



WAYNE BAUGHMAN

All-American Wrestler & Longtime Air Force Coach

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The Oklahoma-born wrestling legend has lived in Colorado Springs for more than four decades, and is one of the nation's most respected figures in collegiate and international wrestling. Baughman was a three-time All-American and NCAA Champion at the University of Oklahoma. He was also a member of three, and coach of two, U.S. Olympic wrestling teams.



was a charter member of the USOC's Athletes Advisory Council, and a member of the USOC Board of Directors from 1976-1980, through the controversial United States' boycott of the Moscow Games. He was Director of Operations for the 1986 World Cycling Championships in Colorado Springs. Aside from wrestling and administration, he found time to become a successful mountain climber, ultra-marathoner and triathlete.

In 25 NCAA National Championships, he recorded 16 first, 7 second and two third-place finishes. He is the only individual to win a national championship across all four styles of wrestling: Collegiate, Freestyle, Greco-Roman and Sambo. Baughman was the head coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy for 27 years as well as an Associate Professor. He

Baughman is a Distinguished Member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, the United Savings Helms Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame and the AAU Wrestling Hall of Fame.