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Biography

David attended and wrestled at Valley High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.. In 1975, he concluded his high school career as a New Mexico state wrestling champion. After graduation, David attended and wrestled for Central Arizona Junior College where he placed fourth in the 1977 National Junior College West Regional Tournament. During this time, he competed in many Olympic style wrestling tournaments throughout the southwest including placing second in the 1976 Southwest Regional Olympic Qualifying Freestyle Tournament. In 1977, he was selected as a member of the United States Junior Pan-American Wrestling Team and placed 4th in the Junior Pan American Games. In 1978, David returned to Albuquerque and became an assistant wrestling coach at Valley High School. He also coached the Valley junior wrestling team during this time period.

In 1980, enrolled at New Mexico Highlands University and competed in wrestling. In 1982, he placed 2nd at the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Tournament and qualified to participate in the National Athletic Interscholastic Association National Wrestling Tournament in Forest Grove, Oregon. He graduated with a B.A. degree in 1983 and later received a Masters Degree in Education Administration. In 1984, he began a professional career at the New Mexico State Hospital in Las Vegas and retired in 2009 as the director of the state's adolescent treatment center

David made a commitment to share his knowledge and experience by contributing to the growth of wrestling in his community of Las Vegas. In 1994, he developed a youth wrestling program for his sons Joel and Matthew and few of their friends. The program eventually grew and became the "feeding" ground for future Las Vegas high school wrestlers. He followed his oldest son to Memorial Middle School and later to Robertson High School volunteering his time as an assistant coach. He has participated in Robertson's recent run of eight team State Wrestling Championships. He was involved in coaching Robertson's 69 individual state championships during the same span, including his sons Joel and Matthew. David also officiated many middle school wrestling matches and tournaments in Northern New Mexico

David is greatly endeared to New Mexico Highlands University and strongly supported the re-instatement of its wrestling program. In 2003, he was selected to the committee to hire the program's new wrestling coach.

In 2009, David was inducted to the New Mexico Highlands University Hall of Honor.

David continues to volunteer his time coaching and officiating and remains an avid supporter of New Mexico Highlands wrestling team