

## Greg Henning

Our first inductee this evening is Coach Greg Henning. Greg coached varsity wrestling for 35 years and spent 32 years as a high school teacher and head wrestling coach. His coaching stops included Sallisaw High School (4 years), Stilwell High School (3 years), Tuttle High School (21 years), and Norman High School (4 years). While he produced tough wrestlers, state placers, state champions, and All-State athletes at all four schools, the majority of his program success came at Tuttle.

Greg began his coaching career at Central State University in 1977–78. Working alongside Jim Rogers, he helped coach a team that finished 4th at the National Tournament, led by David James, a future Hall of Fame coach and national runner-up that season.

As Greg finished his final season at Stilwell, Tuttle began its first year of high school wrestling, finishing 0–12. When Greg took over as head coach the following season, Tuttle improved to 7–6 but had no state qualifiers. That season marked the only time Greg watched the State Tournament from the stands. By his third season, Tuttle was the 1988 State Runner-Up. The following year, Tuttle hosted the inaugural Class 3A Dual State Tournament. Seeded fourth, the Tigers defeated Perry in the semifinals and Marlow in the finals to claim the title.

Under Greg's tutelage, Tuttle won six Dual State Championships and finished runner-up three times. They captured five Individual State Championships and five State Runner-Up titles, along with six Academic State Championships. Across all four schools, Greg coached 115 state placers and 43 state champions, including two four-time champions, six three-time champions, and five two-time champions. He coached 29 All-State wrestlers, eight Outstanding Wrestlers at State, and two father/son state champion combinations. His three sons—Jeff, Jared, and Ryan—won a combined 11 state titles, the most ever by siblings in Oklahoma.

During the spring and summer seasons, Greg coached not only his own wrestlers but athletes from across the state in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling. He led top wrestlers on cultural exchange trips and to national tournaments. Greg served as head coach and team leader for U.S. All-Star teams to Japan in 1979, 1995, and 1998, and organized Japanese All-Star team

visits to Oklahoma during those same years. He also coached All-Star teams on tours of Europe, including England, Germany, Italy, Belgium, France, Poland, Hungary, and Switzerland.

Greg served many years as one of four members of the OSSAA Wrestling Advisory Rules Committee and was selected multiple times to the Wrestling All-State Selection Committee. He coached the West All-State Team in 1989 and served as Vice President of the Oklahoma Wrestling Coaches Association from 1995–96 and President from 1997–98.

Upon his retirement from Tuttle in 2006, the Tuttle High School wrestling tournament was renamed the Greg Henning Invitational, and the school's expanded athletic facility became the Greg Henning Activity Center. Greg was inducted into the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2004 for his lifetime service to wrestling. In 2024, he was inducted into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame, and later that year, the Henning family received the Leroy and Madalene Smith Family Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's Oklahoma Chapter.

Please help us welcome Greg Henning into the Bob Stegall Hall of Fame!

## Dr. Gary Breece

Our 2nd inductee tonight is Dr. Gary Breece. Gary is one of the most accomplished wrestlers to ever wear a singlet at the University of Oklahoma. He compiled an outstanding high school record of 72–1, earning two Oklahoma state championships—one at Edmond Memorial High School and one at Tulsa Memorial High School. During the 1969–1970 season, Breece was named a High School All-American and captured a National Junior Freestyle Championship, establishing himself as one of the nation's elite young wrestlers.

Breece continued his dominance at the University of Oklahoma, where he was named Freshman Wrestler of the Year in 1971. From 1971 through 1974, he made history by becoming the first wrestler in OU history—and the first from any school in the modern era—to earn four NCAA All-American honors. At the NCAA Championships, he placed third, second, and sixth before capturing the 1974 NCAA National Championship at 118 pounds. His title played a key role in Oklahoma's seventh NCAA team championship.

Later in 1974, Breece represented the United States at the World Championships, further solidifying his status as an elite international competitor. His collegiate career was so impactful that Amateur Wrestling News ranked him as the second-best collegiate wrestler of the 1970s decade in his weight class.

Following his wrestling career, Dr. Breece pursued dental and orthodontic education and established his orthodontic practice in Enid, Oklahoma, where he served the community for 40 years. In addition to his professional success, he remained deeply committed to wrestling, dedicating 20 years to the YMCA wrestling program and providing long-time support to Enid High School wrestling, positively influencing generations of young athletes.

Dr. Breece won the Geary Wrestling Tournament in 1968 at 98 pounds and his older brother, Jim Breece, won the Geary Tournament twice. After the family moved to Tulsa, they no longer competed in the event.

Please help us welcome Gary Breece into the Bob Stegall Hall of Fame!

## Glenn Reding

Our final inductee this evening is Glenn Reding. Glen was born at home in Geary, Oklahoma, on Christmas Day, 1941, and developed a love for wrestling at an early age. Reding went on to become a junior high and high school state champion, establishing himself as one of Oklahoma's top wrestlers of his era. He competed frequently in the renowned Geary Wrestling Tournament, placing multiple times and earning the title of Geary Tournament Champion in 1960.

Reding attended Oklahoma State University on a full wrestling scholarship, where he was coached by legendary coach Myron Roderick. His experiences competing and learning under one of the sport's most influential figures helped shape his lifelong dedication to wrestling and coaching. He achieved a 2nd-place finish at the Big 8 Championships in 1963, highlighting his success at the collegiate conference level.

Following his graduation, Reding began his coaching career with two years at Blackwell High School. In 1967, he accepted a position at Miami High School, where he would remain for 19 years. During his tenure, Coach Reding built the wrestling program from the ground up, founding the junior high and elementary

wrestling programs and creating a developmental pipeline that strengthened wrestling in the community for generations.

In recognition of his leadership and coaching excellence, Coach Reding was selected to coach the East All-State Wrestling Team in 1984.

Coach Reding remained a proud member of the Miami community until his passing on February 12, 2023. He is remembered not only for his accomplishments as an athlete and coach, but for the lasting impact he had on countless wrestlers and students who respected and loved him deeply.

Accepting his award this evening is his daughter Shannon. Please join me in welcoming Glen into the Bob Stegall Hall of Fame