

# MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY WRESTLING 2019-20



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| Quick Facts                     |                                      |
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| <b>Location</b>                 | Decatur, Illinois                    |
| <b>Founded/<br/>Opened</b>      | 1901/1903                            |
| <b>President</b>                | Dr. Patrick E. White                 |
| <b>Enrollment</b>               | Approx. 2,000                        |
| <b>Nickname</b>                 | Big Blue                             |
| <b>Colors</b>                   | Blue and White                       |
| <b>National Affiliation</b>     | NCAA Division III                    |
| <b>Conference</b>               | Illinois and Wisconsin               |
| <b>Home</b>                     | Griswold Center                      |
| <b>Athletic Director</b>        | Dr. Craig White                      |
| <b>Head Coach</b>               | Ryan Birt                            |
| <b>Assistant<br/>Coaches</b>    | Jason Eckenrod and<br>Chris Williams |
| <b>Wrestling Phone</b>          | 217-424-5027                         |
| <b>2018-19 Record</b>           | 7-7                                  |
| <b>CCIW Finish</b>              | Second                               |
| <b>Returning Letter winners</b> | 24                                   |
| <b>Sport Info, Director</b>     | Bryan Marshall                       |
| <b>Sports Info. Phone</b>       | 217-362-6429                         |

## Ryan Birt



### Head Coach

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Ryan Birt joined the Millikin staff in January 2015 as the Big Blue wrestling coach. Birt was selected to restart the Millikin wrestling program that had been dormant since 2008.

In Millikin's return to competition in 2015-16 Birt led the Big Blue to a 9-6 record in dual meets. Millikin had six wrestlers earn College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) All-Conference. Two Millikin wrestlers qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships with freshman Chris Williams earning All-American honors with a sixth place finish. At the national meet, the National Wrestling Coaches Association named Birt the Rookie Coach of the Meet. In 2016-17, the Big Blue had three wrestlers earn All-Conference honors including two CCIW Champions. Millikin sent two wrestlers to the NCAA Championships where Williams earned All-American honors finishing in fourth place at 133 pounds. Under Birt's leadership in 2017-18, Millikin had three wrestlers earn All-American honors at the NCAA Championships. Williams finished in third place and junior Keajion Jennings and freshman Bradan Birt each finished in seventh place. In 2018-19, Millikin had three wrestlers earn All-American honors with Williams and Jennings finishing in second place at the NCAA Championships with Bradan Birt finishing in sixth. The Big Blue finished tied for ninth in the team standings, the best finish in Millikin history.

Prior to coming to Millikin, Birt was the Associate Head Coach at Loras College in Iowa. Birt joined the Loras staff in 2010 and he helped the Duhawks become a top 20 program. In 2013-14, Loras finished 14th in NCAA Division III and earlier this season the Duhawks were ranked as high as eighth in the nation. Birt was named the NCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2014.

In 2002, Birt became the head coach Gibson City Melvin Sibley High School. He compiled over 150 dual meet wins, three regional and two sectional championships. Birt qualified 20 individuals for the Illinois (IHSA) State Tournament, including 11 place-winners and two state champions. In 2003 Birt was inducted into Urbana High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Birt wrestled and played football at Upper Iowa University. His wrestling career included a perfect 39-0 season and NCAA National Championship in 1999. He was a two-time All-American and an NCAA runner up in 1997. He was twice an Iowa Conference Champion and named the Iowa Conference's Most Outstanding Wrestler. He was also an all-conference linebacker in football at Upper Iowa. In 2010 he was inducted into the Peacock's Athletic Hall of Fame. Birt graduated from Upper Iowa in 2000 with degrees in Physical Education and Secondary Special Education.

## Assistant Coaches



### Jason Eckenrod

Jason Eckenrod joined the Millikin staff as an assistant wrestling coach in May of 2015. Eckenrod has played a key role in the Big Blue's rise to a national contender since the program returned to competition in 2015-16. Working with Head Coach Ryan Birt, Eckenrod helped the Big Blue program finish ninth at

the 2019 NCAA Championships with two national runner-ups and three total All-Americans.

Eckenrod brought over 20 years of coaching experience to the Big Blue program. In addition to serving two years as a volunteer assistant at Millikin, Eckenrod's experience includes coaching at the high school, junior high and club levels.

Eckenrod wrestled collegiately for one season at Drake University where he scored 24 wins. At Benton Community High School in Iowa, Eckenrod was 114-10 as a wrestler with three state places and four state qualifying performances. He was also an All-State defensive back in football.

Jason and his wife Suzanne have a son, Jake, and one daughter, Lexie.



### Chris Williams

Former Millikin wrestling standout and four-time All American Chris Williams joined the Big Blue coaching staff as an assistant wrestling coach in August 2019.

Williams completed his stellar collegiate career in 2019 finishing as the national runner up at 141 pounds at the 2019 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships.

Williams was the first wrestler in Big Blue history to earn All-American honors four times. In addition to his second place finish in 2019, Williams placed third, fourth and sixth at the NCAA Championships. He ended his Millikin career with an 83-13 record. Williams won two College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Tournament titles during his career winning at 133 pounds in 2017 and 141 pounds in 2019. Williams was the Big Blue's Most Valuable Wrestler four times during his career was a Co-Captain in 2018-19.

Williams gained coaching experience at Millikin camps and clinics and has presented his own wrestling camps throughout Illinois.

Williams graduated from Millikin with a degree in Sports Management.

Williams is originally from Bethalto and graduated from Civic Memorial High School.



## Student Assistant Coaches



**Keajion Jennings**  
O'Fallon, Ill.  
Sports Management major



**Austin Hedrick**  
St. Joseph, Ill.  
Health, Fitness & Rec. major



**Brendan Menacher**  
Monticello, Ill.  
Environmental Science major



**Athletic Trainer**  
**Ben Clawson, ATC, CSCS**  
Decatur Memorial Hospital

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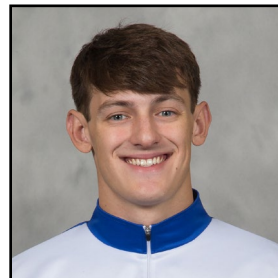
## 2019-20 Roster

| Name                 | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School                      |
|----------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Scott Bauer*         | 174 | So. | Crestwood, Ill./Marist                    |
| Wilyonde Bell*       | 149 | Sr. | Granite City, Ill./Lincoln College        |
| Evan Betz**          | 285 | Sr. | East Peoria, Ill./East Peoria             |
| Bradán Birt**        | 157 | Jr. | Epworth, Iowa/Western Dubuque             |
| Tristan Birt**       | 149 | Jr. | Gibson City, Ill./Wahlert Catholic (Iowa) |
| Zac Blasioli         | 125 | Fr. | Wood River, Ill./East Alton               |
| Jordan Carson        | 133 | Jr. | St. Louis, Mo./Triton College             |
| Christian Chandler*  | 157 | So. | Hoopeston, Ill./Hoopeston                 |
| Hunter Crowley*      | 285 | Jr. | Mahomet, Ill./Mahomet Seymour             |
| Brian Dade           | 285 | Jr. | Indianapolis, Ind./Cardinal Ritter        |
| Ren Dazey*           | 133 | So. | Oakwood, Ill./Oakwood                     |
| Diata Drayton*       | 285 | So. | Chicago, Ill./Marist                      |
| Jesse Ellis**        | 149 | Jr. | Sauk Village, Ill./Illiana Christian      |
| AJ Fox*              | 184 | So. | Urbana, Ill./Urbana                       |
| Maxx Fritz           | 141 | Fr. | Gillespie, Ill./Gillespie                 |
| Carlos Garza***      | 125 | Sr. | Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest               |
| Angel Granado*       | 133 | Jr. | Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice                |
| Logan Hagerbaumer    | 197 | Jr. | Quincy, Ill./Lincoln College              |
| Jontae Hardaway      | 125 | Fr. | Portland, Ore./Cleveland                  |
| D'Anthony Hopkins    | 141 | Fr. | Bolingbrook, Ill./Plainfield East         |
| Mo Jodeh             | 141 | Fr. | Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest               |
| Noah Justi***        | 157 | Sr. | Pekin, Ill./Pekin                         |
| Tyjon Lockett        | 184 | So. | Merrillville, Ind./Merrillville           |
| Shaylan Loomis-Lucas | 157 | Jr. | Rock Island, Ill./Lincoln College         |
| Ryder Marshall       | 197 | Fr. | Dalton City, Ill./Mt. Zion                |
| Peter McCusker       | 149 | Fr. | Rantoul, Ill./Rantoul                     |
| Taylor McGiffen      | 184 | Jr. | Alton, Ill./Campbell                      |
| Sean McKenna         | 141 | Fr. | Naperville, Ill./Marmion Academy          |
| Daniel McNally**     | 285 | Jr. | Grant Park, Ill./Grant Park               |
| Griffin Meeker**     | 174 | Jr. | St. Joseph, Ill./St. Joseph-Ogden         |
| Connor Morgeson*     | 125 | So. | Mt. Zion, Ill./Mt. Zion                   |
| Evan Patterson**     | 197 | Jr. | Auburn, Ill./Auburn                       |
| Jocelin Pierre*      | 285 | So. | Lehigh Acres, Fla./Lehigh                 |
| Brayan Reyes         | 285 | Fr. | Springfield, Ill./Lanphier                |
| Angel Rios, Jr.**    | 133 | Jr. | South Elgin, Ill./South Elgin             |
| Joey Rivera          | 125 | So. | Coal City, Ill./Lincoln College           |
| Nick Sablan**        | 141 | Jr. | Las Vegas, Nev./Las Vegas                 |
| Jake Tisza**         | 174 | Jr. | Lansing, Ill./Thornton Fractional South   |
| Frank Tomaskovic***  | 285 | Sr. | Oak Lawn, Ill./St. Laurence               |
| Kurt Tumbull         | 157 | Fr. | Riverside, Calif./San Marino              |

## 2019-20 Roster

| Name             | Wt. | Yr. | Hometown/High School                          |
|------------------|-----|-----|---|
| Garrick Walker*  | 149 | So. | Chatham, Ill./Glenwood                        |
| Eli Wall Lampkin | 125 | Fr. | Belleville, Ill./Althoff Catholic             |
| Ron Wanda**      | 149 | Jr. | Oak Forest, Ill./Oak Forest                   |
| Dylan Wheeler    | 125 | So. | Marceline, Mo./Marceline/Graceland University |
| Gus Wheeler      | 157 | Fr. | Mt. Zion, Ill./Mt. Zion                       |

## Returning Letter winners



**Scott Bauer**  
**Freshman**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Crestwood, Illinois (Marist H.S.)**

2018-19: Went 7-11 at 165 pounds.

Criminal Justice major  
 2018-19 CCIW Academic All-Conference



**Wilyonde Bell**  
**Senior**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Granite City, Illinois (Lincoln College)**

2018-19: Went 11-11 primarily wrestling at 149 pounds...Earned team's 11th Man Award.

Sports Management major



**Evan Betz**  
**Senior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**East Peoria, Illinois (East Peoria H.S.)**

2019-20: Co-Captain.  
 2018-19: Co-Captain...Received Big Blue's Team Player of the Year Award...Record 6-8 record at 285 pounds.  
 2017-18: Season limited by injury.  
 2016-17: Had a 12-17 record wrestling at 197 pounds.

Masters of Business Administration program  
 2016-17 and 2018-19 CCIW Academic All-Conference

## Returning Letter winners



**Bradan Birt**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Epworth, Iowa (Western Dubuque H.S.)**

2019-20: Co-Captain.  
 2018-19: Earn All-American honors with sixth place finish at NCAA Championships at 157 Pounds...CCIW Champion at 157 pounds...Earned team's Hardest Worker and Guts & Grit Awards...Had a 29-7 record wrestling primarily at 157 pounds...Received CCIW Wrestler of the Week recognition.  
 2017-18: Earned All-American honors with a seventh place finish at NCAA Championships... CCIW Champion at 149...Had a 38-5 overall record...Named to D3Wrestle.Com All-Freshman Team...Earned CCIW Wrestler of the Week recognition...Named Millikin's Rookie of the Year.

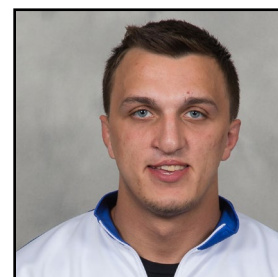
Sports Management major  
 2018-19 CCIW Academic All-Conference  
 2018-19 NWCA Scholar All-American



**Tristan Birt**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Gibson City, Illinois (Wahlert Catholic H.S.-Iowa)**

2018-19: CCIW Champion at 149 pounds...Finished season with a 19-6 records...Received Athletic Department's Comeback Player of the Year Award.  
 2017-18: Did not wrestle.  
 2016-17: Season limited by injuries.  
 2015-16: Had 16-7 overall record with six wins by fall.

Health, Fitness & Recreation major  
 2015-16 CCIW Academic All-Conference  
 2015-16 NWCA Scholar All-American



**Christian Chandler**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Hoopeston, Illinois (Hoopeston H.S.)**

2018-19: Went 5-8 wrestling at 165 pounds.

Business major



**Hunter Crowley**  
**Junior**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Mahomet, Illinois (Mahomet Seymour H.S.)**

2018-19: Posted a 16-6 record at 285 pounds.

Nursing major



## Returning Letter winners



**Ren Dazey**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Oakwood, Illinois (Oakwood H.S.)**

2018-19: Named Millikin's Rookie of the Year...Was 12-16 at 133 pounds.

Business major



**Diata Drayton**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Hazel Crest, Illinois (Marist H.S.)**

2018-19: Had a 9-5 record at 285 pounds before suffering season ending injury.  
2017-18: Went 29-8 at 285 pounds...Earned CCIW Wrestler of the Week honor.

Sports Management major



**Jesse Ellis**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Sauk Village, Illinois (Illiana Christian H.S.)**

2018-19: Went 7-6 wrestling at 149 and 157 pounds...Received team's 11th Man Award.  
2017-18: Wrestled at 149 pounds with a record of 15-5.

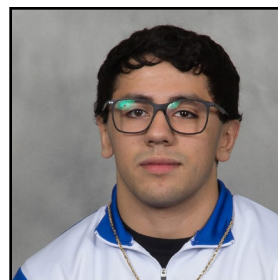
Nursing major  
2017-18 and 2018-19 CCIW Academic All-Conference



**AJ Fox**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Urbana, Illinois (Urbana H.S.)**

2018-19: Went 7-8 at 184 and 197 pounds.

Business Management major



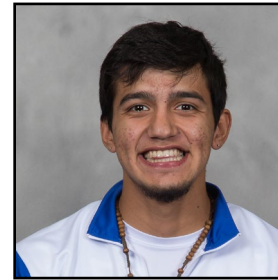
**Carlos Garza**  
**Senior**  
**Three Varsity Letters**  
**Oak Forest, Illinois (Oak Forest H.S.)**

2018-19: Posted a 1-8 record splitting time between 133 and 125 pound weight classes.  
2017-18: Went 3-15 at 133 pounds.  
2016-17: Wrestled mainly in the 125 pound weight class with a 2-13 record.

Health, Fitness & Recreation major



## Returning Letter winners



**Angel Granado**  
**Junior**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Chicago, Illinois (Brother Rice H.S.)**

2017-18: Wrestled at 125 and 133 with a 4-8 overall record.

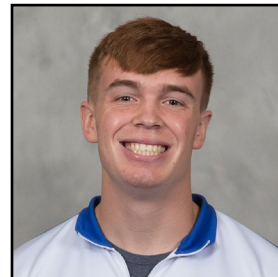
Biology (Pre-PT) major



**Noah Justi**  
**Senior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Pekin, Illinois (Pekin H.S.)**

2018-19: Received Team Player of the Year Award...Had a 1-1 record.  
2017-18: Wrestled at 157 with a record of 18-18.  
2016-17: Compiled a 19-18 record in the 157 pound weight class.

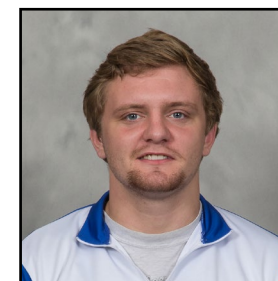
Business Management major



**Daniel McNally**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Grant Park, Illinois (Grant Park H.S.)**

2018-19: Went 6-11 at 285 pounds.  
2017-18: Went 3-11 at 197 pounds.

Nursing major



**Griffin Meeker**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letter**  
**St. Joseph, Illinois (St. Joseph Ogden H.S.)**

2018-19: Finished third at CCIW Championships at 184 pounds earned All-Conference honors...Had a 15-14 record competing at both 184 and 174 pounds.  
2017-18: Compiled a 21-6 record at 184 pounds.

Criminal Justice major  
2017-18 NWCA All-Academic Team

## Returning Letter winners



**Connor Morgeson**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Mt. Zion, Illinois (Mt. Zion H.S.)**  
2018-19: Wrestled at 125 pounds.

Criminal Justice major



**Evan Patterson**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Auburn, Illinois (Auburn H.S.)**  
2018-19: Missed season due to injury.  
2017-18: Was 8-13 at 184 pounds.  
2016-17: Wrestled in the 174 weight class with a 6-15 record.

Nursing major



**Jocelin "Junior" Pierre**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Lehigh Acres, Florida (Lehigh H.S.)**  
2018-19: Completed at 285 pounds.

Physics (Pre-Engineering) major  
2018-19 CCIW Academic All-Conference



**Angel Rios, Jr.**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**South Elgin, Illinois (South Elgin H.S.)**  
2018-19: Went 3-4 at 133 pounds.  
2017-18: Compiled a 10-15 record in the 133 pound weight class.

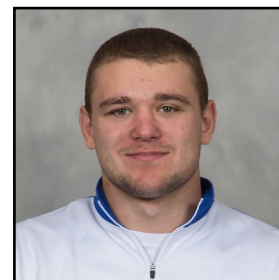
Biology (Pre-Physical Therapy) major



**Nick Sablan**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letter**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada (Las Vegas H.S.)**  
2018-19: Posted a 9-6 record at 141 pounds.  
2017-18: Wrestled at 149 and 157 pounds with a 14-5 overall record.

Biology major

## Returning Letter winners



**Jake Tisza**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Lansing, Illinois (Thornton Fractional South H.S.)**  
2019-20: Co-Captain.  
2018-19: Co-Captain...Missed entire season due to injury.  
2017-18: Wrestled at 165 and 174 pounds with an overall record of 20-14.  
2016-17: Had an 11-17 record at 165 pounds.

Environmental Studies major  
2016-17 and 2017-18 CCIW Academic All-Conference  
2017-18 NWCA All-Academic Team



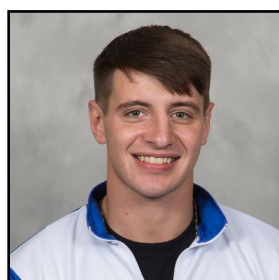
**Frank Tomaskovic**  
**Senior**  
**Three Varsity Letters**  
**Oak Lawn, Illinois (St. Laurence H.S.)**  
2018-19: Earned All-Conference honors after finishing third at CCIW Championships at 285 pounds...Went 16-9 on the season.  
2017-18: Did not wrestle.  
2016-17: Went 20-18 at 285.  
2015-16: Had a record of 16-10 in the 285 pound weight class.

Physical Education major



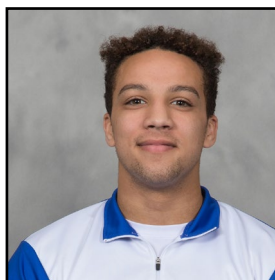
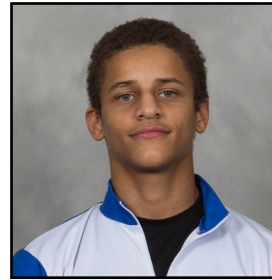
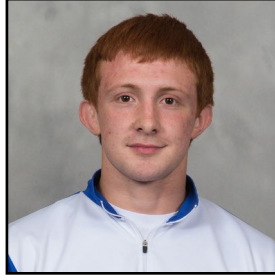
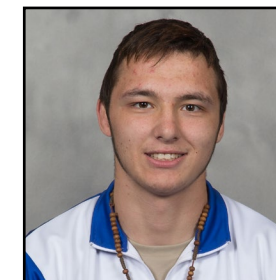
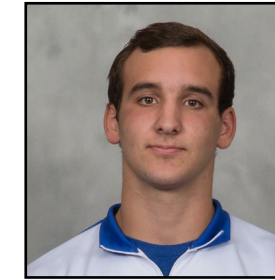
**Garrick Walker**  
**Sophomore**  
**One Varsity Letter**  
**Chatham, Illinois (Chatham Glenwood H.S.)**  
2018-19: Went 8-5 wrestling in both the 149 and 157 pound weight classes.

Business Management major  
2018-19 CCIW Academic All-Conference



**Ronald Wanda**  
**Junior**  
**Two Varsity Letters**  
**Oak Forest, Illinois (Oak Forest H.S.)**  
2018-19: Went 3-4 at 141 pounds.  
2017-18: Wrestled at 149 pounds.

Criminal Justice major

**Returners & Newcomers****Zac Blasioli**  
Freshman  
Wood River, Illinois  
East Alton H.S.  
Business major**D'Anthony Hopkins**  
Freshman  
Bolingbrook, Illinois  
Plainfield East H.S.  
Sociology major**Jordan Carson**  
Junior  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Triton College  
Business Management  
major**Mo Jodeh**  
Freshman  
Oak Forest, Illinois  
Oak Forest H.S.  
Business major**Brian Dade**  
Junior  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Cardinal Ritter H.S.  
Criminal Justice  
major**NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE****Tyjonn Lockett**  
Sophomore  
Merrillville, Indiana  
Merrillville H.S.  
Business Management  
major**Maxx Fritz**  
Freshman  
Gillespie, Illinois  
Gillespie H.S.  
Athletic Training  
major**Shaylan Loomis-Lucas**  
Junior  
Rock Island, Illinois  
Lincoln College  
Sports Management  
major**Logan Hagerbaumer**  
Junior  
Quincy, Illinois  
Lincoln College  
Sports Management  
major**Ryder Marshall**  
Freshman  
Dalton City, Illinois  
Mt. Zion H.S.  
Sports Management  
major**Jontae Hardaway**  
Freshman  
Portland, Oregon  
Cleveland H.S.  
Psychology major**Peter McCusker**  
Freshman  
Rantoul, Illinois  
Rantoul H.S.  
Computer Science  
major**Returners & Newcomers****Taylor McGiffen**  
Junior  
Alton, Illinois  
Campbell University  
Heath, Fitness &  
Recreation major**Kurt Trumbull**  
Freshman  
Riverside, California  
San Marino H.S.  
Chemistry major**Sean McKenna**  
Freshman  
Naperville, Illinois  
Marmion Academy  
Art-Graphic Design  
major**Eli Wall-Lampkin**  
Freshman  
Belleville, Illinois  
Althoff Catholic H.S.  
Business Management  
major**Brayan Reyes**  
Freshman  
Springfield, Illinois  
Springfield H.S.  
Psychology major**Dylan Wheeler**  
Sophomore  
Marceline, Missouri  
Marceline H.S.  
Graceland University  
Criminal Justice major**Joey Rivera**  
Sophomore  
Coal City, Illinois  
Lincoln College  
Elementary Education  
major**Gus Wheeler**  
Freshman  
Mt. Zion, Illinois  
Mt. Zion H.S.  
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## Big Blue Record Book

### Most Wins

Team, Consecutive: 9, 1976-77

Team, Season: 12, 1976-77

Individual, Season: 43, Jim Fascetta (125, 43-11), 2003-04

Individual, Career: 130, Joe Krugler (130-57), 2001-05

### Best Record

Team, Season 4-0, 1959-60; 11-4-1 (.719), 1978-79

Individual, Season: 35-1 (.972), Kip Crandell (Hwt.), 1987-88

Individual, Career: 101-11 (.902), Kip Crandell 1984-88

### Most CCIW Titles

4, Kip Crandall, 1985-88 (Heavyweight)

3, Gary Reader, 1976 (167), 1978 & 79 (177)

3, Richard Harvey 1991-93 (167)

3, Nate Carden 2000-03 (285)

### Most Appearances in NCAA Tournament

4, Chris Williams 2016 (141), 2017 (133), 2018 (141), 2019 (141)-All American all four years.

4, Kip Crandall, 1985-88 (Heavyweight)

3, Bruce Mitchell 1975 (118), 1976 and 1978 (126)

3, Kevin Wolff 1983-85 (190)

3, Richard Harvey 1991-93 (167)

3, Bryan Morgan 2003-06 (285)

## Career Coaching Records

| Coach                    | W   | L   | T | Pct. |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|---|------|
| Mike Poe (1983-2008)     | 155 | 136 | 1 | .534 |
| Carl Poelker (1973-78)   | 46  | 30  | 0 | .605 |
| Ryan Birt (2015-Current) | 34  | 29  | 0 | .540 |
| Charles Ross (1959-60)   | 21  | 14  | 0 | .600 |
| Jim Cook (1979-82)       | 13  | 15  | 0 | .464 |
| Jim Stringer (1978-79)   | 11  | 4   | 1 | .719 |
| Jack Butts (1964-67)     | 8   | 19  | 0 | .296 |
| Henry May (1962-63)      | 7   | 3   | 0 | .700 |
| Jim Cook (1972-73)       | 4   | 0   | 0 | .556 |
| Dan Palmer (1982-83)     | 5   | 5   | 0 | .500 |
| Ed Neighbors (1971-72)   | 2   | 5   | 0 | .286 |
| Mel Bishop (1963-64)     | 1   | 7   | 0 | .125 |
| Bill Moutry (1970-71)    |     |     |   |      |
| No records available     |     |     |   |      |
| Paul Bliss (1967-69)     |     |     |   |      |
| No records available     |     |     |   |      |
| Overall Program History  | 300 | 262 | 2 | .534 |

## CCIW Champions

|      |   |
|------|---|
| 1961 | Terry Cooper (123)  |
| 1962 | Terry Cooper (123)  |
| 1963 | Doug Zemke (130)<br>Bob Armstrong (137)<br>Craig Thies (191)  |
| 1964 | Doug Zemke (130)  |
| 1965 | Harry Futrell (177)   |
| 1966 | Charlie Haug (167)  |
| 1967 | Harry Futrell (177)   |
| 1968 | Jim Deremiah (152)  |
| 1975 | Bryan Mitchell (118)<br>Jeff Neuberg (167)  |
| 1976 | Bruce Mitchell (118)<br>Gary Reader (167)   |
| 1977 | Marc Dear (Hwt)   |
| 1978 | Bruce Mitchell (126)<br>Mark Fredrick (134)<br>Gary Reader (177)-CCIW Outstanding Wrestler<br>Rob Dalluge (190) |
| 1979 | Bill Culbertson (158)-CCIW Outstanding Wrestler<br>Gary Reader (177)<br>John Petko (Hwt)                        |
| 1982 | Lupe Coronado (118)   |
| 1983 | Lupe Coronado (126)<br>Kevin Wolff (190)  |
| 1985 | Keith Lewis (126)<br>Bret Kooi (167)<br>Kevin Wolff (190)<br>Kip Crandall (Hwt)                                 |
| 1986 | Keith Lewis (126)<br>Kip Cradall (Hwt)-CCIW Outstanding Wrestler  |
| 1987 | Matt McDonnell (126)<br>Steve Elledge (158)<br>Kip Crandall (Hwt)   |
| 1988 | Tom Mahoney (190)<br>Kip Crandall (Hwt)   |
| 1989 | Mike Mackowiak (124)<br>Tom Mahoney (190)   |
| 1991 | Mike Scheurich (150)<br>Richard Harvey (167)  |
| 1992 | Richard Harvey (167)  |
| 1993 | Richard Harvey (167)  |
| 2000 | Cisco Bermudez (133)<br>Nate Carden (Hwt)   |
| 2001 | Shawn Forst (157)   |
| 2002 | Manuel Rodriguez (125)<br>Rob Roots (133)<br>Nate Carden (Hwt)  |
| 2003 | Nate Carden (Hwt)   |
| 2004 | Jim Fascetta (125)<br>Bryan Morgan (Hwt)  |
| 2005 | Phil Davidson (125)<br>Jim Fascetta (133)<br>Justin Edwards (149)   |
| 2007 | Jared Christner (125)-CCIW Outstanding Wrestler   |
| 2016 | James Buss (285)  |
| 2017 | Chris Williams (133)<br>Randle Taborn (149)   |
| 2018 | Bradán Birt (149)   |
| 2019 | Chris Williams (141)<br>Tristan Birt (149)<br>Bradán Birt (157)   |



## NCAA Appearances

| Year    | Wrestler                       | Weight | Record                 | Site (University)                   |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1966-67 | NAIA-No team scores            |        |                        | Loch Haven, Penn. (Lock Haven St.)  |
|         | Jim Deremiah                   | 145    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Harry Futrell                  | 177    | 0-1                    |                                     |
| 1974-75 | NAIA - No Team Scores          |        |                        | River Falls, Wis. (UW-River Falls)  |
|         | Bruce Mitchell                 | 118    | 1-2                    |                                     |
|         | Jeff Neuburg                   | 167    | 2-1                    |                                     |
| 1975-76 | Team Tied 44th with 2 points   |        |                        | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Coe)            |
|         | Bruce Mitchell                 | 126    | 0-2                    |                                     |
|         | Gary Reader                    | 167    | 2-2                    |                                     |
| 1977-78 | No Team Scores                 |        |                        | Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton)             |
|         | Bruce Mitchell                 | 126    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Mark Fredrick                  | 134    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Gary Reader                    | 177    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Rob Dalluge                    | 190    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Joe Petko                      | 285    | 0-1                    |                                     |
| 1978-79 | Team 40th with 4.5 points      |        |                        | Arcata, Calif. (Humboldt State)     |
|         | Joe Petko                      | 285    | 1-1                    |                                     |
|         | Bill Culbertson                | 158    | 1-1                    |                                     |
| 1981-82 | No Team Scores                 |        |                        | Cortland, N.Y. (SUNY Cortland)      |
|         | Lupe Coronado                  | 118    | 0-1                    |                                     |
| 1982-83 | Team Tied 58th with 0.5 points |        |                        | Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton)             |
|         | Kevin Wolff                    | 190    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Lupe Coronado                  | 126    | 1-2                    |                                     |
| 1983-84 | No Team Scores                 |        |                        | Binghamton, N.Y. (SUNY Binghamton)  |
|         | Brett Kooi                     | 158    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Kevin Wolff                    | 190    | 0-1                    |                                     |
| 1984-85 | Team Tied 36th with 5 points   |        |                        | Rock Island, Ill. (Augustana)       |
|         | Kevin Wolff                    | 190    | 3-2 (7th) All-American |                                     |
|         | Bret Kooi                      | 167    | 0-1                    |                                     |
|         | Keith Lewis                    | 126    | 0-0 (DMW)              |                                     |
|         | Kip Crandall                   | HWT    | 0-0 (INJ)              |                                     |
| 1985-86 | Team Tied 43rd with 1.5 points |        |                        | Ewing, N.J. (College of New Jersey) |
|         | Kip Crandall                   | 285    | 1-2                    |                                     |
|         | Keith Lewis                    | 126    | 0-2                    |                                     |
| 1986-87 | Team Tied 51st with 1 point    |        |                        | Buffalo, N.Y. (Buffalo)             |
|         | Kip Crandall                   | 285    | NA                     |                                     |
|         | Matt McDonnell                 | 126    | NA                     |                                     |
|         | Steve Elledge                  | 158    | NA                     |                                     |
| 1987-88 | Team 18th with 17.75 points    |        |                        | Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton)             |
|         | Kip Crandall                   | HWT    | 3-1 (2nd) All-America  |                                     |
|         | Tom Mahoney                    | 190    | 1-2                    |                                     |
| 1988-89 | Team 36th with 6.25 points     |        |                        | Cleveland, Ohio (John Carroll)      |
|         | Mike Mackowiak                 | 126    | 1-2                    |                                     |
|         | Tom Mahoney                    | 190    | 3-2 (7th) All-America  |                                     |
| 1990-91 | Team Tied 42nd with 2.5 points |        |                        | Rock Island, Ill. (Augustana)       |
|         | Mike Scheurich                 | 150    | 1-2                    |                                     |
|         | Richard Harvey                 | 167    | 1-2                    |                                     |

## NCAA Appearances

| Year    | Wrestler  | Weight                                 | Record  | Site (University)                       |
|---------|---|--|---|---|
| 1991-92 | Team Tied 52nd with 1 point<br>Richard Harvey   | 167                                    | 1-2   | Ewing, N.J. (College of New Jersey)     |
| 1992-93 | No Team Scores<br>Richard Harvey  | 167                                    | 0-2   | New London, Conn. (Coast Guard)         |
| 1997-98 | Team 44th with 3 points<br>Drew Blickensderfer  | 134                                    | 2-2   | Cedar Falls, Iowa (Upper Iowa/Wartburg) |
| 1999-00 | Team 36th with 3.5 points<br>Francisco Bermudez   | 133                                    | 2-3 (8th) All-American  | Ada, Ohio (Ohio Northern)               |
| 2001-02 | No Team Scores<br>Nate Carden<br>Manny Rodriguez  | 285<br>125                             | 0-0 (ALT)<br>0-2  | Scranton, Penn. (Scranton/Wilkes-Barre) |
| 2002-03 | No Team Scores<br>Jacob Rodriguez<br>Nate Carden  | 157<br>285                             | 0-2<br>0-2  | Ada, Ohio (Ohio Northern)               |
| 2003-04 | Team Tied 29th with 7.5 points<br>Justin Edwards<br>Jim Fascetta<br>Joe Krugler<br>Phil Davidson<br>Bryan Morgan<br>Jacob Rodriguez | 141<br>125<br>184<br>133<br>285<br>157 | 0-2<br>1-2<br>0-2<br>0-2<br>2-2 (7th) All-American<br>0-2   | Dubuque, Iowa (Loras)                   |
| 2004-05 | Team Tied 39th with 1 points<br>Jim Fascetta<br>Bryan Morgan<br>Phil Davidson   | 133<br>285<br>125                      | 1-2<br>0-2<br>0-0 (ALT)   | Northfield, Minn. (St. Olaf)            |
| 2005-06 | No Team Scores<br>Bryan Morgan  | 285                                    | 0-2   | Ewing, N.J. (College of New Jersey)     |
| 2015-16 | Team Score T-37th with 8 points<br>James Buss<br>Chris Williams   | 285<br>141                             | 0-2<br>3-3 (6th) All-American   | Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Cornell College)    |
| 2016-17 | Team Score 20th with 18 points<br>Travis Jones<br>Chris Williams  | 125<br>133                             | 2-2<br>3-2 (4th) All-American   | LaCrosse, Wis. (Wisconsin-Crosse)       |
| 2017-18 | Team Score 13th with 30.5 points<br>Chris Williams<br>Bradán Birt<br>Keajion Jennings   | 141<br>149<br>184                      | 5-1 (Third Place, All-American)<br>4-2 (Seventh Place, All-American)<br>4-2 (Seventh Place, All-American) | Cleveland, Ohio (Mount Union)           |
| 2018-19 | Team Score-Ninth 42 points<br>Chris Williams<br>Bradán Birt<br>Keajion Jennings   | 141<br>157<br>197                      | 3-1 (Second Place, All-American)<br>3-3 (Sixth Place, All-American)<br>3-1 (Second Place, All-American)   | Roanoke, Virginia                       |

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Millikin finished in ninth place in the team standing with 42 points, which was the highest point total in school history. Chris Williams and Keajion Jennings finished as the national runnerup and Bradán Birt was sixth.



## 2018-19 NCAA Championships



# 2019-20 Big Blue Schedule

| <u>Date</u>         | <u>Opponent</u>                     | <u>Location</u>                       | <u>Time</u>      |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Nov. 2</b>       | <b>Elmhurst College</b>             | <b>Decatur, Ill.</b>                  | <b>2 p.m.</b>    |
| <b>Nov. 9</b>       | <b>Millikin Open</b>                | <b>Decatur, Ill.</b>                  | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> |
| Nov. 16             | Southeast Duals                     | Roanoke, Va.                          | 1 p.m. ET        |
| Nov. 17             | Star City Classic                   | Roanoke, Va.                          | 11 a.m. ET       |
| Nov. 23             | Olivet College's Comet Duals        | Olivet, Mich.                         | 11:30 a.m. ET    |
| <b>Dec. 4</b>       | <b>Lincoln College</b>              | <b>Decatur, Ill. (Wrestling Fac.)</b> | <b>7 p.m.</b>    |
| Dec. 14             | Key City Classic                    | Dubuque, Iowa                         | 11 a.m.          |
| Dec. 21             | Gator Duals                         | Nashville, Tenn.                      | 10 a.m.          |
| Jan. 5              | D3 National Challenge               | Cleveland, Ohio                       | 9 a.m. ET        |
| Jan. 10-11          | NWCA National Duals                 | Louisville, Ky.                       |                  |
| Jan. 18             | Max Servies Duals at Wabash College | Crawfordsville, Ind.                  | 9 a.m. ET        |
| Jan. 21             | North Central College               | Naperville, Ill.                      | 7 p.m.           |
| Jan. 23             | Lincoln College                     | Lincoln, Ill.                         | 7 p.m.           |
| <b>Jan. 24</b>      | <b>Wabash College</b>               | <b>Decatur, Ill.</b>                  | <b>7 p.m.</b>    |
| Jan. 31-Feb. 1      | Wheaton's Pete Willson Invite       | Wheaton, Ill.                         |                  |
| <b>Feb. 8</b>       | <b>Big Blue Open</b>                | <b>Decatur, Ill.</b>                  | <b>9:30 a.m.</b> |
| <b>Feb. 13</b>      | <b>CCIW Championships</b>           | <b>Decatur, Ill.</b>                  | <b>2 p.m.</b>    |
| Feb. 29-<br>March 1 | NCAA Regional                       | Dubuque, Iowa                         |                  |
| March 13-14         | NCAA Division III Championships     | Cedar Rapids, Iowa                    |                  |

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