

# The Case for Wrestling Saint Vincent College



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# Historical Background of Wrestling

- Intercollegiate wrestling has been in existence over 100 years.
- Wrestling was included in the ancient Olympic Games, and was one of the select sports included in the first modern Games in Athens, Greece in 1896.
- Wrestling is one of the top three medal winning sports in the last several Olympic games.
- There has been a women's World Championships in wrestling since 1987, and the US Women's National team is currently one of the top programs in the world capturing a silver and bronze medal at the 2004 Olympic Games.
- Wrestling is one of the few sports that provides opportunities for the blind and physically handicapped, as well as men and women of all sizes, weights, and socioeconomic backgrounds. (2004 US Men's Olympic Freestyle Team six of the seven athletes were minorities)

# Why Wrestling Belongs on Your Campus

- I. Indigenous To Your Geographic Area
- II. Ability to Increase Your Enrollment & Diversity
- III. Opportunity For Regionally Competitive Program
- III. Increased Revenue Through Tuition/Fees to Campus
- IV. High School Participation Trends
- V. Academic Achievement of Scholastic/Collegiate Wrestlers
- VI. Modest Cost for Establishing a Program
- VII. Wrestling's Outstanding Americans

# Indigenous to the Geographic Area

- Scholastic wrestling ranks sixth of all boys sports in terms of participation at the high school level with over 243,000 nationwide.
- There are approximately 8748 male and 808 female high school wrestlers in the state of Pennsylvania.
- Pennsylvania ranks third in the nation in sponsoring scholastic wrestling programs with 486.
- There are sixteen NCAA Division III programs in Pennsylvania.
- There are nine NCAA Division III wrestling programs in Ohio.
- Nearly one third of all scholastic wrestling participants nationwide are within St. Vincent College's Region.
- The WPIAL is one of the strongest wrestling leagues in the nation.

# Ability to Increase Enrollment & Diversity

- Saint Vincent College can attract a diverse population of wrestlers. Historically, wrestling has been very competitive at Ivy League and pseudo Ivy League schools as evidenced by the fact that Cornell, Pennsylvania, Columbia, and Lehigh are all top 25 teams. Harvard and Stanford have both had NCAA Division I Champions over the past 4 years.
- Scholastic wrestling is very strong at the National Prep level. Many of these wrestlers will pay full tuition/fees to attend elite private schools like Saint Vincent College.
- Historically, wrestling is a “blue collar” sport so Saint Vincent College can expect to attract student-athletes from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.
- With the national average of collegiate undergraduate enrollment projected to be 59% female by 2010, wrestling is uniquely positioned to help colleges bolster male enrollment since roughly only 300 colleges offer wrestling to accommodate the 247,000 high school wrestlers.

**“The opportunity to increase enrollment with outstanding academic male student-athletes”**

*Shelia Kovalchick  
Vice President of Administration  
Tri State University*

# Ability to be Competitive on A National Level

- At the past three NCAA Division III Championships, nearly 70% of all NCAA Division III wrestling teams were represented at the National Championships
- Over 50% of NCAA Division III institutions (with wrestling programs) had at least one All-American at the past three NCAA Championships.
- There are only 16 NCAA Division III wrestling programs in Pennsylvania to accommodate nearly 9,000 high school wrestlers in the state.

## **Ability to Generate Revenue**

- Saint Vincent College can sponsor wrestling for minimum cost while increasing student enrollment.
- Saint Vincent College could attract 15-20 new full time students to campus each year, thus generating significant tuition/fee dollars annually.

# Modest Cost / Minimum Needs

- The cost of Division III wrestling programs are among the lowest of all collegiate sports
  - Principal cost is coaching staff - head coach (preferably a combined role with another duty on campus) and one graduate assistant (many schools require coaches to assist admissions officers)
  - Operating costs for wrestling programs: Less than most other athletic programs (neighborhood of \$20,000)
  - Team size: Typically 25 to 30; ten athletes travel
- Modest facilities requirements
- Wrestling has one of the lowest cost per student athlete of any NCAA male sport.
  - (On average approximately \$1,000.00 spent per student athlete based on the NCAA Equity In Athletics Disclosure Act report).

# National Trends to Support Adding Wrestling

- The National High School participation rate for wrestling has shown an increase the last five years. (In 1999, scholastic wrestling had the fourth largest growth of all boys sports nationwide).
- Since 1994, the number of women participating in high school wrestling has grown from 804 to 4334.
- Since 1994, the number of high schools that sponsor wrestling has grown from 8559 to 9526.
- Since 1994, the number of high school participants in wrestling for boys and girls has grown from 222,429 to 247,334.
- As reported by National Federation of State High School Associations, scholastic wrestling state championships are among the top five sports in terms of revenue production. This mirrors revenue production of the NCAA Championships.

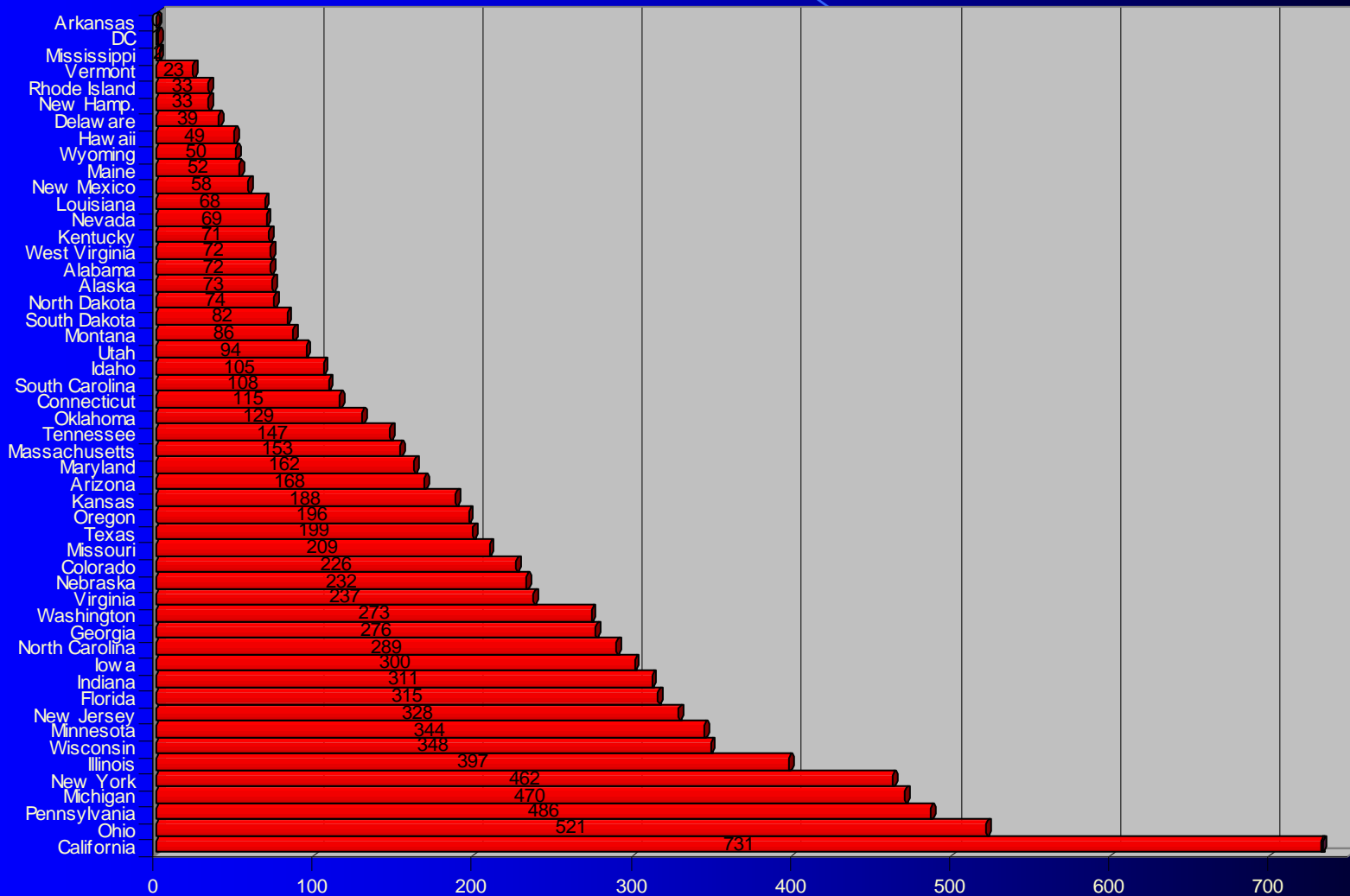
# High School Participation Rates

- Wrestling ranks 6<sup>th</sup> out of 33 sports in terms of individual participation (243,000 boys/4334 girls)
- Wrestling has more high school participants than cross country, tennis, swimming & diving, ice hockey, lacrosse, golf, gymnastics.
- There are 486 scholastic wrestling programs in PA making it the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest wrestling state in the nation.

Source: National Federation of High School Associations report

# Scholastic Wrestling Programs by State

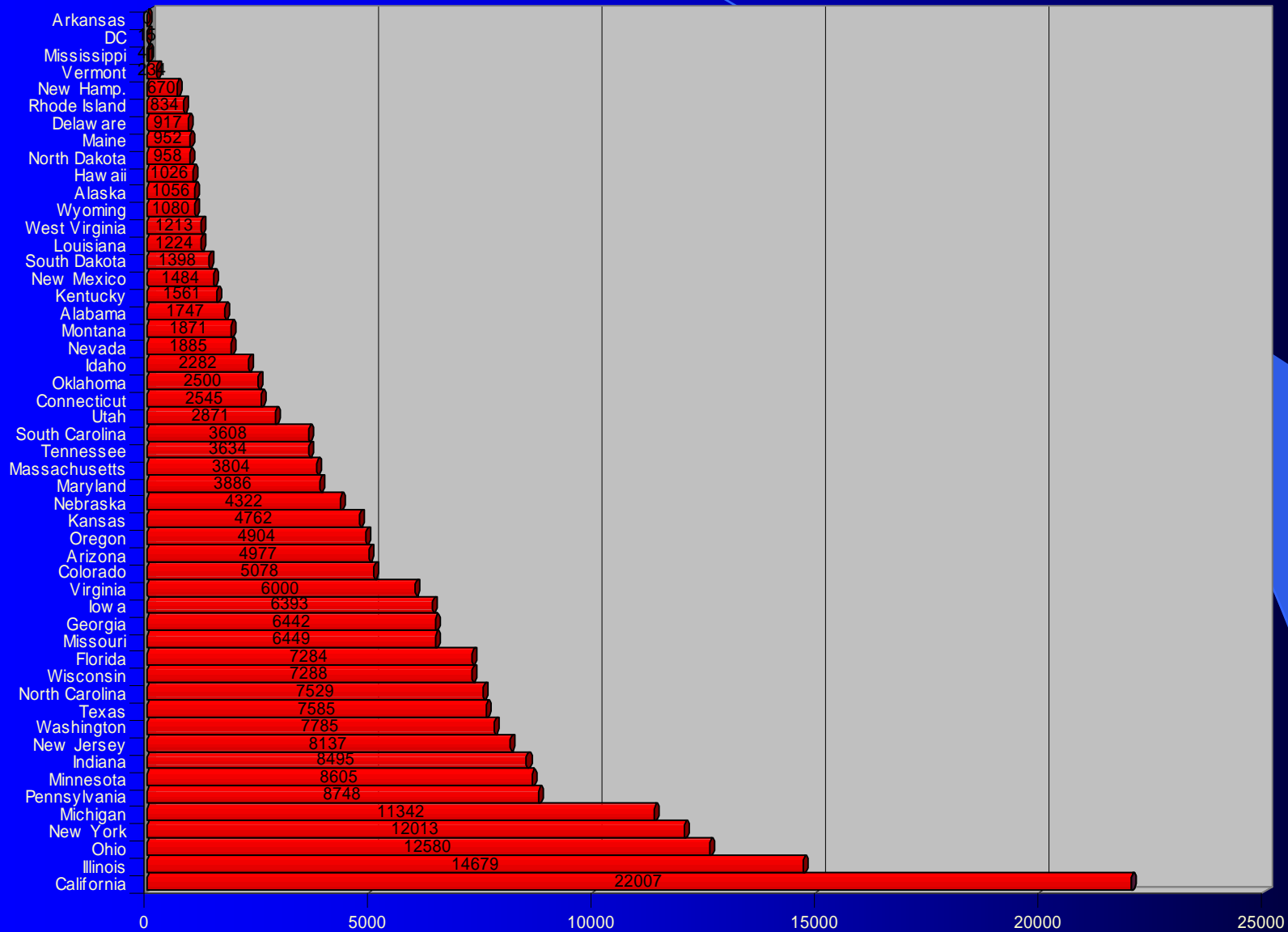
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Source: National Federation of High School Associations report

# Scholastic Wrestling Participation by State

# of Wrestling Participants



Source: National Federation of High School Associations report

# Strength of Wrestling on the College Level

## Wrestling Championships at the college level:

- Ranks among the top four in terms of revenue at the NCAA Division I Championships.
- 55 new intercollegiate wrestling programs have been added in since 1999.
- Pennsylvania has produced more NCAA Division I qualifiers and All Americans than any other state in the nation.

# Wrestling's Vital Signs

## **New Wrestling Programs Established since 1999**

### **Division I (5)**

Binghamton, Bucknell, Liberty, Utah Valley, Sacred Heart

### **Division II (9)**

Mercyhurst, Grand Canyon, Newberry, Limestone, New Mexico Highlands, CSU-Pueblo, St. Andrews  
Presbyterian, Belmont Abbey, Mesa State

### **Division III (3)**

Stevens Institute of Technology, Tri-State University, Olivet

### **NAIA (18)**

California Baptist, Menlo, McKendree, Grand View, Newman\*, Campbellsville, Hannibal-LaGrange,  
Great Falls, Hastings, York (Neb.), Notre Dame College, Bacone, Oklahoma City U., Seton Hill\*,  
Sioux Falls, King College, West Virginia Tech, Morningside

*\*- indicates current re-classification to NCAA Division II*

### **JUCO (10)**

Darton College, Rend Lake, Iowa Lakes, North Iowa Area CC, Wentworth Military, Southwestern  
Oregon, Spartanburg Methodist, Mercyhurst NorthEast, Pratt CC, West Hills (Calif.)

### **WOMEN (7)**

Pacific, Missouri Valley, Menlo, U. of the Cumberland, Missouri Baptist, Jamestown, Oklahoma City

# Wrestlers Perform on and off the Mat

- The average G.P.A. of the nation's top elite high school wrestler competing in the High School National Championships is 3.0.
- Elite academic institutions are succeeding in Division I wrestling:
  - The Ivy league has three teams ranked in the top 25.
  - Stanford, Harvard and Lehigh each had a 2004 NCAA Champion
  - Elite wrestlers succeed in classroom as nine of the 20 NCAA Division I finalists were recognized on the NWCA All Academic Team.
- Five NCAA Division III Champions were named to the NWCA Division III All-Academic Team
- 22 All-Americans also earned All-Academic recognition
- Average GPA of the top-30 NWCA Division III All-Academic teams was 3.271



# **How the NWCA Can Help !**

# About Us

- NWCA is a 501C-3 non-profit organization established in 1928
- National headquarters in Manheim, PA
- Six full time staff members and 34 Board of Directors
- Membership includes over 8,000 coaches, wrestlers, officials, fans, affiliated organizations, college/high school institutions

# Affiliated Members

- National Collegiate Athletic Association
- National High School Federation
- National Junior College Association
- California Community Colleges (COA)
- National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics
- USA Wrestling
- Amateur Athletic Union
- National Wrestling Hall of Fame

# **The NWCA Can Provide the Following:**

- **Provide Gold Standard Leadership Training for Coaches and Athletes**
- **Coaches Survival Guide to Maximize Coaching Administrative Efficiencies**
- **Grass Roots Support for the Saint Vincent College Wrestling Program**
- **Assistance in Securing Program Start Up Funds and Equipment**
- **Promote Saint Vincent College Wrestling Nationally**

# Wrestling's Outstanding Americans

**Joseph Allen**- Astronaut

**Hiraoki "Rocky" Aoki**-President/CEO, Benihana of Tokyo Restaurants

**James Biggar** -Chairman & CEO, Nestle USA, Inc.

**Frank Carlucci III**-Ambassador, Secretary of Defense

**Michael Collins**-Command Pilot, Apollo 11 Mission

**Dan Dierdorf**-Sports Broadcaster

**Dr. Kenneth J. Faust**-Medicine

**Robert W. Hannan**-President & CEO, Eckerd Corporation

**Admiral James L. Holloway, III**-Military

**Henry Kravis**-Partner, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co.

**James A. Leach**-U.S. Congressman from Iowa

**Abraham Lincoln**-16<sup>th</sup> President of the USA

**David S. Pottruck**- Former President/CEO, Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.

**Philip Rauch**-Business

**Edward B. Rust**-President/CEO, State Farm Insurance

**Norman Schwarzkopf**-Commander in Chief, Desert Storm

**Howard Taft**-27<sup>th</sup> President of the USA

**Joe Galli**-CEO of Rubbermaid

**John McCain**- US Senator

**Carl Albert**- Speaker of the House

**Roone Arledge**-President, ABC-TV News & Sports

**Norman E. Borlaug**-Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

**John Chafee**-U.S. Senator from Rhode Island

**Pat Day**-Jockey

**Kirk Douglas** -Actor-Author, Diplomat

**Stephen Friedman**-CEO, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

**Dennis Hastert**-Speaker of the House

**John W. Irving**-Author of Novels and Films

**General Charles Krulak**-Commandant of the USMC

**Peter W. Likins**-President, Lehigh University

**Ronald Magruder**-President/CEO, Cracker Barrel

**Theodore Roosevelt**-26<sup>th</sup> President of the USA

**Donald H. Rumsfeld**-US Secretary of Defense

**Arthur C. Rutzen**-President, The Pacific Bank

**Tom Sullivan**-Author, Singer, Actor, Sportsman

**Billy Baldwin**- Actor

**Greg Lanteris**-Astronaut

**Dan Cathy**- President Chik-fil-A

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