



# Rhode Island College

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### 2011-12 Rhode Island College Wrestling Season Summary

*(15-13 Overall; 10-5 in the NEWA; 3-2 in the Pilgrim League)*

Providence, RI—Head Coach Jay Jones' (Career record: 172-119-1, .593) Anchormen finished the 2011-12 season with a 15-13 overall record, a 10-5 mark against New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) opposition and a 3-2 (third place) mark in the Pilgrim Wrestling League.

Rhode Island College placed fifth (14 teams) with a team point total of 71.0 at the 2012 New England Wrestling Association Championships, hosted by Wesleyan on Feb. 25-26. RIC had four wrestlers attain All-N.E. status. Two Anchormen advanced to compete at the 2012 NCAA Div. III Wrestling Championships in La Crosse, Wisconsin on March 9-10.

During the season, Rhode Island College earned a pair of fourth place finishes at the Roger Williams Invitational (Nov. 12) and at the Doug Parker Invitational (Nov. 19).

Senior **Brandon Gauthier (Lowell, MA)** closed out his career with a 112-47 record (.704) to go along with 192 takedowns, 37 reversals, 129 escapes, 62 near-falls and 44 pins.

As a senior in 2011-2012, Gauthier competed at the 2012 NCAA Div. III Wrestling Championships and finished 3-2 overall, falling just short of All-American honors. He earned All-New England honors with a second place finish at the 2012 NEWA Championships, hosted by Wesleyan on Feb. 25-26, and was also named a First Team Pilgrim League All-Star.

Gauthier finished the season with a 35-12 record to go along with 64 takedowns, 10 reversals, 32 escapes, 21 near-falls and 11 pins. During the season, he placed third at both the Roger Williams (Nov. 12) and Doug Parker (Nov. 19) Invitationals. He notched his 100<sup>th</sup> career victory on January 22 at the New England Dual Championships. Gauthier was named the Pilgrim League Wrestler of the Week once on the year.

As a junior in 2010-2011, Gauthier earned All-American honors with a seventh place finish and a 3-2 record at the 2011 NCAA Div. III Wrestling Championships. He was the New England Champion at 125 lbs. at the NEWA Championships on Feb. 27, entering the competition as the top seed and going 5-1 en route to the individual title. Gauthier also posted a pair of third place finishes during the season at the Roger Williams Invitational (Nov. 13) and the Citrus Invitational (Dec. 29-30).

He posted a 40-8 record at 125 lbs. to go along with 59 takedowns, 10 reversals, 40 escapes, 17 near-falls and 18 pins. Gauthier was named a First Team Pilgrim League All-Star and to the league's Scholar-Athlete team. He earned Pilgrim League Wrestler of the Week honors twice on the season. He capped the season by being named a Scholar All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) and was tabbed the team's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

As a sophomore in 2009-2010, Gauthier earned All-New England Honors by placing fourth at the NEWA Championships on Feb. 21. He was 23-13 at 125 lbs. with 40 takedowns, 13 reversals, 32 escapes, 14 near-falls and 10 pins on the season. Gauthier placed second at 125 lbs. at the Doug Parker Invitational (Nov. 21), third at the Citrus Invitational (Dec. 30) and fifth at the Roger Williams Invitational (Nov. 14). He was also named a First Team Pilgrim League All-Star.

As a freshman in 2008-2009, Gauthier was 14-14 at 125 lbs. with 29 takedowns, four reversals, 25 escapes, 10 near-falls and five pins on the season. He placed sixth at the Doug Parker Invitational (Nov. 22). He was named the NEWA Rookie of the Week once.

He is a physical education and health major and a 2008 graduate of Lowell High School.

Senior **Mike Trasso (Lyndhurst, NJ)** closed out his career with a 106-30 (.779) record to go along with 229 takedowns, 24 reversals, 116 escapes, 59 near-falls and 17 pins.

As a senior in 2011-2012, Trasso earned All-New England honors with a third place finish at the 2012 NEWA Championships, hosted by Wesleyan on Feb. 25-26. Trasso was also an Honorable Mention Pilgrim League All-Star. For the season, he was 23-7 with 56 takedowns, four reversals, 14 escapes, seven near-falls and three pins. Trasso placed fourth at the Doug Parker Invitational (Nov. 19). He was named Pilgrim League Wrestler of the Week and NEWA Wrestler of the Week twice on the season.

As a junior in 2010-2011, Trasso earned All-New England honors with a fifth place finish at the NEWA Championships (Feb. 26-27). He was 33-5 at 141 lbs. to go along with 67 takedowns, six reversals, 25 escapes, 12 near-falls and three pins. Trasso finished first at the Roger Williams Invitational (Nov. 13). He also placed second at the Citrus Invitational (Dec. 29-30) and third at the Doug Parker Invitational (Nov. 20). Trasso was named a Second Team Pilgrim League All-Star. He earned Pilgrim League Wrestler of the Week honors twice on the season.

As a sophomore in 2009-2010, Trasso earned All-New England Honors by placing sixth at the NEWA Championships on Feb. 21. He was 27-9 at 141 lbs. with 57 takedowns, five reversals, 43 escapes, 26 near-falls and six pins on the season. Trasso placed second at 141 lbs. at the Citrus (Dec. 30) and Ursinus (Jan. 16) Invitationals and fourth at the Doug Parker Invitational (Nov. 21). He was also named a Second Team Pilgrim League All-Star.

As a freshman in 2008-2009, Trasso was named a First Team Pilgrim League All-Star at 141 lbs. He was 23-9 with 49 takedowns, nine reversals, 34 escapes, 14 near-falls and five pins on the season. Trasso placed second at the Roger Williams Invitational (Nov. 15), and fourth at both the Doug Parker (Nov. 22) and RIT Invitationals (Dec. 6). He was named the NEWA Rookie of the Week once.

He is a general management major and a 2008 graduate of Queen of Peace High School.

Senior **Geoff Riccio (Lancaster, MA)** closed out his career with a 38-47 (.447) record to go along with 104 takedowns, eight reversals, 52 escapes, 17 near-falls and four pins.

As a senior in 2011-2012, Riccio went 13-17 at 149-157 lbs. with 40 takedowns, 14 escapes, five near-falls and two pins.

As a junior in 2010-2011, he was 10-8 at 157 lbs. to go along with 27 takedowns, two reversals, 19 escapes, four near-falls and one pin. He placed second at the NEWA Futures Tournament (Feb. 20). Riccio was named to the Pilgrim League's Scholar-Athlete All-Star Team.

As a sophomore in 2009-2010, Riccio was 10-14 at 149-174 lbs. with 20 takedowns, two reversals, 13 escapes and two near-falls on the season. Riccio placed fourth at 149 lbs. at the NEWA Futures Tournament (Feb. 14).

As a freshman in 2008-2009, he went 5-8 at 141 lbs. with 17 takedowns, four reversals, six escapes, six near-falls and one pin.

Riccio is a mass media communications/film studies major and a 2007 graduate of Nashoba Regional High School.

Junior **Alex LaBeef (Pomfret, CT)** went 10-7 at 141-149 lbs. to go along with 20 takedowns, eight reversals, 11 escapes and seven near-falls.

Junior **Jesse Posl-Rhinehart (Conway, MA)** finished the season with a 5-3 record at 184-197 lbs. to go along with nine takedowns, four reversals, three escapes, 12 near-falls and three pins.

Junior **Mike Sugermeyer (Hampden, MA)** went 9-21 at 133 lbs. to go along with 19 takedowns, six reversals, 36 escapes, seven near-falls and two pins.

Sophomore **Kevin Barrucci (Burlington, MA)** earned All-New England honors with a sixth place finish at the 2012 NEWA Championships on Feb. 25-26. He ended the season with a 25-12 record at 157 lbs. to go along with 38 takedowns, six reversals, 31 escapes, 41 near-falls and three pins. Barrucci placed second at the Roger Williams Invitational on Nov. 12 and then placed third just a week later at the Doug Parker Invitational on Nov. 19.

Sophomore **Caleb Crump (Tucson, AZ)** ended the season with a 20-12 record at 165-174 lbs. to go along with 47 takedowns, four reversals, 16 escapes, 11 near-falls and eight pins. He was named Second Team Pilgrim League All-Star and earned New England Wrestling Association (NEWA) Rookie of the Week honors three times this season.

Sophomore **Shawn Giblin (Cranston, RI)** was one of two Anchormen to compete in the 2012 NCAA Div. III Championships held in La Crosse, WI on March 9-10. Giblin earned All-New England honors with a second place finish at the 2012 NEWA Championships on Feb. 25-26. He closed out the season with a 23-6 record at 141 lbs. to go along with 55 takedowns, 10 reversals, 19 escapes, 14 near-falls and eight pins. Giblin took first place at the Roger Williams Invitational on Nov. 12 and then placed third just a week later at the Doug Parker Invitational on Nov. 19. He was named a Second Team Pilgrim League All-Star.

Sophomore **Jon Goulding (Shirley, NY)** finished 0-8 at 165-174 lbs. with one takedown, one reversal, 10 escapes and one near-fall.

Sophomore **Adam Lynch (New Milford, CT)** went 11-12 at 184-197 lbs. with 21 takedowns, 11 reversals, 14 escapes, two near-falls and three pins.

Sophomore **Brian Nicoll (Plaistow, NH)** finished the season with a 10-5 record at 285 lbs. to go along with 11 takedowns, one reversal, 14 escapes, six near-falls and two pins.

Sophomore **Brandon Regnault (Johnston, RI)** went 12-6 at 285 lbs. with 11 takedowns, one reversal, 14 escapes, two near-falls and six pins.

Freshman **Paul Cafone (Fairfield, NJ)** finished the year with an 8-13 record from 174-197 lbs. to go along with 14 takedowns, five reversals, 17 escapes, 11 near-falls and six pins. He was named the Pilgrim Wrestling League's Rookie of the Week once on the season.

Freshman **Patrick Healy (Oak Ridge, NJ)** went 5-7 at 125-133 lbs. with 10 takedowns, four reversals, six escapes, three near-falls and two pins.

Freshman **Kyle Humphries (East Longmeadow, MA)** ended the season with a 13-12 record at 197 lbs. to go along with 21 takedowns, six reversals, 14 escapes, seven near-falls and five pins.

Freshman **John Short (Cliffwood Beach, NJ)** finished the season 2-1 at 133-141

lbs. with one takedown, two reversals, two escapes and three near-falls.

Freshman **Robert Sotelo (Little Falls, NJ)** went 17-16 at 165-174 lbs. to go along with 61 takedowns, four reversals, 39 escapes, eight near-falls and one pin.

Freshman **Jason Zeramby (East Greenwich, RI)** went 7-10 from 184-285 lbs. to go along with 13 takedowns, four reversals, 28 escapes and four near-falls.

## 2011-12 Rhode Island College Wrestling Roster

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Wgt. Class</u>	<u>Hgt.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
Kevin Barrucci	Sophomore	157	6-1	Burlington, MA/Burlington
Paul Cafone	Freshman	174	6-0	Fairfield, NJ/West Essex Regional
Caleb Crump	Sophomore	165	6-0	Tucson, AZ/Mountain View
Brandon Gauthier	Senior	125	5-4	Lowell, MA/Lowell
Shawn Giblin	Sophomore	141	5-5	Cranston, RI/Cranston West
Jon Goulding	Sophomore	165	5-9	Shirley, NY/William Floyd
Patrick Healy	Freshman	125	5-4	Oak Ridge, NJ/Jefferson Township
Kyle Humphries	Freshman	184	6-2	East Longmeadow, MA/East Longmeadow
Alex LaBeef	Junior	141	5-9	Pomfret, CT/Pomfret
Adam Lynch	Sophomore	184	6-0	New Milford, CT/New Milford
Brian Nicoll	Sophomore	285	6-3	Plaistow, NH/Timberlane
Jesse Posl-Rhinehart	Junior	184	5-11	Conway, MA/Northfield Mt. Hermon
Brandon Regnault	Sophomore	285	6-3	Johnston, RI/La Salle Academy
Geoff Riccio	Senior	157	6-0	Lancaster, MA/Nashoba Regional
John Short	Freshman	141	5-7	Cliffwood Beach, NJ/Matawan
Rob Sotelo	Freshman	165	6-0	Little Falls, NJ/Passaic Valley
Mike Sugermeyer	Junior	133	5-4	Hampden, MA/Minnechaug Regional
Mike Trasso	Senior	149	5-8	Lyndhurst, NJ/Queen of Peace
Jason Zeramby	Freshman	184	6-0	East Greenwich, RI/North Kingstown

Head Coach: Jay Jones

Assistant Coaches: Chris Tribelli, Bob Smith

Captains: Brandon Gauthier, Geoff Riccio, Mike Trasso

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