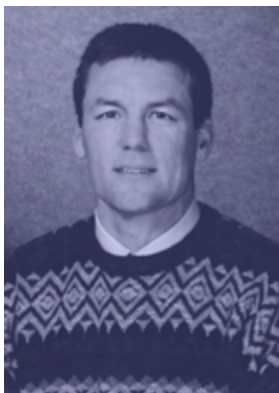


# **Inductee Biographies**



**Christopher W. Ianacone, Jr. (Class of 1991)**  
**Delsea Regional High School**

Ianacone compiled a perfect senior season in 1973 by winning the Edgewood Christmas, District 31 and Region 8 championships before completing a three-win sweep in the state tournament with a 3-1 victory over Jim Bowen of Hunterdon Central. Ianacone, 41-7-0 in his varsity career, capped his 26-0 senior season with a spot on the All-South Jersey team. In addition to his scholastic wrestling in 1973, Ianacone won district and regional AAU titles and was second in the AAU Junior National Freestyle competition and fifth nationally in AAU Greco-Roman. Ianacone wrestled at Temple University under coach Dave Steiler and compiled a 35-15-1 career record. During his college days he was an Easterns place winner in 1974 and a Middle Atlantic AAU champion and MVP in 1976. Following his graduation from Temple in 1978, Ianacone went into education. He is a physical education teacher employed by the Monroe Township Board of Education. Ianacone, a brown belt in Judo, certified strength and conditioning specialist, firearms safety instructor and Red Cross first aid instructor, coached wrestling at Williamstown five years and spent eight years as a wrestling official.



**Steve Iles (Class of 2003)**  
**Delsea Regional High School**

A 1976 Delsea Regional graduate, Iles compiled a 60-18 record that included three district titles and finishes of 4th, 3rd and 1st in the regionals. His bid for a state title ended with a loss to eventual state champion Scott Anderson of Ridge as a senior. Iles, who also ran cross country and played baseball at Delsea, went on to Liberty University where he was a three-year captain (along with Jesse Castro, who was a head coach in South Jersey at Kingsway). He won the 1981 National Christian College championship. After assisting for a year at Delsea, Iles became head coach and compiled a 259-77-5 record in 18 years. He then became the school's athletics director. His teams won nine Tn-County Conference titles (second seven times), 10 District 31 championships, and six South Jersey sectional titles. His Crusaders won the state title in 1991 and finished second once, third twice and third-fourth twice. His teams were ranked among South Jersey's Top Ten 11 times. Iles coached 69 district champions (including 20 multiple winners), 20 regional (six repeat winners) and five state champions including repeat winners Joe Alexander and Don Fisch. He had 22 state place winners (not including state champions) and in 1998 had three state finalists (two champs and a runner-up). He was selected Courier-Post and Region 8 Coach of the Year four times and was selected New Jersey State Wrestling Coach of the Year in 1991. Iles served three years as President of Region 8 and served as a member of the state wrestling committee several years.



**James M. Ingles (Class of 1991)**  
**Edgewood Regional High School, Glassboro State College, Rutgers**  
**University & Camden**

A 1957 graduate of Collingswood High School where he competed under Hall of Famer Sam Coursen, Ingles has stayed in a sport where his greatest contributions have been in the coaching ranks. A 1961 West Chester University grad, Ingles immediately opted to follow in the footsteps of Coursen. His first job was at Edgewood High School where he was an assistant wrestling coach for three years. He's been a head coach ever since, staying at Edgewood through 1979 before joining the college ranks. In his first 10 years at Edgewood, his teams won eight district team titles and finished second the other two years. After a 144-64-4 record at Edgewood that had him 22nd on the all-time win list among South Jersey coaches in wrestling, Ingles took the head job at Glassboro State College. In his five years as head coach he had the school's first NCAA Division III national champion in Bryan Barratt and a third-place finisher in Mike Suk. Glassboro State finished 10th among all Division III colleges that year. Other All-America honors at GSC under Ingles went to Kevin Brockway, Fred McColl, Brad Ellis and Dan Dugan. Ingles then moved on to Rutgers University in Camden. In 1991 he coached the team to a 7-16-1 record, its best record in seven years, and had an Academic All-American in Scott Warnock. Ingles started the boys' and girls' soccer programs at Edgewood. He received the SJWCOA Contribution Award in 1989 and has worked with the midget wrestling program at Edgewood.



## **Ron Ippolite (Class of 2019)**

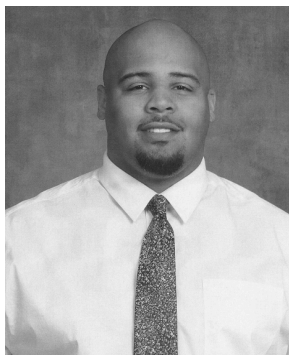
### **Highland Regional High School**

A 1983 graduate, Ippolite was a District 30 Champion and a Region 8 Champion his senior year. He entered the state tournament at 275 pounds in '83 and rang up a win in the pre-quarters over Rich Tupper of Lacy via a 20-3 decision. Ippolite followed in the quarter-finals with a close 10-9 victory over Brearly's Ed Miller and a 13-7 semi-final decision over Chris Marini (Franklin) to earn a shot at the gold medal. In a battle of South Jersey wrestlers, Ippolite lost a narrow 2-1 overtime decision to Rich Kuzy of Holy Cross. Having finished his high school career with a record of 60-14-0 and an N.J.S.I.A.A. silver medal, Ippolite enrolled at Bloomsburg University. Competing for Coach Roger Sanders, Ippolite achieved success in the 275 pound division, earning the silver medal in the Eastern Wrestling League Tournament (EWL) and winning the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Tournament (PSAC) to qualify for the Division I NCAA Tournament. At the NCAAs in 1988, which were held at Iowa State University, Ippolite entered the tournament as an unseeded wrestler. He lost to the tournament's #2 seed (and eventual 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher) Joel Greenlee of Northern Iowa and was forced into the wrestlebacks. Determined to garner some victories, Ippolite reeled off a 6-1 decision over Navy's John Devine and a 4-2 decision over Purdue's Calvin Vande Hoef before falling in a very close 1-1, 4-1 overtime match to the eventual bronze medalist, Mark Tatum (University of Oklahoma). Ippolite concluded his collegiate career with an 86-20 record, but his desire to remain close to the sport led him on his coaching odyssey, which began as an assistant coach at his alma mater (Highland). After assisting at Highland for five years, Ippolite assumed the role as head coach at the Washington Twp Middle School for three years, after which he assisted at Washington Twp High School for eight years. In 2010, Ippolite was named as the head coach at Washington Twp, where he remained for nine years. After more than twenty-five years, Ippolite stepped down from coaching with a record of 78-55 and many fond memories. Ippolite sites highlights of his career as being the silver medalist in the '83 state tournament, wrestling on Highland's 1983 Group IV State Championship team, which was also the #1 team in the state that year, and serving as team captain of his Bloomsburg college team and being named as the team's MVP in '88. Most memorable moments include the 15 district champions he coached, along with a region champion and a state place winner. Ippolite adds that the honor of representing his teams and his schools as being paramount, because they afforded him the opportunity to be a part of a group of men whom he considers life-long friends. Employed by the Washington Twp School District for 27 years as a special education teacher, Ippolite lives in Sewell with his wife of 26 years, Christina. They have two children: Rachel (25) and Ronnie (23) both of whom were very successful collegiate athletes.



**Barry W. Jackson (Class of 2005)**  
**New Jersey Wrestling Officials Association**

A 1968 graduate of Franklin Township High School in Somerset County where he was a three-year participant in football, wrestling and track, Jackson was a district champion and regional place winner as a senior before going on to Montclair State University. While in college Jackson assisted a year at Barringer High School in Newark and then the 1973 Montclair State graduate was an assistant at Franklin from 1972-78. Jackson was an assistant at Willingboro 1978-83, an assistant at Scotch Plains-Fanwood a year and then was head coach at Edgewood 1986-91 where he compiled a 62-38-1 record. Jackson had several district champions and regional place winners and coached Damien Baylock to fourth in the state at 189 pounds (a year later, as Damien Covington, he won the state title while competing for Overbrook). Jackson, a former Coach of the Year recipient, also officiated at the varsity level over 20 years at the district, regional and state level. He was a recipient of the SJWCOA Outstanding Official Award in 1992 and received a state official's award for contributions to wrestling in 1996. He also has officiated on the international level (Freestyle and Greco-Roman) for 18 years and became a pro Freestyle wrestling official. At the time of his induction he was still teaching at Winslow Township High School in Camden County where he also was a very successful girls' track coach.



## **Vincent J. Jones (Class of 2019)**

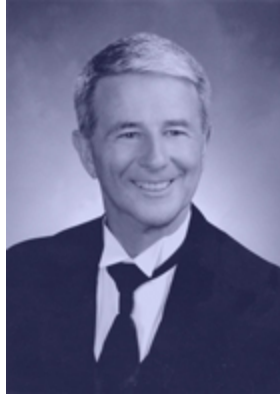
### **Winslow Township High School**

A 2005 graduate, Jones won three District 30 Championships and two Region 8 Championships and qualified for the N.J.S.I.A.A. State Championship Tournament all four years of his high school career. As a 171 pound freshman, Jones entered the state tournament and recorded a first round fall in 0:45 before dropping his next two matches, which eliminated him from the competition. Once again at 171 as a sophomore, Jones won two matches by major decision (10-1 and 10-2) before losing a 6-5 decision to Doug Umbehauer (Lenape). The loss forced Jones into the wrestlebacks, where he notched two more major decisions (14-4 and 14-3) and an 11-8 decision to force a rematch for the bronze medal with Umbehauer. Jones avenged the earlier loss, prevailing 6-3, and garnering 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors. During the summer between his sophomore and junior years Vince won the NHSCA National Championship at 171 lbs. His junior year, Jones entered the state tournament as the number 1 seed at 171 pounds and proceeded to advance to the finals via a fall (3:54) in the pre-quarters, an 11-3 major decision in the quarters and another fall (4:54) in the semi-finals. Jones came away with his first state title, defeating Mike Whelan of Parsippany, but not before Whelan jumped to an early lead via near fall before Jones rallied for a fall in 1:01. Again wrestling in the summer, Vince earned All American status (4<sup>th</sup>) in the Asics Vaughn Freestyle Tournament in Fargo North Dakota losing to Jake Varner in the for 3<sup>rd</sup> place match. In his final high school campaign, Jones bumped up a weight to 189 pounds, where as a defending state champion, was seeded in the number 1 spot. Jones dispatched John Elia of Pascack Hills in 1:06, before winning by fall in 2:34 over Colin Nagy of Lenape Valley to put him in the semi-finals against Karim Mahmoud of Beckton-Wallington, whom he defeated via a fall in 5:31. In his final high school match, Jones decisioned Shane Mallory of New Providence, 8-5 to garner his second state title and finish with a career record of 137-12. After graduation, Jones entered the University of Nebraska to continue his education and his wrestling career. He achieved success at the collegiate level, earning three trips to the Division 1 NCAA Tournament, where in 2009 he was a Big 12 Champion and an All-American at his weight class. Jones completed his collegiate career with a record of 97-46 and graduated in 2010 with a bachelor's degree. Since that time, Jones served as a graduate assistant at Nebraska for a year and has added a master's degree in education to his resume. Jones states that earning All-American honors as one of his most memorable moments. He adds that rallying from behind to win his first state title, then jumping into his father's arms immediately after the victory is a career highlight. Jones has continued his love of the sport through coaching and states that his two year affiliation with Paulsboro's two state place winners, Niko Savaiinaea and Davonte Randall has given him great pleasure. Recently (2018) named as the head coach at Winslow Township High School, Jones lives in Sewell with wife, Donisha and their son, Jeremiah (3) and expecting a baby girl in the fall of 2019.



**Eugene H. (Gene) Kain, Jr. (Class of 1982)**  
**Haddonfield Memorial High School**

A 1965 graduate, Kain compiled a 52-3-1 record in three years of varsity competition under Coach Bill Frantz. Too small to wrestle as a freshman, Kain was a district and regional champion at 98 pounds his sophomore year and finished second in the state championships (first varsity loss). A year later, Kain duplicated his district and regional success at 106 pounds and capped the year by winning the state championship. His senior year Kain won a third consecutive district title (at 123 pounds) but lost in the Region 4 finals. After graduation Kain continued his education at Gettysburg College, wrestling with the freshman team in 1966 and the varsity for two years. Appendicitis forced Kain to the sidelines his last year in college where he helped as a student assistant. Kain was an assistant coach at Haddonfield six years; an assistant at Collingswood one year; was the first head coach of the Haddonfield Midget Wrestling program and officiated on the jayvee and freshman level two years.



**Jack L. Kinner (Class of 2003)**  
**Audubon High School**

A 1966 graduate of Haddon Township High School, Kinner had a modest 3-7 record in high school where he participated in football four years basketball two years (converted to wrestling at urging of his brother Bob) and baseball three years. He went on to West Chester State College where he played football for a year and was a backup for three years in wrestling. He graduated in 1970 and took a teaching position at Gorton High School in Yonkers, NY, where he also coached football, gymnastics and track. He then moved back to South Jersey and joined the staff at Audubon as a health and physical education teacher, a position he held for over 32 years. Kinner became the wrestling coach at basketball-rich Audubon after assisting two years under Frank Keller and served 23 years, 18 as head coach. He compiled a varsity record of 104-157-4 and had four regional champions (who won five titles) and a third and fourth place finisher in the state tournament. His coaching career highlights included watching Jim Cooper win his second regional title and placing third in the state and Joe Walsh winning the district, placing second in the region and placing fourth in the state. Most memorable was the late Audubon AD Bill Westphal organizing a ceremony to commemorate Kinner's 100th coaching win. Kinner served as a member of the Selection Committee and on the Executive Committee of the South Jersey Wrestling Hall of Fame Organization. He has served on the Executive Board of the South Jersey Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association as secretary for the last 18 years. He also has served as a judge in the state wrestling tournament the last seven years and has worked at the state All-Groups Tournament in the last two years.





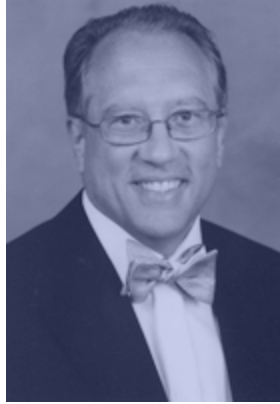
### **Larry Kipp (Class of 2018) Wyalusing High School**

A 1961 graduate, Kipp earned three varsity letters on his way to a career record of 34-11-6 and an individual Pennsylvania Sectional Championship, along with a bronze medal finish in District 4. Upon graduation, Kipp enrolled at Bloomsburg State Teachers College (now Bloomsburg University). Back surgery ended Kipp's hopes of a collegiate career under renowned coach, Russ Houk, but his enthusiasm led him to aid his college team and also the town's high school program, where he served as a volunteer under the mentorship of Bobby Rohm. Kipp graduated from Bloomsburg in 1965 with a degree in mathematics. His first teaching position was at Medina High School in New York State, where he served as the assistant wrestling coach for two years. From Medina, he moved on to Candor, NY, where he taught math and coached wrestling for five years, amassing a record of 48-12. Larry's service to New Jersey began in 1972 when he started the wrestling program at Bordentown High School. He taught and coached wrestling at Bordentown H.S. for a total of twenty-three years, though he stepped away in '83 in order to support his sons who were at another high school. Kipp returned to Bordentown in '86, but had to rebuild a program which had fallen on hard times since his departure. He remained at Bordentown until '90, but then left to teach and coach for ten years at the junior high level in the Penn Manor School District in Millersville, Pa. 2011 saw Kipp return to the Garden State to put in five years as a volunteer coach at his beloved Bordentown high School. Kipp's wrestling odyssey took him to three states and spanned a half century. Kipp states that starting Bordentown's program from scratch and totaling a record of 192-93-3 at that school was a highlight in his service to wrestling. Though Kipp states that there are too many defining moments to single out merely one or two, he does feel that seeing so many wrestlers achieve success in the sport as being memorable. Along with starting the program at Bordentown, Kipp also successfully coached football and track and field. Retired from education, He continues his service to wrestling as an assistant at Blue Ridge High School in New Milford, Pennsylvania. Larry and wife, Lois, live in Montrose, Pennsylvania and have a blended family of six; they include Sharon, Marsha, Karen, John, Larry and Jay.



**Chuck Klaus (Class of 2011)**  
**Haddonfield High School**

A 1982 graduate of Haddon Township High School, Chuck was a two-time District 28 champion and team captain his senior year. Following graduation Klaus moved on to Boston College where he was a team captain his senior year. Klaus finished third in the New England Championships in 1985. Chuck was an assistant coach at Maple Shade High School for eight years before becoming head coach at Haddonfield, a position he held from 1993 through 2008. His team grew from seven wrestlers his first year to become a perennial Top 20 team in South Jersey. His teams earned seven consecutive group playoff berths. He was selected District 28 Coach of the Year twice and Region 7 Coach of the Year once. When he retired as head coach Klaus had compiled a 168-141-1 record, the most wins by a coach in the school's wrestling history. He was a Region 7 Ranking Chairman and served as Region 7 President. He worked the state groups and individual state championships and was a wrestling camp counselor, administrator and assistant camp director for over 25 years. Klaus never concerned himself with personal records but did care deeply about the development of wrestlers in his charge. His wrestlers were always an inspiration to him with their belief in him as a coach.



**Jeffrey C. Klein (Class of 2012)**  
**Moorestown High School**

A 1976 graduate of Moorestown High School, Jeff was a three-time District 29 Champion and a two-time Region 7 Champion under Hall of Fame coach, Jack Welch (186). Jeff's first appearance in the state tournament in 1975 ended with a 1st round loss in overtime to eventual state champion Joe Dougherty of Madison Township. At the conclusion of the 1975 season, Jeff placed 2nd in the State Federation Championships, which enabled him to represent Team New Jersey in the National Free-Style Championships, which were held in Iowa. In 1976 Jeff qualified for the state tournament where he reeled off wins of 2-1 and 6-0 before losing a 3-0 decision to Rich Billitz of New Providence, the eventual state champion, but he rebounded to finish 3rd in the state. He finished with a high school career record of 89-14. Jeff attended Lehigh University, but transferred to Temple University. However, nagging injuries prevented him from competing at the college level, and he accepted early admittance to Emory (Georgia) University's School of Dentistry. His most memorable high school moment came during his junior year when he avenged a loss to Brian Ahearn in the District 29 finals the same tournament Ahearn had defeated Jeff the year before. Another highlight in Jeff's career came when he was informed that he would be inducted into the SJWHOFO. After Jeff left Temple to enter dental school, he remained active in wrestling as a volunteer assistant coach, both at Cinnaminson High School and his alma mater, Moorestown High School. Jeff also served the state of Georgia by serving as a state wrestling official for four years. Upon receiving his degree from Emory in 1983, Jeff returned to Burlington County and coached and served as a benefactor to Moorestown High School. His generosity permitted Moorestown to purchase wall mats for the school's newly renovated wrestling room.



**John N. Koss III (Class of 2007)**  
**Collingswood High School**

A 1992 graduate, Koss won District 28 championships at 152, 160 and 171 pounds in 1990-91-92 with respective wins over Scott Mogar of Bishop Eustace, Abdul Soudan of Camden and Alex Grassia of Paul VI. Koss won Region 7 titles as a junior and senior by defeating Grassia both years in the championship final. He capped a 28-1 campaign in 1991 with a 7-2 win over once-beaten Dan Hywell of Belleville to win his first state title. A year later Koss finished 35-0 with a 12-8 victory over previously unbeaten Anthony Vitola of Freehold Township. Koss courageously competed in the finals despite being hampered by a severely injured leg. A Second Team All-South Jersey selection in football, Koss went on to wrestle at West Virginia University where he compiled an 87-26 record. Koss reached the NCAA Division I semifinals at 177 pounds in 1997 before losing and earned an All-American plaque after a sixth-place finish. Koss has served as an assistant coach at Collingswood, Camden Catholic and Audubon. Koss was an Honors Graduate of the US Army Warrant Officer School in 2001 and the US Army Rotary Wing Flight School in 2002.



**Richard S. Kuzy (Class of 2006)**  
**Holy Cross High School**

A 1983 graduate, Kuzy was a three-time District 27 champion (1981 and 1983 for Holy Cross; 1982 for Riverside) and a Region 7 champion in 1982 (7-0 win over Joe McHarris of Toms River South) and 1983 (by fall over Scott Taylor of Shawnee), all at heavyweight. He capped an 89-8-0 career with a perfect 26-0 All-South Jersey campaign by winning the state championship in 1983 with a 2-1 overtime victory over Highland's Ron Ippolite. He was the first heavyweight state champion from Burlington County and was the second state champion in Holy Cross history (his brother Rob won a title in 1981). A three-year varsity letterman in football and baseball, Kuzy was an All-South Jersey and All-Burlington County lineman for Holy Cross as a senior and has been inducted into the Holy Cross Football Hall of Fame. Kuzy went on to Penn State University on a full athletic scholarship. He was a three-year letterman and two-year starter on the offensive line and a member of the 1986 national championship team.



**Rob Kuzy (Class of 1998)**  
**Holy Cross High School**

A 1981 graduate who was a two-time Northern Burlington Christmas Tournament and District 27 champion Kuzy capped a 27-1 senior year with a Region 7 and state championship at 148 pounds (defeating unbeaten Jude Skove of Long Branch 6-5 in overtime in the state finals). He followed his 67-8 scholastic career by attending the Naval Academy Prep School in Rhode Island and went 15-0 against other prep schools, junior colleges and college JV teams. Wrestling behind All-American Mike Rodgers in his first year at Annapolis. Kuzy won the Naval Academy Turkey Bowl (pinning 8th-ranked Craig Cox of North Carolina State, after Cox had beaten the 5th-ranked Rodgers in the opposite semifinal) and placed second in the Sunshine Open in Orlando wrestling at 167 pounds. He compiled a 13-2 record as a backup. Never getting another chance to wrestle-off against Rodgers. His sophomore year Kuzy placed third at the Sunshine Open and was injured midway through the season against Greg Elinsky of Penn State and finished with a 12-7 record. He transferred to Rider University and compiled a 26-7 record in 1985-86 won the East Coast Conference title and qualified for the NCAA where he beat the No. 10 seed and lost to the No. 4 seed, just missing All-America honors. He was Rider's Most Outstanding Wrestler for 1985-86. The following year Kuzy outgrew his nationally ranked 167 pounds and had to bump up to 190. He finished 15-9-1 overall and was third in the ECC Tournament for a two-year rider total of 41-16-1. Kuzy considers his most memorable moments in wrestling to be winning the state championship in 1981 in front of his entire family (his father started the wrestling program at Pemberton but gave up the chance to continue as head coach to follow sons Rob and Rich at Holy Cross) competing in the Division I Nationals at Iowa University and being in the coaches corner when his brother Rich won a state championship in 1983.



**Michael Lamb (Class of 2009)**  
**Highland Regional High School**

An AAU World Schoolboy Freestyle champ in Mexico City as an 8th grader, Lamb was in the starting lineup at Highland a year later and compiled a record of 100-12-4. A 4-time District 30 champ as his team won four team titles, Lamb also was a 2-time Region 8 Champion and was 4th in the state as a senior. An All-American at Gloucester County College, Lamb finished 3rd in the nationals with a 33-2 record. He went on to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill after GCC and was a three-year starter and two-time Atlantic Coast Conference runner-up. Lamb coached seven years (5 years as head coach) at GCC with an 86-3 record. GCC won five National Championships and seven Mid-Atlantic District titles. An NJCAA National Coach of the Year twice, he coached five individual national champions and 42 All-Americans. He was head coach at Sterling High School 2003-2008 with a 76-60 record.



**Kevin Landolt (Class of 2011)**  
**Holy Cross High School School**

A 1994 graduate of Holy Cross High School, Kevin was a two-time District 26 champion (189 as a junior and heavyweight as a senior) He was third in Region 7 in 1993 and got to wrestle four times in the state tournament and went 2-2 to finish the season 31-4. In 1994 he won Region 7 and took an unbeaten record into the state tournament. He started and ended his quest for a state title with overtime decisions, including 4-2 over Joe Micela of Paul VI in the opening round that was decided by a takedown in overtime. After winning his next two bouts by technical fall (15-0 in 3:34) and 9-4 in the semifinals. The third-seeded Landolt met top-seeded Steve McCarthy of Jackson and again used a takedown in overtime to win 8-6 and cap a perfect 29-0 season and 89-19 career. Also an exceptional football player, Kevin accepted a scholarship to West Virginia University and was a four-year starter on the defensive line. He was drafted in the fourth round by the Jacksonville Jaguars and played two seasons with the NFL team. After returning home, he became an assistant wrestling coach at Rancocas Valley and in 2007 became head coach at Riverside High School.





**Ken Landis (Class of 1980)**  
**Overbrook High School**

Born and raised in Camden, Ken attended Springfield College where he starred in football, wrestling and track. He started his coaching career in Camden in 1940. After the war, he moved over to coach at Collingswood and, in 1948, moved on to Overbrook High School where he coached until 1964. In addition to his coaching duties, Ken was one of the first three wrestling officials in South Jersey. Ken received the Distinguished American Award from the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame and the Coaches Contribution Award by South Jersey Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association.



**Samuel Laspata Jr. (Class of 2010)**  
**Glassboro High School**

A 1988 graduate, Laspata was the lone GHS athlete to win a state wrestling championship through 2010. In 1987-88 he posted a 34-0 record en route to the 140-pound state title in Princeton. Laspata was a four-time District 29 finalist losing by decision in his first two trips and putting back-to-back technical fall and 14-5 wins his last two years. An injury forced him out of Region 8 competition as a freshman. The next three years he finished 3rd, 2nd and 1st. He carried a 23-1-1 record into the state tournament as a junior but lost 2-1 to Tom Durso of Ridge in the semifinals and 3-2 to Cinnaminson's Matt Long in the wrestle backs. Laspata finished 83-8-1 over his last three seasons by defeating Rob Meehan of Paramus in the 1988 state finals. Through 2010 he ranked third in career victories at Glassboro with a record of 94-12-3 in four seasons. A team captain his last two years, he was the school record-setter for takedowns. At George Mason University he had a 35-13-1 career record. He also served as an assistant coach at Carrollton (MO) High School.



**R. Shawn Laughlin (Class of 2010)**  
**Lower Cape May Regional High School**

A 1997 graduate, Laughlin ended his high school career with a record of 96-20, with 14 of those losses in his freshman year. After that freshman season, Laughlin won three straight District 32 titles. He was second in Region 8 as a sophomore before winning by fall his junior year and by a 9-8 decision as a senior. Laughlin was 2-2 in his first trip to the state tournament as a sophomore, losing by a point in a pre-quarterfinal match with eventual state runner-up Jamie Ross of Maple Shade and then 6-4 in an elimination bout to South Plainfield's Jason Cannon. Laughlin won his first state title as a junior to finish 27-0. A year later he was even more impressive with a second straight state title capping a 34-0 campaign - a combined 61-0 in his final two seasons as a scholastic wrestler. In 1995 he was a Greco Cadet National Champion and a Freestyle runner-up. Laughlin went to Lehigh University and graduated in 2002 with a 97-23 record. He finished third in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association two times and fifth two times. He was a two-time NCAA qualifier and made it to the round of 12 on two occasions. He later served as a volunteer coach at Lower Cape May Regional two years.



**John Leek (Class of 1981)**  
**Collingswood High School**

Leek, a 1960 graduate of Collingswood, wrestled three years varsity under Sam Coursen and never lost a dual meet during that time. Leek had a perfect season his junior year in 1959 when he won district, regional and state championships at 106 pounds. The following season, Leek moved up a weight to 115 and, after winning the South Jersey title, placed third in the state championships. Leek graduated from Lehigh University in 1966 and was an assistant coach at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Melrose (Mass.) High School



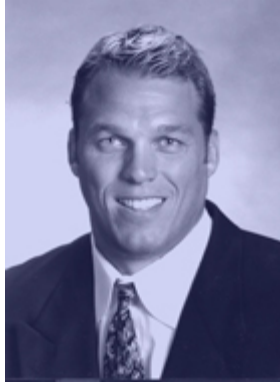
**Vinny Levin (Class of 1998)**  
**Absegami High School**

A 1980 graduate, Levin was a four-year varsity starter for Hall of Famer Gene Barber. As a freshman he was the Cherokee Christmas Tournament champion at 101 pounds. His sophomore year he was a runner-up in District 32 and Region 8, and a Warren Hills Christmas Tournament champion. As a junior he was second in District 32, third in Region 8 and Warren Hills Christmas Tournament champion at 101 pounds. He was a Highland Christmas Tournament champion and Outstanding Wrestler Award recipient, and a District 32, Region 8 and state champion at 108 pounds as a senior. Levin, who also ran cross country, compiled a 92-10-4 record at Absegami. His most memorable moment in scholastic wrestling came one match before the highlight of his wrestling career. Levin beat defending state champion Doug Kanach of Hunterdon Central in the state semifinals before winning the state title. He credits his parents and family, Barber, and coaches Rich Pemberton and Bruce Crawford for the personal support and his success and development as a scholastic wrestler. Levin founded the Egg Harbor Township junior wrestling program in 1982 and served as head coach 1982-84. He attended Atlantic County Community College (1987-89) and Richard Stockton College (1989-93), graduating from Stockton with a bachelor's degree in biology (with a 3.5 GPA) in 1993.



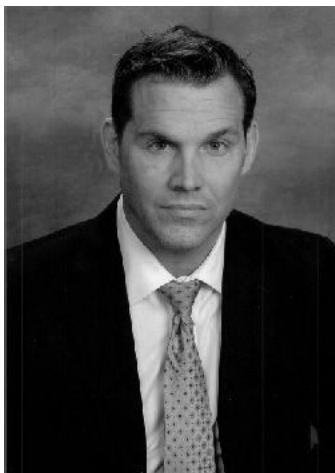
**Peter Paul Limanni (Class of 1996)**  
**Paulsboro High School**

A 1942 graduate, Limanni was a standout in football (4-year varsity letterman) and wrestling at Paulsboro. He won the South Jersey wrestling championship and placed third in the state at 175 pounds his senior year. After serving as a paratrooper in World War II, Limanni continued his education at Villanova University where he was a starter in football. He played on a team that was among the best in the nation and beat Paul (Bear) Bryant-coached teams at Texas A&M and Kentucky. He was a teacher and coach at Paulsboro High for 34 years before retiring. He served as the school's athletic director from 1969 to 1985. Among his top memories from that job were hosting the first Paulsboro-Pemberton match-up at Gloucester County College before a sellout crowd. He also was the driving force behind the move of the competitive District 29 Tournament from Paulsboro High School to Gloucester County College. He served on the state Wrestling Committee for a decade and has been inducted into the South Jersey Coaches, Gloucester County and Paulsboro Sports Halls of Fame.



**Mike Lombardo (Class of 1999)**  
**Paulsboro High School**

A 1984 graduate, Lombardo realized every wrestler's dream when he posted a perfect season his senior year. He won the District 29, Region 8 and State Championships at 189 pounds to cap a 31-0 season on the way to a 50-6-1 career record. After winning his New Jersey state title, Lombardo wrestled for the state all-stars against the Pennsylvania state all-stars and defeated the undefeated state champion from Pennsylvania in a meet at Lehigh University. Among his most memorable moments as a PHS senior was having to get a tetanus shot at the Caldwell Tournament to continue wrestling after an opponent bit him and drew blood in a semifinal match, a win in second round of state tournament against Haddonfield's Ricky Little and winning the state final. Lombardo followed his scholastic career by compiling a 98-28 record in four varsity seasons with North Carolina State. He was a First Team Freshman All-America selection in 1985 (the third at the time in university history) and was a NCAA All-America at heavyweight in 1988. NCSU records he once held included career wins (98), most victories in a season (37), and most victories by a freshman (23). Lombardo had 22 career pins, a .780 percentage, was a four-time Atlantic Coast Conference finalist, was ranked among the top 12 in the nation in his weight class four consecutive years, and was a team captain. Lombardo served as a volunteer under Coach Bobby Guzzo at NC State and organized and helped run various clinics at local high schools in the Raleigh area.



**Nicholas Lopez (Class of 2014)**  
**Washington Township High School**

A 1998 graduate of Washington Township High School, Lopez was a two-time District 30 Champion and a Region 8 Champion. During his campaign as a junior, wrestling at 171 pounds, Lopez opened the N.J.S.I.A.A. Tournament by dropping a 7-2 first-round match to Sean McDade of Pennsville, a wrestler he had defeated soundly in an early-season tournament. Lopez began working his way through the consolation bracket by winning a decision over Brett Bakely of Southern Regional, 3-2; however, a next-round 9-3 setback to Dane Tabano of Bergen Catholic put Lopez on the medal stand in 7th place. The following year proved to be a clean sweep for Lopez as he entered the State Tournament at 215 pounds with an unblemished record of 29-0. Lopez won a pre-quarter round match over Warren Sharper of Paulsboro by fall in 5:31, a quarter-final match over Eamon O'Neil of Point Pleasant Boro by a 3-1 decision, and won his semi-final match 10-5 over Andi Devlin of Livingston. This set up a State Final match with Greg Sawyer of Delsea, whom he defeated via a 3-1 decision. This State Championship victory put Lopez' high school career record at 105-14. Upon graduation from Washington Township, Lopez went on to compete for two years at Gloucester County College. During his tenure at GCC, Lopez placed 3rd twice at 197 pounds in Junior College Nationals. Lopez recalls that winning the New Jersey State Title was the highlight of his wrestling career, though he claims it took one of his most memorable moments to bring it to fruition. Lopez cites his loss the previous year to Sean McDade, the wrestler whom he had defeated earlier that year at 171 pounds, as a most memorable moment. Lopez claims the McDade loss motivated him to always be prepared to put forth his best effort. Lopez also recalls his multi-match rivalry with Delsea's Greg Sawyer as being a memorable part of both his high school and collegiate career. Lopez currently works at B & L Home Remodeling in Burlington, NJ, and lives with his wife, Jessica, and their two children, Levi (4) and Ledger (1) in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania.





**Patrick Francis Lynch (Class of 2001)**  
**Ocean City High School**

A 1991 graduate, Lynch was a four-time district, and three-time regional champion who finished 5th, 1st, 1st and 2nd in four trips to the state tournament. Lynch finished with a 134-4 record and 99 consecutive wins. He also had a state record 103 falls in his four-year varsity career. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Wrestler Award at the state championships his sophomore season. Lynch wrestled collegially at Arizona State University and Georgia State University and compiled an 80-19 record. A 1997 graduate of Arizona State, he was twice second in the PAC 10 championships, made three trips to the NCAA Tournament and never finished lower than 11th. Lynch counts Arizona State finishing fourth and becoming a NCAA All-American his career athletic highlight. He was an eight-time All-American in the Junior Nationals (never finished lower than 4th) and a two-time Greco Roman and one-time Freestyle champion. He was 2nd in the Greco World Championships as a Cadet. In 1990 he finished 3rd in the U.S. Olympic Festival freestyle championships. Lynch wrestled over 2,000 matches in his career.