



Press Release

National Wrestling Hall of Fame – Upstate New York Chapter

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame of the New York State Chapter would like to announce the eight new inductees into the Hall of Fame and this year's winners of the Medal of Courage and Outstanding American Award. The Upstate New York Chapter is dedicated to the main goals of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame which are (1) recognizing excellence in wrestling in the Upstate New York area; (2) preserving the rich and colorful history of wrestling in New York and (3) inspiring future generations of New Yorkers to participate in one of the oldest and best sports in the world.

This year we take great pride in recognizing nine individuals who will be honored at this occasion on September 18, 2016 at the Double Tree Hotel in East Syracuse, New York: The nine individuals who will be honored at this occasion are: Brad Hamer – Jordan-Elbridge and Section III; Charles Hughes – Waverly High School; Thomas Hurley – Elmira City Schools – Posthumously; John Kopalek – Maine-Endwell & Chenango Valley High Schools; Richard Morton – Salamanca High School; John Murray – Ithaca College; Robert Stulmaker – NYSPHSAA and Saratoga Springs High School; Robert Zifchock – Valley Central High School; Outstanding American Award - James Carrier – Investment Manager – New York City and Sherburne-Earlville High School; and Liam Ollive – Kingston High School has been selected to receive the Medal of Courage Award. The Chapter is also delighted to be awarding John Drew of the Central New York Wrestling Online website the annual Stanbro Media Award for 2016. The Central New York Wrestling website covers wrestling in Section II, Section III, Section IV, and Section X.

I have attached a brief bio with this email on each of the individuals and would appreciate any recognition that your media outlet can afford them. The award reflects on their distinguished careers in wrestling and life. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Thanks for supporting wrestling in your area and the state of New York.

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