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Hempstead, NY – An enthusiastic crowd of alumni, families, friends, and staff saluted the 2018-19 Hofstra Wrestling team at the annual Pride Wrestling Banquet held at the University Club in David S. Mack Hall Sunday afternoon.

Hofstra Head Wrestling Coach Dennis Papadatos, who served as master of ceremonies, and the Pride coaching staff honored their five graduating seniors, Connor Burkert (141 lbs.), Ryan Burkert (149), Nezar Haddad (197), Omar Haddad (285) and Michael Oxley (184) at the brunch.

In addition, Hofstra Wrestling also presented five special awards to Pride wrestlers for their excellence during the 2018-19 season. 125-pound newcomer Dylan Ryder, who recorded a 23-13 slate last season, was named the Hofstra Freshman of the Year.

The 2018-19 Steve Molello Coaches Award, named after the late Hofstra alumnus and booster and presented to a Pride wrestler for dedication to wrestling, academics, community service and all other facets of the program, was presented to junior Jacob Martin. Martin won 14 matches at 133-pounds last season and was also an EIWA Academic Achievement Award recipient.

Freshman Trey Rogers, who won 18 matches and has a 3.92 grade point average, was named the Hofstra Wrestling Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Red-shirt sophomore Garrett Lambert, who won 13 matches while moving up a weight class to 141-pounds this season, received the Hofstra Most Improved Wrestler award.

Red-shirt sophomore Ricky Stamm, who posted a 21-14 record at 165 and 174 pounds and placed seventh in the EIWA Wrestling Championships at 174, was presented with the Pride Most Valuable Wrestler award.

Hofstra Director of Athletics Rick Cole Jr. addressed the banquet and thanked the Pride seniors and the entire team for their efforts and accomplishments.