

2014 Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Award Winners

Ilio DiPaolo Award: Rocco Russo

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School: Frontier High School | **GPA:** 94.5 | **SAT/PSAT Scores:** 1070

Wrestling Weight Class: 138

Career Win/Loss Record: 237-33 | **Win/Loss Record as Senior:** 52-4

Colleges Applied to: University at Buffalo

Wrestling Accomplishments: 4th Place NYS Finisher (2014); 6th Place NYS Finisher (2011), Four time Section VI Champion (2011-2014); 2013 NYS Greco Champion; 2012 NYS Freestyle Champion; 2014 Division – Wrestler of the Year Champion of Champions Award; 2013 & 2014 Division – Most Outstanding Wrestler at Section VI State Qualifier

Extra-Curricular: Member of Frontier’s Student Athletic Committee, Volunteer at Hamburg Youth Wrestling Club, Works at Lake Erie Italian Club

Academic/Special Awards: Three time Government Award Winner, maintained High Honors throughout High School

Gary Castanza Award: Alexander Smythe

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School: Eden High School | **GPA:** 84.8 | **SAT/PSAT Scores:** 960

Wrestling Weight Class: 160

Career Win/Loss Record: 227-51 | **Win/Loss Record as Senior:** 43-2

Colleges Applied to: University of Buffalo

Wrestling Accomplishments: Three time NYS Place Finisher (3rd, 3rd, 5th); School record for most wins (227); two time Section VI Champ; six time Section VI Placer (top four)

Extra-Curricular: Played Football – three year Varsity starter; worked at Henry W.D. & Sons Farm this past summer; volunteer every year at Fire Dept. corn stand during Eden Corn Festival

Academic/Special Awards: Received Class B Offensive Football Player of the year, spent a lot of time at school with student who has Down Syndrome.

“Destroyer” Wrestling Award: Renaldo Rodriguez-Spencer

1139 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, NY 14211

Cell: 716-949-1102 | **Email:** highwayhedges@yahoo.com

School: Cheektowaga High School | **GPA:** 80 | **SAT Scores:** 1100

Wrestling Weight Class: 145

Career Win/Loss Record: 188-13 w/97 pins | **Win/Loss Record as Senior:** 38-0 w/27 pins

Colleges Applied to: Iowa State – accepted & signed letter of intent

Wrestling Accomplishments: 2013 NHSCA Virginia Beach National Champion & voted most outstanding wrestler; 2013 NYS Champion; 2013 NYS Triple Crown Champion (High School, Freestyle, Greco); two time NYS Place Finisher; three time Section VI Champion; two time Olympic Training Center invitee; four time Teike-Bernabi (Spencerport) Champion; three time NFWOA Official Tournament Champion

Extra-Curricular: Asst. Coach of the Buffalo Grapplers Wrestling Club; volunteered for the Cheektowaga Central Youth Wrestling

2014 Scholarship Award Winners (cont.)

Bill Hein Dedicated Wrestler Award: Marshall Brooke Taylor

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Cell: 716-909-0806 | **Email:** marshtaylor96@gmail.com

School: Lockport High School | **GPA:** 85.3

Wrestling Weight Class: 220

Career Win/Loss Record: 129-43 | **Win/Loss Record as Senior:** 40-4

Colleges Applied to: Edinboro, Cleveland State, Mercyhurst, Gannon & Clarion

Wrestling Accomplishments: Two time Section VI Large School 220 lb. Champion; four time Sectional Qualifier; two time NFWOA Tournament Champion; two time Spencerport Champion; Captain of Lockport HS Varsity Wrestling Team; five year Varsity starter on LHS Wrestling Team; two time Class Champion; 2013-2014 Season Record 40-4; 88 Career pins

Extra-Curricular: Nine year Altar Server at Christ Episcopal Church; four year “Athletes Against Hunger” Volunteer; Assistant Coach at Lockport Kids Wrestling Camp; YWCA of Niagara – volunteer for yard work, maintenance & moving for Domestic Violence shelter; three year Varsity Football starter (defensive end); Led the team in sacks & tackles for losses for two consecutive Years; 2012 WNY Class AA Large School North Defensive Player of the Year.

Academic/Special Awards: 2014 Recipient of Lockport High School “Quality Student” Award – based on Academics, Athletics & Community Involvement

Cauliflower Alley Club Award: Ryan Kromer

287 Elm St., Youngstown, NY 14174

Cell: 716-525-4466 | **Email:** rkromer24@gmail.com

School: Lewiston-Porter High School | **GPA:** 88.39 | **SAT Scores:** 1070

Wrestling Weight Class: 152

Career Win/Loss Record: 203-43 | **Win/Loss Record as a Senior:** 51-3

Colleges Applied to: University of Buffalo, Clarion University, Mercyhurst

Wrestling Accomplishments: three time Section VI Finalist (2011, 2013,2014); Section VI Champion (2012); four time NYS Championship Qualifier (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014); fourth at NYS Championships (2013); third at NYS Championships (2014); two time Captain (2013, 2014)

Extra-Curricular: Varsity Club; Buffalo Wrestling Club; Lewiston-Porter Youth Wrestling Club; Student Athletic Association Council

Academic/Special Awards: Niagara PAL Male Athlete of the Year

St Francis Captain’s Award: TBD