

# **Adams State Wrestling Program Evaluation**

## **Academic Excellence Student Success- 7**

- Team GPA 2.94 (2017), and 2.36 (2016)
- Single year retention rate 62.5

The team GPA is generally around a 2.75. When we fall below, it is due to 1 or 2 individual freshman that do terrible. Often, these are walk on recruited student athletes to make sure we meet roster requirements. This is not all the time, but it the case more often than not. Similarly, this carries over to our retention rate.

## **Access and S-A Affordability- 6**

- Roster Size 25 (Started the year with 29); NCAA Average Roster 32
- S-A receiving athletic aid 16
- Equivalency 5

The team roster typically starts the year with 29-30 student-athletes. It will then decrease to around 24, which is a safe number for the size of the wrestling room. Our wrestling facility is significantly smaller than other schools. The NCAA average roster is 32, but there is not stat for the average square footage of wrestling rooms. Carrying more than 24 is challenging. There is a risk of injury due to live wrestling in such close quarters.

## **Institutional Affordability 5**

- Scholarship is for the wrestling program would be average for NCAA
- It is also average when compared across the department.

Our scholarship averages out to approximately \$4000 per student athlete. This is enough to make the cost of school affordable for student athletes to attend. Even with scholarship being awarded, there is still enough balance to bring outside money in.

## **Community Relations- 7**

- 4-5 Community service events per year
- 25-30 Student-athletes

The ASU Wrestling team participates in multiple community events each year. Most notably is the Stephanie Miner Walk each fall. For the past 8 years we set up and take down. We also have a have an

Adopt-a-Highway area that we clean multiple times during the year. In addition to these, we also officiate and assist with youth wrestling tournaments.

Wrestling is a big sport in the valley. There are multiple surrounding teams that have won state championships in wrestling. Our attendance is not that of the major sports (basketball, volleyball, football), but it is not bad.

## **Program's Athletic Success- 7**

- Roughly 360 All Americans
- 48 All American
- 7 National Champions
- Numerous RMAC and West Region Champions

We have a strong history of wrestling. Our history dates back to the 1960s and finding exact numbers of national qualifiers and RMAC champions is difficult. I rate our success a little lower because of the current years. We have struggled because of the rise in the cost of higher education. In prior years, we were able to get more quality kids and spread scholarship amongst more student athletes. In recent years, I have had to put more scholarship towards less student-athletes to make it appealing to attend ASU.

## **Impact- 6**

- There are a lot of schools in the RMAC that compete in wrestling. We are the conference for Division II wrestling in the west.
- If Tuition and fees was lower, we could have more student athletes from the west. I am often contacted by student-athletes from Arizona and California looking to attend ASU. Due to the cost, and scholarship only going so far for an out of state student, I lose them.
- Recently, some Division II schools have started sponsoring women's wrestling. Most schools that have started, are in the east, but it is a matter of time before the west begins adding programs. When there are some women's teams in the west, it would be worth considering adding a women's program.