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**BOONE, N.C.** — As part of a Mountaineer Impact initiative to make Varsity Gym an even better home to Appalachian State's wrestling program, App State wrestling Hall of Famer Wayne York has contributed an \$85,000 gift, head coach JohnMark Bentley announced Wednesday.

With York's contribution and the generosity of many others, the wrestling program is now \$106,580 toward its [goal of \\$150,000 to make desired facility improvements](#) connected to the wrestling room, locker room and seating area in Varsity Gym.

York, who helped the Mountaineers raise more than \$50,000 toward wrestling scholarships with the "Pin to Win" campaign in 2016, wrestled for Appalachian State from 1949-51 and was a member of the undefeated 1950 squad that went 13-0 while setting a national scoring record with 368 points. He had a 32-3 record as a senior, competed in the Olympic Trials in 1952 and was inducted into the Appalachian State University Athletics Hall of Fame in 1997.

Earlier this year, App State's wrestling program won its third consecutive Southern Conference regular-season championship and also captured the SoCon tournament title. Four wrestlers competed at the NCAA Championships in Cleveland, and Bentley was one of eight finalists for National Coach of the Year.

The Mountaineers have a 20-1 record in SoCon dual meets since the start of the 2015-16 season, and they climbed to as high as No. 16 in the national polls with a 13-2 start to the 2016-17 season.

During the same three-year stretch, they're 29-1 against non-Power Five Conference opponents with five victories against teams from Power Five leagues.

To make your impact on the App State wrestling program with a donation, [click HERE](#) or contact the Yosef Club at [828-262-3108](tel:828-262-3108).

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