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Message from Coach Welch

Welcome to the fourth Annual Lars Jensen Golf Tournament!

This past year was one of the toughest for me, and one of the toughest for our program (although not something we haven't faced before). As many of you know, we faced two rounds of severe cuts....and we made it through! Our team was also instrumental in passing a student vote to increase the student fee to fund athletics, which will be key for the long-term stability of the entire athletic department.

It took the whole village to do this. Thank you so much to the student athletes, staff, alumni group, and the community at-large. It was a long, stressful year; but we did it! And now it's time to reap the rewards and create the vision for the next step of the Gator Wrestling Legacy.

Perhaps the most important thing we did these past years has been to be forward thinking with our fundraising – we have drastically increased our efforts and have been putting money into endowments over the past 4 years. This was one of the biggest reasons on the financial side that wrestling was in a strong position. As we move forward, it's extremely important we continue to build up our endowments. This is the most integral thing we can do to support the long-term stability of our program.

As you'll see in the following pages, we had a ton of success this year in the midst of the chaos. Namely in your National Champion at 141 pounds, Johnny Lopez! We were able to secure a top 25 NCAA tournament finish. Other highlights: 4 Freestyle World Team Members, 2 NCAA Qualifiers, 5 Placers at Regionals, Coach Welch Named Conference Coach of the year, Lopez named conference athlete of the year, 9 Scholar All Americans, and 9 All Conference athletes.

As ever, it's important for our community to be nimble and meet the needs of an ever-changing collegiate wrestling landscape. The golf outing has the potential to become the central event of the fundraising efforts that must be done to ensure the longevity and success of our program. A special thanks to our Golf Director John Monolakis! On that note - thank you for attending today and/or your sponsorship of this event.

Let's get those raffle tickets and mulligans flowing!

Cheers to a great Sunday!

Jason Welch | Head Coach

San Francisco State University wrestling



Quick Facts

 **60%**
Returning Ranked Wrestlers

 **6**
Academic All Americans

 **90%**
Graduate employability rate within 6 months

 **50%+**
Community engagement increased by 50% since last year



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Lars Jensen

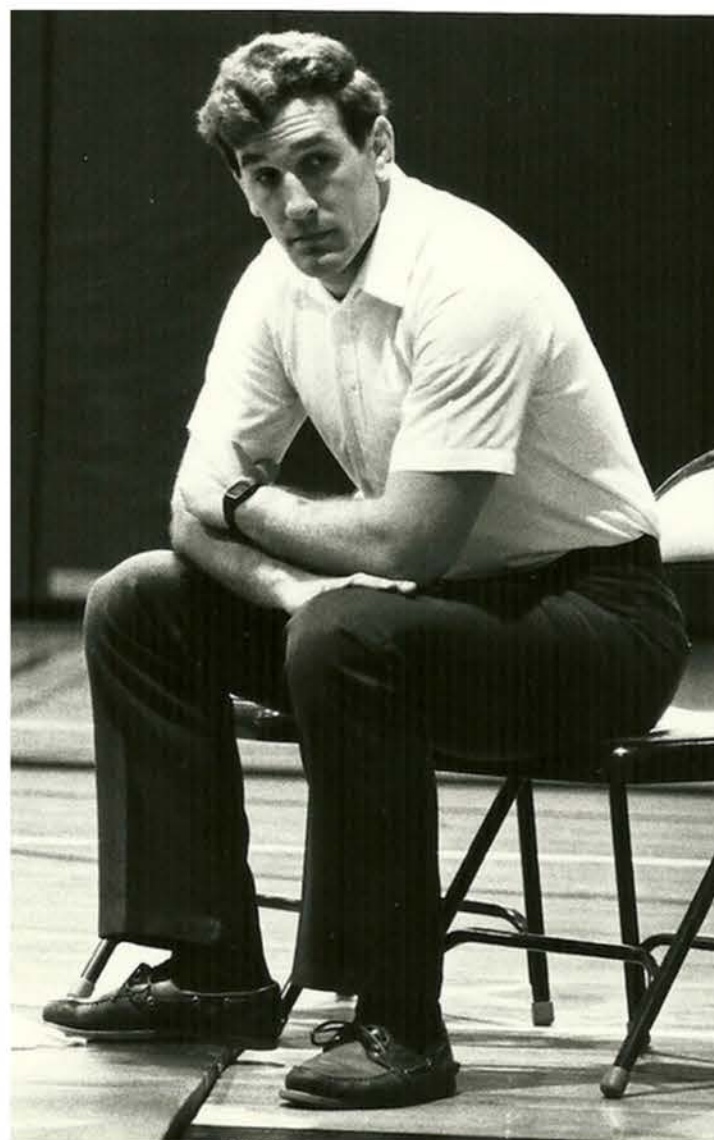
Jensen began as a student-athlete and finished as a coach at San Francisco State. He took the reins of SF State wrestling prior to the 1983-84 season and concluded his head coaching career in 2016-17.

In 1997, Coach Jensen led the first-ever (and only!) NCAA Division II national championship team at SF State. Under Jensen, the Gators had a wrestler qualify for the National Championships 122 times and produced 62 All-Americans. In 2012-13, Naveed Bagheri made his fourth appearance at the tournament and went on to grab the national championship title at 141, becoming Jensen's tenth individual national champion. Jensen has had 55 conference champions and 67 NWCA All-Academic team members.

Coach Jensen began his wrestling career at the College of San Mateo, where he was named the team's outstanding wrestler for two seasons before transferring to San Francisco State in 1977. A two-time letter-winner for the Gators, Coach Jensen qualified for the 1980 NCAA Division II Championships after capturing the West Regional title at 190 pounds.

Jensen has been inducted into six different halls of fame including the California Wrestling Hall of Fame and the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

In 2022 the SF Wrestling Community came together at a dual meet and a memorial dinner to honor Coach Jensen and set up the named scholarship Endowment to honor Coach Jensen and support SFSU Wrestling in perpetuity. We continue to grow this fund as well as honor Coach Jensen annually at one of our matches and of course in the naming of this golf tournament.



*We are happy to announce this year's scholarship award recipient will be 6th year Senior, Team Captain and 2x NCAA Qualifier at 165 pounds, **Kyle Botelho.***



Allen Abraham

Make sure you say Hi to this legend today, and pick his brain about our program and its heavy-hitters.

Dr. Abraham wrestled and played football at San Francisco State from 1958-61 and claimed the Far Western Conference title at 191 pounds in his final year as a Gator. He went on to finish second at the PCI Championships and was selected to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Div. II All-America football team.

Dr. Abraham went on to pursue a coaching career after his collegiate playing days. He was a professor in Kinesiology, a football coach, and a wrestling coach – quite the commitment to mentorship at SFSU. During 1963-1975 he coached both sports while teaching, before switching to focus on just wrestling and teaching for another 8 years.

Dr. Abraham was five times selected as the FWC Coach of the Year, and in 2013, he was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Over the past few years, the SF Wrestling Community was able to put the final touches on a named scholarship Endowment that will honor Coach Abraham and support SFSU Wrestling in perpetuity. We continue to grow this endowment and welcome additional financial support for it!

We are happy to announce this year's scholarship award recipient will be redshirt Freshman
Xander Erolin.



2025 Graduates



Sean Yamasaki

BA in Kinesiology. Planning on a career in physical therapy or teaching, and has already taken a head coaching job at a high school wrestling program back home in Santa Barbara. Team Captain, and multiple year starter and academic All American. Placed 3rd at Conference, 6th a Regionals his senior season at 149. Voted by his peers as Most Athletic at the SF State All-Athletes award banquet.



Steve Karas

Graduate transfer who completed his MA in KIN at State. Before us he was a standout at Sac City and then graduated from his first four year at Wartburg. A local guy who wrestled for college park high school in Pleasant Hill. Planning to work in personal fitness, gym management, or get into MMA. Took 4th place at the MPSF conference tournament. He was coached by many including local attendees of this golf tournament John Welch and Leroy Rivers.



Boltyn Taam

BA in Business. Prepped at Moanalua HS in Oahu. Wrestled 157-174 for the Gators. Has found his passion in videography, and spent time working with the USF athletics department honing his skills during his time wrestling for State. Attending graduate school and secured graduate-assistantship with the Santa Clara Athletics department for next year.



The freestyle highlight of this year was Hayden Ancheta. A sophomore from Tracy, CA (coached by golf tourney attendee Dan McCune!), Hayden is a late bloomer who didn't start wrestling until his FR year of high school. Fast forward just 5 years, and Hayden has secured his position as the U20 World Team Member for the Philippines.

Freestyle Highlight Hayden Ancheta

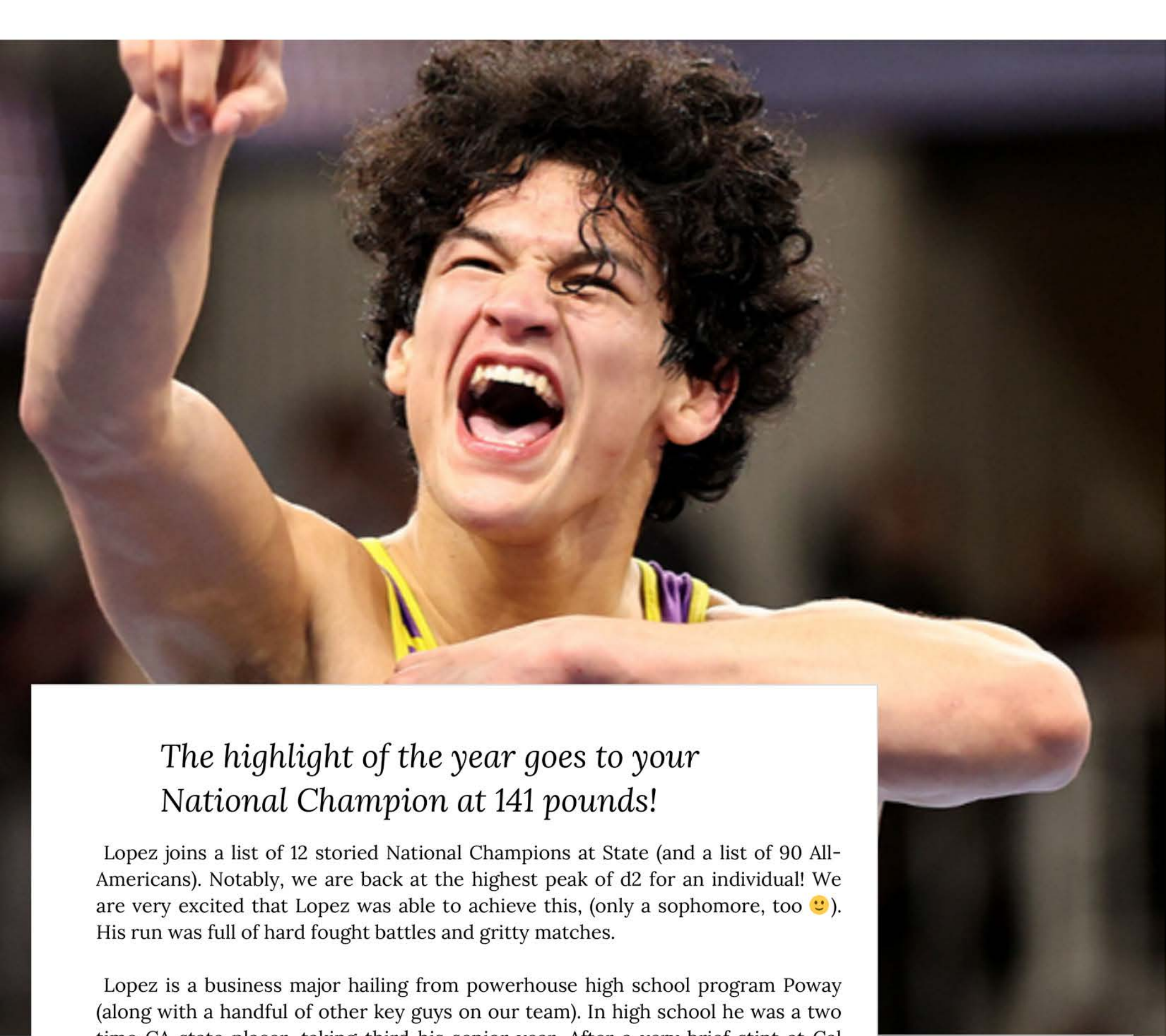


Hayden Ancheta
U20 World Team Member Philippines

With the Olympic Dream alive, Hayden spent his redshirt year training with SF in the Fall, and then headed out to train in Japan this Spring at some of their most elite universities. A HUGE thanks to Erick Duece and Dan McCune for shepherding this extended training camp. Also on the trip were rising senior and NCAA qualifier Basil Othman, and alumni Austin Solari (C/O 2018).

Hayden is a rising YouTube star, and you can check out his trip and a look inside our program at <https://www.youtube.com/@haydenancheta>
After navigating the complicated transfer process to the Philippines with United World Wrestling, Hayden was set to head to his first competition. Accompanied by one of Hayden's coaches, alumni Angelo Reyes (c/o 2021), Hayden flew out to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan for his first event. He fell to the U20 Silver Medalist from Uzbekistan and gained valuable experience. He'll be competing at the U20 Worlds next week in Bulgaria, and then will meet up with teammate Andre Dargani for the Filipino Nationals at the end of the month.

Part of our vision is pushing our guys to think bigger and to experience the highest level of wrestling. Hayden joins a crew of current athletes who are pushing themselves to broaden their vision and compete year round such as Kweli Hernandez (2x Pan American Medalist for PR who will be returning from an injury for his senior year this season), Kevin Clements who won the Irish Open this year, and many more.

A close-up photograph of a young man with dark, curly hair, wearing a yellow and purple singlet. He is celebrating with his mouth wide open in a shout and his right arm raised. The background is blurred, suggesting a wrestling arena.

The highlight of the year goes to your National Champion at 141 pounds!

Lopez joins a list of 12 storied National Champions at State (and a list of 90 All-Americans). Notably, we are back at the highest peak of d2 for an individual! We are very excited that Lopez was able to achieve this, (only a sophomore, too 😊). His run was full of hard fought battles and gritty matches.

Lopez is a business major hailing from powerhouse high school program Poway (along with a handful of other key guys on our team). In high school he was a two time CA state placer, taking third his senior year. After a very brief stint at Cal Poly, Lopez found his true home with the Gators.

Johnny Lopez

The Keith Spataro Named Scholarship and other funds were essential in recruiting this kind of talent. In addition to his Natty title, Lopez won the Road Runner Open and Reno TOC taking out top caliber wrestlers across multiple divisions.

We plan to continue to push him to the next level, and are navigating his transfer to the Mexico National Team, with his first event in November. World Championships here we come? Lopez has a bright future and plenty more development ahead of him. It's going to be an exciting two more seasons with him. Congrats to Johnny on his championship run!



*How do we build a legacy
and more national
champions?*

How do we build a legacy and more national champions? Have I had a written plan? Do I have one now? YES! I have a long, comprehensive sheet of our 5 year plan that I would be happy to talk more about with any of you, but here are the bullet notes on how we are going to build an elite team. This is the vision!



Mission Statement

Create a thriving team in which student-athletes have a positive & winning experience, engage in something bigger than themselves, achieve high standards of character, classroom work, and on-the-mat prowess; and are prepared to not only graduate, but also take the next step in their careers.



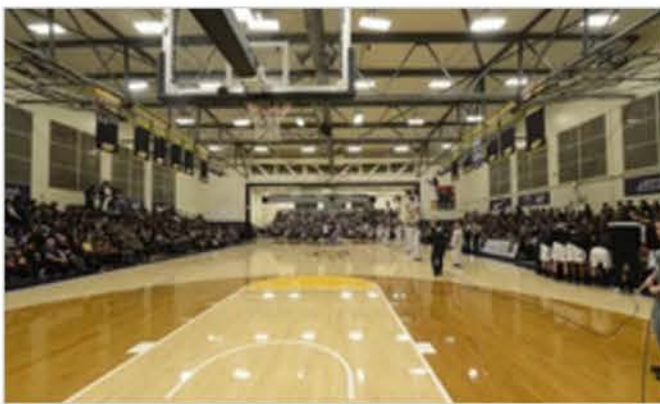
Performance Goal

Create a team in which we annually have multiple All-Americans, above a 3.0 GPA, and graduate student athletes who are prepared for the next step in their careers.

5-Year Plan (Cont.)

There are so many daily, weekly points that are attached to these goals, whether it's on the mat or in our mentorship sessions with the guys. We make time for the off-the-mat things because we know their importance. We have weekly mandatory sessions in the classroom where we talk about our shared values, do mindset training, book club, and war-planning. I believe this has paid dividends for our team not only in their performance but in their experience and our team culture.

Our staff is in the trenches with the guys every day. But as head coach, my job is to have the 90 foot vision, and make sure I'm organizing the power of our alumni to continue to move mountains. I think about the ecosystem at-large... to build an elite program we need multiple lines of effort coming together to create one push. On the macro side, the side that perhaps you as our alumni and community are more engaged in, here are the bullet notes:



SFSU stabilization & growth of scholarship dollar spending

- At the end of the day, we can recruit more national champion talent IF we have more scholarship money.
- We navigated a move to a new conference this year, the MPSF. This situates our program in a local conference and cut travel costs by roughly 30%
- Grow endowments. I'll highlight our efforts later in the pamphlet, but steady growth to a large endowment is a marque factor of a stable wrestling program. Endowments can be contractually protected and guided to fund scholarships or other efforts such as the coaching endowment we've been cooking up.



SF Wrestling Club / RTC

The club is the flexible arm of our operation that fills all the gaps and does things the university arm cannot. Amongst many, the RTC pays to fill out our coaching staff (SFSU doesn't pay for full staffing...), for additional training partners, freestyle travel, inputs money into scholarship endowments, hosts events, and is flexible in ways the university is not. It is an incredibly important and key part of the ecosystem. More RTC funding = more access for our athletes to high level coaches and training partners, and more access to small groups and individual attention. This is key to sparking fast-paced growth.

5-Year Plan (Cont.)

Alumni Engagement Growth

- Create steady events, within and out of season, in multiple locations
- 4th Annual Lars Jensen Golf Outing (NorCal, East Bay)
- Second Annual So-Cal Meetup this Spring (SoCal, OC)
- In season events in SF (Match Attendance + honorary events)
- In season events off-site (Sacramento Schurkamp dinner and others)

Local Community Engagement Growth

- On the tail end of creating a partnership with Beat the Street Bay Area
- Coach Mancini running a kids club alongside alumni Tony Margiotta
- Get out front of the local WR community to get not just alumni and SF students, but our local youth wrestlers to matches

Mentorship Program

(Big picture item to tackle in next three years)

Build mentorship program where student athletes are paired up with alumni or community members in their career fields who regularly meet with them to provide mentorship, internships, and pathways to advance themselves

Make sure guys are locked in year-round

- Access to summer camps and summer training
- Access to internships (Need more help here from our community!)
- Freestyle training

Facilities

- Continue to improve facilities for safety, professionalism, and recruiting
- Pool Room - 5 year plan. Fill in the broken pool in the gym.
- Locker room - working with AD Bradon David for a solution this year
- New Wrestling mats were bought (solely from school funds) this year, and foam underlayment is being purchased now to arrive in the winter.

Lastly, Mike Mower of the NWCA has a few key notes on how to establish stability in a program – he also calls these the “vital signs” of a program. I think it’s important that we come back to these notes when we talk not just about winning but about how to build a healthy program that is lasting. These go hand in hand with our mission statement and performance goals.

- Trouble – kids behave well and do not get in trouble with school etc.
- Grades – Keep things simple and good – athletes get above 3.0 if not better, are eligible, and a positive net add in the classroom
- Success – program is winning, but this is not at the cost of sacrificing other vital signs of the program
- Engagement – alumni and local community are engaged with the program via giving, attending events, mentoring student-athletes etc.
- Endowment – growing our nest egg with the long-term in-mind
- Administration Relationships – continue strong, positive work and communication with admin of athletics / university

Questions about the vision? Want to hear more? Please ask!

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02 The Tie Up

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17 Low Single

Michael Cordsen
Luis Sandoval 1

18 The Foot Sweep

Steve Gilliam -
"Fairfield High Alumni"



Esteban Burchard MD, MPH



Premium Sponsor

Thank you to Esteban Burchard for being a premium level sponsor. Esteban has been a longtime supporter of our program (not to mention I lived at this house the first semester of my coaching career at SFSU while I searched for longterm housing). He is also a member of our SF RTC Board.

He has a storied career in the medical field and is a SF local, born and raised. He completed his undergraduate work & wrestling at State; and received mentorship from Coach Morris Johnson as well as the encouragement of his teammates to take his med studies to the next level. Esteban catapulted his medical career taking next steps at medical schools & fellowships at Stanford, Harvard, UCSF, and UC Berkeley.

Amongst many roles, he cared for complex, low-income, and diverse patients at San Francisco General Hospital, focusing on expanding our understanding of how variation in disease risk and drug response differs among racially and ethnically diverse children with asthma. And then led the largest and most comprehensive gene-environment study of asthma in African American, Puerto Rican, and Mexican children.

His research and leadership have transformed care for minority populations and set new standards for diversity in biomedical research.

Notably, this year he has spent time mentoring Senior wrestlers Basil Othman and Zane Stoddard as they apply to post-graduate medical schools and take the next big leap in their lives.



Josh Torres

Premium Sponsor

Thank you to premium sponsor Josh Torres, whose son is an incoming Freshman on our team. Going to be a fun ride! Josh owns restaurants in Southern California that you gotta stop by when you're in town. Cali Tacos in OC, Sarita's Taco Shop in San Diego, and Sunrise Deli in San Diego. Thank you Josh!





Erick J. Argüello | President

Premium Sponsor

Thank you to Premium Level Sponsor alumni Erick Arguelo for your sponsorship as well as your involvement as a board member of the SFRTC! Erick runs an accounting and tax consulting firm, and volunteers directly with our club alongside treasurer Tony Manliclic to execute our bookkeeping, taxes, and other endeavors.

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Dan Vogl

Premium Sponsor

Thank you to Dan Vogl of EJ Weber Electric for your premium sponsorship! Dan is President of EJ Weber, and a longtime community member of SF Wrestling. He remembers many a great workout at SFSU when he was wrestling for Lee Alan at Skyline CC. He was also a longtime coach of Junipero Serra High School

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Scholarship Endowments





We talked in earlier pages about the Allen Abraham and Lars Jensen Endowments. The success of those have sparked other scholarship endowments as well that also go to support our program. Their net power is the long-term vision for stability and success. I'd like to highlight other endowments that we have established (and are still growing!) or are in-progress on.

Also - so what is an endowed fund?

All funds at SF State are either "current use" or "endowed funds". Current use are for...current use. An endowed fund is invested, and only the profit on the investment is spent. Per the university rules, an endowed fund must have a minimum balance of \$25,000 to get started. When that happens, the contract with the university is set, and those funds are invested in perpetuity to the benefit of Wrestling as it is written in the contract. Usually the signee on the contract is the financial backer of the scholarship; however, we also draw additional funds from the community at-large (not just the signee). We plan for a 4% spend from the fund. Any extra return is added to the growing endowed amount that will continue to be invested and grow through the investment itself as well as our continued support.

The most financially stable programs in the country have endowments that support their coaching positions and/or athletic scholarship. For us, this is about building prowess today AND a legacy. Funds that will support our wrestling student athletes for generations to come. Funds that are contractually signed to go only to support wrestling. We must be committed to the long-term stewardship of this.

Inspired by any of the following gifts? Please talk to Coach Welch or David Fierberg about your ideas!

In the Fall 2024 a named scholarship endowment was spearheaded by Curtis's brother, Tommy Schurkamp. The wrestling community came together at an event in Sacramento following a dual meet to honor Tommy and raise additional funds. It was an amazing event. We plan to continue these efforts to grow the fund and honor Tommy this season on November 15, 2025 in Sacramento (save the date!).

Curtis attended Escalon High School where he was a California High School state finalist and 3x medal winner. He went on to pursue his wrestling career at both Fullerton State and SF State where he became a 2X NCAA All-American. In his final run at the NCAA Championships, he impressively came back from an early loss, winning five matches in a row to take third in the country. During his time at State, he was known as an amazing friend, athlete, and teammate.

Curtis was the youngest of 6 children and was a very family-oriented man. He treasured the time that he got to spend with them outdoors, camping and fishing. His goal was to provide the best life for his son Raeden and wife Whitney, as they meant more to him than anything else. Everyone that had the pleasure to spend time with Curtis knows the amount of joy he brought into this world.

I'm pleased to announce that the first annual recipient of the Curtis Schurkamp Scholarship will be Zachary Wright (golfing with us today!). Zach is a 6th year senior, a team captain, and perhaps the integral link of the team. Like Curtis, Zach exudes prowess on the mat as well as an indomitable and fun-loving spirit.

Curtis Schurkamp Memorial Scholarship Endowment





SoCal Wrestlers at SF State Wrestling Scholarship Endowment

A big thank you to Abidan Franco and Lucia Sandoval who have backed this endowment. This fund seeks to support wrestlers from Orange Country & San Diego who wrestle for us. This is a hotbed area for our current recruiting efforts.

In the Spring of 2025 the Franco-Sandoval family hosted an event to kickstart this scholarship, draw additional funds, and bring alumni together. We have a large number of alumni in the area, and it's important we continue to engage with them. We had an amazing time connecting that night as we unveiled the scholarship fund. Lookout for Spring 2026. We hope to make the OC Meetup in Newport Beach an annual event to bring our SoCal crew together and continue to grow this fund.

June and Paul Jensen Endowed Wrestling Scholarship

Backed by Thor Jensen, this fund seeks to support SF Wrestling with scholarship funding, preference given to a heavyweight wrestler; and to honor June and Paul Jensen, longtime supporters of SF wrestling and parents to twins Thor Jensen and Lars Jensen.

Both Paul and June were successful in their chosen fields; June as a journalist and Paul as a law enforcement officer and ultimately the Coroner for San Mateo County for more than 30 years. Lars Jensen was an SF State alumnus and wrestling coach for more than 25 years at SF State. Thor Jensen attended San Jose State and pursued a decades long career as a wrestling coach. Both Paul and June supported their sons's commitment to the sport, attending meets where Lars and Thor coached. In recognition of this deep commitment to the sport of wrestling, Thor is creating this scholarship at SF State to support future wrestlers.

This fund is in its beginning stages right now. Please stay tuned to hear more about it soon!

John Paul Koehler Memorial Scholarship Endowment

Backed by JP's father Stan Koehler and by JP's twin brother, Alex Koehler; this fund aims to honor JP's spirit in perpetuity as well as the strong legacy & connection the Koehler family has had with SF State.

The Koehler family is thoroughly connected to San Francisco State University. John Paul's paternal grandmother, Edna Hoeffler, graduated from the SFSU (then San Francisco Teacher's College) in 1937. In 1963, John Paul's parents, Stan Koehler and Ann Marie Yezzi, enrolled and received their master's degrees in 1974.

Stan worked primarily in health and mental health programs for the City and County of San Francisco and relocated to New York in 1988. He is the Executive Director of Peace on the Street and received Inka Transmission in 2016 (Hollow Bones Rinzaï Zen School). Ann Marie, after raising John Paul and his twin brother, returned to SFSU and received a teaching credential. She spent the next twenty years teaching in the Oakland Public School System.

Alex and John-Paul Koehler carried on this tradition and enrolled in 1984 with the help of Coach Allen Abraham, becoming part of the wrestling team. Both completed their undergraduate studies at SFSU and excelled as athletes on the NCAA Division 2 Wrestling team. Alex was named All-American and was inducted into the SFSU Hall of Fame in 2016

In 2018, JP passed away. He was well-known and loved by his teammates, friends, and family, and lived a large life.

The final touches of this endowment are in-works right now as well as an event for JP. Stay tuned for more communication for that once we have the donation link and event registration link available. Save the date for December 7, 2025. We'll have a match against Pueblo and then head over to our event site on campus to seek additional funds for the scholarship and to honor JP. We hope to get many of his friends, family, and teammates to the event to celebrate him.



Current Use Gifts & the Keith Spataro Named Scholarship:

What is a current use gift?

For current use funds, donors can create a contract with the school for an annual pledge that will be used in that calendar year.

A huge thank you to Keith Spataro. Keith’s gift pays for the tuition, annually, of one student athlete. This is a big deal and accounts for about 10% of our scholarship spend. Keith is the VP for Athletics at Menlo College, and has taken true stewardship of their college wrestling program as he is the founder of the program, coached it, and now of course oversees its growth as AD.

Keith has provided me personally with mentorship these past years as I navigate the helm at State. And with this gift he pushed me to spend on one athlete who I believed could make an immediate impact. We found our mark with Johnny Lopez. This fund & push were instrumental in the recruiting of Lopez who won the National Title this year.
Keith Spataro’s Named Current Use Scholarship awardee will be (once again) Johny Lopez this upcoming year.

Planned Giving & Rob Gibbs Planned Gift for the Coaches Endowment

A planned gift, also known as legacy or deferred giving, is a donation that is arranged in the present but will be realized in the future, often after the donor's passing. These gifts are typically structured through a donor's will, trust, or other legal and financial instruments.

A gigantic thank you to Rob Gibbs for his planned gift and the pending establishment of the SF State Wrestling Coach’s Endowment. This is a huge deal for our program, and will serve as the spark that will set us apart as we push towards the next step in our plans to create the best program possible at SF.

Rob also serves as President of our SF RTC board, and has mentored me these past years at SFSU. He’s been integral to my initiation into our Gator community, and I’m thankful for his leadership.

Gator National Champions



Jim Burke
1965 - 157 lbs



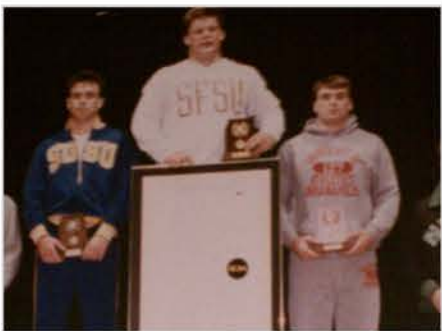
Lloyd Teasley
1975 - 167 lbs



Alex Gonzales
1975 - 126 lbs



Morris Johnson
1984 - Heavyweight



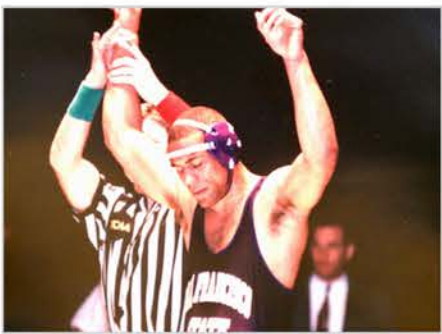
Matt Blevin
190 - Heavyweight



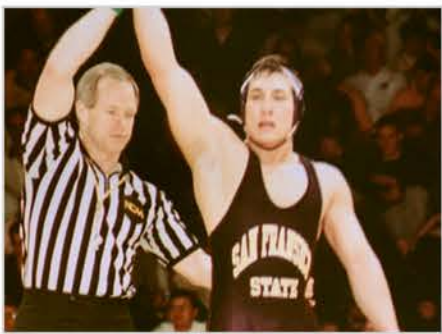
Damion Broadbent
1997 - 118 lbs



Greg Jackson
1997 - 158 lbs



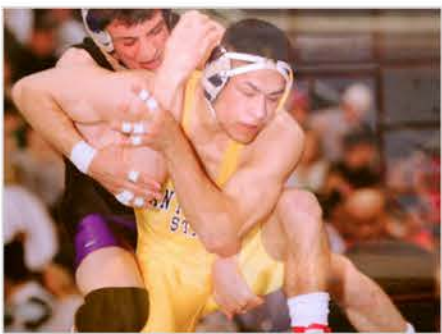
Lee Lofton
1997 - 190 lbs



Terry Tuzzolino
2000 - 197 lbs



Mauricio Wright
2003 & 2004 - 184 lbs



Pacifco Garcia
2005 - 149 lbs



Naveed Bagheri
2013 - 141 lbs



Johnny Lopez
2025 - 141 lbs

Gator All Americans

1960s

1969 — Bob Buehler *Also
AA D1*; Art Chavez; John
Anderson
1968 — Ashley Sherman
1967 — Storm Goranson
1965 — Jim Burke

1970s

1978 — Steve Cook
1977 — Jerry Esses; Dave
Nelson
1976 — Alex Gonzales
1975 — Lloyd Teasley; Alex
Gonzales; Glenn Maiolino
1974 — Lloyd Teasley; Percy
Martinez
1973 — Lloyd Teasley
1972 — Ray Hernandez

1980s

1987 — Carlos Levexier;
Cliff Lentz; Craig Settles;
Rick Goodwin
1986 — Tim Gleeson;
Richard Ellingsen; Alex
Koehler; Rick Goodwin
1985 — Andrew Steffen;
Richard Ellingsen
1984 — Morris Johnson
1983 — Morris Johnson;
Mario Decaro
1982 — Kevin Newsome;
Adrian Levexier; Mario
Decaro
1981 — John Monolakis
1980 — John Monolakis;
Kevin Newsome

1990s

1998 — Damion Broadbent;
Greg Jackson
1997 — Damion Broadbent;
Greg Jackson; Lee Lofton;
Francis Aquino; Steve Hilas;
Paul Healy
*Team Title National
Champions 1997*
1996 — Steve Hilas; Richard
Guterrez; Travis Phippen;
Carlos Sumulong; Lee
Lofton
1995 — Francis Aquino; Polo
Ornelas; John Giuffre
1994 — Francis Aquino
1993 — Keith Spataro;
Francis Aquino
1992 — Eustacio Torres;
Keith Spataro
1991 — Matt Blevin
1990 — Matt Blevin; Rick
Goodwin_

2000s

2005 — Pacifico Garcia;
Donald Lockett
2004 — Donald Lockett;
Joey Bareng
2003 — Mauricio Wright;
Luke Santos; Drew Dunbar;
Pacifico Garcia
2002 — Mauricio Wright;
Ricky Garcia; Drew Dunbar
2001 — Mauricio Wright
2000 — Terry Tuzzolino;
Mauricio Wright
1999 — Max Schurkamp_

2010s

2014 — Isaiah Hurtado
2013 — Naveed Bagheri;
Isaiah Jimenez
2011 — Naveed Bagheri;
Joshua Nolan; Gene Choi
2010 — Steve Franklin
2009 — Naveed Bagheri;
Ben Lockett; Steve
Franklin; Curtis
Schurkamp
2008 — Curtis Schurkamp

2020s

2025 — Johnny Lopez
2020 — Justin
Pichedwatana *NWCA
Award, Covid Year*
2019 — Jordan Gurrola;
Justin Pichedwatana



In Memory of Passed Gators

Bob Buehler

In memory 2025



Bob Buehler
1969 - 191 lbs

Bob Buehler is one of the all-time greats of SF Wrestling. He earned All-American honors twice during the 1969 season at the 191-lb weight class —competing in both Division I and Division II—finishing in 3rd place in each national tournament. A truly astounding accomplishment! Something that was only done by a handful of individuals ever.

He led a special group of contemporaries who highlighted one of the peaks of SF State Wrestling, with teammates such as: Art Chavez, John Anderson, Percy Martinez, Lloyd Teasley, Ray Hernandez, and Ashley Sherman. Recognizing his impact on the program, he was inducted into San Francisco State University's Athletic Hall of Fame. Bob was also a Pac-8 champ during a stint at UCLA. He was an all-around great guy; and served his country in the Marines receiving the American Honor Medal.

He's remembered by Coach Allen Abraham as a one of a kind guy and one of the most special athletes he coached over the years.

Bob grew up in Niles, and prepped at James Logan high school as a standout athlete in swimming, water polo, and wrestling. He's remembered by his wife Kirsten of 55 years (62 including their time dating) as someone who exuded warmth & kindness. They were high school sweethearts, and went together to SF State. A lifetime together. She took care of him at home until the very end. Bob was a favorite of his nieces and nephews. A second dad to them.

He was kind to all, humble. He provided and gave people time: friends, family, strangers. He was someone who always felt at home wherever his feet were, even when Kirsten and him spent a year living in Denmark. He was very close to Stuart and Don, his two brothers, and comes from a family of great athletes and doctors. Bob was the youngest sibling, and somehow the runt (which is saying a lot considering the athletic prowess and size of Bob!). Notably, his niece Rachel won two Olympic golds for Team USA in women's soccer & is now also a doctor.

Bob taught science and coached swimming, water polo, & wrestling at El Camino High School. He was very well-rounded. Bright. Engaged with this community. Was known by all as someone who was very humble, never put on airs; kind, gentle. He took care of friends and family. A life of love, family, teaching, coaching, and engagement with his community.

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In Memory of Passed Gators

Art Fanfelle

In Memory 2025



Art Fanfelle, Rich Ellingson, Matt Medrano

Art Fanfelle was a well respected coach, referee and friend to the Wrestling community throughout the late 70's to the early 90's. Art never competed in Wrestling, but decided to master the sport by reading and watching wrestling videos. He was a demanding coach and became a force all throughout the Bay Area and Northern California during his coaching tenure at Capuchino High School. He led the Mustangs to over 10 league championships in a row and had numerous CCS place winners. Notably he coached Rich Ellingson SFSU class of 1984 & Matt Medrano SFSU class of 1983 who both had amazing wrestling careers as Gators.

Art is remembered for not only being a great coach but also someone that helped many kids during tough times. He was someone who was always there to lend an extra hand to those who needed it. His voice could fill a gym and so could his impact. His team knew him as the man who cared enough to always be heard!

His practices were tough, yet he had a witty humor sprinkled in to keep things light. A “no nonsense” type of person and you always knew where you stood with him, yet he was empathetic. Art left behind a lineage of wrestlers who he gave life lessons and laughter that they’ll carry forever – he built teams who treated each other like brothers, he shaped lives, and he instilled values to last a lifetime.

“He built teams who treated each other like brothers, he shaped lives, and he instilled values to last a lifetime.



Foursome Assignments

Group 1
John Welch
Leroy Rivers
TBA
Mike McDaniel

Group 2
Bob Franklin
Steve Franklin
Trevor Franklin
Dustin Estill

Group 3
Geoff Mettler
Jake Laufer
Steve Annuzzi
Anthony Annuzzi

Group 4
Steve Allard
Colby Allard
Luke Pearce
Parker Grant

Group 5
Steve Runzo
Garrison
Construction 2
GC3
GC4

Group 6
Tony Margiotta
Sr.
Tony Margiotta jr
Tom Prado
Gianna Margiotta

Group 7
Dan McCune
Chris Moore
Jameson Moore
Doug Moore

Group 8
Mauricio Wright
Dan Chaid Sr
Danny Chaid Jr
Braumon
Creighton

Group 9
Douglas Wright
Zach Wright
Kevin Clements Jr.
Jimmy Chen

Group 10
John Goelz
Kendall Langan
Student Athlete
Laith Gilmore

Group 11
Chet Dickson
Alex Koehler
Mitch Templeton1
Mitch Templeton 2

Group 12
Jeff Morgan
Mark Hurd
Jackson Morgan
Josiah Hurd

Group 13
Dan Vogl 1
Dan Vogl 2
Dan Vogl 3
Dan Vogl 4

Group 14
Rann Valdez 1
Rann Valdez 2
Rann Valdez 3
Rann Valdez 4

Group 15
Andrew Steffen
John Monolakis
Brayden
Concepcion
Scot Osterholt

Group 16
Chai Klein
Allan Salim
Student Athlete
Student Athlete



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