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### **LIFE UNIVERSITY MEN'S WRESTLING DOMINATES ON PATH TO MSC SOUTH TOURNAMENT TITLE**

**Marietta, Georgia, February 23, 2021** – The No. 3 nationally-ranked Life University men's wrestling team dominated its way to the Mid-South Conference (MSC) South Division Tournament title with seven conference champions, earning a clean sweep of the postseason awards with all 12 grapplers qualifying for the NAIA National Tournament.

Tyree Johnson (141 lbs.), Denver Stonecheck (149 lbs.), Jack Bass (157 lbs.), Sid Ohl (165 lbs.), Asher Eichert (174 lbs.), Myles Starke (184 lbs.) and Zane Lanham (197 lbs.) each stood atop the podium in their weight class for the tournament. In the South Division postseason awards, Stonecheck was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament, Brandon Orum (125 lbs.) was named the Freshman of the Year, Ohl earned Wrestler of the Year honors and head coach Omi Acosta received Coach of the Year accolades.

The Running Eagles finished the tournament with a total of 198 team points to claim the team title. The team finished with 18 bonus point matches that included 12 pins, four major decisions and a pair of technical falls.

"First, I want to thank God for the opportunity to compete and the safety of all our guys," Acosta stated. "I feel blessed that we were able to get this far in the season, and I am eager to see our guys compete on the national stage. Early in the year, we set a goal to qualify all 12 guys for the NAIA Championships, and we did. The entire team stepped up when we found out we were headed to Southeastern for the tournament, and I am proud of the fight and domination they displayed. Now, we turn our focus to the national tournament in two weeks."

In addition to the champions, Julian Hernandez (157 lbs.) finished second at the tournament and earned a wild card bid. Baker Hadwan (184 lbs.) finished third and also picked up a wild card bid. The full results from the tournament can be found here: [Life U Results at MSC South Division Tournament](#).

The men's wrestling team will now turn its attention to the NAIA National Tournament, which will take place on March 5 and 6 in Park City, Kansas.

Founded in 1974, Life University is a health sciences institution most known for its [Doctor of Chiropractic \(D.C.\) program](#), the largest single-campus chiropractic program in the world. Undergraduates can pursue [14 undergraduate degrees](#) as well as a pre-chiropractic, degree-seeking pathway. [Three graduate degrees](#) are available, encompassing areas of



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sport health science, clinical nutrition and positive psychology. Some degree programs are offered to distance learners through the [College of Online Education](#).

Life University [strives to empower its students](#) to succeed both professionally and personally. LIFE advances a leading-edge approach to higher education while also remaining true to [the University's philosophical commitment](#) to produce informed leaders who exemplify humanistic values in their professions. To achieve this goal, LIFE recognizes and demonstrates its dedication through three official Life University Values: [Lasting Purpose](#), [Vitalism](#) and [Integrity](#).

[LIFE's 110-acre campus](#) in Marietta, Georgia, just northwest of Atlanta, is home to more than 2,700 undergraduate, graduate and professional students who come from all 50 United States and more than 45 countries.

For more information about Life University Athletics, please visit [LIFERunningEagles.com](#).

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### **About Life University**

Life University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award baccalaureate, master's and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees, and also has programmatic accreditation through the Council on Chiropractic Education (CCE), the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) and the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The mission of Life University is to empower students with the education, skills and values necessary for career success and life fulfillment, based on a vitalistic philosophy.

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