



Southwest Baptist University

Bearcat Athletics

Attn: Committee on Women's Athletics
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
700 W. Washington St.
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Please accept this letter on behalf of **Southwest Baptist University** 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 **Southwest Baptist'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.

As a small division II university, we are always looking to improve our student athlete numbers. We are confident that STUNT will provide great opportunities on our campus. This will be our first year to enter a competitive season and the first year to start our recruiting class for STUNT. This is an exciting opportunity for our University and our collegiate program.

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. **Southwest Baptist University** has added STUNT as a women's sport. We encourage the NCAA committee to push to approve STUNT for emerging sports status.

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