

LANNY BRYANT

Lanny Bryant is a major force in the sport of wrestling. He burst on the scene in 1964 as the Editor and Owner of *Wrestling USA Magazine*. His well read wrestling history has published over 12,000 issues documenting every facet of the sport from the smallest Kid's Tournaments in Montana to the largest tournaments in yearly cycles including the World Championships and Olympic Games.

Lanny's earned a BA in 1962 and a Masters in 1964 from the University of Northern Colorado. Presently, Lanny is well on his way to a PhD in Biological Science.

From 1962 to 1970, Lanny taught Physical Education and Biological Science and served as Head Wrestling Coach in Worland, Wyoming. From 1970 to 1972 he was a Professor of Physical Education and Head Wrestling Coach at Western Washington State College. He spent the next twelve years teaching in the Missoula County High Schools and held the position of Head Wrestling Coach. From 1984 to 1987, Lanny was an Assistant Athletic Director at Montana State University and doubled as Head Wrestling Coach.

Lanny's teams in high school won 241 duals, losing only 47 in 20 years. His matmen won State Championships in both Wyoming and Montana and he led his grapplers to nine unbeaten seasons. In college, Lanny coached Montana State's first Conference Outstanding Wrestler and its first NCAA All-American Wrestler. He coached four NCAA Division I All-Americans and three NAIA All-Americans during his coaching career.

Lanny started the Wyoming AAU, the Wyoming Wrestling Coaches Association, the Wyoming Cultural Exchange Program, the Wyoming Junior Olympic Program, the Montana Cultural Exchange, the Wrestling USA Dream Team Classic, and hosted the FILA Schoolboy World Championships in 1983 with thirteen foreign countries competing.

On the National and International scene, Lanny has coached Wyoming and Montana Cultural Exchange Teams to Japan, was National Coach of the Junior World Freestyle Team, National Coach of Junior World teams to Russia and Poland, National Team Leader of FILA Schoolboy USA World Teams twice, and was honored by the National Wrestling Hall of Fame with its 2003 "Order of Merit Award."

Now a well earned "Thank You" to the Bryant family: wife, Ann and children LanAnn, LaMonte, Cody Wayne, Lady Michelle, and Shannon Dawn for their help with Dad's career and the internationally known resources, Wrestling USA, the Wrestling Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, is honored to include the name of LANNY W. BRYANT as a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2007!!!