

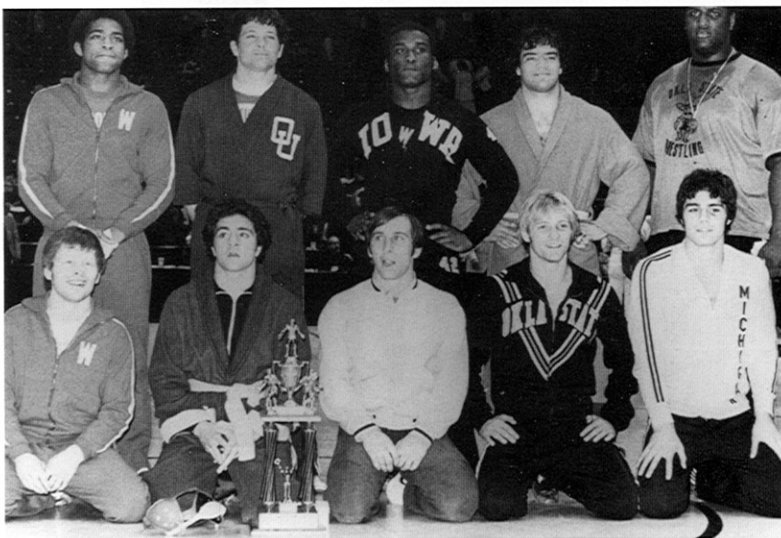


# NICK GALLO

Nick Gallo was a star wrestler for Deer Park High School under Coach Ed Luksik. In 1972 he placed second in the Section Eleven Tournament at 105 lbs. and in 1973 was the County Champion at 112 lbs. He finished Fourth in The New York State Tournament.

After graduating, he enrolled at Hofstra and it was as a collegiate wrestler that he had his greatest success. In his sophomore year he shocked the experts at the NCAA Tournament by placing fourth. His junior year was somewhat of a disappointment, as he finished second in the East Coast Conference Tournament and was eliminated in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. In his senior year, after earning an alternate spot on the U.S. Olympic team during the summer, Nick hit his stride. He starred in the East/West All Star Meet and arrived at the national tournament as the first seed at 126 lbs. He wrestled so impressively through the tournament, that he came away with not only the championship, but with the Most Outstanding Wrestler Award. In doing so, he gave Hofstra its fifth NCAA placewinner and only champion. Nick continued wrestling after college and was a silver medal winner on the United States World Team in 1980. That team captured the first Gold Cup in United States wrestling history.

Nick has continued to be a great supporter of Long Island wrestling and is a successful business man on the Island. He was elected to the Suffolk County Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.



## 1977 NCAA DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

(L.R.) - Front: Jim Haines, 118, Wisconsin; Nick Gallo, 126, Hofstra; Pat Neu, 134, Minnesota; Steve Barrett, 142, Oklahoma St.; Mark Churella, 150, Michigan. Back: Lee Kemp, 158, Wisconsin; Rod Kilgore, 167, Oklahoma; Chris Campbell, 177, Iowa; Frank Santana, 190, Iowa St.; Jimmy Jackson, Hwt., Oklahoma St