

# Clackamas Community College Cougars win fourth wrestling national championship in row



The Clackamas Community College Cougars won the national duals wrestling championship trophy for the fourth consecutive year. (Clackamas Community College)



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The Clackamas Community College wrestling team traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana and brought home its fourth consecutive national duals championship. The latest victory represents the fifth national duals championship CCC has won since 2011.

The Cougars, 16-0 overall, defeated 18th-ranked Barton Community College of Kansas 35-14 in the opening round to advance to the quarterfinals where they faced Iowa Western.

CCC routed the third-ranked team in the nation, 35-9, and advanced to the semifinal round against second-ranked Iowa Central. The teams went back and forth for much of the match, but the Cougars took the team score advantage following Nick Maximov's clutch pin against Central's returning All-American Kendrick Jones.

The Cougars won 23-17, advancing to the final where they grappled with Northeast Oklahoma A&M, a team which Clackamas defeated in the 2016 semifinals and 2014 final. CCC won a series of close matches to secure the national duals championship, 23-9.

"These young men worked hard and sacrificed both on and off the mat," CCC wrestling coach Josh Rhoden said. "They earned this national championship as a result. But it's also the result of people coming together to support their student athletes. We couldn't have done it without the CCC community."

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