

## Allen Abraham (California)

Allen Abraham is currently a professor with a specialization in motor learning and the associate chairman of the Department of Kinesiology at San Francisco State University. From 1963 to 1982, he was also the hard driving, focused wrestling coach at San Francisco State University. During that time he won eight Far Western Conference Championships, compiling an overall record of 172-111 while finishing with a conference best of 65-23. His Far Western Conference Coach of the Year awards are numerous with wins in 1975-77-79-80 and 1982.

Mr. Abraham was able to bridge the gap and work with different national wrestling organizations. He was voted Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bay Area Wrestling Association from 1972 to 1975, was President of the NCAA Division II Coaches from 1978 to 1979, presented the much sought after FILA Bronze Medal for his efforts in the International landscape, and was a member of the AAU Wrestling Committee from 1977 to 1983 where he served as president, vice president and chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Allen's foreign assignments included Junior World Greco-Roman Coach and Team Leader to the 1976 Junior World Championships in Poland, 1976 AAU-USA Olympic Staff Member in Montreal, Canada and AAU Team Leader of the U S Freestyle Team to Yugoslavia in 1981 and Canada in 1982. On a national level, he served as the Director of the National AAU Olympic Training Camp from 1977-1982 and was tournament director for the National AAU Greco –Roman Wrestling Tournament in 1977.

Allen's numerous honors and awards include AAU Man of the Year Award in 1982, the Martin Olivarri Award for distinguished service and contributions to Bay Area Amateur Athletic Union Wrestling in 1983, the Bay Area's Distinguished Leadership Award in 1995, and induction into the San Francisco State University Hall of Fame in 2001.

Allen's career in wrestling went from competing as a collegiate wrestler where he was a Pacific Coast Intercollegiate finalist at 191 lbs and won the Far Western Heavyweight Championship in 1961, to being a successful collegiate coach, to serving wrestling on a national and international level in several leadership rolls. His "get it done" attitude has been well known and respected by USA and AAU athletes and administrators for over fifty years. We are honored to induct Allen J. Abraham, Professor Emeritus-Kinesiology Department, San Francisco State University, into the National AAU Wrestling Hall of Fame.