

Coach Joe Crouthers Wrestling Scholarship North Kansas City High School



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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: Steve Moore, Lee Neer, Steve Sommer, Art Fleming, Mike Muller, Bob Benedetti (co-capt.), Kirby Wilson.
Row Two: Larry Harless, Glen Patree (co-capt.), Pat McCrite, Jim Andrews, Larry Brock, Elmer McCall. Row Three:
Bob McDowell, Larry Sapp, Larry Kerr, Dave Hagg, Ronnie Wade, Herman Kirkpatrick. Row Four: Coach Joe
Crouthers, Larry Crooks, Joel Swearingen, Jim Wilson, Jim Sartz, Warren Thomas, Nick 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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