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Coaching Philosophy

“Build Champions on the mat AND in life, through love, positive leadership and a relentless focus on the process of excellence.”

Personal Mission

- Spread positivity
- Build authentic relationships
- Have a positive impact on those around me - use my influence to make the world a better place, one person at a time
- Serve others
- Enjoy the ride

Program Objectives

- Recruit high-character student-athletes who fit our team culture and have the building blocks to become great wrestlers, great students and great people
- Emphasis on academics - be a top academic team at our institution
- Program has a positive impact on the athletic department, the school community and the local community
- 100% retention rate. 100% graduation rate.
- Build Conference Champions, All-Americans and National Champions, but also help every student-athlete be the best they can be on and off the mat
- Create strong leaders and high-character people
- Teach grit and growth mindset
- Teach student-athlete that the same qualities, characteristics and habits that make them successful in wrestling, will also make them successful in their academics or any endeavor
- Alumni and graduates recognize the positive impact our program has had on their lives and remain engaged with the program

Guiding Beliefs

- Character - always do the right thing
- Selflessness - serve others; it's not about me
- Growth - get better everyday
- Hustle - work hard AND smart
- Gratitude
- Courage - constantly step outside my comfort zone
- Positivity

Leadership Style

- Shout praise and whisper criticism
- Treat all athletes fairly (not necessarily equally)
- Relationships and trust are everything
- Show you care
- Be truthful but choose your words carefully
- Have fun - be positive and high energy
- Always push student-athletes to be their best
- Be confident enough to admit when you're wrong
- Model work ethic