

## Nassau Community College Wins Their Second Consecutive National Championship



This past weekend the Nassau Lions won their second consecutive National Championship in Des Moines, Iowa. Nassau had four Nassau wrestlers reach the finals, which was the most wrestlers in school history to wrestle for the NJCAA title. When all was said and done Nassau had a total of six NJCAA All Americans, with one National Champion ( James DeKrone) and three NJCAA runners-ups. Although Nassau finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall the 1<sup>st</sup> place finish was for non-scholarship schools.

James DeKrone (141lbs) finished off a fantastic year by beating Zach Loveless from Northwest College 7-6 in the finals, to put his final record at 28-4. James also beat the NJCAA National Champion at 149lbs Josh Tardy three weeks earlier at the NJCAAA Invitational tournament. James became the eleventh Nassau Community College National Champion in school history.

John Pellegrino (125lbs) had a tremendous tournament by finishing second, John finished the season 21-8.

Kyle Wade (149lbs) placed sixth, Kyle was beat in the semifinal match in the last six seconds because of poor officiating and table help, which cost him the match. Because of that and seen by all, Kyle was named as the NJCAA Sportsman of the Year, which was voted on by the coaches.

Chanse Menendez (174lbs) was the second runner-up for Nassau losing in the finals to Trent Noon(Clackamas CC) 9-5. Chanse also received Academic All American honors.

Ian MacInheighe (197lbs) had a tremendous weekend pinning two wrestlers on his way to his seventh place finish.

Yaseen Mudassar (285lbs) would finish his career at Nassau finishing second and placing at the NJCAA National Championships for a second time.

Coach Paul Schmidt was named Coach of the Year.

You can watch the Finals and the awards ceremony on [http://www.ihigh.com/njcaatv/broadcast ... verlight=1](http://www.ihigh.com/njcaatv/broadcast...verlight=1)