

The Ohio Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame is set to induct the Class of 2017 on Oct. 15, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio.

The event will begin with a social at 2 p.m. with dinner to follow at 3 and the awards presentation taking place after dinner.

The 2017 class includes – Pat Galbincea, John Gramuglia, Ron Masanek, Dick McCoy, David Range and Gary Wise.

Tickets can be purchased at: www.oh-nwhof.ticketleap.com

Patrick Galbincea

Galbincea, 69, covered high school and college wrestling for 42 years. He began his career at the Plain Dealer on November 27, 1969. Here he established wrestlers of the week, top 25 team rankings, and all-star selections which were all determined prior to the state tournament. He graduated from Cleveland State University in June, 1970. The following year he became a licensed wrestling official with the OHSAA and had the highest test score. As his career continued, so did his achievements. In 1994 he received the Amateur Wrestling News wrestling writer of the year award, the Bob Dellinger Award. In 1995 and 1996 he was recognized by the National Media Wrestling Association as the Journalist of the Year. He was also in the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches association and was a Media Service Award recipient in 1998. In 2009 he was the Wrestling USA National Writer of the Year runner-up. He also received the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Coaches and Officials Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. Currently, he is the President of the Greater “Cleveland” Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association as well a wrestling media assistant for the OHSAA.

John Gramuglia

Gramuglia wrestled at St. Ignatius High School then went on to attend John Carroll University, competing in wrestling with the team until his graduation in 1980. Following his wrestling career, Gramuglia started his coaching career at Trinity as the assistant wrestling coach until 1984 when he became the Head Wrestling Coach at Wadsworth High School. He organized the Wadsworth Youth Wrestling Program in 1985, as well as the All-State All-American Wrestling Camp. Both of these are still active to this day. Gramuglia was the Vice President of the Greater Cleveland Coaches Association in 2001 and 2002 before becoming the President in 2003 and 2004. Gramuglia has been head coach at Wadsworth High School for 32 years now. He has produced a career dual meet record of 357-74-1, with 25 straight league championships. His teams have won 16 Sectional Team Championships, 3 District Team Championships, 10 District Runner-up finishes, and a Team State Championship in 2010. John has also coached 314 district qualifiers, 133 state qualifiers, 85 state placers, 36 state finalists, and 15 state champions. Gramuglia was inducted to the OHSCA Hall of Fame in 2010 and has also garnered many other Coach of the Year and Hall of Fame honors throughout the area, including OHSCA Division I Coach of the Year in 2001. Gramuglia is currently an active member of the USA Wrestling Organization and the Greater Coaches and Officials Wrestling Association. John Gramuglia has been married to his high school sweetheart Cindy for 36 years and has a son Sean 32 and daughter in law Becca and daughter Dana 24, and lovely granddaughter Beatrix, 4.

Ron Masanek

Masanek wrestled at Miami University where he graduated in 1964. He was a member of Miami’s wrestling team for four years and was a three year Varsity Letter winner. His total win-loss record was 64-20. Masanek is a two-time NCAA Division 1 National Qualifier and a two-time MAC runner-up. In 1964, as a graduate assistant, he became the head coach for Miami’s freshman wrestling team. From 1965-2014 he was the head wrestling coach at Fairfield High School. For many years during this time he also served as a Southwest District State representative and coached the Ohio Jr. National Team. As a coach of Fairfield High School he recorded a dual meet record of 410-83-3. He coached nine state champions and nine state runner-ups. His teams had 11 undefeated seasons, 23 GMC Team titles, 200 Individual GMC Champions, eight District titles, 10 Top Ten state finishes, and 43 state place winners. He is a member of five Hall of Fames: Ohio Wrestling Hall of Fame, Miami University “Cradle of Coaches”, Fairfield Athletic Hall of Fame, Butler County Hall of Fame, and La Rosa’s Sports

Hall of Fame. Fairfield High School now hosts a two day tournament called the “Ron Masanek Invitational”. Masanek is currently working to get wrestling reinstated at Miami University and the University of Cincinnati.

Dick McCoy

McCoy wrestled at Western Hills High School until 1972, where he earned 1st Team All-City honors. Following his graduation from high school, he began his coaching career in 1974 where he started as an assistant coach for Western Hills. After his time at Western Hills, McCoy then went on to quick stints at St. Xavier and Walnut Hills before landing his position as head coach at Elder High School from 1982-2013. During his coaching career, McCoy garnered a 233-87-4 dual record at Elder, seven league titles, five city championships, 15 sectional team titles, one district team title, 308 districts qualifiers, 101 state qualifiers and three champions. McCoy received the Ohio High School State Coach of the year award in 2008, OHSAA Sportsmanship and Integrity Award in 2012, was a five-time Cincinnati Enquirer Coach of the Year, eleven-time GCL Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the OHSWCA and Ohio Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame in 2007 and 2014, respectively. McCoy has also been a Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Coaches Association member and officer for more than 30 years and has been a high school wrestling official for more than 20 years.

David Range

David Range attended Miami University, competing in wrestling with the college from 1964-1967. Range was a Hiram Tournament Champion, as well as a 4-I Champion in 1965 and 1967. Range also earned the honor of being a captain for the team in 1967, the same year when he became a Mid-American Conference Champion being listed at 123 pounds. Following his collegiate career, Range went on to become a coach from 1968 to 1996, coaching Garfield Heights, Warrensville and East Cleveland/Shaw High School. He was a coach on the USSR vs. Ohio Jr. Team in 1974, as well as the Mexico vs. USA Jr. Team in 1975. Range then went on to finish his coaching career at Cuyahoga Community College. He has been inducted in the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame, as well as the Garfield Heights Sports Hall of Fame.

Gary Wise

Wise is a graduate of Wright State University. While here he was a three-time NCAA Division II qualifier and received the Raider (Coach’s) Award. His coaching career began in 1978 as the Miamisburg High School Freshman Head Coach. The following year he moved to John F. Kennedy Jr. High where he coached for three seasons. Then he was Middletown Madison’s head coach for one year until he became Graham High School’s head coach for seven years. In 1990 Wise began coaching at Beavercreek High School where he still serves as the head coach today. Here he has achieved many awards. Wise is an eight-time Greater Miami Valley Wrestling Association Coach of the year recipient. He is a three-time Greater Western Ohio League Coach of the Year. In 1983 he was the Butler County Coach of the Year and in 1998 he was the Western Ohio League Coach of the Year. Throughout his career he had 72 Individual State Qualifiers, 34 Individual State Placers, two Individual State Champions, eight League Team Titles, seven sectional titles, eight sectional runner-ups, and three District/Regional titles.