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# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## 2024 INAUGURAL CLASS BANQUET

Fawcett Center at The Ohio State University

April 20, 2024

### WELCOME

**Dr. Michael Canales, Banquet Emcee**

### INVOCATION

**Randy Jepson, Penn State Head Coach**

### Lunch

**Hall of Fame Introduction.....Dr. Michael Canales**

**Video: Gene Wettstone and Penn State 1959 Team**

Gene Wettstone Induction Speech.....Randy Jepson

1959 Penn State Team Induction Speech.....Greg Weiss

**Video: Hartley Price and Joe Giallombardo**

Hartley Price Induction Speech.....Tom Gibbs

Joe Giallombardo Induction Speech.....Jay and Helen Giallombardo

**Video: Jonathan Horton**

Jonathan Horton Induction Speech.....Jonathon Horton

**Video: John Roethlisberger**

John Roethlisberger Induction Speech.....John Roethlisberger

**Video: Steve Hug**

Steve Hug Induction Speech.....Brian Favat

**Video: Kurt Thomas**

Kurt Thomas Induction Speech.....Beckie Thomas

**Video: Jim Hartung**

Jim Hartung Induction Speech.....Chuck Chmelka

**Video: Blaine Wilson**

Blaine Wilson Induction Speech.....Blaine Wilson

**Video Sam Mikulak**

Sam Mikulak Induction Speech.....Sam Mikulak



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# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## HALL OF FAME INTRODUCTION



### International Gymnastics Camp

The CGA, powered by International Gymnastics Camp, is honored to present the first-ever College Gymnastics Association Hall of Fame, celebrating the outstanding achievements and contributions of athletes, coaches, and teams during their time in the NCAA.

After years of dedication and passion for the sport, it is time to honor the legends who have left an indelible mark on collegiate gymnastics. From remarkable athletic performances to groundbreaking coaching achievements and unwavering support for the sport's growth, these individual's legacies are deserving of celebration.

The College Gymnastics Association Hall of Fame will serve as a tribute to excellence, perseverance, and the enduring spirit of competition. It will be a place where the rich history of the sport is preserved and celebrated for generations to come.

Inductees into the Hall of Fame will include athletes who have achieved unparalleled success on the gymnastics floor, coaches who have inspired and mentored their teams to greatness, and teams who have celebrated unprecedented success.

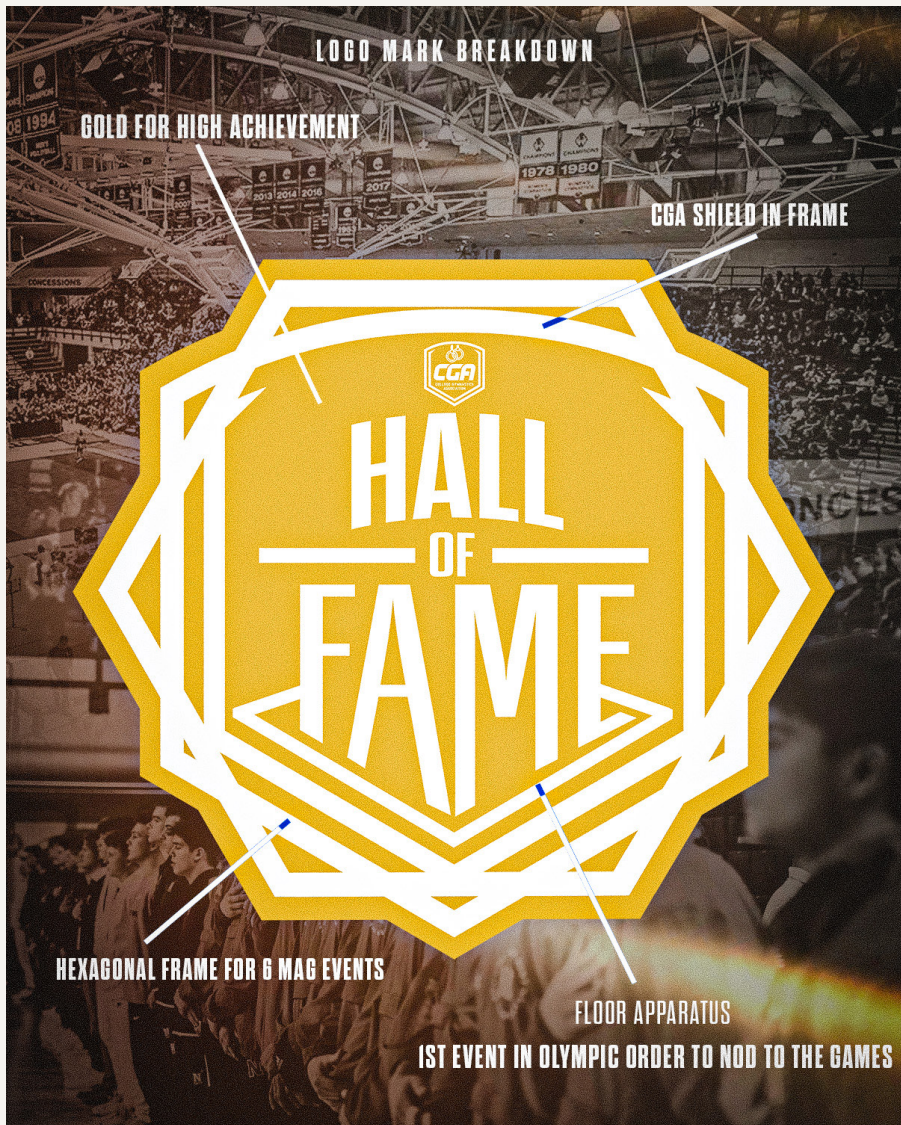
Join us as we embark on this exciting journey to honor the legacy of NCAA men's gymnastics and recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions to the sport. Together, we will celebrate the past, inspire the present, and shape the future of men's gymnastics at the NCAA level.



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## HALL OF FAME LOGO DESIGN



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## SELECTION PROCESS

**1938 - 1ST MEN'S GYMNASTICS NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP**

**5,000+ALUMNI**

**100'S OF COACHES**

**OVER 600 NCAA IND. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

**OVER 1,600 ALL-AMERICANS**

With 86 years of NCAA Men's Gymnastics, there is no shortage of greatness. Decades of stories, legends and folklore. Thousands of gymnasts, coaches, and teams. National champions and All-Americans awarded every season. Selecting the inaugural class of the CGA Hall of Fame is one of the most humbling experiences a gymnastics historian can set out to do.

The CGA started with only 1 restriction. Coaches, Athletes and Teams are eligible once 5 years removed from NCAA competition in the role they are being nominated for.

The CGA collected data on every All-American in the history of NCAA Men's Gymnastics to identify the best of the best according to accolades. From there, the selection committee discussed accolades and impact of individuals and teams to accurately develop strategies to evaluate potential nominees. Next, each selection committee member anonymously nominated an unlimited number of individuals or teams they felt were worthy of consideration for the inaugural class. Any team or individual receiving nominations from 2/3 of the committee became a nominee. Following nominations, a meeting was held to discuss all of the nominees, 58 in total. The next step was an anonymous vote for each member to vote on the nominees they felt were deserving of being a finalist for the inaugural class. 17 nominees received 2/3 vote to become a finalist. Lastly, the committee discussed the finalist before taking one final anonymous vote to determine the inductees of the inaugural class. 11 of the finalists received the 2/3 majority vote to become inductees.



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## GENE WETTSTONE

Born in 1913 Wettstone went to Iowa University because his uncle Al Baumbartner, another Swiss Turner had preceded him as the coach there. He was a Big Ten All-Around champion in 1935 and 37 (under the name of Wettstein) and was the Big Ten champion on PH in 35 and 37. He also travelled east several times to compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL), open to all colleges where he place 3rd all-around in 1937.

Gene was considered the Dean of collegiate gymnastics coaches a lofty title that is less than adequate. During his amazing career he was twice appointed Olympic Coach (1948 & 1956). He coached 13 Olympians during his 38-year tenure at Penn State, where he held the rank of Professor Emeritus. His teams captured nine NCAA team titles and 37 NCAA Individual titles. He spent most of his career proving that gymnastics could capture spectator approval with record crowds in attendance. He was the first to attract nearly 10,000 spectators to a gymnastics event.

He was the a past president of the National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches (CGA). He was Olympic Team Manager in 1976 and an Olympic judge in 1952 and 1968. He coached the Cuban Team in 1947 in preparation for the 1948 Olympics in London. A Coach of the Year, member of the Helms Hall of Fame, he served on the Olympic Committee for twenty years, and eighteen years as a member of the NCAA Gymnastics Committee. He was inducted into the United States Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1963. During his career he inspired several of his gymnasts to become collegiate coaches. Among the many were:

- Hal Frey – Cal Berkeley
- Bill Meade – Southern Illinois University
- Armando Vega – LSU
- Carl Schier (Schwenzfeier) – Air Force Academy and Penn State
- Lee Cunningham – University of North Carolina
- Bill Bonsall – West Virginia University
- Mike Jacobson – University of Iowa
- Tom Dunn – University of Iowa
- Warren Neiger – Pitt
- Bill Savering – Navy

He organized eight Foreign Tours of European Gymnastics Teams to the USA. Penn State played host to the US Olympic Trials in 1948, 1952, 1956, and 1976 to record crowds. Perhaps most memorable was the 1961 competition in Rec Hall between the USA Teams and the Soviet Union (M&W) with record attendance for the two-night event that featured an hour concert by the Penn State Blue Band serenading the spectator to music of great Russian and American composers before the competition. Not to be outdone the following year, Penn State hosted the Japanese Olympic Championship Team to Rec Hall for two nights of competition, again to a sold-out audience.



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## COACH

Wettstone was instrumental in the founding of the United States Gymnastics Federation, now known as USA Gymnastics. His efforts helped to wrestle national governance of gymnastics away from the AAU and in doing so created a separate governing body for the sport of gymnastics. His efforts were pivotal in the advancement of athlete rights.

As Wettstone approached his 100th birthday, the alumni who had competed under his tutelage, wanted to honor him by naming the training facility on the Penn State campus after him. It took them a mere ninety days to raise the required \$500,000 for the naming rights of the Gene Wettstone Gymnastics Complex.



**GENE WETTSTONE**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

COACHED 9 NATIONAL TITLES • 5 NATIONAL RUNNER-UP FINISHES • 35 INDIVIDUAL TITLES • 180 ALL-AMERICANS



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## 1959 PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

One of the oldest collegiate conferences in collegiate gymnastics (formed in 1926) the Lions would capture their 9th EIGL Title under Gene Wettstone. at Temple University's South Hall. In route, they would win four individual events (Tumbling, Rope Climb, Parallel bars, Horizontal bar) and the first three All-Around places (Vega, Werner, Cunningham). Their performance would be a harbinger of things to come as they travelled weeks later to Cal Berkeley for the 17th NCAA Championship. With a scoring system that awarded 11 points for first place to 1 point for tenth place the Lions would amass a 152-point total to best the very formidable University of Illinois team that included Abe Grossfeld, Don Tonry, and Ed Gombos 152 to 87.5. It was the 17th NCAA Championship and would be Wettstone's 5th since the inception of the Championship in 1938.

Team members:

- Greg Weiss
- Dave Palmer
- Don Littlewood
- Vince Neuhauser
- Bruce Fosnocht
- Hidinger
- William Fosnocht
- Smith
- Jay Werner
- Buddy Williams
- Armando Vega
- Lee Cunningham
- Graeme Cowen
- Bill Saverig
- Robert Kaminski
- Frank Donatelli
- Ernie Lofgren
- Lou Savadove

At the NCAA Championship Armando Vega would capture the AA title defeating Art Shurlock and Abe Grossfeld. He would also add titles on Rings and Parallel Bars and a 2nd place finish on Floor Exercise behind Don Tonry. On other individual events Dave Delaney would win tumbling, Don Littlewood would win the Rope Climb, and Jay Werner would win Flying Rings over teammate Armando Vega (2nd).

As to the caliber of competition it should be noted that among the competitors Abe Grossfeld and Armando Vega were already members of the 1956 Olympic Team competing in Melbourne. Don Tonry would join his teammate Grossfeld earning a berth on the 1960 US Olympic Team competing in Rome, while Greg Weiss and Art Shurlock would represent the US at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo. A stalwart on Penn State's 59 team, Jay Werner would win the 1960 NCAA AA title at Penn State defeating Art Shurlock.





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## TEAM



**PENN STATE • 1959 TEAM**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

NATIONAL TITLE WINNERS • 17 ALL-AMERICAN HONORS



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## HARTLEY PRICE

Hartley Price has been described as the coach who refused to lose. A former Australian educator, he was born September 8th, 1902 in Queensland, Brisbane, Australia and died on September 14th, 1977, at the age of 75. He was a 1927 graduate of Springfield College where he earned a B.S. in Physical Education. He began his career at the University of Illinois in 1929. In the early years of the depression funding for the Illinois program was difficult. Owing Minnesota a return meet he developed Gymnastica, a college circus (renamed Gymkana), as a source of funding. First held in Kenney Gym in 1934 it attracted 500 spectators and by the 3rd year in Huff Gymnasium the audience swelled to 3,000 as it would become among the best college circus shows in the country. A newly enlivened Varsity Gymnastics team finished the rest of the 30s becoming 1939 AAU and Big Ten Champions. He mentored others who would go on to develop their own Gymkana Troupes (Ray Weiss at Cortland State University and Jim Bailey at Duke University). One of his gymnasts, Davis A. Field, would develop Gymkana at the University of Maryland - still performing today. The Gymkana Troupe disbanded in 1942 due to WWII. During the war Dr. Price served as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, heading up the gymnastics and tumbling program at the Navy Pre-Flight School in Iowa City, Iowa. After receiving his doctorate, Dr. Price wrote extensively on all aspects of gymnastics with his articles published in numerous educational journals.

Hartley took an established University of Illinois program and turned it into a national power. In his eighteen-year career at Illinois he led the Illini to four NCAA Team titles (1939, 40, 41, 42) and four Big Ten Team titles while compiling an 86 – 31 record. In one ten-year period he produced 16 NCAA individual champions, and overall, a total of 33 Big Ten individual champions.

He left Illinois, moving to Florida, where he started a program from scratch at Florida State University. Between 1948 and 1971 (a total of 41 years coaching) his teams captured two more NCAA Team championships (1951, 52). He also produced 14 NAAU individual event champions. While at Florida State he received two Fulbright Scholarships – one in India and the other at Columbia, Hartley was a long-time Chairman of the NACGC (National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches) awards committee and as a result was awarded two Special Service Awards (1969 & 1977) for his work in the area. He was also the 2nd recipient of the prestigious NACGC Honor Coach Award in 1955 (given only to coaches that have coached a minimum of twenty-five years or more). By today's standards he would have been NCAA National Coach of the Year in 1939, 40, 41, 42, 1951 and 1952. He produced 56 All-Americans at Illinois (All – American records from FSU unavailable). He is a 1959 Honoree in the Helms Hall of Fame (Now USAG HOF) and was inducted into the Florida State Hall of fame in 1978.



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## COACH

For twenty years he served on the US Olympic Gymnastics Committee and twice received the Special Service Award from the College Gymnastics Association (CGA). He founded Gymkana at Florida State and the Tallahassee Tumbling Tots. Florida State dominated team and individual events in the Southern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (SIGL) for many years (records unavailable).

Notable gymnasts the Hartley Price coached include:

- Joe Giallombardo (7X NCAA Champion) Illinois
- Paul Fina – (NCAA AA Champion) Illinois
- Bill Roetzheim - (1948 & 1952 Olympian) Florida State
- Jack Miles - (NAAU AA Champion) Florida State
- Jamile Ashmore -NCAA & NAAU Champion, Pan American Teams (1959 & 63) Florida State
- Dick Gutting Florida State
- Don Holder (1952 Olympian) Florida State



A commemorative plaque for Hartley Price, a 2024 CGA Hall of Fame inductee. The plaque features a gold border with a white and gold geometric pattern at the corners. At the top center is the 'HALL OF FAME' logo. Below it is a hexagonal image showing a black and white portrait of Hartley Price in a suit, overlaid on a photograph of a university campus with a large building and trees. To the left of the portrait is a large orange letter 'I', and to the right is the Florida State Seminoles logo. Below the image, the name 'HARTLEY PRICE' is written in gold, followed by '2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS' in gold. At the bottom, in gold, are the statistics: 'COACHED 6 NATIONAL TEAM TITLES • 16 INDIVIDUAL TITLES • 76 ALL-AMERICANS'. A small 'HALL OF FAME' logo is also visible on the right edge of the page.

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## JONATHAN HORTON

### University of Oklahoma: 2005 – 2008

Jonathan Horton was a member of the University of Oklahoma's men's gymnastics roster from 2005 – 2008 after an illustrious junior career in Texas. Horton was one of the most successful collegiate gymnasts of all time during his time as a Sooner.

Horton is tied for the second most individual NCAA titles with six, the second most total All-America honors with 18, and led Oklahoma to three NCAA Team titles during his tenure. In conference competition, Horton was a powerhouse for Oklahoma – he led the team to four-straight MPSF Team titles while winning the all-around three times in four years and earning MPSF Gymnast of the Year honors each year. Horton won the Nissen-Emery Award in 2008 as college gymnastics' most outstanding senior gymnast.

Horton's international career is equally impressive. Horton was a two-time Olympian for USA (2008 and 2012) with two Olympic medals (team bronze and high bar silver in 2008). Horton won the all-around bronze medal at the World Championships in 2010 and helped Team USA to a team bronze at the 2011 World Championships. Horton is a two-time USA National all-around champion.

Horton was the 2008 USA Gymnastics Men's Athlete of the Year and was inducted to the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2022.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 6-time NCAA Champion (2006 – AA, FX, SR; 2007 – FX, HB; 2008 – SR)
- 18-time NCAA All-American
- 2008 Nissen-Emery Award Winner
- 4-time MPSF Champion Team Member (2005 – 2008)
- 4-time MPSF Gymnast of the Year



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## ATHLETE



**JONATHAN HORTON**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

6 NATIONAL TITLES • 18x ALL-AMERICAN • 3 TEAM TITLES • NISSEN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## JOHN ROETHLISBERGER

### University of Minnesota: 1990-1993

John Roethlisberger attended the University of Minnesota as a student-athlete from 1990 – 1993. In his time as a Golden Gopher, Roethlisberger amassed an impressive collegiate gymnastics résumé that solidifies his place in the College Gymnastics Hall of Fame.

Roethlisberger earned a total of five NCAA Individual titles, including three all-around titles (one of only four to do so in the history of college gymnastics), 15 All-America honors, and led Minnesota finish as team runners-up at the NCAA Championships in 1990 (the highest program finish for Minnesota). In conference competition, Roethlisberger won an incredible four-straight Big Ten Championships all-around titles! Roethlisberger won the Nissen-Emery Award as the most outstanding senior in college gymnastics in 1993.

Beyond the college ranks, Roethlisberger was extremely successful on the elite stage as a four-time U.S. Championships all-around champion. He was a member of six World Championships teams and was a three-time Olympian for USA in 1992 (while as a student-athlete at Minnesota), 1996, and 2000.

Roethlisberger was named Sportsperson of the Year an amazing six times while winning the NCAA Top-six Award which is awarded annually to the top six student-athletes in the nation from all sports. Roethlisberger was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2005.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 5-time NCAA Champion (1991 – AA, PB; 1992 – AA; 1993 – AA, PH)
- 15-time NCAA All-American
- 1993 Nissen-Emery Award Winner
- 10-time Big Ten Champion
- 3-time Big Ten Team Champion Member (1990, 1991, & 1992)
- 4-time Big Ten Gymnast of the Year
- 1990 Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- 1993 Big Ten Medal of Honor



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**JOHN ROETHLISBERGER**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

5 NATIONAL TITLES • 15x ALL-AMERICAN • NISSEN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## STEVE HUG

### Stanford University: 1972-1974

Steve Hug was born in Highland, Illinois and competed on the men's gymnastics team at Stanford University from 1972 – 1974. Hug was already a prodigy in the sport before arriving on campus at Stanford as the youngest American male gymnast ever to compete at the Olympic Games in 1968 as a 16-year-old.

Since freshmen weren't permitted to compete in NCAA competition during his era, Hug had to wait until his sophomore year in 1972 to unleash on the collegiate ranks. He went on to win three-straight NCAA all-around titles, the first NCAA titles in Stanford program history, as well as 11 All-America honors in only three years of collegiate competition. Hug won the Nissen-Emery Award in 1974 – another first in Stanford Men's Gymnastics program history.

While at Stanford, Hug earned a berth to his second Olympic team for USA in 1972. He was the first American gymnast to compete in an Olympic all-around final. Hug also won three U.S. Championships all-around titles during his elite career.

Hug was inducted into USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Stanford Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 5-time NCAA Champion (1972 – AA, PB; 1973 – AA, PB; 1974 – AA, PB)
- 11-time NCAA All-American
- 1974 Nissen-Emery Award Winner





# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## ATHLETE



**STEVE HUG**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

5 NATIONAL TITLES • 11x ALL-AMERICAN • NISSAN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## KURT THOMAS

### Indiana State University: 1975-1979

Kurt Thomas, a Miami, Florida native, attended Indiana State University from 1975 – 1979 as a member of the men's gymnastics team. Although Thomas' legacy may be remembered more for his achievements on the international stage, his collegiate career is equally impressive.

Thomas won five individual NCAA Championships Individual Titles at Indiana State University, highlighted by two all-around titles in 1977 and 1979 while leading the Sycamores to the 1977 National Championship team title. During his time at ISU, Thomas also garnered a total of 13 All-America honors!

Thomas became an American household name after becoming the first American male gymnast to win a gold medal at the 1978 World Championships on floor exercise. He went on to win a remarkable six medals at the 1979 World Championships (a record that stands today for USA Men's Gymnastics). Thomas earned an Olympic berth in 1976 (while as a student-athlete at Indiana State) and 1980 (which was boycotted by the U.S. delegation).

In 1979, Thomas won the Sullivan Award as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete. He was inducted into four halls of fame: USA Gymnastics in 1990, Indiana State athletics in 1999, International Gymnastics in 2003, and Missouri Valley Conference in 2010.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 5-time NCAA Champion (1977: AA, PB; 1979 – AA, PB, HB)
- 13-time NCAA All-American
- 1979 James E. Sullivan Award Winner



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

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**KURT THOMAS**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

5 NATIONAL TITLES • 14x ALL-AMERICAN • 1 TEAM TITLE • NISSEN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## JOE GIALLOMBARDO

### University of Illinois: 1938-1940

Joe Giallombardo was a member of the University of Illinois Men's Gymnastics program from 1928 – 1940. Giallombardo was a force in collegiate gymnastics competition with achievements that wouldn't be matched in the sport for over 40 years!

Giallombardo's achievements were filled with several firsts – he was the first gymnast to win three NCAA Championships all-around titles (and in a row), he was the first gymnast to earn 16 All-America honors (a record that was broken over 40 years later by Jim Hartung in 1982), and is still a co-record holder with seven NCAA Championships Individual titles (a record that was first matched over 70 years later by Sam Mikulak in 2014)!

Although the Nissen-Emery Award was not in existence during his era, Giallombardo won virtually every award available in the sport of gymnastics during his time including the A.R. Rizzuto Award, given to outstanding American Athletes, of any sport, of Italian extraction. He was inducted into the U.S. Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1966 and the Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame in 2019.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 7-time NCAA Champion (1938 – AA, \*TU, \*FR; 1939 – AA, TU; 1940 – AA, TU) \*TU = Tumbling; \*FR = Flying Rings
- 16-time NCAA All-American
- 1938 – 1940 NCAA Team Champion member
- 6-time Conference Champion



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**JOE GIALLOMBARDO**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

7 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL TITLES • 16x ALL-AMERICAN • 2 TEAM TITLES



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## JIM HARTUNG

### University of Nebraska: 1979-1982

Jim Hartung, an Omaha native, competed at the University of Nebraska from 1979 – 1982. As a Husker, Hartung dominated collegiate competition etching himself as one of the greatest in college gymnastics history.

A member of the four-straight NCAA Champion teams for Nebraska from 1979 – 1982, Hartung's record also includes back-to-back NCAA all-around titles in 1980 and 1981. As impressive as his six NCAA individual titles is (including being the first gymnast to win three NCAA titles on still rings), Hartung earned an incredible 22 All-America honors, a record that holds today over forty years later!

As Nebraska's most decorated gymnast, Hartung won the Nissen Award in 1982 as college gymnastics' most outstanding senior gymnast, the first for Nebraska.

Hartung continued competing in the sport at a high level internationally as being a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic Team – the only American team to win a team gold medal at the Olympics. Hartung's first Olympic berth was in 1980 as a current member on Nebraska's roster; however, was unable to compete that year due to the U.S. boycott of those Games.

Hartung was named to the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 1997 and the University of Nebraska Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 6-time NCAA Champion (1980 – AA, SR; 1981 – AA, SR; 1982 – SR, PB)
- 22-time NCAA All-American
- 1979 – 1982 NCAA Team Champion member
- 1982 Nissen Award Winner
- 11-time Conference Champion



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**JIM HARTUNG**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

6 INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL TITLES • 4 TEAM TITLES • 22x ALL-AMERICAN • NISSEN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## BLAINE WILSON

### Ohio State University: 1994-1997

Blaine Wilson attended the Ohio State University as a student-athlete from 1994 – 1997. In that time, Blaine became the most decorated gymnast in the program's history as well as cementing himself as one of the greatest gymnasts ever in college gymnastics.

Wilson won six individual NCAA title, garnering 12 All-America honors, and helped lead Ohio State to that NCAA Team title in 1996.

In his freshman year, Wilson was awarded the 1994 Big Ten Freshman of the Year en route to a total three Big Ten Gymnast of the Year awards as he won 11 individual conference titles over the span of his collegiate career. In his senior year, Wilson won the 1997 Nissen-Emery award as the most outstanding senior gymnast in college gymnastics.

Wilson had major success on the international stage as a 5-time U.S. National Champion (twice of which occurred as a student-athlete at Ohio State), 4-time World Championships team member, and a 3-time Olympian including silver medalist in 2004.

Wilson was inducted to the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2004 and the International Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 6-time NCAA Champion (1996: AA, SR, PB; 1997: AA, SR, VT)
- 12-time NCAA All-American
- 1996 NCAA Team Champion member
- 1997 Nissen-Emery Award Winner
- 1994 Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- 11-time Big Ten Champion
- 3-time Big Ten Team Champion (1994, 1996, 1997)
- 3-time Big Ten Gymnast of the Year





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**BLAINE WILSON**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

6 NATIONAL TITLES • 12x ALL-AMERICAN • 1 TEAM TITLE • NISSEN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



# 2024 CGA HALL OF FAME

## SAM MIKULAK

### University of Michigan: 2011-2014

Sam Mikulak attended the University of Michigan as a student-athlete from 2011 – 2014. Mikulak made a huge splash on the college gymnastics scene right from the beginning as he became the first ever freshman to win the all-around title at the 2011 NCAA Championships in the history of college gymnastics.

Mikulak's achievements in the collegiate ranks only increased over the years at Michigan as he won a record-tying seven NCAA Individual Titles, earned 16 All-America honors, earned two NCAA record scores (16.10 on Parallel Bars and 93.700, both in 2014), while leading Michigan to back-to-back NCAA Team titles in 2013 and 2014, the first time in the program's history. Mikulak won the Nissen-Emery Award in 2014.

Mikulak also dominated Big Ten Conference competition with all-around titles at the Big Ten Championships in 2011 (the first freshman since 1994 to do so) and 2013 – 2014 en route to six Big Ten Individual titles. He was the Big Ten Gymnast of the Year Recipient three times and helped Michigan to Big Ten Team titles in 2013 and 2014.

Mikulak went on to become one of the greatest American gymnasts ever winning a record six U.S. Championships all-around titles, won two World Championships medals, and was a 3-time Olympian for Team USA (2012, 2016, and 2020).

#### Collegiate Achievements and Awards

- 7-time NCAA Champion (2011 – AA; 2012 – HB; 2013 – AA, PB, HB; 2014 – AA, PB)
- 16-time NCAA All-American
- 2013 & 2014 NCAA Team Champion member
- 2014 Nissen-Emery Award Winner
- 2011 Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- 6-time Big Ten Champion
- 2-time Big Ten Team Champion Member (2013 & 2014)
- 3-time Big Ten Gymnast of the Year



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**SAM MIKULAK**

2024 CGA HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL CLASS

7 INDIVIDUAL TITLES • 16x ALL-AMERICAN • 2 TEAM TITLES • NISSEN-EMERY AWARD WINNER



