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Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
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Please accept this letter on behalf of Davenport University in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. We were excited to hear that STUNT is applying to be placed on the emerging sport list. What a great opportunity it provides for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports. Davenport University has an amazing group of young ladies that compete in STUNT for our university. They are completely dedicated and work as hard as any student athlete here at Davenport University.


Davenport University's Athletic Program is proud of our successful athletic program. Our student-athletes are not only great competitors in their sport of choice but more importantly awesome students in the classroom with a cumulative GPA of 3.2. Our STUNT student-athletes continue to raise the bar both on the mat and in the classroom. College athletics has the unique ability to promote participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through intercollegiate athletics, which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

We at Davenport University are certain the new sport of STUNT will help colleges and universities like ours provide a valuable sport offering that will significantly expand the number of female students and student-athletes on campus. Adding the sport of STUNT for Davenport University was based on opportunity. These young female student-athletes are as committed to their sport and put in the endless hours of practice similar to all NCAA programs we offer. We will continue to look at offering competitive opportunities for women and are hopeful STUNT receives the recognition it deserves as a championship sport in the NCAA in the near future.

We fully support the efforts of USA Cheer to secure NCAA emerging sport status for STUNT and support the Committee on Women's Athletics to approve their proposal for formal designation.

Signature: 

Paul Lowden - Director of Athletics

Signature: 

Dr. Richard Pappas - President