

60th Annual
William F. Powley Memorial Service to Wrestling Award
presented to
Kevin Harriman

I was introduced to scholastic wrestling during my 8th grade physical education class by Mr. Stan Woods. He had a mat rolled out and said, “the girls are going to do tumbling, and the boys are going to wrestle today”. After doing very well against my opponents and not knowing how to really wrestle, I felt good about myself. The next time I saw him in the hallway he said to me. “Hey Kev, I signed you up for wrestling”. I said “OK”, kept walking to class and never looked back again. I earned a Varsity letter my last three years of my career. Soon after graduation, I started volunteering my time to the rec program during my younger brothers’ time there. In 1987, I was named Head Wrestling Coach/Program Director and kept that position for the next 13 years. While participating in the Twin County Junior Wrestling League, I was named Vice President in 1998, and took over the Presidency in the 2000-2001 season. I held that position until 2003, when I became Head Wrestling Coach at Elmwood Park High School. In the 2005-06 season at EP, we set the school single season record for wins with a 22-2 record and made it to the North 2 Group 2 Team State Sectional Semi-finals. In 2007, I became HWC at Bergen Tech HS. In 2008, I was named Co-Head Coach of the Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield co-op program and stayed there until March of 2013. In the summer of 2013, I was named HWC of Hudson Catholic HS in Jersey City. After 2 seasons of trying to build the program, with declining overall school enrollment, Hudson Catholic decided to drop wrestling and ice hockey. After that, I was an assistant coach at Ramapo HS from 2015-2017 under current HWC Brian Gibbs.

All throughout the years, I continued my working relationship with the Twin County Junior Wrestling League by helping build it from 25 teams in 1987 to 53 teams today. I have served as Head Coach/Program Director, VP, President, District 1 Director, Asst. Regional Director, Computer Assistant, Weigh-Master, Trustee, Referee, Awards Chairman and Coaches’ Dinner Chairman. My love for the sport of wrestling and watching my student athletes grow physically, mentally, emotionally and socially has been extremely satisfying. Wrestling builds character, confidence and teaches many life skills along the way to a positive and productive lifestyle.

3 Year Varsity Letter winner at Emerson Jr./Sr. High School under longtime NJ Head Wrestling Coach and my mentor Stan Woods

1st Co-Op Wrestling Program in NJ (Emerson/Park Ridge 1989) Assistant Wrestling Coach (1989-1998) Owner of Reflex Wrestling School in Westwood from (1996-2002) Trained numerous district, regional, and state place-winners.

Assistant Wrestling Coach @ Don Bosco Prep HS (1998-2000)

Assistant Wrestling Coach @ Pascack Hills HS (2000-2002)

Head Wrestling Coach at Elmwood Park High School (2002-2007) Set School Record for Most Team Wins In a Season of 22-2 and advanced to the North 2 Group2 State Sectional Semi-finals (2006)

Head Wrestling Coach at Bergen Tech High School (2007-2008)

Co-Head Wrestling Coach for the Ridgefield Park/Ridgefield Co-op program (2008- 2013)

Head Wrestling Coach @ Hudson Catholic High School (2013-2015)

Assistant Wrestling Coach @ Ramapo HS (2015-2017)

Recreation Coaching Experience Program Director & Head Wrestling Coach of the Emerson Junior Wrestling Program from (1987-1999)

Created the current Annual John Tuminelli Memorial Wrestling Tournament formerly known as the “Emerson Tournament” in 1989

Built the Emerson program from 23 wrestlers to over 60 in my first 3 seasons

Coached 5 Recreation State Champs in one season (1995)

Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders “Service to Children Award” (March 2000)

Twin County Junior Wrestling League “Andrew Feintuch Memorial Service Award” recipient for dedication and service to the league for over 25 years. March (2009)

Assistant Wrestling Coach of the year in District 16 (February 2011)