

# 2026 State Tournament



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## "Little Giants They're Tough, They Don't Give Up," Fremont Ross Wrestling Shines at OHSAA State Tournament

This past weekend, the Fremont Ross boys and girls wrestling programs were proudly represented at the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus, as four dedicated student-athletes competed on the sport's biggest stage. Malaya Hughes, Kailani Long, Keyonna Vann, and Aidan Autullo each earned their place among the state's best, showcasing grit, determination, and the relentless spirit of a Little Giant.

All four wrestlers opened competition on Friday, battling tough opponents and leaving everything on the mat. Their hard work and perseverance paid off, as Kailani Long, Keyonna Vann, and Aidan Autullo advanced to Saturday's competition, continuing their pursuit of excellence.

One of the most memorable moments of the weekend came after a victory by Kailani Long. When asked by a wrestling journalist, "What is a Little Giant?" Kailani paused for a moment before delivering a response that will live on in Fremont Ross lore: "A Little Giant—they are tough, they don't give up." Her words perfectly captured not only the mindset of the four state qualifiers competing side by side at the Schottenstein Center, but also the identity being built across Fremont Ross athletics.

That toughness was on full display Sunday, as Keyonna Vann stood alone as the final Little Giant still competing on championship day. Wrestling in the girls heavyweight division, Vann demonstrated unmatched focus and determination in her final match. She dominated from start to finish, securing a decisive 16-0 victory to earn a 3rd place finish in the state and cap off her remarkable high school career.

Coach Jen Long could not have been more proud of Vann's performance, which embodied everything the program stands for—grit, determination, and mental toughness. "That's the Key we know and love," she shared, reflecting on Vann's outstanding effort.

There was also a strong sense of pride surrounding Aidan Autullo's performance. Coach Chad Hetrick, who has coached Aidan for years, reflected on both his journey and his effort at the state tournament. He shared how proud he is of the young man Aidan has become, emphasizing that he truly left everything out on the mat. Coach Hetrick described it as an honor to have coached him, a testament to Aidan's character, growth, and commitment to the sport.

Fremont Ross Athletics celebrates not only Keyonna Vann's podium finish, but also the incredible accomplishments of Malaya Hughes, Kailani Long, and Aidan Autullo. Competing at the state tournament is a testament to their dedication, resilience, and commitment to the sport.

Together, these four wrestlers represented their school with pride and helped continue to build a culture rooted in toughness and perseverance. Their efforts this season—and especially on the state stage—have set the standard for what it means to be a Little Giant.

