



**Doug Klenovich** is a former Greenville High athletic great who became nationally and internationally renowned in the sport of wrestling. A 1968 graduate of Greenville, he played end on the Trojans football team and helped the 1967 squad to an undefeated season. He wrestled four years for Greenville, winning a section title in 1968 and the Ambassador Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship from the school. He went on to Clarion University and was a runner-up as a freshman in the Plebe Tournament at the United States Naval Academy.

He joined and competed with the Athletes in Action (Campus Crusade for Christ) wrestling program from 1975-1991. He competed and had sports ministries in Eastern Bloc countries of Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, **the former** Soviet Union. He lived in Vienna, Austria, for three years. He once brought his AIA team for an exhibition match to Greenville to go against a team coached by Mercer County Hall of Famer Bob Robbins. The local squad won that match, one of the few losses AIA suffered that year.

Doug won the 1977 Southern Open Championship at 220 pounds and won a silver medal at that weight in the Moscow pre-Olympic Tournament in Italy in 1979. He finished sixth place in the 1979 World Sambo Championships and received the Athletes in Action Iron Man Award in 1984. Doug served as National Team director and International Exchange coordinator with USA Wrestling from 1992-94.

Doug retired from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office in Colorado where he was Patrol Chaplain. He was inducted into the Mercer County Hall of Fame in 2015.