



ALMA COLLEGE

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Alma College and Alma College Athletics would like to lend its support of USA Cheer's efforts to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is imperative as it provides additional opportunities for talented women athletes to participate in intercollegiate athletics as well as gain the vital benefits of sports both on and off the field.

The mission of Alma College Athletic Program is to advance the mission of the college by providing athletic experiences that lead student-athletes to graduate as informed and responsible citizens of the world. We provide an equitable, diverse, competitive intercollegiate athletic program that complements academic achievement by enabling students to understand the principles of fairness, responsibility, and leadership. In our pursuit of competitive excellence, we will demonstrate sportsmanship, integrity, unity, passion, and determination.

Here at Alma College our women's STUNT team has been in existence for 5 years. In those 5 years we have grown from a beginner squad of 18 to an enormously talented squad of 40. Our STUNT team has many opportunities to compete in more localized and area school meets as well as on the national circuit. We are proud to say that in 5 short years we have grown from a small group of "unknowns" to a large and talented group of young women who this year brought home second place finish at the national championship. Our STUNT team is a HUGE crowd favorite and has a large faithful following.

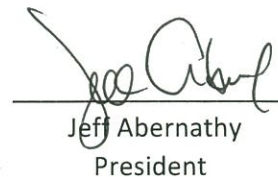
We are very excited about the new sport of STUNT and can say with absolute certainty, that it will help colleges and universities like ours, provide a valuable sport offering that will significantly expand the number of female student-athletes on campus. With its 36 person roster, STUNT provides colleges and universities an effective way to expand female sports participation and improve compliance with Title IX.

Alma College is committed to continuing STUNT as a varsity sport at our institution. We fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT and urge the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

Sincerely,



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