

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY INTRODUCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WRESTLING TO THE INTERCOLLEGIATE CLUB SPORTS LINEUP

High Point University is always looking to enhance the mission of providing an extraordinary education in an inspiring environment with caring people. With over seven-hundred fifty athletes and approximately thirty teams in Intercollegiate Club Sports, the commitment continues with the addition of Men's and Women's Wrestling to the Intercollegiate Club Sports (ICS) lineup.

As the popularity of wrestling grows nationwide at both the collegiate and high school levels, HPU recognizes the opportunity to provide student-athletes with a competitive and developmental platform. Joining the National Collegiate Wrestling Association, HPU joins schools from around the country and will compete regionally and nationally. The new wrestling programs will offer students the chance to engage in high-level competition while embracing the university's values.

"We are thrilled to expand our Intercollegiate Club Sports offerings with the introduction of men's and women's wrestling," said Dr. Stephen Denny, Intercollegiate Club Sports (ICS) Athletic Director at High Point University. "Wrestling is a riveting sport that will mirror competitive NCAA programs. I am excited for our coach and new athletes to be the inaugural team for this program."

Leading the new wrestling program is Head Coach, Kelly Anundson. Anundson is a Nevada state champion, two-time collegiate All-American wrestler, NJCAA 4th place national finisher, and NCAA 7th place finisher. Anundson also finished 4th in the University Nationals (across all collegiate divisions) tournament which qualified him for the US National Team Olympic training. Beyond his collegiate career, he is an accomplished coach and former professional mixed martial artist. With years of experience coaching at the collegiate and elite levels, including at American Top Team and Newberry College, Anundson has a proven track record of developing athletes and building programs. As a Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu World Champion and Bellator MMA finalist, he brings a wealth of competitive experience and leadership. His passion for Wrestling and dedication to athlete development will be instrumental in building a strong wrestling culture at High Point University.



Head Coach Kelly Anundson

