



## **Wrestle Like A Girl Announces Appointment of Two New Board Members, Nate Ackerman and Kerry McCoy**

*Additions of Great Britain Wrestling Champion and Renowned Wrestler and Head Coach further strengthen the Board of Trustees with deep subject matter expertise.*

WLAG announced the appointment of Nathaneal (Nate) Ackerman, a British-American mathematician, and Kerry McCoy, Executive Director and Head Coach, as directors to its Board of Trustees.

“Nate and Kerry’s leadership and deep industry knowledge and experience will be immensely valuable in supporting WLAG’s ongoing growth,” said Sally Roberts, CEO of WLAG. “Their strategic input and guidance will be a powerful asset as we continue to advocate for and expand the opportunities and access for girls and women’s wrestling worldwide.”

Ackerman is a research mathematician based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of California, Berkeley, and Harvard University. He attended the American School in London before earning his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Harvard University. Ackerman received his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has board experience, having previously served on the board of FreshDirect, a grocery delivery company in New York City.

Ackerman competed in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games as part of the Great Britain Wrestling National Team. He also competed in the 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, and 2011 World Wrestling Championships. Ackerman finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 2002 Commonwealth Games and 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2005 European Championships.

McCoy is the executive director and head coach of the Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He earned a Master of Science Management-Public Relations degree from the University of Maryland Global Campus and a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from The Pennsylvania State University. McCoy served as a coach of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team and has been a longtime leader on USA Wrestling’s Board of Directors, currently serving as its Secretary and Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

McCoy excelled at heavyweight and consistently beat the best wrestlers in the world — domestically and internationally. In addition to his two NCAA national championships, he finished his college career with three Big 10 titles and a career record of 150-18. He won five straight U.S. Open freestyle championships from 2000 - 2004 and was named Outstanding Wrestler at the 2003 Pan American Games. He earned a silver medal at the 2003 World Championships in New York and represented the U.S. twice at the Olympics, placing fifth in 2000 and seventh in 2004. McCoy has received numerous awards and honors, including being a distinguished member of the Wrestling Hall of Fame.

“I’m thrilled to welcome Nate and Kerry to our Board of Trustees. They are widely respected leaders with long-standing commitments to wrestling and community service,” said Maryann Bruce, Chair of the Board of WLAG. “The Board and management team will benefit greatly from their counsel, experience, and support.”