



JOE MANLEY

CLASS OF 2006

WRESTLING

When it comes to wrestling at Wayland High School, Joe Manley set the standard for future generations to measure themselves against. In his senior season, Manley went 35-0 and became Wayland's first wrestler to pass 100 career wins, finishing his career with 121 wins. In addition, he captained the 2006 Wayland team that went 26-0 and were Dual County League champions, sectional champions and state tournament champions.

Individually, Joe was the Division 3 state champion in 2005 and was named Outstanding Wrestler and earned the Most Falls Award. He was a two-time sectional champion (2005/2006) and earned Outstanding Wrestler and the Most Falls Award at sectionals in 2006. He also was named to both the Boston Globe's and the Boston Herald's All-Scholastic Teams. In addition, Joe was a three-sport athlete at Wayland High School, captaining the football team in his senior season, and was Dual County League champion in the javelin his senior year.



Joe continued his wrestling success during his four-year career at Rhode Island College, twice earning Pilgrim League All-Star and All New England honors. In 2012, Joe was inducted into the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (MIWCA).

His coach, Gary Chase recalls, "Heading into the 2005-2006 season, we felt we had a chance to compete for the state title, a title that was last won by a Wayland Wrestling team in 1976. Wayland had set the state title as a team goal, but it would have to be reached without a heavyweight as the team had no one to fill this class. What this meant to Joe was the coaching staff had to use his talents in a way that best helped the team to win. We asked Joe to be ready to wrestle the 171, 189 and 215-pound weight classes, adjusting his weight class as necessary to best counter the opponent's strength as Joe was always paired against the strongest opponent. Joe never disappointed finishing the dual meet season undefeated."

Joe resides in Framingham, Massachusetts and works as an arborist. He also helped coach the 2016 Wayland High School state champion wrestling team and the 2017 team that finished fourth.

Joe credits his wrestling success to his coaches, especially Rick Moyer, Gary Chase, Scott Parseghian, Sean Chase and Lee Krasnoo, as well as to the support of his parents, Janet and Marty Manley, and his many teammates.

