



July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics  
The National Collegiate Athletic Association  
700 W. Washington St.  
P.O. Box 6222  
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222

Please accept this letter on behalf of Hiram College in support of USA Cheer's effort to add STUNT as an NCAA emerging sport. USA Cheer's initiative to place STUNT on the emerging sport list is important as it provides additional opportunities for women to participate in intercollegiate athletics and derive the important benefits from sports.

*The mission of Hiram College's Athletic Program is 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 believe that 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. With its 36-person roster, STUNT provides universities an effective way to expand female sports participation and improve compliance with Title IX.

Hiram has recently added Cheer & STUNT as a women's varsity sport and are heading into our first year of competition. (2018-19) As a first year program we have 17 new incoming freshman and 6 current students who will be participating on the team. It is our expectation to reach maximum roster size of 36-40 by the 2019-20 academic year.

Hiram is excited about the addition of women's Cheer & STUNT as a varsity sport and are looking forward to our first competitive season. 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.

Hiram College

Hiram, OH



Athletic Director

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President

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