

John and Gordy Morgan—Olympic athletes

Kennedy High School class of 1981 and 1985

Wrestling was a family tradition

The Morgan brothers grew up on Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington. Their father Jim Morgan and uncle Red Bastien were professional wrestler in the 1950s, and his two sons followed in his footsteps. Both boys were on the wrestling team at Kennedy High School.

John was a 1981 State Champion at Kennedy, and went on to North Dakota State University where he was a four-time All American wrestler. He competed in Greco-Roman Wrestling at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, finishing seventh, and was the alternate for the 1992 Olympics. John was inducted into the Bison Hall of Fame at NDSU in 2003.

Gordy was a 1985 State Champion at Kennedy. He attended the University of Minnesota and graduated with a degree in business. He took eighth in the 1989 NCAA Championships as a senior. Gordy competed nationally and internationally in Greco-Roman wrestling. He competed in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, finishing ninth. Gordy was inducted into the Dave Bartelma Hall of Fame by the Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association in 2004. In 2006 he was named USA Wrestling FILA Junior/University Person of the Year for his commitment to the sport and development of wrestlers.

Younger brother Marty was also a two-time national champion in Greco-Roman wrestling. He was an Olympic alternate in 1996. He is a member of the Hall of Fame at the University of Minnesota and was an assistant head coach for the Gophers wrestling team.