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#### **2013 Inductee - Mike Allen–Coach /Official (Waterloo East)** ([Click Here for Video](#))

Mike Allen started his wrestling career at East High School. As a Trojan, he competed in wrestling and football. After graduating from East High in 1968, he attended Ellsworth Community College, IA and later the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) where he continued to compete in both sports. At UNI, he won the conference championship at 190 pounds. After college he became a Wrestling Coach and guided five Central High School student athletes to state titles and he later served as the Athletic Director for East High School.

Allen is best known for his 35-year wrestling officiating career. He has officiated national wrestling tournaments in all five divisions, including 23 NCAA Division I tournaments. He has worked 15 NCAA Championships. As the first AfricanAmerican to officiate in the Iowa High School state tournament, he has officiated in 20 Iowa High School Championships and a number of other national high school tournaments.

Allen was voted Iowa Wrestling Official of the Year in 1980, 1987 and 1992 and was named to the Iowa State Officials Hall of Fame in 2003. He was inducted into the Ellsworth Community College Hall of Fame (2000), East High Ring of Honor (2005), East High Athletic Hall of Fame (2007), FILA International Hall of Fame (2007), Glen Brand Wrestling Hall of Fame of Iowa (2010) and the Iowa African American Hall of Fame (2012). Currently Mike Allen is the Interim Coordinator for the Wrestling Officials for the Big 10, Big 12 and MAC Conferences.

#### **2013 Inductee - Willie Gadson–Coaching (Waterloo East)** ([Click Here for Video](#))

Willie Gadson began his wrestling career at Huntington High School in Long Island, New York. After a very successful postsecondary career at Nassau Community College in Nassau, New York, – where he posted a career record of 45-0 and was a two-time NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) All-American – he became a two-time NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) Division I All-American at Iowa State, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1975 and 6<sup>th</sup> in 1976 at 177 pounds.

After college Gadson began coaching. He was the Assistant Wrestling Coach at Iowa State from 1979-1982. His coaching career catapulted in 1992 when he was named the head coach at Eastern Michigan University, leading the Eagles to their first-ever Mid America Conference (MAC) title in 1996 and earning MAC Coach of the Year honors. He left Eastern Michigan after the 1997 season and made stops on the prep level as an assistant coach, including a stint on the staff at Iowa City High School before taking over at Waterloo East in 2004.

During his coaching career at East High, Gadson led 16 qualifiers to the state tournament including 10 place winners. His son, Kyven, was a two-time state champion at East in 2009 and 2010. Kyven was also a state finalist in 2008. Coach Gadson led the East High Trojans for eight seasons.

#### **2013 Inductee - Matthew Dickey–Wrestling (Waterloo West)** ([Click Here for Video](#))

Matthew Dickey started his wrestling career in elementary school competing in Pee Wee wrestling tournaments at the UNI-Dome. He wrestled throughout his early years with AAU / club wrestling teams.

As a high school student at West High he qualified for the state tournament four times. His sophomore year he was part of the wrestling team that won the state wrestling team title. Dickey won the state title his junior (1990) and senior (1991) year at 119 lbs. He was ranked 5<sup>th</sup> by the ASICS Tiger All-American Team (1991). His high school record was 114-12.

After high school, Dickey went to the University of Iowa where he wrestled for two years. In 1993, he enlisted in the Army and wrestled on the All-Army Wrestling Team. He traveled around the world and wrestled at many tournaments. He also competed in the Olympic Trials and placed 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dickey is currently employed at John Deere Tractor and Cab Assembly.

**2013 Inductee - Tom Huff–Wrestling (Waterloo West) ([Click Here for Video](#))**

Tom Huff comes from a family that started a tradition of wrestling at West High School. He was a three-time state champion from 1957-1959. When Tom was a freshman in high school, freshmen were not eligible to compete in the state tournament. In 1957, Tom and his brother Don were the second group of siblings to win state titles in the same year. They missed being the first sibling set by one hour.

After high school, Huff attending the University of Iowa and wrestled at the collegiate level. He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Big 10 Tournament his sophomore year and won both his junior and senior year. In 1962, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and in 1963 he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at NCAA tournament.

He placed 3<sup>rd</sup> 1959 Pan American Games and 3<sup>rd</sup> the Olympic Trials in 1960. He continued to try out for the Olympics in 1964, 1968 and 1972. In 1968 he placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was inducted into the Iowa High School Wrestling Hall of Fame (1985), named outstanding Big 10 wrestler and the entire Huff family received the Dan Gable Family Legacy Award (2013).

**2013 Inductee - Dennis Goetz-Coaching (Waterloo Columbus) ([Click Here for Video](#))**

Dennis Goetz started his wrestling career as a student at Davenport West. After high school he attended the Iowa State Teachers College (now UNI) and wrestled for Bill Koll and later Chuck Patten. He competed at the Division II Tournament while at UNI.

After college he taught for a short period of time before being drafted into the Army when he enlisted in the Special Services All-Army Wrestling Team. After the Army he returned to Iowa and eventually came to Columbus High School. At Columbus, Goetz was the Head Wrestling Coach for 16 seasons from 1973– 1989. He coached some of Columbus' most talented wrestlers during a time when Waterloo started to get a reputation for producing top wrestling talent.

As the head coach he had four state champions, eight state runner-ups, 17 other place winners and 24 wrestlers qualify for the state tournament during his time as head coach.

**2013 Inductee - JJ Krutsinger-Wrestling (Waterloo Columbus) ([Click Here for Video](#))**

J.J. Krutsinger was first introduced to wrestling when he was in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. As a high school standout at Columbus he ended his prep career with a record of 124-11. As a freshman, he placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the state tournament. The same year Columbus won the state team title. Krutsinger went back to the state tournament and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> his sophomore and senior year and won the state individual title his junior. He went undefeated his junior year with a record of 44-0.

Krutsinger set the school record for the most pins in a season (26) and the most career wins (124). After high school Krutsinger went to the University of Iowa where he redshirted his freshman year and then went on to wrestling the following 4 years. He traveled with the team and won titles at Northern Iowa, Grand View, Wisconsin, William Penn and the DuHawk Opens. He was named to the Big Ten All-Academic Team four years in a row.

Krutsinger is getting his Masters from the University of Iowa in Physical Therapy and is an Assistant Coach for Iowa City, City High.