



DAVE FOXEN

When Dave Foxen first stepped on the wrestling mat in 7th grade, he had Hall of Fame Referee Reggie Jones Sr. as his coach and in his corner. With that first wrestling positive experience, he dedicated himself to the sport for the next 40+ years! He has excelled as a wrestler, coach, official, and administrator. Wrestling has taken Dave around the world, and those who have worked with him have benefitted from his passion and expertise.

Dave was an All-County wrestler at Garden City High School in 1970. He went on and wrestled for Coaches Larry Schechitano and Mark Piven at NY Maritime College, and later was a three-time NY State Collegiate champion and Team Captain for Don Murray's SUNY Brockport team. During that time, Dave started wrestling for the New York Athletic Club (NYAC), where he was a 10X AAU/US Open place-winner and competed in the U.S. Final Olympic team trials in 1972, '76, '80, and '84.

Dave began his coaching career by returning to SUNY Brockport in 1974 and helped guide the team to 3 SUNY Championships and the 1977 Div III National Championship. The then moved on to coach at Deerfield Academy and led them to the Team Runner-up in the New England Championships. While there, he coached Abdullah Hussein, the 115 lb. New England champion, and current King of Jordan!

While in graduate school at the University of Massachusetts in 1978-80, he helped coach the UMass team to consecutive runner-up finishes in the D1 NE Championships, qualifying 5

wrestlers for the NCAA Championships. The following year, as Head Coach of Amherst College, he produced the first undefeated team in the 50+ year history of the college program. For the past 12 years, Dave has shared his experience and knowledge assisting at 3 Long Island High Schools; Garden City, Chaminade, and Port Washington.

Following a stint as a USA Wrestling Official from 2000-2005, he is currently a Board member of NY-USA Wrestling, and has served as Wrestling Chairman of the NYAC, supporting a team of 50 senior level wrestlers in Greco-Roman, Women's freestyle and Men's freestyle. Under Dave's watch, the NYAC has won 5 overall National titles and placed 6 wrestlers on the 2016 Olympic Team.

Dave has two sons that have made him very proud by having followed him into the wrestling world. Joe, All-County from Garden City, and David, Eastern Collegiate Champion from Brown University.

Dave's wife Leslie and their daughter Kim are here with sons Joe and Dave Jr., all of whom are very proud of "Dad."

We are proud to welcome David Foxen into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for his Lifetime service to Amateur Wrestling.