



## Joshua Glenn

Year of Induction: **2011**

Year of Graduation: **2003**

Anyone familiar with New York State scholastic wrestling knows of the historical strength of Johnson City's program, but one wrestler stands out as having brought national recognition to the Wildcats: Josh Glenn, JCHS Class of 2003.

Mr. Glenn's wrestling career at Johnson City started as an eighth grader in 1999. As a competitor in the 96 pound weight class that year, Josh was a STAC and Section IV place winner and the Class A champion. He was a key contributor on the 1999 Wildcat team that went on to win the New York State Large School Championship. His high school achievements became more and more impressive as he continued through his freshman, sophomore, and junior years (2000 – 2002). During that time, Josh was a 2-time STAC place winner, a 2-time Section IV champion, and a 2-time Class A champion. He finished his junior season in 2002 by finishing in 5th place in the New York State Championships in the 140 pound weight class. He was also a member of the NHSCA Scholastic Dual Team at that same weight class. All of the experience and hard work from his first four years of varsity wrestling competition paid off for Josh in his senior season. As a 152 pounder, Josh put together one of the most successful seasons in Johnson City wrestling history. By the end of the 2003 season, he had won 46 matches, and he was crowned the 152 pound champion in STAC, Class A, Section IV, and New York State. Josh's leadership was instrumental in leading the 2003 Wildcats team to another New York State Large School Championship. He was also a NHSCA All-American and a USA Wrestling Freestyle All-American in 2003. As hard as it is to imagine, Josh would reach even greater heights as a college wrestler.

American University was Josh's choice for the continuation of his wrestling career. He started his career with the following accomplishments:

- EIWA Freshman of the Year in 2005
- EIWA Conference Champion in 2006
- NCAA Division I All-American in 2006

Josh's junior year in 2007 proved to be unforgettable. After being crowned the EIWA conference champion at 197 pounds, he went on to win the NCAA Division I championship. Josh became only the second wrestler from Section IV to be crowned a Division I national champion. He was also named the EIWA Wrestler of the Year, and his achievements brought more local recognition as he was named the Press & Sun Bulletin Athlete of the Year in 2007. Josh would finish his collegiate career by winning

another EIWA conference championship and being named a NCAA Division I All-American and Academic All-American. Josh won recognition by American University as well by being named its Student Athlete of the Year in 2007 and 2008 and by receiving the Multicultural Student Athlete Award in 2008.

Josh Glenn has set the bar at the highest possible level for all future Wildcat wrestlers. He is a true student-athlete in every sense of the word, and he is a tremendous role model for all young Wildcats hoping to achieve success in athletics and academics. The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome its first New York State and NCAA Division I National Wrestling Champion, Josh Glenn, JCHS Class of 2003.