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I would now like to take this time to thank each of you for your support this past year. We are able to do many things with your generous contributions such as team practice apparel, video expenditures, team t-shirts, overnight accommodations, awards for the wrestling banquet, meals on the road, recruiting expenditures, Gatorade and fruit for the athletes during competitions all year and many other useful things. Each of your contributions and donations enables our team to experience a season of success, improvement, and achievement. For all the alumni and friends who have been contributing to the wrestling team during competitions all year and many other useful things. Each of your contributions and donations enable our team to experience a season of success, improvement, and achievement.

I hope we can continue our relationship working with our Wesleyan wrestling program and family. Yours in wrestling,

Drew S. Black, Head Wrestling Coach

Most Recent 2006-07 Contributors to the Wesleyan University Wrestling Program

THANK YOU!!

• Mr. Bill & Janet Robichaud (Friends and Family Member P’05)
• Dr. Allan F. Williams ’61
• Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Donna Torrenti (Friends and Family Member P ’08)
• Mr. Henry B. Anderson ’40
• The Whizzer ’72
• Mr. Nick Bazos ’02
• Mr. Harold Buckingham, Jr. ’52
• Mr. Britton Boyd ’02
• Mr. Paul Carty ’77
• Mr. Eric Kraasnoo ’84
• Mr. Michael Whalen ’83
• Mr. Shawn Green ’01
• Dr. Merrill A. Symonds ’41
• Dr. Michael “Mickey” Levine ’60
• Mr. Steven Yermish ’80
• Mr. Santiago “Sandy” Batista ’03
• Mr. Michael Leonard ’03
• Mr. Frank Leone ’71
• Mrs. AnnMarie deLalla (Friend and Family Member P ’07)
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Recruiting

Please feel free to get in touch with me about any outstanding high school student wrestlers. There are so many Wesleyan Wrestling Alums out and about the country, it is an exceptional way to help Wesleyan get the edge in maintaining a competitive, winning, wrestling team. One can never have enough help in recruiting. I thank you in advance for your help.

Alumni in the News

The class of 1972 had a mini-reunion at Fong’s Restaurant located here in Middletown, Conn. during reunion/commencement activity in May. I met a number of folks both former wrestlers and great fans of Wesleyan wrestling from this class. The “Whizzer” was instrumental in setting up this reunion. I had the pleasure of meeting with Pat Tauer, Jerry Ryan, Tom Wu and Seth Davis. I also seized this opportunity to see if we could get more wrestling alums up to join in the festivities and activities of commencement weekend. It turned out to be a great time by all. We had a nice social as well at the Casa de Coach Black with visits by Avi Springer ’01, Nick Bazos ’02, Dave McDougall ’02, Britton Boyd ’02, Sandy Batista ’03, Mike Leonard ’03, Kevin Egolf ’05 and Chris Robichaud ’05.

• Camilo Rincon-Camacho ’05 has been training and competing in wrestling most recently at the NYAC holiday tournament where he placed fifth wrestling some of the world’s best wrestlers and also trained for one week at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado. “Milo” plans on competing more for his home country Columbia in South America.

• Matt Ferrisi ’02 got married last August in a beautiful ceremony in his backyard home in N.H. to his college cutie Lizzie. Matt is now working for ING in New York City.

• Gabe Fierro-Fine ’04 has just been accepted to medical school at the University of Iowa and will begin in the fall of 2008. Dr. Fiero-Fine has a nice ring to it. Gabe still has the wrestling bug and will put all his energy into competing at the U.S. Nationals in freestyle.

• Dan Case ’05 has been accepted to a number of the top medical schools in the country. It seems he will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall. I like the sound of Case, too.

• Adam Jonas ’04, GR ’05 is now in Phoenix, Ariz. working with the Milwaukee Brewer organization with about 30 players under his wing from the Dominican Republic. He teaches them English, as well as easing their way into American life. In addition, he is making them stronger athletes as a strength coach.

• Sandy Batista ’03 recently got engaged to his long-time sweetheart Ms. Gabby Carson ’03, former Wesleyan ice hockey player. Sandy is still in NYC working as a diplomatic secret service agent. I like to call him 007.

• Dave McDougall ’02 has been working for CSTV (College Sports Television) in New York City for five years now. He is enjoying his work and has done many wrestling events in his time there such as the World Championships in 2002, Big Ten Championships, multiple Division I Duals, and a show with Dan Gable. Eric Kraasnoo ’84 also works at CSTV in sales, marketing, and promotions.

• Ryan Tookes ’00 is now a lawyer living in N.J. and just had his first child, a boy named Ryan Jr. Congratulations to the Tookes!

• Kevin Egolf ’06 just completed a two-year appointment as an investment banker at The Bank of America and is now taking a year to travel, work and live in New Zealand.

• Dave Bartlett ’06 has also been accepted to medical school and will be attending New York Medical College in Westchester, N.Y. this fall.

• Also on his way to grad school is N.E. champ Dan deLalla ’07 as he’ll be attending law school at Cleveland State in Ohio.

Please stay in touch and thank you all for your support of Wesleyan and Wesleyan wrestling.
**SUPPORT WESLEYAN WRESTLING**

Please consider making a donation in support of Wesleyan University wrestling.

All donations are tax-deductible. Please note that this gift does not count toward the unrestricted “Wesleyan Fund,” but you will be counted as a participant in Wesleyan’s current fundraising campaign. We hope you also will support the Wesleyan Fund each year. Thanks for all your support!!

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**"Biddi" Award Recipient**

This award recognizes a “Friend of Wesleyan Wrestling” who gives back and helps support the Wesleyan wrestling program. The award is named after our current Athletics Director and former wrestling coach of 15 seasons, John Biddiscombe. The third annual “Biddi Award” recipient was recognized at our annual wrestling awards banquet as it was given to the parents of senior all-New England wrestler Don Torrenti ’08, Mr. Thomas and Donna Torrenti.

Tom is the president of Thomas A. Torrenti, P.C., a consulting structural engineering firm he founded in 1986. The firm specializes in commercial and institutional building projects and he has been actively engaged in the profession for the past 26 years. He received his B.S. in civil engineering from Syracuse University in 1981. Several of the firm’s design projects have been recognized by state and New England organizations. His wife Donna was a practicing dietitian for 10 years before “retiring” to homemaking, which she continues to enjoy. Following graduation from Syracuse University where she received a B.S. in clinical nutrition, she completed an internship at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

Tom and Donna live in Orange, Conn. and are the proud parents of three children, Donald, Wesleyan ’08, John, Wesleyan ’09, and Dana, a high school junior. They participate in wrestling, golf, and track and field, respectively. Said Tom upon receiving his award - “Having become acquainted with Mr. Biddiscombe over the past three years, he is a true gentleman, avid wrestling fan, and great asset to the Wesleyan community. We are honored to receive this award in his name. We are also extremely grateful to have been able to benefit from the talents and tutelage of Coach Black, whose teams consistently excel, both athletically and academically. Congratulations to the Wesleyan University Cardinals on another successful season and thank you again for this recognition.”

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**Annual Wrestling Awards Banquet**

After each season we have a semi-formal banquet so we may reflect on the past season and recognize the team and each individual for their improvements, successes, and achievements. This year we celebrated at the Cantina Cafe’ Ristorante on Court Street in Middletown. This year’s special award recipients were:

- **11th Man Award** ................................................................. Zach Rolfe
- **Most Improved Wrestler** ...................................................... Cam Maloni
- **Ironman Award** ................................................................. Josh Wildes
- **Excellence in Scholarship** .................................................. Drew Marvin Smith
- **Excellence in Wrestling, Leadership, & Scholarship** ........... Dan deLalla
- **Turnaround Wrestler of the Year** ....................................... Kyle Baicker-McKee
- **Newcomer of the Year** ....................................................... Dan Bloom
- **Most Exciting Match(es) of the Year** ................................. Dan deLalla (New England finals vs. Mark DeCicco of Springfield, 2 OT wins)
- **Lifter of the Year** ................................................................. Brendan Cleary

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**2007-08 SCHEDULE**

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Note: The NCAA Division III Championships will be held at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa beginning Fri., March 7.
Seeded sixth in the 2006-07 NEC-CWA Duals, the Wesleyan Cardinals went 3-1 in matches to claim third place among the 15 competing teams. Along the way, the Cardinals defeated host Bridgewater St., 24-13, a team ranked 25th in Div. III at the time. Wesleyan also enjoyed a 30-9 conquering of Little Three rival Williams to reach the tournament semi-finals. New England champ Dan deLalla ’07 led the way by going 4-0 on the day with two pins, a technical fall and a major decision.