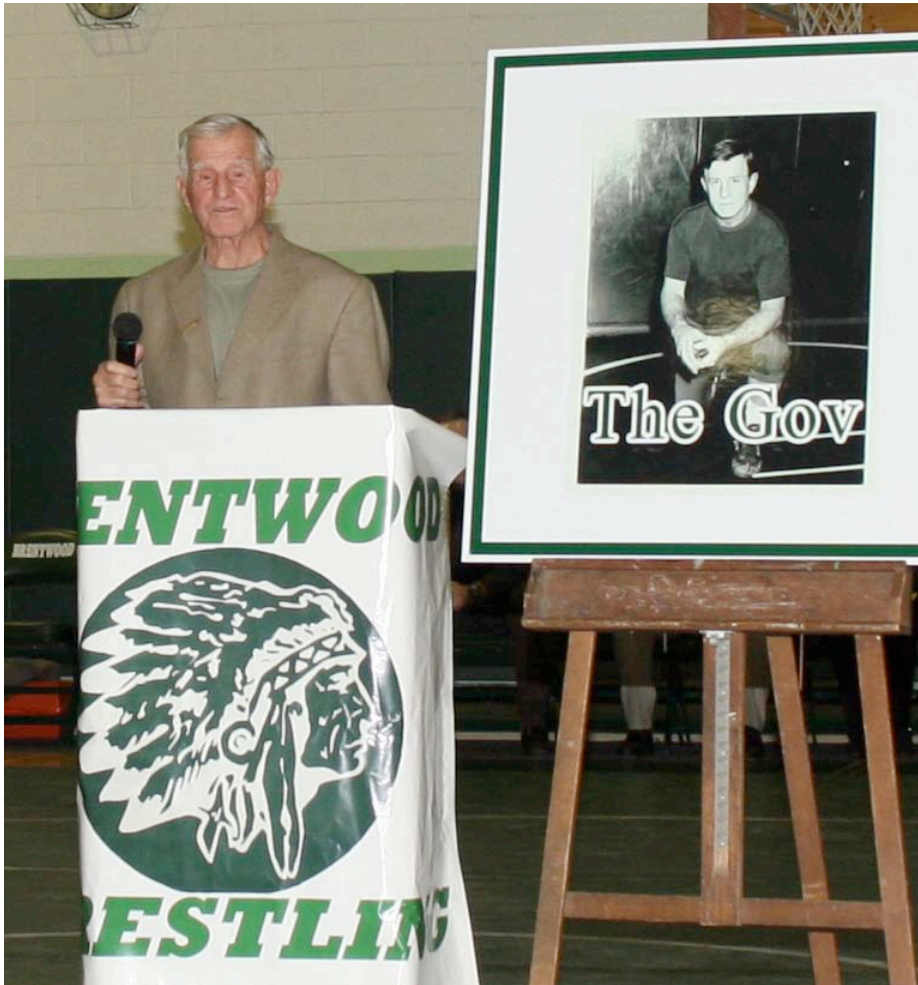
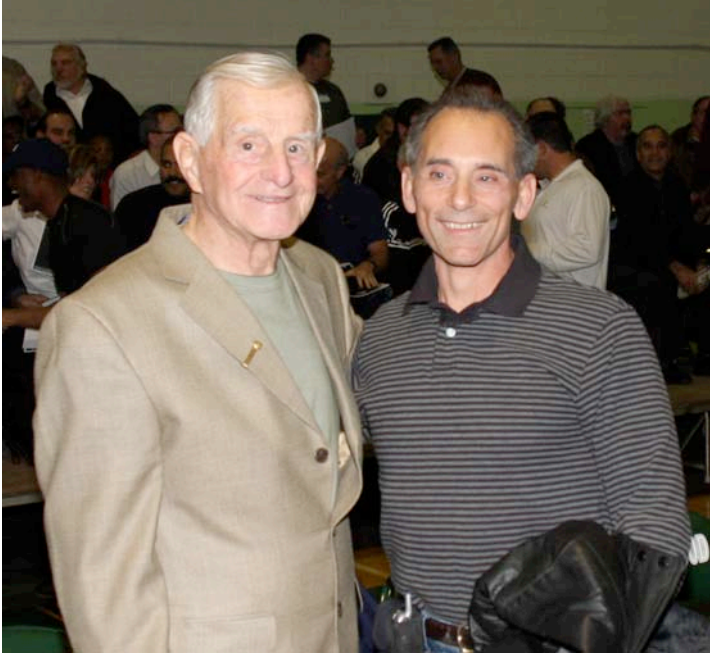


**COACH JOE CAMPO "THE GOV"  
HONORED AT BRENTWOOD AS  
THEY BEAT SACHEM EAST, 42-16**











*Coach Joe Campo with former wrestler and NCAA All-American Bob Antonacci and the Joe "Gov" Campo Gymnasium.*

*Brentwood's Ricardo Gomez works his front headlock on Dan O'Malley enroute to a 10-0 decision at 119 pounds.*

*Jahsua Marsh of Brentwood picks up a fall at 215 pounds.*

*Brentwood's Mike Hernandez holds down Sachem East's Chris DiIorio at 171 pounds on his way to a 7-1 victory.*

*Sachem East's John Rocha controls Brentwood's Troy Williams winning 11-3 at 145 pounds.*



## **Joe "The Gov" Campo Tribute " Tradition of Excellence"**

By Jim & Tony Nordland

Brentwood (12-1) defeated Sachem East (10-3), 42-16, before a sold out crowd at the Joe Campo "Tradition of Excellence" Tribute at Brentwood HS. The Indians, in their red-clad socks, won nine bouts and were led by Ricardo Gomez (25-0) at 119, the Calderon twins, Travis (130), and Mario (135), as both recorded falls in their matches, along with Mike Hernandez (160), top-ranked Josue Mendez (171) and senior Jahsua Marsh at 215 pounds. Gomez used his front headlock and bar arm tilts to post a solid 10-0 major decision over Dan O'Malley to give the host a 4-0 team lead. Sachem East rallied to knot the dual at 16-16, after Paul DiIorio's 5-1 decision at 152 pounds. Brentwood responded and showed its strength in the upperweights, as Mike Hernandez used his powerful double leg takedowns for a 7-1 verdict at 160 and top ranked Josue Mendez won by technical fall, 20-5 at 171 pounds. Potential county finalist Jahsua Marsh cradled his opponent to post a first period pin at 215 to give the Indians an insurmountable, 33-16 lead, with two bouts remaining in the dual.

But the night belong to the legendary and Hall-of-Fame coach, Joe Campo. Campo guided the Indians for over 20 years and his squads won eight county titles from 1969-1977. Current head coach, Ralph Napolitano, presided over the ceremonies, which included hundreds of Brentwood alums in attendance, such as Ray Miro, Vinny Ungaro and the Plante brothers, John and Joe. The evening began with an invocation from Father Joe Ianuzzi (Class of '83) and eloquent speeches from his son, Jose, and former NCAA All-Americans, Pete Galea and Bob Antonacci (who now resides in San Diego), along with athletic director Kevin O'Reilly. Galea commented, "Coach "The Gov" taught us many things and transformed us into being who we are today", he added, "We all owe our

lives to him." Hauppauge HS assistant coach and Brentwood Hall-of-Famer, Jerry Goodfellow, stated, "Coach, we are here today because of you and we all love you."

### **Mat Notes...**

The Brentwood Ross Gym was renamed to the **Joe "The Gov" Campo Gynamnasium** and is a tribute coach Campo. Joe Campo, now 82, began coaching at Frankfort-Schuyler HS (near Syracuse) and was impressed how Long Island wrestlers always dominated at the state meet. He attributed that because of their fine athletes and dedicated coaches. Campo knew he had to be a Long Island coach and brought Brentwood HS to a level of excellence that, to this day might never be surpassed. Coach Campo compiled a 452-38 overall dual meet record and was 261-20 during his tenure at Brentwood HS. His squads won 20 League Championships and had 37 Suffolk County Champions, along with 126 county medalists. Coach Campo had nine state champions and 27 New York State place winners. His first state champion was Carl Adams (1968), who went on to become a two-time NCAA champion at Iowa State and is the currently the head coach at Boston University. In 1971, Brentwood crowned three consecutive state champions, Ivan Gonzales (112), the late David Larrache (119) and Bob Antonacci (Brentwood's only two-time state champion) at 126 pounds, along with three other state placers. He treated his wrestlers like his own family and coach Campo thanked the Brentwood community for providing him the best years of his life. Joe Campo taught respect and demanded excellence, his legacy will continue in Brentwood, New York State and the United States.

### **BRENTWOOD 42 SACHEM EAST 16**

- 103-Humberto Garcia(Brentwood) dec. Ray Penna, 4-2.
- 112-Alex Gomez(Br) won by forfeit.
- 119-Ricardo Gomez(Br) major dec. Dan O'Malley, 10-0.
- 125-George Ferguson(Sach) pinned Wilson Cardoza, 3:10.
- 130-Travis Calderon(Br) pinned Steve Nguyen, 1:04.
- 135-Mario Calderon(Br) pinned John Presta, 4:46.
- 140-Mike Schrul(Sach) dec. John James Larkin, 3-2.
- 145-JohnRocha(Sach) major dec. Troy Williams, 11-3.
- 152-Paul DiIorio(Sach) dec. Jesse Cabrera, 5-1.
- 160-Mike Hernandez(Br) dec. Chris DiIorio, 7-1.
- 171-Josue Mendez(Br) tech fall Ryan Barbosa, 20-5.
- 189-Jesus Cartegna(Br) dec. Andrew Rispoli, 2-0.
- 215-Jahsua Marsh(Br) pinned Hargun Amand, 1:39.

*Coach Joe Campo (center) with his former wrestlers and family.*

*Legendary coach, Joe Campo was honored on Friday night at Brentwood in front of a packed house. His former wrestlers came in from all over to see the dedication of the, Joe "the Gov" Campo Gymnasium in his honor. Coach Ralph Napolitano then readied his team for their match against Sachem East which Brentwood won 42-16.*

