

Board Members of the New Mexico Wrestling Hall of Fame,

It has come to my attention that I have been nominated for this prestigious award. I look at the list of names in the Hall of Fame and I do not feel I am qualified to be on this list. However, if I am elected into this hall I will cherish the honor. Wrestling I believe is the hardest sport on earth and is an instant ticket to life success if used properly. The mental toughness and edge that wrestling has given me has helped me pursue my dreams. I thank you for this opportunity and if elected I will use it to inspire our youth and help the growth of New Mexico Wrestling.

Sincerely,

Don Ortega

Resumé enclosed

## **Resumé**

### **Wrestling**

2005 NCAA Division II All-American  
2 Time NCAA National Qualifier  
RMAC Runner-Up  
2 Time NCAA Division II Academic All-American  
New Mexico State Wrestling Champion 1999 (Undefeated)  
New Mexico State Wrestling runner-up 1998  
New Mexico State Wrestling Third Place 1997  
New Mexico Wrestling Sixth Place 1996  
Wrestled Varsity 8th grade 1995  
4 time District Champion  
Started wrestling under Mike Lujan Santa fe Jr. Wrestling

### **Football**

2 year Letterman and Starting Fullback - Adams State College  
All-State Running Back - Santa Fe High  
North All-Star

### **Jiu-Jitsu/ Grappling**

2013 World IBJJF No-Gi Bronze Medalist  
2x ADCC Veteran (Barcelona 2009, UK 2011)  
2008 IBJJF World Champion – Brown Belt  
2007 FILA World Grappling Champion (Antalya, Turkey)  
2011 ADCC West Coast Trials – Runner-up  
2010 ADDC East Coast Trials – Runner-up  
2009 ADCC trials Champion  
2007 FILA World Grappling Champion  
2007 World Team Trials National Champion  
2007 IBJJF Pan American Champion – Purple Belt  
2006 IBJJF Pan American Champion – Blue Belt  
2012 Abu Dhabi Pro qualifier (Abu Dhabi, UAE)  
1-0 Professional Mixed Martial Arts record

### Notable Victories

Derek Brunson (UFC top Contender) - NCAA II National Tournament  
Jason Tapia (NCAA II National Champion) - College Dual Meet  
Muhammed Lawal (OSU All American) - High School National Tournament  
Luke Rockhold (UFC Champion) - Pan American Jiu Jitsu tournament  
Pablo Popovitch (ADCC Champion) - IBJJF World Tournament  
Justin Rader (Jiu Jitsu World Champion)- Jiu Jitsu match  
Bill Cooper (Jiu Jitsu World Silver Medalist) - USA grappling world team trials  
Neiman Gracie (Bellator MMA Champ) - No Gi Pan American  
DeAlonzio "DJ" Jackson (Jiu Jitsu World Champ) - ADCC North American Trials Semi-final  
Clark Gracie (Pan American Jiu Jitsu Champion) - Abu Dhabi Pro Trials Semi-final

### 2005- Present Work History

Co-Owner and Regional Director of Gracie Barra Jiu Jitsu in Albuquerque

Wrestling and Jiu Jitsu Coach

Helped build organization to 600 members in the Albuquerque area

Bachelors of Science in Business - Adams State College

### Coaches

Mike Lujan  
Jason Ramstetter  
Phil Anaya  
Jeff Posa  
Tommy Trujillo  
Rodney Romero