

Open to the public, the annual awards banquet is held the second Monday in April every year. With a rich history of honoring native born lowans at the banquet and induction ceremony,



the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame welcomed Rick Caldwell, Jim Duschen, Tim Johnson, and Mark Reiland in 2016.

Every year the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame sponsors the Iowa-Minnesota **Border Battle** and fans get one last look at senior grapplers from SE MN and NE IA.



If you'd like to show your support of the **Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame**, a non-profit entity, please consider making a donation or purchasing a ticket for our annual awards banquet. Call 563.569.8501 or 563.547.3434 for more information.

*Thank you*

Completed in 2015, this 40 foot mural is located next to the Hall of Fame and features Dan Gable, Dr. Norman Borlaug, Gary Kurdelmeier, and Dr. Harold Nichols.

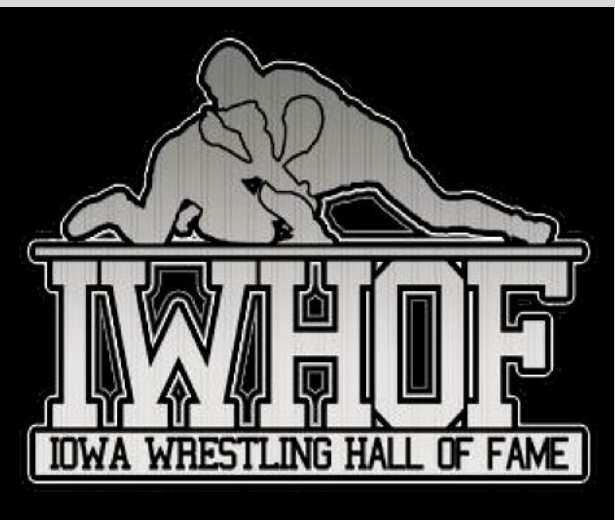


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“More than any other sport, wrestling teaches self-control and pride.



Some have wrestled without great skill - none have wrestled without great pride”.

**Dan Gable, Inductee  
Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame**

# Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame

IWHOF

## HISTORY

Genuine and amazing Iowans along with their athletic success in wrestling have a strong foothold in Cresco, Northeast Iowa, and the State of Iowa. Wrestling has always been in Iowa's bloodlines and the **Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame** tells this story second to none.

Established in April 1970, the Hall of Fame honors native-born Iowans who have contributed to amateur wrestling as either a wrestler, coach or official. However, recipients who were born in Iowa are not required to attend an Iowa school.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Founding members were Don Gooder, Chris Flanagan, Dale Turnmire, Nehl McKone, Gayland Peter, Bob Howard, and Joe Vokaty.

The Board established standards for the Hall of Fame that chronicles and displays the quality, respect, and advancement of wrestling at all levels.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

The responsibility of the Selection Committee is to select recipients to be inducted each year. Selection criteria for inductees is found on the Hall of Fame website along with nomination forms.

Original members of the Selection Committee were Russ Smith of Waterloo, Bob Howard of Cresco, M.E. (Spade) Harmon of New Hampton, Keith Young of Cedar Falls, and Finn Ericksen of Waterloo.

## TODAY

Continuing the stalwart tradition set before them, today's directors and committee members bring their passion and knowledge to the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame.

### DIRECTORS

Dennis Meirick, Chairman  
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Bill Roths, Dan Gable,  
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Learn more about two Cresco natives, **Gary Kordelmeier and Harold Nichols**, coaching the universities of Iowa and Iowa State at the same time.

Get your official Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame hat. **Dan Gable has his!**

Learn more about **Dr. Norman Borlaug's** contributions to the world and to wrestling.

Stop and see the **Founders Award** honoring three original members of the Hall of Fame.

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The Hall of Fame moved to the Cresco Welcome Center in 1995 after 25 years of being housed in Champlin Hall, the lower level of the historic 1914 Cresco Opera House and Theatre.

**Charter Members** of the IWHOF and first Inductees; Chris Flanagan, George Martin, Spade Harmon, Robert Hess, and Harold Nichols, represent amateur wrestling at its best.

