

## **National Collegiate Wrestling Association**

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## **NCWA Mission Statement**

## "Expanding Athletic Opportunity to Tomorrow's Leaders"

## 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 functions to provide both a spawning ground for new wrestling programs and a governing body for competition, communication and promotion of collegiate style wrestling for our member institutions. We focus on offering expanded opportunities for collegiate style wrestling at all levels.

Our duplicatable model uses wrestling as a platform to teach students hands on leadership skills including: budgeting, conflict resolution, time management, fundraising, scheduling, bargaining & negotiation, motivation, discipline and work ethic. Mentors guide athletes in the development and oversight of a successful non-profit organization using a wrestling program business model.

Despite the fact that wrestling continues to be among the fastest growing interscholastic sports, many Institutions have been unable to offer wrestling opportunities for their incoming students under their current administrative structure. In addition to athletic departments, the NCWA helps build programs under alternative administrative departments including student services and sport club departments.

Because NCWA teams may be funded by students themselves and outside community resources, there are 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 in compliance with NCAA rules, that it will be a first choice for ultimate inclusion in the schools overall athletic curriculum.

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 leave college ready to meet the demands of a competitive world. They leave college equipped through their academic achievements and athletic success to take the competition to the mat, score and emerge a champion.

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