



Certificate of Special Recognition

Presented to

Grand View University Wrestling Team

The City of Des Moines issues this Certificate of Special Recognition to Grand View University's Vikings wrestling team and Head Coach Nick Mitchell.

Grand View wrestling continued to rewrite the wrestling record book as the program won an unprecedented eighth-straight team title at the 2019 NAIA Wrestling National Championships.

Grand View, fueled by 12 All-Americans and two individual national champions, scored 219 team points. The margin of victory between the Vikings and the runner up was 134 points. The victory makes the Vikings the second program in collegiate wrestling history to win eight straight team titles, joining NCAA Division I University of Iowa (nine-straight 1978-86).

In 2018-19, the Vikings experienced another extraordinary season both on and off the mat. Grand View led the nation in Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes with five individuals. They went 14-0 in dual action, claimed their eighth straight NWCA multi divisional-national duals title, and took home its fourth straight Heart of America Athletic Conference Wrestling Championship. Head Coach Nick Mitchell earned the Heart of America Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

Grand View is a strong educational institution that has been a part of the east side of Des Moines for many years. Grand View holds the No. 1 ranking for the 50th consecutive poll. This is the most for any institution since the start of the 2000-01 season.

The last time Grand View was not ranked No. 1 was on October 17, 2012.

***PRESENTED THIS
EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN***

*T. M. Franklin Cownie, Mayor
City of Des Moines, Iowa*