NCC Wrestling Reunion

Honoring

Neil Nugent
NCC Distinguished Alumni, Professor & NJCAA Hall of Famer

Celebrating

Phil Baroni  Al Iaquinta  Chris Wade
Jay Hieron  Ryan Laflare  Chris Weidman
ACP Ozkilic

On Their Journey From NCC to UFC

Friday, October 13, 2017

The Main Event
Farmingdale, NY
The Nassau Community College wrestling team will be holding our second annual fundraiser on October 13, 2017 at 7:00pm, hosted at the Main Event, in Farmingdale, NY. We are reaching out to the Long Island community to aid us in maintaining our wrestling program at the highest level possible. This year we are very proud to announce the addition of women’s wrestling to our wrestling program.

The NCC wrestling program for the past sixty years has given thousands of student-athletes the opportunity to continue their education and compete on a national level.

During those sixty years, the NCC wrestling program has won:

- 8 NJCAA Team National Championships
- 2 NWCA National Dual Meet Championships
- 13 Individual NJCAA National Champions
- Over 125 NJCAA All-Americans.

Many of our NCC wrestlers have received scholarships to some of the most prestigious universities in the country because of their success as a student-athlete at Nassau Community College.

On this night we will be honoring Neil Nugent, a former NCC Wrestler, as well as Nassau wrestlers that are past or current UFC fighters. Neil was one of the first NJCAA All-Americans here at Nassau Community College. He was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame this past February at the NJCAA National Tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Neil was a two time All-American for the Lions. Neil not only wrestled and coached at NCC, he was an educator and an administrator during his fifty years of service at NCC.

We will also be honoring former NCC wrestlers that are fighting in the UFC and those NCC wrestlers who were pioneers in the UFC. Nassau has four former wrestlers fighting in the UFC, (Al Iaquinta, Ryan LaFlare, Chris Wade, Chris Weidman) and one wrestler who recently retired Alp Ozilic. Also, two former NCC wrestlers James Hieronymus and Phil Baroni fought in the early years of the UFC. James and Phil were both teammates at NCC in 1996 and wrestled in the NJCAA National Championships. James was the National Champion that year and Phil finished second; both were two-time NJCAA All Americans that continued their education and wrestling careers at Division 1 colleges. Last month we had three of our former wrestling stars wrestling at the Nassau Coliseum, in the first ever UFC fight ever held on Long Island. It started with our own Chris Wade, a former NJCAA National runner-up, Chris was the first UFC fight of the night, walking distance from Nassau Community College where he earned All-American honors. He was followed by Ryan LaFlare, a teammate of Chris Weidman, Ryan was on our first National Championship team and won multiple tournaments that year. Ryan is a top ranked UFC fighter and also excelled on the lacrosse field. Chris Weidman was the last fight of the night, the Main Event. Chris put himself in position that night to reclaim his World Title. Chris was also a two-time NJCAA All-American before transferring to Hofstra University. Alp Ozilic wrestled for Nassau and earned All-American honors while at NCC, he was an exchange student from Turkey.

We hope you can make the event and commemorate the success of the program and celebrate the tradition that all of you helped create. We are very excited about the upcoming season, we have a great group of guys coming in, which we would like to introduce to our wrestling alumni.

Please mark this date on your calendar, as we are looking forward to seeing everyone and kick off another successful season. All money raised will go directly towards the NCC Wrestling Team.

Coach Paul Schmidt and Coaching Staff
Coaches Henke and Schmidt cordially invite you to attend the

Wrestling Reunion

Friday, October 13, 2017
7-10 pm

The Main Event
1815 Broad Hollow Road, Farmingdale NY 11735

$100 Per Person
Includes Buffet Dinner and Open Bar
Prize Raffles, Entertainment & 50/50

RSVP By: Friday, October 6th
516.572.0670
Or Email: foundationevents@ncc.edu

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Checks, Cash, and all Major Credit Cards are accepted.
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2017 Wrestling Coaching Staff:

Head Coach
Paul Schmidt

Associate Head Coach
Vougar Orounjov

Assistants
Mac Maldarelli
Tyshawn Scarlett

2017 Womens Wrestling Coach
Sam Thomas

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Kerri-Ann McTiernan

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