



FULTON WRESTLING



Proud of the Past - Working for the Future

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Crucitti Awarded Ely College Scholarship

Military Service Award To Roy French

Chris Ely's family and friends came together to remember Chris in the second annual Ely Memorial Golf Tournament held recently at Battle Island Golf Course.

The event doubles as a fundraiser to support the fight against brain cancer and fund the Ely Memorial Scholarships given to college bound Fulton wrestlers. Chris, one of Fulton's most accomplished wrestlers, passed away in December 2015 after battling brain cancer.

Jared Crucitti was the recipient of the \$1000 college scholarship. Jared was the 2016 Section III Champion and a two-time state tournament qualifier. He plans to attend college at SUNY Morrisville.

New with this year's event, the family added a second award to be given to a Fulton wrestler enlisting in the Armed Forces.

The Military Service Award went to Roy French. A four year varsity letter winner, Roy is enlisting in the U.S. Army with plans to become an Army Ranger and seek an assignment with a Special Operations unit. With the consent of the Ely family, Roy has

donated his \$500 award to the Fulton Wrestling Club to provide a scholarship for wrestling camp to a Fulton wrestler in need.

The criteria used by the Ely family to select the award winners can best be summed up with the inscription on the scholarship certificate

For possessing and demonstrating the ideals of "REACHING HIGHER" through his leadership, grit, positive attitude, heart, passion, and drive in his academic and athletic accomplishments. And in so, recognizes, understands, & embodies the philosophy that the Pursuit of Excellence is always there...deep inside you...waiting for you to demand it of yourself.



Roy French and Jared Crucitti

Tim Conners

Wrestler, Scholar, Cancer Survivor, Inspiration

Tim Conners was born into a wrestling family. Tim's Dad, Mike Conners, was Fulton Wrestling's long-time Hall-of-Fame wrestling coach and his older brother Mike was a Fulton Wrestler. So, it was no surprise to find Tim on Fulton's wrestling team in his freshman year. But then Tim's wrestling career was interrupted when he was diagnosed with Leukemia.



To say that Tim Conners has the heart of a champion doesn't quite cover it.

Somehow he survived his two year battle with the dreaded disease but in the process lost his eyesight.

Determined to live life to the fullest, he returned to Fulton 's wrestling team for his senior year, graduated 7th in his class and enrolled at Ithaca College.

While in college he wrote a book: "It's Impossible Until You Do It: Succeeding in the Face of Adversity." In it, Tim recounts his battle with cancer and how it affected his life.

Last month Tim graduated summa cum laude from Ithaca with a degree in Communications. To "celebrate", he went to Tanzania with his Dad and together they climbed for 53 grueling hours to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

In a recent visit to his old elementary school, Tim left the Lanigan students with the same advice he passed along to Fulton's wrestlers at the annual banquet last year: "Go outside your comfort zone," he said. "Everyone is part of the same team so help each other out. And people will fail but it's important to learn from mistakes".

Coach's Corner



So Proud - Nobody was on the mat this past weekend but you couldn't help but notice how Fulton Wrestling had touched so many people in ways that makes the program proud.

Speaking of Proud - Three wrestlers received awards at GRB's Academic Awards night. Jon Parrish and Jeshua Lopez received awards for Academic Excellence in Social Studies and Sam Waldron was recognized for Academic Excellence in Technology and in Biology.

Happy Camper - I'm looking for 35 "happy campers" to attend our Fulton's Champions Camp June 26-30. I'm extremely excited about the upcoming year as we look to make another run at a championship season. As the saying goes, "summer wrestling makes winter champions".

Young Fulton Wrestler Raises \$2500 To Help Pin Cancer



PeeWee wrestler Micah Collins raised more than \$2500 for the 2017 Pin Cancer Eastern Nationals Tournament to benefit St Jude's Children's Hospital. Micah is looking forward to wrestling in the August tournament in Easton PA.