



Dear Potential Sponsor,

The Annual "Ride in Style" car raffle fundraiser, benefitting the CSUB Wrestling program, is proud to announce its latest edition in partnership with the Coyote Club. Infiniti of Bakersfield has partnered with the Wrestling team for some lucky individual in the community to win a brand-new Infiniti Q50. The drawing will take place on August 6th at 6:30pm live on Facebook via the KC-Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The Wrestling program has a long and honored reputation in collegiate wrestling starting with its first Head Coach, Joe Seay. Under Joe's guidance, he led the program to the school's first National Championship, culminating in seven Division II National Championship teams. In addition to the team's success, numerous individuals were crowned National Champions and All-Americans. Following in Joe's footsteps the program under, T.J. Kerr continued to be very successful at the national level with T.J. being honored as the Amateur Wrestling Man of the Year (2007).

The team has the honor of being the highest placed team from the West Coast in NCAA Wrestling history, placing 3rd in 1996. Perhaps its most celebrated individual is Stephen Neal, a two-time NCAA National Champion, World Champion (1999) and three times Super Bowl Champion with the New England Patriots. The program has produced 30 Division II National Champions and 9 Division I National Champions.

Arguably, the greatest legacy of the Wrestling Program has been the quality of its graduates. Because of the Wrestling program, many were able to get a degree that might not otherwise have been able to attend college. As a result, the community has benefitted with many staying in the area to seek employment and to raise their families here.

As many of you know, the program was technically eliminated in 2009, due to financial constraints at the University. We were able to save the program through a grass roots effort of fundraising by the community. Since then the program has been self-supported by community fundraising efforts. All of the monies raised have gone to sustain the program that includes salaries for the coaches, scholarships and the expenses for running the program.

With the above in mind, we are seeking sponsors for this fundraiser. We want to thank you in advance for any help you can give us and especially we want to thank those people who have stepped up in the past for their generous support.

Sincerely,

Mike Stricker, President, Coyote Club

Vernon Varner, Co-Chair

Craig Tobin, Co-Chair