

Bishop Amat Wrestling Coaches Bios

Javier Maldonado

Coach Javi Maldonado's wrestling journey began at Sierra Vista in Baldwin Park where he was a CIF champion in 2010. In college, coach Javi wrestled at Rio Hondo College for 2 years where he was first team All-Conference and a Regional finalist. After Rio, coach Javi went on to wrestle at Menlo College in Atherton for another two seasons. While at Menlo College, he received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2015.

Soon after graduating from Menlo College, coach Javi went back to Rio Hondo College where he has been an assistant coach for the past 9 years. At the high school level, he has been a part of multiple CIF championship programs, including the Amat 2019 back-to-back CIF championship team. Coach Javi is currently a faculty member at Amat, teaching in the Social Studies department.

Antonio Gonzales

Coach Tony Gonzales has a lifetime of service to the sport of wrestling. With over 40 years of coaching experience, coach Tony has impacted the lives of many wrestlers in the San Gabriel Valley. With many accomplishments including San Gabriel Valley coach of the year, coach Tony was part of the 2024 girls wrestling state championship program before joining the staff at Bishop Amat. He currently serves as the Head girls wrestling coach at Amat.

Adrian Rios

A Bishop Amat alum, coach Adrian was a starter on the 2018 and 2019 back-to-back CIF championship teams at Amat. A two time CIF place winner and a two time masters qualifier, coach Adrian capped off his senior campaign at Amat as a state qualifier.

After wrestling at Amat, coach Adrian attended Rio Hondo College where he placed 6th at the State Championships as a freshman. After Rio, coach Adrian attended Cal Poly Pomona where he received his Bachelors in Business Finance.

Julian Mares

Coming from a deep Amat family, coach Julian was a starter on the 2018 and 2019 back-to-back CIF championship teams at Bishop Amat. A CIF placer in wrestling, coach Julian was also on the football team all 4 years during his time at Amat.

Coach Julian wrestled 4 years at St. John's University in Minnesota, where he earned his Bachelors in Political Science with a minor in Sociology.

Anthony Valencia

Coach Anthony was a standout wrestler in the San Gabriel Valley. He was State Champion in 1993 for Mark Keppel High School, and he went on to win the National Championship that same year. Coach Anthony brings a wealth of knowledge to the sport of wrestling and is an integral part of the Amat wrestling coaching staff.