

2014 TEAM USA MEDIA GUIDE



**ALL HE SEES
IS GOLD!**

**Jordan Burroughs seeks
4th straight gold medal!**



World Championships
Sept. 8-14, 2014
Tashkent, Uzbekistan





U.S. TEAM PREVIEW



Brent Metcalf is shooting for his first medal in his third trip to the World Championships.

U.S. team ready to roll

COLORADO SPRINGS -

Olympic gold medalists Jordan Burroughs and Jake Varner, World champs Elena Pirozhkova and Adeline Gray, and World medalist Justin Lester will lead the U.S. into the World Championships on Sept. 8-14 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The seven-day competition will start with the men's freestyle tournament, followed by women's freestyle and Greco-Roman.

Burroughs is shooting for his third straight World freestyle title after winning a gold medal at the 2011 Worlds in Istanbul, Turkey and the 2013 Worlds in Budapest, Hungary.

Varner is back looking strong again after taking most of the 2013 season off. He won Olympic gold in his last major international event in 2012.

Teammate Tervel Dlagnev is looking to return to the medal podium at heavyweight.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 8

Men's freestyle 57 kg, 70 kg, 86 kg, 125 kg

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Men's freestyle 61 kg, 65 kg, 74 kg, 97 kg

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Women's freestyle 48 kg, 55 kg, 60 kg, 69 kg

Thursday, Sept. 11

Women's freestyle 53 kg, 58 kg, 75 kg

Friday, Sept. 12

Women's freestyle 63 kg; Greco-Roman 75 kg, 85 kg

Saturday, Sept. 13

Greco-Roman 66 kg, 80 kg, 130 kg

Sunday, Sept. 14

Greco-Roman 59 kg, 71 kg, 98 kg

Dlagnev won a bronze medal in his first trip to the World Championships in 2009.

Dlagnev placed fifth at the 2011 Worlds and 2013 Worlds, and 2012 Olympic Games.

Lester is a two-time World bronze medalist in Greco-Roman in 2006 and 2007 before placing fifth in 2011.

Two-time Olympian Spenser

Mango is looking to medal for the first time on the Senior level. He was fifth in the World in 2013.

Pirozhkova and Gray both captured World titles for the U.S. in 2012.

Helen Maroulis finished second at the 2012 Worlds. Alyssa Lampe is a two-time World bronze medalist.



U.S. FREESTYLE WORLD TEAM

U.S. FREESTYLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ROSTER

57 kg/125.5 lbs. – Tony Ramos, Iowa City, Iowa (Titan Mercury WC)
61 kg/134 lbs. – Jimmy Kennedy, Ann Arbor, Mich. (New York AC)
65 kg/143 lbs. – Brent Metcalf, Iowa City, Iowa (New York AC)
70 kg/154 lbs. – Nick Marable, Morgantown, W.Va. (Sunkist Kids)
74 kg/163 lbs. – Jordan Burroughs, Lincoln, Neb. (Sunkist Kids)
86 kg/189 lbs. – Ed Ruth, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)
97 kg/213 lbs. – Jake Varner, State College, Pa. (Nittany Lion WC)
125 kg/275 lbs. – Tervel Dlagnev, Columbus, Ohio (Sunkist Kids)
Coaches – Bruce Burnett (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Bill Zadick (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Brandon Slay (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Cael Sanderson (State College, Pa.); Tom Brands (Iowa City, Iowa); Mark Manning (Lincoln, Neb.)

Tony Ramos

57 kg/125.5 lbs.

Residence: Iowa City, Iowa
Club: Titan Mercury WC
College: Iowa
High School: Glenbard North (Ill.)
Born: Feb. 12, 1991
Height: 5-5



2014: U.S. World Team Trials champion... Canada Cup champion...
2011: Competed for U.S. at Junior World Cup, going 2-2...
2009: Fifth in Junior World Championships...
College: 2014 NCAA champion for Iowa, where he competed for Olympic gold medalist Tom Brands and two-time World champion Terry Brands... Second in 2013 NCAA Championships... Third in 2012 NCAAAs... 2011 NCAA qualifier... 2014 Big Ten champion... 2014 University of Iowa Male Athlete of the Year... Earned his degree in theatre arts in May 2014...
High School: Three-time state champion for Glenbard North... Placed second at state as a freshman... Two-time team MVP... set school records for most takedowns in a career and season, and best season record...
Personal: Married Megan Eskew, who played volleyball at Iowa, on July 19, 2014... Son of Al and Deb Ramos... Has two brothers, Frankie and Vince, and one sister, Brandi... Hobbies include hunting and boating...

Jimmy Kennedy

61 kg/134 lbs.

Residence: Ann Arbor, Mich.
Club: New York AC
College: Illinois
High School: Grant Community
Born: July 7, 1988
Height: 5-6



2014: Phase II World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Yasar Dogu International champion...
2013: Third in Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix... Second in Ramzan Kadyrov Cup... Intercontinental Cup champion... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Second in Alexander Medved International... Guelph Open champion...
2012: New York AC International champion... Third in Ramzan Kadyrov Cup... Seventh in University World Championships... University World Team Trials champion... Guelph Open champion...
2011: Third in Men's Freestyle Olympic Trials Qualifier... Fourth in Sunkist Kids International Open...
College: Finished fifth, fifth and fourth in NCAA Championships for Illinois...
High School: Two-time Illinois state champion...
Personal: Son of Jim and Debby Kennedy...



U.S. FREESTYLE WORLD TEAM

Brent Metcalf

65 kg/143 lbs.

Residence: Iowa City, Iowa
Club: New York AC
College: Iowa
High School: Davison (Mich.)
Born: July 14, 1986
Height: 5-7



2014: Golden Grand Prix champion (Azerbaijan)... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... World Cup gold medalist...

2013: DNP in World Championships... Stepan Sargsyan International champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Third in U.S. Open... World Cup silver medalist... Second in Ivan Yarygin Grand Prix...

2012: Second in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Second in Pan American Olympic Qualifier...

2011: Olympic Test Event champion... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Third in U.S. Open... Second in Takhti Cup... Third in Cerro Pelado International... Fifth in Ivan Yarygin Memorial...

2010: DNP in World Championships... Third in Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix... U.S. World Team Trials champion...

2009: Third in Pan American Championships... Second in U.S. Nationals...

2008: Fifth in U.S. Nationals...

2006: Clansmen International Champion... DNP at FILA Junior World Championships... FILA Junior World Team Trials Champion...

College: 2010 NCAA champion... Second in 2009 NCAA Championships... 2008 NCAA champion for Iowa... 2008 Hodge Trophy winner... 2008 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year... Redshirted at Virginia Tech during 2005-06 season...

High School: Prep career record at Davison High School was 228-0 with 156 pins... Four-time Michigan state champion... Team won four state titles... Michigan's "Mr. Wrestler" in 2005... 2005 Dave Schultz High School Excellence regional award winner... Played on football team that won three conference and two district titles...

USA Age-group: Six-time Junior Nationals champion... Three-time Junior National Greco-Roman and freestyle champion... 2002 Cadet Greco-Roman champion and freestyle runner-up...

Personal: Son of Tom and Lynn Metcalf... He and his wife, Kristen, have one son, Chase... Mother was an all-state gymnast and state champion in track and field...

Nick Marable

70 kg/154 lbs.

Residence: Morgantown, W.Va.
Club: Sunkist Kids
College: Missouri
High School: Christian Brothers (Tenn.)
Born: May 7, 1987
Height: 5-9



2014: Phase II World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Yasar Dogu International champion... Grand Prix of Paris champion...

2013: New York AC International champion... Third in U.S. Open... Third in Pan American Championships... Dan Kolov International champion...

2012: Third in New York AC International... Hargobind International champion... Third in Cerro Pelado International...

2011: Third in U.S. World Team Trials... Pan American Championships gold medalist... Second in U.S. Open...

2010: Third in Hargobind International... Third in Ramzan Kadirov Cup... Northern Plains Regional champion...

College: Third in 2008 NCAA Championships... Seventh in 2009 NCAA Championships... 2010 NCAA qualifier... Three-time Big 12 champion (2008-10)...

High School: Two-time Tennessee state champion for Christian Brothers High School... Currently serving as an assistant coach at West Virginia University...

Personal: Son of Tom and Lisa Marable...

Note: Earned win over Olympic gold medalist and two-time World champion Jordan Burroughs at Yasar Dogu in 2014. Burroughs suffered his first international loss after compiling an American record 69-0 mark...



U.S. FREESTYLE WORLD TEAM

Jordan Burroughs

74 kg/163 lbs.

Residence: Lincoln, Neb.
Club: Sunkist Kids
College: Nebraska
High School: Winslow Township (N.J.)
Born: July 8, 1988
Height: 5-9



2014: Pan American Championships gold medalist... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... World Cup gold medalist... Third in Yasar Dogu International...
2013: World champion... Stepan Sargsyan International champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Alexander Medved International champ... World Cup gold medalist...
2012: Olympic gold medalist... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... Cerro Pelado International champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2011: Pan American Games champion... World champion... Ukrainian Wrestlers Memorial International champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2008: 10th at Junior World Championships...
2007: University Nationals runner-up ...
College: 2009 and 2011 NCAA champion for Nebraska... 2011 Dan Hodge Trophy winner as nation's best college wrestler... Third in 2008 NCAA Championships... Outstanding Wrestler at 2008 Big 12 Championships... 2007 NCAA Qualifier... Coached by Mark Manning...
High School: 2006 New Jersey state champion at 135 pounds to cap a 35-2 senior season and a 115-20 career at Winslow Township High School... Ranked seventh in the nation among 135-pound high school wrestlers by InterMat...
Personal: Married Lauren Mariacher on Oct. 12, 2013... They have one son, Beacon, who was born in July 2014... Has two sisters, Princess and Jenerra, and one brother, Leroy... Son of Janice Burroughs and Leroy Burroughs... Currently serving as an assistant coach at the University of Nebraska
Noteworthy: Burroughs is 88-1 on the Senior level... Won a U.S. record 69 straight matches to start his career on the Senior level from 2011-14... Is still unbeaten against foreign competition on the Senior level... Won 2013 World title less a month after breaking his ankle in practice...

Ed Ruth

86 kg/189 lbs.

Residence: State College, Pa.
Club: Nittany Lion WC
College: Penn State
High School: Blair Academy, Susquehanna Township (Pa.)
Born: October 21, 1990
Height: 6-1



2014: Third in Golden Grand Prix (Azerbaijan)... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Third in U.S. Open...
2013: University Nationals champion... Fourth in U.S. Open...
2012: U.S. Olympic Team Trials qualifier...
2007: Eighth in Junior World Championships...
College: 2012, 2013 and 2014 NCAA champion for Penn State... First three-time NCAA champion in Penn State history... Third in 2011 NCAA Championships... Member of four NCAA and four Big Ten championship teams... Four-time Big Ten champion... 2013 Big Ten Wrestler of the Year...
High School: Top-ranked recruit in his weight class nationally... Starred at New Jersey's Blair Academy as a senior after successful career at Susquehanna Township... Two-time Pennsylvania state placewinner, finishing fourth and fifth for STHS... Won NHSCA High School Junior National Championship in 2008...



Ed Ruth made his first Senior World Team for the United States this year.



U.S. FREESTYLE WORLD TEAM

Jake Varner 97 kg/213 lbs.

Residence: State College, Pa.

Club: Nittany Lion WC

College: Iowa State

High School: Bakersfield, Calif.

Born: March 24, 1986

Height: 6-1



2014: Third in Golden Grand Prix... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2013: Second in Dan Kolov International...

2012: Olympic gold medalist... Canada Cup champion... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... Third in Ivan Yarygin Memorial...

2011: Pan American Games champion... Third in World Championships... Ion Corneanu Memorial champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Fifth in Ivan Yarygin Memorial...

2010: Second in New York AC International... Second in World Team Trials... Second in U.S. Open...

2009: Ninth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Nationals champion...

2008: Third in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Seventh in U.S. Nationals...

USA Age-group: 2005 FILA Junior World Team member... Third in 2004 Junior Nationals in freestyle...

College: 2009 and 2010 NCAA champion for Iowa State... Second in 2007 and 2008 NCAA Championships... 2008, 2010 Big 12 champion...

High School: Two-time California high-school state champion... Outstanding wrestler at 2005 California state tournament... Career record of 159-10 with 132 falls...

Personal: Son of Steve and Renee Varner... Married his wife, Brittany, on June 9, 2014...

Note: Wrestled in one event in 2013 before taking rest of year off from competition...

Tervel Dlagnev 125 kg/275 lbs.

Residence: Columbus, Ohio

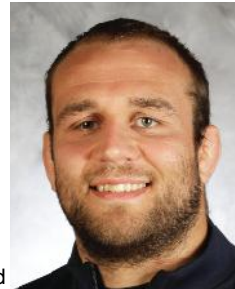
Club: Sunkist Kids

College: Nebraska-Kearney

High School: Arlington (Texas)

Born: Nov. 19, 1985

Height: 6-2



2014: Third in Golden Grand Prix... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion

2013: Fifth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champ... Alexander Medved International champ... World Cup silver medalist...

2012: New York AC International champion... Hargobind International champion... Fifth in Olympic Games... Ziolkowski International champion... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... Pan American Championships gold medalist... Cerro Pelado International champion... Second in Ivan Yarygin Memorial...

2011: Pan Am Games champion... Fifth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champ... U.S. Open champ... Third in Alexander Medved International... Buryatia Republic President's Cup champ... Third in Ivan Yarygin Memorial...

2010: New York AC International champion... Second in Habibi & Movahed Cup... Second in Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Pan American Championships gold medalist... Second in U.S. Open... Alexander Medved International champ...

2009: New York AC International champion... World bronze medalist... Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Second in U.S. Nationals... Third in Takhti Cup... Ukrainian Memorial International champion... Second in Dan Kolov International...

2008: New York AC International champion... World University champion... Third in U.S. Open

2007: Sunkist Kids International Open champion... Fourth in U.S. Nationals...

College: 2007 and 2008 NCAA Division II champion at Nebraska-Kearney... Placed second in 2006 and sixth in 2005...

High School: Third in Texas state tournament in 2003... Fourth in state in 2002...

Personal: Son of Ivaylo and Igrena Dlagnev... Has one sister, Kassie... He and his wife, Kirsten, have one son, Isaiah Tervel... Moved to the United States from Bulgaria when he was four years old...



U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM

U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ROSTER

48 kg/105.5 lbs. – Alyssa Lampe, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Sunkist Kids)
53 kg/116.5 lbs. – Whitney Conder, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army)
55 kg/121 lbs. – Helen Maroulis, Tempe, Ariz. (Sunkist Kids)
58 kg/128 lbs. – Alli Ragan, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
60 kg/132 lbs. – Jenna Burkert, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
63 kg/138.75 lbs. – Elena Pirozhkova, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Titan Mercury WC)
69 kg/152 lbs. – Randi Miller, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army)
75 kg/165 lbs. – Adeline Gray, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
Coaches – Terry Steiner (Colorado Springs, Colo.), Erin Tomeo (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Afsoon Johnston (San Diego, Calif.), Alex Conti (Fredonia, N.Y.)

Alyssa Lampe

48 kg/105.5 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: Sunkist Kids
College: Northern Michigan
High School: Tomahawk (Wis.)
Born: March 10, 1988
Height: 5-1



2014: Third in Grand Prix of Spain... U.S. Open champion... Third in Klippan Lady Open... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2013: Third in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Ukrainian Memorial International champion...
2012: New York AC International champion... Hargobind International champion... Third in World Championships... U.S. Women's World Team Wrestle-Off champion... Second in U.S. Olympic Team Trials...
2011: Second in U.S. World Team Trials...
2010: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2009: New York AC International champ... Second in World Team Trials...
2008: New York AC champ... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Third in Junior Worlds...
2007: Third in Junior World Championships...
College: Attended Northern Michigan University...
High School: Attended Tomahawk High School... First female to qualify for the Wisconsin state meet... placed second in 2006...
Personal: Daughter of Jeff and Judy Lampe... Has one brother, Anthony, and two sisters, Amanda and Ashley...

Whitney Conder

53 kg/116.5 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: U.S. Army
College: Northern Michigan
High School: Puyallup, Wash. (Puyallup)
Born: May 6, 1988
Height: 5-3



2014: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2013: Third in World Team Wrestle-Off... Second in U.S. World Team Trials...
2012: Second in U.S. World Team Wrestle-Off... Third in U.S. Open...
2011: DNP in World Championships... U.S. Non-Olympic Weights World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2010: Second in Open Cup of Russia... Third in Hargobind International... Second in Sunkist Kids International Open... Second in Pan American Championships... Third in U.S. Open... Third in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2009: Fourth in New York AC International Open... Fourth in Hargobind International... Second in Sunkist Kids International Open... Third in U.S. World Team Trials... Third in U.S. Nationals... Third in Ukrainian Memorial International...
2008: Third in U.S. World Team Trials...
2007: Junior World champion...
Personal: Daughter of Sharon and Monte Conder... has two brothers, Nate Conder and Dustin Conder, and two sisters, Shantel Bird and Kim Jackson...



U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM

Helen Maroulis

55 kg/121 lbs.

Residence: Tempe, Ariz.
Club: Sunkist Kids
College: Simon Fraser, Missouri Baptist
High School: Marquette (Mich.); Colonel Zadock Magruder (Md.)
Born: Sept. 19, 1991
Height: 5-3



2014: Third in Golden Grand Prix (Azerbaijan)... Phase II World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Second in Klippan Lady Open... Cerro Pelado International champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2013: Seventh in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... World Cup gold medalist... Ukrainian Memorial International champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2012: Second in World Championships... U.S. World Team Wrestle-Off champion... Second in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Pan American Championships gold medalist... U.S. Open champion...
2011: Second in New York AC International Open... Pan American Games champion... Fifth in World Championships... Second in Junior World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Third in Grand Prix of Tourcoing... Third in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2010: Third in Open Cup of Russia... New York AC International champion... Hargobind International champion... Third in Junior World Championships... Canada Cup champion... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... FILA Junior Nationals champion... Second in U.S. Open...
2009: Third in U.S. World Team Trials... U.S. Nationals champ...
2008: Eighth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Third in Junior World Championships... Second in U.S. Nationals... FILA Junior World Team Trials champion... Junior Nationals champion...
2007: Junior Nationals champion... FILA Cadet Nationals champion...
College: Attended Simon Fraser... Four-time WCWA Women's College Nationals champion
High School: Spent senior year of high school in Marquette, Mich., after joining the U.S. Olympic Education Center at Northern Michigan Univ...
Personal: Daughter of John and Paula Maroulis...

Alli Ragan

58 kg/128 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: New York AC
College: King (Tenn.)
High School: Carbondale (Ill.)
Born: June 16, 1992
Height: 5-4



2014: Second in Golden Grand Prix (Azerbaijan)... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Fifth in Klippan Lady Open...
2013: New York AC International champion... Ninth in World Championships... Women's World Team Wrestle-Off champion... Second in World University Games... Fourth in U.S. World Team Trials... U.S. Open champion... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2012: Third in Junior World Championships... Fourth in U.S. Open...
2011: Third in Junior World Championships... New York AC International Open champion... Third in U.S. Open...
College: 2013 and 2014 WCWA Women's College Nationals champion for King University...
Personal: Daughter of Fae and Dennis Ragan... Has one brother, Jared...



Alli Ragan made her 2nd Senior World Team.



U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM

Jenna Burkert

60 kg/132 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Club: New York AC

College: Northern Michigan

High School:

Marquette (Mich.)

Born: May 9, 1993

Height: 5-3



2014: Phase II World Team Trials champion... Second in U.S. Open...

2013: Third in New York AC International... Third in World Team Wrestle-Off... Fourth in U.S. Open...

2012: Third in U.S. World Team Wrestle-Off... Second in Hari Ram Grand Prix... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...

2011: Third in New York AC International Open... Fourth in U.S. Open... Third in Klippan Open... Fifth in Dave Schultz Memorial International... Fourth in Guelph Open...

2010: Fourth in Sunkist Kids International Open... Fifth in Youth Olympic Games...

High School: 2010 ASICS Girls High School Wrestler of the Year...

USA Age-group: Second in 2010 Junior Nationals... 2010 USA Wrestling Folkstyle Nationals champion... 2009 Junior Nationals champion... Fourth in 2009 FILA Cadet Nationals... Third in 2009 USA Wrestling Folkstyle Nationals... Second in 2008 FILA Cadet Nationals... 2007 Body Bar Schoolgirl National champion...

Personal: Daughter of Rosanne and Frank Burkert... Has one brother, Joshua... Resident-athlete at the U.S. Olympic Training Center... She was a member of the U.S. Olympic Education Center program at Northern Michigan University... She enjoys listening to music, reading, and riding a bike...

Note: Burkert is a native of Rocky Point, N.Y.

Elena Pirozhkova

63 kg/138.75 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Club: Titan Mercury WC

High School: Greenfield (Mass.)

Born: Oct. 13, 1986

Height: 5-5



2014: Golden Grand Prix champion... Grand Prix of Spain champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Cerro Pelado International champion...

2013: Third in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...

2012: World champion... U.S. World Team Wrestle-Off champion... DNP in Olympic Games... Canada Cup champion... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion... U.S. Open champion...

2011: Second in Pan American Games... Fifth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2010: Second in New York AC International... World University champion... World silver medalist... Canada Cup champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Pan American Championships gold medalist... U.S. Open champion... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...

2009: New York AC champion... Seventh in World Championships... Poland Open champion... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Pan American Championships gold medalist... U.S. Nationals champion... Ukrainian Memorial champion... Dave Schultz Memorial champion...

2008: New York AC International champion... Hargobind International champion... Eighth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... World University champion... Pan American Championships gold medalist...

2007: Hargobind International champion... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Second in U.S. Nationals... Second in Pan American Championships...

2006: Sunkist Kids International champion...

Personal: Daughter of Tatyana and the late Sergey Pirozhkova... Born in Russia and moved to the U.S. when she was 3 years old... Has 8 siblings: Natalia, Viktor, Alex, Olga, Marina, Nina, Rita and Maxim... Likes to draw, camp and hike



U.S. WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM

Randi Miller 69 kg/152 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: U.S. Army
College: Northern Michigan, MacMurray, Neosho County CC
High School: Arlington, Texas (Martin)
Born: Nov. 3, 1983 in Berkeley, Calif.
Height: 5-2



2014: Phase II World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Second in Klippan Lady Open... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...

2013: Second in New York AC International...

2008: Olympic bronze medalist... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... U.S. Nationals champion... Second in Alexander Medved International... Third in Dave Schultz Memorial International... Third in Ivan Yarygin Grand Prix...

2007: Second in U.S. Nationals... New York AC Holiday International champion... Hargobind International (Canada) champion... Third in Sunkist Kids International... Third in Kiev International... Third in Tourcoing Golden Grand Prix (France)... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion... Guelph Open (Canada) Champion...

2006: Second in U.S. Nationals... Henri Deglane Challenge champion... Clansmen International champion... Second in Sunkist Kids/ASU International... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial Invitational...

2005: Fourth in U.S. World Team Trials... Third in U.S. Nationals... Fourth in NYAC Holiday Championships... Fifth in Sunkist Kids/ASU International... Ninth in Trophe Milone International (Italy)... Third in Dave Schultz Memorial International...

2004: Seventh in Olympic Team Trials... Sixth in U.S. Nationals... Third in Sunkist Kids International... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial International...

2003: Third in Sunkist Kids International... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial International... Sixth in New York AC Christmas International...

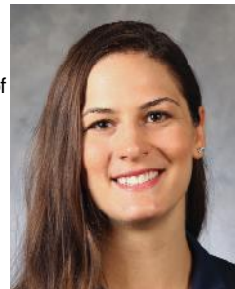
2002: Fifth in U.S. World Team Trials... Sixth in U.S. Nationals... FILA Junior Nationals champion... Third in Sunkist Kids International...

2001: Sixth in Sunkist Kids International...

Personal: Daughter of Doyle Miller and Linda Criner... Hobbies include reading and rollerblading...

Adeline Gray 75 kg/165 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: New York AC
College: DeVry, Univ. of Colorado-Colorado Springs
High School: Lakewood, Colo. (Bear Creek); Marquette (Mich.) and Chatfield (Colo.)
Born: Jan. 15, 1991
Height: 5-10



2014: Second in Golden Grand Prix (Azerbaijan)... U.S. World Team Trials champion... World Cup champion... Third in Klippan Lady Open...

2013: Second in New York AC International... SFU International Open champion... Third in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...

2012: Henri Deglane Challenge champion... Second in New York AC International... World champion... University World champion... U.S. World Team Wrestle-Off champion... Second in Canada Cup... Second in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Klippan Lady Open champion...

2011: New York AC International Open champion... Third in World Championships... Junior World silver medalist... Non-Olympic Weights World Team Trials champion... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... U.S. Open champion... Fifth in Alexander Medved International... Dan Kolov International champion...

2010: Klippan Open champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...

2009: New York AC International Open champion... Sunkist Kids International Open champion... Fifth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... FILA Junior Nationals champion... U.S. Nationals champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...

2008: Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Junior World champion...

USA Age-group: 2008 FILA Junior World Team Trials champion... 2007, 2008 Junior Nationals champion... FILA Cadet Nationals champion...

Personal: Daughter of George and Donna Gray... Has three sisters, Geneva, Izabella and Gabriella... U.S. Olympic Training Center resident-athlete...



U.S. GRECO-ROMAN WORLD TEAM

U.S. GRECO-ROMAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS ROSTER

59 kg/130 lbs. – Spenser Mango, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army)
66 kg/145.5 lbs. – Bryce Saddoris, Sneads Ferry, N.C. (U.S. Marines)
71 kg/156 lbs. – Justin Lester, Colorado Springs, Colo. (U.S. Army)
75 kg/165 lbs. – Andy Bisek, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Minnesota Storm)
80 kg/176 lbs. – Joe Rau Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota Storm)
85 kg/187 lbs. – Jordan Holm, Minneapolis, Minn. (Minnesota Storm)
98 kg/216 lbs. – Caylor Williams, Greensboro, N.C. (U.S. Army)
130 kg/286 lbs. – Robby Smith, Colorado Springs, Colo. (New York AC)
Coaches – Matt Lindland (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Momir Petkovic (Colorado Springs, Colo.); Mark Halvorson (Concord, Calif.); Ahad Javansalehi (Portland, Ore.).

Spenser Mango

59 kg/130 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Club: U.S. Army

College: Northern Michigan

High School: St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)

Born: July 6, 1986

Height: 5-2



2014: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2013: Fifth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2012: Ninth in Olympic Games... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2011: DNP in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2010: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...

2009: Ninth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion...

2008: Eighth in Olympic Games... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... U.S. Nationals champ...

2007: Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Fifth in U.S. Nationals... University Nationals champion...

2006: World University champion... Third in Junior World Championships...

College: Graduate of Northern Michigan, where he was enrolled in the U.S. Olympic Education Center program...

High School: Two-time state champ (2003-04)

Personal: Son of Deborah and the late Thomas Mango... Has one brother, Ryan, and one sister, Natasha... He and his wife, Leann Wuthrich, are the parents of Kayden Spenser Mango...

Bryce Saddoris

66 kg/145.5 lbs.

Residence: Sneads Ferry, N.C.

Club: U.S. Marines

College: Navy

High School:

Born: Feb. 22, 1988

Height: 5-7



2014: Second in Pan American Championships... U.S. World Team Trials

champion... Third in U.S. Open... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...

College: Seventh in 2011 NCAA Championships for the U.S. Naval Academy, where he was coached by Bruce Burnett... Sixth in 2009 NCAA Championships... Team captain as a senior... Four-time NCAA qualifier... 2009 EIWA champion... Majored in history...

High School: Four-time Nevada state champion (2003-06)... Led Spring Creek to back-to-back-to-back state titles (2004-06)... Named the 2006 Nevada Wrestler of the Year ... State recipient of the 2006 Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award ... Earned All-America recognition as a senior ... 2006 graduate of Spring Creek High School... Attended the Naval Academy Prep School during the 2006-07 academic year ... Earned three letters as a member of the football team...

Personal: Son of Brad and Susan Saddoris...



U.S. GRECO-ROMAN WORLD TEAM

Justin Lester

71 kg/156 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Club: U.S. Army

College: Northern Michigan, Iowa State

High School: Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy (Ohio)

Born: Sept. 30, 1983

Height: 5-7



2014: Phase II World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2013: U.S. World Team Trials champion...
2012: Eighth in Olympic Games... U.S. Olympic Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2011: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Granma Cup champion... Dave Schultz Memorial champion...
2009: DNP at World Championships (74 kg)... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Nationals champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2008: Third in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2007: World bronze medalist... Member of World team champions... Pan American Games gold medalist... U.S. World Team Trials champion...
2006: World bronze medalist... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Second in Turneul International (Romania)... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion... Fifth in Poland Open
2005: NYAC Holiday Championships champion... DNP at World Championships... Third in World University Games... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Nationals champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2004: Sunkist Kids International champion... Sixth in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Third in U.S. Nationals...
2003: New York AC Christmas International champion... Fifth in U.S. Nationals...
College: Attended Northern Michigan Univ., where he was a member of the U.S. Olympic Education Center program... Graduated with degrees in history and geography...
High School: Attended Cuyahoga Falls Valley Christian Academy, where he was coached by Dave Bergan... Four-time state champion (1998-2001)... Career record of 165-2... Earned second team All-State honors in football...
Personal: Son of Fred and Verleane Lester... Has two daughters, Zuriana and Zayla... Nickname is Harry...

Andy Bisek

75 kg/165 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Club: Minnesota Storm

College: Northern Michigan

High School: Chaska (Minn.)

Born: Aug. 18, 1986

Height: 5-9



2014: Pan American Championships gold medalist... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Granma Cup champion... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2013: Third in Lavrikov Championships... Haavisto Cup champion... New York AC International champion... DNP in World Championships... Fifth in Pytlasinski International... U.S. World Team Trials champion...
2012: Third in Haavisto Cup... Haparanda Cup champion... New York AC International champion... Second in Pan American Olympic Qualifier... Pan American Championships gold medalist... Fifth in Granma Cup... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion... Third in U.S. Open...
2011: New York AC International Open champion... Second in Sunkist Kids International Open... DNP in World Championships... Third in Ion Corneanu Memorial... Third in U.S. World Team Trials... Third in U.S. Open... Third in Hungarian Grand Prix... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2010: Third in U.S. World Team Trials... Third in U.S. Open... University Nationals champion...
2009: New York AC International Open champion... Second in Sunkist Kids International Open... Fifth in U.S. Nationals... Fifth in Gedza International...
2008: Fourth in New York AC International... Second in U.S. Nationals...
2007: University Nationals champion...
2006: Fourth in 2006 Sunkist Kids International Open... FILA Junior Nationals champion...
2005: Fourth in NYAC Holiday Championships...
College: Attended Northern Michigan...
High School: Attended Chaska High School... Placed third at state in 2004
Personal: Son of Tom and Kathy Bisek... Has two brothers Scott and Brian and one sister Stephanie... Married to Ashley Suggs Bisek... They are the parents of Jim Thomas Bisek...



U.S. GRECO-ROMAN WORLD TEAM

Joe Rau

80 kg/176 lbs.

Residence:

Minneapolis, Minn.

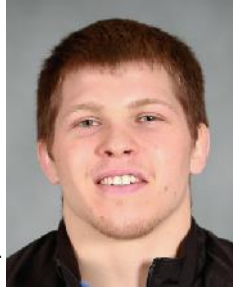
Club: Minnesota Storm

College: Elmhurst

High School: Chicago, Ill. (St. Patrick)

Born: March 17, 1991

Height: 6-1



2014: Phase II World Team Trials champion... 10th in University World Championships at 85 kg... University Nationals champion... Northern Plains Regional champion
2013: Second in New York AC International... Fourth in U.S. Open...
2012: Fourth in University World Team Trials... Fourth in University Nationals...
2010: Seventh in University Nationals...
2009: Junior Nationals Greco-Roman champion... Eighth in Junior Nationals in freestyle...
College: 2013 NCAA Div. III champion for Elmhurst, where he was coached by past NCAA champion Steve Marianetti... Three-time All-American... Four-time conference champion... Conference wrestler of the year... Elmhurst College Athlete of the Year... Two-time placewinner at Midlands Championships...
High School: Illinois High School Association state tournament qualifier... Two-time conference champion... Freestyle state champion...
Personal: Son of Rick and Lisa Rau... Has two brothers, Ray and Jack, and one sister, Julie... Hobbies include skateboarding, singing, stand-up comedy, traveling, reading, anything outdoors, drinking coffee, eating new foods...

Jordan Holm

85 kg/187 lbs.

Residence:

Minneapolis, Minn.

Club: Minnesota Storm

College: Northern Iowa

High School: Northfield (Minn.)

Born: Jan. 17, 1982

Height: 6-0



2014: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Third in Granma Cup... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2013: Second in Haavisto Cup... DNP in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Third in Pan American Championships... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2012: Minnesota Storm Holiday Cup champion... Second in New York AC International... Second in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Second in Granma Cup... Third in U.S. Open...
2011: Second in New York AC International Open... Second in Sunkist Kids International Open... Second in U.S. World Team Trials... Second in Pan American Championships... U.S. Open champion...
2010: Second in Haavisto Cup... Third in New York AC International... Third in Sunkist Kids International Open... Northern Plains Regional champion...
2002: University World Team member...
College: Wrestled for the University of Northern Iowa... 2003 NCAA qualifier...
High School: Two-time Minnesota state champion...
USA Age-group: University Nationals champion... Junior Nationals and Cadet Nationals champion...
Personal: Married Stacy Skyberg on Oct. 12, 2013... Son of Jeff and Sue Holm...



U.S. GRECO-ROMAN WORLD TEAM

Caylor Williams

97 kg/213 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: U.S. Army
College: North Carolina-Greensboro
High School: Palm Bay (Fla.)
Born: Jan. 7, 1991
Height: 6-2



2014: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion...
2013: DNP in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... University Nationals champion... Fifth in U.S. Open... Third in Pan American Championships... Second in Granma Cup...
2012: New York AC International champion... Fifth in Heydar Aliyev Golden Grand Prix... DNP in University World Championships... University World Team Trials champion... Sixth in Gedza International...
2011: Third in New York AC International Open... Fourth in University Nationals... Fourth in FILA Junior Nationals...
College: 2011 NCAA qualifier for UNC-Greensboro... 2011 Southern Conference Freshman of the Year...
High School: 2009 Florida state champion for Palm Bay High School... 50-0 record as a senior... Third in 2008 state tournament...
Personal: Son of Ronny and Sheila Williams... has three siblings, Lance Lopez, Lamar Lopez and Jared Williams...

Contact information

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Robby Smith

130 kg/286 lbs.

Residence: Colorado Springs, Colo.
Club: New York AC
College: Northern Michigan
High School: San Ramon (Calif.)
Born: Jan. 30, 1987
Height: 6-0



2014: U.S. World Team Trials champion... U.S. Open champion... Third in Granma Cup... Dave Schultz Memorial International champion...
2013: Lakrikov Championships champion... Haavisto Cup champion... New York AC International champion... Fifth in World Championships... U.S. World Team Trials champion... Third in U.S. Open... Second in Pan American Championships... Fourth in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2012: Third in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Final Olympic Trials Qualifier champion... Haavisto Cup champion... Fifth in Haparanda Cup... New York AC International champion...
2011: Second in U.S. Open... Second in Sunkist Kids International Open... Second in Pan American Championships... Fifth in Hungarian Grand Prix... Third in Grand Prix of Slovenia... Third in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2010: Third in U.S. World Team Trials... Fourth in U.S. Open... Third in Haparanda Cup... New York AC International champion... Sunkist Kids International champion... Third in Granma Cup... Second in Dave Schultz Memorial International...
2009: Fifth in Vantaa Cup... Second in New York AC International... Seventh in World University Championships...
2008: Fifth in U.S. Olympic Team Trials... Fourth in U.S. Nationals... Fifth in Cristo Lutte Seniors (France)...
2007: Fourth in U.S. World Team Trials... FILA Junior World Team Trials champion... University Nationals champion... Fifth in U.S. Nationals...
2006: Third in New York AC Holiday International Open... Third in Sunkist Kids/ASU International Open... University Nationals champion...
2005: Fourth in Sunkist Kids/ASU International
College: Attended Northern Michigan University...
High School: Attended San Ramon High School... Fourth, seventh and eighth at state...
Personal: Son of Rob and Kim Smith... Has two sisters, Colleen and Crystal... Hobbies include spending time with friends and family, and dancing...



U.S. FREESTYLE COACHES

Bruce Burnett National Coach

Burnett was named the National Freestyle Coach for USA Wrestling in May 2014. Burnett lead the men's freestyle program through the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janiero, Brazil. Burnett served as the National Freestyle Coach for USA



Wrestling for two Olympic cycles, from 1993-2000, which are considered among the most successful for the United States in history. During his eight years leading the program, the United States won the World Team titles in men's freestyle in both 1993 in Toronto, Canada and 1995 in Atlanta, Ga., the only two times in history. In addition, the United States won the medal count in men's freestyle at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.

Burnett was an employee for USA Wrestling for 12 years, also serving as the National Developmental Coach for USA Wrestling during the 1989-92, handling the coaching and development of U.S. age group wrestlers.

During his previous tenure as National Freestyle Coach, Burnett coached many of the greatest wrestlers in American wrestling history. He coached Olympic champions Kendall Cross, Tom Brands and Kurt Angle at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and Olympic champion Brandon Slay at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Nine U.S. athletes won 11 World titles during Burnett's previous tenure as National Freestyle Coach.

A total of 17 athletes who competed on the freestyle national team under Burnett's leadership have been elected into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Burnett became the head coach at the U.S. Naval Academy after leaving USA Wrestling in the fall of 2000, serving 13 years leading the Navy staff until his retirement in September, 2013.

Burnett led the Midshipmen to a 113-57 record (.665) that featured six-straight seasons of 10 or more wins from 2002-07. The Midshipmen have flourished under his guidance, finishing among the top five at the EIWA Championship in seven of the last nine years. Navy placed among the top 25 at the NCAA Championship in three of the last seven seasons. He coached 10 EIWA Champions, 50 NCAA qualifiers and 10 All-Americans at Navy.

Bill Zadick Assistant Coach

Zadick was hired as Assistant National Coach for USA Wrestling in January 2009.

Zadick was named National Freestyle Developmental Coach in September 2010. Zadick joined the U.S. coaching staff after a memorable career as a competitor.



Zadick captured a World freestyle title for the U.S. in 2006 in Guangzhou, China.

Zadick retired from competition after placing second at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials.

Zadick had a standout collegiate career for the University of Iowa.

He was a two-time All-American for the Hawkeyes, capturing an NCAA title in 1996 while wrestling under the legendary Dan Gable.

A native of Great Falls, Montana, Zadick won four state titles for Great Falls High School.

Zadick's younger brother, Mike, won a World silver medal in freestyle wrestling in 2006.

Bill Zadick also competed in the 2001 World Championships, placing seventh.

He was a runner-up at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in 2000 and 2008. He was a three-time U.S. Nationals runner-up (2003, 2006, 2008) and a two-time World Team Trials runner-up (1999, 2002).

Zadick was a U.S. Olympic Training Center Resident athlete from 2004-2008, where his freestyle career flourished on the mat under the expert tutelage of Coach Terry Brands.



U.S. FREESTYLE COACHES

Brandon Slay Assistant Coach

Slay was hired as USA Wrestling Assistant National Coach and Freestyle Resident Coach in January 2009. Slay guides the Resident Program at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. Slay turned in a surprise performance at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. He stunned many wrestling observers by winning an Olympic gold medal in 2000. Slay knocked off Russia's Bouvaisa Saitiev en route to the gold medal. Saitiev won Olympic titles in 1996, 2004 and 2008.

A native of Amarillo, Texas, Slay was a two-time NCAA runner-up competing for the Univ. of Pennsylvania, where he received a degree from the Wharton School of Business.

Slay won three Texas state high school titles for Tascosa High School, and was an all-district football player.



Tom Brands World Team Coach

Brands has achieved high levels of success as an athlete and as a coach.

Brands captured three NCAA championships for the Iowa Hawkeyes and followed by achieving great success at the international level.

Brands captured a World freestyle title for the U.S. in 1993 before he earned a gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

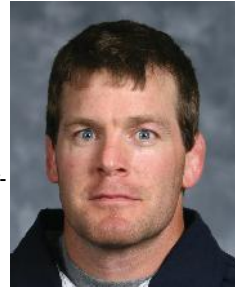
Brands helped lead the U.S. to its only World team titles in freestyle in 1993 and 1995.

Brands has led the Hawkeyes to three NCAA and Big Ten team titles.

In 2004, he was one of three coaches for the U.S. Olympic freestyle wrestling team.

Brands has twice earned Freestyle Coach of the Year honors from USA Wrestling. He is a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

He is the personal coach for World Team members Tony Ramos and Brent Metcalf.



Cael Sanderson World Team Coach

Sanderson is the only wrestler in NCAA history to win four NCAA titles while going unbeaten. Sanderson went 159-0 at Iowa State from 1998-2002.

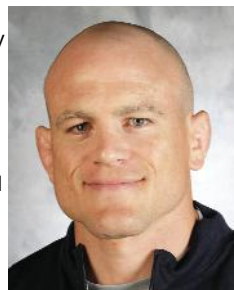
Sanderson won a World silver medal in 2003 before capturing an Olympic gold medal at the 2004 Olympics.

Sanderson became the head coach at his alma mater in 2006. He led ISU to a second-place finish at the 2007 NCAA Championships.

Sanderson has guided Penn State to the last four NCAA and Big Ten titles from 2011-14.

He came out of retirement in 2011 and placed fifth at the World Championships in Turkey.

Sanderson, a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, is the personal coach for Olympic gold medalist Jake Varner and three-time NCAA champion Ed Ruth.



Mark Manning Assistant Coach

Manning serves as the personal coach for 2012 Olympic gold medalist and two-time World champion Jordan Burroughs.

Manning was named Terry McCann Freestyle Coach of the Year by USA Wrestling in 2011. Manning has been the head coach at the

University of Nebraska since 2000. He coached Burroughs to a pair of NCAA titles.

He has led the Huskers to five top-eight finishes at the NCAA Championships, including fourth-place finishes in 2008 and 2009.

Manning led the Huskers to the 2009 Big 12 title and was a two-time Big 12 Coach of the Year.

Manning was a three-time All-American and two-time NCAA Division II champion for the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He won a silver medal for the U.S. at the 1989 Pan American Games.





U.S. WOMEN'S COACHES

Terry Steiner National Coach

Steiner was named USA Wrestling's full-time National Women's Coach in April 2002, the first in USA Wrestling's history.

He is responsible for the training of America's elite women freestyle wrestlers, as well as coaching women wrestlers who are

involved in the U.S. Olympic Training Center resident athlete program. He also plays an important role in the development of women's wrestling in the United States.

Most recently, Steiner led the U.S. to a third-place finish at the 2013 World Championships.

For the first time, women's wrestlers competed in the Olympic Games in 2004. Sara McMann won a silver medal and Patricia Miranda won a bronze medal in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. Since becoming USA Wrestling's National Women's Coach, U.S. teams on international tours have turned in outstanding performances. At the 2003 World Championships in New York, all seven U.S. women won medals. Kristie Marano won a gold medal for the U.S. as it tied Japan for the team title.

Steiner also led the U.S. to the title at the 2003 World Cup, where the Americans defeated host Japan to capture the title.

Steiner has guided four other U.S. athletes to World titles - Iris Smith in 2005, Clarissa Chun in 2008, and Adeline Gray and Elena Pirozhkova in 2012.

Steiner worked six years as an assistant wrestling coach at Wisconsin. He helped develop a number of top wrestlers, including two-time NCAA champion Donny Pritzlaff.

He also spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Oregon State.

Steiner placed second in the 1998 U.S. Nationals. He finished fourth in the 1996 Olympic Trials and fifth in the 2000 Olympic Trials. He won a gold medal at the 1996 Pan American Championships. Steiner was a 1993 NCAA champion for the University of Iowa, where he wrestled for Dan Gable. He was named Outstanding Wrestler of the 1993 NCAAs.

He finished his college career as a three-time All-American for the Hawkeyes. He received his degree in social work from Iowa in 1993.

Steiner, originally from Bismarck, N.D., won two state high school titles.



Erin Tomeo Assistant Coach

Tomeo was named a full-time assistant women's freestyle coach for USA Wrestling in 2013.

Tomeo works closely with Senior-level athletes at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs along with being heavily involved with the U.S. developmental program for women's wrestling.

Tomeo, a native of Grove City, Pa., was a two-time World Team member for the United States. She made U.S. World Teams in 2001 and 2006. She placed seventh at the 2006 World Championships at 59 kg/130 lbs. in Guangzhou, China.

Tomeo won a U.S. Nationals title in 2008, and also won the Dave Schultz Memorial International that year in her final season of competition.

She also captured titles at the New York AC International Open, Kiev Grand Prix, Manitoba Open and Klippan Ladies Open during her competitive career on the mat.

Tomeo made five U.S. National Teams on the Senior level.

She placed sixth at the Junior World Championships in 2000, and placed third in the Cadet World Championships in 1998 and 1999.

Tomeo was the first girl in Pennsylvania high school history to place at the district level in 1999.

She is a graduate of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, earning a degree in history.

Tomeo also attended Lock Haven University, where she was a member of the varsity men's wrestling team.

Her brother, Tom, was an NCAA All-American for Clarion University.

Tomeo is an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan whose hobbies include outdoor sports, music and movies.





U.S. WOMEN'S COACHES

Afsoon Johnston World Team Coach

Johnston of San Diego, Calif. has been named a U.S. World Team coach for the first time.

Johnston has been active coaching a number of U.S. Senior teams in the last two years. She was a coach at the FILA Golden Grand Prix Finals in Azerbaijan in 2013 and 2014. She also coached Senior teams at the Poland Open and Grand Prix of Spain, as well as the 2013 Battle at the Falls in Niagara Falls. Johnston returned to coaching in the last few years after taking time to raise her family. She was a coach at the 2001 Pan American Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where the team won four of the six gold medals and had a medal in every weight class. She also coached the U.S. team at the 2001 Junior World Championships in Martigny, Switzerland, where the USA won two medals. Competing under her maiden name Afsoon Roshanzamir, she was a star in the early years of the U.S. Women's wrestling program, before it was an Olympic sport. She was considered one of the true pioneers of women's wrestling in this nation.

In 1989, at the World Championships in Martigny, Switzerland, she was the first American woman to win a World medal when she captured a bronze medal. In 1990, she was a World silver medalist. She made four U.S. World teams, including a fifth place finish in the 1992 World Championships. Johnston won three U.S. Open national titles and placed second twice. She was also second at the World Team Trials two times. She captured international medals in the USA, France, Russia, Poland and Canada.

She competed on the men's wrestling team at UC-Davis, and was also on the varsity wrestling team for Independence High School in San Jose, Calif. She made her first U.S. Senior World freestyle team while still competing in high school. Johnston became the first woman to referee a Div. I wrestling match, when she filled in as referee for a UC-Davis dual meet when the assigned official did not attend. She was a local wrestling referee on the high school level while she attended college.

Johnston worked as a physical therapist for many years. She is married to Byron Johnston, and they have three children, Aiden, Samira and Layla.



Alex Conti World Team Coach

Conti has been named a U.S. World Team coach for the second straight year.

Conti has served as a U.S. women's coach for a number of international events since 2008. Conti was part of the American coaching staff for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

He was on the Team USA staff at the Junior World Championships from 2009-11. Five of the seven 2013 U.S. Senior World Team members competed on the Junior World Teams that he helped coach.

In 2013, Conti was part of the coaching staff at the Pan American Championships in Panama City, Panama, along with the Battle at the Falls event in Niagara Falls and the Poland Open. In 2013, he was named women's coach for the New York Athletic Club.

Conti, a native of Fredonia, N.Y., has been a teacher and coach in the public school system for 27 years (nine in California and the past 18 in New York).

Conti has been a highly successful high school coach in California and New York.

Since 2003, he has coached 22 state placewinners, 11 state finalists and five state champions in New York. He coaches at Fredonia High School.

In 2009, he coached the first female, Carlene Sluberski, to ever place in the New York state tournament. Sluberski placed second.

He served as the New York USA Wrestling women's director from 2008-11.

Conti wrestled collegiately for Ball State, Jamestown (N.Y.) Community College and SUNY-Brockport.

He compiled a 9-1 record against international competition, including going 3-1 for a team that competed in Iraq in 1980.

Conti and his wife, Stacy, have a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Alissa. Christopher wrestled for the University of Buffalo and Alissa runs track and cross country and for the State University of New York in Fredonia.





U.S. GRECO-ROMAN COACHES

Matt Lindland National Coach

Lindland, an Olympic and World medalist, became USA Wrestling's National Greco-Roman Coach in May 2014. Lindland was a World Team Coach for the U.S. at the 2013 World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Lindland is one of the top Greco-Roman



wrestlers in American history.

Lindland earned a silver medal for the United States at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

He followed that performance by capturing a silver medal at the 2001 World Championships in Patras, Greece.

Lindland made eight straight U.S. National Teams in Greco-Roman wrestling from 1994-2002.

He won four U.S. Nationals titles and made four U.S. World Teams.

He was a finalist for the 2001 James E. Sullivan Award and was named USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year in 1998.

Lindland stepped away from wrestling to become highly successful while competing in mixed martial arts.

In 2000, Lindland started coaching wrestling and MMA at his Team Quest gym in Portland, Ore.

Lindland compiled a 22-9 record in MMA and fought in the Ultimate Fighting Championships.

Lindland was the top-ranked middleweight in the world during his fighting career.

He won his first four fights in the middleweight division of the UFC before losing to Murilo Bustamante in a championship match at UFC 37.

Lindland, an Oregon native, competed for the University of Nebraska, where he was a Big 8 champion and an NCAA qualifier for the Cornhuskers.

He also competed for two years at Clackamas Community College, where he was a 1991 national junior college champion.

Lindland was as an assistant coach at Nebraska while continuing to train in Greco.

He served as a coach and mentor for Brad Vering, who won an NCAA title for Nebraska before winning a World silver medal and becoming a two-time Olympian in Greco-Roman.

Lindland and his wife, Angie, have a son, James, and a daughter, Robin.

Momir Petkovic Assistant Coach

Petkovic joined USA Wrestling as its Assistant National Greco-Roman Coach in May 2002.

Petkovic assists in the training and recruitment of athletes for the U.S. Olympic Training Center resident athlete program.

Petkovic helped guide the U.S. to its first World Championships team title in American history in 2007 in Baku, Azerbaijan. Two of the U.S. wrestlers Petkovic worked closely with - Brad Vering (second) and Lindsey Durlacher (fifth) - turned in key performances that led to that historic team victory.

He also coached Joe Warren to a World title in 2006 in Guangzhou, China, and coached Adam Wheeler to an Olympic bronze medal in 2008 in Beijing, China.

Petkovic was a 1976 Olympic gold medalist in Greco-Roman wrestling, competing for the former Yugoslavia. He also claimed three World silver medals in 1978, 1979 and 1981, and a World bronze medal in 1977.

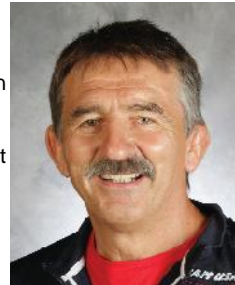
Petkovic placed fourth at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He wrestled internationally in Greco-Roman from 1970-84.

He came to the United States in 1986. He served as a club coach for the New York Athletic Club for six years.

He was a member of the 2000 U.S. Greco-Roman Olympic Team coaching staff, as well as the 2001 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team coaching staff. The U.S. placed third at both competitions.

Petkovic also assisted at the 1988 U.S. Olympic Training Camp in Big Bear, Calif., and also helped prepare the 1991 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team.

Petkovic and his wife have one son, Sasha, and one daughter, Irona.





U.S. GRECO-ROMAN COACHES

Mark Halvorson World Team Coach

Halvorson has coached numerous major age-group Greco-Roman teams for USA Wrestling. In 2013, he was the Head Coach of the Junior Greco World Team in Bulgaria. In 2012, he coached at the Cadet World Championships in Azerbaijan, and the



Junior World Championships in Thailand. Halvorson was a 2006 FILA Junior World Team coach, He was an assistant coach for the 2003 University World Team at the Olympic Hopes Tournament in Hungary. Halvorson was Team Leader for the 2001 FILA Junior World Team, and Head Coach of the 2000 FILA Cadet World Team. He served as the U.S. coach in all three styles at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, which was the first time that the International Olympic Committee hosted this prestigious event. Halvorson also coached a 2004 FILA Junior tour team.

Halvorson has previous Senior-level coaching experience as well. He was a coach for the 2014 Pan American Championships team, and was on the staff of the 2013 U.S. Senior Greco Roman World Team in Budapest, Hungary. He is a personal coach for two-time U.S. World Team member Robby Smith, who first started wrestling for Halvorson at age 9.

He is the head wrestling coach for the Community Youth Center of Concord, Calif. (CYC). Since he took over the CYC wrestling program in 1998, CYC has produced 200 State Champions, 44 Regional Champions, 35 California Triple Crown winners, 130 USA All-Americans, 31 National Champions, 15 international tournament medalists, one Junior Pan American Champion, three Junior World Team members, one Youth Olympian, and two senior national team members. He also works as the varsity wrestling coach at De La Salle High School. His team has won five North Coast Section (NCS) individual tournament team titles, seven NCS Dual Team titles, and in 2011 and 2012 they finished in the top four at the California state meet. He also has produced 21 CIF State medalists.

Halvorson graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree from San Francisco State University with a Social Science emphasis, and received a California Single Subject Teaching Credential from Chapman University.

Ahad Javansalehi World Team Coach

Javansalehi was a member of the 2013 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team staff. He was a coach for the 2014 Greco-Roman World Cup team which competed in Tehran, Iran, and also coached at the 2014 Granma Cup in Cuba. He also



has been among the staff coaches at the U.S. Greco-Roman World Team Training Camps for the last three years. He has been an active coach on the local levels in both Salt Lake City, Utah and in Portland, Ore. During his years in Oregon, he has been an assistant coach at Douglas High School, Forest Grove High School, Hillsboro High School and Liberty High School, as well as at Pacific University. Javansalehi also helped coach with the Cobra USA club in the late 1990s.

He was a successful international Greco-Roman wrestler in Iran before moving to the United States. He competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games, and won four Asian Championships or Asian Games medals, including a gold medal at the 1992 Asian Championships. He also was a four-time college national Greco-Roman champion for Tabriz University in Iran, where he started the program and was an athlete and coach.

Ahad started wrestling Greco-Roman as a teenager, the first Greco-Roman wrestler in the city of Ardebil, where he trained under his brother Yasoub, Iran's 1992 and 1996 Olympic Greco-Roman coach.

At the age of 17, Javansalehi was both the Iranian Junior and Senior champion in his weight class. Under his brother's coaching skill, the city of Ardebil quickly became the top Greco-Roman city in Iran, dominating the national championships for over a decade.



STORY IDEAS FOR WORLDS



World silver medalist Helen Maroulis has made five U.S. World Teams.

10 STORY IDEAS FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Jordan Rules - Jordan Burroughs is seeking his third straight World title and fourth straight gold medal overall. The 2012 Olympic gold medalist captured World titles in 2011 and 2013. He won it all last year despite breaking his ankle less than a month before the 2013 Worlds.

2. Golden girls back for more - Elena Pirozhkova and Adeline Gray won their first World titles in women's freestyle in 2012. Both wrestlers earned bronze medals at the 2013 Worlds, and are looking to reach the top step of the podium this year.

3. Harry looking for more hardware - Justin "Harry" Lester won World bronze medals in Greco-Roman wrestling in 2006 and 2007, and he is looking to grab a spot on the medal stand again this year. He is thriving in the new weight class at 71 kg.

4. Big man, big goals - Tervel Dlagnev won a World bronze medal in 2009, but he fell just short in dropping bronze-medal bouts at the 2011 Worlds, 2012 Olympics and 2013 Worlds. He's poised to win a medal this season at heavyweight.

5. Maroulis looking strong - Helen Maroulis won a World silver medal in 2012, and she is ready to make a run at a World title this year.

6. Mango ready for breakthrough - Spenser Mango has made every World and Olympic team since 2008. He placed fifth at the 2013 Worlds and is on track to earn a spot on the medal stand this year.

7. Metcalf is medal threat - Brent Metcalf has made his third World Team and he has had a superb season, including an unbeaten performance at the 2014 World Cup.

8. Lampe's time - Alyssa Lampe has won World bronze medals the last two years and is legitimate gold-medal threat this year at 48 kg in women's freestyle.

9. Ruuuuuth - Three-time NCAA champion Ed Ruth has made his first World Team and already is showing huge potential on the international level. He's a tough matchup, and he's a definite medal contender at the 2014 Worlds in freestyle.

10. Watch out for Smith, Bisek - Veterans Robby Smith and Andy Bisek have excelled against international foes this season in Greco-Roman, and both have their eyes on the medal stand.