

Three Generations of Lawrence YMCA Members Embody the Y's Core Values



Picture by Angela Rawlings

The Lawrence YMCA challenges participants to demonstrate the four core values fundamental to character development: Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. The Fitzgerald Family of Lawrence and Methuen know much about our core values that started with the great Bob Fitzgerald, who passed away in 1998. A Lawrence YMCA member, he was a long-time educator/coach who ultimately earned induction into the Lawrence High School Hall of Fame, the Greater Lawrence Tech Hall of Fame, the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame and the Massachusetts Football Coaches Hall of Fame. His legacy lives on in his son and grandson. Bobby Fitzgerald, a 1981 Central Catholic grad who played football for the Raiders is currently a principal in the Marlboro School System. He's a member of the Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame and the New England Wrestling Hall of Fame. His son, Robert Fitzgerald, is a senior at Central Catholic. He is a two-way football starter with a 3.9 GPA, and also a standout in lacrosse and indoor track. Bobby introduced Robert early on to the Lawrence YMCA and he often works out with many of the Lancers. "I'm really friendly with most of the Lawrence kids and work out with a lot of them," said Robert. Through their strength, caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, the Fitzgerald family has served as role models in our Y community for generations and from our family to theirs, we appreciate their support through the years.