

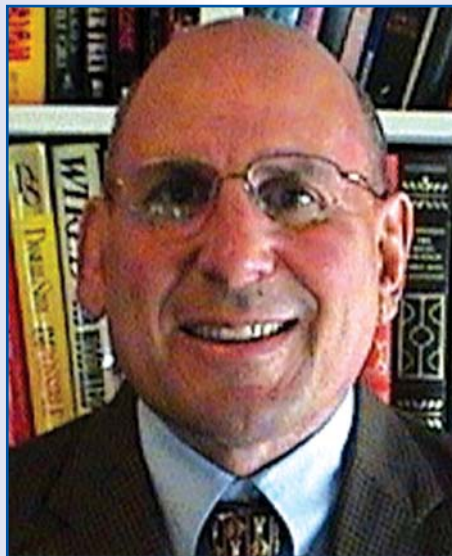

2006 Man-of-the-Year Award

Robert Ferraro Easton, Pennsylvania

A 1966 graduate of Easton Area High School in Easton, Pennsylvania, and a 1971 graduate of Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana. Robert Ferraro earned a BS degree in 1971 and an MS degree in 1972 from Indiana State University where he served for two years as a graduate assistant wrestling coach under the legendary Gray Simons.

At Indiana State, Ferraro sported a 93-4 record during his collegiate wrestling career which included 62 falls. He only had one loss in regular season competition during his entire three year varsity career. His .959 winning percentage is the best in school history. He was a two-time NCAA Division I All-American at 150 pounds, finishing fourth and second in the NCAA Championships in 1969 and 1970 respectively. He also won at 150 pounds by a fall in the East-West All Star Meet his senior year by revenging a loss at the NCAA finals to the same opponent. In 1970, he received the Most Outstanding Male Athlete Award as well as the Outstanding Leadership and Loyalty Awards at Indiana State University.

In 1972, Bob taught health education at Neshaminy High School in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, and served as an assistant



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wrestling coach. Bob joined the athletic staff at Bucknell University in 1973 as the head wrestling coach and Director of Recreation and served at that capacity until 1997. From 1997 until the present Ferraro serves as the Executive Director of the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA).

During his Bucknell coaching career, Ferraro produced 44 ECC and ECWA conference champions and four NCAA Division I All-Americans. He was voted ECWA Conference Coach of the Year in 1986, 87, and 92. Ferraro was inducted into the District 11 and District 4 Halls of Fame in 1984 and 1992 respectively. He

was also inducted into the Indiana State University Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. In 2004, Bob was appointed to serve on the Board Of Visitors at the United States Sports Academy.

In 1989, Ferraro founded the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA), National High School Senior Wrestling Championships, and the National Wrestling Coaches Convention. In 1990, the inaugural NHSCA High School Senior Nationals was covered by ESPN. Scholastic Sports America's, Dennis Deninger recognized the historical significance of the event on air and pointed out that it was the first true national championship in any high school sport in America. The National Open Wrestling Championships, which is now in its 10th year will be held June 24-28, 2006 in Virginia Beach, VA. When it was created, it was the first scholastic (high school style), national championship for all ages, with a qualifying system in the country.

Ferraro owns two United States patents and is the inventor of the Air Brace knee pad.

Ferraro and his wife Jeanne are the parents of a son Robert, two daughters, Robin and Jaime, and two grandchildren.

