

MARK ORTH '10

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Mark has instilled his love for wrestling in his son and they now enjoy the same sport Mark, and his father once did together. It's a family tradition in his household. Mark purchased a home in Oregon, Ohio where he began coaching youth wrestling for Clay and Lake Erie Wrestling Club. He began branding and growing the once dissolving club to 96 youth wrestlers from the age pre-k to 6th grade as the head coach. His abilities, patience and love for coaching are benefited from all whom he teaches. His coaching atmosphere resembles that of a family where everyone involved is his top priority. Mark is devoted to the health, strength, and growth of the youth he teaches. He has willfully given over 1000 volunteer hours back to the Oregon communities youth for anyone who would like to learn or continue their education in wrestling by running a free summer program during the off season. He maintains a fantastic Clay alumnus coaching staff that also share his same core values of promoting physical and mental strength through the sport of wrestling. He has taken on the administrative responsibilities that come with his head coach position with grace and stride. Mark also volunteers and works closely with the high school wrestling staff and Lake Erie Board of Directors when needed. He has endured great trials and tribulation in his youth that have made him the pronominal coach, friend, and all-around great mentor. I truly believe he is an irreplaceable asset to the Oregon community, Clay High School, and Oregon athletics.