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Hall of Fame Seeks Director For Dan Gable Museum (<https://nwhof.org/blog/hall-of-fame-seeks-director-for-dan-gable-museum/>)



WATERLOO, Iowa – The National Wrestling Hall of Fame announced that it is seeking a Director for the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum in Waterloo, Iowa. The individual will replace Kyle Klingman,...

USA Men Make History Sweeping All 10 Gold Medals At Pan American Championships (<https://nwhof.org/blog/usa-men-make-history-win-all-10-gold-medals-at-pan-american-championships/>)



BUENOS AIRES, Argentina – The United States men's freestyle team won all 10 Pan American Championships gold medals over the last two days, collecting eight titles on Sunday evening in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is...

Job Description For Dan Gable Museum Director (<https://nwhof.org/blog/job-description-for-dan-gable-museum-director/>)

Position: Director, National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum Location: Waterloo, Iowa Job Summary: The Director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Dan Gable Museum (DGM) is responsible for innovative leadership and direction for...

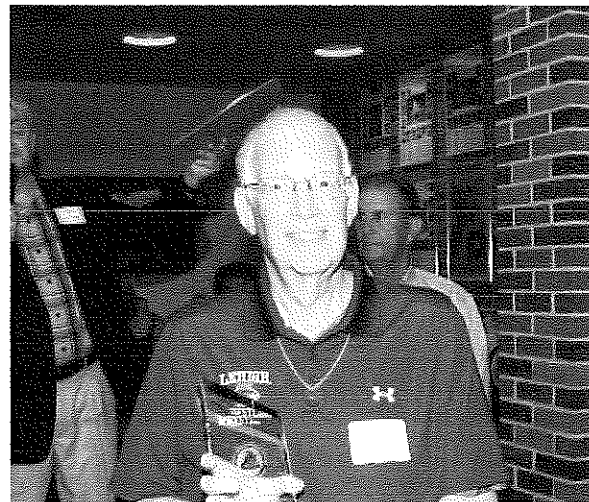
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Hall of Fame Historian Jairus K. Hammond Passed Away (Sept. 16, 1944 – Nov. 12, 2013)

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After a battle of nearly two years, Jay Hammond lost his bout with cancer on November 12. He passed at his home in Florida, his wife Galena and mother at his side.

Born in Altoona, PA, he was raised there and in Gettysburg. He graduated from St. James School in Hagerstown, MD and went on to Lehigh University. While an undergraduate there, he was introduced to the sport that would eventually become life-long passion – wrestling. He covered the sport as a staff writer and eventually the sports editor of the campus newspaper, the Brown and White, and the campus radio station, WLVR.

Following graduation, he was employed as an engineer and then attended the University of Akron where he followed an interest in banking.

After moving with banking jobs from Ohio to Boston to New York and then San Francisco, he decided to change careers again. He became a computer programmer and settled down in Orlando, Florida. Around that time, he had met and eventually on December 30, 1999, married Galina Blinova, a native of St. Petersburg, Russia. He was truly devoted to her, and many friends said she had mellowed him. And she allowed him to maintain his "other love" – wrestling.

Jay himself was never a wrestler, but he was a true fan of the sport, attending multiple NCAA and FIBA tournaments, world

Jairus "Jay" "Boomer" Hammond '66

I had the pleasure of knowing Jay while we were both undergrads. Jay's passion and knowledge of Lehigh (and beyond) wrestling was unmatched. His compendium of statistics, matches and wrestling trivia has no peer. Without his work I am fairly certain we would not have anywhere near the knowledge of wrestling's glorious past at Lehigh.

Jay Hammond first discovered wrestling when he matriculated at Lehigh in 1962. He has been a devoted fan and historian ever since. His tastes are catholic, including interests in Folkstyle, Freestyle and Japanese Sumo Wrestling. After graduating from Lehigh he worked in banking and finance for 25 years, specializing in investment research. He now operates his own business that provides computer consulting services for individuals and small businesses. He is a long time computer hobbyist and has used these skills to develop and maintain elaborate sports statistical data bases for Lehigh and amateur wrestling. His work at compiling NCAA, EIWA, Big 10 and Big 12 tournament brackets may be found at www.wrestlingstats.com.