

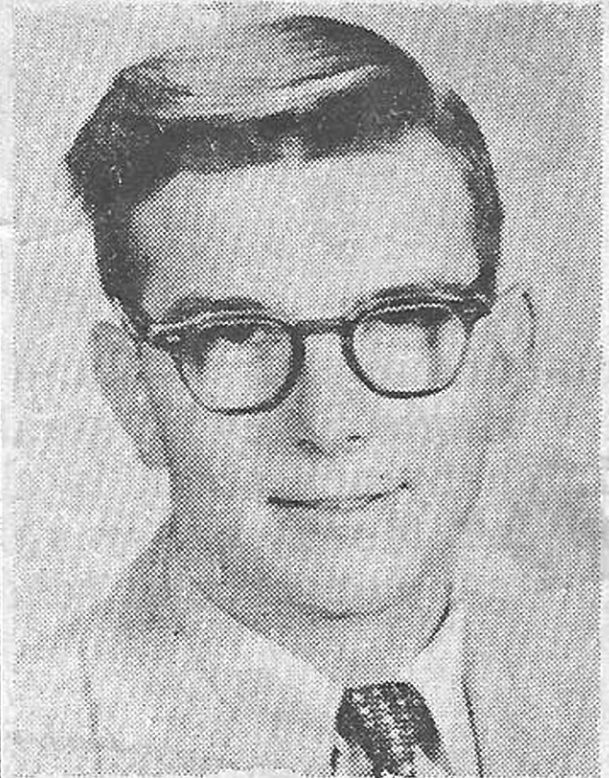
About Coach Patrick Reilly

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Wrestling Season Opens With New Coach At LHS

The Laurel wrestling squad is ready to start its season with a new wrestling coach, Patrick Reilly, at its head. Reilly, a graduate of East Stroudsburg State College, is now teaching history at Laurel Senior High.

Returning lettermen in wrestling are: Joe Baily (Metropolitan Champ), John Mihovitz (Metropolitan Runner-up), George Wills (Metropolitan fourth place), Mike Grace (Metropolitan fourth place), Alan Moe, Bill Day, and David Di-Julio.



PATRICK REILLY

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Reilly To Head Wrestling Squad

There has been a change in the men's physical education department. Coach Reilly, who taught last year at Maryland Park Junior High School in Prince George's County, is now Laurel High's new wrestling coach. Mr. Reilly also teaches United States and World History.

Coach Cohen, who was Laurel High's wrestling coach for two and a half years, is now the assistant wrestling coach at American University in Washington, D.C.

Coach Reilly says he is very happy to be here and is optimistically looking forward to a good season. Although he has never coached wrestling before, he himself was a grappler at East Stroudsburg College in Pennsylvania.

We hope to see some fine support from the entire student body, especially the Sophomores, most of whom have never before witnessed a sport which depends solely upon individual skill.

In conclusion Coach Reilly states that he "hopes to uphold the fine standards of wrestling set by Coach Cohen."

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ALBANY - For the second time in the past year, former Amsterdam wrestling coach Pat Reilly was inducted into a hall of fame.

The latest hall to honor the founder of the Amsterdam wrestling program was the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame prior to the championship finals Saturday at the Times-Union Center. "It's a very, very nice honor," Reilly said. "I'm very pleased and happy."



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Former Amsterdam coach Pat Reilly was inducted into the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame prior to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Division I and II championships Saturday at the Times-Union Center in Albany.

Reilly founded the Amsterdam program in 1965 and coached the Rams until 1993.

"When we started the process in Rochester [two years ago at the state tournament], we were hoping that it worked out that he would be honored when the states were in Albany," Amsterdam coach Ken Benton said. "We got his name on the list and this is a great year to have it."

During his tenure with the Rams, Reilly recorded 267 dual-meet victories and his teams captured three Section II Class A championships. Amsterdam also earned nine Big 10 Conference team championships under Reilly.

"No coach does it alone. I had a lot of help from my assistant coaches. We didn't have a lot of turnover and they worked awful hard," Reilly said. "I also had a lot of my support from my wife, Audrey, parents and boosters."

In his tenure at Amsterdam, Reilly coached 10 wrestlers to Section II championships as well as 25 class championships and six state place finishes.

"It's been in the works for a while. It's long overdue and it's a great opportunity to honor a great man," Benton said. "It's fantastic. I don't know if it gets any more prestigious than that."

Last year, Reilly was inducted into the Section II Wrestling Hall of Fame on March 29 as part of the DeMeo Awards Banquet at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

Reilly also was honored by the Amsterdam wrestling team Dec. 13, 2008, when it renamed its wrestling room the Patrick H. Reilly Hall of Fame Wrestling Gymnasium.

The recognition continued on Saturday and Reilly was pleased to be honored.

"It's just super. It's just a fabulous thing," Reilly said. "My daughters, Colleen and Doreen, are coming from Virginia and Schenectady and it's a big thing for my family. I'm very proud to be recognized like this."

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Coach Patrick Reilly



Coach Reilly started the wrestling program at Amerdam High (Rams) School (NY) in 1965 after 2 championship seasons at LHS. He coached until 1994. Here is a list of his many accomplishments:

- He coached his team to 267 team dual meet victories.*
- His teams rank in the top 10 all time for Section II wrestling in New York.*
- His teams rank in the top 50 all time in NY state.*
- The High School wrestling room is named after him.*
- He was elected into the Section II wrestling Hall of Fame in 2009 (NY).*
- He was elected into the NY State wrestling Hall of fame in 2010.*