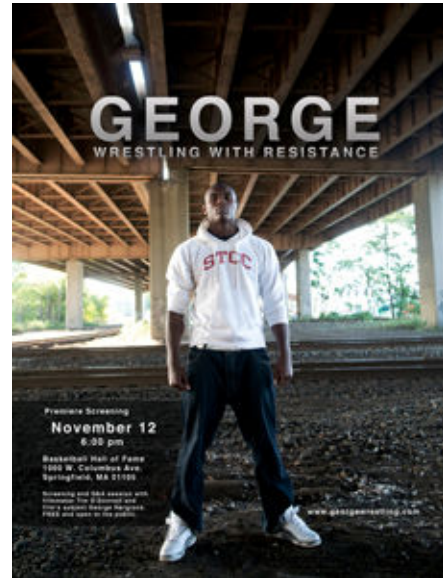


SPRINGFIELD WRESTLER STARS IN LOCAL FILM: PREMIERE NOVEMBER 12 AT  
BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

George Hargrove, wrestling standout at Springfield Technical Community College, intends to better his score this year at the wrestling championships. Last year he came in second in the nation.

The 20-year-old Springfield resident is the subject of a documentary titled *George: Wrestling with Resistance* which will have its free, premiere screening at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, at the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

The documentary was filmed, edited, and produced by Tim O'Donnell, Hargrove's wrestling coach at Springfield Central High School, who is also chair of the art department at Central.



Hargrove grew up in Springfield and endured challenges of inner-city life, with the help of caring teachers, coaches, and fellow students. O'Donnell says, "This film also focuses on the people of Springfield. The most important aspect of a community is its citizens, and the Springfield people shown throughout this film are a very positive strength of our city."

O'Donnell says the film shows not only Hargrove's development as a wrestler and an individual, but also how he applies the acquired mental discipline to academic studies as well as his sport. The 32-minute documentary follows Hargrove through his training, to the northeast district championships in Niagara, New York and the nationals in Rochester, Minnesota.

O'Donnell, who is pursuing his master of fine arts degree at Mass. College of Art, created the film as part of his studies, and plans to continue with videography. He plans to submit the film in regional and national film festivals.

The public is invited to attend the screening on November 12, and to meet George Hargrove and Tim O'Donnell.