



National Collegiate Wrestling Association

A message from Jim Giunta - NCWA Executive Director

VISION, VALUES & PURPOSE

The NCWA is committed to a vision that has at its core increased leadership opportunities, wrestling competition, community involvement and academic excellence for all students.

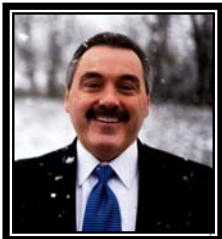
Founded in 1997, the NCWA was designed to fill a gap in the wrestling community created by outside influences such as budgetary cutbacks and governmental legislation that forced institutions to drop their NCAA wrestling programs. Although participation interest among students remained high, many schools were forced to offer fewer athletic opportunities. The NCWA stepped in to help provide additional opportunity to the increasing number of high school seniors searching for both academic excellence and wrestling competition at the college level.

The NCWA is the youngest of the four collegiate wrestling governing bodies, which include the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA. The NCWA stands uniquely as the only collegiate governing body devoted exclusively to the success of wrestling. We serve as a spawning ground for new wrestling programs and an organizer of collegiate style wrestling for our member institutions. We focus on offering expanded opportunities for athletes at member institutions to experience varied styles of wrestling at all levels.

In addition to athletic departments, the NCWA helps build programs under alternative administrative bodies, including student services and sports club departments. Our duplicable model uses wrestling as a platform to teach students leadership skills including: budgeting, conflict resolution, time management, bargaining and negotiation, motivation, discipline and work ethic. Coaches and mentors guide athletes in the development and oversight of a successful non-profit wrestling organization.

Because NCWA teams may be funded by students themselves and outside community resources, there are few and limited budgetary concerns for the institution. If, and when, a school does have room for athletic expansion, it is our hope that since the wrestling program will already be in existence, and compliant with NCAA rules, that it will be a first choice for inclusion into the school's athletic offerings.

The NCWA was founded as a 501(c) 3 non-profit association. We are composed of volunteers committed to helping our young people accomplish their goals and dreams, and to reach for excellence in everything they do. Through athletic endeavor, academic excellence, team leadership responsibilities and community involvement, NCWA student-athletes graduate college ready to meet the demands of a competitive world. They emerge from college equipped through their academic achievements and athletic success to take the competition to the mat, score and emerge as a champion.



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We encourage you to take the next step in expanding the way your school sees student involvement in athletics. Join us in changing lives.

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