



# 2000 WRESTLING MANAGER OF THE YEAR

## ALYSON RINEER

SOUTH CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL, SYKESVILLE, MARYLAND

A few years ago the South Carroll wrestling team was looking for a replacement for a graduating manager. They had no idea, at the time, how fortunate they were to be in their search. A reluctant Alyson Rineer came aboard after great recommendations from her job with the volleyball team. Her reluctance was based on the fact that she had little experience with the sport of wrestling. She turned out to be a very fast learner.

Alyson worked to gain knowledge about the sport. She did everything she had to do and gradually understood wrestling more and more. She kept returning year after year, each year with more enthusiasm than the last. She became a part of the wrestling family, serving in roles as mother figure, sister, friend, coach and support person. "She makes an extra effort when someone is in need of help," states 130 pounder Dan Patterson. Coach Pete Olson says, "I am able to go to her for her objective opinion on certain situations on relationships and decisions I have to



make. It is hard as a coach to step back and make those types of decisions, but I can depend on and use her advice to help make my choices easier."

Alyson does all of the normal managerial duties. She keeps score at all meets, handles statistics, communicates with the media, and greets all visiting teams and referees. She gets all needed equipment ready for trips and helps check out and inventory uniforms. Through all of this she has maintained a 3.3 G.P.A., held down a part-time job as a nursing assistant, and is a member of the varsity volleyball team. She will attend York College next fall, majoring in nursing.

Alyson says of her experience, "I'm sorry I'm leaving, but I've never had a better experience in my life than that which I have had in four years being a part of a wrestling family. I wouldn't give it up for the world."

Congratulations, Alyson, for a job well done!!

Nominated by WUSA State Editor Lawrence Fasick.



**Runner-up:**  
**CHRIS FARINA**  
Parkersburg High School  
Parkersburg, West Virginia  
Nominated by Joe Handlan, Jr.