

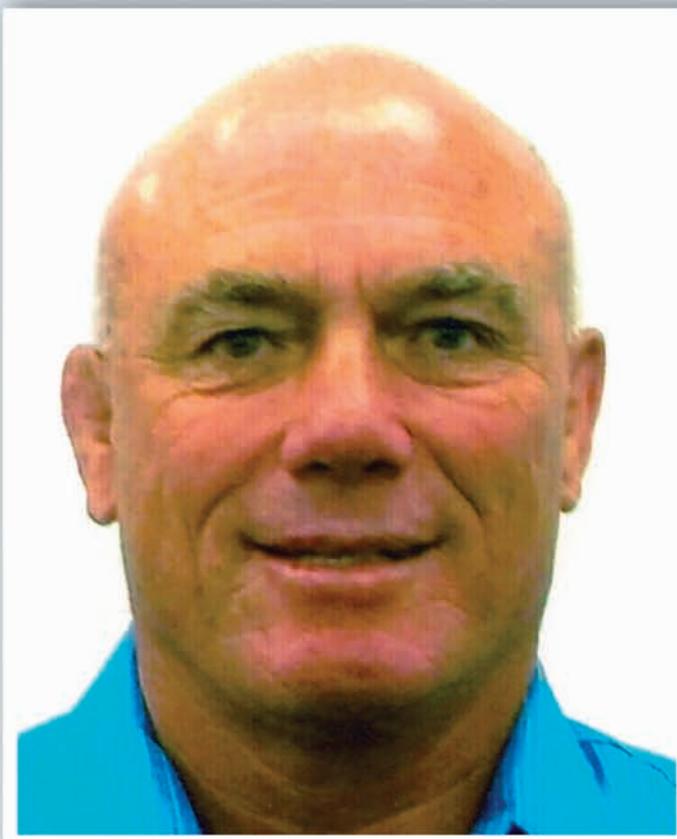
Reggie JONES JR.

Reggie Jones Jr. exemplifies the phrase "Lifetime Service to Wrestling."

Born into a prominent wrestling family, Reggie has spent his life in the sport. In both junior and senior high school, Reggie competed at Bellmore's John F. Kennedy H. S., where he developed an impressive competitive record. During this formative period, Reggie was exposed to several Hall of Fame coaches, including Don Jackson, John Schaefer and Ken Hunte.

He earned a scholarship to Westchester State College in Pennsylvania and while there, wrestled for Milt Collier. During his college career, Reggie defeated most of the outstanding wrestlers in his league and distinguished himself in Pennsylvania college wrestling circles.

Upon graduation, Reggie became an assistant coach at his alma mater, Kennedy High, then moved on to Long Beach High School, where he began working with his college teammate, Paul Gillespie. Together, while at Long Beach, the coaching team of Jones and Gillespie earned 17



team titles and two state championships. Both Reggie and Paul dominated New York State high school wrestling and Long Island wrestling for 20 years. Afterward, Reggie went on to become one of the top wrestling officials in New York; he was selected to officiate the New York State Championships eight times.

With his tremendous background and legendary coaches behind him, Reggie Jones Jr. was destined to make his mark in wrestling. After 28 years in the sport, he has returned as an assistant coach once again, with his college teammate, Paul Gillespie, to coach the Wantagh High School program. They have quickly moved that program into contention for state recognition. As an assistant coach, Reggie has been teaching and

drilling the fundamentals, while placing an emphasis on strength and conditioning. His insistence on discipline and detail has helped him to be an effective teacher of "folk style" wrestling. Reggie's command of wrestling and his quiet professionalism have been an inspiration to athletes, coaches, wrestlers and spectators. He continues to be a favorite official at the college level, and is known for his integrity and dedication to the youth of our community and the sport of wrestling.

In addition to his achievements in wrestling, Reggie Jones, Jr. continues to work as an ocean lifeguard supervisor and is an EMT working with the Nassau County Lifeguard Examination Board.

Reggie Jones Jr. has spent half a century in wrestling. He is one of the great people in our sport and in our community. He is most deserving of his honor to "Lifetime Service to Wrestling."

(left) Reggie coaching at Long Beach High School where he spent 20 years as assistant coach to Paul Gillespie.

(right) Reggie has become one of the top officials in New York State at both the high school and collegiate levels. He has officiated at the New York State Tournament on eight occasions.

