

HOPE INTERNATIONAL

MEN'S WRESTLING QUICK FACTS

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name..... Hope International
 Location..... Fullerton, CA 92831
 Founded..... 1928
 Enrollment..... 1,009
 Nickname..... Royals
 Colors..... Blue, Gray and White
 Venue..... Darling Pavilion
 Affiliation..... NAIA
 Conference..... Cascade Collegiate
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HIU MEN'S WRESTLING

Head Coach..... Alex Driggers
 Year at HIU..... 3rd
 2025-26 Record..... 1-8
 CCC Record..... 0-2
 Letterwinners Returning..... 3
 Seniors..... 2
 Juniors..... 2
 Sophomores..... 2
 Freshmen..... 11
 Transfers..... 3

KEY NEWCOMERS

Malikhi Espiritu

141 LBS | Junior

Ranked as high as 14th nationally as a freshman at Vanguard

Jencarlos Martinez

174 LBS | Sophomore

National qualifier at Andrew College, multiple time state placer at Lawrence HS

Jaxon Smith

197 LBS | Freshman

Placed eighth at California state meet



2026-27 SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
10/31	Sat.	at Simpson Duals	Redding, CA	All Day
11/6	Fri.	at Menlo	Atherton, CA	7:00 PM
11/7	Sat.	at Menlo Open	Atherton, CA	9:00 AM
11/14	Sat.	at Arizona State	Tempe, AZ	TBD
11/14	Sat.	vs. Arizona Christian*	Tempe, AZ	1:00 PM
11/20	Sat.	vs. Corban*	Prescott, AZ	TBA
11/20	Fri.	at Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)*	Prescott, AZ	12:00 PM
11/22	Sun.	at Roadrunner Open	Bakersfield, CA	All Day
12/5	Sat.	at Conner/Oppenheim Doane Open	Crete, NE	7:00 AM
12/11	Fri.	at Montana State-Northern*	Havre, MT	4:00 PM
12/12	Sat.	at Providence (Mont.)*	Great Falls, MT	12:30 PM
12/21	Mon.	at Desert Duals	Las Vegas, NV	All Day
1/9	Sat.	Eastern Oregon*	Fullerton, CA	6:00 PM
1/9	Sat.	Westcliff	Fullerton, CA	7:30 PM
1/15	Fri.	Southern Oregon*	Fullerton, CA	6:00 PM
1/16	Sat.	at Vanguard Open	Costa Mesa, CA	All Day
1/22	Fri.	at Missouri Valley Invite	Marshall, MO	All Day
1/29	Fri.	Arizona Christian*	Fullerton, CA	6:00 PM
1/29	Fri.	Westcliff	Fullerton, CA	7:30 PM
2/5	Fri.	vs. Cal Poly Humboldt	Costa Mesa, CA	4:00 PM
2/10	Wed.	Vanguard	Fullerton, CA	7:00 PM
2/19	Fri.	CCC Championships	Ashland, OR	All Day
2/20	Sat.	CCC Championships	Ashland, OR	All Day
3/4	Thur.	NAIA National Championships	Wichita, KS	All Day
3/5	Fri.	NAIA National Championships	Wichita, KS	All Day
3/6	Sat.	NAIA National Championships	Wichita, KS	All Day

*Cascade Collegiate Conference Dual

Home matches in **bold**

2026-27 ROSTER

Name	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
Aiden Anselmo	125	Fr.	San Diego, CA/Helix Charter HS
Leonardo Cabrera-Nava	125	Fr.	Murrieta, CA/Murrieta Mesa HS
Malikhi Espiritu	141	Jr.	Temecula, CA/Vanguard
Tomas Fulgentes	165	Fr.	Simi Valley, CA/Royal HS
Joshua Grajeda	133	Fr.	Bell Gardens, CA/Bell Gardens HS
Ezekiel Hueter	174	Sr.	Murrieta, CA/Santa Ana College
Griff Lawson	285	Fr.	Placentia, CA/EI Dorado HS
Aaron Lopez	149	Jr.	Anaheim, CA/Santa Ana College
Jencarlos Martinez	174	So.	Lawrence, MA/Andrew College
Diego McDonald	157	Fr.	Pasadena, CA/Marshall Fundamental HS
Levi Means	197	Fr.	Yucaipa, CA/Yucaipa HS
Nicolas Naranjo	157	Sr.	Huntington Beach, CA/Mt. San Antonio College
Matthew Olivarez	285	Fr.	Whittier, CA/La Mirada HS
Cohen Payne	185	Fr.	Whittier, CA/La Habra HS
Jacob Ramirez	157	So.	Orange, CA/EI Modena HS
Jaxon Smith	197	Fr.	Temecula, CA/Chaparral HS
Elias Velasquez	125	Fr.	Colton, CA/Colton HS