

# District IX

## Chapter of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Coaches Association (PWCA)

### Wrestling Hall of Fame

#### 2001 District IX Hall of Fame Inductees

##### **BOB CARLSON(Contributor)**

Bob is a 1962 DuBois High School graduate where he served as the captain of their wrestling squad. He acted as both coach and competitor on the United States Air Force team winning two USAF championships and placing second on two occasions in the All Service Championships. Following his service years, he attended Utah State University, wrestling there and then becoming head coach for 19 years amassing a 224-75-1 record. Mr. Carlson has served on many boards and administrative positions including Associate Athletic Director of USU, President of the National Wrestling Coaches Association, USA Wrestling Board of Directors, and NCAA Rules Committee. Bob returned to District IX and Clarion University in 1987 as Associate Athletic Director and was promoted to Athletic Director in 1990, the position he holds today. During his time at Clarion, Bob has contributed to wrestling by serving as a liaison to PSAC wrestling championships and the PIAA district and regional tournaments held at this fine site.

##### **JOSEPH A. KAGY(Contributor)**

Joe is a 1930 graduate of DuBois High School and a 1934 graduate of Allegheny College in Meadville with a degree in economics. Joe also earned a Masters of Secondary Education Degree at Duke University.

Mr. Kagy is being inducted as a contributor in the District IX Hall of Fame for his 28 years of PIAA officiating. While not wrestling in high school or college, he returned to DuBois and joined famed coach Hub Jack as assistant and co-head coach. Joe has earned the respect of his peers through more than a quarter of a century of officiating at district and state level tournaments.

##### **JARED KULECK(Wrestler)**

Jared is a 1991 graduate of Ridgway High School where he was coached by Gary Gerber. His scholastic career record stands at 97-11-1 (89%) over four years with 70 falls to his credit. He scored a hat trick in 1991 winning the District, the Northwest Regional Title (O.W.) and capturing the PIAA State Title at 189 pounds and becoming Ridgway's first state champion. Jared's accomplishments earned him a full wrestling scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown where he was a four-time Division II National Qualifier and a three-time All American under the supervision of Coach Pat Pecora. He amassed a 98-29-2 record with 48 falls as a four year starter while earning degrees in elementary education and, later, a masters in curriculum and instruction from Penn State University. Jared is currently teaching at his alma mater as well as assisting in the wrestling program at Ridgway.

##### **JAMES MOHNEY(Wrestler)**

Jim is a 1942 graduate of Clearfield Area High School and a 1950 graduate of Penn State University with degrees in Health and Physical Education and Secondary School Administration. Jim's high school career shows a 31-3 record (91%); two-time District 6-9 Champion and a two-time PIAA State Champion, under Coach Art Weiss. An injury shortened his collegiate career but not before he captured an EIWA title in 1944 for the Nittany Lions. As in the case with many greats of his era, wrestling continued for Jim after college with state and regional honors in AAU and YMCA competition. Coach Mohney logged 18 years as a head coach starting at Tyrone High School, where he guided nine district champions and two PIAA champs. Long Branch, New Jersey benefited from Mohney's experience producing nine district champions, two regional and one New Jersey state runner-up. Possibly the most enjoyable contribution Jim has made to wrestling has been 25 years of officiating in New Jersey and Pennsylvania at both the scholastic and collegiate levels. Jim Mohney, after 38 years of service, retired from a career in education as an administrator at his alma mater, C.H.S.

## PAT WILTANGER(Wrestler)

In 1991 Pat became Clarion High School's first Northwest Regional Champion and a PIAA State Champion capping off a scholastic career record of 75-27-2 (72%), while wrestling for coach Randy Cathcart. He was selected to perform in both the Pittsburgh Press Classic and the Challenge of Champions All-Star meet, winning both bouts. Pat's summer wrestling schedule resulted in All-American status in both greco roman and freestyle wrestling at the U.S.A. Junior Nationals. He was also a four time District IX place winner. Pat was awarded an athletic scholarship in wrestling at the University of Pittsburgh and wrestled for coach Randy Staltelmyer. While at Pittsburgh, Pat was a three-time EWL finalist with one title in 1996, three-time NCAA Division I national qualifier, earning All- American status in 1996 by placing eighth at the championship tournament. Pat ranks third for wins in the University of Pittsburgh wrestling history.