



COACHES' WIFE-OF-THE-YEAR AWARD

KELLEY LEGACY Mt. Anthony, Vermont

Editor's Note: As has been the tradition in the past, we let the nomination letter tell the story for this award. Our 2009 Wife of the Year was nominated by Scott Legacy, coach of the very successful program at Mt. Anthony Union HS in Bennington, Vermont.

I would like to nominate my wife Kelley Legacy for Coach's Wife of the Year for 2009. Kelley is definitely the epitome of the saying "that behind every good coach is even a greater wife!" I have been coaching for 25 years and Kelley has been by my side faithfully for 22 of them.

Mt. Anthony has been the dominate program in Vermont for the past 21 years. During this time, the team has won 21 straight state championships, 5 New England Championships, along with 6 New England runner-up finishes. Kelley has sacrificed and given a lot to a program that thrives on tradition. She has been very supportive while our team travels on a national level attending tournaments all over the United States, and camps away from home throughout the summer.

Kelley first became involved in wrestling when she was on the high school pep club for a year in 9th grade, but never in her wildest dreams did she foresee being married to a head wrestling coach. When you're the wife of a coach whose program has won 21 straight, there comes a tremendous amount of volunteer work outside of her regular work hours.

Over the years Kelley has organized the annual wrestling and fundraising banquet, as well as housing teams from



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out of state during our annual tournament and providing them with home cooked meals. From the beginning to the end of the tournament, Kelley organizes and runs the school kitchen to provide the fans and wrestlers with a top notch concession that other schools have raved about. Each summer we also have an annual commuter's camp that requires clinicians from all over the country to stay at our house, and Kelley takes time out of her schedule to provide them with extravagant home cooked dinners. Kelley has opened our home over the years to wrestlers and coaches on my team, helping out any way she can.

With all of the things that Kelley does to help me out, what truly impresses me the most is that she has supported both our children with the same intensity during this time. As a competitive business woman at a local bank, Kelley is

able to channel the stress that goes with such a demanding job. She has been able to find a way to attend daughter Amber's games and functions (in three sports), watch son Scott wrestle in college, and continue to attend our team's wrestling matches, whether they were home or away. It is this dedication and devotion to family and tradition that truly sets her apart from other people that I have known.

Kelley has also been a vital part of our community outside of wrestling, participating in numerous community functions and donating her "free time". During this period of time she has been in the background while I have received numerous state, regional and national awards. It would be only fitting at this point in my coaching career that she remain no longer in the background, but is recognized for what she truly is, "THE COACHES' WIFE OF THE YEAR 2009" as well as the years before and the years to come.

NOMINATED BY:

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