## Coach Joe Crouthers Wrestling Scholarship

## **North Kansas City High School**

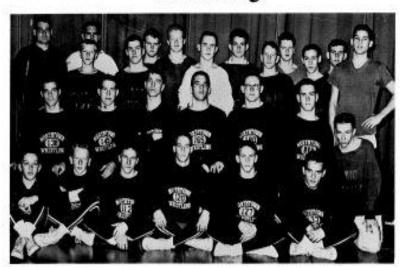






In late fall 1958, Coach Joe Crouthers founded the wrestling program at North Kansas City High School and became the primary promoter of wrestling in Missouri beyond the St. Louis area. Just two-and-a-half years later, in the spring of 1961, the first regional wrestling tournament outside of St. Louis was held at William Jewell College in Liberty. Northtown dominated the regional by winning 10 first-place titles and two second-place titles, qualifying a maximum 12 wrestlers for the state tournament. That year, Northtown placed fifth at state, the first time any school outside of St. Louis finished in the top 10. Hornet wrestlers Bob Benedetti and Larry Brock took second in their weight classes.

## Wrestling



Lettermen: Rows One and Two

Row One: Serve Moors, Bur Nest, Serve Sammer, Art Fleming, Mike Muller, Bob Benedett to-capit, Kimble Wildox.

Row Two; Larry Rariese, Glen Petree to-capit, For McCrite, Jin Andrews, Larry Book, Elmer McCall. Row Three:
Bob MacDonold, Larry Supp. Larry Kerr, Dave Bigg. Rousie Wode, Blennan Kirkpatrick. Bow Four. Coach Joe

Countries, Larry Crooks, Just Swearingen, Jin Wilson, Jin State, Warren Thomas, Bick Overton.

Members of those first **Northtown** wrestling teams have established this scholarship in honor of **Coach Joe Crouthers**. In 2019, the first \$2,500 **scholarship** will be awarded to a senior wrestler who plans to pursue a two-or-four-year degree.

Your tax-deductible gift ensures that the Coach Joe Crouthers Wrestling Scholarship will assist members of Northtown's wrestling teams for years to come. The scholarship fund is managed by the North Kansas Schools Education Foundation and invested with the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation.

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