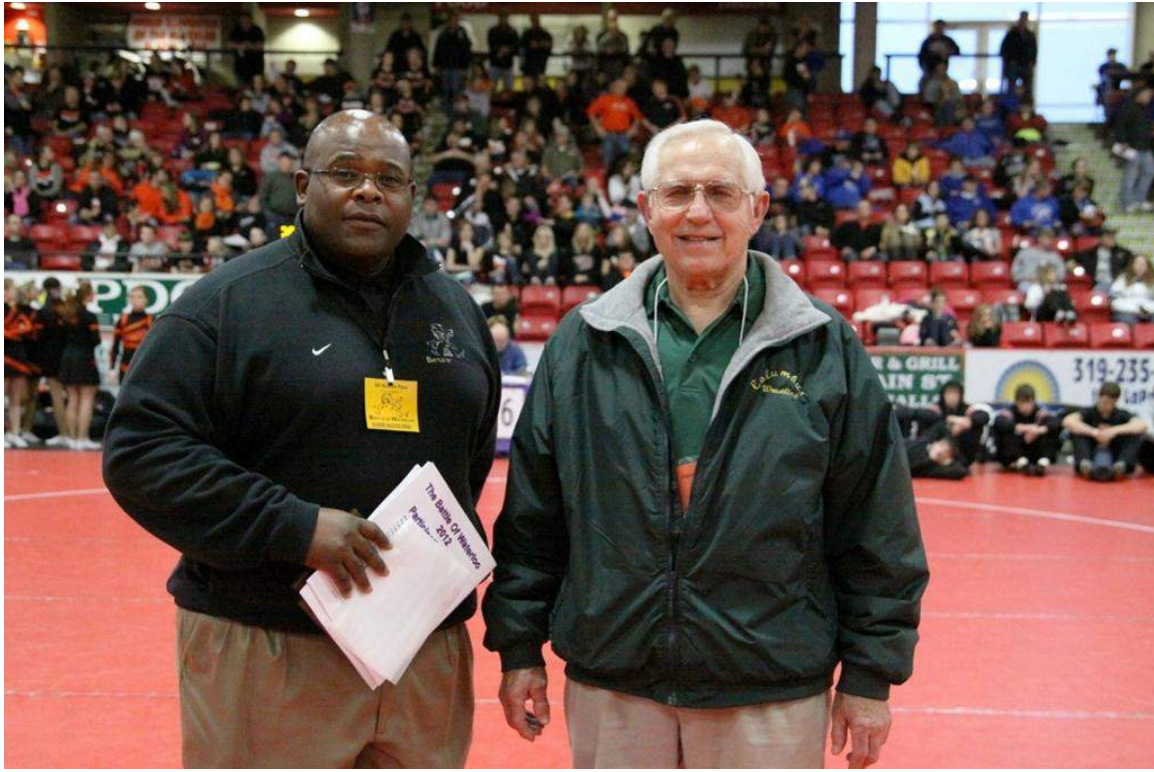
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A 1966 Waterloo West graduate, Evans was a fixture in wrestling circles as a reporter for the Waterloo Courier. Evans attended every state high school meet from 1964 to 2006 and from 1966 to 2006. He worked the tournament for the Courier, the last 15-16 years as Sports Editor.

Evans also ran the first statewide high school team wrestling rankings in the late 1960s and early 1970s. In addition to his work with the preps, Evans covered more than 15 Division-I NCAA championships.

Evans was inducted into the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame in Cresco in 2008, the Waterloo Golf Hall of Fame in 2010, and the Kinnick Stadium Media Wall of Fame in 2011.

Since retiring from the Courier after the 2006 NCAA tournament, Evans has been selling real estate in the Cedar Valley at Oakridge Realtors.



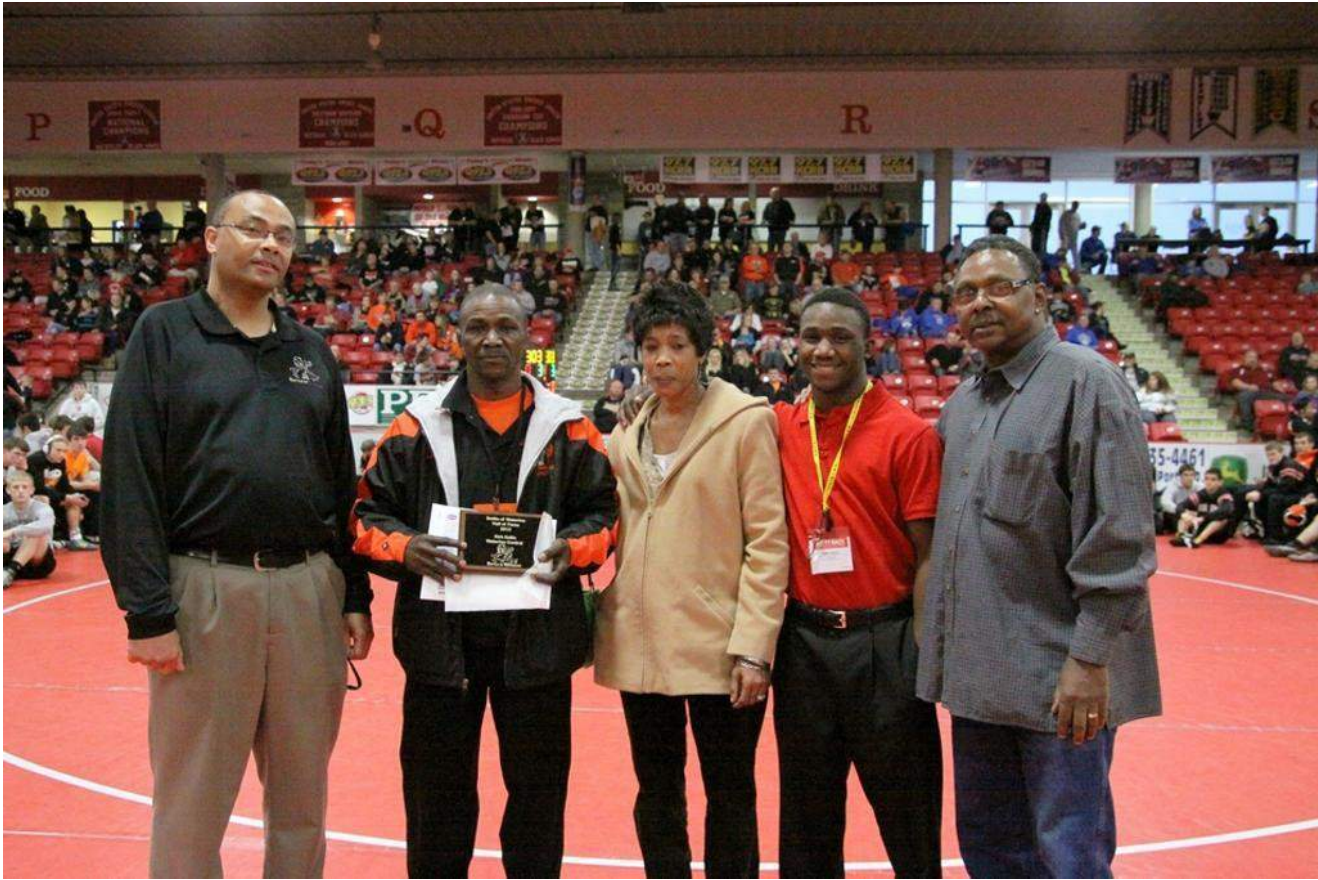
2012 Contributor Inductee Ray Cole - (Waterloo Central)

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Cole would have been Waterloo Central's first state champion if his 1975 teammate, Kirk Sallis, hadn't won the title one minute earlier. After Sallis captured the 105-pound crown, Cole followed by winning at 132.

He began wrestling at the Waterloo Boys and Girls Club and eventually at Logan Junior High. In high school, he was coached by Gene Luttrell and Mike Allen. In addition to his state championship, Cole was a state runner-up in 1976 and finished his high school career with a 75-5 record.

Cole's competitive career ended in junior college, but he continues to coach the sport having stops at East, West and now at Central Middle School. He is an eighth-grade school counselor at Hoover Middle School, presently.

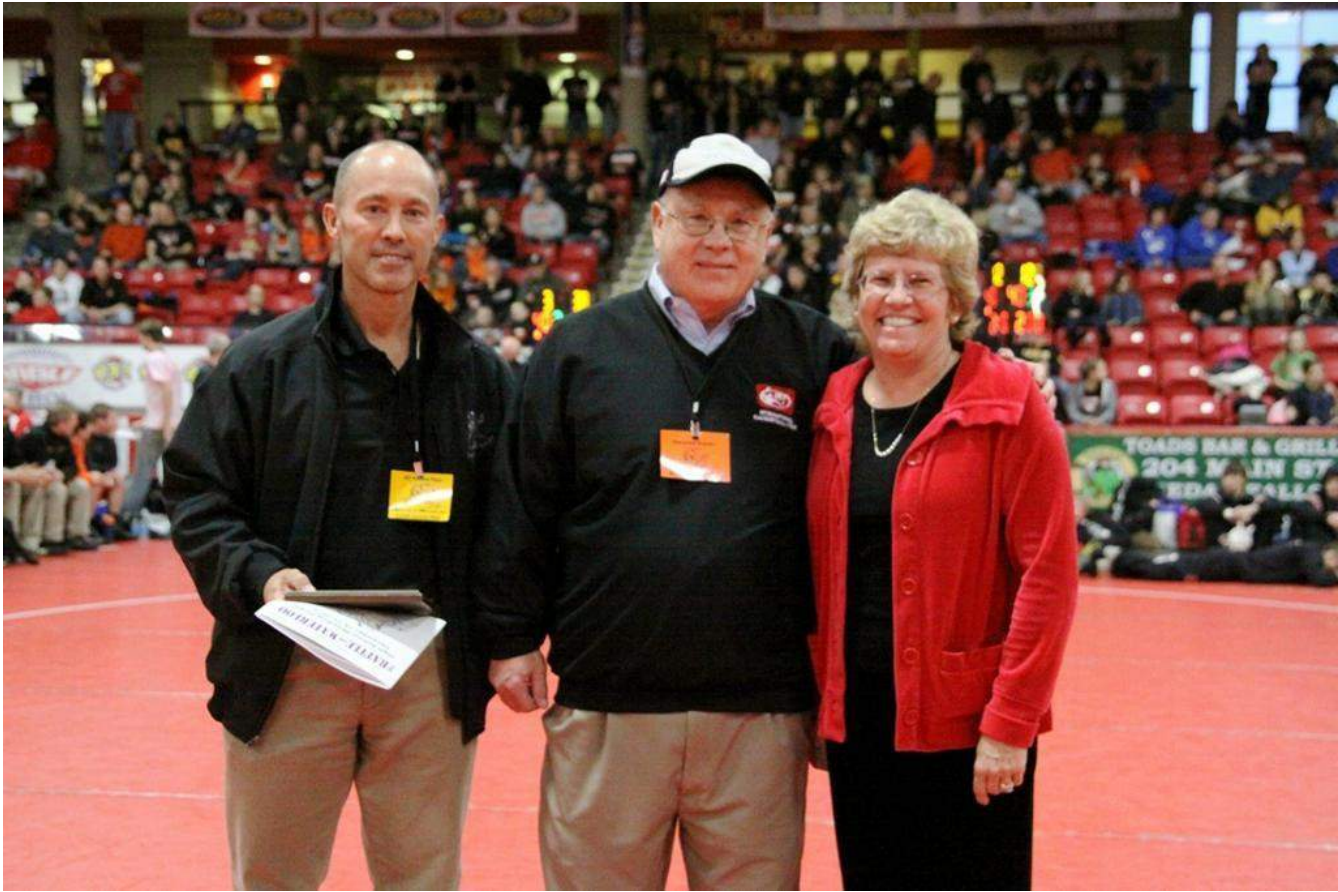


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Sallis was first introduced to wrestling by his older brothers - Larry and Terry. He was undefeated at Logan Junior High before going to Waterloo Central, where he became the Chargers first state champion in 1975 at 105. Sallis also was third in the state at 98 pounds in 1974. His overall record in high school was 56-6.

Post high school, Sallis was a 1977 Junior Olympic champion and wrestled for Team Iowa against the Romanians in Bucharest, Gallatie and Costanta, Romania. Sallis also competed at Northern Iowa for Don Briggs and Chuck Patten. Presently, Sallis is a mechanic and a volunteer wrestling coach at Carver Middle School and at East High.



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Anderson won state titles in 1963 and 1964 before going onto a stellar collegiate career at Michigan State. As a Spartan, Anderson won two NCAA championships, three Big Ten titles and was a three-time all-American.

In his post competitive career, Anderson has become a highly-successful lawyer. He is a Law Professor at the Thomas Cooley School of Law and a partner at Lapaglia and Anderson Law Firm focusing on Constitutional Law and Litigation. Anderson is also counsel to U.S. Speaker of the House, J. Dennis Hastert.



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Harp was a big-time contributor on a pair of Wahawk State Team Championships in 1969 and 1971. As a sophomore in 1969, he posted a record of 20-1-1 and a 3rd place finish at the state tournament. At the conclusion of his senior season, his career record was 69-1-1 which included 2 state tournament titles.

His high school coach, Bob Siddens, remembered Rod with these words, "Rod was a remarkable wrestler... quite special." Rod finished his high school career with a trip to the Junior Nationals held in Mexico City. He traveled with a team coached by Bob Siddens and Jim Kinyon, the coach from Colorado State University. Rod won the gold in the freestyle tournament and despite having never seen or wrestled a Greco-Roman match, he won the Bronze Medal.



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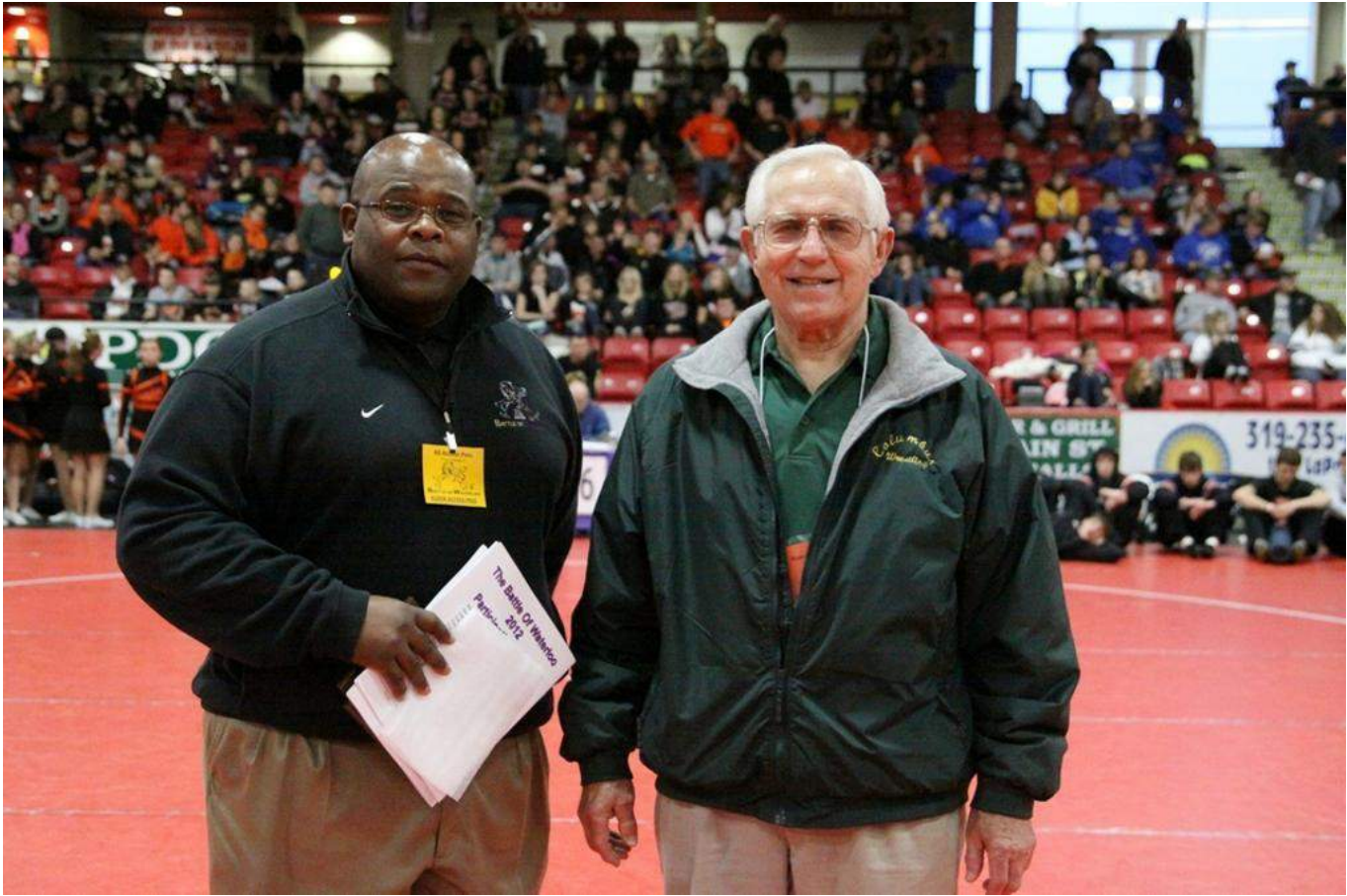
On the mat, Stevens, was even more successful as he won state championships in 1966 and 1967 at 127 and 133, respectively. After his high school career, Stevens was a two-time all-American at North Iowa Area Community College in 1968 and 1969.

He earned a BA from Wartburg and a Masters Degree from Northern Iowa.

Stevens and his wife, Teri, have two sons, Kija and Tarik, and a daughter, Kamilah, and all have graduated from East High School.

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Miller became just the fifth individual state champion for the Trojans in 1947 when he won the 129-pound crown. A year later, Miller repeated, but won his second title at 145.



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Boesen was a key contributor on the 1951 West High State Championship Team, placing third at state as an individual. He was also a member of the 1949 mythical state champion Wahawk football team.

His biggest mark on the Cedar Valley wrestling scene has come through coaching, however. Boesen began coaching the football program at Sacred Heart in 1960 and in 1965 started the wrestling program. Among some of his greatest pupils were Ken Snyder, Chuck Yagla and Ken Gallagher. In 1993, Boesen was named the Iowa High School Athletic Association Junior High Coach of the Year.

In 2004, Boesen served as an assistant coach on the Sailors one and only state team championship.

2012 Hall of Fame Inductee - Ken Snyder (Columbus)

Snyder became the first Sailor state champion when he captured the 138-pound crown in 1971. After graduating from Columbus, Snyder went on to a stellar career at Northern Iowa.

At UNI, Snyder won a pair of Division II titles at 142 in 1974 and 1975. In each of those seasons, Snyder advanced to the NCAA Division I championships where he earned all-American honors.

Snyder also earned Division II all-American honors in 1973. Along with Battle of Waterloo Hall of Fame inductee Jim Miller (Class of 2011), Snyder helped lead the Panthers to the 1975 Division II national championship, UNI's first since it won the 1950 NCAA Division I title under Dave McCuskey.

