

Wrestlers

2015 Jason Bovenzi, St. Lawrence/Ithaca College
 2015 Mike Jacoutot, Buffalo/Trenton State College
 2014 Jesse Armbruster, Augsburg College
 2014 Dustin Hinschberger, Wartburg College
 2014 Matt Pyle, Luther College
 2013 Ryan Allen, UW-La Crosse
 2013 Duane Bastress, York College (Penn.)
 2013 Garrett South, Luther College
 2012 Joe Hoialmen, Augsburg College
 2012 Tom Hogan, Wartburg College
 2012 Yan White, UW-Stevens Point
 2011 Nick Fornicoia, Augsburg College
 2011 Zak Kallai, Case Western Reserve University
 2011 Jason Ott, UW-La Crosse
 2010 LeRoy Gardner, Wartburg College
 2010 Steve Gliva, Augsburg College
 2009 Rick Armstrong, SUNY-Cortland
 2009 Mike Fusilli, Ithaca College
 2008 Ron Bussey, The College of New Jersey
 2008 Garrett Kurth, Luther College
 2008 Zac Weiglein, Wartburg College
 2007 John Beatty, Augsburg College
 2007 Tyrone Fambro, Upper Iowa University
 2007 Brandon Penzkover, UW-La Crosse
 2006 Mike Helm, Messiah College
 2006 Jamal Fox, Wartburg College
 2006 Glen Sandull, The College of New Jersey
 2005 Gary Kroelss, Augsburg College
 2005 Mitch Brown, St. Lawrence University
 2005 Mark Ambrose, Delaware Valley University
 2004 Mike Connors, St. Lawrence University
 2004 Matt Hamill, Rochester Institute of Technology
 2004 Tom Smith, Wartburg College
 2003 Dan Lewandowski, Augsburg College
 2003 Paul Elsen, Wheaton College
 2002 Brandon Totten, Delaware Valley University
 2002 Shawn Voigt, Cornell College
 2002 Ron Vosburg, SUNY-Brockport
 2001 Peter Wang, University of Chicago
 2001 Dan Boos, Luther College
 2001 Eric Woolsey, Humboldt State University
 2000 John Leone, SUNY-Brockport
 2000 Doug Morse, SUNY-Oswego State
 2000 Chris Ricklic, Case Western Reserve University
 2000 Raphael Wilson, Augustana College

1999 Nick Milonas, Montclair State University
 1999 Dan Pantaleo, Olivet College
 1999 Mark Gamble, SUNY-Binghamton
 1998 Jon McGovern, Central Iowa
 1998 Travis Young, Simpson College
 1998 Chris Tironi, University at Albany
 1997 Rob Llorca, UW-Whitewater
 1997 John Monaco, Montclair State University
 1997 Karl Monaco, Montclair State University
 1996 Joe Bertolone, John Carroll University
 1996 David Parisi, SUNY-Oswego State
 1996 Andy Seras, University at Albany
 1995 Duane Koslowski, University of Minnesota, Morris
 1995 Fran Presley, Millersville University
 1994 Bob Glaberman, Trenton State College
 1994 Mike Rossetti, Trenton State College
 1994 Nabil Guketlov, Montclair State University
 1993 Jeff Bouslog, Luther College
 1993 Mark Hawaald, John Carroll University
 1993 Ron Winnie, SUNY-Brockport
 1992 Frank Famiano, SUNY-Brockport
 1992 Ken Mallory, Montclair State University
 1992 Tom Martucci, Trenton State College
 1991 Eric Mast, Elizabethtown College
 1991 Chris Casey, Augustana College
 1991 Brett Stamm, Wheaton College

Coaches

2015 Jim Miller, North Central College
 2014 Don Parker, UW-Eau Claire
 2014 Scott Stever, Rochester Institute of Technology
 2013 Gary Franke, Washington and Lee University
 2013 Tom Kessler, York College (Penn.)
 2012 Daryl Arroyo, Springfield College
 2012 Roger Crebs, Lycoming College
 2011 Gene Nighman, SUNY-Cortland
 2011 Terry Shockley, Augustana College
 2011 Dave Kemmy, Roger Williams University
 2011 Steve Devries, Cornell College
 2010 Dave Mitchell, Luther College
 2010 Don Montgomery, Mount Union College
 2009 Jim Miller, Wartburg College
 2009 Dave Novickis, Lawrence University
 2008 Rich Achtzen, York College (Penn.)
 2008 Ron Beaschler, Ohio Northern University
 2007 John Elton, St. Johns University (Minn.)
 2007 Marty Loy, UW-Stevens Point

2006 Russell (Rusty) Carlsten, Rhode Island College
 2006 Kevin Puebla, Augustana College
 2005 Jeff Swenson, Augsburg College
 2005 Paul Solberg, Luther College
 2004 Charles Kunes, Susquehanna University
 2004 Mark Vennis, Thiel College
 2003 Kerry Volkmann, John Carroll University
 2003 Bill Racich, Ursinus College
 2003 Tom Jarman, Manchester College
 2002 Ned McGinley, King's College
 2002 John Reese, Wilkes College
 2002 Neil Turner, Messiah College
 2001 Steve Strellner, Montclair State University
 2001 Al Sosa, SUNY-Oneonta
 2000 Al Baxter, Buena Vista University
 2000 Marty Willigan, Gallaudet University
 1999 David Icenhower, The College of New Jersey *
 1999 Ron Zalokar, Carthage College *
 1998 Mike McCreedy, Upper Iowa University *
 1998 John Murray, Ithaca College
 1998 Larry Sciacchetano, Montclair State University
 1997 Mike McGlinchey, Salisbury University *
 1997 John Summa, Baldwin-Wallace University *
 1997 Jim White, Washington and Jefferson University
 1997 Bob Skelton, Western New England University
 1996 Joe DeMeo, University at Albany
 1996 Steve Eldridge, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
 1996 Bob Del Rosa, Case Western Reserve Univ. *
 1995 Bob Marshall, Delaware Valley University
 1995 Al Hanke, Lake Forest College/Elmhurst College
 1995 Byron James, UW-River Falls *
 1994 Ken Ober, Elizabethtown College *
 1994 John Clark, St. Lawrence University
 1994 Max Servies, Wabash College
 1993 Baron Bremner, Coe College/Cornell College *
 1993 Gomer Davis, Swarthmore College
 1993 Dick Walker, Wartburg College *
 1992 Steve Erber, SUNY-Binghamton
 1992 Jare Klein, Olivet College
 1992 Don Murray, SUNY-Brockport
 1992 Willie Myers, UW-Whitewater
 1991 Tony DeCarlo, John Carroll University
 1991 Earl Fuller, Rochester Institute of Technology
 1991 Jim Howard, SUNY-Oswego State
 1991 Jerry Petrofes, Lebanon Valley College *

* = Deceased



Division III



Championship and Hall of Fame Ceremony



Dick Simmons



Bob Gaudenzi



Randy Steward



Scott Whirley



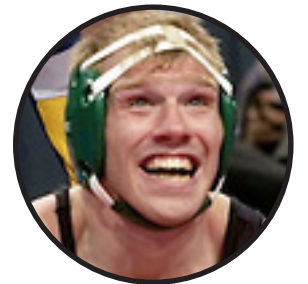
Akeem Carter



Henry Gerten



Cody Koenig



Jimmy Wallace

Double Tree by Hilton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 Thursday, March 10, 2016

Division III National Wrestling Coaches Association Championship and Hall of Fame Ceremony

Title Sponsors

Jim Brown (Wrestling for Life), Thomas B. Sculley Jr. (Adidas Wrestling), and Richard and Norma Small

Schedule of Events

6:30 p.m. - Social at Double Tree by Hilton in Ballroom B&C
Beverage sponsored by Dan Paca and the Kent Nutrition Group, Inc., and Thomas B. Sculley Jr.

7:30 p.m. - Division III NWCA Hall of Fame Ceremony
Double Tree by Hilton in Ballroom B&C

Welcome and Introduction

Jon McGovern - NWCA DIII President

NWCA Scholar Team Award

Eric Van Kley - NWCA DIII President-Elect

Hall of Fame Induction

Jon McGovern - NWCA DIII President
Brad Bruhn - NWCA DIII Hall of Fame Coordinator

Coach of the Year Award

Closing Comments

Executive Committee NWCA Division III

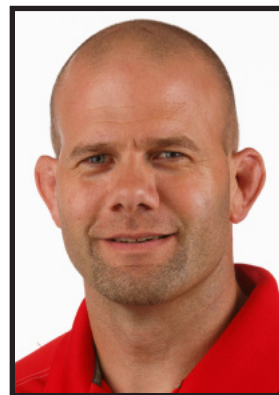
Jon McGovern - President (University of Dubuque)
Eric Van Kley - President-Elect (Central College)
Marty Nichols - Treasurer (Ithaca College)
Brandon Brissette - Membership Coordinator (Olivet College)
Brad Bruhn - Hall of Fame Coordinator (SUNY-Cortland)
Tim Fader - Past President (UW-Eau Claire)
Bill Racich - Secretary (Ursinus College)

DIII Representatives

Jamie Gibbs (Baldwin Wallace University)
Lonnie Morris (Johnson and Wales University)
Nathan Shearer (Washington and Lee University)
Randy Steward (Loras College)



Jon McGovern
NWCA DIII President
University of Dubuque



Eric Van Kley
NWCA DIII President-Elect
Central College

Hall of Fame Inductees

Bob Gaudenzi 1980-2009 (Hunter College)

Gaudenzi had over 200 collegiate dual meet victories and two top-11 finishes at the NCAA's. He qualified a wrestler to the NCAA championships in 27 out of his 29 years at Hunter. While at Hunter, Gaudenzi had 13 of his wrestlers earned All-American status with one of them winning a National Championship. Eight of his wrestlers achieved NWCA Scholar All-American honors under his tenure. He coached 50 NYS Collegiate placers with one Champion. Bob was selected as the 1995 Metro Conference "Coach of the Year" and the 2007 NYC Beat the Streets "Coach of the Year". He served as the Metro Conference president from 1988-2012 as well as the NYS Collegiate Coaches Association Secretary from 2004-2010.

Randy Steward 1993-present (Loras College)

Steward's coaching record at Loras is 237-210-2. He has had six top-11 finishes at the NCAA as well as placing 12 times in the top-16. Steward has coached 53 All-Americans with three of them winning national titles. He's had 17 of his wrestlers earn Scholar All-American status and his team has been one of the Top-20 Scholar Teams six times. He has been the IAC Coach of the Year four times and the NCAA Central Regional Coach of the Year in 2014. Steward is the current IAC Wrestling Coaches Chairman and a NWCA Board Member. He was the NWCA DIII Coaches Association President from 2007-2010, Vice President from 2004-2007, and the NCAA National Wrestling Championships Assistant Tournament Director in 2004 and 2007.

Scott Whirley '82 (Augsburg College)

A three-time All-American wrestler for the Auggies, Whirley served his alma mater for 22 seasons (1982-84, 1986-2005, 2006-07) as an assistant coach under head coach Jeff Swenson, helping to build the Augsburg wrestling program into a small-college national power.

During Whirley's tenure as a member of the coaching staff, Augsburg won 10 NCAA Division III wrestling national titles in a 17-year span. The Auggies had 145 All-Americans and 39 individual national champions (one NAIA, 38 NCAA-III) in Whirley's coaching career.

Augsburg has also been a success in the classroom. During Whirley's tenure, Augsburg produced 94 NWCA Scholar All-Americans. Augsburg has also had eight Academic All-Americans in wrestling, as awarded by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), during Whirley's tenure. Over the 10 seasons the NWCA has awarded Division III academic team national championships while Whirley was an assistant coach, Augsburg finished second three times and first once (1998-99).

With Whirley as an assistant coach, Augsburg won Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament titles 18 times and MIAC Team Duals titles 14 times, along with winning the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional title four times.

In 2002, Whirley was inducted into the Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame. Whirley, who won 113 matches at Augsburg, claimed the national championship at 126 pounds in 1979 and earned All-American honors three times, finishing first, second and fourth nationally. He won MIAC titles in 1978 (126), 1981 (134) and 1982 (134) and earned the MIAC tourney MVP award in his senior year.

Whirley joined Jeff Swenson on the Auggie coaching staff in 1982. In 1984, he left to serve as head coach for two seasons at Farmington (Minn.) High School before returning to Augsburg. The native of Robbinsdale, Minn., was an honor student and a two-time state placewinner as a high school wrestler.

Whirley is currently a physical education teacher in the Robbinsdale School District, and lives in Maple Grove, Minn., with his wife, Kelley, and children Adam, Megan and Michael.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Akeem Carter '06 (Wartburg College)

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, Carter was a three-time national finalist for Wartburg College. Before entering Wartburg, he won two high school state titles for Waterloo West High School. He completed his scholastic career by winning a High School National Championship in 2002.

While Carter was at Wartburg he won titles at 197 pounds in 2004 and 2005, before falling in the 2006 championship match while wrestling at 184 pounds. He finished with a stellar career record of 99-11, racking up bonus points in 18 of his wins. He helped lead the Wartburg Knights to two team NCAA Division III National Championships in 2004 and 2006, and to a runner-up finish in 2005.

Carter is a successful businessman, living in Houston, Texas. He is the Co-Founder and CEO of Active at Home Fitness and married to Kristen Nicole Carter and they have a new four month-old baby, Kalani.

Henry Gerten '98 (Augsburg College)

Gerten won two individual national titles for the Augsburg College, winning titles at 118 pounds in both 1997 and 1998. He was a three-time All-American for the Auggies, adding a fourth-place finish in 1996 to his two national crowns.

He finished his three-year Augsburg career (transferring from the University of Wisconsin after his freshman year) with a record of 104-7, (at the time, the best all-time wrestling winning percentage (.937) in school history). In 1996-97, Gerten went 44-0, and was the first Augsburg wrestler ever to go through a season unbeaten. He had a school-record 64-match winning streak during his career. Gerten was a three-time Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion, winning titles at 118 pounds in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Gerten was a team co-captain for Auggie squads which won NCAA Division III national titles in both 1997 and 1998, while also a member of the Augsburg squad that finished second in 1996.

Gerten won titles in all 16 tournaments entered during his junior and senior seasons, including a win in the Orange Bowl Sunshine Open his senior season, where he was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler after beating the bronze medalist in the 1996 Olympics from Cuba.

In the classroom, Gerten finished with a 3.52 grade-point average as an elementary education major, graduating cum laude. He was a two-time National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All-American.

In 1998, Gerten was named as the Division III honoree for the NCAA's Today's Top VIII award, which honors outstanding student-athletes for excellence on the athletic field, in the classroom and as a student leader.

A native of Rosemount, Minn., Gerten was also named as the 1998 Midwest Sports Channel Sports Salute's Mike Augustin/Division III Athlete of the Year. He also was named a Co-Senior Honor Athlete at Augsburg College in 1998.

Since graduating from Augsburg, Gerten had served as an assistant coach at Augsburg, a coach for the Minnesota Storm, head coach at Dakota County Technical College, and as an assistant coach at Rosemount (Minn.) High School. He is currently the co-head coach, along with fellow Augsburg alum Chad Olson, of the Farmington (Minn.) High School wrestling team. He is a social studies teacher at Rosemount Middle School.

Hall of Fame Inductees

Cody Koenig '05 (UW-Stevens Point)

A 2005 UW-Stevens Point graduate, Koenig's name is still featured prominently in the wrestling record books. He remains the only wrestler in program history to achieve an undefeated season, going 36-0 in 2002-03. Koenig was 118-18 in his career and his .867 career winning percentage is the third-best in program history. Koenig is one of only five UW-SP wrestlers to be a three-time WIAC champion and one of just four to be a three-time NCAA All-American, including a national championship at 174 pounds in 2003. He is also a four-time NCAA qualifier. In 2002, Koenig was named the UW-SP Male Individual Sport Freshman Athlete of the Year. He went on to be named the 2003 UW-SP Male Individual Sport Athlete of the Year.

Prior to college, Koenig went to Underwood High School, in Underwood, Iowa. He was a member of two state championship teams and won an individual state title in 2001. He currently resides in Des Moines, Iowa and is an operations manager for O'Keefe Elevator Company.

Jimmy Wallace '03 (Wilmington College)

A four-time All American at the Division III level, Wallace capped off his collegiate career with an undefeated season, earning a national title at 157 pounds and the Outstanding Wrestler award in 2002. He finished his career with an outstanding 123-9 overall record, going 30-0 as a senior, and is the most decorated wrestler in school history.

A 2003 graduate, he finished his freshman and sophomore campaigns with a 5th place at the NCAA Championships. His junior year was an improvement, taking third before the title in his senior year. In 2001 and in 2002, he led the nation in takedowns and winning percentage. As a wrestler, he was dominant. As a person, he was caring, happy, and always had a smile on his face.

After earning his degree in education from Wilmington, he began working with special needs students in Dayton, Ohio. He currently lives in Germantown, Ohio, and teaches and coaches wrestling at Valley View High School. He is married with four children: Bailey, Brady, Mercedes, and Bo.

Dick Simmons 1992-present (Cornell College)

Simmons is in his eighth season as the associate director of athletics, after working 17 years as Cornell's head athletic trainer. Simmons has served on the NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee since 2011 and was committee chair from 2012-14 and 2015-present. He was instrumental in helping to get the NCAA Regionals approved and the increase in total participants from 160 to 180. He was Tournament Director for the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, and 2014 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships, and will assume the same role for the 2016 Championships in Cedar Rapids. The running of a National Championships is a tremendous stress on any athletic department. Simmons has headed the charge in six of the last nine seasons. He has constantly upgraded the National Championships experience for fans, coaches, and student-athletes.

He filled the role of Interim Director of Athletics at Cornell during the 2007-2008 academic year after working seven years as the Assistant Director of Athletics.

A 1990 graduate of William Penn College, he earned a major in physical education with a minor in psychology. He spent one season as head athletic trainer at William Penn University before joining Cornell.

Simmons helped start Cornell's sports medicine program in 1991. In honor of his contributions, Cornell recognizes a student staff member annually with the Dick R. Simmons Sports Medicine Assistant of the Year Award.