

LEE ALLEN

Lee Allen holds a unique distinction: he was the United States representative on the 1956 Olympic Freestyle Team, placing 8th, and the 1960 Olympic Greco-Roman Team. Only two American wrestlers have ever achieved this feat. Among Lee's prodigious achievements are: 1980 Olympic Coach – could not take part due to the boycott; Assistant Coach of the Olympic Team in 1972 and 1976; and 1998 Head Coach of the Women's Pan American Team. As National Greco-Roman Coach for five years, Lee was named "Coach of the Year" when his team placed 4th in the World Championships.

As Head Coach at Skyline College in California for thirty-two years, Lee added a women's wrestling team to his program. The Lady Trojans promptly won the Northern California Conference Championship twice. While all this inter-collegiate activity was taking place, Lee, who also coached the Lady San Francisco Peninsula Grapplers, hosted the first Women's Wrestling Tournament in American history and won the Woman's National Championship in 1977 and 1979. Lee helped found the Bay Area Wrestling Club.

Currently Head Coach at Menlo College in California, Lee's two daughters, Sara Fulp Allen and Katherine Fulp Allen, won University National Titles at the University of Akron and are teammates on the United States University World Team which competed in Greece. Sara just defended her 105.5 pound National Championship representing the New York Athletic Club and sister Katherine won at 112 pounds also representing the New York Athletic Club. Lee says: "The girls have bought into the dream of being the best in the world."

Lee started his amazing career by wrestling for Sandy High in Oregon where he was undefeated for four years and was a two-time PCI Champ and was named "Outstanding Wrestler" once. Lee attended the University of Oregon where he won his first NAAU title.

Lee's wife, Joan, has been a coach to both Lee and the girls. She is full of pep and the family's largest supporter. Lee it seems was a champion in the marriage game too.

The Wrestling Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States is honored to include the name of LEE ALLEN as a member of the Hall of Fame Class of 2007.