

North Carolina Chapter of National Wrestling Hall of Fame

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The National Wrestling Hall of Fame, North Carolina chapter, will honor a number of individuals for their "lifetime service to wrestling."

Six will be recognized at the annual Hall of Fame Day banquet, this year scheduled for Sunday, May 15, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. The group will also be permanently recognized at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

The honorees include Jim Coggins, head coach, Southwest Guilford High School; John Sanderson, retired coach, Cary High School; Ralph Shatterly, retired coach and athletic director, Rowan County schools; Homer Spring, current athletic director and former head coach, Dixon High School; Mike Stanbridge, head coach, Terry Sanford High School in Fayetteville, **and the late R.W. "Red" Watkins, coach and professor, Appalachian State University.**

This is the ninth group of inductees for the North Carolina chapter and brings to 46 the total number of individuals to receive this prestigious recognition.

The purpose of the banquet is to honor people in the sport of wrestling for years of commitment as positive role models to student-athletes.