

Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame Announces 2018 Inductees

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CRESCO, IA: Four outstanding individuals who've contributed mightily to the sport of wrestling will be inducted into the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame in Cresco on Monday, April 9th. The 49th Annual Awards Banquet and Induction Ceremony will begin with a 5:30 social hour followed by a 6:30 banquet at the Cresco Country Club south of Cresco. Those being inducted are Steve Hamilton, Shane Light, Kirk Myers and Lennie Zalesky.

Hamilton is a two-time state champion from Emmetsburg who went on to become a four-time All American for Iowa State University. He went on to coach wrestling at the University of Northern Iowa, Nebraska and the University of Tennessee before having a successful stint as a high school coach.

Light is the state's eighth four-time state champion. The Lisbon wrestler was the second four-timer from the schools storied program led by Brad Smith. Light and two brothers all wrestled for state championships his senior year, believed to be the only three- brother combination to ever do that at the state tournament.

Myers saved his best wrestling for college after winning a state title as a senior at Algona. Myers went on to win three Division II national titles at the University of Northern Iowa. Those titles enabled Myers to qualify for the Division I tournament where he was also a three-time 190 pound All American.

Zalesky also saved his best wrestling for the college level after winning a state title at Cedar Rapids Prairie. He went on to win three Big Ten titles at the University of Iowa while being a three-time All American and a two-time runner up. Zalesky went on to a successful high school and college coaching career.

Banquet tickets are available at the Cresco Chamber of Commerce (563-547-3434) or CIA Insurance in Cresco (563-547-2382). Tickets are \$25 and advance registration is required.

The Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame's sole purpose is the promotion of amateur wrestling in Iowa. The IWHOF has a rich history of honoring native Iowans at our annual awards banquet and induction ceremony. The inaugural banquet was held in 1970. When we conclude the 49th annual awards banquet on April 09, 2018, our roster of inductees will include 129 outstanding individuals for their contributions to amateur wrestling.

Visit our website at <http://www.iowawrestlinghalloffame.com/>

The Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame is located in the Cresco Welcome Center at the intersection of Highway 9 and Elm Street. The Hall of Fame is open 9-5 Monday through Friday.