

## **RYAN FOLEY (PHS 1977)**

Ryan Foley was a tenacious wrestler who worked tirelessly to prepare for his one and only opportunity to be Portage High School's 98-pound lead wrestler. His work paid off with a magical season that saw him take a 32-0 record into the Wisconsin state championship match in Madison. Ryan lost that fiercely contested match, 2-1, earning a silver medal in the 98-pound weight class. This was especially impressive considering that in 1977 there was only one division for all Wisconsin wrestlers in each weight class. Mr. Foley would go on to have a very successful collegiate career at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, becoming a USA Division III All-American. He also had the wrestling team's highest grade point average in two of his four years wrestling at UW-LaCrosse. Mr. Foley completed in senior year in college as a second place national silver medalist in the NAIA 118-pound division. In 1982, Mr. Foley was selected to represent the United States as a member of the NAIA-Amateur Athletic Union Cultural Exchange Wrestling Team competing in Japan and Korea. Mr. Foley is currently a school counselor in the Oregon, WI school district.