

## WADE SCHALLES (FLORIDA)

During his competitive days, *Sports Illustrated* said Mr. Schalles was “the most exciting wrestler to ever walk onto a wrestling mat.” *Amateur Wrestling News* selected him as the best middleweight of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Dan Gable called him, “the greatest pinner he’s ever seen!” Wade is in the ***Guinness Book of World Records*** for having the most wins and pins of anyone who has ever wrestled. He has won 15 national championships in five different combative disciplines...Judo, Sombo, Freestyle, Folkstyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

Wade was the first Pennsylvanian to be inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was selected during his years in the sport as the country’s “Athlete of the Year” and was later named “National Coach of the Year”. Coaches from around the globe voted him “World’s Greatest Wrestler” for pinning all of his opponents at the World Championships. In 2005 he was selected by the NCAA as one of the top fifteen collegiate wrestlers of all time.

Wade served as Assistant to the President at the Amateur Athletic Union for almost ten years. During his tenure at AAU he oversaw the organization’s wrestling program, Internet, advertising and media relations departments, while managing the company’s various special event programs. In 2002 the AAU named him Man of the Year.

Other achievements include being named Sportswriter of the Year by the National Wrestling Media Association, ranking among the highest rated wrestling officials in America in the 1990’ and being named to the NCAA’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team, a distinction that only fourteen other collegiate wrestlers share with him.

He is currently the Executive Vice President for ISEEsports, a subsidiary of Continental Vista Broadcasting Group. He has authored two best selling books on wrestling and his videotape series are the best selling instructional tapes on the market today. He continues to be one of the countries most popular and only syndicated columnist in the sport. Wade recently started the Star Awards Program, a Florida based LLC whose mission is to provide America’s wrestlers, coaches and officials with national recognition by way of re-introducing martial arts belts into the sport.

Wade and his wife Deb have six children. He is currently living in Orlando, Florida.