

**National Wrestling Hall of
Fame & Museum**

Class of 2010 Honorees

Distinguished Members



David C. Auble, with an Ithaca High School record of 79-1, wrestled at Cornell University where he was a two-time NCAA champion in 1959-60. He was the Outstanding Wrestler in 1960 and was a three-time Eastern champion with a total collegiate record of 51-1. Auble was a gold medalist at the Pan-American Games in 1959, and he took fourth place at the 1962 Worlds and 1964 Olympic Games. With marked success, Auble coached internationally for Canada and was a college coach at UCLA. For eleven years, he coached as a volunteer of youth, high school, and college programs.



Russell Camilleri wrestled at San Jose State University compiling a three year record of 78-4. He was a Pacific Coast Champion in 1958 and a member of the USA Greco-Roman Olympic Team in 1960 and 1964. Camilleri was the National AAU Freestyle Champion in 1961, '63, '64, '65, '66, and '72, as well as the National AAU Greco-Roman Champion in 1960, '61, '64, '65, '66, and '72, winning six Outstanding Wrestler Awards.



Rulon Gardner wrestled at heavyweight for Ricks Junior College under Coach Bob Christenson. He was a two-time NJCAA All-American in 1990-91 and was an NJCAA Champion in 1991. He was also a Division I All-American for the University of Nebraska under Coach Tim Neuman. He was a four-time U.S. Nationals Greco-Roman Champion in 1995, '97, 2000, and '01. In addition, he earned an Olympic Gold medal in 2000 and an Olympic Bronze medal in 2004. He was a 2001 World Champion and a 1996 World Cup Champion. Also, he was a 1998 and 2000 Pan American Games champion. He further contributed to wrestling as an NBC broadcaster for the 2008 Olympics.



Lincoln McIlravy wrestled at the University of Iowa under Coach Dan Gable. He was a four-time All-American in 1993, '94, '95, and '97 and a three-time NCAA champion in 1993, '94, and '97. He also earned Outstanding Wrestler honors at the 1997 NCAA Championships and was a member of three NCAA champion teams. After college, he went on to be a four-time U.S. National Freestyle champion from 1997-2000 and earned an Olympic Bronze medal in 2000. He took a Bronze Medal in the 1998 World Championships and a Silver Medal in the 1999 World Championships. In 1999, he was a Pan American Games champion. In addition, he was a three-time World Cup champion from 1998-2000. McIlravy coached at the University of Iowa as an assistant from 1997-2000 and moved on to become a USA Wrestling Resident Coach from 2001-02.

Lifetime Achievement for Officials



Jim Ramirez currently serves as the Coordinator of Officials for the Big-10 and Big-12 Conferences. He has officiated 16 straight NCAA Division I National Championships as well as eight NCAA Division II National Championships. Ramirez has officiated for 22 uninterrupted years the most prestigious conference qualifier tournaments in the nation including BIG-12, BIG-10, PAC-10 and WAC tournaments. In addition, he has officiated two NAIA National Championships. He is consistently ranked as one of the Top Ten Referees at the NCAA Division I National Tournament. Ramirez is also known for authoring the book, The Art of Officiating Collegiate Wrestling, dedicated to improving officiating skills for wrestling officials. He was nominated twice as President of the Kansas State High School Wrestling Officials Association and has been recognized twice by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association for “Official of the Year” in 1989 and 2004. Ramirez also earned the “Outstanding Official of the Year” award in 2004 by the Collegiate Wrestling Officials Association. Ramirez produced the videotape for all college and high school wrestling officials on “Two-Man Mechanics, the 25 Must-Do’s with Using an Assistant.”

Medal of Courage



Rick Yarosh and two other soldiers were in Western Baghdad on September 1, 2006, when their Bradley fighting vehicle contacted an improvised explosive device. The fuel cell of the vehicle was ruptured, and the three soldiers were bathed in flames. Yarosh leaped from his gunner station to the ground breaking his right ankle. He rolled around on the ground to extinguish the fire and made his way into a polluted canal which engulfed him. Soldiers pulled Rick from the canal and loaded him into a helicopter in which he was flown from Baghdad to Germany. He was then transported to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. During his six months at Brooke Army Medical Center, Yarosh underwent numerous skin grafts and other treatments and endured more than 30 surgeries. He received a Purple Heart from the Army in 2006. Since his recovery, he has earned the rank of Sergeant as a Calvary Scout. Yarosh grew up in a wrestling family. Over his four years at Windsor High School, he had a high school record of 69-48. He was the team captain his senior year while competing at 189 lbs, and he finished the year taking 4th at the NYState Sec. IV. Yarosh’s father, uncle, and three younger brothers all wrestled for Windsor High School, and his father and uncle coached Junior and Senior High Wrestling.

Outstanding American



Chief Chad Smith has served as the Principle Chief of the Cherokee Nation since 1999. He is an elected executive officer of the second largest Indian tribe in the United States with 270,000 citizens. Smith has implemented an economic strategy for the tribal government that now produces over \$1 billion in revenue. He has a Juris Doctorate Law Degree from the University of Tulsa, a Masters of Science in Public Administration from the University of Wisconsin, and a Bachelors of Science in Education from the University of Georgia. While wrestling for Maplewood High School in Nashville, Tennessee, he achieved a 20-0-1 record his senior year. He wrestled briefly at the University of Tennessee-Martin from 1969-70 before a shoulder separation ended his career. Smith had three brothers who also wrestled in high school, one of which went on to compete for all four years of college.

Order of Merit



Dr. Bernard Feldman has donated his time and expertise to providing quality medical services to the wrestling community both in the United States and around the world for 25 years. Having traveled to 23 different nations, Feldman has played many roles, doing whatever he can to assist the athletes and help the sport. A 2008 recipient of the FILA Silver Star, he has been a FILA appointed physician, USOC appointed physician, medical director, staff physician, team physician, and a delegation member during his career. He has worked over 120 events since he began his career in wrestling in 1983 including five Olympic Games, 13 Senior World Championships, two Junior World Championships, two Cadet World Championships, five World Cups, two Pan American Games, eight Pan American Championships, one Junior Pan American Championships, as well as U.S. Olympic Team Trials, National Championships, World Team Trials, the Olympic Festival, and University National Championships. Feldman is currently a member of the FILA Medical Prevention and Anti-Doping Department, having served on this FILA Commission since 2001.