

**New England Independent School Wrestling Association  
Coaches & Lifetime Service Award – Descriptions**

**1993 – Dave Hudson, Coach**

**Career Record: 106 – 19 – 1**

**10<sup>th</sup> Place Team, National Prep School Championships**

As a devoted and inspirational coach, you have forged Exeter teams with much determination. Few coaches can claim the excellence of four New England Championships in nine years. Respect from your fellow coaches is great and well-deserved.

**Phillips Exeter Academy, 1982 – 1991**

**7 Class A, 4 N.E. Championships**

**1994 – Graham Ward, Coach**

**Career Record: 178 – 103 – 6**

**1 Class B, 2 ISL Dual, 1 G-K Championships**

Very few coaches have longevity like your twenty-six years at Brooks! You've mentored countless wrestlers and other coaches toward excellence in our sport. All of them will remember the power of the "green vest."

**Brooks School, 1966 – 1992**

**1995 – Dick Griffin, Coach**

**11 ISL Dual, 7 G-K, 1 N.E. Championships**

Your eighteen years of coaching have produced a prolific number of successes from the Milton dynasty. More than 200 dual meet victories are merely a reflection of the "winner" you are as a person. Many of us value the friendship and competitiveness of "Grif"!

**Milton Academy, 1975 – 1993**

**Career Record: 204 – 51 – 5**

**1996 – John Wynne, Coach**

**1 WNEC Championship**

At the start of your fourth decade as the Taft wrestling coach, your fellow coaches wish to recognize the level of excellence and superb record you have achieved with your grapplers at Taft. We can only assume that the secret of your success comes from the tie-dyed shirts and cut-off shorts in which you've taught hundreds of young wrestlers "Wynning" techniques.

**Taft School, 1966 – 1995**

**Career Record: 244 – 96 – 7**

**1997 – Larry Bidstrup, Coach**

**5 Class A, 3 N.E. Championships**

Your thirty-two year stint as either assistant or head coach at Tabor has been filled with fanaticism for our sport. From the "Worcester weigh-in trip" to the grasp of the "Bidstrup Nelson," your care, compassion, and commitment to Tabor wrestlers has been outstanding. Hundreds of young men have experienced the "fatherly approach" of your coaching.

**Tabor Academy, 1964 – 1996**

**Career Record: 157 – 71 – 3**

**1998 – Ted Davis, Coach**

**Founder, Hotchkiss Program**

As the patriarch of Hotchkiss wrestling, Ted Davis filled the "puck room" with horsehair mats twenty-seven years ago. Since then, he has ridden roughshod over the Western New Englands with his teams and taken hundreds of Hotchkiss wrestlers far beyond their potential on the mats. He's the only coach known to break his own leg while training his own heavyweight! Ted, you have provided constant service to our Wrestling Association through work on seeding committees, by hosting several tournaments, and with efforts to keep the New Englands going in the 70's. Your dedication is much appreciated and will long be remembered in Lakeville ... and beyond!

**Hotchkiss School, 1970 – 1997**

**Career Record: 180 – 156 – 12**

**1999 – John Buxton, Coach**

**4 New England Championships**

A teacher of teachers, John Buxton is a master motivator; at St. Paul's, where the majority did not have previous wrestling experience, John proved to be a persistent recruiter of those who may not have initially seen themselves as a wrestler. Once on the mat for John, however, a St. Paul's wrestler always reflected the polished

**St. Paul's School, 1969 – 1998**

**Career Record: 307 – 130**

technique and hard-nosed athleticism characteristic of his mentor. Finishing his career with three New England titles in four years, John demonstrated that a school known for its exceptional academic standards could also represent excellence in the toughest of sports.

**2001 – Frank Millard, Coach**  
**Championships**

**Northfield Mt. Hermon School, 1985 – 2001**  
**Career Record:**

Known for his meticulous attention to detail, Frank Millard has served as the record-keeper and scribe for the Class A Newsletter, a pithy publication which includes the latest match results and individual rankings, as well as the “scuttlebutt” on teams and individuals which might escape anyone else’s notice. Frank’s teams are consistently competitive, year in and year out, and are always one of the top three teams not only in the league but in New England as well.

**2002 – Bill Treese, Coach**  
**Coached 2 Individual National Prep School Runners-Up**

**Worcester Academy, 1988 – 2002**

An even-mannered gentleman of the sport, Bill Treese’s welcome has extended for many years not only to his own athletes but as the host for the annual New England coaches’ meeting as well as numerous seeding meetings. Although Worcester struggled at times to fill all the weights, Bill has coached outstanding individuals over the years, including two national prep finalists.

**2003 – Dave Coratti, Coach**  
**4 WNEC Championships**

**Trinity-Pawling School, 1981 – 2003**  
**Past President, WNEC Coaches Assn.**

Dave, your legacy as head coach of Trinity-Pawling School’s wrestling team will be hard to equal. Your dedication and passion for the sport are evident in every practice and during every match. You have impacted other coaches in the league as a role model, a voice of reason, and a leader in the coaches’ organizations. Not only have you taught young men who have never wrestled how to become champions, but also you have consistently offered them insights into how to succeed in life. Your tough yet compassionate approach certainly produced tremendous results, evidenced by both the success of your teams and the numerous young men who wrestled for you who come back to visit with you later in their lives. – Bill Dunham, T-P Asst. Coach

**2004 – Steve Ward, Coach**  
**9 ISL League Titles**

**Roxbury Latin School, 1976 – 2004**  
**12 Graves-Kelsey Tournament Championships**

As a colleague of Steve Ward’s, I have always been impressed by his matside demeanor; intense while radiating composure, Steve instills a quiet confidence in his athletes. Roxbury Latin wrestlers not only withstand pressure, but they also respond in a sportsmanship manner regardless of the result.

Steve Ward knows the difference that the experience of wrestling makes in a young person’s life. He is the ultimate teacher, even when his silent gestures speak louder than his words. He exudes character without fanfare.

As president of the New England Independent School Wrestling Association, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Steve Ward of The Roxbury Latin School as the 2004 recipient of the Association’s highest honor – The NEISWA Coaching Recognition.

Steve, your peers hold you in the utmost regard and trust that you will continue to transform young lives for the next quarter century. – William X. Barron, NEISWA President

**2005 – Jack Craig, Coach**  
**NEISWA Secretary-Treasurer, 1981-1997**

**Moses Brown School, 1978 – 2001 (230 – 140 – 8)**  
**Fay School, 1971 – 1978: 63 – 16 – 0**

First at Fay and then at Moses Brown, you have instilled the passion of wrestling into hundreds of young men. A gentleman on and off the mat, perhaps the greatest lesson you’ve taught is how to act with grace and humility in all situations. Your wrestlers always felt your deep care for them as they grew from novice boys into capable athletes. Your tireless efforts on behalf of the coaches association showed your colleagues that there is so much more to wrestling than what takes place on the mats. For years, you kept the association headed in the

path of always doing what is best for our kids. Today we celebrate your selfless contributions to the sport. – Al Reiff, NEISWA President

**2006 – Bill Bourne, Coach**

**Park School, 1961 – 2005**

**Founder, New England Junior Prep School Wrestling**

Founding Father of New England Junior Prep Wrestling and coach at the Park School for more than forty years, through more than 400 regular season meets and close to 75 tournaments.

Bill Bourne – far more than simply numbers: A visionary – who saw a place for competitive interscholastic wrestling amongst N.E. junior prep schools long before anyone else did. An innovator – who made that vision into a reality, inspiring others to follow his example. A mentor – guiding several generations of young middle school athletes in the sport and in life. Definitely an original – demonstrating his rare blend of omniscience and dedication through his unique presence and special style. Without the steady influx of junior school wrestlers, secondary school programs would not be as skilled or successful; without Bill Bourne, therefore, they would not be what they are today.

--Nick Noble, Newsletter Editor & Publisher, N.E. Jr. Prep School Wrestling Association

**2006 – Tim Ostrye, Coach**

**Brunswick School, 1981-2006: 342-46-3**

**7 Western New England Championships**

**Recipient, Neil Buckley Award for Service to Wrestling (@ Nat. Prep School Championships)**

Fiercely competitive, you serve as a terrific role model for your wrestlers. Fellow coaches dread having to face Brunswick boys because they are so tenacious and focused. Your teams have always been among the best-coached squads in the association. Brunswick's outstanding success, year in and year out, has served as a tribute to the quality of your coaching. Your constant challenging of your wrestlers to do their best on the mat has allowed your boys to go beyond what they ever thought possible. With seven Western New England Championships, you leave little doubt as to who has mastered the sport. –Al Reiff, NEISWA President - March 4, 2006

**2007 – Don Bradley, Coach**

**Belmont Hill School, 1998-2007: 230-73-4**

**6 ISL Dual Meet, 4 G-K Team Champions**

**New England Team Champions, 2007**

**“Fiery Competitor, Man of Integrity”**

A complete schoolman, a conscientious advisor, a 3-season coach (football, lacrosse, wrestling) ... Don does it all – and does it with talent and dedication. No person on the faculty is more admired & respected, by students or by fellow faculty. When Don speaks, people truly listen.

– Rick Melvoin, BHS School Head

Those of us who know him best regard Don as his own wrestlers do, as tough and fair, and one who “does not suffer fools lightly.” He is renowned for his coaching acumen, his unflinching competitiveness and his efficient management style. Unfailingly a man of integrity and a model of sportsmanship, Don commands respect. – Steve Ward, Roxbury Latin Coach (W. Roxbury, MA)

Don has an amazing ability to connect with all of his students. I am a teacher and coach today because of Coach Bradley's influence. His ability to motivate boys to succeed is amazing; in fact, wrestlers want to win more for Coach Bradley than they do themselves. If I were to start a school today, Don Bradley would be the cornerstone. The truth be told – he is the cornerstone of Belmont Hill. – Peter Folan, Belmont Hill '93, BHS Middle School Coach

**2008 – Frank Millard, Northfield Mt. Hermon School**

**Class A Newsletter Editor**

**Chairman, National Prep Wrestling Board**

“Wrestling has been pivotal in almost all my career decisions and moves,” says Frank. “I’m passionate about it.” That passion is contagious.

What’s the key to inspiring boys to win matches? Expecting them to win, Millard says. Winning motivates. “That’s what it’s all about,” he says. “That why you play the game. It’s important to me, it’s important to the kids.

Wrestling is unique in that there are two people on the mat, and at the end of the match, one person gets his hand raised up.”

“Frank set a high standard of excellence in both coaching and administration that I not only appreciate, but aim for,” states Tom Pratt, NMH Athletic Director.

1964-65	Carthage Central High School, Carthage NY	20 – 8
1966-70	The Manlius Military School, Manlius, NY	52 – 21
1971	SUNY Potsdam (NCAA- D 3), Potsdam, NY	10 – 7
1972-1985	SUNY Delhi (NJCAA), Delhi, NY	251 – 37
1986-2008	Northfield Mt. Hermon School, Gill, MA	385 – 13 – 3
		TOTAL: 718 – 204 – 3

#### **2008 – Tim Walsh, Coach**

**5 Class A Team Champions (1969, 1972 – 1975)**

**Coach of Champions: Two National Prep, One New England, 28 Class A**

A "Tim-ism": if you dress with class, you'll act with class; if you act with class you'll compete with class.

As proud as Tim is of the team's wrestling accomplishments, he's prouder of his prominent wrestlers winning numerous academic awards and matriculating to such schools as MIT, Penn, Williams and Brown. Tim was able to produce elite teams at the high school level three decades apart, in the 1970's and 2000's.

From the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame Induction:

In 15 seasons coaching MIT, Tim Walsh's program boasted more national scholar All-Americans than any wrestling program in the country. Walsh's teams compiled a dual-meet record of 154-78 and won the 1982 Northern N. E. Championship. The 1983 NECCWA Coach of the Year, he guided the Engineers through 15 consecutive winning seasons, while becoming the winningest head coach in the history of the MIT program.

#### **2009 NEISWA Career Service Award**

##### **William Xavier Barron – Cardigan Mt. School 1980-98, Hyde-ME 1998-2008**

Bill Barron leaves a legacy in New England Prep School Wrestling that will stand the test of time. He founded the Cardigan Mountain School program in 1980 and in his eighteen years as head of that program he built a program that was consistently a top five team in the New England Junior Prep league. He coached numerous future New England place winners in his 18 years at Cardigan, but most importantly he taught his wrestlers about character and the rewards that come from doing things the right way.

Bill is a gifted teacher and life coach. His connections to his former wrestlers, colleagues, students and their families continue on decades later. Bill moved on to Hyde School in 1998 and for the next decade had an immediate impact in reinvigorating life into a program with a proud wrestling tradition. He had a critical impact in the New England Coaches Association as well, serving terms as President, Vice-President and most recently as Secretary-Treasurer. Bill's work on the National and New England record books are gifts that will continue to give for generations of wrestlers and their families.

His spirit of service and volunteering for difficult tasks is one that inspires all who know him. Bill carries himself with class and honor. He is a man of tireless dedication, service and a willingness to do things the right way no matter how long it might take. Bill is a mentor to all who cross his path. He has inspired many former wrestlers and colleagues to give back to the sport through officiating and coaching.

We sincerely wish Bill well on his new adventures in Colorado and want him to know that his impact here in New England will not be forgotten. He is a true friend of New England Wrestling and we are forever grateful for his generous contributions to the sport.

-- Dan Murphy, Coach: CMS 1991-94, Hillside 1994-98, Hyde School-CT 1998-2008

#### **2009 – Livingston Carroll, Middle School Head Coach**

#### **Roxbury Latin School**

The title "dedicated school person" is the most apt description that one can use when introducing Livingston Carroll. He has served for the past 24 years at The Roxbury Latin School as a teacher of mathematics and Latin, as well as a faculty advisor, coach of Varsity XC and the Junior Wrestling coach. Liv also taught at Taft School, the Hill

School and at Fessenden, he has been involved in coaching the sport of wrestling for over 35 years. "Rocky" was an outstanding wrestler in his own right, he was a state and New England champion while at Taft, and was a highly recruited wrestler at Stanford University.

The Roxbury Latin School Wrestling program alone is in his debt for being a master recruiter and shaper of young wrestlers. In his own "cagey" manner he somehow convinces numerous young men to try a new sport and then manufactures them into champions. His teams are consistently dedicated, disciplined, successful and cohesive units. Roxbury Latin understands that Liv is the foundation of their successful program.. Roxbury Latin is indebted to Livingston Carroll as is the entire New England Wrestling Community. – Steve Ward, Head Coach, Roxbury Latin School

**2010 – Chips Norcross, Coach**

**Fay School, 1957-2010**

Through his dedication to the sport, Chips Norcross has influenced the lives of countless young wrestlers and coaches in his years at the Fay School. He is a selfless, dedicated, knowledgeable, and competitive coach. It is no wonder why his program has produced so many top high school wrestlers, but more importantly, it has produced boys who love wrestling. --Dave Leonardis, Fay Head Coach

**2011 – Dave Wilson, Coach**

**Canterbury School, 1996-2011**

Dave Wilson has been a part of New England wrestling for most of his life. As a teenager, he proudly won the Class A tournament for Tabor Academy, and as an adult he has served not only as an exemplary coach, but also as an outstanding leader within our wrestling community. He has maintained and built upon the high standards of Canterbury wrestling, producing a number of not only league champions but of New England champions. He has hosted the Canterbury Tournament countless times, giving the season a tremendous send-off for the 16 or so schools that participate each year.

In his 11 years as President of the Western New England Independent School Wrestling Association, he has led with a vision of balance and fairness. Always focused on the tremendous benefits of the sport for our students, Dave is fond of reminding fellow coaches that, "We are in it for the kids." Always a class act, he guided his team to the Sportsmanship Award at this year's Western New England Tournament. A gentleman on and off the mat, he has been a forceful proponent of the sport his entire life, and it is only fitting he receive this year's Coaches Award. –Al Reiff, NEISWA Secretary/Treasurer

**2012--Scott Heitmiller, Coach**

**St. Paul's School, 1997-2012**

Scott Heitmiller combines a fierce competitiveness with an acute sense of fair play. He is truly a man of integrity who is gracious in both victory and defeat. It is not surprising that his teams have earned the ISL Sportsmanship award on a number of occasions over the past 10 years, because Scott defines the concept of sportsmanship. He never loses sight of the St. Paul's School mission, which includes helping his student athletes to grow intellectually, morally, and physically. He has great integrity and high standards, which have earned him the respect not only from his team members, but from coaches throughout New England as well.

– Steve Ward, Roxbury-Latin and Steve Toubman, Nobles and Greenough

**2013—Bill Dunham, Coach**

**Canterbury School, 1985-1996; Trinity-Pawling School, 1996-2013**

First at Canterbury, and then at Trinity-Pawling, you have led your wrestlers to enjoy success at the highest levels of competition. A leader among coaches, you have steered the Western New England for many years on a straight and clear course. –Al Reiff, NEISWA Secretary/Treasurer

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**Co-Founder, Eaglebrook Jr. Prep Program**

**Prep School Official, 1963 –**

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**2005 – Bill Poirot, Assistant Coach**

**Brooks School, 1967 – 1990**

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Young prospects were always his interest. As football coach he steered many good athletes to the sport and he followed up by giving them close attention during the wrestling season. That was his forte – personal attention and support, but by no means would he let his charges off the hook. When appropriate, he supplied them with transport and coaching advice in post-season, out-of-state tournaments.

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